



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | April 26, 2026

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning by Toni Sinker-Strang in thanksgiving and appreciation to our regular musicians—this morning to Jordan Fox. *Thank you, Jordan, for sacrificing your time and giving of your talents to glorify God through your beautiful music!*

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



A new **Adult Instruction Class** will begin the first week of May. Details will be determined based on participants' schedules. If you are interested in learning more about the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and membership at Bethlehem, OR would like a refresher, please contact Pastor Priem.

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 led by [Pastor Priem](#)

****Midweek Adult Bible Study (MABS):** Led by Pastor Priem and open to all, this group meets each Wednesday evening at 6:00 for topical study.

***Remote participation is available using the Google Meet link provided in the weekly emailed BLCUpdates or received by direct email.*

Youth Catechism Club: Led by Pastor Priem and open to all youth, this group meets each Wednesday evening at 7:00 for study and conversation on Luther's Small Catechism—and whatever else comes up!

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. *Point of contact: Tabb, 816-716-5845*

Outdoor Ascension Service: Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 pm



Plan to join us in the parking lot! A potluck picnic, beginning at 6:00, will be held prior to the service and is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship. Hot dogs, buns, and condiments will be provided. Consider bringing a dish or two to share!

Upcoming



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.

The next Church Workday is Saturday, June 13 from 9am-Noon: Mark your calendars and plan to help for whatever time you're available. If you're not on the task email task list and wish to be, please contact Steve Gfeller.



Serving Opportunities



Today is Mite Box Sunday and together we can do Mite-y things! As you place your pocket change in the large Mite box in the Narthex, think about those whose basic needs are not being met. Mites are used in the United States and worldwide to provide for people in need. Consider the blessing of God's provisions as you place your donation today.



The next blood drive at Bethlehem is Tuesday, May 19, from 12:00-6 pm. Use sponsor code 9H for Bethlehem and schedule using the QR code (point your device's camera to the QR code and select the link) or navigate to donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/sponsor_code. Walk-ins are welcome!



Immanuel Lutheran Church Food Pantry: Check out the hallway bulletin board to meet two of our clients. 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"). Thrivent members may apply for and use Thrivent Action cards to purchase food and supplies! *Point of Contact: Sharon Reque, 816-322-1603*

Help Wanted



Guiding Star Christian Preschool is accepting applications for an enthusiastic, nurturing educator to join our team for the 2026-2027 school year. Part-time Preschool Teacher (3 year olds) Tues & Thurs, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm from late Aug-mid May (follows school year calendar). To be considered for this position the individual must be nurturing & patient; creative & proactive; a strong communicator; and dependable.

Guiding Star Preschool specializes in providing a warm, Christian environment where children ages 3-5 can grow through play and discovery. If you have a heart for early childhood education and enjoy working in a collaborative team, we'd love to meet you! Call the Preschool Office at 816-322-3444 or submit a resume to preschool@bethlehem-raymore.org.

Ongoing



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**.



The **weekly prayer list** is emailed at the end of each week in preparation for Sunday's corporate worship. If you wish to be added to this group, please let us know! A limited number of printed Prayer Requests are available from the Ushers on Sunday mornings and by the mailboxes during the week. To be part of the **email Prayer Chain** and pray for requests as they are shared, contact Teresa in the Church Office. To **submit** a prayer request, contact **Teresa Blackley** in the Church Office, **Sandy Bearden**, or submit through our website at bethlehem-raymore.org/prayer-request.

Serving This Morning

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew D. Priem | **Musician:** Teresa Henny
Elders: (Reader) Darren Hall (Communion) Carl Sellmeyer
Acolytes: (8:00) Aaron Hoemann (10:45) Logan Brooks
Greeters: (8:00) Paul & Stacy Matney (10:45) Jimbo & Sharon Diley
Altar Guild: Jennifer DeLuca | **Children's Message** (10:45) Kris Schuler
Stream: (8:00) Aaron Steinke | **Video:** (8:00) Joni Hartman (10:45) Brittney Coleman
Ushers: (8:00) Ronnie Thompson/Paul Matney (10:45) Stephen Dhyne/Timothy Knippa

This Week at Bethlehem

April 26—May 3, 2026

Sunday, April 26: 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, April 27 (Teresa Blackley-Out of the Office)

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)

Tuesday, April 28 (Teresa Blackley-Out of the Office)

6:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Serendipity Farms, Stilwell, KS)

Wednesday, April 29

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

Friday, May 1 (Pastor Priem Day off)

Saturday, May 2

9:00 am Worship Committee (Conf Rm)

Sunday, May 3

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
 2:00 pm Private Party (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)

Our Response: April 13—19

Sunday, 4/19: In-person: 105/71 Guests: 15 Virtual: 27	Sunday School, 4/19: Students/Teachers: 11/4 Adult: 26 (NA-Remote)
Adult Midweek, 4/15: 10 (0-Zoom) Catechism Club, 4/15: 2	4/13—4/19 Regular Offering: \$27,829.00 Capital Fund: \$170.00 Renovate Our House: \$0.00