



**THE BANNER**

**September 2021**

### **Worship, Sunday School, and Other Opportunities**

We are now approaching the end of Summer. With that, we are returning to the fall parish education and worship schedule. A few opportunities are being planned.

1. The **Adult Bible study** will begin on **September 12 at 9:15 AM**: A study on the Book of Genesis.
2. **Children's Sunday School** begins on **September 19<sup>th</sup>**. With the onset of youth Sunday School, we are planning a Rally Day complete with the Installation of Teachers, Children's sermon, and following worship a hot dog roast. Bring a salad or side dish to share for this time of meal and fellowship.
3. **Pastor's Study** will begin on **Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-7:30 PM**. Again, I will begin exploring the topic of Discipleship. I foresee this Pastor's Study session going 12 weeks. All are invited to participate and learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

From the Pastor

Dear Disciples,

A Reflection on The Third Commandment: ***Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.***  
Exodus 20:8

Don't worry. I am not going to chastise anyone in this writing for missing worship. But I would like to look at this commandment to see what this looks like from a Christian perspective. As with all 10 of the commandments, God expresses His Holy intention and His will for all His people. In Luther's Large Catechism, he writes, "This commandment was given only to the Jewish people for this outward obedience, that they should stop toilsome work and rest. In that way both man and beast might recover and not be weakened by endless labor." (Page 367, Concordia, CPH, 2006.

Sabbath simply means to rest. In the Jewish life the Sabbath Day was the seventh day (Saturday). It was a day of rest and a time for His people to dwell on God's presence and work in their lives when they were slaves in Egypt and how led them out of slavery with a mighty

hand (Deuteronomy 5::12-15). This commandment is based the gift of rest and the gift of God's activity among His people. The Sabbath is the time remember what God has done for you.

As I just said using a quote from Martin Luther that this commandment was for the Jewish people. Now this would lead one to believe that this command does not apply to me as a Christian. Well, in the literal sense it doesn't. But in the spiritual sense it does.

Jesus Christ came to this earth to fulfill the law (Commandments) for you and me. Jesus accomplished this through His death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. It has been said after Jesus died on Good Friday, He was taken down from the cross and was buried. There in the tomb Jesus "rested." The days in the tomb included the Sabbath Day of rest (Saturday). But on the first day of the week Jesus rose from the dead (His 'rest') to new life. In this work Jesus fulfilled the legal requirement of the third commandment. For us Christians there is no legal requirement for us to keep the third commandment in the literal sense for our salvation. Jesus has accomplished our salvation already through His death and resurrection.

However, this commandment invites you and me to keep it in the spiritual sense. Christians transferred the day of gathering for worship to the first day (Sunday) to celebrate the new life we have through Jesus' death and resurrection.

Sunday is our time for worship and to give thanks for all that God in Christ has done for us. In fact, it the most important activity that takes place at Bethany. In this time, we not only give thanks and praise to God, but we also tend to God's Word and gladly hear it proclaimed and discover our connection to Christ. It is Christ that we discover our Sabbath rest in Christ. Again, as Christians, we are invited to uphold the spiritual sense of this commandment as a faithful response for what God has done for us in Christ.

One more final thought. In worship we also find that we are connected to one another as baptized children of God. Together, we are the Body of Christ. The more of us that are at worship, and together on Sunday morning, the more we begin to take on the fullness of the Body of Christ. When one is absent from worship, we just end up being a little less than what we can be. So, it is my hope that as a whole worship can be more of priority for us.

Thanks for taking the time to read this. May we all find our rest in Jesus.

In Christ Service,

Pastor David

## Bible Reading Plan for the Disciples of Bethany

...standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel... Philippians 1:27b

Wednesday, September 1	2 Samuel 18:19-33
Thursday, September 2	2 Samuel 19:1-23
Friday, September 3	2 Samuel 19:24-43
Saturday, September 4	2 Samuel 23:1-7, 13-17
Sunday, September 5	2 Samuel 21:1-2, 10-25
Monday, September 6	1Kings1:5-31
Tuesday, September 7	1Kings 1:32-5:4-6b
Wednesday, September 8	1Kings 3:1-15
Thursday, September 9	1Kings 3:16-28
Friday, September 10	1Kings 5:1-6:7
Saturday, September 11	1Kings 7:51-8:21
Sunday, September 12	1Kings 8:22-40
Monday, September 13	2 Chronicles 6:32-7:7 James2:1-13
Tuesday, September 14	<b><u>Holy Cross Day</u></b> John 12:31-36a
Wednesday, September 15	1Kings 8:65-9:9, 9:24-10:13
Thursday, September 16	1 Kings 11:1-13 James 3:13-4:12
Friday, September 17	1 Kings 11:26-43 James 4:13-5:6
Saturday, September 18	1 Kings 12:1-20 James 5:7-20
Sunday, September 19	1 Kings 12:21-33
Monday, September 20	1 Kings 13:1-10, 16:23-34 Philippians 1:1-30

Tuesday, September 21	<b><u>St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</u></b> Ezekiel 2:8-3:11
Wednesday, September 22	1 Kings 17:1-24
Thursday, September 23	1 Kings 18:1-9 Philippians 2:12-30
Friday, September 24	1 Kings 18:20-40 Philippians 3:1-16
Saturday, September 25	1 Kings 18:41-19:8 Philippians 3:17-4:7
Sunday, September 26	1 Kings 19:8-21
Monday, September 27	1 Kings21:1-16 1 Corinthians 1:1-19
Tuesday, September 28	1 Kings 21:1-16 1 Corinthians 1:20-31, 2:1-13
Wednesday, September 29	<b><u>Saint Michael And All Angels</u></b> Revelation 12:7-12
Thursday, September 30	1 Kings 22:29-45 1 Corinthians 2:14-3:15



The Laurens Area Youth Group would like to thank everyone who came to our Ice Cream Sundae Fundraiser!! This town is extremely supportive of our youth and I'm proud to be apart of this loving, caring, supportive community. I also want to thank the youth who worked with me at the fundraiser! Marcus, Alex, Landen, Ethan, Levi and Clayton your scooping ability was greatly appreciated!! We made approximately \$520. We are planning to go to Urban Air for our fun event!! ~ Angie Christenson Youth Group Leader

## **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. 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. First day of school is Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

- \*\*Pencils (#2)
- \*\*Scissors
- \*\*Kleenex
- \*\*Large erasers
- \*\*Crayons (24 count)
- \*\*Highlighters
- \*\*Colored pencils
- \*\*Glue sticks & Glue bottles
- \*\*Spiral Notebooks (wide-lined)
- \*\*Ziploc bags (Sandwich, Quart, or Gallon size)
- \*\*Classic colored markers
- \*\*containers of hand sanitizer
- \*\*containers of disinfecting wipes
- \*\*tennis shoes for PE

## **Mentors Needed!**

Help set a positive example for a Sioux Central Middle Schooler by providing support, friendship, and encouragement for the 2021-2022 School Year through our new Rebels Mentoring Program!

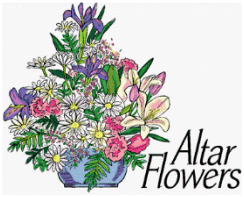
For more information please contact,

Sara Grossnickle

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office phone: 712-283-2571 ext. 5450

## Request to Provide Altar Flowers for 2021



If you wish to provide altar flowers for church during 2021, please complete this form. Please place it the offering plate or mail it to: Shirley McKiernan, 313 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Laurens, IA 50554 *Thank you.*

Name of person providing flowers: \_\_\_\_\_

Date desired: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to provide flowers on this same date from year to year?    yes    no

Information needed for Sunday bulletin:

Altar Flowers in Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Or Altar Flowers

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact Shirley McKiernan, 841-2637, if you have any questions.



In case of emergency contact  
Pastor David Klappenbach  
712-841-2181 (Office)  
712-841-2532 Home)  
419-603-8350 (Cell)

Services are currently being live streamed on Facebook

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Laurens Community Youth Group  
Board Meeting Agenda  
08/15/21  
5:00 PM Laurens United Methodist Church

Members Present: Pastor Deb, Pastor Klappenbach, Angie Christenson, Angie Sobotka, Kelly Tate

1. Opening Prayer

- Pastor Deb opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Previous Minutes - May 9, 2021

- No changes or amendments to previous minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Report was presented by Angie C. for Thaine. Current balance is \$23,533.10. We were refunded \$15,820 from GoServ for the cancelled mission trip. We will need to pay for flights that were non-refundable from Port-au-Prince to La Cayes.

4. Old Business

a. Ice Cream Sundae Fundraiser

- raised \$743

b. Beef Burger Meal Fundraiser

- raised \$525

c. Red Bird Mission Trip

- Attended by Angie, Kelly, Siera, and Kennedy.

5. New Business

a. Fundraisers

- Spaghetti Dinner is planned for February 23, 2022, from 5:00 - 7:00. The plan is to offer dine in and drive through.

b. Mission Trips

- Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky is planned for July 30 - August 6, 2022. Angie is working on the application and gathering names of interested youth and families. There could be more than 20 people going.

c. Fun Events

- Urban Air in Ankeny is tentatively planned for October 16, 2021.

d. Upcoming Year - Kick off date

- First Sunday will be September 26 at the United Methodist Church. The plan is to have pizza and a movie. Number of meetings per month will be set once the number of youth participating is known.

e. Rotation

- Host church will provide snacks instead of a meal. This is new this year with the time being 5-6:30, most kids will eat when they get home. This will be revisited if a meal is needed based on kids in attendance. Pastor from the host church is also requested to be in attendance to help and interact with the youth. If a mask mandate is put in place, there will be no meetings until the mandate is lifted.
- Rotation:
  - September & October: Methodist
  - November: Lutheran
  - December: waiting for confirmation that the Christian Church is available and allowing groups. If not, it will return to the Methodist Church for December.

f. Next Meeting

- Sunday, November 14 at 4:00 at the Bethany Lutheran Church.

**Iowa Mission District Convocation ~ Saturday, September 11**

9:00AM to 3:30PM at Emmons Lutheran Church, Emmons, MN

Delegates are Julie Dawson & Rich Ehlers

Please let Pastor know if you are interested in attending this event by September 1 as we need to submit registrations.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

**\*September 12 ~ *Fall Worship time change – 10:30 Worship***

**WALKING TACOS**

Coming to Laurens on September 12th only, a new pop-up restaurant, KC's (Kaye and Connie). Serving tacos in a bag and ice cream sundaes from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Laurens United Methodist Church. Take out available. Drop some \$'s in the pot to pay for ingredients. Any surplus will pass on to the next group or person that wants to have the next pop-up/potluck.

**RALLY SUNDAY / POTLUCK PICNIC ~ SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**Attention all Sunday School students & Bethany members!!!**

**9:15-10:00 AM ~ Adult Sunday School**

**9:30-10:15 AM ~ Youth Sunday School**

**10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion & Installation of Teachers**

**11:30 AM ~ Picnic Potluck w/grilling of brats and hot dogs**

**Come one and all to learn more about the Bible stories of Jesus;**

**to understand what you believe, and why it matters;**

**to understand and apply God's Word!**

**Join us for games, activities, & delicious food to KICK-OFF our Sunday School**

**educational program & Potluck dinners for 2021-2022!**

**Coffee Fellowship**

September 5 – Linda Galbraith, Kenny & Donna Sindergard

September 12 – Myles & Shirley Pedersen, Kenny & Donna Sindergard

September 19 – Jean Swanson, Tammy Oxenreider, Kenny & Donna Sindergard

September 26 – Myles & Shirley Pedersen, Kenny & Donna Sindergard



## September Birthdays & Anniversaries

<b>Name</b>	<b>Marriage</b>	<b>September</b>	
Hersom, John & Michelle	9-01		
Hodgell, James H.		9-03	
Klappenbach, David		9-03	
Anderson, Tom		9-04	
Klappenbach, David Pr.			
Hersom, Mark		9-04	
Jamison, Keegan		9-04	
Kruse, Shirley		9-04	
Bouhey, Ken & Pat	9-06		
Rasmussen, Marcy		9-06	
Holt, Caden		9-08	
Pedersen, Myles		9-09	
Klappenbach, Preston		9-09	
Baker, Becky		9-11	
Ehlers, Marilyn		9-13	
Baker, Doug & Becky	9-15		
Runneberg, Alex		9-17	
Sandvig Allen & Theresa	9-18		
Baumeister, Ethan		9-18	
Roberts, Marian		9-23	
Zurek, Nick		9-24	
Bieri, Sheldon		9-25	
Bouhey, Ken		9-26	
Severson, Maggie & Pat	9-27		
Severson, Maggie		9-29	
Hersom, Ron & Jan	9-30		
Runneberg, John		9-30	
Sindergard, Kenny		9-30	

# September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Bethany Lutheran Church Adult SS- 9:15 Youth SS- 9:30 Worship-1030		<b>1</b> 5:00 Christian Ed Mtg	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:00 Worship w/Holy Communion	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:30AM Prayer Group-9:30AM Coffee @ BLC 4:00 W/M Mtg	<b>8</b> 7:00-Council meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 10:30 Worship 11:30-12:30 Walking Tacos @ UMC	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8:30AM Prayer Group 9:30AM Coffee @ BLC	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 10:30 Worship w/Holy Communion/Rally Sunday/Installation of teachers/potluck	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8:30AM Prayer Group 9:30AM Coffee @ BLC	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 2:00 Circle Group @ BLC	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 10:30-Worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8:30AM Prayer Group 9:30AM Coffee @ BLC_	<b>29</b> <hr style="width: 100px; margin: 0 auto;"/>	<b>30</b>		

Council Meeting  
Bethany Lutheran Church  
June 9, 2021  
7:00 PM

Present:	Absent
Dean Armstrong	Mark Raasch
Rich Ehlers	John Runneberg
Jim Hodgell	
Pastor Klappenbach	
Julie Dawson	
Linda Galbraith	
Jean Swanson	
Myles Pedersen	

Rich Ehlers noted that we had a quorum and called the meeting to order.

Pastor Klappenbach provided an opening devotion and prayer.

After a review of the minutes, corrections were noted. Jim Hodgell moved to approve the minutes and Myles Pedersen provided the second. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary report showed that we have \$1206.98 in the Potluck/Coffee Fellowship and that we had to borrow from the farm account. Laurens Care Center also donated \$150.00 for the use of the Fellowship Hall during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Marilyn Ehlers reported that the bank balance at the end of April was (-1945.36) and the balance as of the date of today's meeting is \$441.05. Marilyn also reported that on 5-17-2021 she had to borrow \$5000.00 from the Farm account and then on 6-7-2021 she borrowed an additional \$1000.00. Jim Hodgell moved to approve the Financial Reports. Second by Jean Swanson. Motion carried.

Pastor Klappenbach reported he led 5 services, Michelle Gordon was confirmed on May 23, 2021. He also had 23 visitations 3, hospital visits, 3 community visits and attended 4 meetings and he was asked and accepted an invitation to provide opening and closing prayers at the Laurens Memorial Day Services.

The pastor's class on Discipleship is completed.

Pastor will be attending the STS in Schuyler, NE. on June 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>. He also noted that the STS chapter had received his dues.

Pastor Klappenbach also is planning on attending Lutheran Week in Corpus Christi, TX on August 2-6, 2021 and also Iowa Mission District Convocation on September 11, 2021 in Emmons, Mn.

Pastor also noted that church services will begin soon at the Laurens Care Center and that he and the Pastor Cordell will be presiding over these services. Pastor Klappenbach also noted that he will be taking over the Ecumenical Fund Checkbook.

He also drove 266 miles.

Pastor Klappenbach also requested vacation from June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Jim Hodgell moved that we accept the Pastors report. Second was made by Jean Swanson. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

4. The council discussed the possibility of the Church Outreach Fund set up a \$500.00 Scholarship for the students who opt to go to college. This measure has been tabled until future meetings.
5. July Meeting-There will be no Council meeting, unless there is a need for a special meeting. The next Council Meeting is set for August 11, 2021.
6. There will also be a meeting for farm rent adjustment.

**Committee Reports:**

Christian Ed- We received a nice note from Michelle Gordon thanking Christian Ed for their support for her confirmation.

VBS-We had 11 students for 3 days. Christian Ed department will save the educational materials and use them for next year.

Growth and Sharing -The Samaritans Purse is in place so bring your gifts. There is a playpen with boxes inside it so if you wish to buy a single gift instead of a shoe box you can put it in the playpen.

Tech- No Report

Stewardship-No Report

Property and Farm-Door stop is in place at the parsonage and the parsonage wall has been painted.

Worship & Music- June 13 Rich Ehlers will deliver the sermon and on June 20 Tom Anderson and Dean Armstrong will do the service. There will be no Communion on the June 20, 2021.

Memorial- No Report

Next Meeting is August 11, 2021.

Jim Hodgell moved to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer. Dean Armstrong Made a second to the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor Klappenbach provided a brief prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Dean Armstrong  
Recording Secretary