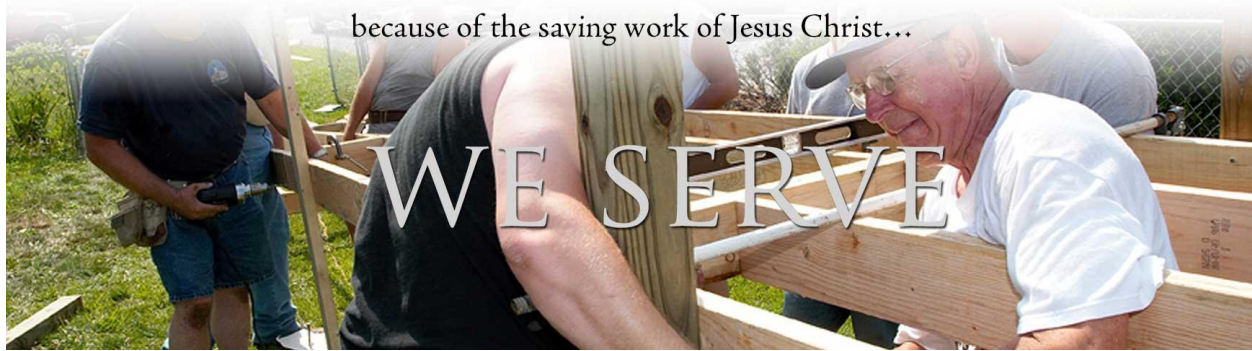




The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | September 6, 2026

This morning we welcome guest pastor, Rev. Craig Otto, who brings God's word to us in Pastor Priem's absence. Rev. Otto serves St Matthew Lutheran Church, Lee's Summit, since August 2004.

◆ Combined Services & Special Voter's Meeting: September 20 ◆

A combined worship service with holy communion will be held at 9:30 am on Sunday, September 20 in place of the 8:00 and 10:45 services. Sunday School will not be held.

A Special Voter's Meeting will be held immediately following the worship service.

Sunday School, Midweek, and Small Group Studies

Promotion Sunday will be next Sunday, 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. An outdoor meeting will be held Sunday, September 27 at the fire pit. Come for a picnic lunch, football, volleyball, corn hole, frisbee, or any outdoor activity! *Point of contact:* Alicia, 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 resumes September 9* and meets 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

Next Sunday, September 13: Events & Deadlines



Mark your calendars for our annual Church Picnic: NEXT 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!



We are collecting family-sized hygiene products & cleaning supplies through September 13. 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)*

Ordination Service: The congregation of Ascension Lutheran Church joyfully invites you to the Ordination Service of Walter Marvin Little on **Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 2:30pm**, Ascension Lutheran Church, 4900 Blue Ridge Blvd, KC, MO 64133. Walter completed the Specific Ministry Pastor Program (SMP) through Concordia Seminary, St Louis, and will be serving Ascension and area churches. 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 Tim 4:2*

It's Time for Nut Sales!



LWML is selling fresh Farmstead Nuts and Treats! Check out the LWML bulletin board in the Narthex for product information and order blanks. These are *fresh, delicious* and *tasty* for snacking, baking, plus make great gifts! Take order forms to your place of employment and share with neighbors and relatives. *Prepaid* orders will be accepted Sundays, Sept 20 and 27; products will be ready for pickup on Sunday, Oct 11. Profits will be used for future LWML Mission projects. *Point of contact (call or text): Betsy 816-724-2397; Mary 816-769-8905; Janette 660-473-2566; or Linda 816-392-5253*

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 in each issue of BLCUpdates, the emailed weekly news).

Elder Assignments



All families have been assigned an Elder, alphabetically by family last name. Your Elder serves as your point of contact for you to share kudos, concerns, ideas, etc., to be brought to the Board of Elders or otherwise addressed.

Elder assignments are 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 17—30

Sunday, 8/30: In-person: 92/135 Guests: 30 Virtual: 32	Sunday School, 8/30: Students/Teachers: 10/5 Adult: NA
Men's Bible Study, 8/25: 4 Adult Midweek, 8/26: 9 (2-Remote)	Month-to-Date: 7/27—8/30 Regular Offering: \$68,532.28 Capital Fund: \$1,415 Renovate Our House: \$1,160

Serving This Morning

Guest Pastor: Rev. Craig Otto | **Musician:** Teresa Henny
Elders: (Reader) Steve Gfeller (Communion) Darren Hall
Acolyte: (8:00) Aaron Hoemann (10:45) Moses Priem
Greeters: (8:00) Debbie Green | **Altar Guild:** Debbie Green
Children's Message: (10:45) Amy Sellmeyer | **Stream:** (8:00) Jimbo Diley
Video: (8:00) Isaiah Hoemann (10:45) Reese Heinrich
Ushers: (8:00) Ronnie Thompson/Paul Zainea (10:45) Bert Raymer/David Frazier

This Week at Bethlehem

September 6—13, 2026

Sunday, September 6: Guest Preacher: Pastor Otto, St Matthew Lutheran Church, Lees Summit

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

Monday, September 7 (Labor Day: Church Office Closed)

Tuesday, September 8

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

Wednesday, September 9

6:00 pm Midweek Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 pm Youth Catechism Club (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, September 11 (Pastor Priem-Day Off)

Sunday, September 13: Promotion 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
 10:45 am Worship/Holy Communion
 12:00 pm Church Picnic (Lion's Shelter, Raymore Memorial Park)
 12:30 pm Elder Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
 2:00 pm Private Party (Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary/Conf Rm, Library)

Calendar Notes:

- Pastor Priem is on vacation through Monday, September 7. Pastor Emshoff from Holy Trinity, Grandview, will be available for emergencies. Please contact the Church Office at Bethlehem, 816-322-3606 or tblackley@bethlehem-raymore.org, if this is a need.
- The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, September 7 for Labor Day.