



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | October 11, 2026

This morning we welcome Rev. Dr. Lindsay Watkins as our guest preacher in Pastor Priem's absence. Rev. Watkins retired in 2021, serving God's people at Trinity Lutheran Church in Boone, Iowa, for the last 26 of his more than 42 years in ministry. Rev. Watkins and his wife relocated to the Kansas City area to be closer to their daughters. We are blessed to have them with us!

Thank you to all who donated at this week's Blood Drive! A total of 32 donors registered, and 34 units were donated (includes double red blood cells). Year-to-date, 129 units of whole blood and 44 units of double red cells has been donated through our drives at Bethlehem! Our next drive is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, from noon to 6pm. Please mark your calendars and make plans now!

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning in celebration and thanksgiving for Jimbo & Sharon Diley's 42nd wedding anniversary on Tuesday, October 13.

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 Rev. Dr. Lindsay Watkins in **Pastor Priem's** absence

NOTE: Google Meet remote attendance is not available today

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!

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.

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!



LWML MO District KC South Zone 2026 Fall Rally will be Saturday, October 17, 2026, with the theme "Preach the Word" based on Mark 16:15. Rally will be held at Timothy Lutheran, 301 E Wyatt Rd, Blue Springs, MO 64015. Program: Deaconess Sarah Longmire speaking on "Mission in Dominican Republic." Gifts from the Heart: Monetary donations for LCMS:

Dominican Republic FORO (forum). Make checks payable to LWML MO District KC South Zone.

Registration begins at 9 am; opening devotion at 9:30 am. Cost is \$5 (incl lunch). RSVP to Sharon Diley by October 15 at sharondiley@gmail.com or 918-605-5754.



"Paint & Gab" LWML will offer a painting class on Saturday, November 7, at 1:00 pm. Plan now to enjoy some creative recreation in this beginner class! Cost will be \$35; sign-up in the narthex today! Point of contact: Sharon Diley, 918-605-5754 or sharondiley@gmail.com

Our Response: September 28—October 4

Sunday, 10/4: In-person: 85/77 Guests: 9 Virtual: 21	Sunday School, 10/4: Students/Teachers: 14/7 Adult: 37 (?-remote)
Adult Midweek, 9/30: 11 (2-remote) Youth Catechism Club, 9/30: 4	Month-to-Date: 9/28—10/4 Regular Offering: \$18,895.20 Capital Fund: \$375 Renovate Our House: \$50

Serving This Morning

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Lindsay Watkins | **Musician:** Julie Hall
Elders: (Reader) Kyle Krull (Communion) Tom Hecker
Acolyte: (8:00) Aaron Hoemann (10:45) Danika Skinner
Greeters: (8:00) Hoemann Family (10:45) James & Michelle Neugebauer
Altar Guild: ReAnna Sperle | **Children's Message:** (10:45) Pat Bottoms
Stream: (8:00) Aaron Steinke | **Video:** (8:00) Isaiah Hoemann (10:45) Reese Heinrich
Ushers: (8:00) Paul Matney/Ronnie Thompson (10:45) Steven Coleman/Tim Benson

This Week at Bethlehem

October 11—18, 2026

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)

Monday, October 12 (Pastor Priem: Vacation)

9:15 am Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)
 7:00 pm Scout Troops 1032/7032 (Conf Rm2, Library, FH, Narthex)

Tuesday, October 13

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

Wednesday, October 14

6:00 pm Midweek Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 pm Youth Catechism Club (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, October 15

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

Friday, October 16 (Pastor Priem-Day off)

Saturday, October 17

5:00 pm Christmas Play Practice (Sanctuary)

Sunday, October 18 (LWML Sunday)

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

Calendar Note

Pastor Priem is on vacation through tomorrow, 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. 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. On this day our Sunday morning services are combined for *one all-church service* at 9:30 am. The service will be live streamed. Sunday School classes will not be held; our regular schedule will resume November 8.

Join us for a Fellowship Sunday Pancake Breakfast beginning at 8:00 am!



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 name, relationship, a photo (optional), and service information to Teresa. *The deadline (firm) for all additions or changes is Friday, October 30.*



Name Tags

Members, please make a conscious effort to wear your nametags as this assists *guests and members*. If you need a replacement magnet, please drop your badge in Teresa's office mailbox and it will be returned to you!