



St. Thomas Lutheran Church



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STLC.org

The Inside Builder

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• 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.

Our monthly themes include:

May: "The Importance of Sabbath"

June: "Radical Hospitality"

July: "Outward-Facing Church"

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.

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



Outreach Event

Join us in service to our community!
Saturday, June 20 - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Come spend a Saturday morning at the Heartland Hope Mission South O Pantry! (2021 U Street, Omaha, NE 68107)

Details & sign up at STLC.org/OutreachEvent



VBS 2026 - Register Now!

Invite friends & neighbors!

Sun. June 28 - Thurs. July 2

6:00 - 8:30pm

No fee - VBS is free! (Dinner included at 5:30 pm)

Details, registration link, and volunteer sign-up at STLC.org/VBS.



Ways you can help with VBS



- Volunteer during VBS!

Sun-Thurs, June 28 - July 2, 6:00-8:30pm

• VBS Station Leader Meeting

Sun, May 24, 11:15 am (Fellowship Hall)

• VBS Crew Leader & Station Assistant Meeting

Sun, June 14 - 11:15am (Rm 100) or Tues. June 16 - 6:00pm (FH)

- Donate supplies or Sponsor a Child

- Make Decorations Mon - Fri, June 8-12, 4 - 6pm (Room 121)

- Adopt-a-Prop Choose a prop to provide

- Help set up & decorate!

Saturday, June 27, 11:00 am - Help transform our facility into a rainforest adventure!

Details and sign up at STLC.org/VBSPrep.



Thank You to the team of volunteers who helped during our Work Day with all of our spring clean-up & projects!



We could not have accomplished it all without you!

Many tasks were completed - inside & outside!

(View photos on our Facebook page.)

Thank you to STLC member Dan Miller who selected shrubs and grasses and planted them in the landscaping around our new Q Street sign! (View photos on our Facebook page.)

We are blessed with people who are so generous with their time and talent!

Children's Programs



STLC Kids - Age 3 - Grade 5
Sundays - 10:00am - 11:00am
Resumes in September.

Registration link at STLC.org/STLCKids.

WAM (Worship Arts & Music) - Grades 3-5
Wednesdays - 6:15pm - 7:30pm
Resumes in September.

Resonate/Creative Bible Activity:

6:15 - 7:30 pm

Details & registration link at 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

Details & registration link at STLC.org/Confirmation.

High School Youth - Grades 9-12

Meets each Wednesday (thru May 27) - 6:45 - 8:45pm

Details at STLC.org/HighSchoolYouth.

Youth Mission: Learn more at STLC.org/YouthMission.

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.



The Nursery is available during both Sunday worship services!

Nursery available 8:15-11:15am each Sunday.

Find the Nursery on the lower level in the Children's Ministry area off of Room 100. There is a check-in system so parents are just a text away should their child need a diaper change, potty break, or become inconsolable.

For easier check-in, we invite you to submit a registration in advance at STLC.org/KidsRegistration.

Please know also that children are always welcome in worship!



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.

ADULT SMALL GROUPS

Study Service Support Fellowship

All are invited!

Details on these and other small groups at 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. (Resumes in the fall)

Women's Bible Study (weekly, Wednesday mornings): 9:30am - Please visit 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. (Resumes in the fall)

DivorceCare - On-going support group. Mondays, 6:30 pm. (Room 223) 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



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

- 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
- Dave Matsumura
- Tootie Rohde

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)
- Heartland Hope Mission
- Lutheran Family Services
- Lions Recycle for Sight
- Ronald McDonald House - pop can tabs

Learn more at 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 1st & 3rd Tuesdays each month @ STLC for knitting/crocheting and fellowship. Details at STLC.org/PrayerShawlMinistry.



Worship Servers

Sundays	May 24	May 31
Assisting Ministers		
8:30 (S)	Mary Andrews	Gary Chesley
10:00 (CLC)	Lisa Bartholow	Lori Schilling
Acolytes & Communion Assistants		
8:30 (S)	Kiera Brown Abi Clausen	Brody Pfaff Landon Turnbull
10:00 (CLC) Acolytes	Leah Jacobsen Reese Jacobsen	Colton Bowcott Zach Bowcott
10:00 (CLC) Comm. Asst.	Eden Elsasser Hailey Witzke	Zoey Marsh Bre Parker
Ushers		
8:30 (S)	Pete Jensen David Strovers	Dan Miller Bob Sall
10:00 (CLC)	Dan Berlau Matt Riedlinger Tyler Scherr TBA	Dan Berlau Gordon Harnisch TBA TBA
Welcome Hosts		
8:30 (S)	Jean Ewing	Allegra Sorensen
10:00 (CLC)	Tracy Michel / TBA	Ralph/Vickie Glock
Slide Advancers		
10:00 (CLC)	Kelly Pugh	Joan Heath
Livestream Operators		
10:00 (CLC)	Tim White	Chris Levine
Sound System Operators		
10:00 (CLC)	Chris Levine	Todd Anderson
Coffee Connection Servers		
9:30	Michelle Hadan	Jim/Jane Cotton
Coffee Connection Bread Bakers		
9:30	Judy Olseon	Sandy Seim
CLC Set-up - Volunteers Welcome!		
9:00	Stewardship Ministry & Volunteers	Worship & Music and Outreach Ministries & Volunteers

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.

Worship Servers

This Week at St. Thomas...

■ Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost

- 8:30a Traditional Worship - with Brass (Sanctuary)
- 9:00a CLC Set-up (Stewardship Ministry & Volunteers)
- 9:30a Coffee Connection (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00a Contemporary Worship
(Community Life Center or Livestream)
- 11:15a **VBS Station Leader Meeting** (Fellowship Hall)

■ Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day Church Office Closed

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■ Tuesday, May 26

- 10:30a Staff Meeting (Room 221)
- 2:00p [High School Hang-Out](#) (Scooter's - 180th & Q)
- 4:45p [Dana Village Meal](#) - meet @ STLC to carpool
- 7:00p Novel Ideas (offsite)

■ Wednesday, May 27

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

■ Thursday, May 28

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

■ Friday, May 29

■ Saturday, May 30

■ Sunday, May 31

- 8:30a Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00a CLC Set-up (Worship & Music and Outreach Ministries)
- 9:30a Coffee Connection (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00a Contemporary Worship - with Kids' Time
(Community Life Center or Livestream)
- 11:15a Extraordinary Hospitality Book Discussion
(Fellowship Hall)

Ways to give your offering



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.



Upcoming Events

- Jun 8-12 **Make VBS Decorations** - 4:00 - 6:00pm each day
- Jun 10 Summer Choir Rehearsal - 6:30pm
- Jun 14 Summer Choir Sings @ 8:30am worship
- Jun 20 [Outreach Event](#) - Heartland Hope, South Omaha
- Jun 21 [Donuts & Dad Jokes](#) - 9:30am (Fellowship Hall)
- Jun 28 - Jul 2 **VBS**
- July 10-18 [Youth Mission Trip](#) - Wassau, WI
- Sept 13 - 16 [Adult Mission Trip](#) - Kansas City, MO

St. Thomas
Total Offering
Year-to-Date

Through April 30, 2026

Actual	Budget
297,516	322,042

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)

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