



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | June 28, 2026

Thanks to workday(s) helpers! Great job to EC & Candy, Ronnie, Trevor, and Aaron for the heavy lifting of clearing brush around the retention basin. Members are encouraged to exit at the south end of the church parking lot, turn right, and you might see something that has been hidden for years! Big thanks to Shari, Debbie, Mike, Randy, Darren, Gary, and Bart for excellent work keeping our property looking good!



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning in celebration and thanksgiving for David & Kristi Fox's 40th wedding anniversary today, June 28.

◆ *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.

Members are encouraged to do their own research on the candidates; however, Kyle Krull has made his results (using ChatGPT) available to anyone interested. If you would like an emailed PDF of his results, please contact **Teresa in the Church Office**. *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!

In-Person Worship Service Attendance



Worship service and communion participation are self-reported.

Let us know you are with us by completing the Fellowship Registration.

Please note ✓ if you commune as we will never assume that you do. Voter

eligibility is based on *active* participation (commune at least twice with the congregation in the 365 days preceding a Regular or Special Voter's Meeting).

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 Meeting will be Sunday, July 12 at 4pm. All are welcome!
- The last training opportunity for VBS volunteers is scheduled for Sunday, June 28 after the 10:45 worship service. Each volunteer needs to attend one of the sessions.

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 TODAY, 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

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. 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

Join us on Tuesday, June 30 from 5-8 pm at Culver's in Raymore! Funds raised will be used for VBS.

Serving This Morning

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

Elders: (Reader) Darren Hall (Communion) Carl Sellmeyer

Acolytes: (8:00) Aaron Hoemann (10:45) Phoebe Benson

Greeters: (8:00) Gerry & Debbie Moennig (10:45) James & Michelle Neugebauer

Altar Guild:Jennifer DeLuca

Stream: (8:00) Aaron Steinke | **Video:** (8:00) Ray Krueger (10:45) Brittney Coleman

Ushers: (8:00) Matthew Hoemann/Tim Hoemann (10:45) Stephen Dhyne/Randy Priem



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 15–21

Sunday, 6/21: In-person: 87/55 Guests: 13 Virtual: 29	Sunday School, 6/21: Students/Teachers: 11/4 Adult: 36 (6-Remote)
Adult Midweek, 6/17: 11 (0-Remote) Catechism Club, 6/17: 5	Month-to-Date: 6/1–6/21 Regular Offering: \$54,236.28 Capital Fund: \$545 Renovate Our House: \$1,080

This Week at Bethlehem

June 28–July 5, 2026

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

Monday, June 29

- 9:15 am Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)
- 6:30 pm Governance Board (Conf Rm)

Tuesday, June 30

- 5:00 pm Culver's Dine Out to 8pm
- 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Serendipity Farms, Stilwell, KS)

Wednesday, July 1

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

Thursday, July 2

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

Friday, July 3 (Church Office Closed in observance of Independence Day)

Sunday, July 5

- 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

In Our Community

The Lutheran High School of Kansas City is seeking a part-time Music teacher to lead the choir and handbell programs. The teacher is a learning leader responsible for helping carry out the mission of the school by creating and maintaining an environment conducive to learning and to the artistic, emotional, social, and spiritual development of each individual student. The ideal candidate would demonstrate a commitment to Christian principles and be well-rounded as a musician and in teaching. Interested applicants should contact Executive Director Adam Kirsch at akirsch@lhskc.com for a detailed position description and more information.



The Annual Karl Birnstein Memorial Golf Tournament benefiting The Lutheran High School of Kansas City will be held August 31 at the Creekmoor Golf Course, Raymore.

Noon—Registration; 1:00—Shotgun Start; Dinner/prizes after Golf

More information, a link to register for the Tournament, and sponsorship opportunities are available at

lhskc.com/support/karl_birnstein_memorial_golf_tournament.

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!



Sounds of South Kansas City (SSKC) Community Band: This outstanding regional concert band will present 2 remaining summer concerts. All are free and open to the public. Bethlehem members participating this year are Jessica LeRoux, Shawn Hornbeck, David Winfrey, and Carl Reque.

- Thursday, July 9, 7pm: Indoors at Raymore's Centerview Community Center
227 Community Circle, Raymore
- Thursday, July 23, 7pm: Indoors at the Harrisonville Community Center
2400 S Jefferson Pkwy, Harrisonville