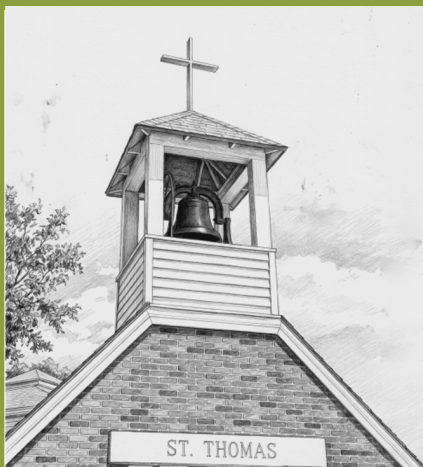




The Builder

October 25, 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



During our Annual Stewardship Campaign, you are invited to have a conversation about life as a steward in God's Kingdom.

Our conversation will include:

- Discussion of our growth and mission.
- Our view of being a steward in God's Kingdom.
- Taking a step up and ahead in 2027.

Please attend **ONE** of the meetings listed below:
No RSVP required.

- Sun, October 25 – 11:30am, Room 225
- Wed, October 28 – 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- Sun, November 1 – 11:30am, Fellowship Hall
- Wed, November 4 – 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- Sun, November 8 – 11:30am, Fellowship Hall

The most effective way we can grow is talking with each other about our ministry ahead. Please join us!



Confirmation Service

Sunday, October 25 - 10:00 a.m.
Community Life Center & Livestream
20 students will be confirmed!



All Saints
Sunday
November 1

On November 1 we will recognize & celebrate the lives of those who have died in the past year who are connected to our St. Thomas community.

To submit someone for recognition, either Complete the insert and place in an offering box or return to the church office, **or** Complete the online form at STLC.org/AllSaints.

Please submit names no later than Mon, Oct. 26.

Dana Village Meal Monday, October 26

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.

Men Who Love Spaghetti

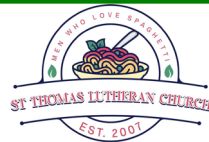
Men's Dinner Group

All men are welcome! Bring friends!

Monday, October 26- 6:00pm

(Culinary Dropout - 17304 Davenport St.)

Upcoming dates & details at STLC.org/MenWhoLoveSpaghetti.
or find them on Facebook: "Men Who Love Spaghetti."



Turn the clocks back one hour
on Sunday, November 1.

Fall Back

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 100)

6:10 - 6:30 pm - Bible Activity (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 Shearlock and the Case of the Christmas Star

All 1st - 5th grade students are invited to participate!

Rehearses Wednesdays - 5:45pm

as part of **STLC KIDS MIDWEEK**.

Details & sign up at STLC.org/KidsMidweek.

REGISTER FOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS!

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



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



Confirmation (Grades 6 - 8)

Through April 2027

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

Details & registration link
at STLC.org/Confirmation.



High School Youth - Grades 9 - 12

Through April 2027

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

Details at STLC.org/HighSchoolYouth.



Youth Mission 2027:

Learn more at STLC.org/YouthMission.



**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
6:00 - 6:45 PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Youth Mission will grill a variety of
options for you and your family and
friends to enjoy, along with toppings
chips & dip, and fruit & veggies.
Gluten-free options available.

Your free-will donation will benefit Youth Mission 2027.

STLC.org/Tailgate

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 25

7:00 pm - Community Life Center & Livestream

*Pie Fellowship following worship (Fellowship Hall)
Please donate pies! Bring to Fellowship Hall on Nov. 25*



Details & link to livestream at
STLC.org/ThanksgivingEve.



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

Play at 8:30am worship 10-25

Learn more at STLC.org/WorshipMusic.

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!

Details at STLC.org/OWL.



Celebration of Beth Holly's Retirement

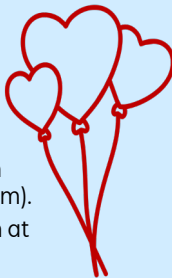
Card Shower & Cake Reception

Sunday, Nov. 15 - 2:00 pm (Community Life Center)

Join us as we say "Well done, Faithful one", and shower her with cards of love and gratitude for her many years of service to our church family.

Everyone is invited to bring cards and well wishes to place in a basket at the reception.

- Baskets will be available for cards outside the worship spaces.
- Cards can be dropped off in the church office during office hours (M-F, 9am-3pm).
- Cards can also be mailed to the church at 17007 Q Street, Omaha, NE 68135.



Coffee Connection

**9:30 am each Sunday
Fellowship Hall**

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



Join our church family!

Attend one of our new member orientation sessions on

- **Wednesday, November 4,
6:00 pm** (Room 221)

OR

- **Sunday, November 8,
11:15 am** (Room 221)

Childcare available upon request. Details at STLC.org/Join.
Email the church office at office@stlc.org to let us know you will be attending!

See additional details on page 6.

New Member Orientation



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.



**Free Blood Pressure Screenings
on the 1st Sunday of each month
Sunday, November 1 - 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.

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

(NOTE: Monday Nov. 2, Surviving the Holidays Seminar)

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 October, we'd like to raise awareness of our support for **Youth Emergency Services**,

whose mission is to provide youth and young adults with safe and stable housing, essential needs, and programs that prepare them to lead self-sufficient lives.

YES offers programs such as the Drop-In Center, Transitional Living Program, Maternity Group Home, Emergency Shelter, Job Readiness, various rental assistance programs, and other supportive and prevention programs.

STLC supports YES by providing monthly meals and donations ranging from clothing to suitcases. All of your donations to Tip Top Thrift Shop that you drop off in the Outreach Center benefit Youth Emergency Services as well!

The need is great. During FY 2026, YES has served 14,536 meals. One of the STLC Servavration projects was to make tied fleece blankets. We delivered them to YES, and the blankets were all given out within a week.

The support STLC gives for YES is important and greatly appreciated!

Would you please donate to benefit the youth of YES?



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!

*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.

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 - September 2026: [All Together in One Place](#).
- NE Synod Bishop Rev. Scott Johnson - [October Reflection](#).

Read more:

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



A Word
from the
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, November 16
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
 Matt Hartman - son of Dennis & Rachel Hartman
 Penny - great granddaughter of Lonnie & Diane Ehrhardt
 Jason Mayer - nephew of Kathy Mainelli
 Beckett Parr - friend of Steve Hetzel
 Brayan VanMeter - friend Brody Grantham
 Ron Friehe - brother of Mary Friehe
 Dale Rennerfeldt
 Angie Ratekin
 Dave Matsumura
 Joan Whitlock
 Jolene Christensen
 Katie Huff

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
 give thanks in all circumstances,
 for this is the will of God
 in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Worship Servers

<i>Sundays</i>	<i>October 25</i>	<i>November 1</i>
Assisting Ministers		
8:30 (S)	Marty Oleson	Regina Mendenhall
10:00 (CLC)	Regina Mendenhall	Lori Schilling
Acolytes & Communion Assistants		
8:30 (S)	Morgot Rosenberry Violet Rosenberry	Brenner Turnbull Brody Pfaff
10:00 (CLC) Acolytes	Wyatt Stockfleth Caden Stockfleth	Maddie Oliver Kennedy Bivens
10:00 (CLC) Comm. Asst.	Evan Thomson Alex Thomson	Michah Villa Ben Todd
Ushers		
8:30 (S)	Dan Miller David Strovers	David Strovers Doug Wragge
10:00 (CLC)	Chris Fogland Dan Fogland Paul Weber Sandy Weber	Gordon Harnisch Dan Berlau Tyler Scherr Paul Weber
Welcome Hosts		
8:30 (S)	Rick / Julie Wood	Kerri Ruth
10:00 (CLC)	Greg / Cathie Schmit	Vickie / Ralph Glock
Slide Advancers		
10:00 (CLC)	Joan Heath	Elaine Hottovy
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)	Jim & Jane Cotton	Susie Chesley
Coffee Connection Bread Bakers		
9:30 (FH)	Sandy Seim	N/A
CLC Set-up -Volunteers Welcome!		
9:00 (CLC)	Invite and Congregation 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, Oct 25 - Reformation & Confirmation YES Collection Ends

- 8:30a Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
with Choir, Brass & Handbells
- 9:00a CLC Set-up (Invite & Congregational Life Ministries)
- 9:30a Coffee Connection (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00a Contemporary Worship - **Confirmation Service**
(Community Life Center or Livestream)
- 10:00a **STLC KIDS SUNDAYS** (Room 100)
- 11:00a **Confirmation Cake Reception** (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:30a [Stewardship Small Group Meeting](#) (Room 225)

■ Monday, Oct 26

- 4:45p [Dana Village Meal](#) - meet @ STLC to carpool
- 6:00p [Men Who Love Spaghetti](#)
(Culinary Dropout - 17304 Davenport St. Omaha)
- 6:30p [DivorceCare](#) (Room 223)
- 7:00p [Women of St. Thomas](#) (Room 225)

■ Tuesday, Oct 27

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

■ Wednesday, Oct 28

- 9:30a [Grace's Place](#) (Room 225)
- 5:45p **Christmas Program Rehearsal** (Room 100)
- 6:00p [Stewardship Small Group Meeting](#) (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:45p [High School Youth Group](#) (Youth Room - Rm 202)
- 7:15p [New Life Choir](#) (Room 220)

■ Thursday, Oct 29

- 6:30a [Men's Bible Study](#) (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30p Praise Team Rehearsal (CLC)

■ Friday, Oct 30

■ Saturday, Oct 31

■ Sunday, Nov 1 - Heartland Hope Food Drive Begins All Saints Sunday

- 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 (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00a Contemporary Worship
(Community Life Center or Livestream)
- 10:00a **STLC KIDS SUNDAYS** (Room 100)
- 11:30a [Stewardship Small Group Meeting](#) (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

- Nov 1-29 Food Drive for Heartland Hope Mission
- Nov 4 [New Member Orientation](#) - 6:00pm
- Nov 8 [New Member Orientation](#) - 11:15am
- Nov 22 [New Members Received](#) - during 10:00am worship
- Nov 25 [Youth Mission 2027 Tailgate](#) - 6:00pm
- Nov 25 [Thanksgiving Eve Worship](#) - 7:00pm
- Nov 25 [Pie Fellowship](#) - 8:00pm

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 1201)
- 10:00 am** - Contemporary Worship
(Community Life Center or Livestream)

St. Thomas
Total Offering
Year-to-Date

Through September 30, 2026

Actual	Budget
682,674	724,596

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