

TOWER TALK

June 5 and 6, 2010

SUNDAY, JULY 4TH

ONE SERVICE ONLY—10:00 a.m.

Potluck picnic will follow. Children are invited to decorate bikes and wagons for a parade.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Summer Camp Applications

Summer Camp is just around the corner and is a great experience that you don't want to miss! There are three different sessions all listed below. For more information or to print off a registration form please visit www.episcopal-ks.org/youth. You can also find registration forms in the downstairs youth room. Scholarships are available, so please contact Katie Knoll Lenon for more information. **Camp Dates: Jr. High Session (Grades 6th-8th) June 13-19; Intermediate Session (Grades 3-5) June 20-26**

Reaching Out to the Community for Grades 6th-9th (Fall 2010)

June 28-July 2, 7:30AM-5:30PM

During this week the youth will have the opportunity to serve others in need in a safe and loving way. We also will enjoy various activities in the afternoons like swimming, games, maybe going to the zoo and doing other fun things around Kansas City. The cost will be \$100 per student which covers transportation and most of the afternoon activities. Each person will bring a sack lunch with them everyday, and we will start and end each day at St. Thomas. For more information or registration packet please contact Katie Knoll Lenon at 913-451-0512.

kklenon@stthomasop.org.

Summer Movie Sundays

How about we take a break from the heat this summer and all catch a movie together now and then. We can meet together on a couple of Sundays in the months of June, July, and August. Sometimes we will meet at church to watch a movie and other times we will meet at the movie theatre. We will probably always go see a movie around 1pm or 2pm in the afternoon. You can look forward to seeing movies like **Toy Story 3** and **Despicable Me** in theatres. The dates for these Movie Sundays are **June 6th, June 20th, July 11th, July 25th, Aug 1st and Aug 15th**. I will keep you posted on times and places as we approach Movie Sunday.

Missionpalooza

Missionpalooza is a youth event for students in 8th through 12th grade this year. It is an event put on by both the Diocese of Kansas and the Diocese of West Missouri. We spend a week living out of St. Paul's on the Missouri side and each day we go out to a work site of the youths' choice. There are a lot of different choices like Habitat for Humanity, Wayside Waifs, Operation Breakthrough, and more. You can work with children, animals, the elderly, the homeless and hungry, or building and construction. In the evening there are fun things to do like go to the pool or go to the plaza. The food is often very good. You will meet and make many new friends. The dates are **July 13th-18th**. Cost and registration is coming soon. Scholarships available.

Summer Camping Trip

We thought we would end our summer this year with a weekend in the wilderness. We are planning a camping trip to some places pretty close to St. Thomas. This is for our youth in **grades 6th-12th** starting in the fall and for our graduated seniors before they head off to college. More information about this event, like location, cost, and what to bring, will be forthcoming. Mark your calendars for **August 6th-8th**.

Sunday School for children and Adult Forum will begin this Sunday, June 6, and meet through July.

July 11-15, 6-8:30 p.m.

"Renew," St. Thomas' 2010 Vacation Bible School, revolves around caring for our Earth and each other. We have an exciting opportunity to create a fun-filled week for kids with Bible stories, planting and recycled crafts! Registration forms are available online on our website home page, or at church in Laura Wiltanger's mailbox.

ST. THOMAS YOUTH: Will you be in 6th or 7th grade during the upcoming school year (2010-2011)? If so, we would like to invite you to help with Vacation Bible School this summer. We will need all kinds of volunteers, from assistance with games to assisting group leaders. If you are interested and will be around during the week of July 11-15, please call Laura Taylor Wiltanger (302-1424). College students—you are invited, too! This is a great way to fulfill volunteer hours.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If you are free the week of July 11-15 in the evening from 6-8:30, please consider assisting with Vacation Bible school. We are putting together a great team of people and want you on board as well! We are especially in need of adults to assist group leaders (you would be working directly with our wonderful St. Thomas children). Call Laura Taylor Wiltanger (302-1424) if you are interested.

Donations needed:

There are green donation boxes at St. Thomas for items we will need for various projects. Please save the following: OATMEAL BOXES, CRAFT PAINT, SMALL-MEDIUM TERRA COTTA POTS (we will paint them so decorations are okay), SHOEBOXES. This list will change weekly between now and 7/11!

**Sunday Morning Adult Forum
9:50—10:40 a.m.
Assembly Room**

Join us during June for Sunday Morning Adult Forum as Jack Swafford teaches on two interesting topics: "Creationism and Evolution, Are they Compatible?" on June 6; "The Three Kings of the Old Testament—Saul, David, And Solomon—Strengths and Weaknesses" on June 20 and 27.



OUTREACH AT ST. THOMAS

- EPISCOPAL HUNGER RELIEF NETWORK - A Ministry of Episcopal Community Services

Tuesday, June 8 from Noon to 1:00 PM
Episcopal Community Services
A Brief Introduction to Hunger Relief

We would like your help to introduce more people to our mission.
How? Simple: Bring a Friend to Lunch
(even better, a free lunch)

Founders Hall at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral
13th and Broadway—Downtown Kansas City, Missouri,
across from Bartle Hall

Please RSVP to
RSVP@EpiscopalCommunity.org
or (816) 561-8920

ST. PAUL'S EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

Thank you all for your continued support of St. Paul's Emergency Food Pantry whether it be in the way of donations, volunteers or prayers of support - all is appreciated. The hosting churches who will be volunteering the next two Saturdays are: June 5th - St. Peter's; June 12th - St. Thomas the Apostle.

... and as always, our Faithful Regular volunteers.

We continuously need cooking oil, laundry and dish soap and personal toiletry items (i.e. deodorant, feminine hygiene items, bar soap), coffee (regular and especially instant) or tea bags, and disposable diapers to stock the pantry shelves.

If you have questions about volunteering or donations, please contact Kim Palmer (816-807-4004) Cell, kpalm27@hotmail.com or kim.palmer.stpaulskck@gmail.com.

- HOST - (Hospitality Outreach of St. Thomas)

LIVE LOBSTERS—Lobster order forms are available on the IHN table in the Narthex. Please tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers about our fundraiser and give them a copy of the order form. **All orders are due by Thursday June 10**, with payment, and lobsters will be ready on the afternoon of June 19, 2010 at St. Thomas. Please place your orders in the IHN house on the IHN table or in the Outreach mailbox in our mail room. Contact Donna Fye at djfye@yahoo.com if you have questions.

IHN FUNDRAISERS - Save this Date

Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010 - **4th Annual Golf Tournament** @ Falcon Ridge Golf Course in Lenexa, 8 am tee time.



Flowers on the Altar have been given
to the Glory of God by

Gar and Kelly Demo in thanksgiving for 16
years of marriage, and for their children
Riley and Asher.

Tim, Debbie, and Matt Lang would like to thank the St. Thomas congregation for all their support, love, and prayers for themselves and Kevin over the past several weeks. We are so blessed and grateful!



CLOTHING NEEDED

The Christ Care Small Group Leadership Training class is planning a missional service project. We will be collecting good, clean clothing for the St. Paul Thrift Store. Details will follow soon but wanted you to have a "heads up" so that as you clean out your closets you will save the clothes for the drive. If you have any questions, contact Katie Knoll Lenon at the church or Linda Bemis, 913-856-4689. Thank you.

"The Apostle" to Be Online Soon

Please note that the newsletter was mailed on Thursday 5/27, but with recent cutbacks at the US Postal service, the Shawnee Mission branch no longer processes bulk mail. All bulk mail is sent to either Kansas City, MO or Des Moines, IA. This means that our newsletter will not arrive in your mailboxes in a timely fashion. Now it takes up to 2 weeks for our news to arrive in your mailboxes from the time the newsletters are mailed in Shawnee Mission.

The newsletter will soon be posted on our STA website under "News." Read it there, or print and read at your leisure.

Prayer Chain Requests

For all prayer chain requests, please call Therese Greene, 913-338-2952 or email - thgreene@everestkc.net; or Diane Monteen, 913-268-7788 or dmonteen@hotmail.com. Include your phone number in case they have any questions. If you wish to be added to the prayer chain to receive prayer requests, call the church at 451-0512.

Articles for "Tower Talk" are due by **NOON EVERY MONDAY**.

Articles will only run for a duration of two weeks unless notified otherwise. Send info and articles to Meribeth by e-mail misebig@stthomasop.org, put a note in her box in the Communication Room, call her at 913-451-0512, or hand it to her directly.

This Week at St. Thomas

Sunday, 06/06/2010

Sr. Hi Summer Camp this week

8:00 AM Praise Band Practice-nave
8:45 AM Hoy Communion
9:45 AM Choir Practice-nave loft
9:50 AM Sunday School—all classrooms
Adult Forum—Asbly Rm
10:45AM Holy Communion
1:00 PM Financial Peace-Asbly Rm
6:00 PM AA-Asbly Rm
7:00 PM EFM-Rm 133/134

Asbly Rm =
Assembly Room

Monday, 06/07/2010

ROTC 3-5th grade 6/7 through 6/11

1:30 PM Full Staff Mtg-Asbly Rm
5:30 PM Yoga—Asbly Rm
5:45 PM Finance Committee-Rm 137
6:30 PM Outreach Committee-Rm 133
6:45 PM Vestry Mtg-Asbly Rm
7:00 PM VBS Planning Mtg-Rm 135
7:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry-Rm 137

Tuesday, 06/08/2010

6:30 PM ChristCare Training-Asbly Rm

Wednesday, 06/09/2010

4:00 PM Children's Choir-nave
5:30 PM Yoga-Asbly Rm
7:00 PM Praise Band Practice-nave
IHN Develop. Mtg-Rm 137
8:00 PM Adult Choir-nave loft

Thursday, 06/10/2010

7:00 PM Semi Retired Men's Small Grp-Asbly Rm

Friday, 06/11/2010

Rector's Day Off

Saturday, 06/12/2010

9:00 AM ChristCare Training-Asbly Rm (9-2)
3:30 PM Wall / Boss wedding-Nave
5:30 PM Holy Communion

For a listing of more dates, go online to the website (www.stthomasop.org) and click on "Calendar." To add a mtg. or event to the calendar, contact Meribeth in the church office, 451-0512 or calendar@stthomasop.org.