



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | March 1, 2026



This morning we welcome Opal Larose, and Henry & Cindy Wallraff 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.

Combined Service NEXT Sunday!



We will celebrate Fellowship Sunday next Sunday, March 8, 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 immediately following the service. Sunday School classes will not be held; our regular schedule of Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will resume March 15.

March 8 is also the beginning of Daylight Saving Time, don't forget to *spring forward* and set your clocks *ahead 1 hour* before going to bed Saturday night!



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.



Order envelopes are available by the flower chart to purchase spring plants for Easter morning. You may also pay/order online through our Giving page bethlehem-raymore.org/give-form. Payment of \$10/plant is requested when you sign up. Please note your payment for "Easter plants." Sign up by Friday, March 22.

VBS 2026: July 20-23



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!

The next planning meeting will be Saturday, March 21, at 9:00 am. All are welcome to attend! Point of contact: Julie Hall, [blessings98@juno.com](mailto: blessings98@juno.com)



Sunday School, Midweek, and Small Group Studies

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*

Serving Opportunities

Food Drive through March 15: This collection of *non-perishable* food items will benefit Immanuel, Jesus el Buen Pastor, and Our Redeemer Lutheran Churches in Kansas City, MO. Place donations at the LWML table in the narthex. Needed: Soups, Fruits, Vegetables, Tomato products, Canned meats, and Canned sardines

Immanuel Lutheran Church Food Pantry: Check out the bulletin board for ways you can help 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) Steve Gfeller (Communion) Darren Hall

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

Greeters: (8:00) Matt & Rachel Hoemann (10:45) Stan & Jill Harms

Altar Guild: Mackenzie Wilson | **Children's Message** (10:45) Amy Sellmeyer

Stream: (8:00) Jimbo Diley | **Video:** (8:00) Ray Krueger (10:45) Brittney Coleman

Ushers: (8:00) Jason Rockman/Craig Rogge (10:45) David Frazier/Bert Raymer

Ongoing

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**.

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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*

This Week at Bethlehem

March 1—8, 2026

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

Monday, March 2

- 9:15 am Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)
- 10:00 am Seasoned Saints Bible Study (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm Scout Troops 1032/7032 (Library, Narthex, FH)

Tuesday, March 3

- 1:00 pm Bunco (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 4: Lent III

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

Thursday, March 5

- 1:00 pm Quilting Small Group (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 2256 (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, March 6 (Pastor Priem: Day Off)

Saturday, March 7

- 9:00 am Worship Committee (Conf Rm)

Sunday, March 8 - Fellowship Sunday (Combined Service)

- 9:30 am Combined Worship/Holy Communion (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))
- 11:00 am Potluck Brunch
- 12:30 pm Elder Meeting

Our Response: February 16—22

Worship Ash Wednesday, 2/18: In-person: 79/59 Guests: 12 Virtual: 5 Worship, 2/22: In-person: 101/86 Guests: 11 Virtual: 27	Sunday School, 2/22: Students/Teachers: 19/7 Adult: 54 (4-Zoom)
Adult Midweek, 2/18: 17 (1-Zoom)	2/16—2/22 Regular Offering: \$14,297.10 Capital Fund: \$280.00 Renovate Our House: \$50.00

Lutheran Community

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.