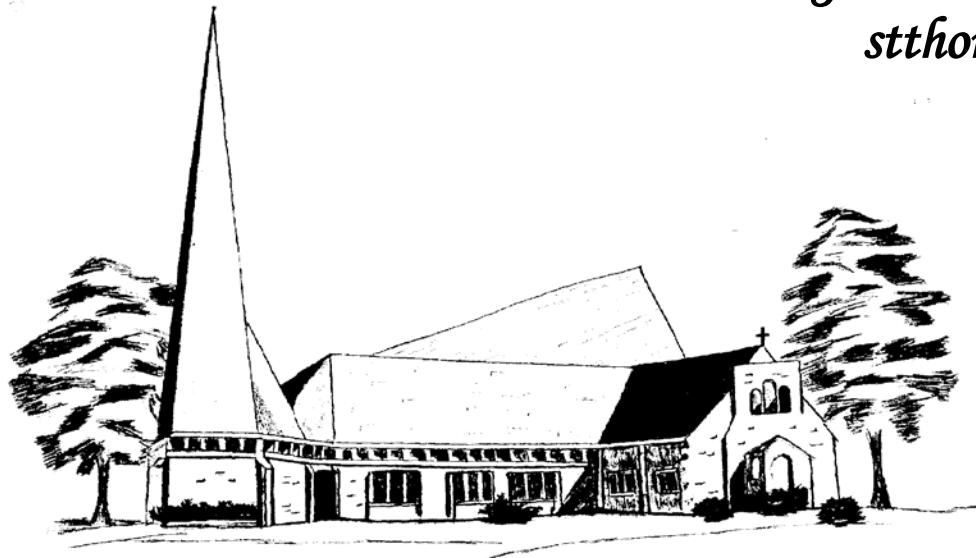


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***Our Vision:***  
**We are a Jesus-centered,  
Spirit-filled community of  
diverse followers working to  
transform the world.**

***Our Mission:***  
**To know Christ.  
To make Christ known.  
To serve others in Christ's name.**

**September 12, 2021  
10 a.m.  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

## PRELUDE

Instrumental

PROCESSIONAL HYMN    "*Fairest Lord Jesus*"

Hymnal #383

<sup>1</sup> **Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God and man the Son;  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.**

<sup>2</sup> **Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

<sup>3</sup> **Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling. starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heaven can boast.**

Words: New York, 1850  
Music: Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

*Celebrant*    **Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

*People*        **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## GLORIA

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**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

receive our prayer.  
**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 **One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

3 Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

4 **Their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.**

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 **The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 **Who can tell how often he offends?  
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## THE SECOND READING James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle

of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL**

**Mark 8:27-38**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**CHILDREN SERMON**

**THE SERMON**

Fr. Bill Johnston

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**THE NICENE CREED**

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**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
    he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
    he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
    in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
    and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
    and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
    who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
    and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
*We invite your petitions at this time.*

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

### CONFESSON OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God,**  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

### ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### OFFERTORY

Instrumental

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

*Celebrant  
and People*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant  
and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant*

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People*

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## COMMUNION

### THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
Be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

*Celebrant* The Blessing of God Almighty Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### RECESSATIONAL HYMN *“Living In The Overflow”*

*Intro:*

***Oh oh oh oh oh oh oh***

**<sup>1</sup> Living in the overflow  
Covered by Your love  
Moving in the Holy Ghost  
More than enough  
Walking in Your freedom now  
I'm covered by Your grace  
Witnessing the healing pow'r  
We have been changed**

*Chorus:*

***Bless the Lord O my soul  
I am living in the overflow  
Bless the Lord O my soul  
I am living in the overflow***

**<sup>2</sup> God You are the Sovereign One  
You've given us Your name  
We declare Your Kingdom come  
Forever You reign  
Living in the overflow  
The bound are now set free  
Ev'rywhere we go we see the victory**

*chorus*

*Bridge:*

***Oh Amazing God Your Spirit falls  
And now we walk in miracles* *chorus***

Words: Charity Gayle, Desiree Sherman, Joshua Sherman,  
Lara Landon, Steven Musso, The Emerging Sound  
Music: 2017 Tent Peg Music

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Instrumental

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**INVITATION TO VISUAL COMMUNION** - In the medieval western church, a common practice was “ocular communion” or communing visually with Jesus in the Sacrament. This was done, for a variety of reasons, most of the congregation would reverence the Sacrament in place of physically receiving it. It is similar to what we do when we do Adoration and Benediction at the Eucharistic Festival or the Vigil before the Sacrament many of us keep Maundy Thursday. During this time of physical distancing when we are not able to gather in community to share in the Eucharist we invite you to visually contemplate and commune with Jesus in the Sacramental Bread. Here are a couple of prayers to assist you.

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

(Alphonse Liguori)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

(Prayer Book for the Armed Services)

**The following anniversaries** of members of our Parish Family will be remembered.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 TO SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 12 Peter Zaborski
- Kirsti Ritschke
- 13 Molly Walter
- Lade Lindholm
- Jane Smith
- Wayne Deitrich
- 15 Kathryn Plitt
- Lily Acord
- 16 Kate Bomier
- Nichole Hulbert
- 17 Julian Pell
- 18 Laurie Ackell
- Denise Prehn

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- 12 David and Cindy Hull
- 15 Pete and Candy Zak
- 16 Harrison Frances and Shylu Sreekantan

**FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

- 12 Stanley Brown
- 13 John Van Rooy
- 14 Nana Denney
- Norma Gracey
- Bill Dickens
- 15 Carol Dresser
- 16 Ruth Banks
- Nancy Smith
- Bob Gilbert
- 17 Arthur Arnemann
- Jane Nebel
- 18 Gloria Davis
- Ada Hall, Sr.

**MISSION PARTNER LINKS**

- Double Portion with Calvary Bible Church/
- St. Patrick's Church
- Betsy Hake - Honduras
- The Revs. Allen/Rachel Hill
- Mothers' Mercy Home - Kenya

**MISSION PRAYER LINKS**

- African Medical Mission
- Boy Scouts Troop 3
- Cub Scouts Pak 3003
- Carmen & Rosa and the San Lucas UCC - Chicago
- Gideon Bible Distribution Ministry
- Bishop Todd and The Rev. Patsy McGregor - Madagascar
- Fr. Ian/Polly Montgomery - (SAMS)
- Wisconsin Kairos Prison Ministry

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

- Auston Allen - Air Force
- Kyle Cooper - Army National Guard
- Mary Danner-Jones - Air Force
- Claire Kopczynski - Army National Guard
- James Kopczynski - Army National Guard
- Bruce McRae - Army Reserve
- Tim Paterson - Army Reserve
- Don Patrick - Army Reserve
- Humberto Puga - Navy
- Andrew Shaffer - Army
- Mark Sopkiw, Jr. - Army
- Matthew Verich - Navy

**DEPLOYED**

- Clint Kupari - Army
- Foreign Diplomats:
- Steve Hendrix



*Flowers on the High Altar today are given to the Greater Glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Dickens by Jackie Dickens.*

In the wider Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Diocesan Clergy Continuing Education Conference; St Francis Mission District, Masvingo. In the St. Thomas cycle of prayer we pray for those involved in Worship including Music Ministers. Chalice bearers, Acolytes, Altar Guild, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters & Pastoral Care including Prayer Ministers, Prayer chain, Helping Hands, and Lay Eucharistic Visitors.

# Announcements

Office Hours – The office hours are Monday – Friday from 9:30-1:30 p.m.

Requiem Sunday - On Sunday, September 19 you are invited to join us for a Requiem Eucharist. COVID-19 didn't only take lives. We've lost so much and we need to take the time to remember, together, as a church community and family. Please put this date on your calendar and come together for prayer, music, worship, communion, and more. Services will take place at 8AM and 10AM.

Renew with God, yourself, and others  
Every Sunday in October at  
8AM & 10AM

Each Sunday will be different from the next with a new theme, a fresh invitation, a look ahead. We'll explore what God has for us as a church community, for us as families, and as individuals - all loved by God.

Altar Guild members needed - This important ministry involves duty just once a month. You will work with a team that will instruct and guide you. Please call Bev Johnston if you'd like to join.

Coffee Hour Invite - Many have been missing coffee hour. We cannot meet physically in person, but through Zoom, we can meet digitally in person! So for the next few weeks at a minimum, we will gather for coffee hour at 11:15 on Sunday mornings after church. You can find the link in the weekly email that includes the Sunday morning bulletins and you will also be able to find and click the link on 'Important Information' section of our website. Look for 'Quick Links'. Please join us!



Wednesday Communion  
In the Chapel at St. Thomas  
1:00PM  
Please enter using the steeple doors

## **Youth Ministry ([WWW.STYG.COM](http://WWW.STYG.COM))**

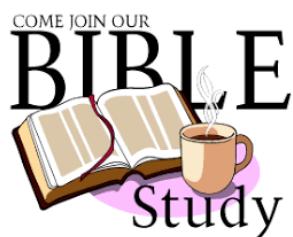
Junior & Senior High Youth Group (6-12 gr.) – Hello friends . . . grace and peace! Sunday Youth Group will be changing and morphing over the summer and will emerge from this pandemic with a new look, a new vision, and a new format. Starting on *Sunday, September 19*, all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders will be invited to participate in a brand new version of Sunday Youth Group.

**D-Groups Are Back** – After a summer like none other, D-Groups return to their regularly scheduled time and place. ☺ Starting on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, all current 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited and welcome to hang out in the Youth Room at St. Thomas from 6:15-8:00pm. D-Groups are all about togetherness, community, loving one another, sharing our lives, prayer, fun, laughter, scripture, and more . . . all of it in the Name of Jesus (of course). If you've ever wanted to be a part of "something" bigger than yourself, D-Groups just might be it... and it could be the best "something" you've ever been a part of! Check out the D-Groups website for more info [www.styg.com/d-groups](http://www.styg.com/d-groups)



**FILM SCHOOL WILL BE BACK FALL 2021** – We didn't get to do any sort of Film School for the 2020-21 school year due to COVID but we are letting you all know that 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders should get ready for an EPIC slate of films in 2021-22 on Sunday mornings. Yes, we do spiritual formation by watching movies and talking about them (see Acts 17) and it's incredible. Join us starting Sunday, September 19, 2021!! [www.styg.com/filmschool](http://www.styg.com/filmschool)

## Adult Development



Conversations on Scripture

**Meeting Sundays** - hosted virtually & also accessible if you are in person and bring your phone or computer with you to church

**Starting September 19<sup>th</sup>: 9-10am**

**Facilitator:** Jill Beverlin

We will look at the upcoming lessons through art, music and personal testimony and engage in large group and small group conversation. All are welcome! No prior Bible knowledge required - just a desire to have authentic discussion about faith and life and how we might see God in and through all things.

With the current state of the Delta Variant of COVID, this class will be hosted online. (Meeting links will be published via emails from St. Thomas.) That said, you may also join if you attend church in person. Simply bring your phone or tablet or lap top and a pair of headphones to connect.

Questions or concerns? Email Jill Beverlin: [jilljbeverlin@gmail.com](mailto:jilljbeverlin@gmail.com)

## Worship

**Altar Flowers** – There is an opening on the High Altar on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to contribute flowers in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special occasion, or in thanksgivings for something, please call Carol Wilhelm, 920-470-9599. The cost of flowers: High Altar, \$35 (each vase)

Readers for 8am & 10am - With us being able to meet in person again, we are looking for you to help with the readings at the 8:00AM & 10:00AM service on a regular schedule. You will need to be fully vaccinated. Please let Sandie in the office know if you are interested in doing this. Our intention is for you to read one Sunday a month.

## **Pastoral Care**

THE REIGN OF PAIN LIES MAINLY IN THE BRAIN – Research now confirms: The brain constructs all pain as a protective mechanism via neural pathways. Stress and emotions activate the danger/alarm mechanism and a pain/fear/pain cycle may ensue. A significant proportion of pain is brain induced. MRI findings are often not correlated with pain. Pain is a message: Its purpose is protection and safety. The two common methods of dealing with pain are trying to ignore it or kill it. Communicate with the messenger! The intention of the messenger is protection and survival. The more responsive you are, the quieter the message. When you are in PAIN you can go to my REDUCTION OF PAIN Podcast on the St. Thomas website at [www.johnhpeterson1941.podbean.com](http://www.johnhpeterson1941.podbean.com)

Specialized Pastoral Counseling at St. Thomas – NOW IN PERSON. This counseling is specialized in that it will meet the need of anyone looking to be able to clear and optimize the way their mind works. It is fast and effective with many of life's problems including anxiety, depression, grief, low self-esteem, relationship issues, substance abuse, obsessions, compulsions, anger, resentment and self-destructive behaviors. When a person has a problem or an issue that needs to be addressed there are two ways to approach it. One way is “outward” when one aims at changing the outward circumstances. Another way is “inward” when one aims to change how one perceives the situation in their mind. It is this second way, the “renewing of the mind” that is the pathway used for this healing. Call Fr. John Peterson for an appointment at 920-725-5601.

## **Outreach/Missions**



Scrip Program: *Proceeds benefit the Mission Scholarship Fund (sending missionaries and bringing our mission partners here).*

For now, due to the break in, we are going to be just doing orders and not have any scrip cards on hand. So if you would like to order, please call the office at 920-725-5601 or email Sandie at [sandieumland@gmail.com](mailto:sandieumland@gmail.com) by Monday morning. They will be available to be picked up by Thursday of that week.



### \$\$\$ 4 Mi\$\$ion\$ at Lambeau Field

Over the last 5 years, St. Thomas has raised more than \$80,000 for youth group and adult missions, all by simply serving cake and ice cream in the suites during Green Bay Packers home games. And we are back at it this season as well so we need YOUR help! Please check out [www.packers.com/schedule](http://www.packers.com/schedule) and volunteer for a game (or more). Volunteers must be at least 14 years old, wear black shoes, black socks, and black pants. It's a LOT of fun and we always carpool from St. Thomas. You can contact Aran Walter at [aranwalter@gmail.com](mailto:aranwalter@gmail.com) or (920) 379-6229 to volunteer. Even more information is available at [www.stthomaswi.com/mission](http://www.stthomaswi.com/mission) and [www.styg.com/signup](http://www.styg.com/signup) Join the party!

# MISSION PARTNER PRAYER REQUESTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

## REVS. ALLEN & RACHEL HILL: [www.samusa.org/missionaries-frames01.html](http://www.samusa.org/missionaries-frames01.html)

Prayer Requests:

- For Rachel as she steps back from ministry for at least the next 6 months to take care of the family's educational, emotional and physical well-being.
- For grace to deal with isolation from friends, online schooling, lack of organized sporting activities, high anxiety and challenges associated with ADHD
- For healing where our hearts have been wounded and protection from evil
- For improved health and new ministry opportunities for Rachel's parents, Bishop Bill and Judith Godfrey

## DOUBLE PORTION: [www.doubleportionsoupkitchen.com](http://www.doubleportionsoupkitchen.com)

Praise God for:

- His provision of faithful donors and volunteers
- The bountiful harvest from local gardens and the gardeners who provide fresh vegetables for our guests

Prayer Requests:

- For discernment about reopening for sit-down meals and the challenges involved with providing the safest environment possible
- That we engage in opportunities to pray for and share God's love with our guests

## MOTHERS' MERCY HOME – DIOCESE OF MT KENYA SOUTH: [www.mmhpp.org](http://www.mmhpp.org)

Praise God for:

- Children being back in Primary School and Secondary students reporting August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and all children being well.
- The gift of Partnership

Prayer Requests:

- For the nine children who began Secondary school August 2nd
- For the provision of everything required for the upkeep of the children
- For our economy which was hit hard by Covid 19
- For all our donors who have remained faithful since the beginning

## BETSY HAKE – JERICHO MINISTRIES IN HONDURAS: [www.settingthecaptivesfree.org](http://www.settingthecaptivesfree.org)

Prayer Requests:

- For Betsy, several staff members and 2 children who have Covid
- For Betsy's daughter Isabella who has deep abandonment issues
- For seven churches or organizations to help us build 7 cabins, each for 6 children and a caregiver
- That Betsy's book "The Road to Jericho" which will be selling in Sept/Oct may expand His Kingdom
- For the construction workers and the families in the dump that God may move in their lives