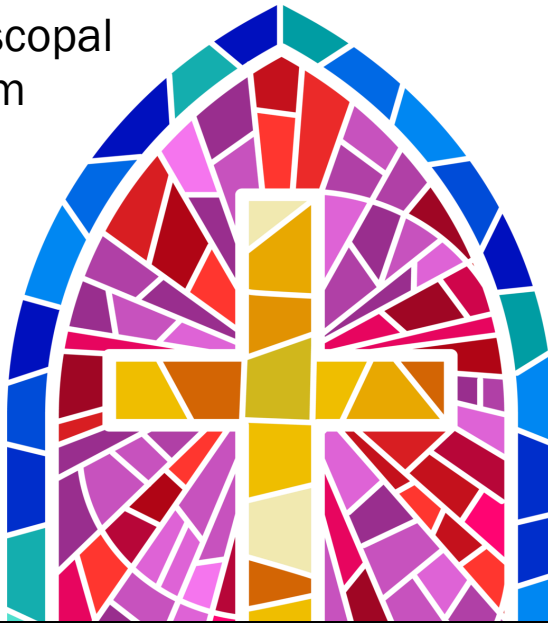


St. Thomas Church

Anglican – Episcopal
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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.

July 27, 2025

Announcements

Office Hours are 10am— 2pm, clergy by appointment

Office – stthomaswi1916@gmail.com

Laura Rothe music@stthomaswi.com

New Email and Phone Number! Fr. Andy has a new email and phone number, please update your contact information! **fr.andy8stt@gmail.com 920-202-6642**



Blood Drive SIGN UP BY JULY 21

The Vestry will be sponsoring a Blood Drive at St. Thomas Church on **Sunday, September 28th, 2025**. Therefore we now need to sign-up **35 people** willing to commit to donating blood on that Sunday. This future date will help those who already donate blood regularly time to plan ahead. There will be a sign-up sheet circulating. Please consider donating and make your commitment to being there **September 28th**. This will be another witness as to how we at St. Thomas shows God's love in our community. Thank you! Jon Phillip



Host Coffee Hour Openings!

Please help by occasionally hosting Coffee Hour after the 10AM service. We will train you! Sign up is in the Parish Hall or contact Bev Johnston (920)729-6320.

Greetings Fellow Parishioners,

As I am sure you have realized that our parking lot needs to be replaced. Over the past few years, we have patched a number of times such that, patching is no longer an option. This summer we will be soliciting bids for replacement in 2026.

The cost of our parking lot replacement will necessitate a Capital Fund Drive. Further, rather than replace the parking lot next year and seeking funds for other needs at a later date, we are asking you to thoughtfully consider what else needs to be updated. Stated differently, we would like to initiate one capital drive versus asking for additional funds in the near future. Please prayerfully consider a "wish list" of updates to our Church. By the end of July, please give your feedback to one our Clergy or one of your Wardens.

In Christ's Name,

David Morton, Jr Warden

Anne Peterson, Sr. Warden

Double Portion Donation Item of the Month is....Hygiene Items and garden vegetables if there are extras from our talented gardeners.

Please consider donating a non-perishable or a personal care item this month - leave it on the kitchen island on the pantry stairs, or the basket located in the back of church.

Double Portion Volunteer: We are also looking for help on **Thursdays with Dishwashing**, time is flexible but roughly 10:30am-1pm. If you are interested in helping or have questions please contact Melanie Miller, or Ashley in the office.



WORSHIP

SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH MINISTRY (www.styg.com)

Youth Group —all Sunday youth group events are for 6th-12th graders unless otherwise noted. **Upcoming Events:**

FILM SCHOOL

Film School is a way for **7th graders and up** to read from the scriptures, view films, and chat about how those things line up or . . . don't. **We'll be resuming this Fall 2025** www.styg.com/filmschool

D-Groups

D GROUPS

– “Accept one another just as God has accepted you.” (Romans 15:7) D-

Groups are open to all **7th – 12th** graders and their friends on **Wednesdays at St. Thomas 6:15 – 8:00pm** We play We hang out, We learn, We eat, During the

summer We meet at people's houses. D-Groups are ALL about **Community, Scripture, Playing, Growing, and Jesus**. Here's what's coming up for D-Groups. www.styg.com/d-groups

Aug 6—6pm-8pm Fr. Andy's Celebration

Aug 12—7:30am-10:30pm Six Flags Great America (Must sign-up ahead of time)



Please keep all the children of St. Thomas in prayer that they may have a safe and joy filled summer! **Classes will resume in September.** Please email Jessica if you have any questions about activities jessicalzaborski@gmail.com

FELLOWSHIP



Ladies of St. Thomas (All ages) You are invited to the St. Margarita Society gathering on **July 28** at Solea's Mexican Grill, 1350 Gillingham Rd., Neenah beginning at 6 PM It is an informal gathering with no agenda other than to spend time with each other in a relaxed and fun manner. Come for just a short while or stay as long as you like. No RSVP necessary. Invite a friend to come along. Wonderful time sharing a meal and fellowship with your friends of St. Thomas.

PASTORAL CARE

Specialized Pastoral Counseling at St. Thomas – 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, anger, resentment or self-destructive behaviors. In this approach the "renewing of the mind" is the pathway to healing. Call Fr. John Peterson for an appointment at 920-725-5601.

I'M LOSING IT!

I've had it! I can't take another thing! Elijah says to God in I Kings 19:4 "I have had enough, Lord, take my life for I am no better than my ancestors who have already died." When we get fixated on the presence of all our problems, we can lose our focus on the presence of God. When we are overwhelmed and feeling anxious, if we listen to HIS Voice, we will find that God is whispering to us. But why whisper? He whispers because He is so close. He whispers to draw us close.. When you have had enough, God is Enough! Prayer is like a physical workout for the brain and changes its chemistry. Dr. Graig Groeschel writes: "It has been found that twelve minutes of daily focused prayer over an eight-week period can change the brain to such an extent that it can be measured on a brain scan. This type of prayer increases activity in the brain areas associated with social interaction, compassion and sensitivity to others. It also increases frontal lobe activity as focus and intentionality increase."

The Chosen/Bible Study SUMMER UPDATE

We will be taking a break over Summer. Not meeting for the months June, July, and August. A note will follow in with when we will be starting again in September. We have a very nice group of ladies and if anyone would like to join us you are always welcome. We have created a group chat message to keep everyone current with what we are doing. We meet every Thursday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 in the St. Thomas Lounge. If you have any question, please contact me Mary Kay Hietpas at (920)740-5737 or marykayhietpas@gmail.com



SCRIP PROGRAM – *Proceeds benefit the Mission Scholarship Fund (sending missionaries and bringing our mission partners here).* We have on hand: Amazon, American Eagle, Applebee's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chipotle Mexican Grille, Festival Foods, IHOP, Kohl's, Kwik Trip, Meijer, Olive Garden, Panera Bread, Papa Murphy's, P.F. Changs, Pick n Save, Piggly Wiggly, Shell, Starbucks, Subway, Target, Walgreens and Wal-Mart/Sam's Club. Scrip cards can be purchased weekdays in the church office during normal office hours. In addition, **Scrip cards can also be ordered for over 500 of the country's biggest brands.** If you would like to order some scrip cards that we don't have on hand, please call the office at (920)725-5601 by Monday morning. They will be available to be picked up by Thursday of that week.

St. Thomas Fall Fellowship Weekend, September 5-7, 2025

Can you believe it's time to begin thinking about St. Thomas' Fall Fellowship Weekend? We all know how busy and fast Summer always goes for us. We will be ready to relax in the Fall. We hope you will join us at Forest Springs Camp in beautiful northern Wisconsin, for a pleasant weekend of fellowship and fun. This weekend will provide a great opportunity to gather together (in person) to celebrate Jesus, to learn, to rest and relax, play games with family and friends and simply enjoy life!

Our topic for the weekend is Attraction Rather than Promotion.

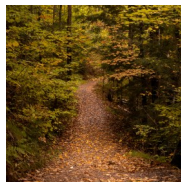
Accommodations include comfortable cabins (sleep 8-9), hotel rooms (sleeps up to 5, at a \$120 extra charge for the weekend), or tent or RV camping options, if preferred. We also set aside separate cabins for single men and single women.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER will be August 25, 2025.

WHERE: Forest Springs Camp and Conference Center, Westboro, WI

WHEN: Arrival after 6:00 pm Friday 9/5/25 and depart by noon on Sunday 9/7/25 When you register, please include a \$50 deposit

<u>Cost:</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Adults & teens:	\$85
Ages 8-12:	\$45
Ages 4-7:	\$35
Ages 0-3:	\$15



St. Thomas contributes a large portion towards each camper's cost to try to make this weekend affordable for everyone. Additional scholarship money is available, if the fees are a problem for anyone.

High Ropes will be available Saturday afternoon for an additional fee (to be determined). Early registration will be required by **August 4th**. Paintball will also be available (additional fee) and minimum of 10 people are required in order for paintball to take place. If interested in participating in either, indicate this on the registration form.



The link to the registration form is on the homepage of the St. Thomas website under "Important Information" (www.stthomaswi.com). If you do not have access to a computer, please ask at church for help signing up online. If you need more information, or have any questions, please feel free to call David Morton (920-540-5433).

We HOPE you will consider participating in the St. Thomas Fellowship Weekend in September!



MISSION PARTNER PRAYER REQUESTS FOR JULY 2025

BETSY HAKE – JERICHO MINISTRIES IN HONDURAS: www.jerichoministries.org

Prayer Requests:

- That a visit to St. Thomas by Betsy may be arranged soon
- That Betsy's checkup at Mayo in May resulted in good reports
- For Elvia's daughter Miriam, diagnosed with Grave's disease, having a hard time getting stabilized on medications.
- For Betsy to finish the devotional book started on her sabbatical in France.

DOUBLE PORTION: www.doubleportionsoupkitchen.com

Praise God for:

- All the food for the Pantry collected through the May Postal Food Drive
- All those who helped unload and sort the numerous food items

Prayer Requests:

- For the continued faithful volunteer cooks, servers, set-up and clean up volunteers, pantry workers and administrative support during the busy summer season

MOTHERS' MERCY HOME – DIOCESE OF MT KENYA SOUTH: www.mmhpp.org

Praise God for:

- His many blessings and the gift of life
- Fo dedicated staff

Prayer Requests:

- For improvements in the economy which is challenging for all Kenyans