



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | March 15, 2026



A heart-felt thank you is extended to Brigitte Kelly for her many years of dedicated assistance in the Church Office. Brigitte began volunteering regularly in 2011, shortly after she and her husband Matt came to Bethlehem. Brigitte has taken on many tasks, most recently responsible for database entry posting worship and group attendance, and editing/posting audio sermons. We pray the very best for Brigitte and Matt in this next chapter of their lives!

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning in thanksgiving for Brigitte Kelly's faithful service to the people of Bethlehem.

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.



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 *Sunday, March 22*.

Holy Week and Easter



Prayer Vigil: This year's Prayer Vigil will begin at 7 am on Holy Saturday, April 4, and end at 8 pm with the start of the Holy Saturday service. Sign up is in 1-hour increments to pray on-site at Bethlehem or remotely. Prayer Vigil sign up is available at bit.ly/prayblc26 or by using the QR code.



Holy Week Schedule:

**Live streamed to our Facebook page; † Communion*

- † Maundy Thursday, April 17: *4:00 & 7:00 pm
- Good Friday, April 18: *4:00 & 7:00 pm
- † Holy Saturday, April 19: *8:00 pm
- Easter Sunday 6:30 am Sunrise (parking lot)
*8:00 & 10:45 Celebration services
Breakfast will be served from 7-10 am

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



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**.

Youth Catechism Club (meet Wednesdays at 7pm) and **Men's Bible Study** (meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays) are on hiatus through Lent, and will resume in April.

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 ENDS TODAY: 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

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: (Reader) Roger Fox/Scott Kastman (Communion) Doug Bolton
Acolytes: (8:00) Maci Heintzleman (10:45) Courtney Dhyne
Greeters: (8:00) Debbie Green (10:45) James & Michelle Neugebauer
Altar Guild: Karen Taylor | **Children's Message** (10:45) Kelly Dhyne
Stream: (8:00) Aaron Steinke | **Video:** (8:00) Tiffany Kuhns (10:45) Reese Heinrich
Ushers: (8:00) Randy Monnig/Gerry Moennig (10:45) James Neugebauer/Ben Russell

This Week at Bethlehem

March 15–22, 2026

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

Monday, March 16

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

Tuesday, March 17

1:00 pm Bunco (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, March 18: Lent V (Teresa Blackley: Out of Office)

1:00 pm RATS (Risk Assessment Task Squad) (Conf Rm)
 4:00 pm Worship (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))
 5:00 pm Lenten Meal to 6:30: Pulled Pork/Beans/Potato Salad (Seasoned Saints)
 6:00 pm Midweek Adult Bible Class (Sanctuary and Zoom)
 7:00 pm Worship

Thursday, March 19

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

Friday, March 20 (Pastor Priem: Day Off)

Saturday, March 21

9:00 am VBS Planning Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 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

Our Response: March 2–8

<p style="text-align: center;">Worship Lent III, 3/4: In-person: 45/33 Guests: 1 Virtual: 6 Worship Fellowship Sunday, 3/8: In-person: 180 Guests: 21 Virtual: 27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday School, 3/8: Students/Teachers: NA Adult: NA (3-Zoom)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Adult Midweek, 3/4: 11 (1-Zoom)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3/2–3/8 Regular Offering: \$26,604.00 Capital Fund: \$260.00 Renovate Our House: \$1,025.00</p>