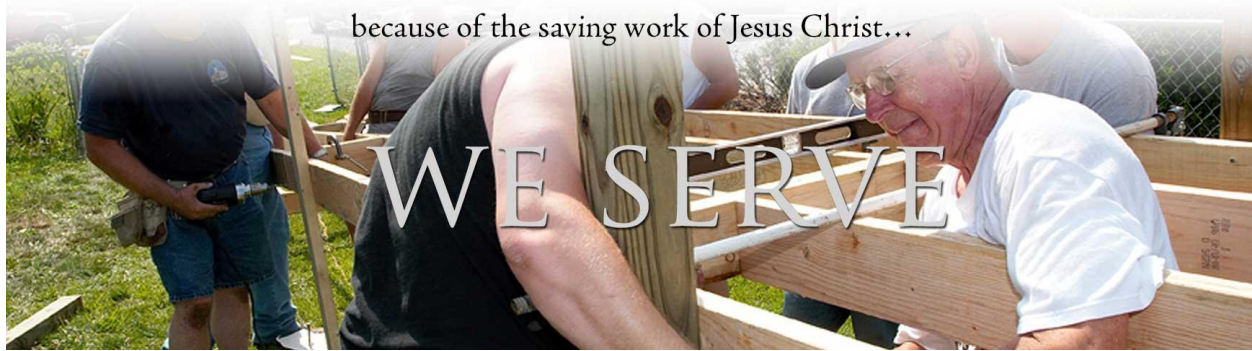




The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | August 9, 2026

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning in celebration and thanksgiving for Kelly & Pat Bottoms' 48th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, August 5.

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.

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



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.

- 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. The next activity is scheduled for Sunday, August 23 after the 10:45 service. Meet at Aaron's Family Fun Center for Back to School Bowling! RSVP to 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:** Teresa Henny

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

Acolyte: (8:00) Gabby Kuhns (10:45) Phoebe Benson

Greeters: (8:00) Debbie Green (10:45) Stan & Jill Harms | **Altar Guild:** Tina Atkins

Stream: (8:00) Gretchen Krull | **Video:** (8:00) Tiffany Kuhns (10:45) Reese Heinrich

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.

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 26—August 2

Sunday, 8/2: In-person: 180 Guests: 16 Virtual: 20	Sunday School, 8/2: Students/Teachers: NA Adult: NA
Men's Bible Study, 7/28: 6 Adult Midweek, 7/29: 11 (0-Remote)	Month-to-Date: 7/26—8/2 Regular Offering: \$12,513.45 Capital Fund: \$275 Renovate Our House: \$25

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 KC as they discuss how kids can be involved in disaster preparedness at home: how kids can help build an emergency supply kit, what to do during severe weather, how to stay calm during a disaster, and more! Activity books and other fun items will be distributed and 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, November through February; spring baseball is 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.

This Week at Bethlehem

August 9—16, 2026

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)

Monday, August 10

9:30 am	Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)
7:00 pm	Scout Troops 1032/7032 (Fellowship Hall/Narthex/Library/Conf Rm2)

Tuesday, August 11

9:00 am	KC South Pastors' Conf (Immanuel, KC)
6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study (Serendipity Farms, Stilwell, KS)

Wednesday, August 12

6:00 pm	Midweek Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
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Thursday, August 13

5:00 pm	Adult Instruction Class (Library)
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Friday, August 14 (Pastor Priem-Day off)

Sunday, August 16

8:00 am	Worship/Holy Communion (and Live Stream to Facebook)
9:30 am	Confirmation Photos/Robes (Sanctuary)
9:30 am	Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall & Google Meet) and Children's Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship