



St. Thomas

Lutheran Church



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STLC.org

June 14, 2026

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



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 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
- 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.



FOOD DRIVE

Collection ends Thurs. July 2 to benefit Heartland Hope Mission

Would you please donate needed items?

- Peanut Butter, Jelly
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce (no glass)
- Macaroni & cheese
- Canned corn
- Canned fruit
- Cereal
- Rice
- Boxed Dinners
- Hygiene Products



Please place donations:

- in the blue bins marked Heartland Hope Mission
- in the Outreach Center (upper level, Room 204)

Monetary donations are also accepted.

Details at STLC.org/FoodDrive.

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, June 14

Please welcome our Guest Preacher, Pastor Martin Russell.

Our monthly themes include:

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 are being held:

- Sundays, thru July 12, 11:15 am, Fellowship Hall
- Wednesdays, thru 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.

Donuts & Dad Jokes
A Father's Day Celebration
Sunday, June 21
9:30 am – Fellowship Hall
Don't miss the laughter & the fun!



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

Children's Programs



STLC Kids - Age 3 - Grade 5
Sundays - **Resumes in September.**
Registration link at STLC.org/STLCKids.

WAM (Worship Arts & Music) - Grades 3-5
Wednesdays - **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 7 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.

Sunday, July 5 - During 10am Contemporary Worship



Join us for a "**Back to the 90s**"-themed worship featuring iconic worship songs from the 1990s to early 2000s. To add to the fun, come dressed in your best 90s outfit!

Both 8:30am & 10:00am worship will include a recognition of Independence Day, giving all thanks and glory to God for our country's 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States of America as an independent, self-governing nation through the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

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



This month, we'd like to raise awareness of **Heartland Hope Mission**, a local faith-based organization focused on being the safety net between our neighbors in need and homelessness. They help struggling working families by providing a week's supply of groceries, diapers, clothing, and hygiene items. They also offer assistance with applying for employment, SNAP, and community referrals. They have two Omaha locations – 155th & Industrial Road and 2021 U Street.

In 2024, Heartland Hope Mission's food pantry served 81,314 individuals. The need in Omaha has grown to unprecedented levels in recent years. You can help by:

- Contributing non-perishable food and toiletries during our current **Food Drive**. View the list of items being collected at STLC.org/FoodDrive. **Collection ends Thursday, July 2.**
- Participating in our quarterly **Outreach Events** that provide a wonderful opportunity for you to make a difference in our community by volunteering at Heartland Hope Mission.

Join us on Saturday, June 20, 9:00am - 1:00 pm
at the South Omaha location.

Learn more and sign up today at STLC.org/OutreachEvent.

Dana Village Meal

Monday, June 22 - 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 @ STLC to carpool.
- Mickelsen Hall - 2876 Angels Share Dr., Blair, NE

Details & RSVP at STLC.org/DanaVillageMeals

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 6:30 pm 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 6:30 am 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
- John Zurek - friend of Greg Schilling
- 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



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!

Worship Servers

Sundays	June 14	June 21
Assisting Ministers		
8:30 (S)	Regina Mendenhall	Marty Oleson
10:00 (CLC)	Julie Grantham	Kylie Killion
Acolytes & Communion Assistants		
8:30 (S)	Pryor Kennedy Alex Thomson	Keira Smith Kennedy Bivens
10:00 (CLC) Acolytes	Ean Villa Talon Frerichs	Aubrey Dolesh Halle Dolesh
10:00 (CLC) Comm. Asst.	Natalie Benson Ashleigh Hopp	Leah Jacobsen Violet Rosenberry
Ushers		
8:30 (S)	David Strovers Doug Wragge	Pete Jensen Tom Schwarten
10:00 (CLC)	Gordon Harnisch Matt Riedlinger Tyler Scherr TBA	Dan Berlau Gordon Harnisch Tyler Scherr TBA
Welcome Hosts		
8:30 (S)	Jean Ewing	Kerri Ruth
10:00 (CLC)	Ralph / Vickie Glock	Stephanie Beals / TBA
Slide Advancers		
10:00 (CLC)	Joan Heath	Elaine Hottovy
Livestream Operators		
10:00 (CLC)	Tim White	TBA
Sound System Operators		
10:00 (CLC)	Todd Anderson	Todd Anderson
Coffee Connection Servers		
9:30	Gordon & Shelly Harnisch	N/A
Coffee Connection Bread Bakers		
9:30	Kathy Mainelli / Kandi Dolesh	N/A
CLC Set-up - Volunteers Welcome!		
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!

Worship Servers

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.

This Week at St. Thomas...

■ Sunday, June 14

Guest Preacher Pastor Martin Russell

- 8:30a Traditional Worship - with Summer Choir (Sanctuary)
- 9:00a CLC Set-up (Boy Scouts)
- 9:30a Coffee Connection (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00a Contemporary Worship
(Community Life Center or Livestream)
- 11:15a [Extraordinary Hospitality Book Discussion](#)
(Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15a [VBS Crew Leader & Station Asst. Meeting](#) (Rm 100)

■ Monday, June 15

- 9:00a [LJ Coffee Cafe](#) (Library, upper level Room 214)
- 6:30p [Council](#) (Room 225)

■ Tuesday, June 16

- 10:30a Staff Meeting (Room 221)
- 1:00p [Prayer Shawl Ministry](#) (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00p [High School Hang-Out](#) (Scooters - 180th & Q)
- 6:00p [VBS Crew Leader & Station Asst. Meeting](#) (FH)

■ Wednesday, June 17

- 6:00p [Extraordinary Hospitality Book Discussion](#)
(Fellowship Hall)

■ Thursday, June 18

- 12:00p [O.W.L. Lunch Bunch](#) (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30p [Praise Team Rehearsal](#) (CLC)

■ Friday, June 19

■ Saturday, June 20

- 9:00a [Outreach Event](#) - Heartland Hope Mission
South Omaha (2021 U St. Omaha, NE 68107)

■ Sunday, June 21

- 8:30a Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00a CLC Set-up (Cub Scouts)
- 9:30a Coffee Connection (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30a **Donuts & Dad Jokes** (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. 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 22 [Dana Village Meal](#) - 4:45pm meet @ STLC to carpool
- Jun 22 [Men Who Love Spaghetti](#) (Big Grove)- 6:00pm
- Jun 27 **VBS Set-up & Decorate Day - 11:00am**
- Jun 28 - Jul 2 **VBS**
- July 10- 18 [Youth Mission Trip](#) - Wausau, WI
- Sept 13 - 16 [Adult Mission Trip](#) - Kansas City, MO

St. Thomas
Total Offering
Year-to-Date

Through May 31, 2026

Actual	Budget
410,813	402,553

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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