

The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | November 22, 2026

This morning we install newly-elected members of our Governance Board, each serving a 3-yr term: Mary Hunter, Gerry Moennig, and Paul Zainea. They join Tim Benson, Matt Hoemann, and Michelle Wilson (serving through November 2028); and Kim Gartman, Gary Henny, and Richard Jobe (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 celebration of baptismal birthdays for Hope, Thomas, and Micah, Kyle & Gretchen Krull's grandchildren.

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)*.

Regular and large print Advent devotional booklets are available on the information wall by the mailboxes for your personal/family devotions, or to share with a friend or neighbor! Devotions may also be received by podcast or email. Visit **lhm.org/advent** to sign up and for more information.

Christmas Services *(*communion; +live stream)*

Christmas Eve: +4:00 pm, 7:00 pm, *11:00 pm **Christmas Day:** *+9:00 am

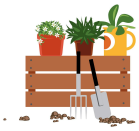


Hanging of the Greens is a special program that explains the meaning of the decorations on our Christmas tree and will be held **Sunday, December 6** during the Sunday School hour (9:30). **Youth (3rd grade and up) are invited to participate!** Contact Alicia Russell if you'd like a reading part, are 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! *Point of contact: Alicia, 660-890-4772 or* ***aruss.rd22@yahoo.com***

✦ Special Voter's Meeting: December 13 ✦

A Special Voter's Meeting will be held at 9:30 am on Sunday, December 13. The Call Committee will present a slate of candidates for consideration as Associate Pastor. May the Lord bless and direct His church throughout this process!

Serving Opportunities



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

Christmas is coming to Beautiful Savior Nursing Home! LWML will be collecting donations for the Christmas "store" to be held at the Home on December 8. Residents will shop for free gifts for family members, friends, or themselves. Suggested items: body wash and lotion, blankets and throws, comfortable clothing (warm, pull-on, medium through XXL), socks, large candy bars, kids' items, large print word search books, gadgets. Please drop off the items in the box under the LWML bulletin board by *Sunday, December* 6 or call Betsy Sanders 816-724-2397 for pick up.

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.

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 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.

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. *No class on Wednesday, November 25.*

Youth Catechism Club: Led by Pastor Priem and open to all youth, this group meets each Wednesday evening at 7:00. *No meeting on Wednesday, November 25.*

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*

Our Response: November 9—15

Sunday, 11/15: In-person: **95/85** | Guests: **11** | Virtual: **27**	Sunday School, 11/15: Students/Teachers: **16/9** | Adult: **41**
Adult Midweek, 11/11: **11** (2-remote) Youth Catechism Club, 11/11: **7**	Month-to-Date: 10/26—11/15 Regular Offering: **$32,413.86** Capital Fund: **$1075** | Renovate Our House: **$1,090**

This Week at Bethlehem

November 22—29, 2026

Sunday, November 22: Last Sunday of the Church Year
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
Monday, November 23 (Pastor Priem: Vacation through 11/28)
9:15 am Staff Meeting *(Conf Rm)*
7:00 pm Scout Troops 1032/7032 *(Conf Rm, Conf Rm2, Library, FH, Narthex)*
Tuesday, November 24
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study *(Serendipity Farms, Stilwell, KS)*
Thursday, November 26: Thanksgiving Day (Church Office Closed)
Friday, November 27 (Church Office Closed)
Saturday, November 28
9:00 am LWML *(Conf Rm)*
10:00 am LWML Decorate Narthex
Sunday, November 29: First Sunday in Advent
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/Holy Communion

Calendar Notes:



- The Church Office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27.
- Pastor Priem will be on vacation from Monday, November 23-Saturday, November 28. 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.

Serving This Morning

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew D. Priem | **Musician:** Jordan Fox
Elders: (Reader) Darren Hall (Communion) Doug Bolton
Acolyte: (8:00) Gabby Kuhns (10:45) Courtney Dhyne
Greeters: (8:00) Gerry & Debbie Moennig (10:45) Jimbo & Sharon Diley
Altar Guild: Debbie Green | **Children's Message:** (10:45) Kris Schuler
Stream: (8:00) Aaron Steinke | **Video:** (8:00) Tiffany Kuhns (10:45) Brittney Coleman
Ushers: (8:00) Paul Zainea/Paul Matney (10:45) Stephen Dhyne/Randy Priem

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).

Beautiful Savior Auxiliary will supply all your needs for strong, sturdy trash bags. Rolls of 16 blue (55-gal), 25 yellow (lawn/leaf) or 65 white (tall kitchen) are $12 each. *Point of contact: Richard Westhoff, 816-560-3161 or **papabear0346@gmail.com**.*

Lutheran Community

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**.