



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | October 5, 2025

Thank you to all who donated items for the fall LUMAA in-gathering on September 17. A total of 144 laundry and personal hygiene items were collected for inner city residents. To God be the glory!

Serving Opportunities



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 *Please check expiration dates on the items you bring as outdated food cannot be given.*



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! Community Blood Center supports over 70 hospitals in the Greater KC Metro area, eastern KS and Western MO.

Trick or Treat! Beautiful Savior Nursing Home Auxiliary is requesting donations of individually wrapped candy for the residents to hand out to little Trick or Treaters. All types appreciated. Drop off at the Home or place in the basket under the LWML bulletin board in the narthex by October 26. *Point of contact: Betsy Sanders, 816-724-2397*

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*

Call Committee Update



The Missouri District provided a new "Call List" on September 25. Members of a joint committee of the Elders and Governance Board are individually reviewing the list and will meet on Monday, October 13, to discuss their recommendations.

Serving This Morning

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

Elders: (Reader) Steve Gfeller (Communion) Darren Hall

Acolytes: (8:00) Matthew Golden (10:45) Phoebe Benson

Greeters: (8:00) Bob & Carole Rose (10:45) James & Michelle Neugebauer

Altar Guild: Dee-Dee Stokes | **Children's Message** (10:45) Amy Sellmeyer

Stream: (8:00) Sherry Golden | **Video:** (8:00) Gary Henny (10:45) Joni Hartman

Ushers: (8:00) Jason Rockman/Craig Rogge (10:45) David Frazier/Randy Priem

This Week at Bethlehem

October 5—12, 2025

Sunday, October 5

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

Monday, October 6

9:15 am Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)
10:00 am Seasoned Saints Bible Study (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm Scout Troops 1032/7032 (Conference Room/Fellowship Hall/Narthex/Library)

Tuesday, October 7

9:00 am Budget Meeting (Finance Office)
12:00 pm Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, October 8

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

Friday, October 10 (Pastor Priem: Day Off)

6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 2256 (Fire Pit)

Sunday, October 12 (Pastor Priem: MO District Pastors' Conference, 10/12-10/14)

8:00 am Worship (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))
9:30 am Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall and Zoom) and Children's Sunday School
10:45 am Worship/Holy Communion
12:00 pm Elder Meeting (Conference Room)
2:00 pm Private Party (Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary)
6:00 pm FAITH Youth Bonfire (Fire Pit)

Our Response: September 22—28

Worship 9/28: In-person: 107/94 Guests: 25 Virtual: 17	Sunday School, 9/28: Students/Teachers: 30/8 Adult: 49 (1-Zoom)
Adult Midweek, 9/24: NA (NA-Zoom)	9/22—9/28 Regular Offering: \$14,447.00 Capital Fund: \$140.00 Renovate Our House: \$30.00



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: Deb Green, Kelly Dhyne, or Christina Benson*

Youth Ministry

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



The annual Youth bonfire will be held at Bethlehem on Sunday, October 12 from 6-8 pm at the new fire pit behind the church. We plan to roast hot dogs and make s'mores! FAITH (Friends All In Together for Him) Youth Group for students 4th grade and up.

Bethlehem Youth Bethlehem grades 7-12 are invited to a Fall Party at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 5901 E 135th St, Grandview, on Sunday, October 12 from noon-2pm. Activities include bounce house, pumpkin carving, games, snacks, and more! RSVP to Holy Trinity, 816-763-3211.

Upcoming Special Events & Services

It's NUT time! LWML is selling *fresh* Farmstead Nuts and Treats again this year! 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 on Sunday, October 19 and Sunday, October 26; products will be ready for pickup on Sunday, November 9. Profits will be used for future LWML Mission projects. *Point of contact (call or text):* Linda 816-392-5253; Betsy 816-724-2397; or Mary 816-769-8905



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!

Reformation Service — Friday, October 31 at 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 2 — All Saints Day, Fellowship Sunday, and Voter's Meeting

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 9. A pancake & sausage breakfast will be served beginning at 8:00.



Annual Voter's Meeting has been moved to November 2 immediately after the combined 9:30 am service. Make plans now to attend!



Veteran's Day— November 9: 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 9. 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 31.*



The metal and padded folding chairs are available to you for a donation of any amount. Place your donation in the offering plate and pick up your chair(s) soon! *(The new black mesh chairs are not included in this great deal!)*