



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | January 18, 2026

This morning we welcome Jordan Keiser and his children, Milo, Emma, Lucy, and Alys, who join with the body of believers at Bethlehem. We are thankful they have found, among the people of God, a place to worship and serve their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

...from your LWML sisters in Christ to all who supported our annual Cookie Tray sale. It was a huge success, and we are consistently overwhelmed by your generosity and support. Thanks to all the bakers, purchasers – and eaters! – who supported this project. Your generosity allowed us to raise over \$800 for mission projects. To God be the glory!



...to Christina and Phoebe Benson for completing the repainting of our outdoor nativity set—it looks brand new and your labor of love will serve us for many years!

Christian sympathy is extended to Dee-Dee & Greg Stokes on the passing of Dee-Dee's sister, Pam King, on Wednesday, January 7. We pray our Father's blanket of comfort and peace to be with all who mourn.

Serving Opportunities



Seasoned Saints is hosting the annual Souper Bowl drive, collecting cans of soup and cans of food through February 8. Blue AFC and NFC barrels are in Narthex - choose whichever Conference you would like to see collect the most soup. Recipients of this year's collection will be The Bridge Over Troubled Water Food Pantry. For more information, visit mofamilyresource.org/bridge-over-troubled-water-food-pantry.



The next blood drive at Bethlehem is Tuesday, February 10, from 12:00-5:00 pm. Schedule at donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/sponsor_code (Bethlehem sponsor code 9H). Walk-ins are welcome! *If you are unable to donate at our February drive, we urge you to schedule a donation as soon as possible. Community Blood Center supports over 70 hospitals in the Greater KC Metropolitan area, eastern KS and Western MO.*

Immanuel Lutheran Church Food Pantry: Check out the bulletin board for ways to support the Food Pantry. Among their needs: food, baking staples, warm clothing, blankets, and quilts. *Point of Contact: Sharon Reque, 816-322-1603*

- **In short supply each week:** Pasta, Spaghetti sauce, Canned fruit, Pork and beans, Canned soup, Tomato products (paste, sauce, & diced), Canned Meat (chicken, beef, Vienna sausage, Sardines), Instant dry milk, laundry detergent, Hand soap, Dish soap, Shampoo, and Clorox wipes. *Please continue to check expiration dates as they are not allowed to give food that's expired.*
- **Monetary donations** may be sent to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 4205 Tracy Ave, KC, MO 64110 (note "Food Pantry") which can be used to purchase food from Harvester's at a reduced rate.

Sunday School, Midweek, and Small Group Studies

NEW!

Youth Catechism Club: Led by Pastor Priem and open to all youth, this group meets each Wednesday evening at 7:00 for study and conversation on Luther's Small Catechism - and whatever else comes up!

Sunday School 9:30-10:30 am for ages 2 and up.

- Downstairs: Parents & 2s, Preschool/Kind, 1st/2nd Grade, 3rd/4th Grade, 7th Grade, 8th Grade
- Upstairs: 5th/6th Grade, 9th Grade/High School; Adult Bible Class (and Zoom) led by **Pastor Priem**.

Men's Bible Study meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, led by Pastor Priem, hosted by Tabb Renzelman at Serendipity Farms, 4674 W 183rd St, Stilwell, KS. *Point of contact: Tabb, 816-716-5845*

FAITH (Friends All In Together for Him) Youth Group for students 4th grade and up. The next meeting is Sunday, January 25. Lunch is provided! *Point of contact: Alicia, 660-890-4772, aruss.rd22@yahoo.com*

Serving This Morning

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew D. Priem | **Musician:** Jordan Fox

Elders: (Readers) Roger Fox/Doug Bolton (Communion) Scott Kastman

Acolytes: (8:00) Aaron Hoemann (10:45) Logan Brooks

Greeters: (8:00) Bob & Carole Rose (10:45) Stan & Jill Harms

Altar Guild: Dee-Dee Stokes | **Children's Message:** (10:45) Kelly Dhyne

Stream: (8:00) Kay Freeman | **Video:** (8:00) Ray Krueger (10:45) Reese Heinrich

Ushers: (8:00) Randy Monnig/Gerry Moennig (10:45) James Neugebauer/Ben Russell

This Week at Bethlehem

January 18–25, 2026

Sunday, January 18

8:00 am	Worship/Holy Communion (and Live Stream to Facebook)
9:30 am	Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall and Zoom) and Children's Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship
2:00 pm	Private Party (FH/Kitchen/Sanctuary)

Monday, January 19

9:15 am	Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)
7:00 pm	Scout Troops 1032/7032 (Conf Rooms, Library, Narthex, FH)

Tuesday, January 20

8:30 am	Finance Committee (Conference Room)
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Wednesday, January 21

6:00 pm	Midweek Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall and Zoom)
7:00 pm	Youth Catechism Club (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, January 23 (Pastor Priem: Day Off)

Saturday, January 24

10:00 am	Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) (Conf Room)
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Sunday, January 25: Mitey Mite Sunday

8:00 am	Worship (and Live Stream to Facebook)
9:30 am	Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall and Zoom) and Children's Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship/Holy Communion
12:00 pm	FAITH Youth Meeting (Fellowship Hall)



Altar flowers last week were given to the glory of God in celebration and thanksgiving for Melaine Dalton's baptismal birthday on January 10. *This was inadvertently omitted from the Starlett last Sunday.*



Would you like to provide flowers to adorn the altar on a Sunday morning? A flower chart and order envelopes are posted near the sanctuary entrance. Arrangements are \$25 each. If you would like to mark a special occasion or remember a loved one, please indicate that on your envelope. Make checks payable to Bethlehem and indicate "altar flowers" OR order and pay online at Bethlehem's Giving Page: bethlehem-raymore.org/give-form.

Our Response: January 5-11

Worship, 1/11: In-person: 99/97 Guests: 13 Virtual: 23	Sunday School, 1/11: Students/Teachers: 29/5 Adult: 50 (4-Zoom)
Adult Midweek, 1/7: 14 (2-Zoom)	1/5—1/11 Regular Offering: \$20,622.00 Capital Fund: \$185.00 Renovate Our House: \$40.00

Giving Online



Over 100 individuals give to Bethlehem online, 21 of whom have scheduled recurring giving!

It's easy to make one-time or recurring donations with your checking or savings account, or with your credit or debit card. Donate as a Guest or set up an account to securely and conveniently manage, schedule, and review donations.

Visit the Giving page on our website at bethlehem-raymore.org/give-form OR point your device's camera to the QR code, then tap to be taken directly to our online giving page.



Questions on Giving to Bethlehem? Contact Gary Henny, Financial Secretary, or Erika in the Church Office.



Our annual Pie Auction and Soupili will be held February 15 after the 10:45 service. Bring a pot of your prized soup or chili and prepare your favorite pie for the Auction – and bring recipes to share if you'd like! Donations will be used for youth group events and activities. Sign up is located in the narthex. Please be sure to *label* your soup/chili with your name and what you brought. *Point of contact: Ann Monnig or Kelly Dhyne*

Mark Your Calendars!