



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | May 24, 2026

**Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God this morning by DeAnna Bormann in loving memory of her mother, Alice, whose earthly birthday is today.

**Thank you** to all who donated at this week's Blood Drive! A total of 36 donors registered, and 37 units were donated (includes deferrals and double red blood cells). Our next drive is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, from noon to 6pm. Please mark your calendars and make plans now!

### 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](https://bit.ly/blc-vbs) to register your students and volunteers. Watch the bulletin board in the hallway for VBS updates. 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



**Today is Mite Sunday!** Please help Bethlehem's Women in Mission by depositing your pocket change (dollars, too!) in the large Mite box in the Narthex. Collectively, your offerings support mission projects locally, nationally, and world-wide.

**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).

## Serving This Morning

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Matthew D. Priem | **Musician:** Jordan Fox  
**Elders:** (Readers) Darren Hall (Communion) Carl Sellmeyer  
**Acolytes:** (8:00) Maci Heinzelman (10:45) Logan Brooks  
**Greeters:** (8:00) Gerry & Debbie Moennig (10:45) Jimbo & Sharon Diley  
**Altar Guild:** ReAnna Sperle | **Children's Message** (10:45) Kris Schuler  
**Stream:** (8:00) Aaron Steinke | **Video:** (8:00) Tiffany Kuhns (10:45) Brittney Coleman  
**Ushers:** (8:00) Matthew Hoemann/Tim Hoemann (10:45) Stephen Dhyne/Timothy Knippa

***The Children's Message, offered at the 10:45 service, will be on hiatus June-August.***  
*If you are interested in serving in this area, please contact Amy Sellmeyer or Kelly Dhyne.*

## Our Response: May 11-17

Ascension, 5/14: In-person: <b>49</b>   Guests: <b>6</b> Sunday, 5/17: In-person: <b>117/76</b>   Guests: <b>17</b>   Virtual: <b>22</b>	Sunday School, 5/17: Students/Teachers: <b>9/4</b>   Adult: <b>NA</b> (NA-Remote)
Adult Midweek, 5/13: <b>NA</b> Catechism Club, 5/13: <b>NA</b>	Month-to-Date: 4/27-5/17 Regular Offering: <b>\$49,625.00</b> Capital Fund: <b>\$845</b>   Renovate Our House: <b>\$1,090</b>

## *This Week at Bethlehem*

*May 24—31, 2026*

*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

*Monday, May 25: Memorial Day (Church Office Closed)*

*Tuesday, May 26*

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

*Wednesday, May 27*

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

*Thursday, May 28*

- 5:00 pm           Adult Instruction Class (Conf Rm)

*Friday, May 29 (Pastor Priem Day off; Teresa Blackley-Out of the Office)*

*Sunday, May 31*

- 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/Holy Communion



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

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### *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.

### *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!