

The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | October 18, 2026

Today we celebrate LWML Sunday! This year's theme continues a four-year cycle focusing on the LWML Mission Statement—*As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.* For LWML Sunday 2026, we focus on **Supporting Missions**. You are invited to learn more about the mission and ministry of the LWML by asking an LWML member or visiting the LWML website, **lwml.org**. Thank you for supporting LWML through your mites and prayers!

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning in celebration and thanksgiving for Larry & Dian Neugebauer's 54th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, October 21.

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. *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**. 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!



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!



Prayer Ministry: The *Sunday* Prayer List is emailed at the end of each week. If you wish to be added to this group, please let us know! A limited number of printed Prayer Requests are available from the Ushers on Sunday mornings and by the mailboxes during the week.

To be part of the *email Prayer Chain* and pray for requests as they are shared, contact Teresa in the Church Office.

To submit a prayer request, contact **Teresa Blackley** in the Church Office, **Sandy Bearden,** or submit through our website at **bethlehem-raymore.org/prayer-request**.

Our Response: October 5—11

Sunday, 10/11: In-person: **91/71** | Guests: **18** | Virtual: **36**	Sunday School, 10/11: Students/Teachers: **15/7** | Adult: **30** (NA-remote)
Adult Midweek, 10/7: **5** (NA-remote) Youth Catechism Club, 10/7: **NA**	Month-to-Date: 9/28—10/11 Regular Offering: **$30,066.20** Capital Fund: **$760** | Renovate Our House: **$1,085**

Serving This Morning

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew D. Priem | **Musician:** Jordan Fox
Elders: (Reader) Roger Fox/Scott Kastman (Communion) Darren Hall
Acolyte: (8:00) Gabby Kuhns (10:45) Logan Brooks
Greeters: (8:00) Jimbo & Sharon Diley (10:45)
Altar Guild: Dee-Dee Stokes | **Children's Message:** (10:45) Kelly Dhyne
Stream: (8:00) Kay Freeman | **Video:** (8:00) Tiffany Kuhns (10:45) Brittney Coleman
Ushers: (8:00) Randy Monnig/Gerry Moennig (10:45) James Neugebauer/Ben Russell

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This Week at Bethlehem
October 18—25, 2026

Sunday, October 18 (LWML Sunday)
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 19
9:15 am Staff Meeting *(Conf Rm)*
5:00 pm Preschool Committee *(Sanctuary)*
6:30 pm Governance Board *(Sanctuary)*
7:00 pm Scout Troops 1032/7032 *(Conf Rm2, Library, FH, Narthex)*
Tuesday, October 20 (Pastor Priem: Professional Church Worker Conference through 10/22)
1:00 pm Bunco *(Sanctuary)*
Friday, October 23 (Pastor Priem-Day off)
Saturday, October 24
10:00 am LWML *(Conference Room)*
5:00 pm Christmas Play Practice *(Sanctuary)*
Sunday, October 25 (Mite 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

Thought for the Week

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all, but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."
— Martin Luther

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!



Saturday, November 7 at 1:00 pm: "Paint & Gab" 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****; sponsored by LWML*

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.*