

The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | February 22, 2026

Thank you to all who participated in our February 10 blood drive! A total of 46 donors registered and 46 units were collected, *potentially saving 138 lives!* If you were unable to donate during this drive, we urge you to schedule a donation as soon as possible: donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/zip using Bethlehem's group code, 9H. The next blood drive at Bethlehem will be Tuesday, May 19.

Would you like to provide altar flowers to adorn the altar on a Sunday morning? Order envelopes are available on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Arrangements are \$25 each; payment is requested at the time of your order. Make checks payable to Bethlehem and indicate "altar flowers" in the memo; order/pay online at bethlehem-raymore.org/give-form.

Lent at Bethlehem



Lenten worship services are held each Wednesday through March 25 at 4:00 and 7:00 pm. The 4:00 services will be live streamed to Bethlehem's Facebook page.

A meal will be served from 5-6:30pm by volunteer groups. A *potluck* dinner is scheduled for March 25. Adult Bible Class is held from 6-7pm.

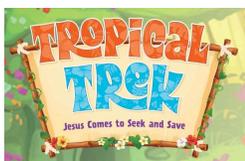
Regular and large print Lenten devotional booklets are available on the information wall by the mailboxes for your personal or family devotions. You may also read online, listen as a podcast, or receive by email, all through lhm.org/lent.

Fellowship Opportunity



Come play some Bunco — open to ALL! Join the laughs and chatting from 1-3pm each 1st and 3rd Tuesday. Absolutely NO experience necessary!! Easy to learn and play! *Point of contact: Sharon Diley, 918-605-5754*

VBS 2026: Tropical Trek



VBS is scheduled for July 20-23, 2026, from 9-11:30 am. Online registration is OPEN! Visit bit.ly/blc-vbs to register your students and volunteers!

Needed: individuals interested in serving on a VBS advertising committee. *Point of contact: Julie Hall, blessings98@juno.com.*



Sunday School, Midweek, and Small Group Studies

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! (No meeting during Lent.)

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*

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.

Serving This Morning

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

Elders: (Reader) Darren Hall (Communion) Carl Sellmeyer

Acolytes: (8:00) Reese Swopes (10:45) Ethan Russell

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

Altar Guild: Jennifer DeLuca | **Children's Message** (10:45) Kris Schuler

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

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

Ongoing and Upcoming



We will celebrate Fellowship Sunday on March 8, Time Change Sunday, with a combined, all-church service at 9:30 am. This service will also be live streamed to our Facebook page. A potluck brunch will be held following the service. Sunday School classes will not be held; our regular schedule will resume March 15.

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Kitchen Lost & Found: Are you missing a crock pot? That special cake pan? An area at the hallway kitchen entrance has been designated for dropping off food in preparation for meals *and* for picking up dishes after an event. Please check this area regularly for items that may belong to you. It's also very helpful to label your containers with your name so we know who to contact. *Thank you!*

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In-person Attendance: Let us know you are with us by completing the Fellowship Registration. Please be sure to note if you commune.

Virtual Attendance: Leave a Facebook comment, sharing names of all from your location who join with you in worship. NOTE: If you "attend" after the live stream or don't have a Facebook account, let us know of your presence using the **Online Attendance form: bit.ly/blc-attend**.

This Week at Bethlehem

February 15—22, 2026

Sunday, February 22

- 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

Monday, February 23 (Bart: Vacation through February 27)

- 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, February 24

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

Wednesday, February 25: Lent II

- 4:00 pm Worship (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))
- 5:00 pm Lenten Meal to 6:30: Breakfast (prepared/served by FAITH Youth)
- 6:00 pm Midweek Adult Bible Class (Sanctuary and Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Worship

Friday, February 27 (Pastor Priem: Day Off)

Saturday, February 28

- 9:00 am Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) (Conf Rm)

Sunday, March 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: February 9—15

Worship, 2/15: In-person: 89/92 Guests: 13 Virtual: 31	Sunday School, 2/15: Students/Teachers: 19/6 Adult: 55 (3-Zoom)
Men's Bible Study, 2/10: 6 Adult Midweek, 2/11: 11 (0-Zoom) Youth Catechism Club, 2/11: 6	2/9—2/15 Regular Offering: \$7,617.00 Capital Fund: \$50.00 Renovate Our House: \$35.00

Lutheran Community



Lutheran High School of Kansas City is looking for candidates interested in serving as assistant boys golf coach. The season runs from the beginning of March to the middle of May. Please reach out to athletics@lhskc.com or 816-241-5478 if interested or for more information.

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High School Seniors and College Students planning a career in Church work: The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, MO District, has study grants available for the 2026-27 school year. Those enrolled in an LCMS University or Seminary preparing for full-time professional church work or as a colloquy student may apply. Applications and instructions are available from Bethlehem's LWML society president, Sharon Diley, the financial aid office of your university or seminary, may be downloaded from the MO District website at missourilwml.org (under forms), or from Dawn Neil, the CWSG Chairman at lwmlmostudygrant@yahoo.com. Completed applications must be *received* either by mail or electronically by APRIL 15, 2026.