



¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." ¹³And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

Hebrews 2:10-13

ATTENTION: check out website www.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 and coffee fellowship at around 10:30. Check our website this week

(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 14:22-33!** **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!**



Tuesday: August 18, 2026

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Thursday: August 20, 2026

2:00 PM ~ Circle Group

Sunday: August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM ~ Worship w/School Blessing

10:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

6:00 PM ~ Bethany Prayer Group

Monday: August 24, 2026

7:00 PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal

Tuesday: August 25, 2026

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Saturday: August 29, 2026

IMD Convocation, Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls

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

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SUMMER TIME 9:30 AM Worship services at Bethany

HAPPENINGS IN AUGUST

***August 16 ~ Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30AM Worship w/Communion

10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

***August 18 ~ 9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC**

***August 20 ~ 2:00PM Circle Group**

***August 23 ~ Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30AM Worship w/School Blessing

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6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

***August 24 ~ 7:00PM Hand Bell Rehearsal**

***August 25 ~ 9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC**

***August 29 ~ IMD Convocation, Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls**

AUGUST: Altar Guild = Donna Sindergard & Shirley McKiernan

Fellowship = August 23 – Shirley McKiernan, Tom & Elaine Anderson

= August 30 – Shirley McKiernan, Kelly & Dawn Gordon

Ushers = August 23 – Shirley Kruse & Jan Hersom

= August 30 – Jim & Denise Hodgell

Communion: Served on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of every month.

Prayer Concerns: Prayer concerns may be given to a member of Bethany 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 we 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, Lucas Sorensen, Myles & Shirley Pedersen, Kelly Gordon, Ireneo Zarzoso, Pastor David Klappenbach, Elaine Anderson, Roger Schulz, Shannon Hersom, Ken & Pat Boughey, Marie Rogers, Jeanette Jardee, Mary Roat, Todd & Elizabeth Wood, Jerry Runneberg, Pastor John Mayer, Monica Isom, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Gloria Bell, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries.

Weekly Budget & Worship info:

Faith Promise \$ 525.00 Worship 21

Birthdays: August 16 – Tom Shewell; 19 – Lars Hersom; 20 – Krystal Yeckley

Anniversary: August 18 – Jerry & Mary Runneberg

Iowa Mission District Convocation ~ Saturday, August 29, 2026

Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, IA

The theme is “Take Up Your Cross” from Luke 9:23-26.

[Jesus said] *“If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake, he will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.”*

We are pleased to have the Reverend Shelly Schults, Call Process Coordinator of the NALC as our keynote speaker.

8:00AM Registration & fellowship time with coffee & refreshments

9:00AM Holy Communion Service / Closing around 4:00PM

Please let Rich Ehlers or the church office know if you are interested in attending this event by August 2 as we need to submit registrations which are on the back table in the sanctuary.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

*****The NOISY OFFERING ~** *Keep collecting those coins as our next one will be September 20th towards expenses for Lucas Sorensen as he continues with treatments.*

Growth & Sharing Committee

- The Samaritan Purse Christmas Operation Boxes are available.
- Collection for LM school supplies has begun ~ see list in fellowship hall
- September Potluck – furnish buns
- Prayer chain will be revised in July.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LAURENS-MARATHON

If you would like to donate school supplies for LM, please see the lists available on a table in the fellowship hall and/or the list below. You may drop off your donations at the church as the items will be delivered to the school at the beginning of the school year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

**Pencils (#2 yellow)	**Glue sticks & Glue bottles
**Scissors	**Spiral Notebooks (wide-lined)
**Loose leaf paper	**Double pocket folders
**Kleenex	**Ziploc bags (Sandwich, Quart, or Gallon size)
**Large erasers	**Classic colored markers
**Colored pencils	**containers of disinfecting wipes
**Highlighters	**tennis shoes for PE

Monday, August 24th will be scheduled PK-6 Parent & Student Conferences with Teachers from 11:00AM to 7:00PM. First FULL DAY of school for PK-6 at LM begins Tuesday, August 25th.

Laurens-Marathon 2026-2027 School Registration

Monday, August 10, 2026 ~ 3:00 to 6:00 PM ~ school lobby

Sunday, August 23rd ~ Blessing of school supplies, backpacks, students, & school personnel...So we invite all children, youth, teachers & educators to bring your school packs and join us for worship as our 2026-2027 school year begins.

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.

Laurens Congregate Meals: 272 N 3rd 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.

CARDS ~ If you would like to send a card to Lucas Sorensen, his address is below:

Lucas Sorensen

c/o Corey Sorensen

510 2nd Ave. NW

Pocahontas, IA 50574

NEW Address for Pat Boughey:

Wel-Life at Spirit Lake

1819 23rd 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

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

“Like Bethany Lutheran Church-Laurens on Facebook”

**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.**

STEWARDSHIP 2026

July giving: \$2,285.47

Year-to-date giving: \$62,388.54

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

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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Summer Update at the Laurens Community Food Pantry

******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
Deodorant (men & women) Tampons

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
