



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | November 30, 2025

Thank you to all who donated cold weather needs for LUMA: warm coats, hats, gloves, sweatshirts, socks, scarves, and long underwear. A total of 238 items were taken to the last LUMA auxiliary meeting and together with area church donations, will be distributed to those in need.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning in celebration and thanksgiving for Ken & Diana Hoemann's 45th wedding anniversary on Thursday, November 27.

Advent

Midweek services will be held on each of the three Wednesdays in Advent: 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.



Hanging of
The Greens

Hanging of the Greens: NEXT Sunday, December 7 This special program explains the meaning of the decorations on our Christmas tree and will be held next Sunday, 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.

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 any streamer (Gretchen Krull, Jimbo Diley, Kay Freeman, Carl Reque) or **Teresa Blackley** in the Church Office for questions or to shadow to see what's involved. *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 *next Sunday, 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.

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:** Teresa Henny

Elders: (Readers) Darren Hall (Communion) Carl Sellmeyer

Acolytes: (8:00) Reese Swopes (10:45) Oscar Priem

Greeters: (8:00) Debbie Green (10:45) Jimbo & Sharon Diley

Altar Guild: Mackenzie Wilson | **Children's Message** (10:45) Amy Sellmeyer

Stream: (8:00) Gretchen Krull | **Video:** (8:00) Ray Krueger (10:45) Reese Heinrich

Ushers: (8:00) Matthew Hoemann/Tim Hoemann (10:45) Stephen Dhyne/Randy Priem

This Week at Bethlehem

November 30—December 7, 2025

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

Monday, December 1: Teresa Blackley-Vacation

9:15 am Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)
10:00 am Seasoned Saints' Bible Study (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm Scout Troops 1032/7032 (Conf Rm 2/Fellowship Hall/Narthex/Library)

Wednesday, December 3

4:00 pm Advent Service
5:00 pm Advent Meal to 6:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Advent Service

Thursday, December 4

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

Friday, December 5 (Pastor Priem: Day Off)

Saturday, December 6

9:00 am Worship Committee (Conference Room)

Sunday, December 7

8:00 am Worship/Holy Communion (and Live Stream to [Facebook](#))
9:30 am Program: Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)
10:45 am Worship

Our Response: November 17—23

Worship, 11/23: In-person: 106/78 Guests: 14 Virtual: 24	Sunday School, 11/23: Students/Teachers: 20/7 Adult: 48 (4-Zoom)
Adult Midweek, 11/19: 11 (1-Zoom) Adult Instruction Class, 11/22: 4	11/17—11/23 Regular Offering: \$10,300.00 Capital Fund: \$215.00 Renovate Our House: \$30.00

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.

Advent & Christmas at Bethlehem



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.

Poinsettias: Order envelopes are available by the flower chart to purchase a blooming poinsettia plant for the altar this Christmas. You may also pay/order online at bethlehem-raymore.org/give-online. Payment of \$10 per plant is requested at the time of your order; indicate "poinsettias" with your payment. If you would like to mark a special occasion or remember a loved one, please indicate that with your payment or on the flower chart. Plants may be taken home after worship on Christmas morning.



Christmas Services *communion; +live stream

Christmas Eve: +4:00 pm, 7:00 pm, *11:00 pm

Christmas Day: *+9:00 am