



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | May 17, 2026

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning by Matt & Rachel Hoemann in celebration and thanksgiving for Aaron's 12th birthday on May 9, and Isaiah's 15th birthday on May 20.

Congregational Meeting TODAY at 9:30 am



A Special Congregational meeting will be held this morning between worship services, from 9:30-10:30. This informational meeting will communicate updates on a variety of topics.

Spring Church Workday



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. Adult Instruction Classes will meet at 5:00 each Thursday evening.

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 Wednesday evenings at 6:00 for topical study.

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

Serving Opportunities



LUMA Auxiliary is gathering donations through TODAY 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 support **LUMA ministries** in the greater Kansas City area. *Point of contact: Shari Keilig*



The next blood drive at Bethlehem is **Tuesday, May 19**, from 12-6:00 pm. Schedule at donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/sponsor_code and use sponsor code 9H. 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:** Teresa Henny

Elders: (Readers) Doug Bolton/Scott Kastman (Communion) Roger Fox

Acolytes: (8:00) Gabby Kuhns (10:45) Mia Russell

Greeters: (8:00) Debbie Green (10:45) Stan & Jill Harms

Altar Guild: Mackenzie Wilson | **Children’s Message** (10:45) Kelly Dhyne

Stream: (8:00) Aaron Steinke | **Video:** (8:00) Ray Krueger (10:45) Rick & Jennifer DeLuca

Ushers: (8:00) Randy Monnig/Gerry Moennig (10:45) James Neugebauer/Ben Russell

NOTE: The Children’s Message, offered at the 10:45 service, will be on hiatus June-August.

Our Response: May 4-10

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| Sunday, 5/10: In-person: 131/113 Guests: 24 Virtual: 22 | Sunday School, 5/10: Students/Teachers: 19/6 Adult: 43 (4-Remote) |
| Adult Midweek, 5/6: 11 (0-Remote) Catechism Club, 5/6: 8 | Month-to-Date: 4/27-5/10 Regular Offering: \$36,512.00 Capital Fund: \$510 Renovate Our House: \$1,060 |

This Week at Bethlehem

May 17–24, 2026

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

Monday, May 18

9:15 am Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)
6:30 pm Governance Board (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Scout Troops 1032/7032 (Conf Rms, Library, Narthex, Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, May 19

12:00 pm Blood Drive to 6pm (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 pm Bunco (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm Call Committee (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, May 20

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

Thursday, May 21

1:00 pm Quilting Small Group (Fellowship Hall)
5:00 pm Adult Instruction Class (Conf Rm)
6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 2256 (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, May 22 (Pastor Priem Day off)

Saturday, May 23

9:00 am VBS Planning Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 am LWML (Conf Rm)

Sunday, May 24 (Mitey MITE Sunday)

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



Calendar Note: The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

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.

In Our Community

The City of Raymore will host a "Kids and Families Emergency Preparedness Night" on Thursday, August 13 at 6 pm at Centerview (227 Municipal Circle) in Raymore. Join Raymore's Emergency Management Director Tim Baldwin and staff from the American Red Cross in Kansas City as they discuss how kids can be involved in disaster preparedness at home. Topics will include how kids can help build an emergency supply kit, what to do during severe weather, how to stay calm during a disaster, general home safety tips and more! Activity books and other fun items will be distributed and there will also be a few drawings for door prizes! Families from across the Raymore area are welcome to attend this free event and no advance registration is required!