SAINT THOMAS TIDINGS



August 2021



Prayers of The People

Pray for anyone who suffers from any kind of grief, trouble or illness especially Alex, Fr. John, Bill, Marian, Dawn, Sheri, Nick, Elanor, Tina, Nancy, Kaz, Michael, Janna, Krystal, Nana Jo, Lily, Robyn, Gad, Cindy, Suzie, Chris, and Tyler S. Deliver them from their distress. Pray for those serving in our armed forces especially, Fr. Tony, Mitchell, Emily, Steven, Chelsey. the 200th Red Horse Squadron and the 393rd U.S. Air Force Bomb Squadron. Protect, guide and comfort them and bring them home safely when their work is done.

A Message From Pastor Beverly

David is one of Israel's favorite heroes, he is the original underdog. We first meet him as the forgotten youngest son who is surprisingly chosen by God to be Israel's next king. David is our boy king who slays Goliath and is sometimes referred to as "a man after God's own heart."

Yet somewhere along the way, David stumbles and falls. He violates Bathsheba, and when it comes to light that she is pregnant, he tries to create a situation where the child could be passed off as her husband Uriah's. When that fails, he then sets Uriah up to be killed in battle and then takes her as his wife. Problem solved.

But is it really? When we read a story like this about our great hero David, we might want to "fix" it, make it right. Perhaps if we retell the story, change a few details we can justify his actions. Maybe we just need to better understand what happened and then his actions won't seem so sinful. A sin easier to understand sometimes seems like less of a sin.

But regardless of how hard me may try, David has sinned. He has made a poor decision and although he may be a man after God's own heart, he has seduced a married woman and murdered her husband. And David's sons will follow David's example.

Amnon, will rape his sister, Tamar, and Absalom will avenge Tamar by killing Amnon. Then Absalom will rebel against David, and Joab will kill him. Later, David's . son, Adonijah will vie for the throne, and Solomon will have him killed.

Such is the story of our great hero David and perhaps ours as well. David was chosen and loved by God despite his poor decisions. Just as God loves us despite our poor decisions.

Announcements

Wedding Brunch!!
Please join us at St. Thomas Episcopal
Church, in Port Clinton, Ohio on
Sunday, August 29th following the 9:00
AM service for a brunch in honor of
Carson and Nicole's wedding. You may
direct any questions you have regarding
this event to Sue by texting 419-3419961. Hope to see you there.

Ministry Opportunities: Ways to serve. Attention All AV enthusiasts!!

We are also looking for individuals who would like to learn how to run the livestream cameras for the Sunday services. Please contact John Bolte if you would like more information: john.jerri.bolte@gmail.com.

Operation Food On The Table: Every little bit helps.

This month, FOTT sent an annual report to the North Central Mission Area Council of the Episcopal Church. Since September 2020, we have provided at total of 9360 free emergency meals through the Free Community Food Table. Because we did not receive the funding we hoped for, we have reduced the number of food bags we distribute to 44 this month. This is in addition to the 38 after school snack bags we also provide.

Operation Food on the Table hopes to continue to provide free emergency meals to our local community through the spring of 2022. Please consider making a donation of food or money today. A list of food items is available in the church office. You may also text Dana Riley at 419-461-0960. Thank you for your continuing support.

Bible Study At Peace Lutheran Church

Pastor Beverly will host a bible study at Peace Lutheran Church, Port Clinton on Tuesday, August 17th at 1:00 PM. The topic will be Paul's letters to the church at Corinth.

Salvation Army Stuff-the-Bus Volunteers Needed

The Salvation Army will hold a stuff-the bus campaign in August. We would like to send volunteers to help on August 11th to help pack school bags and on August 18th to help handout the bags. A sign-up sheet is available in the Guild Hall. For more information, please contact the office. Thank you.

Ladies Night Out & Men's Outing

This month the Ladies will be meeting on Tuesday, August 17th at 4:00 PM at Chao Bellas at Harbor Lights Landing, Port Clinton. Please call Sue in the church office so she can make a reservation. Thank you.

This month, the men will be taking a sailing voyage. Space is limited. Please contact Ron Uebbing for details or if you would like to sign up: 419-552-0135.

Vestry Meeting Summary

Here is a summary of the issues discussed at the vestry meeting held on July 21, 2021. Our treasurer reported that Operating expenses are running close to budget. the church's investment account shows a realized gain from sale of stock.

Plans are underway to hold a special brunch in honor of , our organist, Carson's upcoming wedding on August 29th. A bible study for Peace Lutheran Church will be held on August 10th at 1:00 PM.

<u>125th Anniversary</u>: Bill Moon reported that the foundation bell is almost completed. He has also lined up a company to work on the steel understructure. He plans to complete the carpentry work himself. The cookbook committee have submitted a printing quote.

Old Business: Our new website is up and running.

<u>New business</u>: We will be holding a flute concert on May 20, 2022. More information is needed before we determine whether the Boy Scouts may use the Guild Hall and basement as an emergency shelter point for the fall camporee. We are still in the process of selecting a new concert piano to fit into the sanctuary. We plan to post an Episcopal Flag under the U.S. Flag in our garden.

Birthdays



Marie Janes – August 11th

Look with favor we pray upon your servant, as she begins another year. Grant that she may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen her trust in your goodness, all the days of her life.

Recipe of the Month: : Cherry Walnut Chicken Salad

Something for a hot day that doesn't require you to turn on the oven. Ingredients:

- -The breast of one rotisserie chicken, cut into 1-2 inch chunks
- -11/2 cup of fresh sweet cherries, pitted and sliced in half
- 1 bunch of scallions, whites and greens sliced
- -1/2 cup chopped toasted (optional), walnuts
- ¾ cup mayonnaise
- 1. Optional make ahead: Toast walnuts in the oven at 325 degrees for 7-10 minutes or until they are browned, but not burnt. Cool and chop.
- 2. Add ingredients to a bowl and stir until well combined.
- 3. Serve over salad greens or on bread as a sandwich.
- 4. Store in the refrigerator for up to one week.

And as I cannot in my own strength do this, nor even with a hope of success attempt it, I look to thee, O Lord God my Father, in Jesus my Savior, and I ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

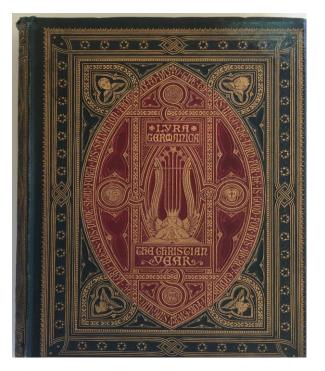
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Introducing Catherine Winkworth: August 7th: Translator of Hymns

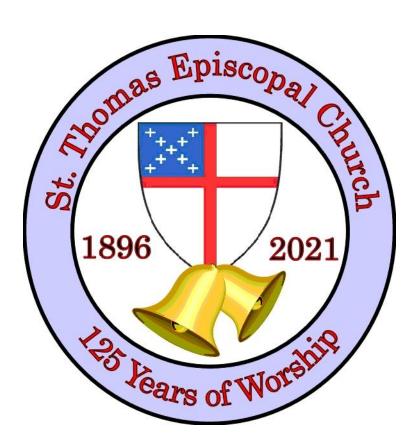
Catherine Winkworth was born on September 13, 1827 on the outskirts of London. Her family later moved to the Northern city of Manchester, where she met and studied German under two prominent Unitarian ministers.

Following her training, Catherine moved to Dresden, where she took an interest in the singing and composition of German hymns. She then published several translations of German music including "Lyrica Germanica," a translation of German hymns in 1854, "The Chorale Book of England" in 1863 and "Christian Singers of Germany" in 1869.

A quote from "The Harvard University Hymnbook," reads Catherine Winkworth "did more than any single individual to make the rich heritage of German hymnody available to the English speaking world." Her work is honored by both the Episcopal and The Evangelical Lutheran Church on August 7th.



Cover of Catherine Winkworth's "Lyrica Germanica" (1854).



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