



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | March 29, 2026



Congratulations and welcome to Bethlehem's newest communicant members, received this morning through the rite of Confirmation: Kimber Dhyne, Kalli Gariepy, Jacob Green, Isaiah Hoemann, JD Neugebauer, Oscar Priem, Ethan Russell, Joseph Winfrey, and Levi Winfrey. We ask the Lord's blessings for these students and their families as they continue to grow in the knowledge and faith of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior through worship and service with God's people at Bethlehem.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning by Matt & Rachel Hoemann in celebration and thanksgiving of our Confirmands.

Holy Week and Easter

**Live streamed to Bethlehem's Facebook page*



Maundy Thursday Services with Holy Communion, April 2: *4:00 & 7:00 pm

Good Friday Services, April 3: *4:00 & 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday Service with Holy Communion, April 4: *8:00 pm

Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil: 7am—8pm (start of the Holy Saturday Service) Sign up to pray in 1-hour increments *online* by using the QR

code (point your device's camera to the QR code and follow the link); go to bit.ly/prayblc26; OR at the sign up sheet in the narthex. Please let us know if you plan to pray *remotely* or *on-site* at church so we can plan building needs.



Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 am (parking lot)

Easter Celebration services at *8:00 & 10:45

Breakfast will be served from 7-10:00 am. All are welcome!

Sunday School classes will not be held on Easter morning. We will resume our regular schedule (9:30-10:30 am) on Sunday, April 12.



Pastries Need for Easter Breakfast

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 or follow the QR code using your device's camera.



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! The next Planning Meeting is Saturday, April 25 at 1:00 pm. All are welcome! *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 TODAY, March 29. All are invited to hear the Confirmation students 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 (Wednesdays at 7pm) and **Men's Bible Study** (2nd and 4th Tuesdays) are on hiatus through Lent, and will resume in April. The next Youth Catechism Club is April 8; the next Men's Bible Study is April 14.

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



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) Scott Kastman (Communion) Steve Gfeller/Tom Hecker
Acolytes: (8:00) Gabby Kuhns (10:45) Addy Sellmeyer
Greeters: (8:00) Jimbo & Sharon Diley (10:45) James & Michelle Neugebauer
Altar Guild: Mackenzie Wilson | **Children's Message** (10:45) Amy Sellmeyer
Stream: (8:00) Gretchen Krull | **Video:** (8:00) Joni Hartman (10:45) Brittney Coleman
Ushers: (8:00) Jason Rockman/Craig Rogge (10:45) Paul Zainea/Tim Benson

This Week at Bethlehem

March 29—April 5, 2026

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

Monday, March 30

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

Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday

1:00 pm Quilting Small Group (Fellowship Hall)
 4:00 pm Worship/Holy Communion (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))
 7:00 pm Worship/Holy Communion

Friday, April 3: Good Friday (Church Office Closed)

4:00 pm Worship (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))
 7:00 pm Worship

Saturday, April 4: Holy Saturday

7:00 am Prayer Vigil (Remote & Conf Rm) to 8:00 pm
 8:00 pm Worship/Holy Communion (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))

Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday

6:30 am Sunrise Service (Parking lot)
 7:00 am Breakfast to 10:00 am (Fellowship Hall)
 8:00 am Celebration Service (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))
 10:45 am Celebration Service

Our Response: March 16—22

Worship Lent V, 3/18: In-person: 51/31 Guests: 4 Virtual: 3 Worship Sunday, 3/22: In-person: 112/89 Guests: 15 Virtual: 29	Sunday School, 3/22: Students/Teachers: 22/6 Adult: 50 (3-Zoom)
Adult Midweek, 3/18: 11 (3-Zoom)	3/16—3/22 Regular Offering: \$10,072.00 Capital Fund: \$320.00 Renovate Our House: \$75.00