



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | September 21, 2025



Congratulations to Lainey Mae Wooster upon receiving the sacrament of holy baptism this morning! Lainey is the daughter of John and Courtney Wooster. We pray our Father's continued blessings upon Lainey and her family as she grows in the love of Jesus Christ as her Savior.

This morning we welcome Rachel Barraza and her daughter Lena into membership at Bethlehem by transfer from Faith, Ottawa, KS. We are thankful Rachel and Lena 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 in celebration and thanksgiving for Teddy & Sandy Benefiel's 63rd wedding anniversary on Monday, September 29.



The annual Church Picnic is TODAY, 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. If you're able, bring a dish or two to share; if not, there will be plenty!

Serving Opportunities



Moving help needed! Our Congregation's response to requests for help to move families has been wonderful in the past. Another member family is in need of our services—please mark your calendar for *Saturday, September 27*. If you can help, text or call Gerry Moennig at 816-590-1549.



Needs for Immanuel Lutheran Church Food Pantry, 4205 Tracy, KC, MO: 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 *Please check expiration dates on the items you bring as outdated food cannot be given.*

****UPDATE:** Plastic and reusable grocery bags are needed! **

The next blood drive at Bethlehem is Tuesday, October 7, from 12:00-6:00 pm. Schedule at donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/sponsor_code (Bethlehem sponsor code 9H). Walk-ins are welcome! *If you are unable to donate* at this drive, we urge you to schedule a donation time to fit your schedule. Community Blood Center supports over 70 hospitals in the Greater KC Metropolitan area, eastern KS and Western MO.



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. *Point of contact: Alicia Russell, 660-890-4772 or aruss.rd22@yahoo.com*

Serving This Morning

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

Elders: (Reader) Roger Fox/Scott Kastman (Communion) Doug Bolton

Acolytes: (8:00) Aaron Hoemann (10:45) Heidi Priem

Greeters: (8:00) Debbie Green (10:45) Stan & Jill Harms

Altar Guild: Mackenzie Wilson | Children's Message (10:45) Amy Sellmeyer

Stream: (8:00) Kay Freeman | **Video:** (8:00) Joni Hartman (10:45) Reese Heinrich

Ushers: (8:00) Randy Monnig/Gerry Moennig (10:45) James Neugebauer/Steven Coleman/Randy Priem

This Week at Bethlehem

September 14—21, 2025

Sunday, September 21

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 Church Picnic (Lion's Shelter, Raymore Memorial Park)

Monday, September 22 (Pastor Priem, vacation through 9/27)(Teresa Blackley, vacation through 9/23)

8:30 am Budget Meeting (Finance Office)
7:00 pm Scout Troops 1032/7032 (Conf Rm/FH/Narthex)

Saturday, September 27

10:00 am Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) (Conference Room)

Sunday, September 28 (LWML Mitey Mite Sunday)

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

Our Response: September 8—14

Worship 9/14: In-person: 111/89 Guests: 23 Virtual: 29	Sunday School, 9/14: Students/Teachers: 15/5 Adult: 56 (2-Zoom)
Men's Bible Study, 9/9: 5 Adult Midweek, 9/10: 11 (0-Zoom)	9/8—9/14 Regular Offering: \$9,265.73 Capital Fund: \$305.00 Renovate Our House: \$60.00

Ongoing

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.

Upcoming & Special Events



The annual Youth bonfire will be held at Bethlehem on Saturday, October 12 from 6-8 pm at the new fire pit behind the church. We will be roasting hot dogs and s'mores! FAITH (Friends All In Together for Him) Youth Group for students 4th grade and up. *Point of contact:* Alicia Russell, 660-890-4772 or aruss.rd22@yahoo.com



Trunk or Treat — Friday, October 24, 6-7:30 pm: Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Guiding Star Preschool will host Trunk or Treat in our parking lot. *Come join in the fellowship with your brothers & sisters in Christ and help make this a fun evening for the children of Bethlehem and our community!*

Fellowship Sunday is twice a year at Bethlehem, in the spring, beginning of Daylight Saving Time, and the fall, when DST ends. On this day our Sunday morning services are combined for an *all-church combined service* at 9:30 am. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study classes are not held; the service is live streamed. **Mark your calendars for our next Fellowship Sunday on November 2!** A combined service will be held at 9:30 am.



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

Golf Outing! NEXT Sunday, September 28

If you'd like to participate in a Golf outing after 10:45 service on September 28 please contact Doug Bolton, Jerry Burns, or Darren Hall as soon as possible so they can reserve tee-times. *RSVP by tomorrow, September 22.*

