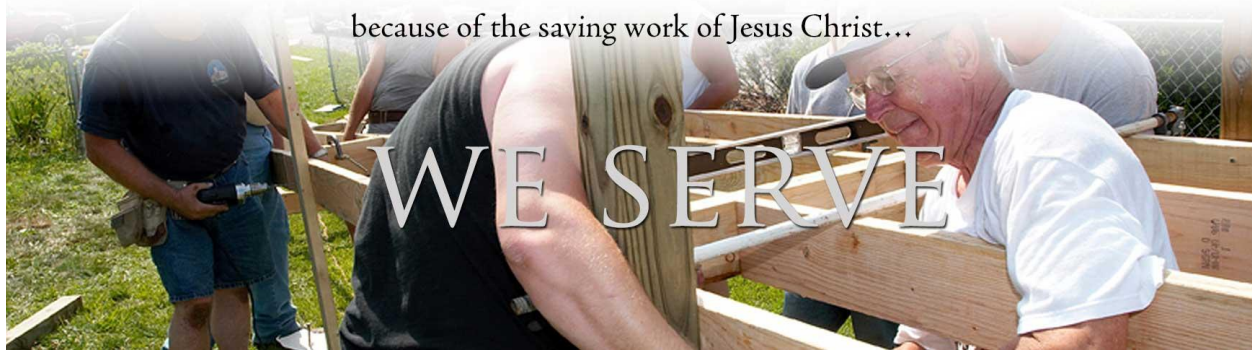




The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | September 13, 2026



TODAY is Promotion Sunday, the start of a new year of Sunday School! Teachers will be installed in the services and students progress to their 2026-2027 grade level. Help your child have a positive experience by getting to know their Sunday School teacher, then pray for him/her regularly! *Point of contact:* **Pastor Priem**



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning by Richard Westhoff in loving memory of his wife Shirley.

◆ Combined Services: 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.

Special Voter's Meeting Cancelled: One of the proposed candidates to be presented at the call meeting has taken another call, reducing the slate to just one name. In keeping with district recommendations, the call committee has requested another list from the district in order to present multiple candidates for the congregation to consider. Another call meeting will be scheduled once a new slate of options can be recommended by the call committee.

Events & Deadlines: TODAY, September 13



TODAY 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 today, 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 Little **TODAY, 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. *"Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season" -2 Tim 4:2*

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: 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 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

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).

Our Response: August 31—September 6

Sunday, 9/6: In-person: 83/74 Guests: 12 Virtual: 33	Sunday School, 9/6: Students/Teachers: 8/5 Adult: 43 (NA-Remote)
Adult Midweek, 9/2: NA	Month-to-Date: 8/31—9/6 Regular Offering: \$9,713.59 Capital Fund: \$375 Renovate Our House: \$50

Serving This Morning

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

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

Acolyte: (8:00) Gabby Kuhns (10:45) Rory Evans

Greeters: (8:00) Debbie Green (10:45) James & Michelle Neugebauer | **Altar Guild:** Jennifer DeLuca

Children's Message: (10:45) Pat Bottoms | **Stream:** (8:00) Gretchen Krull

Video: (8:00) Tiffany Kuhns (10:45) Megan Kuhns

Ushers: (8:00) Craig Rogge/Jason Rockman (10:45) Steven Coleman/Tim Benson

This Week at Bethlehem

September 13–20, 2026

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)

Monday, September 14

9:15 am Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)
10:00 am Seasoned Saints' Bible Study (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm Budget Meeting (Finance Office)
6:00 pm Scout Troops 1032/7032 (Conf Rms, Library, FH, Narthex)

Tuesday, September 15

1:00 pm Bunco (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm Finance Committee (Conf Rm)

Wednesday, September 16

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

Thursday, September 17

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

Friday, September 18 (Pastor Priem-Day Off)

Saturday, September 19

10:00 am Visitation: Stanley Joe Harms
11:00 am Funeral: Stanley Joe Harms
 Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, September 20: Combined Worship Service

9:30 am Worship/Holy Communion (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))