



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | March 22, 2026

Congratulations to Cooper Wray upon receiving the sacrament of holy baptism this morning! Cooper's parents are Trevor & Madison Nading. We pray our Father's blessings upon Cooper and his family as he grows in the love of Jesus as his Savior.

This morning we welcome Jessica Askren who joins with the body of believers at Bethlehem! We are thankful she has found, among the people of God, a place to worship and serve her Lord and Savior.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning by Ken & Sharon Hock in honor of their daughters and grandchildren.

Thank you to Jimbo Diley for all his work to refresh our parking lot entrance sign *and* for cleaning and renumbering our mailbox! They both look fantastic!

Lent at Bethlehem

TODAY is the last day to sign up to purchase spring plants for Easter morning. Order envelopes are available by the flower chart; 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." You may take the plant(s) you purchase home after the 10:45 service on Easter Sunday.



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.



Lent, Holy Week, and Easter:

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

- Final Lenten service: Wednesday, March 25 at *4:00 & 7:00 pm. Adult Midweek is 6-7 pm.
The meal will be POTLUCK, from 5-6:30 pm. Plan to bring a dish or two to share!
- † Maundy Thursday, April 2: *4:00 & 7:00 pm
- Good Friday, April 3: *4:00 & 7:00 pm
- † Holy Saturday, April 4: *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



Easter Breakfast preparations have begun! The men of Bethlehem will prepare and serve an amazing spread again this year! We will purchase everything needed for the main meal, but need help supplying the breads/pastries. Needed are approximately 100 pieces (about 8-9 dozen) of breads/pastries (please, no muffins) which can be scones, quick bread, cinnamon or caramel rolls, sticky buns, whatever you like to prepare to share! Sign up online at bit.ly/BLCpastries

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!

Watch the bulletin board in the hallway for VBS updates!
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. *Adult Bible Class will not meet next Sunday, March 29. Confirmation students will present their Confirmation verses in the Sanctuary.*

- 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!

Immanuel Lutheran Church Food Pantry: Check out the hallway bulletin board to meet two of our clients. One set of pictures shows a client who travels to the pantry by bike. He's very creative in packing and transporting his food. Another set of pictures shows the story of how LUMA works with many agencies to support our clients in need.

There continue to be new clients coming to the Food Pantry. Currently 30-50 families are served each week, up from 20-30 families just a year ago. Now more than ever your donations are needed and very much appreciated! Monetary donations for the Food Pantry may be sent directly to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 4205 Tracy Ave, KC, MO 64110 (note your gift "Food Pantry"). Bethlehem members are very generous in applying for and using Thrivent Action cards to purchase supplies. *Point of Contact: Sharon Reque, 816-322-1603*

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) Kyle Krull (Communion) Carl Sellmeyer
Acolytes: (8:00) Isaiah Hoemann (10:45) Oscar Priem
Greeters: (8:00) Gerry & Debbie Moennig (10:45) Stan & Jill Harms
Altar Guild: Linda Bolton | **Children's Message** (10:45) Kris Schuler
Stream: (8:00) Jimbo Diley | **Video:** (8:00) Michelle Hill (10:45) Rick & Jennifer DeLuca
Ushers: (8:00) Matthew Hoemann/Tim Hoemann (10:45) Stephen Dhyne/Timothy Knippa

This Week at Bethlehem

March 22—29, 2026

Sunday, March 22: 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

Monday, March 23

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

Wednesday, March 25: Lent VI

4:00 pm Worship (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))
 5:00 pm Potluck Lenten Meal to 6:30
 6:00 pm Midweek Adult Bible Class (Sanctuary and Zoom)
 7:00 pm Worship

Friday, March 27 (Pastor Priem: Day Off)

Saturday, March 28

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

Sunday, March 29: Palm Sunday (Youth Confirmation-10:45)

8:00 am Worship/Holy Communion (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))
 9:30 am Children's Sunday School
 9:30 am Youth Confirmation Speeches/Reception (Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall)
 10:45 am Worship/Holy Communion

Our Response: March 9—15

Worship Lent IV, 3/11: In-person: 37/29 Guests: 2 Virtual: 8 Worship Sunday, 3/15: In-person: 83/76 Guests: 11 Virtual: 23	Sunday School, 3/15: Students/Teachers: 20/5 Adult: 43 (NA-Zoom)
Adult Midweek, 3/11: 10 (1-Zoom)	3/9—3/15 Regular Offering: \$10,260.00 Capital Fund: \$50.00 Renovate Our House: \$10.00