



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | August 31, 2025

**BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY**

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning in celebration and thanksgiving for Don Strang's birthday on Thursday, August 28.

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**.

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. **The next meeting** is Sunday, September 7 after the 10:45 service. Lunch will be provided. *Point of contact: Alicia Russell, 660-890-4772 or aruss.rd22@yahoo.com*

Serving Opportunities



To support our partners in the Urban Ministry, we are collecting *family-sized hygiene products & cleaning supplies* through Sunday, September 14. **Needed:** paper towels, toilet paper, Depends, dish soap, laundry soap, shampoo and conditioner, wash cloths, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes (full sized). *Sponsored by Bethlehem LWML in support of LUMA (Lutheran Urban Mission Agency)*

Immanuel Lutheran Church Food Pantry, 4205 Tracy, KC, MO: **Needed:** breakfast items; canned fruit, soups, and meats; pork & beans; bags of rice; spaghetti products; cleaning supplies; and **SCHOOL LUNCHBOX ITEMS**. Pick up a full grocery needs list from the bulletin board in the hallway and keep an eye on that space for updates. *Please check expiration dates on the items you bring as outdated food cannot be given.*



Do you enjoy sharing God's word with children, appropriate to their age?

A Children's Message is offered for ages 4-12 during the 10:45 service from September-May. Consider joining our rotation, serving once a month or less! For more information, contact Amy Sellmeyer, Kelly Dhyne, or Pastor Priem.

Serving This Morning

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

Elders: (Reader) Doug Bolton/Darren Hall (Communion) Roger Fox/Carl Sellmeyer

Acolytes: (8:00) Reese Swopes (10:45) Ethan Russell

Greeters: (8:00) Debbie Green (10:45) Jimbo & Sharon Diley

Altar Guild: Debbie Green | **Stream:** Sherry Golden

Video: (8:00) Ray Krueger (10:45) Reese Heinrich

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

The Children's Message, offered in the 10:45 service, is on hiatus and will resume next month.

This Week at Bethlehem

August 31—September 7, 2025

Sunday, August 31

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/Holy Communion

Monday, September 1 (Labor Day: Church Office Closed)

Tuesday, September 2 (Teresa Blackley: Out of Office)

Wednesday, September 3

6:00 pm Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, September 4

1:00 pm Quilting Small Group (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 2256 (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, September 5 (Pastor Priem, day off)

Saturday, September 6

9:00 am Worship Committee (Conference Room)

Sunday, September 7

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
12:00 pm FAITH Youth Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
2:00 pm Private Party (Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall)

Calendar Note: The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, September 1, in observance of Labor Day. Teresa Blackley will be out of the office on Tuesday, September 2.

Our Response: August 18—August 24

Worship 8/24: In-person: 96/104 Guests: 18 Virtual: 27	Sunday School, 8/24: Students/Teachers: 22/8 Adult: 65 (6-Zoom)
Adult Midweek, 8/20: 12 (1-Zoom)	8/18—8/24 Regular Offering: \$7,721.00 Capital Fund: \$90.00 Renovate Our House: \$5.00

Upcoming & Ongoing



The Lutheran Urban Mission Agency Auxiliary will meet on Wednesday, September 17 at Bethlehem. Registration begins at 9 am with the opening service at 9:30 am. The program speaker will be Isabelle Miller from Kanbe's Market in Kansas City, MO. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP by September 14 to Shari Keilig, 816-550-7987. All ladies of the congregation are invited.

Kanbe's Markets is a 501(c)3 non-profit on a mission to build a more inclusive food system by transforming food loss into food access. Their goal is to eliminate food insecurity while simultaneously reinvesting into our communities and reducing food waste. Visit kanbesmarkets.org for more information.



Mark your calendars! The annual Church Picnic will be Sunday, September 21 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! Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Bring a dish or two to share.

Beautiful Savior Auxiliary will supply all your needs for strong, sturdy trash bags. Rolls of 16 blue (55-gal), 25 yellow (lawn/leaf) or 65 white (tall kitchen) are \$12 each. *Point of contact: Richard Westhoff, 816-560-3161 or papabear0346@gmail.com.*

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.

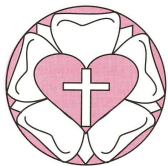


Order your Bethlehem T-Shirt today!

Shirts are just \$15, available in charcoal gray or royal blue. Orders are due by October 17 for November pickup. A portion of each sale supports church missions. Order forms are available in the Narthex.

Point of contact: Kelly Dhyne or Christina Benson

Call Committee Update



Congregational members may again nominate pastors to be included on our second call list. Nominations will remain open until Sunday, September 14.

Pastoral Nomination Forms and Job Descriptions are available in the [Document Library of our website](#), on the table at the back of the Sanctuary, or by contacting any Elder at Bethlehem or Teresa in the Church Office