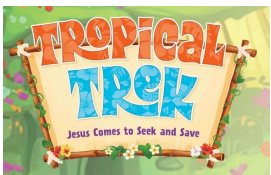




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**Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by EC & Candy Schmoll in loving memory of Candy's dad, Dewy McCommon.

### 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](https://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 scheduled for Saturday, May 23 at 9:00 am. All are welcome!



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 evenings 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. Contact Teresa Blackley or Pastor Priem for the link.*

**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



**LUMA Auxiliary is gathering donations** of personal hygiene items for homeless kits: Insect Repellent Wipes, Band-aids, Hand Wipes, Small tissue packs, Toothbrushes, Small Toothpaste; AND Men's and Women's underwear (all sizes). Collection will continue through Sunday, May 17 and will support **LUMA ministries** in the greater Kansas City area. *Point of contact: Shari Keilig*

### Walk For Life

**Join the Shiloh Center Walk for Life on May 16** as we come together to support a ministry that serves women and families with compassion, practical care, and the Love of Christ. Your participation helps provide free services and ongoing support to those facing unexpected pregnancies. If you can't walk, maybe you can sponsor a Bethlehem walker. To get involved, contact Betsy Sanders at 816-724-2397 or stop by the information table.



**The next blood drive at Bethlehem is Tuesday, May 19**, from 12-6:00 pm. Use sponsor code 9H for Bethlehem and schedule at [donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/sponsor\\_code](https://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](mailto:preschool@bethlehem-raymore.org).

## Ongoing

### 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](https://bit.ly/blc-attend)**.

## *Serving This Morning*

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Matthew D. Priem | **Musician:** Jordan Fox  
**Elders:** (Reader) Steve Gfeller (Communion) Darren Hall  
**Acolytes:** (8:00) Aaron Hoemann (10:45) Heidi Priem  
**Greeters:** (8:00) Matt & Rachel Hoemann (10:45) Jimbo & Sharon Diley  
**Altar Guild:** Dee-Dee Stokes | **Children's Message** (10:45) Amy Sellmeyer  
**Stream:** (8:00) Jimbo Diley | **Video:** (8:00) Courtney Morrill (10:45) Reese Heinrich  
**Ushers:** (8:00) Paul Zainea/Craig Rogge (10:45) David Frazier/Bert Raymer

## *This Week at Bethlehem*

*May 3—10, 2026*

*Sunday, May 3*  
 8:00 am      Worship/Holy Communion (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))  
 9:30 am      Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall & Google Meet) and Children's Sunday School  
 10:45 am     Worship  
 2:00 pm      Private Party (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)

*Monday, May 4*  
 9:15 am      Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)  
 6:00 pm      Scout Troops 1032/7032 (Sanctuary, Library, Narthex, Fellowship Hall)

*Tuesday, May 5*  
 1:00 pm      Bunco (Sanctuary)  
 5:00 pm      Benefits Policy Ad Hoc Committee (Fellowship Hall)

*Wednesday, May 6*  
 6:00 pm      Midweek Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall & Google Meet)  
 7:00 pm      Youth Catechism Club (Fellowship Hall)

*Thursday, May 7*  
 1:00 pm      Quilting (Fellowship Hall)  
 6:30 pm      Girl Scout Troop 2256 (Fellowship Hall)

*Friday, May 8 (Pastor Priem Day off)*

*Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day)*  
 8:00 am      Worship (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))  
 9:30 am      Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall & Google Meet) and Children's Sunday School  
 10:45 am     Worship/Holy Communion

## *Our Response: April 20—26*

Sunday, 4/26: In-person: <b>112/87</b>   Guests: <b>20</b>   Virtual: <b>27</b>	Sunday School, 4/26: Students/Teachers: <b>18/5</b>   Adult: <b>45</b> (3-Remote)
Adult Midweek, 4/22: <b>NA</b> (NA-Remote) Catechism Club, 4/22: <b>NA</b>	4/20—4/26 Regular Offering: <b>\$13,312.26</b> Capital Fund: <b>\$195.00</b>   Renovate Our House: <b>\$100.00</b>

## *Lutheran High School Head Basketball Coach Needed*

Lutheran High School of Kansas City is collecting potential candidates for Head Girls Basketball Coach for 2026-2027. Please reach out to Mr. Dan Bickel at [athletics@lhskc.com](mailto:athletics@lhskc.com) if you know of potential candidates that might be interested in becoming part of the team at LHSKC.