



# St. Thomas

Lutheran Church

17007 Q Street  
Omaha NE 68135  
402-894-2040  
[STLC.org](http://STLC.org)



## The Inside Builder

### April 4 - 5, 2026

• Engaging • Empowering • Sending • Serving — Growing as a community in Jesus Christ

### Easter Worship

- Sat. 5:00 pm - Blended
- Sun. 8:00 am - Traditional
- Sun. 10:00 am - Contemporary

In the name of our Risen Lord welcome to Easter Worship!



All are welcome to receive communion. Children who do not commune may come forward to receive a blessing.



#### Assistive Listening Devices available.

Please contact an usher if you desire to use one during worship.

### Join our church family!

Please attend ONE session.  
*(in the Fellowship Hall)*

- Wednesday, April 15 - 6:00 pm
- Sunday, April 19 - 11:15 am

Childcare available upon request. Details at [STLC.org/Join](http://STLC.org/Join). Email the church office at [office@stlc.org](mailto:office@stlc.org) to let us know when you will be attending!

### New Member Orientation



### LJ COFFEE CAFE

Next meeting: Monday, April 20 - 9:00-11:00 am  
Library (upper level, Room 214)  
Meets on the third Monday of each month

Come find a cozy spot in the STLC Library - work on a puzzle, enjoy coffee, tea, or cocoa, read, or fellowship with others. We have books for all ages, from the young to the young-at-heart.



### Thank you for your contribution for our Easter Flowers!

If you contributed, please take a plant home with you after you attend Easter Worship.



### Give a Lift for Lent!

Collection ends Sunday April 5

Monetary contributions are being collected through Easter for bus passes for YES youth.



YES youth need transportation to school & work, for necessary errands, and medical appointments. Give a lift!

See [stlc.org/GiveALift](http://stlc.org/GiveALift) for ways to contribute. Thank you!

## Show & Shine Spring Mixer

CARS, KIDS, & COMMUNITY



SUNDAY, APRIL 12  
1:00-4:00 PM



St. Thomas Lutheran Church  
17007 Q STREET, OMAHA NE

NO ADMISSION FEE! NO REGISTRATION FEE!  
COOL CARS • FOOD TRUCK • BOUNCE HOUSES • MUCH MORE!

DETAILS & REGISTER YOUR CAR FOR FREE AT  
[STLC.ORG/SHOWANDSHINE](http://STLC.ORG/SHOWANDSHINE)



### Save the Date! VBS 2026

Sun. June 28 - Thurs. July 2  
6:00 - 8:30pm (Dinner at 5:30 pm)

Details, registration link, and volunteer sign-up at [STLC.org/VBS](http://STLC.org/VBS).

### Adult Mission Trip - Kansas City

Save the Date! September 13 - 16, 2026

Details to come!

## Children's Programs



**STLC Kids - Age 3 - Grade 5**  
Sundays - 10:00am - 11:00am (NOT meeting Sunday, April 5.)  
Details & registration link at [STLC.org/STLCKids](http://STLC.org/STLCKids).

**WAM** (Worship Arts & Music) **Grades 1 - 5**

**Wednesdays - Choristers:** 5:45 - 6:15 pm

**Resonate/Chimers & Bible Activity:**

6:15 - 7:30 pm

Details & registration link at [STLC.org/WAM](http://STLC.org/WAM).



It's never too late to join!

## Youth Programs



**Confirmation - Grades 6 - 9**

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays - 6:45 - 8:45 pm

Details & registration link at [STLC.org/Confirmation](http://STLC.org/Confirmation).

**High School Youth - Grades 9 - 12**

Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays - 6:45 - 8:45pm

Details at [STLC.org/HighSchoolYouth](http://STLC.org/HighSchoolYouth).

**Youth Mission:** Learn more at [STLC.org/YouthMission](http://STLC.org/YouthMission).

## O.W.L. Lunch Bunch

**Thursday, April 16 - 12:00pm**

BYO lunch and enjoy fellowship & games!

O.W.L. details at [STLC.org/OWL](http://STLC.org/OWL).



**Adult/High School Music Ensembles**  
All adults and high school students are invited to join!

**St. Thomas Ringers** Tuesdays - 7:00pm

**New Life Choir** Wednesdays - 7:15pm

**Summer Choir** Sings at 8:30am worship on:  
June 14, July 12 & August 16

Details at [STLC.org/WorshipMusic](http://STLC.org/WorshipMusic).



## STLC School Book Readers

Each month during the academic year we partner with OPS Title 1 Schools to read to and give new Scholastic books to K- 3rd grade students to encourage reading at school and at home. This year we will serve at Jackson, Benson West, and Bancroft Elementaries.

**Join the School Book Readers!** Please prayerfully consider sharing your time. If you are interested, please contact Anita deFreese at [ajdefreese76@gmail.com](mailto:ajdefreese76@gmail.com).

**Donate to purchase School Books for School Kids!**

Details & ways to contribute at [STLC.org/SchoolBooks](http://STLC.org/SchoolBooks).

**Thank you for your generosity!**



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawls are located in the Outreach Center (upper level, Room 204).

Please take a shawl if you or a loved one are in need of a tangible reminder that you are surrounded by the love of God and by the prayers of others.

Interested in joining? The Prayer Shawl team meets at 1:00pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays each month @ STLC for knitting/crocheting and fellowship. Details at [STLC.org/PrayerShawlMinistry](http://STLC.org/PrayerShawlMinistry).



## Outreach Center

Upper Level, Room 204

*Reach out to those in need.*

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**
- **Tip Top Thrift Shop** (supports Youth Emergency Services)
- **Project Hope, Inc.** ([STLC.org/FirstWeekendFoodDrive](http://STLC.org/FirstWeekendFoodDrive))
- **Heartland Hope Mission**
- **Lutheran Family Services**
- **Lions Recycle for Sight**
- **Ronald McDonald House - pop can tabs**

Learn more at [STLC.org/Outreach](http://STLC.org/Outreach)

## ADULT SMALL GROUPS

Study Service Support Fellowship

All are invited!  
Details on these and other small groups at [STLC.org/SmallGroups](http://STLC.org/SmallGroups)

**Women's Bible Study (monthly, Tues. evenings):** Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in Room 202 (upper level).  
For details, please contact Kelley Miller at [KMILLER@stlc.org](mailto:KMILLER@stlc.org).

**Women's Bible Study (weekly, Wednesday mornings):**  
9:30am - Please visit [STLC.org/GracesPlace](http://STLC.org/GracesPlace) for details.

**Men's Bible Study (weekly, Thurs. mornings):**  
Meets Thursday mornings during the academic year at 6:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Details at [STLC.org/MensBibleStudy](http://STLC.org/MensBibleStudy).

**DivorceCare** - On-going support group. Mondays, 6:30 pm.  
(Room 223) [STLC.org/DivorceCare](http://STLC.org/DivorceCare)

**Women of St. Thomas** - Sewing Ministry.  
2nd Mondays - 2:00pm & 4th Mondays - 7:00pm (Room 225).

**O.W.L. (Older Wiser Lutherans)** - Members & friends ages 55+.  
"Lunch Bunch" - 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 12:00pm (Fellowship Hall).  
Special events scheduled throughout the year.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Knitting & Crocheting Ministry.  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1:00pm (Fellowship Hall).

**Novel Ideas** - Ladies' book discussion group.  
4th Tuesdays, 7:00pm (Offsite).

**First Friday Fixers** - Facility maintenance ministry.  
Meets 1st Friday of each month, 9:00am - noon (STLC).

**Men Who Love Spaghetti** - Men's dinner group. Meets monthly at area restaurants. [STLC.org/MenWhoLoveSpaghetti](http://STLC.org/MenWhoLoveSpaghetti)



**Unless otherwise requested, all prayer requests will appear in publications for two weeks.**

**To add a friend or loved one to the prayers visit [STLC.org/PrayerRequest](http://STLC.org/PrayerRequest)**

- Alex Lopez - friend of Jason & Ashlee Olson  
 Wendy - friend Kelly Pugh  
 Diane Schick - sister-in-law of Allegra Sorensen  
 Julie Hudson - former St. Thomas member  
 Jeriann Leary - friend of Sue Chastain  
 Hudson Davis - grandson of Janine McCauley  
 Jamie Brenaman - daughter-in-law of Dale & Margie Rennerfeldt  
 Tom Patterson - cousin of Whitney Patterson-Kock  
 Donna Blythe - cousin of Cathie Schmit  
 Patrick Peters - friend of Allegra Sorensen  
 Dale Rennerfeldt      Pat Gregory  
 Angie Ratekin        Sandy Clements  
 Terry Hurlbert       Lily Marsh  
 Sam McCoy            Linda Bartlett

**Pastor David's Sabbatical Blessing & Send-Off  
 Mark Your Calendar!  
 Sunday, April 26**

As Pastor David's sabbatical approaches, our congregation is focusing on what it means to be an **outward-facing church**—a church that assumes newcomers are present and helps them feel expected, seen, and welcomed.

On Sunday, April 26, we will take time during worship to bless Pastor David as he begins his time away. This moment reminds us that rest is part of faithful stewardship—of pastors, people, and mission. Sabbaticals renew leaders and congregations alike by creating space for prayer, reflection, and renewal.

This will be a celebration and a sending— an opportunity to pray for Pastor David and Mary and to commit ourselves to the months ahead. While Pastor David is away, worship will continue with Pastor Heidi, guest preachers, and shared leadership.

Think of this sabbatical as an investment. When Pastor David returns, he will bring renewed energy and perspective. In the meantime, we will continue growing as a welcoming, outward-facing church.

**Your Role:**

- Join us on April 26 for this special blessing.
- Write a note of encouragement for Pastor David.
- Continue to pray throughout the sabbatical season.

**Prayer Prompt:**

Pray that every guest who enters our doors feels seen, welcomed, and loved.

# Worship Servers

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 4 - 5:00pm (S) Easter Worship (Blended)</b>	
<b>Welcome Host</b>	Ralph / Vickie Glock	
<b>Asst. Min.</b>	Mary Andrews	
<b>Ushers</b>	Ralph & Vickie Glock	
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBA, TBA	

<b>Sundays</b>	<b>April 5 Easter Worship</b>	<b>April 12</b>
----------------	-----------------------------------	-----------------

<b>Assisting Ministers</b>		
<b>8:30 (S)</b>	<b>8:00 am - CLC (Traditional)</b> Lori Schilling	Regina Mendenhall
<b>10:00 (CLC)</b>	Pete Jensen	Stephanie Beals

<b>Acolytes &amp; Communion Assistants</b>		
<b>8:30 (S)</b>	<b>8:00 am - CLC (Traditional)</b> A: TBA, TBA Comm Asst: TBA, TBA	Peyton Friesen Aubrey Friesen
<b>10:00 (CLC)</b> Acolytes	Halle Dolesh Aubrey Dolesh	Maya Alexander Adeline Perkins
<b>10:00 (CLC)</b> Comm. Asst.	Pryor Kennedy Brody Pfaff	Jaxton Scherr Brayden Knipe

<b>Ushers</b>		
<b>8:30 (S)</b>	<b>8:00 am - CLC (Traditional)</b> TBA, Tom Schwarten Dan Miller, Marty Oleson	Dave Chastain Doug Wragge
<b>10:00 (CLC)</b>	Matt Riedlinger Paul Weber, Sandy Weber TBA	Dan Berlau Gordon Harnisch Mary Nordstrand TBA

<b>Welcome Hosts</b>		
<b>8:30 (S)</b>	<b>8:00 am - CLC (Traditional)</b> Rick / Julie Wood	John / Patty Pecoraro
<b>10:00 (CLC)</b>	Stephanie Beals / Mary Nordstrand	Cathi Schmit / Jane Voelker

<b>Slide Advancers</b>		
<b>8:00 (CLC)</b>	<b>8:00 am - CLC (Traditional)</b> Kelly Pugh	N/A
<b>10:00 (CLC)</b>	Joan Heath	Elaine Hottovy

<b>Livestream Operators</b>		
<b>8:00 (CLC)</b>	<b>8:00 am - CLC (Traditional)</b> Pete Thompson	N/A
<b>10:00 (CLC)</b>	Pete Thompson	TBA

<b>Sound System Operators</b>		
<b>8:00 (CLC)</b>	<b>8:00 am - CLC (Traditional)</b> Todd Anderson	N/A
<b>10:00 (CLC)</b>	Chris Levine	Ron Anderson

<b>Coffee Connection Servers</b>		
<b>9:30</b>	N/A	Nancy Schuerman

<b>Coffee Connection Bread Bakers</b>		
<b>9:30</b>	N/A	Nancy Schuerman

<b>CLC Set-up - Volunteers Welcome!</b>		
<b>9:00</b>	N/A	Boy Scouts

# This Week at St. Thomas...

## ■ Saturday, Apr 4

5:00p [Easter Worship \(Blended\)](#) (Sanctuary)

## ■ Sunday, Apr 5 - **Easter**

Give a Lift for Lent ends  
First Weekend Food Drive

8:00a [Easter Traditional Worship](#) - Choir, Bells & Brass  
(Community Life Center or Livestream)

10:00a [Easter Contemporary Worship](#) - Praise Team  
(Community Life Center or Livestream)

10:00a [STLC Kids in worship](#) (Community Life Center)

## ■ Monday, Apr 6 - Church Office Closed

## ■ Tuesday, Apr 7

10:30a Staff Meeting (Room 221)

1:00p [Prayer Shawl Ministry](#) (Fellowship Hall)

2:00p [High School Hang-Out](#) (Scooter's - 180th & Q)

## ■ Wednesday, Apr 8

9:30a [Grace's Place](#) (Room 225)

6:45p [High School Youth Group](#) (Youth Room - Rm 202)

## ■ Thursday, Apr 9

6:30a [Men's Bible Study](#) (Fellowship Hall)

11:30a Finance Ministry (Offsite)

6:30p [Praise Team Rehearsal](#) (CLC)

## ■ Friday, Apr 10

## ■ Saturday, Apr 11

## ■ Sunday, Apr 12

8:30a Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

9:00a CLC Set-up (Boy Scouts)

9:30a Coffee Connection (Fellowship Hall)

10:00a Contemporary Worship  
(Community Life Center or Livestream)

10:00a [STLC Kids](#) (Room 100)

1:00p **Show & Shine Spring Mixer** (SLTC Parking Lot)

## Ways to give your offering



[STLC.org/GiveOnline](https://STLC.org/GiveOnline). Make one-time or recurring contributions from your checking/savings account or debit/credit card.

[Venmo.com/STLCOmaha](https://Venmo.com/STLCOmaha). Add a comment to designate where your contribution is to be used.

**Text** the amount to (833) 464-1698. Default is General Fund.

Add **MISSION** for Youth Mission Trip, or **SCHOOLBOOKS** for STLC School Book Readers. (i.e., 30 MISSION).

**Offering Box** Place cash or check in the offering box.

**Mail your contributions** to 17007 Q St, Omaha, NE 68135

**Utilize your bank's bill-pay service** to set up recurring or one-time contributions.



April 15 [New Member Orientation](#) - 6:00pm

April 19 [New Member Orientation](#) - 11:15am

May 10 [Muffins with Mom](#) - 9:30am (Fellowship Hall)

Jun 21 [Donuts & Dad Jokes](#) - 9:30am (Fellowship Hall)

Jun 28 - Jul 2 [VBS](#)

Sept 13 - 16 Adult Mission Trip

## Join us in worship & fellowship each week!



8:30 am - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

9:30 am - Coffee Connection (Fellowship Hall)

10:00 am - Contemporary Worship  
(Community Life Center or Livestream)

St. Thomas  
Total Offering  
Year-to-Date

Through February 28, 2026

Actual	Budget
131,467	161,021

**Website** [STLC.org](https://STLC.org)  
St. Thomas Lutheran Church



**Facebook** [STLC.org/Facebook](https://STLC.org/Facebook)  
St. Thomas Lutheran Church Omaha



**YouTube** [STLC.org/YouTube](https://STLC.org/YouTube)  
STLC Omaha

