

# St. Thomas Spotlight

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**St. Thomas Lutheran Church**  
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“Connecting – Growing – Serving”

Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Monday Vespers 7:30 p.m.

July 5 & 12, 2009

## Spiritual Growth...

### COME ONE & ALL ... JOIN US IN ONE OF OUR GROUPS

#### SUNDAY

**LARGE GROUP BIBLE CLASS – school lobby**  
Join us for a study on Ephesians.

**FAITH BASICS – conf. room 1**

Faith Basics class focuses on Jesus Christ and covers the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Although there is no obligation to join our church, this class is the avenue through which you may become a member of St. Thomas if you so choose.  
Today, July 5 is Lesson 13. July 12 is Lesson 1 and July 19 is Lesson 2.

**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY – youth room**

For 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders.  
Da Vinci Code vs Gospel



**SUNDAY SCHOOL – latch-key room**

Summer Sunday School for Pre-3 – Grade 5.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL JULY 5**

Come and hear about Joseph and his brothers on Sunday, July 12.

**GIRLS FOR GOD – meet in the sanctuary then grade 5**

**NO GIRLS FOR GOD SUNDAY, JULY 5 and 12**

Small group discussion of relevant issues for young women of faith (girls entering grades 6-9) – fun and fellowship – Sundays at 9:45 a.m. meet in the sanctuary starting June 14. For more information contact Emma Kruse or the church office.

#### MONDAY

**GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT at 6:00 p.m. – conference room 1**

Join our GriefShare support group.

GriefShare - Week 8 - The Uniqueness of Grief (Part 2)-July 6

GriefShare - Week 9 - God's Prescription for Grief-July 13

Please contact the church office for more information.



**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

#### WEDNESDAY

**BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN at 6:30 a.m. - fireside lounge**

“Lifestyle Priorities” – Living as a Christian in today’s fast-paced world involves endless lifestyle decisions. What does it mean to live distinctively? How can a man have good self-esteem and still cultivate Christ-like humility? All men are invited to the conversation every Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m. in the Fireside lounge. Pastor Hetzner leads the discussion.

**BIBLE CLASS at 7:00 p.m. - conf. room 1**

We are studying “Building Christian Character.”

#### THURSDAY

**BIBLE CLASS at 7:30 p.m.**

Young Adults Bible Class at Tim Horton’s

#### SATURDAY

**BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN at 8:00 a.m. - fireside lounge**

All men are encouraged to join. We are studying the Book of Acts.

**Stewardship Corner**

*The Lord promises to bless those who thankfully acknowledge and respond to him as Lord of all. We are blessed so that we may generously give to others and bring glory and honor to God as His kingdom is extended. “You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God” (2 Corinthians 9:11)*

### SUMMER SPOTLIGHT SCHEDULE

It's that time of year again.

Below is our article deadline schedule:

**MONDAY**

July 13, 27 August 10, 24



July 12, 2009	Sunday 8:15 a.m.	Sunday – 11:00 a.m.	Monday 7:30 p.m.
<b>ELDERS:</b>	Myron Engel	George Hatch	David Pierce
<b>DEACONS:</b>	Joanne Demers, Dick Dunbar	Doug Gleason	Bill Klein, Don Roth
<b>READERS:</b>	Mike Dolan	Julie Conger	Kathi Ratz
<b>SERVERS:</b>	Roy Michelsen, Kevin Kahl Steve Harrell, Laerry Closures	No Communion	No Communion
<b>SOUNDRoom:</b>	No Schedule	No Schedule	No Schedule
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Eric & Lisa Riviera Helen Schalk	Ed & Diane Carr Christine Coderre, Theresa Cook	No Schedule
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Joyce Vincent, Lisa Harrell Lucille Klebba	Joyce Vincent, Lisa Harrell Lucille Klebba	Joyce Vincent, Lisa Harrell Lucille Klebba

July 19, 2009	Sunday 8:15 a.m.	Sunday – 11:00 a.m.	Monday 7:30 p.m.
<b>ELDERS:</b>	Steve Harrell	Dennis Harrison	Tom Lyon
<b>DEACONS:</b>	Donald Dahlke	Scott Berkseth, Ed McCarthy	Jerry Corbett
<b>READERS:</b>	Rick Patterson	Jody Thompson	Brett Letwin
<b>SERVERS:</b>	No Communion	David Pierce, Hans Stuhldreer Russ Semenjuck, Chris Karle	No Schedule
<b>SOUNDRoom:</b>	No Schedule	No Schedule	No Schedule
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Fred & Paula Terry	Mike & Lois Gridley Nathan & Kristen Miklusak	No Schedule
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Marilyn Edwards, Sharon Lyon	Marilyn Edwards, Sharon Lyon	Marilyn Edwards, Sharon Lyon

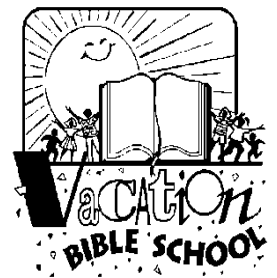
**GriefShare - Week 8 - The Uniqueness of Grief (Part 2):** Forgiveness, may not be a subject you want to think about. This session's video, discussion and workbook exercises are designed to help you grow and heal and discover God's answer to forgiveness struggles. ♦What forgiveness is and isn't ♦how unforgiveness hurts you and those around you ♦The fact that people trying to help you may need to be forgiven for words that have hurt you. ♦What God forgives you for. **ASK GOD TO HELP YOU TO WANT WHAT HE WANTS.** Monday evenings beginning at 6:00 p.m. in conference room 1. For more information please contact the church office.



**GriefShare - Week 9 - God's Prescription for Grief:** You're probably getting lots of advice from friends and family on how to deal with your grief. It's likely that some of the advice is contradictory. How do you know what to do? The goal of this session's components is to help you understand what God prescribes for you as your grieve. As you view the video, discuss this session with your group and complete the daily workbook exercises, the answers to the following questions will become more clear: ♦Does God really want me to be honest about how I feel? ♦How can I experience the deepest healing? ♦Lately my thoughts are so negative. How is this affecting my grief experience? **EXPECT GOD TO SHOW YOU THE WAY TO EXPERIENCE THE DEEPEST HEALING POSSIBLE.** Monday evenings beginning at 6:00 p.m. in conference room 1. For more information please contact the church office.



**God's Always Doing Great, Exciting Things** at Gadget's Garage. Join us July 20-24, 2009 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Kids ages 3-12 meet friends, explore Bible stories, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, and eat snacks. We expect a great response, so enroll your child today. To register, fill out a form in the narthex, or call the church office at 772-3370. **We need you!** Through the dedication of our members and friends who volunteer at VBS, we minister to approximately 150 children each year with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you aren't part of VBS yet, why not call today? If you can help some days, just one day, every day, or in advance, we have many levels of involvement to suit your schedule and interests. Call the church office or email Amy Thornton at [sisteramyk@gmail.com](mailto:sisteramyk@gmail.com) for more information. **We appreciate your prayers** for Gadget's Garage, our Vacation Bible School. Ask God to bring children to meet our program so they can know and grow in Jesus, who makes all things new! Please pray for God to provide leaders and helpers for this important mission. Pick up a Prayer Calendar in the lobby today.



**CHURCH COOKBOOK PRODUCTION AND SALE** - This summer, our HIS II group is putting together a STL church cookbook for our members to contribute to and to purchase. Submit your favorite recipes to be part of a collection we will cherish for years to come. We'd love your unique recipes in addition to the "old favorites"! Be sure to print clearly, include your name, and feel free to include a line or two about why the recipe is special to you. Please see the display in the narthex to get a recipe form, fill it out and return to the envelope on the display. We are collecting recipes all summer and expect the books to be ready for the holidays. Each book will cost \$10 and they will make great gifts! On the back of the recipe form, be sure to indicate how many books you would like us to order for you (no money due until books arrive). For more information or with any questions, please contact Lisa Quinn at (586)558-3880 or [quinn918@sbcglobal.net](mailto:quinn918@sbcglobal.net).



## This Week At A Glance

<b>Sunday</b> July 5	<b>8:15 A.M. WORSHIP</b> 9:45 a.m. Education Hour - see page 1 for classes & locations <b>11:00 a.m. WORSHIP with COMMUNION</b>
<b>Monday</b> July 6	<b>7:30 p.m. Worship with Communion</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> July 7	7:00 p.m. Fitness Class – cry room
<b>Wednesday</b> July 8	6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Class – fireside lounge 7:00 p.m. Bible Class – conf. room 1
<b>Thursday</b> July 9	7:30 p.m. Young Adults Bible Class at Tim Horton's
<b>Friday</b> July 10	7:00 p.m. VBS Meeting – fireside lounge
<b>Saturday</b> July 11	8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Class – fireside lounge
<b>Sunday</b> July 12	<b>8:15 a.m. WORSHIP with COMMUNION</b> 9:45 a.m. Education Hour - see page 1 for classes & locations <b>11:00 a.m. WORSHIP</b>
<b>Monday</b> July 13	<b>7:30 p.m. Worship</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> July 14	7:00 p.m. Fitness Class – cry room
<b>Wednesday</b> July 15	6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Class – fireside lounge 7:00 p.m. Bible Class – conf. room 1
<b>Thursday</b> July 16	7:30 p.m. Young Adults Bible Class at Tim Horton's
<b>Saturday</b> July 18	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Men's Bible Class – fireside lounge 10:00 a.m. Door to Door 12:30-1:30 p.m. Market Day P/U
<b>Sunday</b> July 19	<b>8:15 A.M. WORSHIP</b> 9:45 a.m. Education Hour - see page 1 for classes & locations <b>11:00 a.m. WORSHIP with COMMUNION</b>

**Vacation Bible School  
BEGINS TOMORROW, MONDAY, JULY 20,  
9:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.  
SEE YOU AT GADGETS GARAGE**

**Chancel flowers that enhance the beauty of our chancel today are placed to the glory of God and:**

- in honor of Mike Ustick's 62 years of blessings from his loving wife, Diane.
- in honor of Elsie Adam's 92 years and Karen Hubbard's 64 years of much blessings on their birthdays.

**Chancel flowers that enhance the beauty of our chancel Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> are placed to the glory of God and:**

- in memory of Robert Klebba from his loving wife, Lucille.

We have openings for flowers for **July 19** and all of **August**. The arrangements are \$15.00 each and you can take them home after the 11:00 a.m. service. Give Karen Linzing a call by Tuesday at 586-296-6635 if you are interested.



### PRAYERS FROM A PREVIOUS WEEK:

#### **The Joyful:**

- The 22<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary of John & Eunioe Smith.
- The birthday of Shirley Stanbridge.
- The 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Martha Swan.

#### **The Bereaved:**

- The family of Cynthia Vermeesch, daughter of Eugene Poker.
- The family of Howard Robinson, friend of Carroll Krantz.
- The family of Jonathan Wegner, 1 year old great-grandson of Elsie Kirstein.

### MEMORIALS and THANKOFFERINGS:

- Marie Gerlach gave a memorial in memory of Arnold Meier.
- Lois Awe gave a thankoffering for blessings received and in honor of her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Marv Altenburg gave a memorial in memory of Erica Blauet.
- Keith & Liesa Altenburg gave to VBS in memory of Erica Blauet and Arnold Meier.
- Herbert & Joanne Awe gave a memorial in memory of Cindy Vermeesch.
- Elsie Adams and Karen Hubbard gave to the Student Aide Fund in memory of Erica Blauet.
- Else Kirstein gave to MCREST in memory of her great-grandson.
- Joe & Janet Peters gave a thankoffering to SASS for blessings received.
- Margaret Durkee gave to the Almoners in memory of her father, grandfather, husband & sons, and daughter, Sharon and son, Curtis.

**THANK YOU** Sincere thanks to Pastor Hetzner for his visits and prayers following my recent surgery and to all my St. Thomas family for their prayers, cards and concerns. I am regaining wellness slowly; better every day. God's Blessings, Elsie Adams

**Thank you to my St. Thomas Family** for the prayers lifted up and the many cards sent during my multiple hospitalizations over the weeks. Also, a special thank you to Pastor Hetzner for visiting me in the hospital and home during my many months of shut-in convalescence. May God bless you all, Jannett Wasik

**Have your blood pressure checked on Sunday, July 12, between services**

**NEEDED** – One of our guests at our last SASS contacted the church office and is in desperate need of a single person mattress/box spring and frame. She is living in a small space and sleeping on a blow-up mattress at this time. This may need to be delivered to her residence. Please contact the church office for more information.

**LUTHERAN HOUR**

The topic for July 5<sup>th</sup> is **"I Am Weak, But He Is Strong."** God can do anything but he can't make sinners happy, on their terms. Christ makes it possible to "live happily ever after." (2 Corinthians 12:8-9) Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

The topic for July 12<sup>th</sup> is **"A Case of Mistaken Identity."** Who is Jesus? What do you think? Take it from those who knew Him best: Jesus' friends as well as His enemies. (Mark 6:14-16) Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

The topic for July 19<sup>th</sup> is **"Under Construction."** What do you make of an organization where the main requirement for membership is that those who wish to join must be unworthy of admission? (Ephesians 2:19-22) Speaker; Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

The **"Lutheran Hour"** message is Sunday on Detroit WRDT (560 AM) at 12:00 p.m., Farmington Hills WDFN (1130AM) at 6:30 a.m. and Port Huron WHLS (1450AM) or Port Huron WHLX (1590 AM) at 5:00 a.m. Keep in mind the "The Lutheran Hour" is available 24 hours a day on the Internet, RealAudio. Simply visit [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) and select **"The Lutheran Hour"** at the left-hand side of the page. You may listen to the current week's message, visit the archives for previous sermons available, or listen to a historic message from either Dr. Walter A. Maier or Dr. Oswald Hoffman.

**"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life**

**July 5** "We stand for the right to life, not simply because the state needs more people, but rather because each human being is a unique creation of God, endowed with personhood and the rights that attach to personhood from the moment of conception." *Colonel John Eidsmoe, member of the Lutherans For Life board of directors*

This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life - [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**July 12** "Over and over again, throughout the Old Testament, we read the words: 'Beget!' 'Descendants!' 'Families!' 'Genealogies!' 'Generations!' These are words of life! God's hands have not stopped creating! Each new human life bears witness of His amazing and faithful love – even for fallen, sinful creatures. Life continues! *Linda D. Bartlett, former president of Lutherans For Life*

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**Right to Life – LIFESPAN** go to [www.rtl](http://www.rtl) – for more information

<b>General Operating Fund Anticipated Income for June:</b>	\$64,944.00
Income received thru June 28:	<u>73,675.76</u>
Needed by June 30:	<u><b>\$8,731.76</b></u>

**STL SCHOOL NEWS A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN**

As the month of June comes to a close, STL School says thank you to a 41 year teacher/ coach/athletic director/principal who is retiring. Mr. Roy Leidich has been with our school and church in many capacities over the years and is a very dedicated servant of the Lord. He will be greatly missed as a friend, co-worker, and leader. We pray Roy and Irene will enjoy this less hectic stage and be able to pursue new avenues and a less scheduled life style. God's Blessings to Roy! See you at church.

**Magazine orders:** If you are still interested in ordering magazines from the St. Thomas Lutheran School Library you can do so by going on line to [www.gafundraising.com](http://www.gafundraising.com) and the code is #937946. Family and friends will be able to order/renew Magazines on-line and purchase Seasonal items like jewelry, wrapping paper, lotions, kitchen gadgets, and many more items. Check it out! The store is open 24/7 all year round. Product gets sent directly to your home and the school earns profit!

**School Registration:** Our classes are increasing a few students at a time. Please keep getting the word out about our school here at St. Thomas to relatives, friends and neighbors. "St. Thomas is a great place to Learn". What makes us special is we have God in our lives everyday here at school. Our school is accredited by MANS (Michigan Association of Non Public Schools) and NLSA (National Lutheran Schools Accreditation).

Enjoy your summer!

**PROJECT COMPASSION MINISTRIES** is seeking volunteer singers, choirs, musicians, clowns, magicians, people with pets, visitors, food preparers and food servers for its Annual Block Party for residents of some 18 nursing homes and adult foster care facilities on East Grand Boulevard on the afternoon of Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. This year's theme is **"Summertime in Michigan."** This event benefits hundreds of nursing home residents with a summer outdoor activity that includes food, fun and caring volunteers. For more information about an orientation session of if you wish to volunteer, call the project Compassion Ministries office at 313-897-7470 or 800-626-9622.

All are invited to Project Compassion Ministries' Annual Golf Benefit at the Fox Hills, west of Plymouth, on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. A scramble format on an 18-hole course is followed by a hot dinner buffet with numerous prizes and a Silent Auction. All proceeds benefit nursing home residents through Project Compassion ministries. Registration is \$125 and the student rate is \$75. Dinner only is \$30. Thrivent financial for Lutherans has granted matching funds for a portion of the proceeds. For registration brochures or more information, call the Project Compassion Ministries' office at 313-897-7470 or 800-626-9622.

**MEALS-ON-WHEELS** The Macomb County Community Services Agency (MCCSA), Senior Nutrition Program (Meals-on-Wheels) is seeking volunteer and substitute drivers to deliver meals to frail, homebound seniors in your community. Volunteers are asked to drive a lunch route approximately 1-1 ½ hour, twice (2x) a month. Drivers use their personal automobile. Mileage reimbursed. The meals are delivered 5 days a week, Monday through Friday, different days available. Great volunteer opportunity waiting for you! For more information, call Macomb County Community Services Agency Senior, Nutrition program at 586-469-5228 or sign up on-line at [www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa)

**CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH** cordially invites you to the Ordination and Installation of Matthew T. Dent as Assistant Pastor, on Sunday, July 19, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Dinner/Reception to follow Please RSVP 313-884-5090, Ext.2.