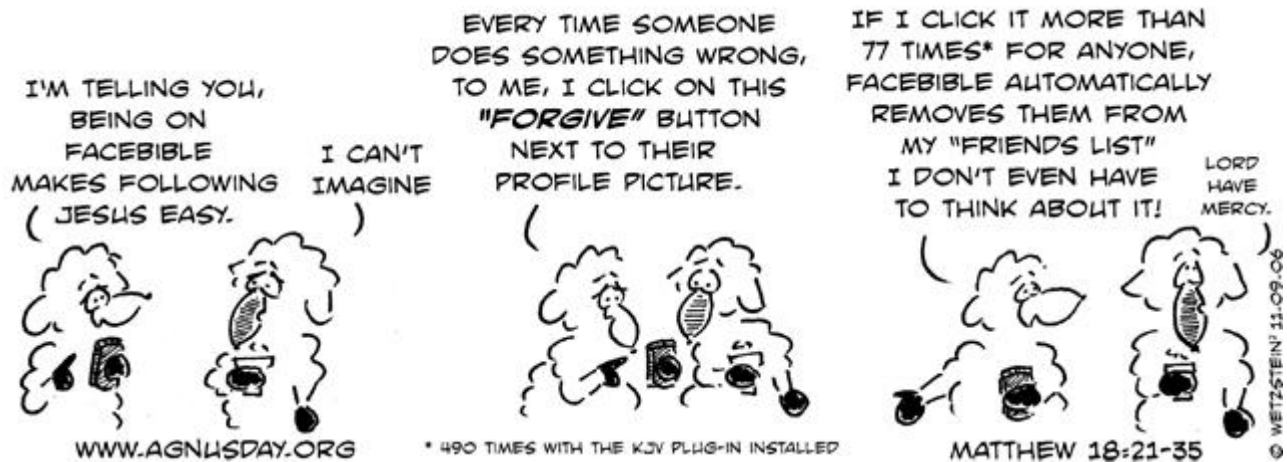




¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call 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 18:21-35!** **Don't be of little faith and don't doubt Jesus! He IS the Son of the Living God.** **FALL** 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!**



Monday: September 14, 2026

7:00PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal

Tuesday: September 15, 2026

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Thursday: September 17, 2026

2:00 PM ~ Circle Group

7:00PM ~ Confirmation

Saturday: September 19, 2026

9:30 AM ~ IMD Council Mtg. @ Cabin Coffee, Mason City

CHANGE OF DAY & TIME FOR OUR 3RD SUNDAY SEPTEMBER SERVICE

Saturday: September 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 PM ~ Worship w/Communion, **NOISY OFFERING**

5:00 PM ~ Potluck

Tuesday: September 22, 2026

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Thursday: September 24, 2026

7:00PM ~ Confirmation

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

Andrew Loomis at 712-298-6587 (cell) or aloomis68@gmail.com (email), 712-841-2181 (church).

FALL TIME 10:30 AM Worship services at Bethany

HAPPENINGS IN SEPTEMBER

*September 13 ~ **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30AM Worship

6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

*September 14 ~ 7:00PM Hand Bell Rehearsal

*September 15 ~ 9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC

*September 17 ~ 2:00PM Circle Group 7:00PM Confirmation

*September 19 ~ 9:30AM IMD Council Mtg. at Mason City

DAY & TIME CHANGE

*Saturday, September 19 ~ **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

4:00PM Worship w/Communion, **NOISY OFFERING**

5:00PM Potluck (no grilling)

*September 22 ~ 9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC

*September 24 ~ 7:00PM Confirmation

SEPTEMBER: **Altar Guild** = Jean Swanson & Tammy Oxenreider

Fellowship = September 19 – Kathy Sorensen

= September 27 – Tammy Oxenreider, Jean Swanson

Ushers = September 19 – Julian Johnsen Family

= September 27 – Kelly & Dawn Gorden

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 \$1020.00 Worship 20
Matins and A Meal \$38.00 12

Birthdays: September 13 – Marilyn Ehlers; 17 – Alex Runneberg; 18 – Ethan Baumeister

Anniversary: September 15 – Doug & Becky Baker; 18 – Allen & Theresa Sandvig

******The NOISY OFFERING ~ Keep collecting those coins as our next one will be September 19th towards expenses for Lucas Sorensen as he continues with treatments.***

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

Growth & Sharing Committee

- The Samaritan Purse Christmas Operation Boxes are available.

CHANGE OF DAY & TIME FOR OUR 3RD SUNDAY SEPTEMBER SERVICE
PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 AT 4:00 PM WITH A POTLUCK TO FOLLOW

*Pastor Matthew Bahnfleth will be leading our communion worship service.

*A regular Potluck (no grilling), so please bring food to share.

*We will delay the start of Sunday School until Sunday, September 27 at 9:15 AM.

The family of Ken Boughey would like to request a card shower for Ken as he will turn 90 on Saturday, September 26. Please see the address below for Ken.

Address for Pat Boughey:

Wel-Life at Spirit Lake
1819 23rd Street Apt. #240
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Address for Ken Boughey:

Accura HealthCare
1912 Zenith Avenue
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

STEWARDSHIP 2026

August giving: \$3,898.00

Year-to-date giving: \$66,286.54

\$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.

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.

<u>Address for Sandy George:</u>	<u>Address for Dorothy Smith:</u>
Sandy George	Dorothy Smith
4877 Bradford Lane	220 S. Maple Apt. 204
Sioux City, IA 51106	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.

Our Rally Sunday will be Sunday, September 27, 2026
Youth Sunday School will begin at 9:15AM
Worship at 10:30AM

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*
