



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | June 21, 2026

◆ *Combined Services & Special Voter's Meeting: July 12* ◆

The Special Congregational Meeting on June 22 narrowly missed a quorum of eligible voters. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 12.



**A combined worship service with holy communion will be held at 9:30 am on Sunday, July 12 in place of the 8:00 and 10:45 services. Sunday School will not be held.**

**A Special Voter's Meeting will take place immediately following the worship service.**

The Call Committee will present two candidates for consideration as Associate Pastor. This meeting will be to vote on calling a pastor to work with Pastor Priem and expand the ministry at Bethlehem or vote to refrain from calling a pastor at this time.

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 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 Meeting will be 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 NEXT 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)*

 **The next blood drive at Bethlehem is Tuesday, July 14**, from 12-6:00 pm. Each presenting donor will receive an exclusive co-branded *Royals T-shirt!* Use sponsor code 9H for Bethlehem and schedule at [donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/sponsor\\_code](https://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/sponsor_code). Walk-ins are welcome!

**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:** Teresa Henny

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

**Acolytes:** (8:00) Gabby Kuhns (10:45) Emma Sellmeyer

**Greeters:** (8:00) Stan & Jill Harms (10:45) Jimbo & Sharon Diley | **Altar Guild:** Karen Taylor

**Stream:** (8:00) Kay Freeman | **Video:** (8:00) Gary Henny (10:45) Rick & Jennifer DeLuca

**Ushers:** (8:00) Randy Monnig/Gerry Moennig (10:45) James Neugebauer/Jerry Burns



**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 8–14

Sunday, 6/14: In-person: <b>96/99</b>   Guests: <b>10</b>   Virtual: <b>21</b>	Sunday School, 6/14: Students/Teachers: <b>18/5</b>   Adult: <b>48</b> (2-Remote)
Men's Bible Study, 6/9: <b>6</b> Adult Midweek, 6/10: <b>11</b> (2-Remote) Catechism Club, 6/10: <b>6</b>	Month-to-Date: 6/1–6/14 Regular Offering: <b>\$29,613.25</b> Capital Fund: <b>\$350</b>   Renovate Our House: <b>\$1,060</b>

## *This Week at Bethlehem*

*June 21–28, 2026*

### *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

### *Monday, June 22*

- 9:15 am           Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)

### *Tuesday, June 23 (Teresa Blackley: Vacation through Thursday, June 25)*

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

### *Wednesday, June 24*

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

### *Thursday, June 25*

- 5:00 pm           Adult Instruction Class (Conf Rm)
- 6:30 pm           VBS Training Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### *Friday, June 26 (Pastor Priem Day off)*

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

### *Saturday, June 27*

- 10:00 am          LWML (Conf Rm)

### *Sunday, June 28*

- 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
- 12:00 pm          VBS Training Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:00 pm          FAITH Youth VBS Craft/Workday

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## *In Our Community*

**Join us for a delicious cause! On Thursday, July 16 from 5–8 pm**, Fred Gruhn — member of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church and Kansas District LLL Board Member — is hosting a Community Care Night at Chick-fil-A Olathe Pointe (12087 S Black Bob Rd, Olathe, KS 66062). That evening, 20% of all sales will be donated directly to Kansas LLL, which supports LCMS students preparing for full-time church work, overseas Bible correspondence ministries, and more. *Important: When ordering in person or through the Chick-fil-A app, you must state that your order is for the Kansas LLL fundraiser for it to count.* Bring your family, invite your friends, and make dinner count!

**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!