



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | June 14, 2026

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning in celebration and thanksgiving for Ken & Sharon Hock's 59th wedding anniversary on Thursday, June 11.

◆ Congregational Call Meeting: TODAY at 1:00 pm ◆



The Call Committee will present two candidates for consideration as Associate Pastor in a Special Voter's Meeting this afternoon 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](http://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**



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](mailto:aruss.rd22@yahoo.com)

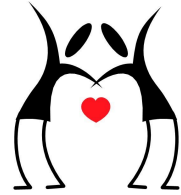
**Midweek Adult Bible Study (MABS):** Led by Pastor Priem and open to all, this group meets Wednesday evenings at 6:00 for topical study.

**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

**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*

### Serving This Morning

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

**Elders:** (Reader) Kyle Krull (Communion) Tom Hecker

**Acolytes:** (8:00) Gabby Kuhns (10:45) Logan Brooks

**Greeters:** (8:00) Paul & Stacy Matney (10:45) James & Michelle Neugebauer | **Altar Guild:** Linda Bolton

**Stream:** (8:00) Gretchen Krull | **Video:** (8:00) Courtney Morrill (10:45) Megan Kuhns

**Ushers:** (8:00) Ronnie Thompson/Paul Matney (10:45) Steven Coleman/Tim Benson



**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: June 1—7

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| Sunday, 6/7:<br>In-person: <b>102/93</b>   Guests: <b>24</b>   Virtual: <b>18</b> | Sunday School, 6/7:<br>Students/Teachers: <b>20/6</b>   Adult: <b>42</b> (2-Remote)   |
| Adult Midweek, 6/3: <b>11</b> (0-Remote)<br>Catechism Club, 6/3: <b>6</b>         | Month-to-Date: 6/1—6/7<br>Regular Offering: <b>\$22,060.00</b><br>Capital Fund: <b>\$175</b>   Renovate Our House: <b>\$1,025</b> |

## *This Week at Bethlehem*

*June 14—21, 2026*

### *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

### *Monday, June 15*

- 9:15 am           Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)

### *Tuesday, June 16*

- 8:30 am           Finance Committee (Conf Rm)
- 1:00 pm           Bunco (Sanctuary)

### *Wednesday, June 17*

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

### *Thursday, June 18*

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

### *Friday, June 19 (Pastor Priem Day off)*

### *Saturday, June 20*

- 9:00 am           VBS Planning Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### *Sunday, June 21*

- 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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## *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!