



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | July 6, 2025

VBS — Epic Australian Adventures! July 14-17, 2025, 9-11:30 am



Student registration has closed.

The last Leader/Helper training session will be held on Wednesday, July 9 at 7:00 pm. Installation for VBS Staff, Leaders, and Helpers will be in each of the services on Sunday, July 13. *Point of contact: Julie Hall, call or text 816-914-3954*

VBS Mission Projects

Two projects have been chosen for this year's VBS, both of which provide support to families in need. More information is available from the information sheet at the back of the sanctuary. *Point of contact: Sharon Reque, 816-812-5136*

#1: Samaritan's Purse Goats and Dairy Animals Project Supported by your financial gifts, this project provides a family with 4 goats and 1 ram, a source of nutrition and income for the family. Samaritan's Purse provides materials for shelter, start-up food, and veterinary services, all while teaching families how to care for the animals and ensure that the goats remain healthy and productive.

To give an offering for the Goat and Dairy Animals Project, please make checks payable to *Bethlehem Lutheran Church* and:

- 1) include with your regular offering; note your gift "SP VBS Mission";
- 2) use a dedicated offering envelope available from the back of the sanctuary; or
- 3) online at bethlehem-raymore.org/give-online; choose VBS Missions from the drop down menu.

#2: Immanuel Lutheran Church Food Pantry We are collecting groceries to help fight food insecurity in the inner-city of Kansas City. About 150 approved clients shop the pantry one Thursday each month. Their needs are the same as ours: food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, paper products, etc. Items frequently in short supply are canned fruit, canned meat (other than tuna), soup, canned dinners like Spaghetti-Os, Hamburger Helper-type meals, pork & beans, peanut butter, rice, and toilet paper.

Serving Opportunities



The next blood drive at Bethlehem is Tuesday, July 8, from 12:00-6:00 pm. Schedule at donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/sponsor_code (Bethlehem sponsor code 9H).

Walk-ins are welcome! Full eligibility requirements are available at savealifenow.org/eligibility.

Love in Action is a volunteer program to help our fellow members by providing funeral luncheons and meals to those who are experiencing challenging/difficult situations. Please prayerfully consider joining this rewarding ministry! To sign up, complete an LIA Sign Up form available in the [Document Library](#) of our website or the information wall by the mailboxes. Contact Karen Hull, Linda Baldrige, or Kristen Hill with any questions. *Love in Action is sponsored by Bethlehem's Women in Mission (LWML).*

Sunday School, Midweek, and Small Group Studies

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 Conference Room: 5th/6th Grade
- Sanctuary: 9th Grade/High School
- Fellowship Hall: Adult Bible Class, in-person and by Zoom, led by [Pastor Priem](#).

Adult Midweek 6-7 pm Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall, led by [Pastor Priem](#) in-person and by Zoom.

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*

FAITH (Friends All In Together for Him) Youth Group for students 4th grade and up. *Point of contact: Alicia Russell, 660-890-4772 or aruss.rd22@yahoo.com*



Bethlehem in Our Community

Sounds of South Kansas City Community Band This outstanding regional concert band will present the two remaining concerts of the summer. All are free and open to the public. Bethlehem members participating this year are Jessica LeRoux, David Winfrey, Jonny Reque, and Carl Reque. This is the largest band ever, with over 90 players and we hope you can join us! *Point of contact: Carl Reque, wreckwee@comcast.net*

July 17, 7pm, indoors at Raymore's Centerview Community Center; and
July 24, 7pm, indoors at the Harrisonville Community Center.

Our Response: June 23—June 29

Worship 6/29: In-person: 95/75 Guests: 14 Virtual: 29	Sunday School, 6/29: Students/Teachers: 22/6 Adult: 51 (6-Zoom)
Adult Midweek, 6/25: 11 (1-Zoom)	6/23—6/29 Regular Offering: \$14,077.00 Capital Fund: \$60.00 Renovate Our House: \$30.00

Serving This Morning

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

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

Acolytes: (8:00) Reese Swopes (10:45) Phoebe Benson

Greeters: (8:00) Bob & Carole Rose (10:45) Jimbo & Sharon Diley

Altar Guild: Karen Taylor | **Stream:** Jimbo Diley

Video: (8:00) Tiffany Kuhns (10:45) Rick & Jennifer DeLuca

Ushers: (8:00) Jason Rockman/Craig Rogge (10:45) David Frazier/Bert Raymer

The Children's Message, offered at the 10:45 service, is on hiatus through August, resuming in September.

This Week at Bethlehem *July 6–13, 2025*

Sunday, July 6

8:00 am Worship/Holy Communion (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))
9:30 am Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall and Zoom) and Children's Sunday School
10:45 am Worship

Monday, July 7 (Teresa Blackley: Vacation)

9:15 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
10:00 am Seasoned Saints Bible Study (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm Scout Troops 1032/7032 (Conf Rm/FH/Narthex)

Tuesday, July 8

12:00 pm Blood Drive to 6:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, July 9

6:00 pm Midweek Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm VBS Training (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, July 11 (Pastor Priem: Day Off)

Sunday, July 13: Installation of VBS Staff, Leaders, and Helpers

8:00 am Worship (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))
9:30 am Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall and Zoom) and Children's Sunday School
10:45 am Worship/Holy Communion
12:30 pm Elder Meeting (Conference Room)



Would you like to provide flowers to adorn the altar on a Sunday morning? A flower chart and order envelopes are posted near the sanctuary entrance. Arrangements are \$25 each. If you would like to mark a special occasion or remember a loved one, please indicate that on your envelope. Make checks payable to Bethlehem and indicate *"altar flowers"* OR order and pay online at Bethlehem's Giving Page: bethlehem-raymore.org/give-form.

Altar flowers are a gift to the church to adorn the altar, bringing glory to God. It is our practice at Bethlehem to then give the flowers back to the giver. You may take your arrangement with you after the 10:45 worship service. If you *do not* wish to take flowers you signed up for, please contact the Church Office so arrangements can be made to give them to a home-bound or other individual.



MOScholars is a tax credit program that provides scholarships for students attending Missouri LCMS schools. To date, more than \$2.3 million has been awarded by the MO District through the program.

Visit mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars to reserve your tax credits; Complete the prompts and select "The Missouri District" for the EAO; Mail your *check to the Missouri District or send funds electronically by using the link on the site.

*Note your confirmation number in the memo and make checks payable to "MO District LCMS") and mail to Missouri District LCMS, 660 Mason Ridge Center Dr, Suite 100, St Louis, MO 63141.

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