

## NEWS & NOTES

### Sunday Worship/October 24, 2021

Welcome

*Songs*

Prayer

*Pain, Sorrow, Death—part 3*

Communion

*Songs*

Closing thoughts

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*Elders* Tom Edmunds, John Hanawalt, Paul Hepler, Missie Schmidt, Kevin Walker, Ray Wright

*Deacons* Kristen Bianchi, Deb Hoppole, Bill Miller, Connie Stackhouse, Ginny Trite, Barb Yarosh

*Staff* Tim Dawson (Worship Assistant), Dan Schmidt (Pastor), Betsy Smith (Music Director), Carol Wirth (Office Admin)

This evening's **Firepit Fellowship** (5.30pm in the parking lot) has games, hot dogs, and s'mores (bring a chair and a beverage). Enjoy a fine evening with friends!

Meet online with St. Thomas' Elders this Thursday, 6.30pm (find the zoom link on the website's echurch page and in the weekly email update). The **Elders' Forum** offers a good opportunity to ask questions, offer suggestions, and talk more about the life and health of our church.

The **midweek study** resumes Wednesday, Nov 10 at a new time—6.30pm—and with a new topic: the book of Ephesians. Drop in via Zoom and be part of the conversation!

**October Mission:** Neighbors in Need and Veterans of the Cross.

**Reading the New Testament:** The Oct 24-30 section is Acts 13-17; Philippians; 1-2 Thessalonians

Enjoy **handiwork of St. Thomas folk** in the East Foyer this month.

The Annual **Will Ketner Goods & Services Auction** returns Nov 6. 9-9:30am Silent Auction; 9:30am–12:30pm Live Auction

For a **home or hospital visit**, please contact an Elder, Pastor Dan, or the office.

Find info about Sunday messages, a playlist, links to past services, and more on the website's **Echurch page**.

Contact the office with **items for prayer** that can be shared along the prayer chain and in the weekly list available each Sunday.

**Office hours:** Carol is in the office Mon-Fri, 9am to 1pm. Pastor Dan is in Tues-Thurs.

## SPECIAL EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

A **Young Adult Fellowship** is in the works. Stay tuned...

The **Celebration of Life** for Elsi Acri is today at 3pm, at Buse Funeral Home in Palmyra.

Next Sunday, we'll celebrate **All Saints Day** with a single morning service (at 9.30am). During this service, we'll remember those who have recently passed. To have someone included, please call the office so names can be listed in the bulletin. Also, please bring mementos (pictures, objects—along with a brief description) of friends and loved ones for display in Fellowship Hall that day. The Hospitality Team will provide light refreshments in Fellowship Hall after the service.

Help is needed for **final cleaning** of the lower level. If you have some time for washing windows, cleaning floors, etc. over the next couple of weeks, please let Wendy Hepler know when you'd be available, and what sort of work you'd like to do.

### **From the Community Impact Team:**

We've been supporting the Nutripack program which provides meals for school-age young people in our community—and this winter, they're adding warm clothing to what they distribute. So we're asking members and friends of St. Thomas to donate hats, mittens, and scarves (50 of each) for kids in need. Items can be dropped in the collection box in the education wing hallway.

Know someone who'd like a **Thanksgiving dinner**? Contact a member of the Community Impact Team (Wanda Shaffer, Ellen Miller, Kevin Smith, Steve Hepler, Marilyn Beistel).

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*Though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil, for You are with me.*

Psalm 23:4

*Death has been swallowed up in victory.*

Isaiah 25:8/1 Corinthians 15:54