



The Inside Builder

St. Thomas Lutheran Church

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May 3, 2026

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



St. Thomas
Lutheran
Church

All Ministry Teams Quarterly Meeting

Monday, May 4 - 6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

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.



**Free Blood Pressure Screenings
on the 1st Sunday of each month
Sunday, May 3 - 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.

Join the St. Thomas Brass!

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

Rehearsals: Wed, May 6 & 13 - 8:30 pm
Wed, May 20 - 6:30 pm

Pentecost- Sunday, May 24:

Accompany 8:00am worship in the CLC.

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



VBS 2026

Registration is open!

Sun. June 28 - Thurs. July 2
6:00 - 8:30pm (Dinner at 5:30 pm)

Details, registration link, and
volunteer sign-up at STLC.org/VBS.



Adult Mission Trip - Kansas City

Save the Date! September 13 - 16, 2026

Details to come!



Sundae Sunday - May 3

(Last day of **STLC Kids**)

Sunday School Students!

Come enjoy a sundae in celebration of all we've learned and thank our Sunday School teachers for all they do!

Celebrate the STLC Class of 2026!

May 10 during 10:00 am worship



High school graduates & their families will be invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Graduates will receive a quilt handmade by the Women of St. Thomas.

Learn about the graduates' future endeavors in *The eBuilder*, on our Facebook page, or at STLC.org/ClassOf2026.

Sunday, May 10 - 9:30am

Fellowship Hall

Bring your Moms, Grandmas, and/or mother figures for a special treat and fun time together!



STLC Work Day!

Sunday, May 17 - 11:15 am

Begins after 10 am worship, with a light lunch served. Please come lend a hand! All are invited! No special skills needed.

Details at stlc.org/WorkDay.

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 begin May 31 & will be held:

- Sundays, May 31-July 12, 11:15 am, Fellowship Hall
- Wednesdays, June 3- 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.

Children's Programs



STLC Kids - Age 3 - Grade 5

Sundays - 10:00 am (Room 100)

Details & registration link at STLC.org/STLCKids.

WAM (Worship Arts & Music) Grades 1 - 5

Wednesdays - Choristers: 5:45 - 6:15 pm

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

Details & registration link at STLC.org/Confirmation.

Resumes in September.

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.



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!

Sabbatical Summer Sermon Series

Begins Sunday, May 3

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 Pastor preaching each month.

Our monthly themes include:

May: "The Importance of Sabbath"

June: "Radical Hospitality"

July: "Outward-Facing Church"

Our Guest Preacher for May (Sunday, May 10) will be ELCA Nebraska Synod Bishop Scott Johnson. Please be sure to give him a warm welcome!



Adult/High School Music Ensembles

All adults and high school students are invited to join!

St. Thomas Ringers Tuesdays - 7:00pm

New Life Choir Wednesdays - 7:15pm

Summer Choir Sings at 8:30am worship on:
June 14, July 12 & August 16

Details at STLC.org/WorshipMusic.

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 6:30pm 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.

Men's Bible Study (weekly, Thurs. mornings): Meets Thursday mornings during the academic year at 6:30am 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
- Jon Ehly - friend of Chris Sweeden
- Dale Rennerfeldt
- Angie Ratekin
- Terry Hurlbert
- Sam McCoy
- Ron Peterson
- Diane Borrell
- Dave Matsumura

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

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.



Worship Servers

Sundays	May 3	May 10
Assisting Ministers		
8:30 (S)	Stephanie Beals	Bob Sall
10:00 (CLC)	Greg Salton	Regina Mendenhall
Acolytes & Communion Assistants		
8:30 (S)	Ben Todd Caden Stockfleth	Emma Dumpert Ava Kock
10:00 (CLC) Acolytes	Jada Rathbun Molly Wortman	Evan Ullman James Riedlinger
10:00 (CLC) Comm. Asst.	Evan Bergman Aiden Lancaster	Liam Malmstrom Wyatt Wells
Ushers		
8:30 (S)	Dave Chastain Bob Sall	Tom Schwarten Doug Wragge
10:00 (CLC)	Dan Berlau Matt Riedlinger TBA TBA	Gordon Harnisch Tyler Scherr TBA TBA
Welcome Hosts		
8:30 (S)	Sue Chastain	Kerri Ruth
10:00 (CLC)	Janet Voelker / Cathie Schmit	Cathie/Greg Schmit
Slide Advancers		
10:00 (CLC)	Elaine Hottovy	Joan Heath
Livestream Operators		
10:00 (CLC)	Tim White	TBA
Sound System Operators		
10:00 (CLC)	Todd Anderson	Ron Anderson
Coffee Connection Servers		
9:30	Carrie Rosenberry	N/A
Coffee Connection Bread Bakers		
9:30	Darleen Farwell	N/A
CLC Set-up - Volunteers Welcome!		
9:00	Property Ministry & Volunteers	Boy 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!

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

This Week at St. Thomas...

■ Sunday, May 3 - First Weekend Food Drive

- 8:30a Traditional Worship - Choir sings (Sanctuary)
- 9:00a CLC Set-up (Property Ministry & Volunteers)
- 9:30a Coffee Connection (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30a Free Blood Pressure Checks (outside Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30a Stewardship Ministry (Room 221)
- 10:00a Contemporary Worship
(Community Life Center or Livestream)
- 10:00a **STLC Kids - Sundae Sunday** (Last Day) (Rm 100)

■ Monday, May 4

- 6:00p All-Ministry Teams Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

■ Tuesday, May 5

- 10:30a Staff Meeting (Room 221)
- 1:00p [Prayer Shawl Ministry](#) (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00p [High School Hang-Out](#) (Scooter's - 180th & Q)
- 7:00p [St. Thomas Ringers](#) (Sanctuary)

■ Wednesday, May 6

- 9:30a [Grace's Place](#) (Room 225)
- 6:45p [High School Youth Group](#) (Youth Room - Rm 202)
- 7:15p [New Life Choir](#) (Room 220)
- 8:30p [St. Thomas Brass](#) (Room 220)

■ Thursday, May 7

- 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, May 8

■ Saturday, May 9

■ Sunday, May 10

Guest Preacher Bishop Scott Johnson

- 8:30a Traditional Worship - Choir sings (Sanctuary)
- 9:00a CLC Set-up (Boy Scouts)
- 9:30a Coffee Connection (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30a **Muffins with Mom** (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00a Contemporary Worship - [Graduate Blessing](#)
(Community Life Center or Livestream)

Ways to give your offering



[STLC.org/GiveOnline](https://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

- May 17 [Spring Clean-up/Work Day](#) - 11:15am
- May 25 Church Office Closed
- Jun 20 [Outreach Event](#) - Heartland Hope, South Omaha
- Jun 21 [Donuts & Dad Jokes](#) - 9:30am (Fellowship Hall)
- Jun 28 - Jul 2 **VBS**
- Sept 13 - 16 Adult Mission Trip

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 March 31, 2026

Actual	Budget
228,354	241,532

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