



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | October 4, 2026



"I would like to thank everyone who expressed their love for Joyce with cards, emails, visits, texts, Facebook, etc. I heard from some of you who had dealt with Joyce directly in certain moments and how she helped and how inspirational she was. And how she would rest her hands on your cheeks. Pastor even mentioned it during his Message.

She seemed to have been there for quite a few of you. Some came to thank her personally at the home, telling me on the day of the funeral or putting beautiful remarks in the many cards she received. I had no idea she was doing this, but it was between her, those she touched and God anyway. This was so wonderful to hear and it has brought me more tears. We learn about each other during the marriage journey but learn even more on passing. My many thanks to those who shared with me. This is a Church Family unlike any other and the Spirit is definitely here." -Steve Gfeller

Christian sympathy is extended to Leona Solar and her family on the passing of Leona's younger sister, Dee Scott, on Friday, September 25. We pray our Father's blanket of comfort and peace to be with all who mourn.



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning in celebration and thanksgiving for Mike & Karen Hull's 28th wedding anniversary on Saturday, October 3, and for Trevor Bedford's birthday on Friday, October 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**

NOTE: Remote attendance through Google Meet will not be available on October 11 in Pastor Priem's absence

FAITH (Friends All In Together for Him) Youth Group for students 4th grade and up. *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!
Note: no meeting Wednesday, October 7.

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

Christmas Performance



Bethlehem's Theater Group is planning a Christmas performance! Youth and adults (ages 10 and up) interested in participating, please reach out to Julie Humphrey at 816-738-5406 or juliedeluca07@protonmail.com.

Serving Opportunities



CANDY NEEDED! The residents of Beautiful Savior Nursing Home in Belton enjoy handing out candy to little trick-or-treaters on Halloween. If you would like to help with this project, please drop off bags of individually wrapped purchased candy in the baskets under the LWML bulletin board by *October 25*. *Point of contact: Betsy Sanders 816-724-2397*



Shiloh Center Donations: For more than 33 years, Shiloh Center has faithfully served as the only Pregnancy Resource Center in Cass County, walking alongside women and families facing pregnancy-related challenges with compassionate, Christ-centered care. *Through the month of October*, Bethlehem will host a donation drive for items in constant need. *Sponsored by Bethlehem's Seasoned Saints; Point of Contact: Mike Scholtes*

- Clothes (9mo-24mo/2T)
- Toys (infant-24 months)
- Shoes (9mo-24mo/2T)
- Diapers (size 6-7)
- Prenatal Vitamins (Gummies)
- Similac Sensitive Formula
- "Preggie Pops" (for pregnant moms)

These items and more can be found at Shiloh's Amazon wish list: [shilohcenter.org/get-involved](https://www.amazon.com/shilohcenter.org/get-involved). Please place donations in the Baby Bassinet located in the Narthex.



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 27

Sunday, 9/27: In-person: 92/80 Guests: 14 Virtual: 19	Sunday School, 9/27: Students/Teachers: 19/7 Adult: 49 (1-remote)
Adult Midweek, 9/23: 11 (2-remote) Youth Catechism Club, 9/16: 6 FAITH Youth, 9/27: 17	Month-to-Date: 8/31—9/27 Regular Offering: \$49,189.26 Capital Fund: \$1,255 Renovate Our House: \$105

Serving This Morning

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew D. Priem | **Musician:** Jordan Fox
Elders: (Reader) Steve Gfeller (Communion) Darren Hall
Acolyte: (8:00) Gabby Kuhns (10:45) Courtney Dhyne
Greeters: (8:00) Debbie Green (10:45) Jimbo & Sharon Diley
Altar Guild: Mackenzie Wilson | **Children's Message:** (10:45) Amy Sellmeyer
Stream: (8:00) Gretchen Krull | **Video:** (8:00) Joni Hartman (10:45) Megan Kuhns
Ushers: (8:00) Craig Rogge/Jason Rockman (10:45) Bert Raymer/David Frazier

This Week at Bethlehem

October 4—11, 2026

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

Monday, October 5 (Pastor Priem: Vacation through Monday, October 12)

9:15 am Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)
 10:00 am Seasoned Saints' Bible Study (Sanctuary)
 6:00 pm Scout Troops 1032/7032 (Conf Rm2, Library, FH, Narthex)

Tuesday, October 6

12:00 pm Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
 1:00 pm Bunco (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, October 7

5:00 pm Finance Committee (Conf Rm)
 6:00 pm Midweek Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, October 11 (Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Lindsay Watkins)

8:00 am Worship/Holy Communion (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))
 9:30 am Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) (NO Google Meet)/Children's Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship
 12:30 pm Elder Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Calendar Note

Pastor Priem will be on vacation from tomorrow, October 5— Monday, October 12. Pastor Emshoff from Holy Trinity, Grandview, is available for emergencies. Please contact the Church Office at Bethlehem, 816-322-3606 or tblackley@bethlehem-raymore.org, if this is a need.

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).

Upcoming Special Events & Services



Trunk or Treat — Friday, October 30, 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!

Sunday, November 1 — All Saints Day & Fellowship Sunday

All Saints Day, the day of the church year when we remember all who have died with faith in Jesus, is annually on November 1 and celebrated in the Church the following Sunday. On this day at Bethlehem we remember our members who died in the faith within the past year.

Fellowship Sunday — Combined Service at 9:30 am

Time Change Sunday is Fellowship Sunday, with a *combined service at 9:30 am*. On this day our Sunday morning services are combined for *one all-church service* at 9:30 am. The service is live streamed. Sunday School classes will not be held; our regular schedule will resume November 8.



Annual Voter's Meeting, Sunday, November 8 between services. Make plans now to attend!

Veteran's Day— November 8

Are you a veteran or currently serving in the military? We plan to honor your service to our country with a photo presentation during both services on Sunday, November 8. NOTE: If yours or your loved one's information was included in the presentation last year, it will be again this year. To verify information or make changes, contact Teresa in the Church Office. **New information this year?** Submit a photo (optional), relationship, and service information to Teresa. *The deadline (firm) for all additions or changes is Friday, October 30.*

