



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | January 25, 2026

## *Lent at Bethlehem*



The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18. Worship services will be held each Wednesday through March 25 at 4:00 and 7:00 pm.

A meal will be served by volunteer groups. If your small group, ministry team, Bible class, or family would like to sponsor a meal (prepare and serve) please contact Pastor Priem or Teresa in the Church Office. Still available: March 18. A potluck meal will be held March 25, the last Wednesday service of Lent.



**Please bring in your palm branches** from last year's Palm Sunday by February 15. They will be burned and used for the Imposition of Ashes before worship on Ash Wednesday, February 18. A collection box is in the Narthex.

## *Mark Your Calendars!*



**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 your recipes to share if you'd like! 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*

## *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](http://mofamilyresource.org/bridge-over-troubled-water-food-pantry).

**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.



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](https://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.

## 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

**TODAY!**

**FAITH (Friends All In Together for Him) Youth Group** for students 4th grade and up. The next meeting is TODAY, January 25 after the 10:45 service. Lunch is provided! *Point of contact:* Alicia, 660-890-4772, [aruss.rd22@yahoo.com](mailto:aruss.rd22@yahoo.com)



## VBS 2026: Tropical Trek

VBS is scheduled for July 20-23, 2026, from 9-11:30 am. The next planning meeting will be Saturday, February 21 at 9:00 am. All are welcome! *Point of contact:* Julie Hall, [blessings98@juno.com](mailto: blessings98@juno.com).

## Serving This Morning

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Matthew D. Priem | **Musician:** Teresa Henny

**Elders:** (Readers) Darren Hall (Communion) Carl Sellmeyer

**Acolytes:** (8:00) Isaiah Hoemann (10:45) Mia Russell

**Greeters:** (8:00) Debbie Green (10:45) James & Michelle Neugebauer

**Altar Guild:** ReAnna Sperle | **Children's Message** (10:45) Kris Schuler

**Stream:** (8:00) Jimbo Diley | **Video:** (8:00) Michelle Hill (10:45) Megan Kuhns

**Ushers:** (8:00) Matthew Hoemann/Tim Hoemann (10:45) Stephen Dhyne/Paul Zainea

## 2025 Giving Statements



2025 end-of-year giving statements were emailed on Wednesday, January 21 to those with an email address, and sent by USPS to those with no email address or who had requested this method of delivery.

If you did not receive your statement, first please check your spam or junk folder. The sender is *Bethlehem Lutheran Church-LCMS* [noreply@bethlehem.shelbnextchms.com](mailto:noreply@bethlehem.shelbnextchms.com) and the subject line is "Bethlehem Lutheran Church-LCMS 2025 Giving Statement."

## *This Week at Bethlehem*

### *January 25—February 1, 2026*

#### *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)

#### *Monday, January 26*

- 9:15 am Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)
- 6:30 pm Governance Board (Conf Rm)
- 7:00 pm Scout Troops 1032/7032 (Library, Narthex, FH)

#### *Tuesday, January 27*

- 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Serendipity Farm, Stilwell, KS)

#### *Wednesday, January 28*

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

#### *Friday, January 30 (Pastor Priem: Day Off)*

#### *Saturday, January 31*

- 8:00 am LERT Basic Training (Fellowship Hall)

#### *Sunday, February 1*

- 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

## *Our Response: January 12—18*

Worship, 1/18: In-person: <b>85/69</b>   Guests: <b>10</b>   Virtual: <b>30</b>	Sunday School, 1/18: Students/Teachers: <b>9/5</b>   Adult: <b>50</b> (6-Zoom)
Adult Midweek, 1/14: <b>11</b> (1-Zoom) Youth Catechism Club, 1/14: <b>10</b>	1/2—1/18 Regular Offering: <b>\$7,049.00</b> Capital Fund: <b>\$55.00</b>   Renovate Our House: <b>\$30.00</b>

## *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](https://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.

