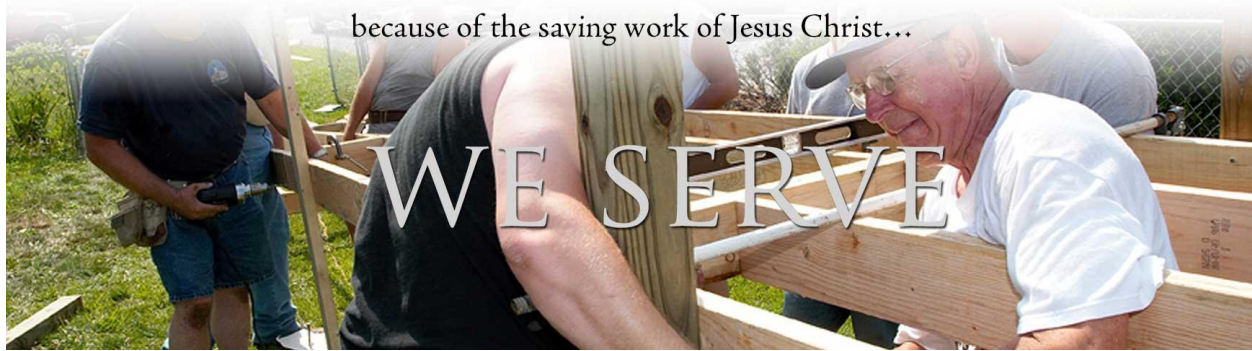




The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | August 2, 2026

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning in celebration and thanksgiving for Gerry & Debbie Moennig's 49th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, August 5.



◆ *TODAY: Combined Services & Special Voter's Meeting* ◆

A combined worship service with holy communion at 9:30 am 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 to vote on calling Rev. Philip Bartelt from Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in New Fairfield, CT as an Associate Pastor at Bethlehem.

The congregation is strongly counseled not to contact Pastor Bartelt or anyone in his circle. May the Lord bless and direct His church throughout this process!

Worship Service Attendance



Worship service and communion participation are self-reported.

In-Person Attendance: 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).

Virtual Attendance: Leave a Facebook comment, sharing names of all from your location who join with you in worship. NOTE: If you "attend" after the live stream or don't have a Facebook account, let us know of your presence using the **Online Attendance form: bit.ly/blc-attend** (a link is available on our website's homepage and each issue of BLCUpdates, the emailed weekly news).

Serving Opportunities

"Feed God's Children Here and There"

VBS Mission Project: The congregation is invited to support this mission project with *monetary gifts* for the Bush Babies Environmental Education Program in South Africa, in partnership with the Kansas City Zoo. The Bush Babies is part of Scouts South Africa, a program modeled after scouting programs in the United States and includes monitoring of grades and school participation. Monetary donations will go directly to feeding the children in the Scouts program: children are provided 2 meals a day during school days and 3 meals a day on school holidays. *Donations will be received through TODAY, August 2.*

- Make checks payable to Bethlehem and note "VBS Mission Project"; or
- Give online at Bethlehem's website. Select "VBS Missions" from the drop down menu; or
- Use VBS Missions offering envelopes from the back of the sanctuary



LUMA is partnering with International Students Inc. and Our Savior Lutheran Church, Kansas City, KS, to provide a home goods giveaway for new international students as they set up their new homes. Join us as we seek to welcome them with the love of Christ!

- Giveaway Location: Our Savior Lutheran, 4153 Rainbow Blvd, KC, KS 66103
- Setup: August 13 and 14, 10am-3pm
- Giveaway: August 15, 1pm-4pm

To volunteer or to purchase new items, visit LUMA's Facebook page at facebook.com/LUMAMGS and look for the signup/donation links. To donate gently used items like furniture, small appliances and cookware, kitchenware, linens or other household goods for setting up apartments, please contact LUMA by email: admin@lumakc.org.

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. *NOTE: Sunday School will not be held today due to the combined worship service.*

- 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. *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 will resume meeting September 9 and 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 This Morning

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

Elders: (Reader) Doug Bolton (Communion) Darren Hall/Carl Sellmeyer/Scott Kastman/Kyle Krull

Acolytes: Addy Sellemeyer/Emma Sellmeyer

Greeters: Matt & Rachel Hoemann | **Altar Guild:** Dee-Dee Stokes

Stream: Aaron Steinke | **Video:** Megan Kuhns

Ushers: Jason Rockman/Craig Rogge/Bert Raymer/David Frazier



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.

Congregational Communications



BLCUpdates is our weekly email newsletter sharing new, highlighted, or time-sensitive information and is sent from "Teresa Blackley noreply@shelbynexthms.com." Please add this address to your safe-senders list to avoid correspondence landing in your junk or spam folder. If you aren't receiving this email news and would like to, contact **Teresa in the Church Office** with your name and email address.

Our Response: July 20—26

Sunday, 7/26: In-person: 97/87 Guests: 12 Virtual: 25	Sunday School, 7/26: Students/Teachers: 16/5 Adult: 60 (2-Remote)
Adult Midweek, 7/22: 11 (1-Remote) Catechism Club, 7/22: NA	Month-to-Date: 6/29—7/26 Regular Offering: \$68,803 Capital Fund: \$2,870 Renovate Our House: \$105

Giving Statements



Giving Statements for the 2nd quarter of 2026 were emailed on Monday, July 20 to those with an email address, and sent by USPS to those with no email address or who had requested this method of delivery.

If you did not receive your statement, first please check your spam or junk folder. The sender is *Bethlehem Lutheran Church-LCMS* noreply@bethlehem.shelbynexthms.com and the subject line is "Bethlehem Lutheran Church-LCMS 2026 Giving Statement."

This Week at Bethlehem

August 2—9, 2026

Sunday, August 2: Combined Service

- 9:30 am Combined Worship/Holy Communion (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))
- 11:00 am Special Congregational Meeting (immediately after the service)

Monday, August 3

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)
- 6:00 pm Scout Troops 1032/7032 (Fellowship Hall/Narthex/Library/Conf Rm2)

Tuesday, August 4

- 10:00 am Seasoned Saints' Bible Study (Sanctuary)
- 1:00 pm Bunco (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, August 5

- 11:00 am SALT Admin Luncheon (Timothy, Blue Springs)
- 6:00 pm Midweek Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, August 6 (Teresa-Vacation)

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

Friday, August 7 (Pastor Priem-Day off) (Teresa-Vacation)

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

Saturday, August 8

- 4:00 pm Private Party (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, August 9

- 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
- 12:30 pm Elder Meeting (Fellowship Hall)



Calendar Note

Teresa Blackley will be out of the office on Thursday and Friday, August 6-7.

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!

Lutheran High School of Kansas City is looking for candidates interested in serving as coaches in our cheerleading and baseball programs. The cheerleading season is concurrent with the winter basketball season from November through February. We play spring baseball from March through May. Please reach out to athletics@lhskc.com or 816-241-5478 if you are interested or want more details about the position.



You are invited to celebrate with Our Saviour Lutheran Church (4153 Rainbow Blvd, Kansas City, KS) as they launch their David's Harp Music Conservatory. This exciting event will take place on Wednesday, August 19, from 6 to 7:30 pm. David's Harp exists to raise the next generation of church musicians through offering music lessons based on our Lutheran hymnody. We hope to see you there!



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. More information, a link to register for the Tournament, and sponsorship opportunities are available at lhskc.com/support/karl_birnstein_memorial_golf_tournament.