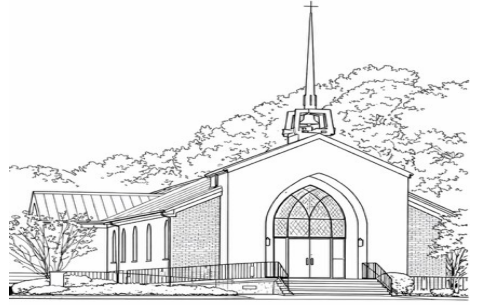


St. Thomas Lutheran Church Newsletter

Date: June 2026
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Celebrating our Graduates

In this season of graduations, St. Thomas recognizes the 2026 graduates who are making a transition into the next step in their life journey. We celebrate the graduations from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, MUSC College of Dental Medicine, University of South Carolina, Lander University, Clemson University, and Chapin High School.

Gracie Derrick

Lander University Major in nursing and a minor in healthcare management
May 6, 2026

Dr. Jackson Addy Derrick, DMD

MUSC College of Dental Medicine
Doctor of Dental Medicine Future Plans -
AEGD Residency at Appalachian Highlands Community Dental Center, Abingdon, VA

Alexander Ervin

graduated from USC May 9, 2026 with BS in Computer Information Systems. He plans to return to USC and pursue a Master's in Computer Science in the fall

CJ Lindler

graduated Summa Cum Laude from Clemson University with a BS of Science in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology. He will begin work at SCDNR on June 2nd as a Wildlife Tech 3 at the Donnelley Wildlife Management Area near Edisto SC. CJ is the son of Bryan and Katherine Lindler and the Grandson of Carl D and Janice Lindler.

Zachary Lindler

Lenoir-Rhyne
Master of Divinity
currently seeking pastoral call
May 8, 2026

Gracie Rennhack

University of South Carolina
Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences
May 9, 2026

.....Congratulations continued on page 15

Prayer for our Graduates
Gracious and loving God, we thank You for these joyful milestones. Thank You for the dedication, perseverance, and hard work that brought these graduates to this day. As they step into a new chapter, guide their steps, grant them the courage to face new challenges, and give them the wisdom to make sound decisions. May their future be filled with hope, purpose, and continued growth. Amen.



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Church Council Meeting - May 12, 2026

1. **Opening Prayer - Pastor Rick Carter**
2. **Check Roll - all present + Pastor Rick Carter and Wendy Davidson (Synod Assembly Manager)**
3. **Call Process Update: Vitality Project**
 - a. Pastor Rick: opens with scripture/prayer - Purpose: training on Vitality Survey - 1 Cor 2:12 - discernment
 - b. **Survey distributed**
 - i. In the past could take online or paper and pencil - now too expensive - new questionnaire
 - ii. Gives a narrative where we are re: vitality
 - iii. Accurate picture of who you are - one voice
 - iv. Answer questions and demographic
 - v. Council completes questionnaire
 - vi. (Total from page 1 + Total from page 2) divided by 15 = Vitality Score
 - vii. Returned survey back to Pastor Rick and Wendy
 - c. **Why the Vitality Survey?**
 - i. Determine strengths and challenges - backed by research
 - ii. Why do people want when attending church?
 - **Connection with God/the Holy:** new or seasoned - if they don't sense this they may come back 1 time or not at all. Women tend to be the family leader. Seeing a change in that - seeing young men (30/35 y/o are returning to church - looking for the traditional church because they feel a sense of God's presence)
 - **Each other:** be mindful of how you treat visitors - don't hug/show so much affection to a visitor - may scare them off
 - **How they live it out in the world: connect to the world** - An opportunity to show others
 - d. **Definition of Vitality:** communities of **Jesus** that invite individuals to deepen their relationship with God and the world. (wanting our congregation to grow) - **CRITICAL!!**
 - e. **Spiritual Narrative: spiritual renewal** is highest priority - focus on God's presence

f. Then explore and expand that love of God to one another and neighbors
g. We are part of the historical church - we have tradition and history that dates back to the apostles and Jesus. We invite people into life: we are there for births, deaths, etc
h. Neo-evangelical church: goal is to exist to lead people to Jesus - don't provide the pastoral care (taking care of those in the congregations/communities
i. **Question:** Where is St. Thomas in connection with God? Answers from council - Bible Study, choir, participation in service start asking the question "What are we inviting them to do?"

j **Rapid Response Exercise:** What do you see as strengths of St. Thomas? Challenges?

Answers from council:

- Tradition of service
- Family oriented
- Need more members - younger members - inviting them to connect with Jesus

k. **Building Blocks:**

- i. God's presence and Mission and purpose for our lives
- ii. Leadership - being excited and where's it heading - you're going to build relationship thru Christ
- iii. When do you see that played out: birth, death, etc
- iv. Local context: culture and attitude
- v. Administration/governance and resources: can change the constitution to fit our ministry and protection
- vi. Resources - synod office/grants may be available - be more invitational
- vii. Programs: implement change - things move quickly

l **Built to Last:** there is always something we need to stop doing and to start doing!

m **Fresh Expressions Church** - meeting people where they are

n **Personal conviction** - trusting in our Christ our Savior - words and actions speak volumes.

o Survey: look at individual copies - Pastor Rick gave averages for each line/question.

4 How to use this with the congregation:

- a. Small groups - 2 or 3 leaders (groups of 10 is a good number)
- b. Complete in an hour
- c. Start with a scripture
- d. Complete form
- e. Total numbers - collected and total up numbers and divide by total number attending
- f. You don't have to give it back - want the overall score
- g. You can review like Pastor Rick or Pastor Ozzie can talk while scoring sheets
- h. PowerPoint - Pastor Rick will provide to Don
- i. Will be tough to do as a congregation (whole) - will always have some people that

- won't say anything. Pastor Rick recommends small groups.
- j. Pastor Rick reminds us to listen to what people are saying
 - k. Begin to see the narrative of the congregation - how we see ourselves
 - l. Look for total scores 3 or higher
 - m. Listening to what God is leading us
 - n. Reviewing Scores:
 - i. Worship nurtures people's faith? 3.3
 - ii A clear sense of mission/purpose -2.8 (excellent time to plant or identify what our purpose is)
 - Ex "The Light of Christ Shines Here" (be able to explain what it means)
 - iii. Works for social justice/advocacy? 2.6 (stay out of the politics)
 - iv. Manage disagreements in a healthy manner 3.5 (ex cereal bowl) Don't be afraid to disagree in council meetings - don't become cereal bows
 - v. Build strong healthy relationships among members 3.8
 - o. Annual pastoral and congregational evaluations are important - being church nice leads to conflict
 - p. How does this help prepare your congregation? We really need to help people share their faith...what characteristics of a pastor do they need to have?
 - q. Collect scores - think about the next pastor and what we need to work on - how can we expand this?
 - r. As you look at this - lead them thru - answer questions, score it - presentation/use the power point, take minutes on what is being said and council can look over - if scores are similar we are pretty well in sync
 - s. Mission and purpose (emphasis)
 - ◇ Connect with Jesus and one another and the world (purpose)
 - ◇ Thank them for coming
 - ◇ Ground in something simple — take it from there
 - ◇ How to improve scores? Look at those less than 3
 - ◇ Clear sense of purpose
 - ◇ Use this survey when writing site profile
 - ◇ Get us all on the same page
 - t. Ministry Site Profile: can choose some members of council to begin the process - vitality survey needs to be completed before the profile can be completed.

5. New Business:

- a. Dishwasher: recommend plumbing issue be looked at first then have Hobart repair.
- b. Gift for Zachary: already has several stoles - Ginny suggests some books to look at \$75 each (2 for \$150) - lay books open for congregation to sign - all agreed with giving him 2 books.
- c. Meet Sunday for Council? No, but turn in committee reports via email by this Sunday May 17th.
- d. High School Seniors: Ryan Starnes - Youth to recognize with a gift - date TBD

- e. Need to recognize college graduates - recognize them on a Sunday they show up and also in the newsletter.
- f. Next meeting: June 14th after service - no additional meeting in May
- g. Planning Vitality Survey: Beth E, Pastor, Debbie will plan congregation meetings and times/sign up sheets
- h. Christy: will draft a letter regarding membership audit
- i. How do we know if they moved their membership? Don will ask Sharon if there are any records.

Committee Reports attached.

Treasurer’s Report:

The Consolidated Funds Activity Report shows that we ended the month of April with a current operating fund balance of \$78,986.13

Current operating fund expenses during the month of April: \$11,695.14

April receipts: \$ 16,288.00

YTD income (current fund) for 2026 through the month of April: \$ 60,207.13

YTD income (current fund) for 2025 through the month of April: \$77,525.27

The March 2026 consolidated activity report includes the following designated funds with totals representing at least 1% of total cash assets:

3002 Capital Improvement Fund:	\$5,855.05
3015 Undesignated Memorial Balance:	\$7,728.44
3210 Sanctuary Enhancements Fund:	\$15,795.73
3006 Music/Hymnal Fund	\$8,808.39
3004 STLC Youth Fund:	\$3,442.28
3400 Cemetery Fund:	\$9,756.49
3403 JLB Endowment Principal Balance:	\$91,674.39
3404 JLB Endowment Interest Balance:	\$44,518.06
3408 JLB Loan Balance:	\$16,910.63
5309 Parking Lot Maintenance Escrow	\$3,310.00
3005 Bereavement Support	\$2,562.80

Property Report

- a. Lock Change on Church Doors Update- Lee Attaway (Mountaintop Enterprises)
 - The locks have been received. Waiting on scheduling the install, hopefully the week of 5/17. The Property Committee will have a key assignment log set up after Church for those who need keys.
- b. Our insurance representative did their annual inspection 3/5. Items noted:
 - Seven new Fire Extinguishers were installed on 4/27/26. There was one more fire extinguisher than discussed for approval at committee, increasing the cost to \$777.96. Fire Extinguisher locations: Fellowship Hall- 2; Church- Narthex -1, Upstairs back left corner- 1; Balcony - 1; Downstairs - 2.
 - Recommended legal advice regarding the playground. He said the playground is not required to be insured, but suggested we add a sign for member use only. Ron is to discuss with Trey Harrel and about signage that would protect the church and allow for community use. **Being worked.**
- c. Integrated Media installed the WIFI system on 4/9 and made the transition from Spectrum to Carolina Connect. On 4/30, Carolina Connect converted voice to complete the transition. Spectrum's service was cancelled with equipment returned on 5/8.. **Network is STTOM215 – Password – STLC1876*.**
- d. Integrated Media also ran a diagnostic on the sound system and made a recommendation to include bringing sound to the fellowship hall. The system is overall sound, but would suggest new speakers in the fellowship hall, downstairs and the cry room, to include volume control knobs. The Church Chimes needs a new computer. **An estimate for this upgrade was approved and the Install date for the new speakers is 5/19.**
- e. The Property committee would like to offer a huge thank you to Bickley Cooling who came out Sunday morning 4/19 to repair the HVAC. It was an electrical issue involving the outside disconnect. They later replaced the disconnect with a cost of \$1,400.00.
- f. The dishwasher is not working and the problem is being worked with more to follow.
- g. There is a dead tree behind the picnic shelter that needs to be removed by a professional service. We will get a quote from the same service that took down the trees by the shed. We will get a quote to take the tree down only with the property committee to dispose of the tree and a quote to take down and dispose of the tree. More to follow.

Christian Education Report

1. Current curriculum and teachers

Britney/Jennifer: Nursery

We still need a teacher here (w/ Elizabeth Hill filling in for now): Sparks

Open: Here We Stand(confirmation)/ 5-8? (not being held right now)

Beth B.: ELCA Faith Lens (based on the lessons each week)/ 8-12

Fred / Phillip: First and Second Lessons of the day / Adults

2. Summer hiatus:

Youth and high school class: June and July / last meeting will be 5/30 (high school class will end on 5/24 because Beth B. will be out of town)

Adult class: July only (the class decided to take a break in July which is also the same time the choir takes a break)

VBS: Snowball Mountain Challenge: Find Your Strength in God (Cokesbury) Think Winter! Which should be refreshing in July!

July 19-23 / 5:45-8:00 (meal from 5:45-6:15)
(end time may change a bit due to some scheduling issues)

St. Thomas will provide a meal on Monday night and Wednesday night. The meals will be decided later.

There will be 4 classes. Adult, Youth (ages 12-17), Kids (ages 5-11), Infants and Toddlers (ages 0-4)



We need to provide at least 3 assistants (volunteers from St. Thomas). Because of the Bethel (and our own) child protection policy, assistants are required. The assistants will be asked to help with the children on the nights of VBS, but no need to lead anything. **Assistants needed in the following areas: Infants and Toddlers (Pre K), Storyteller/Music, Crafts and Science.**

Beth B. went to the planning meeting at Bethel on May 7. **There is another planning meeting on June 2, 10am at Bethel. ANYONE can attend!** Bethel has done a stellar job in planning!

There will be other opportunities for St. Thomas to help: help on the nights of the St. Thomas meals, collecting items for crafts (look in the bulletin and newsletter for this list)

REMEMBER to REGISTER for VBS: Info later on how to do this!

Cemetery Report

1. John Carroll Swygart's funeral and burial was held May 3, 2026
2. A reminder for the removal of "seasonal" arrangements and "live" arrangements on grave sites that have either died or remained well past the Season
3. The Scatter Garden project has been turned over to Stephen Hill as an Eagle Scout project. Demolition has taken place and Stephen will report the progress to the Cemetery Committee

Outreach/Evangelism Report

- **Game Night Kickoff** was held on **Friday, May 15th at 6:30pm** in the Parish Building. We provided pizza, snacks, drinks, and dessert (cookies/cake). We had 17 attend - all ages were represented. Pastor Ozzie and Virginia introduced us to the game "Rat Tail".
- **VISITATION** for our Shut Ins: ongoing
- **Event set up/take down team** - we have volunteers from our Time and Talent Sheets who will assist for planned church events set up/take down.

Ricky Waites

Fred Falls

Christy Brasington

Don Hill

Ron and Lacy Derrick

Rick Rennebaum

Jeanne Lever

- **Hospitality Teams:** starting in May - this is a work in progress and may not happen every Sunday but we are excited to offer this again for fellowship with each other and visitors. Each volunteer will take a month.
- **Save The Date:** August 2, 2026 following the church service - we will have a **cook out and ice cream party** to celebrate our kids returning to school.
- **Save The Date:** Movie Night - October 9th at Picnic Shelter
- **Our next meeting is July 30 at 6:30** - everyone welcome to attend

Children & Youth Report

- Sunday, May 10 - We handed out flowers to all the ladies during worship service on Mother's Day
- Sunday, May 31 - We will go out for pizza and bowling
- Sunday, June 21 - We will serve donuts and coffee after worship for Father's Day

WELCA NEWS:

WELCA SOCIAL: A social is being planned at 8 Petals in Little Mountain. We will be creating fused glass art as we socialize and partake in a bit of food. Thank you to Jeanne Lever for organizing this. **Details will be coming later.**

KITCHEN ORGANIZING AND CLEAN UP: We are continuing to clean out and organize the kitchen. Our next meeting to work on this will be September 9 at 6:30pm. Come join us!

PANTRY REMINDER: We worked hard cleaning out, organizing, and labeling the kitchen pantry, so we are asking everyone to please put items back in their assigned space, so the next person can easily find the supplies and items they need. **THANKS!**

WE CARE REMINDER: Don't forget that we continue to gather donations for We Care. Donations can be placed on the designated cart in the Narthex. A list of donation suggestions can be found in the bulletin each week.

PRAYER BLANKETS: We continue to make and deliver **prayer blankets**. If you know someone who needs one, contact Beth Ervin or Elizabeth Hill.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Wednesday 7/16/26 (social) see above
Wednesday 8/19/26 6:30 Kitchen clean up continued
Wednesday 9/9/26 - 6:30 Regular Meeting

We would LOVE to see all the women of St. Thomas at our meetings! Come join us in our ministry!

The Vitality Survey - How does this help prepare your congregation? We really need to help people share their faith...what characteristics of a pastor do we need to have? We collect scores from everyone - think about the next pastor and what we need to work on/what are we looking for - how can we expand this? This survey gives a narrative where we are re: vitality. It is an accurate picture of who we are - one voice. **Please sign up on the sign up sheets in the narthex** - we are trying to complete this in June but we may have additional classes in July if needed. We are keeping the class size to 10 (if possible) so that everyone feels comfortable sharing. Please contact a council member if you have any questions. Thanks!

Vitality Survey Presentation Groups

**Please sign up for your preferred date
on the sheets located in the Narthex.**

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|---------------------|---|
| June 7th, 11:15 am | led by Beth Ervin, Fred Falls, Jeanne Lever
(basement) |
| June 7th, 11:15 am | led by Don Hill, Ricky Derrick (parish building) |
| June 16th, 12:00 pm | following Young at Heart meal led by Pastor Ozzie,
Beth Bedenbaugh, and Christy Brasington |
| June 25th, 6:30 pm | led by Beth Ervin, Fred Falls, Debbie Rennhack |
| June 28th, 11:15 am | led by Ricky Derrick, Lacy Derrick |
| June 28th, 11:15 am | led by Pastor Ozzie, Beth B, Christy
(parish building) |



Tuesday, June 16th, 11:30 am.

Please join us for lunch, menu to be determined, and a presentation by the Congregation Vitality Team.

You're Invited....

The Congregation Vitality Team would like to invite the members of Young at Heart to participate in the Congregation Vitality Project following lunch (Noonish) at the meeting on **Tuesday, June 16, 2026**. The vitality project engages members of the congregation to explore what God is up to in St. Thomas congregation. It addresses questions about where God is calling the congregation today and in the future. The responses to the questions will be used to develop a congregational ministry profile which will be used in the call process in calling a new pastor. Knowing who we are and what we are about will help identify the gifts needed in future leadership. We would be asking for about one hour of your time following the meal. The presentation will be led by Pastor Ozzie, Beth Bedenbaugh, and Christy Brasington.

June Food Pantry Needs

Vienna sausages Jiffy mix, boxed pasta, grits, soups (large cans), pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal, breakfast bars, canned peas

Non-food items such as paper products, dish soap, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, shaving cream, etc.



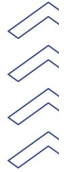


UPCOMING

CHILDREN & YOUTH EVENTS

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31 MAY	PIZZA AT BELLACINO'S AND BOWLING AT ANCHOR LANES After church for Children & Youth
28 JUNE	GRACEWORKS June 28 th to July 2 nd (6 th -12 th graders)
19 JULY	VBS AT BETHEL LUTHERAN July 19 - 23, 5:45 - 8:00 PM
25 JULY	CHRISTMAS IN JULY CRAFT TIME Snacks and crafts in the fellowship hall



GraceWorks 2026

Lifted Up By . . .

June 28th – July 2nd



For more info contact your youth leader or

www.facebook.com/GraceWorksSC

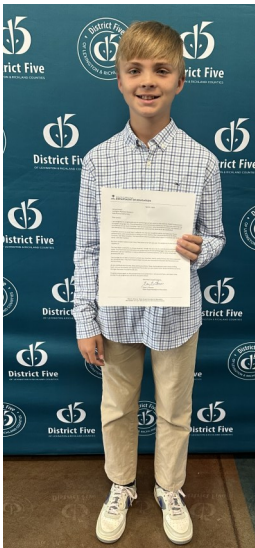
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Congratulations to

Ryan Allen Starnes
Chapin High School
(Virtual Five)

Ryan will be attending Midlands Technical College



Congratulations to Lucas Powell who was recognized at the District 5 Board Meeting on May 4th for placing first in the Life Science Division in the District Science Fair and earning the top honor with a Project of Highest Distinction at the Region II Science Fair at USC. He was also recognized for earning a perfect score on the State SC Ready Reading assessment in the 2024-2025 school year!

Lucas is the son of Chris & Nickie Powell and Grandson of Charlie & Kim Starnes



FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

We will meet at Palmetto Roads on
June 11th & June 25th at 8:30 am.

You are invited to come and share in this Dutch Treat time of good food and fellowship.

A Record of Our Faithfulness Through 5/31/2026		Worship Attendance	
		Date	Attendance
2026 Budgeted income	\$ 234,126	May 3	55
2026 Monthly need	\$ 19,511	May 10	56
2026 Actual income	\$ 60,518	May 17	39
Monthly avg income	\$ 12,104	May 24	45
		May 31	56
		Total	251
		May Worship Service Average	
		Attendance	= 50

In Christian Service in June

Lay Readers:	Keeper of the keys:
7th Fred Falls	Ricky Derrick
14th Fred Falls	
21st Jeanne Lever	Altar Flowers:
28th Philip Lindler	7th Open
Greeter: Ricky Derrick	14th Open
Usher: Ricky & Ronnie Derrick	21st Janet Tapp
	28th Open

9 Robert White	21 Christopher Lindler
11 Helen Miller	Michael Lindler
12 Andrew Lindler	22 Sara Hill
14 Allen Tapp	23 Ronnie Derrick
Michael Wessinger	24 Lee Monts
16 Alexander Ervin	26 Pastor Ozzie Herlong
Michael Steinhilpher	Larry Williams
17 Martha Youmans	27 Erica Bickley
19 Clinton Monts	Chris Epting
21 Lisa Derrick (Ricky)	30 Albert Stoudemire
Beth Ervin	



4/1966	Roger & Tricia Edwards
10/2006	Chris & Camille Epting
22/2018	Allen & Tracey Lindler
25/2006	Michael & Debbie McCaslin
29/1996	Michael & Holly Wessinger



MEMORIALS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Donnie Slice by Brenda Slice

Marge Gray by John P. Gray

Ed & Ella Lindler by Their Grandchildren

Ronnie Epting by Joe & Margaret Epting, Ronnie & Lisa Derrick

John Carroll Swygert by Walter & Virginia Herlong, Marie Stoudemire, Roger & Patricia Edwards, Michael & Holly Wessinger, Janet Tapp, Bill & Christy Brasington, Bill & Melverta Sandel, Ronnie & Ginny Lindler, Francis Shealy, Mary Joyce Shealy, Charles & Pennye Hamilton, Leonard & Donna Chapman, Transportation & Site Engineering Group at Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, Mike & Kathy Lovell, Keith & Missy Riggins, Tom Christy, Otis & Pam Frick, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Hiatt, Jim & Cathy Gaylord, Catherine & Andy Westbrook, Heyward & Brenda Counts, Anne Shealy, Joe & Margaret Epting, Frank & Brenda Lee, Jaco Swygert, Stephen & Martha Park, Lola & Sonya Koon, James & Margaret Williams, Donna Briquet, Sharon Dickert, Stephen & Laurie Hoots, James & Jennifer Lundy, James & Joann White, Jim & Alice Lindler, Carl David & Janice Lindler, Stevem & Diana Clarkson, Teresa Hass, George Swygert & Lori Jenkins, Betty Wessinger, Heyward & Barbara Shealy, Tom & Loretta Griffin

Betty Wessinger by Gale Smith, Michael & Holly Wessinger

Given to the glory of God and in honor of:

Francis & Mary Joyce Shealy by Roberta & Jeff Hix, Ruthie Dasher



WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

If you have a name which you would like to have listed, please indicate by filling out a pew card or by calling the church office. Names will then remain on the prayer list for four weeks, unless we are notified to extend the time. Thank you.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STLC, Staff & their families • SC Synod, Bishop, Staff & their families • Zachary Lindler (currently seeking pastoral call) • Mary Nichols (dementia / Laurel Crest Community, West Columbia) • Joe Epting (continued kidney dialysis treatments) • Betty Koon (Harbison Shores) • Melverta Sandel (rehab at Wellmore in Lexington) • Greg Rennhack (pancreatic cancer / brother of Andy Rennhack) • Christopher Lindler (recovery from orthopedic surgery) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethan Lindler (health issues) • Melissa Derrick (upcoming kidney transplant) • Pam Meetze (health issues) • Brenda Thomas (aunt of Holly Wessinger) • Wendell Bedenbaugh (uncle of Holly Wessinger) • Kristen Lee-Fish (transferred to rehab facility for young stroke victims / friend of Janet Crump) • Carl David Lindler (recovery from back surgery / in Mt Pleasant on April 1st) • Morgan Ward (cousin of Holly Wessinger) • Family of John Carroll Swygert (who died on April 28th) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Steinhilpher (health issues) • (Lori Turkvant (sister of Tracey Lindler (Allen) who died on May 11th) • O’Neal Bickley (at Generations of Chapin) • The Family of Betty Wessinger (who died on May 26th) • The Family of Elizabeth Geraldine “Geri” Gambill (who died on June 1st / mother of Debbie McCaslin and sister of Marie Stoudemire) <div data-bbox="979 1136 1225 1358" style="border: 1px solid black; width: 179px; height: 115px; margin-top: 20px;"></div>
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Thank You

St. Thomas Church Family,

"The family of John Carroll Swygert wishes you to know that they were deeply touched by the outpouring of kindnesses, generosity, and support over the past month.

The beautiful service, flowers, and reception were so meaningful to our family. Many of you also brought food to our home at just the right moments — often before we even realized how much it was needed.

We are sincerely grateful for the memorial gifts as well, which will be used toward the purchase of a new sound system at St Thomas.

Your thoughtfulness has honored both John and our family in such meaningful ways.

Please know that we hold each of you in our hearts with deepest appreciation and gratitude.

The Swygert Family"

Dear St. Thomas,

Thank you so much for allowing us to use the picnic shelter. The Wessinger Family is quite large and we love that you allow use of the space.

Sincerely,

The Wessinger Family



We extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Betty Wessinger who passed away on May 26th.



We extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Elizabeth Geraldine "Geri" Gambill who passed away on June 1st.



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New Church Office Hours
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