



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | March 8, 2026

Welcome to Fellowship Sunday!



Today we celebrate Fellowship Sunday with a **combined, all-church service at 9:30 am**, also 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 Sunday morning schedule will resume March 15.



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning by Buddy & Kay Freeman in celebration and thanksgiving for their 42nd wedding anniversary on Tuesday, March 3, and daughter Becky's birthday on Wednesday, March 11.

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. *This study is on hiatus through Lent and will resume April 14. Point of contact: Tabb, 816-716-5845*

Serving Opportunities

Let's SHINE! for the sixth time, Missouri District!

Registration is now open for our upcoming statewide servant event, April 10-19, 2026. Grab your family and friends, find a need in your community, and serve this spring with thousands across the state. Teams are free to wear outfits of their own choosing or purchase the 2026 SHINE! T-shirt at a special online store created just for this occasion. Head to mo.lcms.org/shine for all the details. Shine on, Missouri!

Food Drive through next Sunday, 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.

Ongoing & Upcoming

Kitchen Lost & Found: Are you missing your 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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ATTENDANCE

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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A Special Congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 17 between worship services, from 9:30-10:30. This informational meeting will communicate updates on a variety of topics.

Serving This Morning

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew D. Priem | **Musician:** Jordan Fox
Elders: (Communion) Scott Kastman/Darren Hall/Carl Sellmeyer/Doug Bolton/Roger Fox
Acolytes: Gabby Kuhns/Phoebe Benson | **Greeters:** Jimbo & Sharon Diley
Altar Guild: Tina Atkins | **Children's Message** (10:45) Kelly Dhyne
Stream: (8:00) Gretchen Krull | **Video:** Joni Hartman
Ushers: Ronnie Thompson/Paul Matney/Steven Coleman/Tim Benson

This Week at Bethlehem

March 8–15, 2026

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

Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

8:30 am Finance Committee (Conf Rm)

Wednesday, March 11: Lent IV

4:00 pm Worship (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))
 5:00 pm Lenten Meal to 6:30: Sliders/Soup/Salad (prepared/served by Worship Committee)
 6:00 pm Midweek Adult Bible Class (Sanctuary and Zoom)
 7:00 pm Worship

Friday, March 13 (Pastor Priem: Day Off)

Sunday, March 15

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 23—March 1

Worship Lent II, 2/25: In-person: 57/31 Guests: 4 Virtual: 10 Worship, 3/1: In-person: 116/65 Guests: 13 Virtual: 27	Sunday School, 3/1: Students/Teachers: 16/6 Adult: 44 (3-Zoom)
Men's Bible Study, 2/24: NA Adult Midweek, 2/25: 16 (3-Zoom)	2/23—3/1 Regular Offering: \$27,247.10 Capital Fund: \$110.00 Renovate Our House: \$25.00

Lutheran Community

High School Seniors and College Students planning a career in Church work: The LWML, 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 Sharon Diley, Bethlehem's LWML society president, the financial aid office of your university or seminary, or downloaded from the MO District website at missourilwml.org (under forms). Applications *must be received* (either by USPS or electronically) by **APRIL 15, 2026**.