



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | November 23, 2025

A very special thank you is extended to all who helped with the painting of the Fellowship Hall walls and ceiling last week! Gerry Moennig, Gary Henny, Roger Fox, Randy Monnig, Sharon Diley, Tabb Renzelman, Allen Sanders, Jimbo Diley, and Keith Dalton—your time and talents are so appreciated!

Christian sympathy is extended to Tammy Bearden and her family on the passing of Tammy's step-father, Jerry, on Tuesday, November 18. We pray our Father's blanket of comfort and peace to be with all who mourn.

Congratulations to our quilt raffle winners! Joyce and Woody Connor won the gray, yellow, black quilt and Tim Huwar won the multi-colored quilt. Many thanks to all who bought tickets or donated money for ongoing quilting supply expenses.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning by Ruth Spurgeon in celebration and thanksgiving of daughter Rachelle's birthday on November 23, and in loving memory of husband Michael's birthday on November 27.

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

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



Livestream Team Members needed: Can you help us continue offering this valuable service for those unable to worship in person? **We are in need of volunteers** to join the Stream Team, serving in the 8:00 service (or early special service). Contact Gretchen Krull, Jimbo Diley, Kay Freeman, Carl Reque, or **Teresa Blackley** in the Church Office for more information. *No experience needed and thorough training is provided!*

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. NEW! We are in need of volunteers to occasionally assist in delivering donations from Bethlehem to the Food Pantry on Tuesday or Thursday mornings. If you are willing to put your name on a calling tree, please contact Sharon Reque.



It's Mite Box Sunday! Although our mites, often only small amounts of "leftover" change, may be small, collectively they can do great things. Please join us in supporting the work of LWML. Your pocket change—dollars, too!—are greatly appreciated.

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:** Julie Hall

Elders: (Readers) Roger Fox/Scott Kastman (Communion) Tom Hecker

Acolytes: (8:00) Isaiah Hoemann (10:45) Addison Sellmeyer

Greeters: (8:00) Gerry & Debbie Moennig (10:45) Gary & Linda Baldrige

Altar Guild: Jennifer DeLuca | **Children's Message** (10:45) Kris Schuler

Stream: (8:00) Jimbo Diley | **Video:** (8:00) Gary Henny (10:45) Ray Krueger

Ushers: (8:00) Paul Zainea/Paul Matney (10:45) Stephen Dhyne/Timothy Knippa

Advent Devotionals



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.

This Week at Bethlehem

November 23—30, 2025

Sunday, November 23: Last Sunday of the Church Year (Mite Box Sunday)

- 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

Monday, November 24: Pastor Priem-Vacation through Saturday, November 29

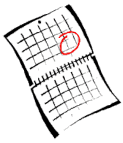
- 9:15 am Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)
- 7:00 pm Scout Troops 1032/7032 (Conf Rm 2/Fellowship Hall/Narthex/Library)

Thursday, November 27: Thanksgiving Day (Church Office Closed)

Friday, November 28 (Church Office Closed)

Sunday, November 30: First Sunday in Advent

- 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/Holy Communion



Calendar Notes:

- Pastor Priem will be out of the office Monday, November 24-Saturday, November 29
- Teresa Blackley will be out of the office on Monday, December 1

Our Response: November 10—16

Worship, 11/16: In-person: 103/109 Guests: 16 Virtual: 21	Sunday School, 11/16: Students/Teachers: 22/6 Adult: 50 (3-Zoom)
Men's Bible Study, 11/11: 8 Adult Midweek, 11/12: 13 (1-Zoom) Adult Instruction Class, 11/15: 4	11/10—11/16 Regular Offering: \$8,164.00 Capital Fund: \$60.00 Renovate Our House: \$60.00

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.