



# St. Thomas Lutheran Church



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[STLC.org](http://STLC.org)

## The Inside Builder

### May 10, 2026

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

### Sabbatical Summer Sermon Series

Sabbatical is not just a season of rest; it's a season of growth for the whole church!

Don't miss our Sabbatical Summer Sermon Series throughout Pastor David's time away! The series will include monthly themes with Pastor Heidi leading worship and preaching the majority of the time with one Guest Preacher each month.

**Sunday, May 10** – Please welcome our Guest Preacher for May, **ELCA Nebraska Synod Bishop Scott Johnson**. Please be sure to give him a warm welcome!

Our monthly themes include:

**May:** "The Importance of Sabbath"

**June:** "Radical Hospitality"

**July:** "Outward-Facing Church"



### STLC Work Day!

**Sunday, May 17 - 11:15 am**

Begins after 10 am worship, with a light lunch served. Please come lend a hand! All are invited! No special skills needed. Details at [stlc.org/WorkDay](http://stlc.org/WorkDay).

### Care Ministry Training

**Saturday, May 16 - 8:00am-4:00 pm, Room 221**

Care Ministry is focused on providing prayer and practical, emotional, and spiritual support to congregation members in need. Come be a part of this new ministry! Please contact Pastor Heidi at [HYoungquist@stlc.org](mailto:HYoungquist@stlc.org) or visit [STLC.org/CareMinistry](http://STLC.org/CareMinistry).



Pastor Heidi invites the entire congregation to join in reading and discussing the book "Extraordinary Hospitality (for Ordinary People): Seven Ways to Welcome Like Jesus" by Carolyn Lacey.

Book discussions begin May 31 & will be held:

- Sundays, May 31-July 12, 11:15 am, Fellowship Hall
- Wednesdays, June 3- July 15, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

No RSVP is needed. Just show up!

Please purchase the book from your favorite retailer.

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



### Celebrate the STLC Class of 2026!

**May 10** during 10:00 am worship



High school graduates & their families will be invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Graduates will receive a quilt handmade by the Women of St. Thomas.

Learn about the graduates' future endeavors in *The eBuilder*, on our Facebook page, or at [STLC.org/ClassOf2026](http://STLC.org/ClassOf2026).

### Sunday, May 10 - 9:30am

**Fellowship Hall**

Bring your Moms, Grandmas, and/or mother figures for a special treat and fun time together!



### VBS 2026

Registration is open!  
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).

### Men Who Love Spaghetti

*Men's Dinner Group*

All men are welcome! Bring friends!

**Monday, May 18 - 6:00pm**

(Boyd & Charlie's - 202 Main St, Elkhorn)

Upcoming dates & details at [STLC.org/MenWhoLoveSpaghetti](http://STLC.org/MenWhoLoveSpaghetti), or find them on Facebook: "Men Who Love Spaghetti."



### LJ COFFEE CAFÉ

**Next meeting: Monday, May 18 - 9:00-11:00 am**  
Library (upper level, Room 214)

**Meets on the third Monday of each month**

Come find us 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.

## Children's Programs



**STLC Kids - Age 3 - Grade 5**  
Sundays - 10:00 am - 11:00 am  
**Resumes in September.**  
Registration link at [STLC.org/STLCKids](http://STLC.org/STLCKids).

**WAM (Worship Arts & Music) - Grades 3-5**  
Wednesdays - 6:15 - 7:30 pm  
**Resumes in September.**  
**Resonate/Celebrate 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 6-8**  
Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays - 6:45 - 8:45 pm  
**Resumes in September.**  
Details & registration link at [STLC.org/Confirmation](http://STLC.org/Confirmation).

### High School Youth - Grades 9-12

Meets each Wednesday (thru May 27) - 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).

## Dana Village Meal

**Tuesday, May 26** Join us as we provide & serve a meal, and engage with the residents of Dana Village in Blair, NE.

- Meal served at 6:00pm. Meet at 4:45pm at STLC to carpool.
- Mickelsen Hall - 2876 Angels Share Dr., Blair, NE

Details & RSVP at [STLC.org/DanaVillageMeals](http://STLC.org/DanaVillageMeals)

The Outreach Corner is a monthly article from the Outreach Ministry Team.

This month, we'd like to raise awareness of our upcoming **Adult Mission Trip**.

The Outreach Corner



### Why go on an Adult Mission Trip?

- Make a difference in other peoples lives in the name of Jesus.
- Develop meaningful friendships that last.
- Joy of being together.
- Tasks are tailored to your skills.
- Accomplishing something bigger than self.
- It's just fun!

### Upcoming Adult Mission Trip — Kansas City, MO September 13 - 16, 2026

Information meetings will be held to learn more.

Questions? Ask or write Dave or Anita deFreese.

Sign up in the office or write to [daviddefreese@gmail.com](mailto:daviddefreese@gmail.com).



## Summer Choir

All ages are invited to sing! Bring family & friends!

June 14 - 8:30am (Rehearse Wed. June 10 - 6:30pm)

July 19 - 8:30am (Rehearse Wed. July 15 - 6:30pm)

Aug. 16 - 8:30am (Rehearse Wed. Aug. 12 - 6:30pm)

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

## 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 6:30pm in Room 202 (upper level). For details, please contact Kelley Miller at [KMiller@stlc.org](mailto:KMiller@stlc.org). (Resumes in the fall)

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

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

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

**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)



Please pray for....

**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 of 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
- Dale Rennerfeldt
- Angie Ratekin
- Terry Hurlbert
- Sam McCoy
- Ron Peterson
- Dave Matsumura

*For Stephanie Call-Boettger and her family at the death of her father, Gene Call.*

## 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)

## 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).



## Worship Servers

Sundays	May 10	May 17
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>		
8:30 (S)	Bob Sall	Pete Jensen
10:00 (CLC)	Regina Mendenhall	Kylie Killion
<b>Acolytes &amp; Communion Assistants</b>		
8:30 (S)	Emma Dumpert Ava Kock	Spencer Corbitt Ben Hottovy
10:00 (CLC) Acolytes	Evan Ullman James Riedlinger	Jake tenBensel Paige tenBensel
10:00 (CLC) Comm. Asst.	Liam Malmstrom Wyatt Wells	Maddy Oliver Grace Allen
<b>Ushers</b>		
8:30 (S)	Tom Schwarten Doug Wragge	David Strovers Tom Schwarten
10:00 (CLC)	Gordon Harnisch Tyler Scherr TBA TBA	Chris Fogland Dan Fogland Paul Weber Sandy Weber
<b>Welcome Hosts</b>		
8:30 (S)	Kerri Ruth	Rick/Julle Wood
10:00 (CLC)	Cathie/Greg Schmit	Abby Jacobsen / Vickie Glock
<b>Slide Advancers</b>		
10:00 (CLC)	Joan Heath	TBA
<b>Livestream Operators</b>		
10:00 (CLC)	Pete Thompson	TBA
<b>Sound System Operators</b>		
10:00 (CLC)	Ron Anderson	Todd Anderson
<b>Coffee Connection Servers</b>		
9:30	N/A	Jon & Lindsey Benson
<b>Coffee Connection Bread Bakers</b>		
9:30	N/A	Julle Wood
<b>CLC Set-up - Volunteers Welcome!</b>		
9:00	Boy Scouts	Cub Scouts

Thank you so much for sharing your time and talent! We are very grateful for all who serve each Sunday, and we welcome all who want to serve!

It takes a number of people to help make meaningful worship and fellowship experiences.

Are you interested in serving? Please contact Jason Horner, Director of Music Ministries, at [JHorner@stlc.org](mailto:JHorner@stlc.org).

Worship  
Servers

# This Week at St. Thomas...

## ■ Sunday, May 10

**Guest Preacher Bishop Scott Johnson**

- 8:30a Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00a CLC Set-up (Boy Scouts)
- 9:30a Coffee Connection (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30a *Muffins with Mom* (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00a Contemporary Worship - [Graduate Blessing](#) (Community Life Center or Livestream)

## ■ Monday, May 11

- 2:00p [Women of St. Thomas](#) (Room 225)

## ■ Tuesday, May 12

- 10:30a Staff Meeting (Room 221)
- 2:00p [High School Hang-Out](#) (Scooter's - 180th & Q)
- 7:00p [St. Thomas Ringers](#) (Room 220)

## ■ Wednesday, May 13

- 6:00p Music Ministry End-of-Year Gathering (Offsite)
- 6:45p [High School Youth Group](#) (Youth Room - Rm 202)
- 8:30p [St. Thomas Brass](#) (Room 220)

## ■ Thursday, May 14

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

## ■ Friday, May 15

## ■ Saturday, May 16

## ■ Sunday, May 17

- 8:30a Traditional Worship - with Choir & Bells (Sanctuary)
- 9:00a CLC Set-up (Cub Scouts)
- 9:30a Coffee Connection (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00a Contemporary Worship - with Kids' Time (Community Life Center or Livestream)
- 11:15a **Spring Clean up/Work Day** (STLC)

## 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 (877) 362-7992. Default is General Fund. Add a specific fund, such as: *Youth Mission Trip, Sabbatical, or Imagine More.* (i.e., 30 Youth Mission Trip)

**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.



- May 25 Church Office Closed
- May 26 [Dana Village Meal](#)
- May 31 [Extraordinary Hospitality Book Discussions](#) begin
- Jun 20 [Outreach Event](#) - Heartland Hope, South Omaha
- 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 March 31, 2026

Actual	Budget
228,354	241,532

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