



The Starlett Weekly Newsletter | December 14, 2025

This morning we welcome the following who join with the body of believers at Bethlehem through Confirmation or Profession of Faith: Matthew Buffalow; Trudy DeLuca; and Jordan Keiser and Jordan's children Milo, Emma, Lucy, and Alys. We are thankful they have found, among the people of God, a place to worship and serve their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God this morning by Mike & Karen Hull in loving memory of their parents, Clarence & Edie Hull and Kenny & Lorene Gibson.

Christmas at Bethlehem



The final Advent midweek services will be December 17 at 4:00 and 7:00 pm. A meal will be served from 5-6:30 pm with freewill offerings benefiting selected missions. The 4:00 services will be livestreamed.

Christmas Eve Service Participation: Children readers and musicians for the 4:00 service, and musicians for the 7:00 service are invited to participate! Please contact **Pastor Priem** ASAP. We welcome soloists, duets, and small groups.



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 (select Altar Flowers as the Fund). 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. **TODAY is the last day to sign up!**



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

Christmas Cookie Sale TODAY!



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, 816-809-0340, stokesdbld@gmail.com; or Linda, 816-585-4218, boltonlinda@hotmail.com.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Food Pantry, KC, MO

Immanuel Lutheran Church Food Pantry, KC, MO is an ongoing mission opportunity. **Christmas Gift Ideas:**

- **Provide a turkey or Hen:** Harvesters will provide about 65 turkeys to the Food Pantry families. Since this will only serve about 1/4 of their clients, a drawing will be held on December 18. If you'd like to provide a turkey, hen, or a turkey breast, contact Sharon Reque so freezer space can be arranged *until December 18*.
- **Immanuel Christmas Store:** New gifts for men, women, and children (scarves, gloves, sweatshirts, coats, socks, blankets, cologne, lotion, shampoo, deodorant, hand soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper, bed pillows)
- **Food Pantry:** Staples in short supply each week: Dry pasta, Spaghetti sauce, Canned fruit, Pork and beans, Canned soup, Tomato products (paste, sauce, & diced), Canned Meat (chicken, beef, Vienna sausage, Sardines), Instant dry milk, laundry detergent, Hand soap, Dish soap, Shampoo, and Clorox wipes. *Please continue to check expiration dates as they are not allowed to give food that's expired.*
- **Monetary donations** may be sent to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 4205 Tracy Ave, KC, MO 64110 (note "Food Pantry") which can be used to purchase food from Harvester's at a reduced rate.
- **Deliver donations:** We are looking for 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.



Livestream Team Members needed: Will you help us continue to offer 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!*

Sunday School, Midweek, and Small Group Studies

Sunday School 9:30-10:30 am for ages 2 and up. *Sunday School will not be held today, our regular schedule will resume on December 14.*

- 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, 816-716-5845*

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) Kyle Krull (Communion) Carl Sellmeyer

Acolytes: (8:00) Isaiah Hoemann (10:45) Logan Brooks

Greeters: (8:00) Bob & Carole Rose (10:45) Stan & Jill Harms

Altar Guild: ReAnna Sperle | **Children's Message** (10:45) Amy Sellmeyer

Stream: (8:00) Gretchen Krull | **Video:** (8:00) Tiffany Kuhns (10:45) Megan Kuhns

Ushers: (8:00) Ronnie Thompson/Paul Matney (10:45) Steven Coleman/Tim Benson

Our Response: December 1—7

Worship, Advent I, 12/3: In-person: 34/37 Guests: 6 Virtual: 5 Worship, 12/7: In-person: 90/86 Guests: 9 Virtual: 25	Sunday School, 12/7: Students/Teachers: NA Adult: NA
Adult Midweek, 12/3: 16	12/1—12/7 Regular Offering: \$18,076.00 Capital Fund: \$265 Renovate Our House: \$1085

This Week at Bethlehem

December 14—21, 2025

Sunday, December 14: LWML Cookie Sale

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
12:30 pm Elder Meeting (Conf Room)

Monday, December 15

9:15 am Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)

Wednesday, December 17

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 18

8:30 pm KCSouth Pastors' Conference (Sanctuary)
1:00 pm Quilting Small Group (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 2256 (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, December 19 (Pastor Priem: Day Off)

Sunday, December 21

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

LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team)



A LERT Training class will be held at Bethlehem on Saturday January 31, 2026.

Check-in at 8:30 am (coffee and donuts will be served); class begins at 9am.

Lunch and training supplies will be provided. This class, approximately 4 hours, will help to prepare congregational volunteers to stand ready to assist individuals, families, and the greater community with God given mercy-driven strength and compassion. We will explore how Christ has shown mercy to us, and how we can show our community that same Christ-like mercy during times of need – be it a disaster or simply someone being there to listen and offer comfort.

So you're a trained LERT volunteer... What now? Being an LERT trained individual does not require you to make any further commitment to the program. However, it is encouraged so that you can put your training into practice.

The class fee is \$35 and covers the cost of the training supplies, a LERT Volunteer Tee-Shirt, morning snacks and lunch. *Signup will close Monday, Jan 5.* Point of contact: Jimbo Diley