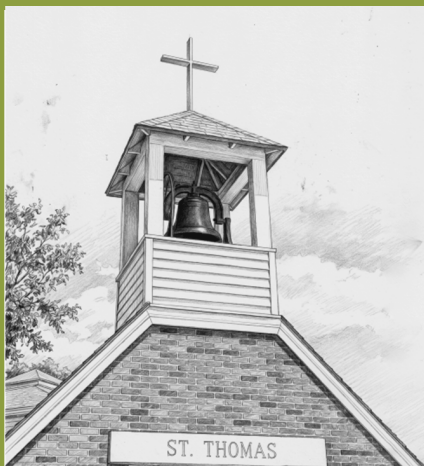




The Builder

September 13, 2026

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

St. Thomas Lutheran Church

17007 Q Street Omaha NE 68135

402-894-2040 STLC.org



REGISTER THE KIDS! NURSERY - GRADE 9!

All on one registration form at
STLC.org/KidsRegistration

*See page 2 for addition details on
Children's & Youth Programs*

STLC Kids Sundays

Nursery

STLC Kids Midweek
(formerly called WAM)

- Choristers

- Resonate

- Bible Study

- Christmas Program

STLC Kids Milestones

- First Bible Class

- First Communion

Confirmation (Grades 6-9)

STLC Kids Sundays Leaders
(Grades 6-12 help PreK-Grade 5)

Youth Mission 2026

Thank you to all who contributed to
make this mission possible!

Read about their trip at
STLC.org/Blog.



Youth Mission Presentation

Sunday, September 13 - at both worship services

*Come hear about all that our youth learned,
experienced, and accomplished!*

FREE - Jo-on-the-Go Espresso & Smoothie Bar Sunday, September 13 - 8:15-10:15 am



As a thank-you from Youth Mission,
Jo-on-the-Go will be on site serving classics,
sugar-free & signature lattes, fruit smoothies,
frappes, and espresso-free options. FREE to
you, courtesy of Youth Mission!



Annual Chili & Beer-Tasting Event

*Organized by Men Who Love Spaghetti
(STLC Men's Dinner Group)*

All men are welcome along with
their spouses / significant others!

Friday, September 25 - 6:00 pm

Bring to share: your favorite chili or
a side dish or dessert, and 3 of your
favorite beers.



Details at STLC.org/MenWhoLoveSpaghetti.

Coffee Connection

You're invited to enjoy coffee,
cookies, & conversation with your
STLC family! All are welcome!



9:30 am each Sunday

September 13 - October 18:

*Coffee Connection will be offered in both the
Fellowship Hall & Room 120 (lower level near the CLC).*

SAME GREAT CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

** NOW WITH SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT NAMES! **

They're all "STLC Kids". Some kids attend on Sundays. Some kids attend on Wednesdays.
Some kids attend both! All kids are invited! All kids are welcome!

Sign up your kids today at STLC.org/KidsRegistration !



STLC Kids Sundays

- [Nursery](#)
- [STLC Kids Sundays](#)

STLC.org/KidsSundays

STLC.org/KidsMidweek



STLC Kids Midweek *(formerly known as WAM)*

- STLC Kids Midweek- [Choristers](#)
- STLC Kids Midweek- [Resonate](#)
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- Confirmation
- STLC Kids Midweek- Christmas Program
- STLC Kids Sundays Leaders

Children's Programs

STLC Kids Sundays (Age 3 - Grade 5)



Sundays ***Begins September 13***

10:00 - 11:00am (Room 100)

Details & registration link at STLC.org/KidsSundays.

STLC Kids Midweek (Grades 1 - 5)



Wednesdays

5:45 - 6:10 pm - **Choristers** (Room 220)

6:10 - 6:30 pm - **Resonate** (Room 220)

6:30 - 7:30 pm - **Bible Activity** (Room 100)

Details & registration link at STLC.org/KidsMidweek.

Nursery



The Nursery is available
8:15 am - 11:15 am each Sunday!

Located on the lower level in the
Children's Ministry area off of Room 100.

For easier check-in, register at STLC.org/KidsRegistration.

Children are always welcome in worship!

Youth Programs



Confirmation (Grades 6 - 9)

September 9 & 23 - 6:45 - 8:45pm

October 2026 - April 2027

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

Details & registration link at STLC.org/Confirmation.

High School Youth - Grades 9 - 12

September 16 & 30 - 6:45 - 8:45pm

October 2026 - April 2027

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

Details at STLC.org/HighSchoolYouth.

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

Christmas Program

All 1st - 5th grade students are invited to participate!
Rehearsals begin October 14 - 5:45pm
as part of **STLC Kids Midweek**.

Details & sign up at STLC.org/KidsMidweek.



Join the St. Thomas Brass!

All brass players ages high school-adult are invited to play!

Rehearsals:

Wednesdays, Oct. 7, 14 & 21 - 8:30 pm

Reformation - Sunday, October 25:

Accompany 8:30 am worship in the Sanctuary.

Details at STLC.org/Brass or contact Jason Horner at JHorner@stlc.org.

COMPANIONS in Christ

Are you seeking to deepen your faith in God? Are you interested in joining a spiritual journey of fellowship with others?

Companions in Christ (CiC) is a small group that meets weekly throughout the academic year for learning, fellowship, and prayer practice.

If you are interested, please attend one of our information meetings:

- Thursday, Sept. 10 - 7:00 pm (Sanctuary)
- Sunday, Sept. 13 - 9:30 or 11:15 am (Sanctuary)

Want to learn more? Please email Pastor Heidi at HYoungquist@stlc.org or speak with Certified Spiritual Directors Greg Schuerman or Pat Gregory. STLC.org/CompanionsInChrist.

Dana Village Meal Monday, September 28



You're invited to help serve a meal to the residents of Dana Village in Blair, NE! There are two ways to help:

- Attend the meal** to help serve and engage with residents, talking with them about their well-being and other topics that may bring opportunity to provide guidance and support.
 - 4:45 pm - Carpool from STLC
 - 6:00 pm - Dinner served on the Dana Village campus in Mickelsen Hall at [2876 Angels Share Drive, Blair, NE 68008](http://2876AngelsShareDrive.com).
- Provide food or supplies for the meal.**

RSVP to attend or sign up to provide food/supplies at STLC.org/DanaVillageMeals.

Learn more about Dana Village at onelfs.org.



Can you read music? Bass clef?

If so, join the St. Thomas Ringers! We're in need of a low (large) bell player for the fall of 2026.

NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!

Anyone interested will need to be able to read bass clef and basic music notations like rhythms and dynamics. Training available on these specific bells.

If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Jason Horner at JHorner@stlc.org or call the church office 402-894-2040.

Ringers rehearse Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Music Room (220). For more information about St. Thomas Ringers, visit STLC.org/Ringers.



Music Ensembles

All adults and high school students are invited to join!

[St. Thomas Ringers](#)
[New Life Choir](#)
[St. Thomas Brass](#)

Tuesdays - 7:00pm

Wednesdays - 7:15pm

Begins October 7

Learn more at STLC.org/WorshipMusic.

Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study

Meets the 2nd Tuesdays, 6:30 pm in Room 202.

For details, please contact Kelley Miller at

KMiller@stlc.org.

Women's Bible Study

Grace's Place

Meets Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00 am in Room 225.

Details at STLC.org/GracesPlace.

Men's Bible Study

Meets Thursdays, 6:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Details at STLC.org/MensBibleStudy.



O.W.L. Events

O.W.L. (Older Wiser Lutherans) are members & friends of St. Thomas ages 55+. Friends are welcome at all events!

Cloisters on the Platte:

Stations of the Cross tour

- **Sunday, September 20**
- **We will gather at STLC and plan to leave for the Cloisters at 1:15.**
- **Location: 22579 Fishery Rd. Gretna, NE 68028**

(Suggested donation: \$10 per person to cover the cost of an audio tour device to enhance the visit.)

Details & RSVP at STLC.org/OWL.

OWL Lunch Bunch

*Meets the first and third Thursdays of each month
12:00 noon - 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
Bring a lunch and friends!*

Tip Top Thrift Shop Needs Volunteers!

Volunteer help is needed at TipTop Thrift Shop located at 5910 Maple Street in Benson.

STLC supports TipTop by donating gently used clothing and household items. Tiptop Thrift Shop is 100% volunteer run and proceeds go to Youth Emergency Services (YES), which STLC also supports.

Volunteers times available:

Thursday mornings, 10 am - 1 pm

Saturday afternoons, 1 pm - 4 pm

Duties include sorting clothing to sell, displaying clothing and household items, accepting donations, and helping customers.

If interested or if you have questions please contact Carol Stuhr 308-440-8098 or Vickie Glock 402-630-0259.



Outreach Center

Upper Level, Room 204

Reach out to those in need.

- **Project Hope, Inc.** - First Weekend Food Drive
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Prayer Shawls for anyone in need
- **Tip Top Thrift Shop** - New or gently-used clothing and small household items to benefit Youth Emergency Services
- **Heartland Hope Mission**
- **Lutheran Family Services**
- **Lions Recycle for Sight** - usable used eyeglasses
- **Ronald McDonald House** - pop can tabs

Learn more at STLC.org/Outreach.



Heartland Hope
MISSION



Outreach Event

Join us in service to our community!

**Saturday, October 3
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.
We look forward to serving with you!

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.





The Outreach Corner — A monthly article from the Outreach Ministry Team

For September, we'd like to raise awareness of and say thank you for

Servabration: Neighbors Serving Neighbors

held on Saturday, August 8.

Servabration gathered 118 members and guests to serve our community. The event was sponsored by the Congregational Life, Outreach, and Invite Ministry Teams.

Together we packaged 6,000 meals for Heartland Kids Against Hunger, assembled hygiene kits with Access Period, built 136 Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits, and made 20 fleece blankets for Youth Emergency Services. Teams also helped residents with flower pots at Mosaic in Omaha, tackled projects around our church grounds, and supported Heartland Hope Mission.

Special thanks to the Congregational Life Ministry Team for making and serving breakfast for our crew! Donations of materials and Thrivent Action Team funds by members and the St. Thomas's Community Impact fund helped make the event possible.

Thank you to everyone who gave their morning to serve our neighbors — what a beautiful picture of “not to be served, but to serve” (Matthew 20:28)!



Be still. and know that I am God! - Psalm 46:10

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

Meets the 2nd Tuesdays, 6:30 pm in Room 202 . For details, please contact Kelley Miller at KMiller@stlc.org.

Women's Bible Study

Please visit STLC.org/GracesPlace for details on this study.
(Resumes in the fall)

Men's Bible Study

Meets Thursdays, 6:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Details at STLC.org/MensBibleStudy.

DivorceCare

Meets Mondays, 6:30-8:00 pm, Room 223. Details and link to registration at 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+.

OWL Lunch Bunch -meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Special events scheduled throughout the year.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Knitting & Crocheting Ministry.

Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

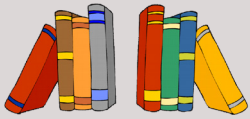
Novel Ideas - Ladies' book discussion group.

Meets 4th Tuesdays, 7:00pm off site.

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. Details at STLC.org/MenWhoLoveSpaghetti



What kind of reader are you? Slow and steady? A fast reader? Do you love fiction or nonfiction?

The church Library has everything you need! Books for young and old as well as puzzles! We have many books by Adam Hamilton, new books for the middle schooler, and tons of nonfiction and popular fiction books.

Stop by and check out books anytime. Check out as many as you want and bring them back when you are finished. All are welcome at the church library!



LJ COFFEE CAFE

Meets on the third Monday of each month - 9:00-11:00 am

Next meeting Monday, September 21
Library (upper level, Room 214)

Details at STLC.org/LJCoffeeCafe.

Divorced? Separated? You don't have to go through this alone. DivorceCare is an on-going support group providing a safe place to share your situation and find hope and healing.



The current session meets:

- Mondays thru December 7
- 6:30-8:00 pm, Room 223

Complete details and link to registration at STLC.org/DivorceCare.

All Ministry Teams Quarterly Meeting Monday, October 5 - 6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall



St. Thomas
Lutheran
Church

Our church couldn't do what we do without the work of our Ministry Teams!

Each Team meets monthly and all teams join together quarterly for dinner, fellowship, and communication regarding goals and current work for our church & community.

You're invited to join a Ministry Team!

Learn more & sign up at STLC.org/Ministries.

A Word from the Bishop

- ELCA Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry - August 2026: [A Call to be Trusted Messengers in this Election Season](#).
- NE Synod Bishop Rev. Scott Johnson - [September Reflection](#).

Read more:

- ELCA.org/news-and-stories/all
- NebraskaSynod.org/news



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Care Ministry

The Care Ministry Team is focused on providing prayer and care to congregation members in need of support.

The Prayer Team is a group of trained volunteers who regularly and faithfully pray for those who have requested prayer, either for themselves, or for those they care about.

The Care Visitor Team consists of trained volunteers who offer compassionate, one-on-one visits to individuals in need of support and encouragement. Whether you are facing surgery, hospitalization, recovering from illness, homebound, or living in a care facility, our Care Visitors are available to walk alongside you during this season of life, helping to ensure that no one has to face difficult circumstances alone.

Learn more at STLC.org/CareMinistry.

Request prayer at STLC.org/PrayerRequest.

Request a care visit at STLC.org/CareVisit.



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.

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
 Dennis Anderson - friend of Greg & Lori Schilling
 Matt Hartman - son of Dennis & Rachel Hartman
 Penny - great granddaughter of Lonnie & Diane Ehrhardt
 Trudy & Tom - sister & brother-in-law of Linda Scholz
 Jason Mayer - nephew of Kathy Mainelli
 Dale Rennerfeldt
 Angie Ratekin
 Terry Hurlbert
 Sam McCoy
 Dave Matsumura
 Joan Whitlock
 Josh Davenport

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**

Worship Servers

Sundays	September 13	September 20
Assisting Ministers		
8:30 (S)	Stephanie Beals	Mary Andrews
10:00 (CLC)	Kylie Killion	Julie Grantham
Acolytes & Communion Assistants		
8:30 (S)	Brisa Adams Natalie Benson	Lakelee Bell Emma Dumpert
10:00 (CLC) Acolytes	Carter Akers Colton Bowcott	Elisa Adams Aubrey Dolesh
10:00 (CLC) Comm. Asst.	Ben Alexander Peyton Friesen	Norah Elsasser Eden Elsasser
Ushers		
8:30 (S)	Bob Sall Tom Schwarten	Dave Chastain Doug Wragge
10:00 (CLC)	Dan Berlau Matt Riedlinger Paul Weber Sandy Weber	Chris Fogland Dan Fogland Gordon Harnisch TBA
Welcome Hosts		
8:30 (S)	Patty / John Pecoraro	Sue Chastain
10:00 (CLC)	Cathie Schmit / Janet Voelker	Stephanie Beals / Mary Nordstrand
Slide Advancers		
10:00 (CLC)	Kelly Pugh	Elaine Hottovy
Livestream Operators		
10:00 (CLC)	Tim White	Tim White
Sound System Operators		
10:00 (CLC)	Chris Levine	Ron Anderson
Coffee Connection Servers		
9:30 (FH)	Gordon & Shelly Harnisch	Carrie Rosenberry
9:30 (Room I20)	Nancy Schuerman	Erin & Greg Salton
Coffee Connection Bread Bakers		
9:30 (FH)	Sandy Seim	Judy Oleson
9:30 (Room I20)	Nancy Schuerman	TBA
CLC Set-up -Volunteers Welcome!		
9:00 (CLC)	Boy Scouts	Cub Scouts

This week at St. Thomas...

■ Sunday, Sep 13 - Adult Mission Trip Departs Youth Mission Presentation

8:15a - 10:15a Jo-on-the-Go Espresso & Smoothie Bar - FREE

- 8:30a Traditional Worship - Choir Sings (Sanctuary)
- 9:00a CLC Set-up (Boy Scouts)
- 9:30a Coffee Connection (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30a Coffee Connection (Room 120)
- 9:30a Companions in Christ Info Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 10:00a Contemporary Worship
(Community Life Center or Livestream)
- 10:00a **STLC KIDS SUNDAYS** (Room 100)
- 11:15a Companions in Christ Info Meeting (Sanctuary)

■ Monday, Sep 14 - Adult Mission Trip

- 2:00p Women of St. Thomas (Room 225)
- 6:00p Congregational Life Ministry (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30p Worship & Music Ministry (Room 225)
- 7:00p Outreach Ministry (Room 221)

■ Tuesday, Sep 15 - Adult Mission Trip

- 10:30a Staff Meeting (Room 221)
- 1:00p Prayer Shawl Ministry (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00p High School Hang-Out (Scooters - 180th & Q)

6:30p Women's Bible Study (Youth Room - 202)
7:00p St. Thomas Ringers (Room 220)

■ Wednesday, Sep 16 - Adult Mission Trip

- 9:30a Grace's Place (Room 225)
- 5:45p **STLC KIDS MIDWEEK** (Rooms 220, 100)
- 6:45p High School Youth Group (Youth Room - Rm 202)
- 7:15p New Life Choir (Room 220)

■ Thursday, Sep 17

- 6:30a Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:00p O.W.L. Lunch Bunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00p Praise Team Rehearsal (CLC)

■ Friday, Sep 18

■ Saturday, Sep 19

■ Sunday, Sep 20

- 8:30a Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00a CLC Set-up (Cub Scouts)
- 9:30a Coffee Connection (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30a Coffee Connection (Room 120)
- 10:00a Contemporary Worship
(Community Life Center or Livestream)
- 10:00a **STLC KIDS SUNDAYS** (Room 100)
- 1:15p O.W.L. Event - Cloisters on the Platte
(Meet @ STLC to Carpool)



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.

St. Thomas
Total Offering
Year-to-Date

Through August 31, 2026

Actual	Budget
625,599	644,085

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Upcoming Events

- Sep 21 LJ Coffee Café
- Sep 25 Men Who Love Spaghetti - Chili/Beer Tasting
- Sep 28 Dana Village Meal
- Sep 13 - 16 Adult Mission Trip - Kansas City, MO
- Oct 3 Outreach Event - Heartland Hope, South Omaha
- Oct 5 All Ministry Teams Meeting

Join us in worship & fellowship each week!

- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am - Coffee Connection (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30 am - Coffee Connection (Room 120)
- 10:00 am - Contemporary Worship
(Community Life Center or Livestream)

