

The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | November 15, 2026

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of our sister in Christ, Dorothy Harms, who was carried Home to be with Jesus on Wednesday, November 11, 2026. We pray our Father's blanket of comfort and peace to be with all who mourn.



The Farmstead Nuts & Treats fundraiser was a huge success! We received 33 orders (142 pounds) of nuts & treats. Half the proceeds benefited Beautiful Savior Home and half to Bridge Over Troubled Water. This will help so many people! LWML thanks you so much for purchasing (and enjoying) Farmstead Nuts & Treats.

Thank you to all who participated in the Shiloh Bassinet Donation drive during the month of October. A total of 1045 items were given including diapers, baby jumpers, prenatal vitamins, similac, baby shoes and socks, blankets, feeding towels, a bassinet, and a few miscellaneous items. This was a huge success for Shiloh Women's Center to help their ministry.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning by Lee & Judy Kastman in loving memory of their daughter and Scott's sister, Laura.

The Church Year

The Season of Advent
The First Sunday of Advent, November 29, begins the new Church Year. Midweek services will be held on each of the three Wednesdays: December 2, 9, and 16 at 4:00 and 7:00 pm. A meal will be served from 5-6:00 pm *(please note the change in serving times)*.

Christmas Services *(*communion; +live stream)*
Christmas Eve: +4:00 pm, 7:00 pm, *11:00 pm **Christmas Day:** *+9:00 am



Hanging of the Greens is a special program that explains the meaning of the decorations on our Christmas tree and will be held Sunday, December 6 at 9:30 am during the Sunday School hour. **Youth (3rd grade and up) are invited to participate!** Contact Alicia Russell if you'd like a reading part, are willing to share your musical talent (instrumental or vocal), or both! Younger children are encouraged to help place the ornaments on the tree (youth and adults will be available to help). Youth do not need to be part of the FAITH Youth Group to participate. Anyone is welcome! Plan to bring your kids to help with this fun and special service. *Point of contact: Alicia, 660-890-4772 or* ***aruss.rd22@yahoo.com***

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 Emshoff, hosted by Tabb Renzelman at Serendipity Farms, 4674 W 183rd St, Stilwell, KS. *Point of contact: Tabb, 816-716-5845*

Serving Opportunities

Winter necessities will be collected through TODAY, November 15 in support of our partners in the Urban Ministry. *Needed:* NEW **coats,** NEW **blankets/quilts and large throws; socks, hats, gloves & scarves** (all sizes), and **long underwear** for men and women. Thank you for your ongoing support!
Sponsored by Bethlehem LWML in support of LUMA (Lutheran Urban Mission Agency)

Beautiful Savior Nursing Home Auxiliary will be holding a FALL BAKE SALE at the Nursing Home on Friday, November 20. If you can donate baked goods please contact Betsy Sanders 816-724-2397 to arrange pick up; leave items on the narthex counter the evening before; or deliver to the home yourself (please label "bake sale"). All home baked goods are appreciated, however, no cupcakes. Please label any special recipes such as gluten-free, nut free, sugar free, etc.

Craft/Plant Sale: Sunday, November 22 to raise money for quilting supplies. We'll have placemats, aprons, table runners, homemade cards, and plant starts! *Sponsored by LWML; Point of contact: Sharon Diley, 918-605-5754*

The next Blood Drive at Bethlehem is Tuesday, December 8. Use sponsor code 9H and schedule at **donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/sponsor_code**. Walk-ins are welcome!

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. 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: November 2—8

Sunday, 11/8: In-person: **127/75** | Guests: **17** | Virtual: **21**	Sunday School, 11/8: Students/Teachers: **8/5** | Adult: **NA**
Adult Midweek, 11/4: **12** (3-remote) Youth Catechism Club, 11/4: **4**	Month-to-Date: 10/26—11/8 Regular Offering: **$23,543.14** Capital Fund: **$905** | Renovate Our House: **$1,080**

This Week at Bethlehem

November 15—22, 2026

Sunday, November 15

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, November 16

9:00 am	Visitation: Dorothy Ann Harms
10:00 am	Funeral: Dorothy Ann Harms
5:00 pm	Preschool Advisory Committee (Conf Rm)
6:00 pm	Governance Board *(Sanctuary)*
7:00 pm	Scout Troops 1032/7032 *(Conf Rm, Conf Rm2, Library, FH, Narthex)*

Tuesday, November 17

1:00 pm	Bunco *(Sanctuary)*

Wednesday, November 18

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

Thursday, November 19

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

Friday, November 20 (Pastor Priem: Day off)

Saturday, November 21

9:00 am	Worship Committee: Assemble Thanksgiving Bags

Sunday, November 22: Mitety Mite Sunday; LWML Plant/Craft Sale

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

Serving This Morning

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew D. Priem | **Musician:** Julie Hall
Elders: (Reader) Doug Bolton/Scott Kastman (Communion) Roger Fox
Acolyte: (8:00) Aaron Hoemann (10:45) Mia Russell
Greeters: (8:00) Stephen Gfeller (10:45)
Altar Guild: Candy Schmoll | **Children's Message:** (10:45) Kelly Dhyne
Stream: (8:00) Aaron Steinke | **Video:** (8:00) Courtney Morrill (10:45) Megan Kuhns
Ushers: (8:00) Randy Monnig/Gerry Moennig (10:45) James Neugebauer/David Frazier

Bethlehem Christmas Cookie Sale: December 13



Do you love to bake? We need volunteers to bake cookies-doesn't matter what kind or how many. Bake a dozen (or two or three!) of your favorite Christmas cookies and deliver them to Bethlehem on Friday, December 11 (someone will be available to receive them between the hours of Noon-2pm); or Saturday morning, December 12 between 8:00 and 9:30 am.

Volunteers will gladly package your cookies with others to create a fabulous assortment. Please indicate whether your cookies include nuts or are gluten-free and we will carefully package nut-free and gluten-free cookie plates as options.

Buyers: Need a last minute Christmas gift for your neighbors, co-workers or service providers? Or would you like to have some cookies on hand to share with family and friends? Festive plates of Christmas cookies will be on sale in the Narthex on **Sunday, December 13**. *Point of contact: Dee-Dee Stokes, 816-809-0340,* ***stokesdbld@gmail.com****; or Linda Bolton, 816-585-4218,* ***boltonlinda@hotmail.com***. All proceeds will go toward LWML Mission Projects.

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.*

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).

Lutheran Community

Lutheran High School of Kansas City Presents
HADESTOWN (TEEN EDITION)
Friday and Saturday: November 20 and 21 | Doors Open at 6:30pm / Show at 7:00pm
Lutheran High School of Kansas City Auditorium
Tickets: Students $5 / Adults $10
A Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner will be held each night from 5:30-6:30pm in the dining room.
Freewill donations will support the 2027 Germany Trip students.

Issues, Etc.

WHERE DOCTRINE IS LIFE... *Issues, Etc.* is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.



The Lutheran High School of Kansas City is seeking two individuals in a part-time, temporary position to cover an upcoming maternity leave: an individual to cover two sections of Spanish (approximately 10 hours/week); another individual to cover four sections of German (approximately 20 hours/week). These positions are for late January to May. Interested candidates are encouraged to contact Exec Dir Adam Kirsch at **akirsch@lhskc.com**.