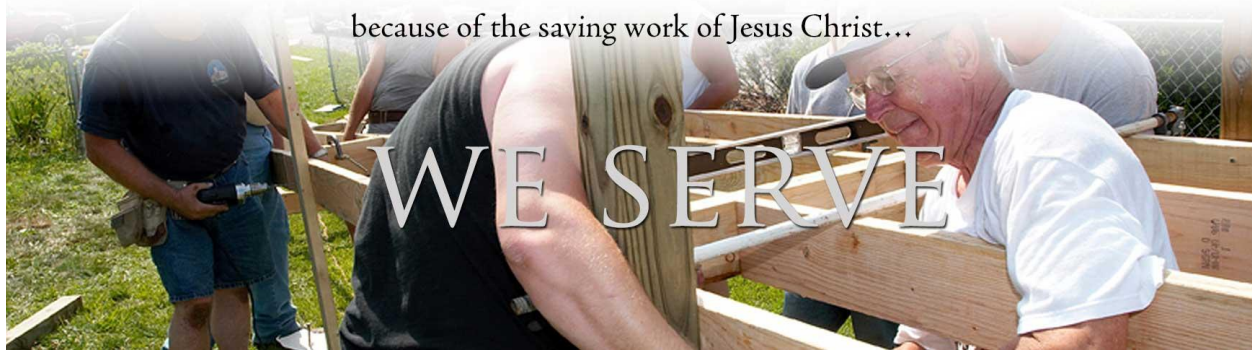




The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | September 27, 2026

Thank you to all who donated hygiene products & cleaning supplies in support of LUMA and inner city missions! A total of 170 items were given ranging from toilet paper to soaps, laundry items, and personal care products. To God be the glory!

Congratulations to Savannah Taylor and Connor Houck who were united in marriage on Saturday evening, September 19 in Cleveland, MO, officiated by Pastor Priem. We pray our Father's blessings upon this union as they grow in their relationship with each other through their Savior, Jesus Christ.



Congratulations to Trevor & Maddi Nading on the birth of their son, Ernest Allen, on Wednesday, September 16 2026. We pray our Father's continued protection over this young life until the day of his rebirth through the waters of holy baptism.



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning in celebration and thanksgiving for Ben & Alicia Russell's 20th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, September 23.

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.

- 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 TODAY, 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*

Serving Opportunities

ESL Teachers Wanted! LUMA and Jesus el Buen Pastor Lutheran Church are partnering to offer ESL classes to the Hispanic community in Kansas City. Curriculum, facilities, and an outreach plan are provided; needed are native English speakers. You, as someone who grew up speaking English, are an expert in this area! An initial information session for potential volunteers is **September 28 at 6:30pm** at Jesus el Buen Pastor, 3007 Mercier St, KCMO 64108. Point of contact phil.cook@lumakc.org



The next blood drive at Bethlehem is Tuesday, October 6, from 12-6 pm. Schedule at donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/sponsor_code using 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.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Food Pantry, 4205 Tracy, Kansas City, MO

High-Priority Staples Needed

- Dry Pasta & Sauce: Spaghetti, pasta sauce, and tomato products (paste, sauce, diced)
- Canned Goods: Canned Spinach and canned mixed greens are in especially high demand. Along with canned fruit, pork and beans, canned soup, and canned meats (chicken, beef, Vienna sausage, sardines etc.).
- Pantry Essentials: Instant dry milk
- Hygiene & Cleaning: Laundry detergent, hand soap, dish soap, shampoo, and Clorox wipes

Please double-check expiration dates before donating, as we cannot distribute outdated food.

Financial Support

Monetary gifts allow us to stretch your dollar further by purchasing food at discounted rates directly from Harvesters.

- Please make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church Food Pantry.
- Thrivent Members: A huge thank you to those using their Thrivent Action Team Cards to buy bulk items for the pantry!

Our Response: August 31—September 20

Sunday, 9/20: In-person: 153 Guests: 12 Virtual: 28	Sunday School, 9/20: Students/Teachers: NA Adult: NA
Adult Midweek, 9/16: 11 Youth Catechism Club, 9/16: 5	Month-to-Date: 8/31—9/20 Regular Offering: \$42,486.34 Capital Fund: \$925 Renovate Our House: \$85

Serving This Morning

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew D. Priem | **Musician:** Teresa Henny

Elders: (Reader) Darren Hall (Communion) Carl Sellmeyer

Acolyte: (8:00) Gabby Kuhns (10:45) Mia Russell

Greeters: (8:00) Gerry & Debbie Moennig (10:45) James & Michelle Neugebauer

Altar Guild: Tina Atkins | **Children's Message:** (10:45) Kris Schuler

Stream: (8:00) Aaron Steinke | **Video:** (8:00) Ray Krueger (10:45) Brittney Coleman

Ushers: (8:00) Matthew Hoemann/Tim Hoemann (10:45) Stephen Dhyne/Randy Priem



Bethlehem's Theater Group would like to do a **Christmas performance** this year. Youth and adults (ages 10 and up) who would like to participate, please reach out to Julie Humphrey at 816-738-5406 or juliedeluca07@protonmail.com.

This Week at Bethlehem *September 27—October 4, 2026*

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)

Monday, September 28

- 9:15 am Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)
- 7:00 pm Scout Troops 1032/7032 (Conf Rms, Library, FH, Narthex)

Tuesday, September 29

- 5:00 pm Board of Preschool (Conf Rm)

Wednesday, September 30

- 6:00 pm Budget Meeting (Finance Ofc)
- 6:00 pm Midweek Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 pm Youth Catechism Club (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, October 1

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

Friday, October 2 (Pastor Priem-Day Off)

Saturday, October 3

- 9:00 am Worship Committee (Conf Room)
- 4:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 2256 (Outdoors)

Sunday, October 4

- 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

Nut Deadline Today



Today, September 27, is the last day we will accept orders and payment for *fresh and delicious* Farmstead Nuts and Treats. Orders will be ready for pickup on Sunday, October 11, just in time for holiday baking and gifts! *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).