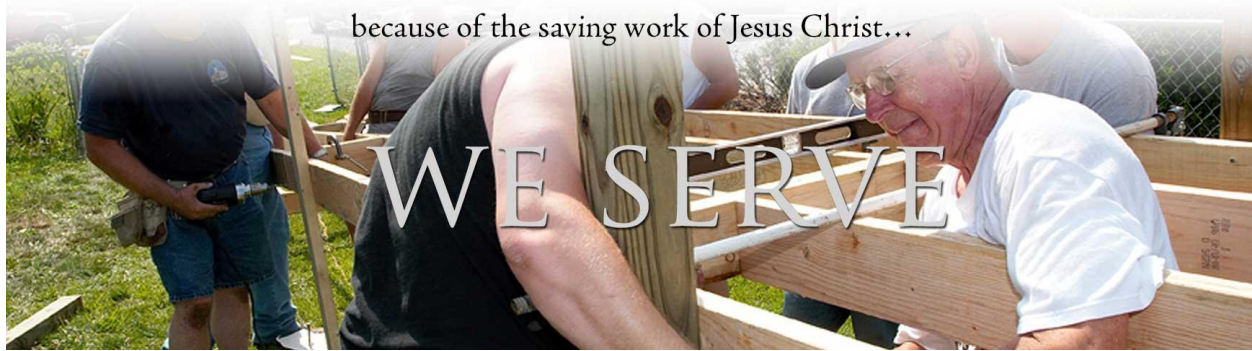




The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | August 16, 2026

Christian sympathy is extended to Jill Harms and her son Brody on the passing of husband, father, and our brother in Christ, Stan, who was carried Home on Tuesday, August 11. We pray our Father's comfort and peace to be with all who mourn.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning by Connie Schade in loving memory of husband Glenn, marking what would have been their 56th wedding anniversary today.

Worship Service Attendance

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).

Sunday School, Midweek, and Small Group Studies



Promotion Sunday is August 23. Children will move up to the next grade in Sunday School and teachers and administrative staff will be installed in the church services.

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 *next 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*

Coming Soon!



Mark your calendars for our annual Church Picnic: Sunday, September 13 after the 10:45 service at the Lion's Shelter, Raymore Memorial Park, 300 Park Ln. Plan to join in the fun, games, fellowship, and great food! Tableware, hamburgers, and hot dogs will be provided. Bring a dish or two to share!

NEW! Elder Assignments



All families have been assigned an Elder, alphabetically by family last name.

Your Elder will serve as your point of contact to share kudos, concerns, ideas, etc., to be brought to the Board of Elders or otherwise addressed.

This information is also posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

Please refer to our member directory, [Instant Church Directory](#), OR contact the Church Office at 816-322-3606 or info@bethlehem-raymore.org for Elder contact information

Family Last Name Begins with:	Elder Name	Family Last Name Begins with:	Elder Name
A - B	Doug Bolton	K - L	Tom Hecker
C - E	Roger Fox	M - Q	Scott Kastman
F - G	Steve Gfeller	R - Sc	Kyle Krull
H - J	Darren Hall	Se - Z	Carl Sellmeyer

Our Response: August 3—9

Sunday, 8/9: In-person: 87/96 Guests: 20 Virtual: 19	Sunday School, 8/9: Students/Teachers: 20/7 Adult: 49
Adult Midweek, 8/5: 12 (1-Remote)	Month-to-Date: 7/26—8/9 Regular Offering: \$29,677.45 Capital Fund: \$690 Renovate Our House: \$90

Serving This Morning

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew D. Priem | **Musician:** Julie Hall

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

Acolyte: (8:00) Maci Heintzelman (10:45) Logan Brooks

Greeters: (10:45) Jimbo & Sharon Diley | **Altar Guild:** Candy Schmoll

Stream: (8:00) Kay Freeman | **Video:** (8:00) Courtney Morrill (10:45) Megan Kuhns

Ushers: (8:00) Randy Monnig/Gerry Moennig (10:45) James Neugebauer/Ben Russell



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.

In Our Community



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 lkskc.com/support/karl_birnstein_memorial_golf_tournament.

This Week at Bethlehem

August 16—23, 2026

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

Monday, August 17

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

Tuesday, August 18

8:30 am Finance Committee (Conf Rm)
1:00 pm Bunco (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, August 19

9:00 am Hearts of Mercy work session (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm Midweek Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, August 20

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

Friday, August 21 (Pastor Priem-Day off)

Saturday, August 22

9:00 am LWML (Conf Rm)

Sunday, August 23: Sunday School Promotion Sunday; LWML Mite Box Sunday

8:00 am Worship (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))
9:30 am Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall & Google Meet) and Children's Sunday School
12:00 pm FAITH Youth Bowling (Aaron's Family Fun Center, Belton)
10:45 am Worship/Holy Communion



Library Updates: You may have noticed our library is being refreshed! As part of that process we are removing all the VHS tapes. If you are looking to expand your personal VHS collection, please stop at the table in the narthex and grab your favorite(s) before August 24. *Point of contact: Gretchen Krull*



Plant Sale: Help raise money for Mites and clean the air in your home! On August 23, the next Mite Box Sunday, our ladies will be offering live plants and a few craft items to take home and enjoy! All donations will benefit the many mission grants supported by LWML! *Point of contact: Sharon Diley*