

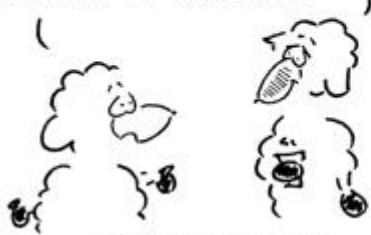


<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."  
Matthew 11:25-30

ATTENTION: check out website [bethanylutheranlaurens.org](http://bethanylutheranlaurens.org)!

Here is the weekly email with the activities happening at Bethany for next 8+ days. This is a great resource to check the times of activities, especially worship time if changes have been made. **Our Summer worship is at 9:30 with Adult Sunday and Youth Sunday school starting at 9:15 and coffee fellowship at around 10:30 began.** Check our website this week ([bethanylutheran-laurens.org](http://bethanylutheran-laurens.org)) There are new pictures and postings on our Facebook page as well, check it out. The sheep cartoon for this week's Gospel: **Matthew 5:13-20!** Don't be of little faith and don't doubt Jesus! He IS the Son of the Living God. **Summer** is the perfect time to develop new habits; coming to worship and attending more church activities are great ways to celebrate God's gift of salvation to all of us. Everything is still here at Bethany, pretty much the way you left it. Come and see, YOU are missed! **We are less without you!**

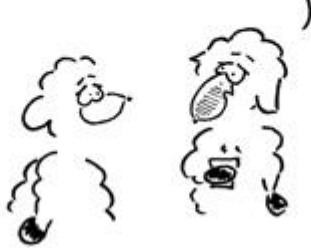
I THOUGHT THAT JESUS CAME SO THAT I WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANY OF THIS STUFF.



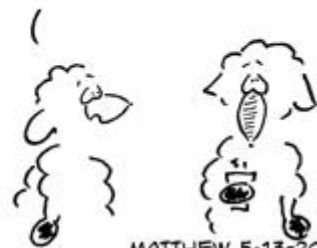
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YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY!

JESUS' LIFE FILLFILLS THE LAW. HIS LOVE FREES YOU FOR A LIFE OF LOVE AND SERVICE.



THAT'S WHAT I WAS WORRIED ABOUT!



MATTHEW 5:13-20

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**Monday: June 15, 2026**

4:00 PM ~ W/M Mtg.

**Tuesday: June 16, 2026**

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

**Wednesday: June 17, 2026**

7:00PM ~ Council Mtg.

**Sunday: June 21, 2026** *Father's Day*

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:30 AM ~ Adult SS

9:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion, **NOISY Offering**

10:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

6:00PM ~ Bethany Prayer Group

**Tuesday: June 23, 2026**

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

**Thursday: June 25, 2026**

2:00 PM ~ Circle Group

**Saturday: June 27, 2026**

1:30-4:00 PM ~ Pastor's Retirement Party

*Worship, Love, Accept~Together in Christ's Name*

### Emergency contact information:

In the case of an emergency or are in need of a visit/call, please contact Pastor David Klappenbach at 419-603-8350 (cell), 712-841-2181 (church), 712-841-2532 (parsonage).

# **SPRING TIME 9:30 AM Worship services at Bethany**

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## **HAPPENINGS IN JUNE & JULY**

**\*June 21 ~ Fourth Sunday after Pentecost FATHER'S DAY**

- 8:30AM Adult SS
- 9:30AM Worship w/Communion, **NOISY Offering**
- 10:30AM Coffee Fellowship
- 6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

**\*June 23 ~ 8:30AM Prayer Group**  
9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC

**\*June 27 ~ 1:30-4:00PM Pastor's Retirement Party**

**\*June 28 ~ Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
8:30AM Adult SS  
9:30AM Worship (Pastor's last Sunday)  
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship  
4:00PM 4-H Club Mtg.  
6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

**\*June 30 ~ 8:30AM Prayer Group**  
9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC

**\*July 1 ~ 8:30AM Matins and A Meal**

**\*July 4 ~ 8:00AM Men's Group**

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**JUNE:** Altar Guild = Rich & Marilyn Ehlers  
Fellowship = June 28 – Dean & Eloise Armstrong, Vicki Fontenot  
Ushers = June 28 – Myles & Shirley Pedersen

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**Communion:** Served on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of every month.

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**Prayer Concerns:** Prayer concerns may be given to Pastor Klappenbach or the office at any time. We just ask that you let us know who is making the prayer request by signing your name. This is important so that Pastor can follow up on the continual need for prayer.

**Prayer Concerns:** Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness, Pastor David Klappenbach, Elaine Anderson, Roger Schulz, Linda Galbraith, Shannon Hersom, Ken & Pat Boughey, Marie Rogers, Jeanette Jardee, Mary Roat, Todd & Elizabeth Wood, Jerry Runneberg, Myles Pedersen, Pastor John Mayer, Monica Isom, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Gloria Bell, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries. Family of Rita Schmidt.

**Weekly Budget & Worship info:**

Faith Promise \$ 632.00      Worship 32      Adult SS 0

***Birthdays:*** June 22 – Liz Hersom; 24 – James L Hodgell; 27 – Liz Klappenbach  
***Anniversary:*** June 21 – Jessica & Jason Baumeister; 24 – John & Dawn Jamison; 27 – Jim & Kelly Van Sickle

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**\*\*\*NOISY OFFERING ~~ TODAY, June 21. Our offering will go towards the Laurens Food Pantry.**

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026**

Thank you to all those who helped make Vacation Bible School a huge success. Everyone from those who served snacks, those who supplied the snacks and crafts, those who lead the arts and crafts, the assistant leaders, and all others that made this week a huge splash. A special thank you to our three whom orchestrated the week’s events: Amy Gustafson, Bryana Gustafson, and Sarah Hertz. The activities of the week had the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, the Education Wing, and the church office resonating in “God’s Work”.

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**“Like Bethany Lutheran Church-Laurens on Facebook”**

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## **Growth & Sharing Committee**

\*Met May 28 at 5:15 PM with Linda Galbraith, Julie Dawson, Kathy Sorensen, Pastor David & Shirley Pedersen in attendance. We plan to meet again before Laurens Days to finalize those events.

\*Discussed what we plan on doing:

- Laurens Days, July 10,11,12, to have Prayer Table & be in parade
- July-August - Collect school supplies for the LM School children
- Late July thru mid-November - The Samaritan Purse Christmas Operation Boxes will be available
- September Potluck – furnish buns
- November to early December - The UDMO Adopt-a-Family Christmas gifts
- Late October thru November – Fellowship/Potluck sign-up sheets available
- Month of December – hats, mittens, scarves, socks, underwear tree

\*We will miss Pastor, Liz, & Preston at our meetings / worship!

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## **BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER**

The Laurens Care Center is hosting a bake sale fundraiser on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm. Will gladly accept baked good donations the day before the event from anyone interested in showcasing their baking skills and talents, which can be dropped off at the facility the day before on Friday July 10<sup>th</sup>. Baked good items will be sold at the Laurens UMC during the Laurens Celebration. We continue to be thankful for all the community support we receive from you! *With great appreciation, Jaime Dodd, Administrator*

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### **A Special Invitation**

You are invited to a Community Open House  
Honoring Pastor David Klappenbach and Family  
on his retirement

When: Saturday, June 27, 2026 from 1:30 to 4:00 PM  
with short program at 2:00 PM

Where: Bethany Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

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## FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN THIS SUMMER

➤ May 23 to August 15 = Caring Lunches on Saturdays

11:00AM-12:30PM @ Laurens Public Library

➤ June 1 to July 31 = Summer Food Service Program Meals

~ (NO Adult meals & NO seconds)

**GRAB & GO (2 Breakfast & 2 Lunch) ~ Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays**

~ 11:00 to 11:30 AM @ **Marathon Community Center**

**GRAB & GO (2 Breakfast & 2 Lunch) ~ Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays**

~ 12:00 to 1:00 PM @ **LM School cafeteria**

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**June 24 to July 29 = Summer Reading Program**

**“PLANT A SEED, READ”**

**~ Laurens Public Library ~ Wednesdays at 11:00AM**

*Join the library while we learn about pollinators, cows, birds, and so much*

*more! You'll have a fun steam activity on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00AM! Conductor*

*Jack will be closing out the summer reading program on July 29<sup>th</sup> at*

*11:00AM!*

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**NEW Address for Pat Boughey:**

Wel-Life at Spirit Lake  
1819 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Apt. #240  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360  
Attn: Pat Boughey

**Address for Ken Boughey:**

Accura HealthCare  
1912 Zenith Avenue Room 124B  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

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**Address for Sandy George:**

Sandy George  
4877 Bradford Lane  
Sioux City, IA 51106

**Address for Dorothy Smith:**

Dorothy Smith  
220 S. Maple Apt. 204  
Watertown, SD 57201

**BINGO 2026 ~ Community Event:**

Bingo nights for the Pocahontas County Fair

~ Dates: July 14 ~ Location: Pocahontas Expo Center

~ Times: Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with bingo running from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

~ Cost: \$1.00 per card, per game for regular bingo; the last game will be blackout and the cost to play is \$2.00 per card

~ Refreshments available to purchase.

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Laurens Congregate Meals: 272 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Laurens, IA

712-841-2577 for pricing, hours, & orders ~ Monday-Friday

Provides a communal dining experience for individuals seeking nutritious and affordable meals with a focus on social interactions.

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**CLOTHES CLOSET at First Christian Church**

*Free Clothes to all who need them!*

**Open every Thursday ~ 2:00 - 5:00PM**

**Open last Saturday of each month 10:00AM – 1:00PM**

324 W Section Line Road ~ *Please use the east door.*

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**STEWARDSHIP 2026**

May giving: \$4,240.00

Year-to-date giving: \$47,032.07

\$13,000.00 Funds taken from Farm Acct. for general expenses

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**eGiving:** **eGiving** is an automated giving program from Vanco Payment Solutions that Bethany is already a part of. It's designed to help you conveniently, consistently, and joyfully give financial gifts to our congregation's ministry. By participating in **eGiving**, you can use electronic funds transfer to give your weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly offering to our congregation. To learn how you can participate in **eGiving**, contact: Rich Ehlers - 712-358-1928. Let **eGiving** help you build better stewardship by turning a simple choice into a generous response.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** The Thrivent Choice program is a charitable grant program and a benefit of membership that encourages members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to help direct a portion of Thrivent Financial's charitable funding to causes important to them. The funds that Bethany receives from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans this year are called Thrivent Choice Dollars. The amount Bethany

receives is determined by individual members of Thrivent who direct the dollars credited to them to Bethany. These funds were formerly called the supplemental funds.

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**Women of Bethany ~ If you need a crocheted cross for someone, they are ready. You will find them in the Narthex in the Registry Stand.**

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**Spring Update at the Laurens Community Food Pantry**

\*\*We have had such generous support from our community for the Food Pantry during this past winter. We thank you so much! We want to let you know the items that we are in need of and are hard for us to get through the Food Bank of Iowa at this time.

\*\*The Food Bank is beginning to carry personal care items. Our families are pleased with receiving the help in acquiring them. We are adding a few to our donation suggestions.

See our list below:

Foods: Taco Shells (Hard & Softshells) Applesauce  
Canned Corn Fruit Cocktail Peaches

Personal Care Items: Soap Body Wash Shampoo Toothpaste

And any other donations of your choice!

\*\*Donations may be placed in the shopping cart downstairs in the United Methodist Educational Unit or in the basket in the narthex at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Laurens or in the shopping cart at the Laurens HyVee Pharmacy. Anyone wishing to make monetary donations can do so by submitting those to the United Methodist Church Office.



\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER - The food pantry can not take any expired items, so please check all dates on the products before you graciously give.

**Laurens Community Food Pantry Hours:**

\*Thursdays 4:00-6:00 PM Last Monday of each month 11:00AM – 1:00PM

\*Thank you for all you do for the Food Pantry, we are pleased that you are a part of this mission!!! *Thank you for Caring and Your Support*

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