

St. Thomas Announcements...for Feb. 22nd – March 1st

This Week's Highlights

February Work Day...This Saturday February 25, the Trustees request your support in resolving open work items. We did a fantastic job at our last workday, so to continue that success we are having another. We will focus on church and parsonage items. Note that this request is for non-Trustees, and both men and women. Come when you can – we'll be there from 8am to 12 noon. The work items are those not finished due to time, resources, etc. in first work day, plus some new ones. A check-off sheet will be provided. Doughnuts and juice/coffee will be available! All of these items save \$\$\$ for STUMC. So, a couple of your hours would be appreciated! Regardless of your physical abilities, there is a job for YOU!

The Youth Group (STYGFISH) have planned a Work and Play Day on Saturday as well. They will be participating in the Work Day from 9 – noon, will gather for lunch, and then will head to the 7-Bridges Ice Arena for a couple hours of ice skating. Pastor Jeremiah is looking for another adult to accompany them on this adventure. You don't need to be willing to skate in order to help out but, of course, you are welcome to do so. If you can help, please contact Pastor Jeremiah as soon as possible.

Sunday Worship: All St. Thomas friends and families are invited to join us for worship on Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. In fact, based on his recent messages, I'm sure Pastor Jeremiah would encourage you to bring a friend. This service will include a final look back as we finish celebrating **St. Thomas's 50 year anniversary** with brief remembrances from members who have been here through portions of those 50 years. Please plan now to join us.

Ash Wednesday: We will have an Ash Wednesday evening worship service at 7:00 p.m. next Wednesday, March 1. If you are unable to attend this service, Pastor Jeremiah would be happy to come to your home so you can receive ashes. Please give us a call at the church (630) 469-1214 so we can arrange a time for this to occur.

Community News:

- We have been invited to a **panel discussion regarding Immigration, Education, and the Executive Order₂** on Sunday, February 26 at 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Hinsdale United Methodist Church. This discussion is open to the wider community of the western suburbs and the Mecca Mosque, with a panel which will include people who are familiar with immigration issues focusing on terminology and process.
- Sunday, March 5 at 4:00 PM, Grace Lutheran Church, 493 Forest Avenue in downtown Glen Ellyn hosts **Valparaiso University's Chorale in Concert₂**. This is the first time the Chorale has performed a concert at Grace. The Chorale is one of the premier Lutheran collegiate choirs in the United States having toured all over the United States and Germany. Under the direction of Christopher Cook, they will be traveling to Germany in 2017 to perform for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Tickets are \$10 for this concert, and can be purchased online at www.graceglenellyn.org or at the door. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Call 630-469-1555 for information.

Prayer Requests: If you would like to add someone or be added yourself to our weekly prayer list, just call the St. Thomas office 630-469-1214. This week we pray ...

- For healing and successful treatments for those dealing with health concerns Lynn Rumbaugh, Rick Pearson (gallbladder surgery); Marilyn Stern's daughter, Starla; Allison Altman's friend, Mike; Betty Pearson; Nancy and Tricia Valenta's mother/grandmother, Edith; Lucille Bevis; Rick Pearson's brother-in-law, Tom; Mary Kay Sheldon's brother, Hal; Joanne Cody; Edith Rickert; Luke Calhoon; and for those dealing with cancer: Teresa Kroculick's co-worker's husband, Steve; Pam Manzke's neighbor, Kate; Debbie Koopman's mother, Fern.
- For the caregivers, who help and support those needing their assistance.
- For families who recently lost loved ones, that they may find comfort during this time of grieving. For the St. Thomas congregation, praying that it will grow and thrive so that we may carry on our mission.
- For racial healing and political reconciliation throughout our country.
- For those dealing with the heartache of addictions, dementia and Alzheimer's.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

Wednesday, February 22

7:30 p.m. *Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal*

Thursday, February 23

1:30 p.m. *Bible Study @ Sally Grenzow's home*

Saturday, February 25

8:00 a.m. *ALL CHURCH WORK DAY,*

8:00a.m. – 3:00p.m. *STYGFISH Work & Play Day (see details above)*

Sunday, February 26 – Celebrating St. Thomas end of 50th year anniversary

10:00 a.m. *Worship Service (w/ children's Sunday School)*

11:15 a.m. *STYGFISH Meeting (lower level activity room)*

Tuesday, February 28

3:30 p.m. *Covenant Group (parlor)*

7:00 p.m. *SPRC Meeting (Pastor's Conference Rm.)*

Wednesday, March 1 – ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. *Ash Wednesday Worship*

8:00 p.m. *Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal*

Saturday, March 4

9:00 a.m. *Dust Busters*

Sunday, March 5

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. *Prayer Time*

10:00 a.m. *Worship & Communion Service*

11:15 a.m. *STYGFISH Meeting (lower level activity room)*