



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | September 20, 2026

Christian sympathy is extended to Steve Gfeller and his family on the passing of his wife and our sister in Christ, Joyce, carried Home on Monday, September 14. We pray our Father's blanket of comfort and peace to be with all who mourn.

◆ *Combined Services: TODAY!* ◆



A combined worship service with holy communion is at 9:30 am today in place of the 8:00 and 10:45 services. Sunday School will not be held. Our regular schedule will resume next Sunday, September 27.

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.

Call Committee Update



Congregational members may again nominate pastors to be included in our next call list. This time we are seeking nominations for candidates with less than 5 years of experience. *The last day for nominations is Wednesday, September 30.*

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.

Sunday School, Midweek, and Small Group Studies

Sunday School 9:30-10:30 am for ages 2 and up. *No classes this morning due to the combined service.*

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 Nuts!



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 13

Sunday, 9/13: In-person: 107/97 Guests: 20 Virtual: 27	Sunday School, 9/13: Students/Teachers: 25/7 Adult: 44 (3-Remote)
Men's Bible Study, 9/8: 6 Adult Midweek, 9/9: NA	Month-to-Date: 8/31—9/13 Regular Offering: \$21,855.34 Capital Fund: \$710 Renovate Our House: \$85

Serving This Morning

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

Elders: (Communion) Darren Hall/Doug Bolton/Scott Kastman/Kyle Krull/Roger Fox

Acolyte: Aaron Hoemann/Addison Sellmeyer

Greeters: Matt & Rachel Hoemann and family | **Altar Guild:** DeAnna Bormann

Children's Message: Kelly Dhyne | **Stream:** (8:00) Aaron Steinke

Video: Courtney Morrill

Ushers: Randy Monnig/Gerry Moennig/James Neugebauer/Jerry Burns



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning in celebration and thanksgiving of Ronnie Thompson & Courtney Morrill's 28th wedding anniversary on September 19, and Matt & Rachel Hoemann's 18th wedding anniversary on September 27.

This Week at Bethlehem

September 20—27, 2026

Sunday, September 20: Combined Worship Service

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

Monday, September 21 (Vacation: Teresa Blackley)

9:15 am Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)

5:30 pm LWML Workday (L05)

6:30 pm Governance Board (Sanctuary)

7:00 pm Scout Troops 1032/7032 (Conf Rms, Library, FH, Narthex)

Tuesday, September 22

10:00 am Visitation: Joyce Marie Gfeller

11:00 am Funeral: Joyce Marie Gfeller

Funeral Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

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

Wednesday, September 23

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

7:00 pm Youth Catechism Club (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, September 25 (Pastor Priem-Day Off)

Saturday, September 26

10:00 am LWML (Conf Room)

Sunday, September 27

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 FAITH Youth (Fire Pit)

Lutheran Community

LHSC CHOIR ACCOMPANIST NEEDED: Lutheran High School of Kansas City's Choir Program in great need of a piano accompanist. If you are interested and willing to share your talents with our school, please reach out to Choir Director Malinda McCasland at mmccasland@lhskc.com or Principal/Executive Director Adam Kirsch at akirsch@lhskc.com for more details.

Prayers & Invitation

Katrina Mars Huckabay, a member of Holy Trinity, Grandview, has a liver disease which requires a transplant. Your prayers are needed! Two Holy Trinity Sunday School children, Emery and Theo, want to help their teacher with a lemonade stand Saturday, Sept. 26 from 1:30-4:30 pm at 1113 Tudor Dr, Raymore (the corner of Tudor Dr and Laurus Dr). 100% of the proceeds will help Katrina in her recovery. You are invited to support the kids as they support their teacher!