



The Builder

September 27, 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



Dana Village Meal

Monday, September 28

Serving a meal to the residents
of Dana Village in Blair, NE!



**All volunteer positions have been filled
and all food items have been provided!**
Thank you!

STLC.org/DanaVillageMeals.

Learn more about Dana Village at onelfs.org.



**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!

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.

Coffee Connection

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



9:30 am each Sunday

Through October 18:

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



Free Blood Pressure Screenings
on the 1st Sunday of each month
Sunday, October 4 - 9:30-10am
(outside the Fellowship Hall)

Did you know that regular blood pressure screenings can prevent
long-term health problems and can give you a heads-up on
potential issues? Stop by for a free blood pressure check offered by
congregation member and Registered Nurse, Sara Randolph.



First Weekend Food Drive

October 4

Please deliver non-perishable food items
(*no fresh fruits/ vegetables/ bread, please*)
and toiletries to the Outreach Center
(Room 204). Benefits Project Hope.

Details at STLC.org/FirstWeekendFoodDrive.

STLC KIDS

Children's Programs

STLC Kids Sundays (Age 3 - Grade 5)



Sundays

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.

STLC Kids Milestones

- [First Bible Class](#) - For Grades 3-5
- [First Communion](#) - For Grade 4 & older

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.

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!

REGISTER FOR CHILDRENS' PROGRAMS!

All on one registration form at
STLC.org/KidsRegistration.



YOUTH



Confirmation (Grades 6 - 9)

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 30 - 6:45 - 8:45pm

October 2026 - April 2027

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

Details at STLC.org/HighSchoolYouth.



Youth Mission 2027:

Learn more at STLC.org/YouthMission.

**Would you please donate to
benefit the youth of YES?**



**YOUTH
EMERGENCY
SERVICES**

Items being collected:

- New or gently-used winter coats & jackets.
- New or gently-used clothing, specifically for young men ages 16-25.
- New socks & underwear for men & women
- Full-size hygiene products for men & women (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, disposable razors, shaving cream).

*Please deliver your contributions to the
Outreach Center (upper level, Room 204).*

Monetary contributions also accepted.

Collection ends October 25. Details at STLC.org/YES.

Thank you for your generosity!



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.



O.W.L. Events

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

Fall Prevention Presentation:

- **Sunday, October 18**
- **11:15 am - Fellowship Hall.**

STLC member Kylie Killion, Director of Rehabilitation at Hillcrest Health & Living will be our guest presenter.

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!



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](#)

Tuesdays - 7:00pm

[New Life Choir](#)

Wednesdays - 7:15pm

[St. Thomas Brass](#)

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.

TRUNKS - TREATS - FUN!



Sunday, October 18

6:30 - 7:30 pm - STLC Parking Lot

BRING FRIENDS!

Details at STLC.org/TrunkorTreat.

TRUNK HOSTS NEEDED!

Sign up to host a trunk at STLC.org/TrunkorTreat.

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.

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.

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.

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.



STLC School Book Readers

Each month during the academic year we partner with OPS Title 1 Schools to read to and give new Scholastic books to K - 3rd grade

students to encourage reading at school and at home. This year we will serve at Jackson, Benson West, and Bancroft Elementaries.

Join the School Book Readers!

Please prayerfully consider sharing your time. If you are interested, please contact Anita deFreese at ajdefreese76@gmail.com.

Donate to purchase School Books for School Kids!

Details & ways to contribute at STLC.org/SchoolBooks.

Thank you for your generosity!





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

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.



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



A Word
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Bishop



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 CAFÉ

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

Next meeting Monday, October 19
Library (upper level, Room 214)

Details at STLC.org/LJCoffeeCafe.



New Member Orientation

New Member Orientation is an informal gathering that offers an opportunity for Pastor David and Pastor Heidi to connect with you, to hear your story, and to share a bit more about the community of St. Thomas Lutheran Church.

Our next session will be held (please attend one of the two New Member Orientations offered):

- **Wednesday, November 4, 6:00 pm**, Room 221: New Member Orientation
- **Sunday, November 8, 11:15 am**, Room 221: New Member Orientation
- **Sunday, November 22, during 10am Contemporary Worship:**
New Members will be received into membership.
- **Sunday, November 22, 11:15 am, Fellowship Hall:**
A light luncheon to welcome our New Members.

Details at STLC.org/Join. If you are interested in attending the orientation and becoming a member of our church family, please call the church office at 402-894-2040.

Questions? Please contact Pastor Heidi at HYoungquist@stlc.org.

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
 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
 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 27	October 4
Assisting Ministers		
8:30 (S)	Marty Oleson	Gary Chesley
10:00 (CLC)	Lori Schilling	Lisa Bartholow
Acolytes & Communion Assistants		
8:30 (S)	Ethan Havekost Talon Frerichs	Keira Smith Layla Marsh
10:00 (CLC) Acolytes	Ashton Knipe Brayden Knipe	Barrett Knutsen Jake tenBensel
10:00 (CLC) Comm. Asst.	Halle Jacobsen Adeline Perkins	Jack Krueger Evan Ullman
Ushers		
8:30 (S)	Dan Miller Doug Wragge	Pete Jensen David Strovers
10:00 (CLC)	Dan Berlau Matt Riedlinger Tyler Scherr TBA	Dan Berlau Gordon Harnisch Tyler Scherr Dan Wellendorf
Welcome Hosts		
8:30 (S)	Kerri Ruth	John / Patty Pecoraro
10:00 (CLC)	Ralph / Vickie Glock	Ava / Jordyn Frerichs
Slide Advancers		
10:00 (CLC)	Joan Heath	Kelly Pugh
Livestream Operators		
10:00 (CLC)	Pete Thompson	Tim White
Sound System Operators		
10:00 (CLC)	Ron Anderson	Todd Anderson
Coffee Connection Servers		
9:30 (FH)	Jon & Lindsey Benson	Michelle Hadan
9:30 (Room 120)	Jason & Ashlee Olson	Abby Jacobsen
Coffee Connection Bread Bakers		
9:30 (FH)	Julle Wood	Darleen Farwell
9:30 (Room 120)	Julle Wood	TBA
CLC Set-up -Volunteers Welcome!		
9:00 (CLC)	Worship & Music and Outreach Ministry & Volunteers	Property Ministry & Volunteers

This week at St. Thomas...

■ Sunday, Sep 27

- 8:30a Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00a CLC Set-up (Worship & Music, & Outreach Ministry)
- 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)

■ Monday, Sep 28

- 4:45p [Dana Village Meal](#) - meet @ STLC to carpool
- 6:30p [DivorceCare](#) (Room 223)
- 7:00p [Women of St. Thomas](#) (Room 225)

■ Tuesday, Sep 29

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

■ Wednesday, Sep 30

- 9:30a [Grace's Place](#) (Room 225)
- 5:45p **STLC KIDS MIDWEEK** (Rooms 220, 100)

- 6:45p [High School Youth Group](#) (Community Life Center)
- 7:15p [New Life Choir](#) (Room 220)

■ Thursday, Oct 1

- 6:30a [Men's Bible Study](#) (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:00p [O.W.L. Lunch Bunch](#) (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00p [O.W.L. Planning Team](#) (Room 221)
- 6:30p Praise Team Rehearsal (CLC)

■ Friday, Oct 2

- 9:00a [First Friday Fixers](#) (STLC)

■ Saturday, Oct 3

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

■ Sunday, Oct 4 - First Weekend Food Drive

- 8:30a Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) - Choir sings
- 9:00a CLC Set-up (Property Ministry & Volunteers)
- 9:30a Free Blood Pressure Checks (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30a Coffee Connection (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30a Coffee Connection (Room 120)
- 10:00a Contemporary Worship w/ Choristers & Resonate
(Community Life Center or Livestream)
- 10:00a **STLC KIDS in Worship** (Community Life Center)

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

- Oct 5 [All Ministry Teams Meeting](#)
- Oct 7 [St. Thomas Brass](#) Rehearsals begin
- Oct 14 [Christmas Program](#) Rehearsals begin
- Oct 18 [Trunk-or-Treat](#)
- Oct 25 Reformation & Confirmation Sunday

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)

St. Thomas
Total Offering
Year-to-Date

Through August 31, 2026

Actual	Budget
625,599	644,085

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