



St. Thomas

Lutheran Church



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STLC.org

The Inside Builder

June 28, 2026

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



VBS 2026

It's not too late to Register!
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.

VBS needs your help!



- Sponsor a child for \$25 to cover the cost of supplies!
- Pray for our VBS kids and adult volunteers!

Pray that VBS will touch the hearts of all children and volunteers as they develop meaningful friendships and learn about the love of Jesus.

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.

Adult Mission Trip Information Meeting

Thursday, July 9, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
Questions? Please speak with Dave or Anita deFreese.

STLC.org/AdultMissionTrip

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:

- June: "Radical Hospitality"
- July: "Outward-Facing Church"

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 also accepted. Details at STLC.org/FoodDrive.

Youth Mission 2026

Please pray for all youth & sponsors participating in the Youth Mission trip to Wausau, WI - July 10 - 18.

ILLUMINATE



This year's theme is "Illuminate", inviting us to discover Jesus as the unstoppable Light (John 1:1-18). His Light brings clarity, purpose, and hope—shining through every challenge and never fading. As we explore what it means to carry that Light, we'll see that faith isn't just something we do—it's who we are. Join us this summer to grow in faith, build real community, and shine Jesus' brilliance in a world that needs it.

Learn more at STLC.org/YouthMission.

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.

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

Resonate/Creative Bible Activity:

6:15 - 7:30 pm

Details & registration link at STLC.org/WAM.



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Youth Programs



Confirmation - Grades 6-8
Meets 1st, 3rd, 5th Wednesdays - 6:45 - 8:45 pm
Resumes in September.

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.



OWL Event

"Writing the Last Chapters of Your Life"

A presentation by Pastor Kim McSheehy

Sunday, July 26 - 11:15 am (Fellowship Hall)

Details at STLC.org/OWL.



Summer Choir

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

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.

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.

The
Outreach
Corner



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 to our current Food Drive and participating in our quarterly Outreach Events.

STLC.org/FoodDrive STLC.org/OutreachEvent

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your support in so many ways for the STLC School Book Readers and School Books for School Kids. Your generosity gave us the opportunity to read to 456 students at three OPS elementary schools!

School Books for School Kids: There were 3,944 books given to the students in the classrooms and an additional 250+ books given to the libraries at each school.

School Book Readers: We have 26 church members who have volunteered to read monthly. I truly believe the readers enjoy it as much as the students.

This ministry not only encourages reading at home but creates relationships between students, readers and teachers in Title 1 schools. Each school enthusiastically invited us back for next year. This is a ministry that is genuinely making a difference!

Thank you! - Anita deFreese -

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
- Dick Cady - brother of Marcia Cady
- Dale Rennerfeldt
- Angie Ratekin
- Terry Hurlbert
- Sam McCoy
- Dave Matsumura
- Ava Kock
- 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/OutreachCenter



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 28	July 5
Assisting Ministers		
8:30 (S)	Lisa Bartholow	Bob Sall
10:00 (CLC)	Pete Jensen	Lisa Bartholow
Acolytes & Communion Assistants		
8:30 (S)	Evan Bergman Aiden Lancaster	Liam Malmstrom Wyatt Wells
10:00 (CLC) Acolytes	Ben Todd Caden Stockfleth	Emma Dumpert Ava Kick
10:00 (CLC) Comm. Asst.	Jada Rathbun Molly Wortman	Evan Ullman James Riedlinger
Ushers		
8:30 (S)	Dan Miller David Strovers	Pete Jensen David Strovers
10:00 (CLC)	Dan Berlau Matt Riedliner TBA TBA	Dan Berlau Paul Weber Sandy Weber TBA
Welcome Hosts		
8:30 (S)	Patty / John Pecoraro	Julle / Rick Wood
10:00 (CLC)	Cathie Schmit / Janet Voelker	Vickie / Ralph Glock
Slide Advancers		
10:00 (CLC)	Joan Heath	Elaine Hottovy
Livestream Operators		
10:00 (CLC)	Pete Thompson	Pete Thompson
Sound System Operators		
10:00 (CLC)	Chris Levine	Ron Anderson
Coffee Connection Servers		
9:30	Carrie Rosenberry	Michelle Hadan
Coffee Connection Bread Bakers		
9:30	Darleen Farwell	Judy Oleson
CLC Set-up - Volunteers Welcome!		
9:00	Invite and Congregational Life Ministries & Volunteers	Property Ministry & 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!

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 28

- 8:30a Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00a CLC Set-up (Invite & Congregational Life Ministries)
- 9:30a Coffee Connection (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00a Contemporary Worship
(Community Life Center or Livestream)
- 11:15a [Extraordinary Hospitality Book Discussion](#)
(Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30p [VBS - Dinner](#) (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00p [VBS](#)



■ Monday, June 29

- 5:30p [VBS - Dinner](#) (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00p [VBS](#)

■ Tuesday, June 30

- 10:30a Staff Meeting (Room 221)
- 2:00p [High School Hang-Out](#) (Scooters - 180th & Q)
- 5:30p [VBS - Dinner](#) (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00p [VBS](#)

■ Wednesday, July 1

- 5:30p [VBS - Dinner](#) (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00p [VBS](#)

■ Thursday, July 2 - Heartland Hope Food Drive Ends

- 12:00p [O.W.L. Lunch Bunch](#) (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00p [O.W.L. Planning Team](#) (Room 221)
- 5:30p [VBS - Dinner](#) (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00p [VBS](#)

■ Friday, July 3 - Church Office Closed



■ Saturday, July 4



■ Sunday, July 5

- 8:30a Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00a CLC Set-up (Property Ministry & Volunteers)
- 9:30a Coffee Connection (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30a Free Blood Pressure Checks (outside Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00a **"Back to the 90s" Worship**
(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

- July 9 [Adult Mission Trip](#) Information Meeting, 6pm, FH
- July 10-18 [Youth Mission Trip](#) - Wausau, WI
- July 15 & 19 [Summer Choir](#)
- July 26 [OWL](#): Presentation by Pastor Kim McSheehy - "Writing the Last Chapters of Your Life"
- Aug 1 [Blood Drive](#) - 8:00am - 1:00pm, CLC
- Aug 8 [Servabration](#) - 8:30am - 11:00am
- Aug 9 [New Member Orientation](#) - 11:15am, FH
- Aug 12 [New Member Orientation](#) - 6:00pm, FH
- Sept 13-16 [Adult Mission Trip](#) - Kansas City, MO

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 May 31, 2026

Actual	Budget
410,813	402,553

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