



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | June 7, 2026

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

Congregational Call Meeting: NEXT 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 for student and volunteer registration. *Point of contact: Julie, 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**



FAITH (Friends All In Together for Him) Youth Group for students 4th grade and up. Join us on Sunday, June 28 for a VBS craft/work day at Bethlehem after the 10:45 service. Lunch is provided! *Point of contact: Alicia Russell, 660-890-4772 or aruss.rd22@yahoo.com*

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 NEXT 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.

Love in Action is an opportunity to help our fellow members by providing meals for those who are welcoming a new baby into their homes or experiencing challenging/difficult situations or medical issues. Please prayerfully consider joining this rewarding ministry.



- For more information, or to sign up or recommit, contact: Debbie Moennig, 816-509-4748; Dee-Dee Stokes, 816-809-0340; or Tina Atkins, 816-500-0415.
- If this service can be of benefit to you, please contact Teresa in the Church Office.

Love in action is sponsored by Bethlehem Women in Mission (LWML)

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.

Serving This Morning

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew D. Priem | **Musician:** Jordan Fox

Elders: (Reader) Steve Gfeller (Communion) Darren Hall

Acolytes: (8:00) Maci Heintzelman (10:45) Courtney Dhyne

Greeters: (8:00) Matt & Rachel Hoemann (10:45) Jimbo & Sharon Diley | **Altar Guild:** Dee-Dee Stokes

Stream: (8:00) Kay Freeman | **Video:** (8:00) Joni Hartman (10:45) Reese Heinrich

Ushers: (8:00) Paul Zainea/Jason Rockman (10:45) David Frazier/Bert Raymer



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

Our Response: May 25—31

Sunday, 5/31: In-person: 120/94 Guests: 20 Virtual: 27	Sunday School, 5/31: Students/Teachers: 10/5 Adult: 41 (1-Remote)
Men's Bible Study, 5/26: 6 Adult Midweek, 5/27: 8 (0-Remote) Catechism Club, 5/27: 7	Month-to-Date: 4/27—5/31 Regular Offering: \$67,344.10 Capital Fund: \$1,325 Renovate Our House: \$1,160

This Week at Bethlehem

June 7—14, 2026

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

Monday, June 8 (Teresa Blackley: Out of Office)

- 9:15 am Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)

Tuesday, June 9

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

Wednesday, June 10

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

Thursday, June 11

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

Friday, June 12 (Pastor Priem Day off)

- 6:00 pm FAITH Youth Movie Night (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, June 13

- 9:00 am Church Workday

Sunday, June 14: Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) 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
- 1:00 pm Special Congregational Call Meeting
- 2:30 pm Elder Board Meeting

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!