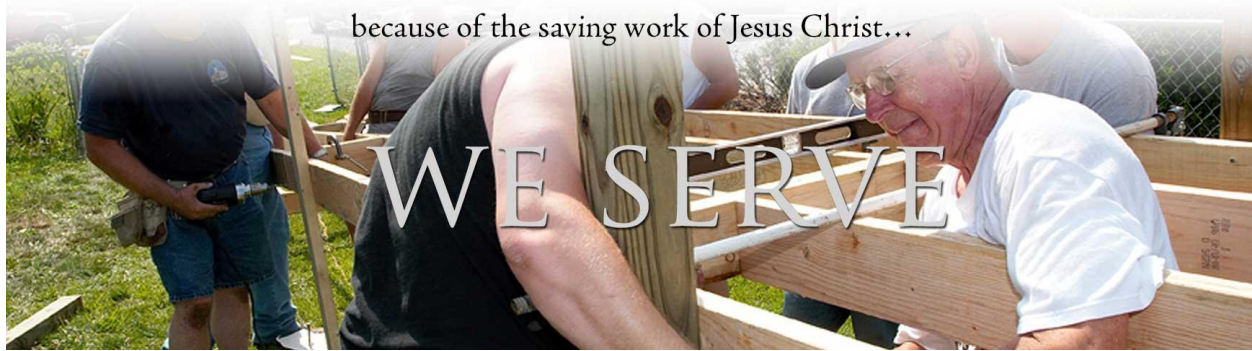




The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | August 23, 2026

This morning we welcome the following into membership at Bethlehem by Adult Confirmation and Profession of Faith: Chris Burnes, Maddi Nading, and Dwain Steinke. We are thankful they have found, among the people of God, a place to worship and serve their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning by Leona Solar in thankfulness for God in her life and for the blessings of family and friends.



Plant Sale: Help raise money for Mites and clean the air in your home! TODAY, our ladies are 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*



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) TODAY. *Point of contact: Gretchen Krull*

Sunday School, Midweek, and Small Group Studies

Promotion Sunday has been rescheduled to September 13. Children will move to their 2026-27 school 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 **TODAY**, 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*

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).

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—16

Sunday, 8/16: In-person: 98/91 Guests: 16 Virtual: 19	Sunday School, 8/16: Students/Teachers: 18/6 Adult: 52
Adult Midweek, 8/12: 11 (1-Remote)	Month-to-Date: 7/26—8/16 Regular Offering: \$40,299.45 Capital Fund: \$855 Renovate Our House: \$115

Serving This Morning

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

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

Acolyte: (8:00) Aaron Hoemann (10:45) Danika Skinner

Greeters: (10:45) Jimbo & Sharon Diley | **Altar Guild:** Linda Bolton

Stream: (8:00) Aaron Steinke | **Video:** (8:00) Isaiah Hoemann (10:45) Brittney Coleman

Ushers: (8:00) Matthew Hoemann/Tim Hoemann (10:45) Jerry Burns/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.

In Our Community

Ordination Service: The congregation of Ascension Lutheran Church joyfully invites you to the Ordination Service of Pastor Walter Marvin Little on **Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 2:30pm**, Ascension Lutheran Church, 4900 Blue Ridge Blvd, KC, MO 64133. Your presence, prayers, and fellowship would be a blessing as we gather to celebrate God's calling and the beginning of this new chapter in ministry. A reception will follow the service. RSVP: 816-838-2537 or w.m.little2022@gmail.com. "Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season" -2 Timothy 4:2

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. A link to register and sponsorship opportunities are available at: lhskc.com/support/karl_birnstein_memorial_golf_tournament.

This Week at Bethlehem

August 23—30, 2026

Sunday, August 23: 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

Monday, August 24

9:30 am Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)
6:30 pm Governance Board (Conf Rm)
7:00 pm Scout Troops 1032/7032 (Fellowship Hall/Narthex/Library/Conf Rm2)

Tuesday, August 25

6:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Serendipity Farms, Stilwell, KS)

Wednesday, August 26

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

Friday, August 28 (Pastor Priem-Day off)

Saturday, August 29

9:00 am Worship Committee (Conf Rm)

Sunday, August 30: Youth Confirmation

8:00 am Worship/Holy Communion (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
9:30 am Youth Confirmation Speeches/Reception
10:45 am Worship/Holy Communion/Youth Confirmation



Calendar Note: Pastor Priem will be on vacation from Monday, August 31—Monday, September 7.