



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | November 16, 2025

Thank you! The Farmstead Nuts & Treats fundraiser was a huge success! We received 38 orders (142 pounds!) of nuts & treats. The proceeds are designated for future LWML Mission Projects that will help so many people. Thank you so much for purchasing (and enjoying!) Farmstead Nuts & Treats.

Last Sunday we installed newly-elected members of our Governance Board, each serving a 3-yr term: Tim Benson, Matt Hoemann, and Michelle Wilson. They join Gerry Moennig, Darlene Winfrey, and Paul Zainea (serving through November 2026); and Kim Gartman, Richard Jobe, and Gary Henny, (serving through November 2027). Please keep these leaders in your prayers, asking God to grant those gifts needed for the faithful fulfillment of their tasks—especially wisdom, strength, and willing hearts.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning in loving memory of Laura Kastman, Lee & Judy's daughter and Scott's sister; and in celebration and thanksgiving for Steve & Charlene Camp's 25th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, November 11.

The Church Year

The Season of Advent

The First Sunday of Advent, November 30, begins the new Church Year. Midweek services will be held on each of the three Wednesdays: December 3, 10, and 17 at 4:00 and 7:00 pm. A meal will be served from 5-6:30 pm with freewill offerings benefiting selected missions.

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 7 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).

Serving Opportunities

Donations of home baked goodies are needed for the Nov 21 Beautiful Savior Home Auxiliary Bake Sale. Favorites are cinnamon rolls, small breads, 6-8 snickerdoodle cookies per box/ bag. Please have donations to church by evening of the 20th or drop off at the Home. *Point of contact: Betsy Sanders*

LWML is collecting new and gently used items to stock the annual Christmas store at Beautiful Savior Nursing Home. Residents enjoy no-cost shopping for gifts for family members. Popular items are stuffed animals, large candy bars, trinket boxes, large word search books, throw blankets, after shave, and lotion. Stretch clothing XL size (no buttons, snaps, zippers) is also appreciated. Place items in the basket under the LWML bulletin board by Dec 7. *Point of contact: Betsy Sanders, 816-724-2397*

Immanuel Lutheran Church Food Pantry, 4205 Tracy, KC, MO: this is an ongoing mission opportunity. Pick up a full needs list from the bulletin board in the hallway.

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 (and 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, 816-716-584*

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*

Serving This Morning

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

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

Acolytes: (8:00) Gabby Kuhns (10:45) Rory Evans

Greeters: (8:00) Bob & Carole Rose (10:45) Jimbo & Sharon Diley

Altar Guild: Karen Taylor | **Children's Message** (10:45) Kelly Dhyne

Stream: (8:00) Jimbo Diley | **Video:** (8:00) Courtney Morrill (10:45) Rick & Jennifer DeLuca

Ushers: (8:00) Randy Monnig/Gerry Moennig (10:45) James Neugebauer/Ben Russell

This Week at Bethlehem

November 16—23, 2025

Sunday, November 16

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, November 17

9:15 am Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)
7:00 pm Scout Troops 1032/7032 (Conf Rm 1-2/Fellowship Hall/Narthex/Library)

Wednesday, November 19

8:30 am Finance Committee (Conf Rm)
1:00 pm RATS (Risk Assessment Task Squad) (Conf Rm)
6:00 pm Midweek Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, November 20

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

Friday, November 21 (Pastor Priem: Day Off)

Saturday, November 22

9:00 am Assemble Thanksgiving Lunches (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)
10:00 am LWML (Conf Rm)
3:00 pm Adult Instruction Class (Conf Rm)

Sunday, November 23

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

Lutheran Community

Lutheran High School of Kansas City Presents, The Hunchback of Notre Dame Friday and Saturday, November 21 and 22, 2025 at 7:00pm Lutheran High School of Kansas City, Auditorium. \$5-Students/ \$10-Adults. From the Academy Award-winning team comes a lushly scored retelling of Victor Hugo's epic story of love, acceptance and what it means to be a hero.

Timothy Lutheran Church, Blue Springs, is seeking a dedicated and tech-savvy IT Coordinator. If you have a passion for technology and a heart for serving in a faith-based environment, this could be the perfect opportunity for you! The IT Coordinator will play a vital role in supporting the digital tools and systems that help their ministries thrive. From managing church technology to assisting staff and volunteers, your work will directly support their mission of sharing Christ's love. Learn more and apply today: timothy.lutheran.com/job-postings. Know someone who might be a great fit? Please share this opportunity with them!

Our Response: November 3—9

Worship, 11/9: In-person: 105/101 Guests: 15 Virtual: 28	Sunday School, 11/9: Students/Teachers: 30/7 Adult: 46 (4-Zoom)
Adult Instruction Class, 11/8: 4 FAITH Youth, 11/9: 21 Adult Midweek, 11/5: 14 (1-Zoom)	11/3—11/9 Regular Offering: \$8,895.31 Capital Fund: \$140.00 Renovate Our House: \$30.00

Quilt Raffle

Bethlehem Star Quilters are sponsoring a quilt raffle! Two beautiful quilts will be on display and tickets will be on sale through TODAY, Nov 16. Drawing will be the week of Nov 16. Proceeds help with ongoing quilting supply costs. *Point of contact: Betsy Sanders 816-724-2397*

Christmas Cookie Sale: December 14



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 12 (someone will be available to receive them between the hours of Noon-2pm); or Saturday morning, December 13 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 14. *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.