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As we embark on our Lenten journeys, we are called to remember the suffering and death of Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and to prepare ourselves for Good Friday and Easter. And we accept that we are to die with him, obviously not in the literal sense, but instead in a discipline of bringing about the demise of those things that separate us from God.

This means we are challenged to examine ourselves in several ways. We name those parts of our lives that are not in accordance with God's will for us. And we try to recognize where the world's ways have taken priority over God's ways.

One place to start is to consider whether the things we do in the world during the week are consistent with the things we say in church on Sunday. Do we live what we pray? We also might ask ourselves, "Where is Satan trespassing in my life."

And we can be sure that the great deceiver and father of all lies is somewhere lurking about. We all have our weaknesses, and it is up to this Lenten period is a good time to identify them, fence them off, and put up signs to Satan that say "No Trespassing."

On Ash Wednesday the church extended an invitation to the observance of a holy Lent of self-examination and repentance, of prayer, fasting, and self-denial, and of reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

These are the ways in which we encounter God's will for our lives, and they are the ways in which the Holy Spirit makes that will known to us. They are the tools we need to put up this "No Trespassing" signs I mentioned earlier. Let's look at these elements of Lenten discipline.

Self-examination and repentance are linked as one. Recognizing our shortcomings necessitates our repentance. And true repentance means more than feeling regretful about them. It means actually doing something to change the *status quo*.

Prayer is an essential part of this self-examination. Through prayer and listening to the Holy Spirit we can discern God's priorities for us. And as we continue in prayer we can draw closer to God and have a clearer vision of the Risen Christ and joy of Easter.

Fasting can be meaningful to many people. Those who haven't fasted before might check with a doctor if there are health concerns. One of the reasons to fast is that abstinence reminds us of our spiritual commitments and reinforces them.

This leads to self-denial, which can mean "giving up" something that we do, or "taking on" something that we do not do. Those ideas are self-explanatory, and self-denial can include either or both.

Finally, reading and meditating on God's Word will make other parts of Lent more meaningful. The Bible contains encouragement, comfort, solace, and grace. How many other books in a library offer all that?

And by doing those things in the context of remembering our Lord's suffering and death, we are enabled to see more clearly the obstacles to a holy life that the world places in our path. Then, to the forces and influences of darkness that search for ways to draw us away from God, we truly can say, "No Trespassing."

Fr. Bill

NOTES FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN



At its February meeting, the Vestry made decisions about liaison responsibilities. These appear below. The first name for each category has primary responsibility.

Vestry members are encouraged to form their own committees or working groups from the congregation to help in these various areas. Everyone interested in being involved in an activity should contact the liaison person listed below.

Patty

1. **Rector. *Father Bill***
Worship, Prayer, Pastoral Care, Spirituality, Liturgy, Music, Administration and Parish Staff, Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Ushers, Acolytes, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Chalice, Lay Readers, Amazing Praisers.
2. **Senior Warden. *Patty Hourin***
Rector's Warden, Budget, Finance, Vestry Agenda, Vestry Operations, Audit, Diocesan Matters, POA Relations, Parish Survey Analysis and Implementation.
3. **Junior Warden. *Jack Allen***
Peoples' Warden. Facilities Planning, Pavilion Completion, Memorial Garden Planning and Construction, Playground Relocation, Stewardship and Church Growth Consultation.
4. **Buildings and Grounds. *Don Ball, Bob Saucier***
Building Maintenance and Repairs, Grounds Maintenance, Assistance with Playground, Courtyard, Pavilion Maintenance and Repairs, Signage, Spring and Fall Clean-Up.
5. **Christian Education and Discipleship. *Tyrone Sartin, James DeDeaux***
Adult Education, Sunday School, Bible Study, Cursillo, Education and Discipleship Programs (Alpha, Faith Alive, Parish Retreats, etc.), Worship Committee, ECW, Mens' Breakfast.
6. **Parish Life, Lay Caring Ministries. *Patty Hourin, Debi Fairchild, Don Ball***
Parish Events, Social, Hospitality and Fellowship, Kitchen, Friendship Groups, Young Families Group, Samaritan Guild, TLC, Loaves and Fishes, Handy Helpers.
7. **Mission, Outreach, and Evangelism, *Don Young, Bob Saucier***
Hancock County Food Pantry, Brown Bag Sunday, Thanksgiving Food Bags, Angel Tree, Food for the Poor, Mentoring At-risk Children, UTO, Community Groups, Congregations for Children, Habitat for Humanity, Assist Stewardship and Church Growth members with Greeters and Newcomers
8. **Public Relations, External Affairs. *Karen Hector, Tyrone Sartin***
Advertising and Publicity, Newsletter, Promotional Materials, Website, Diamondhead Newcomers, Community Relations
9. **Stewardship and Church Growth. *Debi Fairchild, Karen Hector***
Stewardship Education and Information, Development of Stewardship Programs and Stewardship Campaign, Development of year-around Stewardship Awareness, Follow-up with Visitors, Greeters Ministry, and Newcomers Committee
10. **Youth and Family Programs. *Bob Saucier, James DeDeaux***
Coordinate with Sunday School Director and Youth Minister on Sunday School, EYC, Popcorn Theology, Parents' Meetings Youth Sunday, Vacation Bible School, Nursery, Program Development, Related Matters
11. **Treasurer. *Lou Crowe***
Investment Tracking, Financial Reports, Recording of Receipts, Bank Deposits, Checks, Coordination with Financial Secretary, Support on Budget Matters, Tax Compliance
12. **Clerk. *Gwen Montjoy***
Recording of Vestry Meeting Minutes. Vestry Attendance Records



TLC!

The St. Thomas Samaritan Guild, which comforts those who are ill or infirm, also helps family members and others who are burdened with caring for those loved ones. This ministry, called TLC, includes preparing and delivering meals, home visits, and help with errands. This important ministry can help prevent caregivers from becoming patients themselves. Please use the sign up booklet in the foyer.

Wednesday Eucharist and Healing Service



The Wednesday Eucharist and Healing services are held at 12:15 pm during Lent. Please consider attending either or both parts of this service. The Eucharist is celebrated first, followed by a dismissal. The healing service begins shortly thereafter.

Ministry Sign-Up Sheets



Sign-Up sheets for St. Thomas ministries and programs are on the table in the foyer under Bishop Gray's picture. Please consider areas in which you might be interested.

Men's Breakfast



Breakfast Group meets the third Saturday of each month, at 8:30 am, in Johnson Hall. The next meeting will be Saturday, March 21. For information, call Gary Gilmore (255-4396).

Women's Bible Study



The group meets Mondays at 3:00 pm in the large Sunday School room. We are studying the Book of Judges. All are welcome! For information, contact Maren Casano (255-4117).

Dates To Remember

- Mar 01 Brown Bag Sunday
- Mar 04 Wednesday Lenten Program, John Maxwell
- Mar 10 Great Decisions program
- Mar 11 Wednesday Lenten Program, People v. Jesus, Part I
- Mar 13 Popcorn Theology
- Mar 14 Quiet Day (ECW)
- Mar 17 Vestry Meeting
- Mar 18 Parents Meeting
- Mar 18 Wednesday Lenten Program, People v. Jesus, Part II
- Mar 20 Silver Screen Movie Time
- Mar 21 Men's Breakfast
- Mar 25 Wednesday Lenten Program, People v. Jesus, Part III

Brown Bag Sunday



This Sunday is Brown Bag Sunday at St. Thomas. Please bring nonperishable food items on Sunday or during the following week for delivery to the Hancock County Food Pantry. Please remember those in need during this difficult economic time. Donations are down at this time, and your help is greatly appreciated!

Sign up to be Oblationers

We are asking members of the congregation to bring forward the wine and wafers at the 10:00 a.m. service, after the passing of the peace and before the Eucharist. We need at least one person each Sunday, and could use two people. We would welcome participation by families. If you are interested in serving as an oblationer, please sign up in Johnson Hall.

Time Change



Don't forget to change (move forward) your clocks on March 7.

March Birthdays

March 02	Walter Schlessman
March 08	Gracie Gebbia
March 10	Sue Stewart
March 11	Sidney Mizell
March 18	Katie Hector
March 19	Janis Floyd
March 19	Frank Gaupp
March 21	Sally Kappus
March 25	Bruce Pennington
March 26	Fr. Bill White



Christian Education for Adults

The Christian Education program will meet in the large Sunday School room every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. through the first day of summer (June 21), except for Easter (April 12), and our Spring Clean-Up work day (April 19) one week later. The schedule of remaining programs, which is subject to change, is set forth below.

- Mar 01—Paul's letter to the Romans, Part IV
- Mar 08—The Doctrine of Jesus Christ in the Bible (Matthew, Mark, and Luke)
- Mar 15—The Doctrine of Jesus Christ in the Bible (John, Hebrews, and Paul)
- Mar 22—Atonement and Salvation through Jesus Christ (who is saved?)
- Mar 29—Atonement and Salvation through Jesus Christ (how are we saved?)
- Apr 05—(Palm Sunday) Sunday Morning Gumbo, a spontaneous and free-flowing discussion of theological issues raised during the session by those attending.
- Apr 12—(Easter Day) No Class.
- Apr 19—(Spring Clean-Up, one service at 9:00 a.m.) No Class.
- Apr 26—Sunday Morning Gumbo or other lay-led presentation (Fr. Bill on vacation).
- May 03—The Nature and Work of the Holy Spirit.
- May 10—Sunday Morning Gumbo, or continuation of the Nature and Work of the Holy Spirit (if necessary).
- May 17—The Doctrine of the Trinity (introduction).
- May 24—The Doctrine of the Trinity (central concepts and elements).
- May 31—(Pentecost) The Doctrine of the Trinity (origin and development).
- June 07—(Trinity Sunday) Sunday Morning Gumbo. Sermon on the Trinity.
- June 14—Introduction to the Book of Common Prayer
- June 21—Approaches to Prayer and Spirituality.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings This Sunday



Everyone with a birthday or anniversary during March will be given an opportunity to come forward and receive a blessing on March 1. This will be done just before The Peace, and be on the first Sundays of each month. A special church bank will be available so that everyone who receives a blessing may deposit one penny for each year of age or marriage.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



In 2008, twenty-eight prayer shawls were given away. In 2009, four have already been sent or taken to someone who might be comforted or nourished in spirit. The shawls are not for sale, but may be taken by anyone in the congregation who is aware of someone with a need for healing. The shawls are made with love and prayers for the recipient. A small group meets on Monday afternoons in Johnson Hall to knit or crochet. There are also members who work on them at home. Baby shawls are also available. If you have a need for a shawl please contact Barbara Ford (255-4401) or Georgia Pickens (255-0651). If you knit or crochet or would like to learn, we welcome you with open arms.

St. Thomas Youth News



Sunday School
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.;
then children join congregation
before Eucharist.

There are two rooms:
Ages 3—Kindergarten and
First —Fifth Grades

Popcorn Theology



Popcorn Theology movie night for kids is Friday, March 13, beginning at 6:00 pm. Bring a friend! The movie will be *Wall-E*, a computer animated production with six academy award nominations and the award for best animation. It is set in the distant future and features a small waste collecting who robot inadvertently embarks on a space journey that will ultimately decide the fate of mankind. It prophetically raises the question about how we care for God's creation. The group also will be constructing buildings out of pretzels, peanut butter, and graham crackers in a faith building activity. Popcorn and soft drinks will be provided. Bring other snacks.

Amazing Praisers for Young People



An Amazing Praiser group for our youth is being organized, as we have had an interest by children and youth. We will also be presenting a children and youth play. This meeting of adults, children and youth will be announced soon. Stay tuned!

Easter Egg Hunt



We are planning our annual East Egg Hunt after the 10:00 am service on April 12. Details will follow in the April newsletter.

Youth and Parents Meeting



The youth group and parents monthly meeting will be on March 18 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in Johnson Hall. The meeting will be over in time for those who wish to attend the Wednesday Lenten Program.

Diocesan Youth Activities at Camp Bratton Green



Each Division of Youth (DOY) weekend retreat has a unique theme, and is packed with games, singing, friends, faith, fun, and just plain being yourself! The weekends are planned and led by the DOY Council, made up of senior high youth and adult advisors. The Senior High weekend will be held Thursday March 26 at 7pm to Sunday, March 29 at 2pm.

"Happening," which is a Christian weekend for tenth through twelfth graders, is scheduled for April 24-26. Its purpose is to focus on the life of Jesus Christ while trying to instill a desire to understand and connect with the Church. During the weekend, the teachings of Christ are discussed in both large and small group settings. There are several services that allow time for reflection and prayer. They also include a lot of music, games, fun, and great food. See DeAunna, Penny, or Fr. Bill for more information.

Gulf Coast EYC



Because of the Super Bowl, Annual Council, and Mardi Gras, it feels like a lot of time has passed between EYC gatherings. But, as we enter the Lenten season, we are back and better than ever! Our Super Bowl bake sale was a super success and we raised close to \$300.00 to help as we prepare for our summer trip.

We want to thank everyone from all of the churches for your amazing generosity! The Labyrinth is coming on March 1. For questions please contact Ginny: 228.223.3836 or Erin: 228.493.0125. It will be our first in a series of meditative practices we will be exploring during Lent.



New Ministry, Handy Helpers

The Samaritan Guild, which oversees our ministry to the homebound, as well as TLC and Loaves and Fishes, is starting another new ministry. This program, called *Handy Helpers*, will provide assistance around the house for small projects that our more senior members should not undertake. These include items such as changing light bulbs in the ceiling, installing a new float or flapper valve when the toilet won't stop running, changing a filter in a heating/cooling unit, and the like. It does not include electrical work, major plumbing or construction projects, or recurring yard work. Contacts for assistance are Darlene Park (255 0241) and Frank Cuervo (586-6068). They will coordinate who does what. Please sign up in Johnson Hall if you would be available to be contacted by Darlene or Frank for this work. Some members of the ECA and Men's Breakfast already are on a list, and do not need to sign up again.

Newcomers Committee and Greeters Ministry



The Greeters Ministry led by Paul Montjoy and the Newcomers Committee coordinated by Dick Park are carrying forth the church's ministry of hospitality, welcoming, and evangelism. Greeters are the important point of first contact for visitors to the church, and also are responsible for introducing them to others in the church and ensuring that they are made known to the Newcomers Committee for follow-up later in the week. Follow-up will include delivery of a loaf of bread baked by Sue Stewart, and mailing or delivery of other welcoming materials. The Newcomers Committee also will reach out to new residents of the community and others who have not come to St. Thomas on their own initiative, but who might respond to an invitation. If you are interested in helping with these important ministries please call Paul (255-4321) or Dick (255-0241).

Music Workshop Later in the Spring



We are preliminarily planning a music workshop later this spring, probably on a Saturday, to consider some new ideas for our music. One of the purposes will be to invite everyone of any age who plays a musical instrument to attend so that we might organize and use our local talents in a meaningful way. Details will follow. If you have any questions or ideas please contact Alana (467-6979), Tyrone Sartin (586-9007) or Fr. Bill.

Do You Like to Sing?



The choir needs you. We would like to expand the St. Thomas choir and add some new voices to the already beautiful ones we have. We know there are some great voices out there in the congregation, and that you could contribute in an important way to our worship and liturgy on Sunday. Rehearsals usually are Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Please contact Alana Rutledge (467-6979) or Fr. Bill if you would like to join the choir, or if you have any questions about serving in the choir.

ECW News



The next meeting will be a "Quiet Day" of reflections and inspirations on March 14. See details below. Join us and bring a friend! Child care will be provided. For information please call Judy (228-216-3528) or Dee (228-586-6132).

ECW Quiet Day, March 14



Nancy Kokalas

The ECW annual Quiet Day Saturday, March 14, from 8:30 am and ending at approximately 2:00 pm. Participants are asked to bring their own box/bag lunch. Drinks will be provided. The guest speaker will be Nancy Kokalas from northern Virginia. A Eucharist will conclude the program. Many St. Thomas members met her during Fr. Bill's ordination two years ago. Please mark your calendars now!

Nancy is an accomplished speaker and has led retreats in the United States she has traveled on mission trips to China, Russia, and Kenya. She has a gift of healing and a quiet, thoughtful demeanor that is truly from the Lord. She will give a series of short talks during the day with reflective points to ponder as the group breaks for individual private quiet times. After each talk there also will be an opportunity to meet with Nancy and a member of the St. Thomas prayer team for individual prayer.

Great Decisions Continues March 10



The Great Decisions program will meet on Tuesday, March 10 in Johnson Hall. Coffee and conversation begin at 6:30 pm. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm. The topic is *Afghanistan and Pakistan* (Topic No. 2). Please review your materials in advance.

**People v. Jesus
Amazing Praisers Lenten Series**



Part of the Church's Wednesday Lenten series will be a three part drama entitled *The People v. Jesus*. It is portrayed in a courtroom setting, with a judge, bailiff, court reporter, prosecuting attorney and defense attorney. Each of the three performances will involve the testimony and cross examination of a person from the life of Jesus Christ. The action of the dramas also will include summarization and final arguments by the attorneys. The witnesses will be John the Apostle (March 11), King Herod (March 18), and Mary, the mother of our Lord (March 25).

John Maxwell at First Lenten Wednesday Program, March 4

Well-known writer and performer John Maxwell will kick off the church's evening Lenten series on Wednesday, March 4. The series, which runs for five weeks at the church, consists of a soup and salad dinner at 6:00 pm each Wednesday, followed by a program appropriate for the Lenten season. Mr. Maxwell will perform a one-man show that interprets a biblical character.

Silver Screen Theatre



The next classic movie night for adults (Silver Screen) will be on Friday, March 20, when we will feature the academy award winning performance of *The Robe*. A social hour will begin at 6:00 pm. Movie time is about 6:45 pm. Popcorn and soft drinks are provided. Please bring heavy hors d'oeuvres and other refreshments in lieu of dinner. Call Bobbie Stephens (255-1241) for further information

Lent and Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 1, I Lent

8:00 am Holy Eucharist I
 9:00 am Adult Education, Paul's letter to the Romans, Part IV
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II

Wednesday, March 4

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist II, Healing Service
 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist II, Soup and Salad Dinner, Lenten Program, John Maxwell

Sunday, March 8, II Lent

8:00 am Holy Eucharist I
 9:00 am Adult Education, Doctrine of Christ in the Bible (Matthew, Mark, Luke),
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II

Wednesday, March 11

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist II, Healing Service
 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist II, Soup and Salad Dinner, Lenten Program, *People v. Jesus*, Part I, Amazing Praisers

Sunday, March 15, III Lent

8:00 am Holy Eucharist I
 9:00 am Adult Education, Doctrine of Christ in the Bible (John, Hebrews, Paul)
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II

Wednesday, March 18

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist II, Healing Service
 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist II, Soup and Salad Dinner, Lenten Program, *People v. Jesus*, Part II, Amazing Praisers

Sunday, March 22, IV Lent

8:00 am Holy Eucharist I
 9:00 am Adult Education, Atonement and Salvation (Part I)
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II

Wednesday, March 25

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist II, Healing Service
 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist II, Soup and Salad Dinner, Lenten Program, *People v. Jesus*, Part III, Amazing Praisers

Sunday, March 29, V Lent

8:00 am Holy Eucharist I
 9:00 am Adult Education, Atonement and Salvation (Part II)
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II

Wednesday, April 1

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist II
 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist II, Soup and Salad Dinner, Lenten Program, Amazing Praisers

Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist I

9:00 am Adult Education, Sunday Morning Gumbo
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II

Monday, April 6

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist II

Tuesday, April 7

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist II

Wednesday, April 8

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist II, Healing Service
 6:30 pm A Service of Tenebrae

Thursday, April 9, Maundy Thursday

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist II
 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service, Stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 10, Good Friday

12:15 pm Good Friday Liturgy
 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
 6:30 pm Good Friday Liturgy

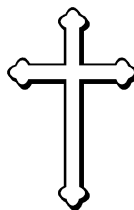
Saturday, April 11, Holy Saturday

7:00 pm Easter Vigil, Youth Bonfire, 5:30 pm

Sunday, April 12, Easter Day

TBA Community Sunrise Service
 8:00 am Holy Eucharist I
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II

St. Thomas Memorial Garden



Plans are underway to develop a memorial garden in the area marked by orange flags to the west of the pavilion. A preliminary rendering is on the bulletin board in Johnson Hall. The garden will have an altar, large wooden cross, and benches for small outside worship services. The altar will house our existing columbarium for placing ashes above ground in weatherproof containers, and also will accommodate containers of ashes in the ground for those who prefer that new option. We also are exploring the feasibility of an area for the spreading of ashes. There will be opportunities for plaques to be attached to the base of the altar in memory of those whose ashes are there, as well as for those who wish to be recognized as members of the church even if their remains are elsewhere. The garden will be surrounded by Lil Gem Magnolia trees, and other landscaping. The construction part of the project will utilize funds that have been specifically designated for this purpose. Paul Montjoy, who has coordinated much of this project, will be inviting people to help defray the costs of the trees.

March 2009 Serving Schedule

	The First Sunday In Lent March 1 8 HE: Rite I 10—HE: Rite II	Second Sunday In Lent March 8 8 HE: Rite I 10—HE: Rite II	Third Sunday In Lent March 15 8—HE: Rite I 10—HE: Rite II	Fourth Sunday In Lent March 22 8—HE: Rite I 10—HE: Rite II	Fifth Sunday In Lent March 29 8—HE: Rite I 10—HE: Rite II
Altar Guild	<u>Team 3</u> Boos, Crowe, Pickens, Swayze	<u>Team 4</u> Allen, Fairchild, Floyd, Giffin	<u>Team 1</u> Ball, Bentson, Breen, Hourin	<u>Team 2</u> Bryan, Casano, Gilmore, Park	<u>Team 3</u> Boos, Crowe, Pickens, Swayze
Flower Guild	Lent No Flowers	Lent No Flowers	Lent No Flowers	Lent No Flowers	Lent No Flowers
Chalicers—8am Reader—	Chalice—Weidlich Reader—Calvert	Chalice—DeDeaux Reader—Allen	Chalice—Park Reader—Calvert	Chalice— Weidlich Reader—Allen	Chalice—DeDeaux Reader—Calvert
Usher—8	Don Young	Don Young	Don Young	Don Young	Don Young
Acolytes—10	Sydney Ruzicka Ciara Ford	Heather Haines Alan Bruce	Matthew Saucier David Hector	Heather Haines Alan Bruce	Matthew Saucier David Hector
Lector(s) 10am	Maren Casano	Bob Eddy	Tyrone Sartin	Patty Hourin	Laurel Anne Bruce
Chalicers-10am	Bobbie Stephens Joe Floyd	Frank Gaupp Darlene Park	Sally Kappus Skip Giffin	James DeDeaux Susan White	Skip Giffin Bobbie Stephens
Usher—10	Eddy & Crowe	Eddy & Floyd	Eddy & Gilmore	Unassigned	Unassigned
Greeter- 10am	Paul Montjoy	Paul Montjoy	Paul Montjoy	Paul Montjoy	Paul Montjoy
Oblations 10 am	Charlotte & Lou Crowe	Betty & Bruce Pennington	Lynda & Gary Gilmore	Sue Stewart	Nancy & Jack Boice
Hospitality	Judy and Frank Gaupp	Georgia Pickens Helen Davis	Corny Swayze	EYC	Katherine Wilson
Bulletin Helpers	For Thursday March 5 M M Fargason Pris Williams	For Thursday March 12 Barbara Ford	For Thursday March 19 Mary Sartin	For Thursday March 26 Georgia Pickens	

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 LENT 1 8am HE:RT I 9am—Adult Christian Ed 10am—HE: RTII 10am— Sunday School	2 Noon—AA 1:30pm—Shawl Ministry 3pm—Bible Study Group	3 7:30pm—Al- Anon	4 Noon—AA 12:15 HE & Healing Ser- vice 6 pm—Lenten Program & Soup Dinner	5	6 Noon—AA	7 Noon AA  TIME CHANGE
8 LENT 2 8am HE:RT I 9am—Adult Christian Ed 10am—HE: RT II 10am— Sunday School	9 Noon—AA 1:30pm—Shawl Ministry 3pm—Bible Study Group	10 6:30pm— Great Deci- sions 7:30pm—Al- Anon	11 Noon AA 12:15 HE & Healing Ser- vice 6 pm—Lenten Program & Soup Dinner	12 5pm— Finn & Feather in John- son Hall	13 Noon—AA 6pm— Popcorn Theology	14 8:30 am— ECW Quiet Day Noon AA
15 Lent 3 8am HE:RT I 9am—Adult Christian Ed 10am—HE: RT II 10am— Sunday	16 Noon—AA 1:30pm—Shawl Ministry 3pm—Bible Study Group	17 6:30pm— Vestry 7:30pm—Al- Anon	18 Noon AA 12:15 HE & Healing Ser- vice 6 pm—Lenten Program &	19	20 Noon—AA	21 8:30 Mens Breakfast Noon AA
22 Lent 4 8am HE:RT I 9am—Adult Christian Ed 10am—HE:RTII 10am— Sunday School	23 Noon—AA 1:30pm—Shawl Ministry 3pm—Bible Study Group	24 7:30pm—Al- Anon	25 Noon AA 12:15 HE & Healing Ser- vice 6 pm—Lenten Program & Soup Dinner	26	27 Noon—AA 6:00pm— Silver Screen	28
29 Lent 5 8am HE:RT I 9am—Adult Christian Ed 10am—HE:RTII 10am— Sunday School	30 Noon—AA 1:30pm—Shawl Ministry 3pm—Bible Study Group	31 7:30pm—Al- Anon				

Easter Lilies and Flowers

Donations for Easter Lilies and Flowers are
\$20.00 and should be sent with this form
To the church office no later than

Monday, April 6, 2009

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Prayer Ministry



The St. Thomas prayer ministry offers intercessory prayer for members of the church, their families and loved ones, and the church as a whole.

A *24 hour Prayer Line* for emergency or immediate needs is available to offer prayer for these needs. Please call Susan White at 255-2568 (home) or (228) 229-4881 (cell) to alert the prayer ministry team.

A *Prayer Corner* and two prayer team members are available in the loft during Eucharist and in the back of the sanctuary after the 10:00 am service.

An *Intercessory Prayer Group* for anticipated or long-term needs also is available. Please write a prayer request on a form available on the table in the foyer and place it in the box on that table. A group of prayer warriors will pray for these needs during the week.

All requests are treated with confidentiality. If you would like to become a part of *any* of these prayer ministries, please call Susan White at 255-2568. For example, you may choose to be a part of the telephone chain, *or* to pray during the week in response to written prayer requests, *or* to serve the prayer corner, *or* some combination of these.

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