

The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | April 5, 2026

Christian sympathy is extended to Diane Pribac, Dwain Steinke, and Tina Atkins and their families on the passing of their mother and our sister in Christ, Betty Steinke, carried Home on Monday, March 30, 2026. We pray our Father's blanket of comfort and peace to be with all who mourn.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning by Richard Westhoff in loving memory of his wife Janet; and by Jim & Bronwyn Soukup in celebration and thanksgiving of their 64th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, April 7.

Thank you to all who contributed to the collection for LUMA Auxiliary! A total of 48 items were given which will directly benefit inner city missions. Visit lumakc.org for more info. To God be the glory!

Thank you!

The beautiful spring plants which adorn the altar this morning were given to the glory of God. If you purchased a plant/plants, you may take it/them with you *after this morning's 10:45 service*. To make other arrangements, please contact Teresa or Erika in the Church Office. A very special thank you to the following:



Jessica Askren
Doug & Linda Bolton
Patricia Bottoms
Dalton Family
Buddy & Kay Freeman–Easter Joy
Debbie Green
Charlie & Joni Hartman
Ken & Sharon Hock–loving
memory of brother, parents
and grandparents
Ken & Diana Hoemann–Isaiah
Hoemann's Confirmation

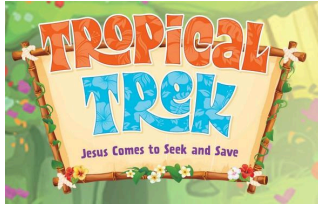
Lee & Judy Kastman
Shari Keilig–loving memory of husband Roger
Kyle & Gretchen Krull
Paul & Stacy Matney
Randy & Ann Monnig
Carl & Sharon Reque–loving memory of Heather
Croucher
EC & Candy Schmoll
Steve & Karen Taylor
Henry & Cindy Wallraff



**Live streamed to our Facebook page*

- Sunrise Service 6:30 am in the parking lot
- Breakfast served from 7:00-10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Celebration Services at *8:00 and 10:45 am
- Sunday School classes will not be held. Our regular schedule will resume next Sunday, April 12.

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*



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 (Wednesdays at 7pm) and **Men's Bible Study** (2nd and 4th Tuesdays) 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. 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 | **Musicians:** Julie Hall/Jordan Fox
Elders: (Reader) (6:30) Darren Hall (8:00) Kyle Krull (10:45) Scott Kastman
Acolytes: (8:00) Aaron Hoemann (10:45) Rory Evans
Greeters: (8:00) Matt & Rachel Hoemann (10:45) James & Michelle Neugebauer
Altar Guild: ReAnna Sperle | **Children's Message** (10:45) Amy Sellmeyer
Stream: (8:00) Jimbo Diley | **Video:** (8:00) Tiffany Kuhns (10:45) Reese Heinrich
Ushers: (6:30) Ronnie Thompson/EC Schmoll
(8:00) Matthew Hoemann/Ronnie Thompson/Tim Hoemann/Paul Zainea
(10:45) David Frazier/Stephen Dhyne/Tim Benson/Timothy Knippa

This Week at Bethlehem

April 5–12, 2026

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

Monday, April 6

9:15 am Staff Meeting (*Conf Rm*)
10:00 am Seasoned Saints' Bible Study (*Sanctuary*)
6:00 pm Scout Troops 1032/7032 (*Conf Rms, Library, Narthex, Fellowship Hall*)

Tuesday, April 7

1:00 pm Bunco (*Sanctuary*)

Wednesday, April 8

6:00 pm Midweek Adult Bible Class (*Fellowship Hall and Zoom*)
7:00 pm Youth Catechism Club (*Fellowship Hall*)

Friday, April 10 (Pastor Priem: Day Off)

Sunday, April 12

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
12:30 pm Elder Meeting (*Fellowship Hall*)

Our Response: March 23–29

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| Worship Lent IV, 3/25: In-person: 42/21 Guests: 0 Virtual: 8 Worship Palm Sunday, 3/29: In-person: 98/156 Guests: 28 Virtual: 22 | Sunday School, 3/29: Students/Teachers: NA Adult: NA |
| Adult Midweek, 3/25: 12 (3-Zoom) | 3/23–3/29 Regular Offering: \$14,894.60 Capital Fund: \$120.00 Renovate Our House: \$1,025.00 |