

The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | October 25, 2026

Dear Church Friends & Family: From the bottom of our hearts, we want to thank all of you for the love, support, and kindness that you have shown us during this very difficult time. Thank you, Pastor Priem, for your comforting words, your steady leadership, and such a meaningful, grace-filled sermon that honored Stan so well. To everyone who helped organize, set up, serve food, clean up, or simply sat with us and prayed; your hands and feet showed us the love of Christ when we needed it the most. Thank you for making Stan's celebration of life such a beautiful and peaceful tribute to his memory. We are so blessed to be part of this church family. With deep gratitude and love, Jill Harms and Broderic Harms

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 the 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. Our Sunday morning services will be combined into *one all-church service* at 9:30 am. The service will be live streamed. Join us for a 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 is $35; sign-up in the narthex today! *Contact: Sharon Diley, 918-605-5754 or* ***sharondiley@gmail.com****; sponsored by LWML*



Annual Voter's Meeting, Sunday, November 8 between services. Members nominated to serve one 3-year term to the Governance Board are Mary Hunter, Gerry Moennig, and Paul Zainea. 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.*



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*

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 TODAY 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!

Our Response: October 12—18

Sunday, 10/18: In-person: **96/75** | Guests: **8** | Virtual: **26**	Sunday School, 10/18: Students/Teachers: **18/8** | Adult: **49** (5-remote)
Men's Bible Study, 10/13: **9** Adult Midweek, 10/14: **11** (0-remote) Youth Catechism Club, 10/14: **5**	Month-to-Date: 9/28—10/18 Regular Offering: **$39,821.86** Capital Fund: **$935** | Renovate Our House: **$1,110**

Serving This Morning

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew D. Priem | **Musician:** Teresa Henny
Elders: (Reader) Darren Hall (Communion) Carl Sellmeyer
Acolyte: (8:00) Aaron Hoemann(10:45) Moses Priem
Greeters: (8:00) Gerry & Debbie Moennig (10:45) James & Mlchelle Neugebauer
Altar Guild: Linda Bolton | **Children's Message:** (10:45) Kris Schuler
Stream: (8:00) Gretchen Krull | **Video:** (8:00) Courtney Morrill (10:45) Rick & Jennifer DeLuca
Ushers: (8:00) Matthew Hoemann/Tim Hoemann (10:45) Stephen Dhyne/Randy Priem

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This Week at Bethlehem

October 25—November 1, 2026

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
Monday, October 26 (Teresa: Out of Office through 10/27)
9:15 am Staff Meeting *(Conf Rm)*
6:45 pm Scout Troops 1032/7032 *(Conf Rm2, Library, FH, Narthex)*
Tuesday, October 27
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study *(Serendipity Farm, Stilwell, KS)*
Wednesday, October 28
6:00 pm Midweek Adult Bible Study *(Fellowship Hall)*
7:00 pm Youth Catechism Club *(Fellowship Hall)*
Friday, October 30 (Pastor Priem-Day off)
6:00 pm Trunk or Treat to 7:30 pm *(Parking Lot)*
Sunday, November 1 (All Saints Day; Fellowship Sunday-combined services)
8:00 am Pancake Breakfast *(Fellowship Hall)*
9:30 am Worship/Holy Communion *(and Live Stream to **Facebook**)*

Issues, Etc. PATHS TO LUTHERANISM SERIES... *Issues, Etc.* is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to stories of guests who have come to Lutheranism from Islam, Mormonism, Atheism, Agnosticism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Roman Catholicism, Pentecostalism and more. You'll find the series at **issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism**.

Ongoing

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).



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**.

Kansas LLL District Convention: Nov 6-7, 2026

Join us for a day of spiritual growth with inspirational presentations to encourage and equip you in ministry for families. Last chance to register for the Kansas LLL District Convention on Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 407 E 12th Street, Hutchison, KS. Presenters are:

- Rev. Germán Novelli, LHM Director, Hispanic Ministries
- Elaine Engelman, Kansas LWML District President
- Lavon Bohling, Mission Aviation
- Silent Auction to support Kansas LLL District Special Projects

A Reformation Service will be celebrated at 7:00 pm on Friday, November 6 with a Meet & Greet with Rev. Novelli immediately following. On Saturday, November 7 the doors open at 8:30 am with refreshments and fellowship. The Convention begins at 10 am. Registration fee is $35 per person and includes lunch. Please complete the online registration form at **https://www.lhm.org/ks-lll** for seat and lunch count. *Convention registration deadline is Monday, November 2, 2026*.

Convention hotel is Hampton by Hilton, 1401 ½ E 11th Ave., Hutchison. Call 620.665.9800 or email **raynedae@gmail.com** for reservations, asking for Kansas LLL Group Rate

For more information contact Joe Chretien, Kansas LLL District President by phone 785.639.3851 or email **jrchretien@hotmail.com**, or Tom Stanton, KS LLL District Convention Chairman by email **trlsstanton@hotmail.com**.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning in celebration and thanksgiving for Steve & Karen Taylor's 37th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, October 28.