



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | May 31, 2026

**Thank you** to all who donated and participated in this year's Walk for Life. A goal of \$50,000 was set and thanks to the support from Cass County individuals and businesses the goal was surpassed! A record \$55,779 was raised to help Shiloh Center support women through their pregnancies and encourage strong families.

**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 Julie Hall. *Thank you, Julie, for sacrificing your time and giving of your talents to glorify God through your beautiful music!*

### *Congregational Call Meeting: Sunday, June 14 at 1:00 pm*

The Call Committee will present two candidates for consideration as Associate Pastor on Sunday, June 14 at 1:00 pm. This meeting will be to vote on calling a pastor to work with Pastor Priem and expand the ministry at Bethlehem. The candidates put forward by the Call Committee are Rev. Philip Bartelt from Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in New Fairfield, CT and Rev. Erik Sorenson from St. Peter Lutheran Church in Columbus, IN. The option will also be presented to refrain from calling either individual. *The congregation is strongly counseled not to contact either candidate or anyone in their circle.* May the Lord bless and direct His church throughout this process!

### *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) for student and volunteer registration. *Point of contact: Julie, [blssing98@juno.com](mailto:blssing98@juno.com)*

- The next Planning Meetings will be Saturday, June 20 at 9am and Sunday, July 12 at 4pm. All are welcome!
- Mandatory training for ALL VBS volunteers is scheduled for Thursday, June 25 at 6:30 pm OR Sunday, June 28 after the 10:45 worship service.

### *Sunday School, Midweek, and Small Group Studies*



If you are interested in learning more about the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and membership at Bethlehem, 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 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



**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.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church Food Pantry:** 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 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) Roger Fox/Scott Kastman (Communion) Kyle Krull/Tom Hecker/Carl Sellmeyer

**Acolytes:** (8:00) Aaron Hoemann (10:45) Rory Evans

**Greeters:** (8:00) Paul & Stacy Matney (10:45) Stan & Jill Harms

**Altar Guild:** Tina Atkins | **Children's Message** (10:45) Amy Sellmeyer

**Stream:** (8:00) Jimbo Diley | **Video:** (8:00) Michelle Hill (10:45) Megan Kuhns

**Ushers:** (8:00) Jason Rockman/Craig Rogge (10:45) Steven Coleman/Randy Priem



**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 18-24

Sunday, 5/24: In-person: 101/77   Guests: 19   Virtual: 25	Sunday School, 5/24: Students/Teachers: 20/4   Adult: 42 (1-Remote)
Adult Midweek, 5/20: 12 (2-Remote) Catechism Club, 5/20: 5	Month-to-Date: 4/27-5/24 Regular Offering: \$58,550.00 Capital Fund: \$1,040   Renovate Our House: \$1,135

## *This Week at Bethlehem*

*May 31—June 7, 2026*

### *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

### *Monday, June 1*

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

### *Tuesday, June 2*

10:00 am          Seasoned Saints' Bible Study (Sanctuary)  
12:00 pm          Employee Benefits Meeting (Conf Rm)  
1:00 pm           Bunco (Sanctuary)

### *Wednesday, June 3*

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

### *Thursday, June 4*

1:00 pm           Quilting Small Group (Fellowship Hall)  
5:00 pm           Adult Instruction Class (Conf Rm)

### *Friday, June 5 (Pastor Priem Day off)*

### *Saturday, June 6*

12:00 pm          Private Party (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)

### *Sunday, June 7*

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

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## *Lutheran High School Head Basketball Coach Needed*

**Lutheran High School of Kansas City** is seeking 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 someone who 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!