



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | May 10, 2026

Congratulations to Colt William Taylor upon receiving the sacrament of holy baptism this morning! Colt is the newborn son of Zach & Heidi Taylor and his godparents are Orrin & Mackenzie Wilson. We pray our Father's continued blessings upon Colt and his family as he grows in the love of Jesus Christ.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration and thanksgiving for Roger & Phyllis Fox's 53rd wedding anniversary on Wednesday, May 13; and in celebration of Jim Soukup's birthday today and Mother's Day.

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 NEXT 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.

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 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



If you are interested in learning more about the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and membership at Bethlehem, OR would like a refresher class, 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. *No class on May 13*

**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! *No class on May 13*

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*

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. 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.

Serving This Morning

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew D. Priem | **Musician:** Julie Hall
Elders: (Reader) Kyle Krull (Communion) Tom Hecker
Acolytes: (8:00) Reese Swopes (10:45) Addy Sellmeyer
Greeters: (8:00) Debbie Green (10:45) James & Michelle Neugebauer
Altar Guild: Debbie Green | **Children's Message** (10:45) Kelly Dhyne
Stream: (8:00) Gretchen Krull | **Video:** (8:00) Gary Henny (10:45) Megan Kuhns
Ushers: (8:00) Ronnie Thompson/Paul Matney (10:45) Steven Coleman/Tim Benson

This Week at Bethlehem

May 10—17, 2026

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

Monday, May 11

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

Tuesday, May 12

8:30 am Finance Committee (Conf Rm)
 6:30 pm Call Committee (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, May 13 (No Adult Bible Class or Youth Catechism Club)

11:30 am SALT (LCMS Admin Luncheon) (Conf Rms)
 7:00 pm Guiding Star Graduation (Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, May 14: Ascension Day

6:00 pm Ascension Picnic (Parking Lot)
 7:00 pm Ascension Service (Parking Lot)

Friday, May 15 (Pastor Priem Day off)

Sunday, May 17

8:00 am Worship/Holy Communion (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))
 9:30 am Children's Sunday School
 9:30 am Special Congregational Meeting
 10:45 am Worship

Our Response: April 27—May 3

Sunday, 5/3: In-person: 92/73 Guests: 10 Virtual: 31	Sunday School, 5/3: Students/Teachers: 18/7 Adult: 45 (4-Remote)
Adult Midweek, 4/29: 12 (0-Remote) Catechism Club, 4/29: 6	Month-to-Date: 4/27—5/3 Regular Offering: \$23,468.00 Capital Fund: \$335 Renovate Our House: \$1,025

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 if you know of potential candidates that might be interested in becoming part of the team at LHSKC.