



¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. John 20:19-20

ATTENTION: check out website www.bethanylutheran-laurens.org!

Here is the weekly email with the activities happening at Bethany for next 6+ 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 9:30AM and coffee fellowship at around 10:30. Adult SS is 8:30AM beginning on May 25th..** 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 from this week's reading **John 14:23-31**. 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!



Monday-Friday: June 9-13, 2025

9:00-11:00 AM ~ VBS at UMC

Monday: June 9, 2025

4:00 PM ~ W/M Mtg.

7:00 PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal

Tuesday: June 10, 2025

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Friday: June 13, 2025

11:15 AM ~ VBS Program at UMC

Sunday: June 15, 2025

The Holy Trinity

Father's Day

8:30 AM ~ Adult SS

9:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion

10:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

6:00 PM ~ Bethany Prayer Group

Tuesday: June 17, 2025

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Wednesday: June 18, 2025

7:00 PM ~ Council Mtg.

Thursday: June 19, 2025

2:00 PM ~ Circle Group

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

HAPPENINGS IN JUNE

***June 8** ~ *Day of Pentecost ~ Wear Red*

***June 8,15,22,29** ~ 6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

***June 9-13** ~ 9:00-11:00AM VBS @ UMC

***June 9** ~ 4:00PM W/M Mtg.

7:00PM Hand Bell Rehearsal

***June 10,17,24** ~ 8:30AM Prayer Group

9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC

***June 13** ~ 11:15AM VBS Final Program at UMC

***June 15** ~ *The Holy Trinity ~ Father's Day*

***June 18** ~ 7:00PM Council Mtg.

***June 19** ~ 2:00PM Circle Group

***June 22** ~ 4:00PM Laurens Care Center Service

JUNE: Altar Guild = Rich & Marilyn Ehlers

Fellowship = June 15 – Tom & Rhonda Shewell, Shirley McKiernan

= June 22 – Julie Dawson, Shirley McKiernan

= June 29 – Shirley McKiernan, Kelly & Dawn Gordon

Ushers = June 15 – Jean Swanson & Tammy Oxenreider

= June 22 – Myles & Shirley Pedersen

= June 29 – Tom & Rhonda Shewell

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

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, Amy Campbell, Myra Reese, Janelle Mason, Tim Burton, Desiree Welty, Pastor John Mayer, Elizabeth Dunbar, Monica Isom, Bill Alexander, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Gloria Bell, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries.

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00

Faith Promise \$1105.00 Worship 26 Adult SS 4

Birthdays: June 9 – Cindy Seward; 10 – Bill Alexander

Anniversary: June 9 – Adam & Marcy Rasmussen; 14 – Kelly & Dawn Gordon

*****NOISY OFFERING ~ \$136.04 went to the Laurens Food Pantry!**

Thank You ~ *Keep collecting those coins as our next one will be in July!!*

Laurens Community Vacation Bible School June 9-13, 2025 ~ 9:00-11:00AM

Laurens United Methodist Church

Upcoming Preschool age through Grade 4

VBS Program June 13 at 11:15AM

Registration forms on back table of sanctuary.

FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN THIS SUMMER

➤ May 31 to August 23 = Caring Lunches on Saturdays

11:00AM-12:30PM @ Laurens & Marathon Libraries

➤ June 11 to August 15 = 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**

SIT & EAT Lunch and Grab & Go Breakfast ~ Monday to Friday

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

June 18 to August 13 = Summer Reading Program

“LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY”

~ Laurens Public Library ~ Wednesdays at 11:00AM

Carol Schmidt ~ August 31, 1933 — January 21, 2025

Carol Eloise Schmidt, 91, formally of Laurens, Iowa passed away on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at Friendship Haven.

A Celebration of Carol's life will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 14th at Friendship Haven. Visitation will be held on Saturday beginning at 12:30 at the Celebration Center until the time of the services.

Laufersweiler Funeral Home is serving the family.

STEWARDSHIP 2025

April giving goal: \$11,800.00

April giving: \$4,959.00

Year-to-date goal: \$50,150.00

Year-to-date giving: \$38,493.01

SHORT: -\$11,656.99

\$18,000.00 Funds taken from Farm Acct/Edmonds Fund 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.

**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.**

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”

Laurens Food Pantry donations needed:



- *Baking Mix (pancake and/or bisquick)
- *Juice, Jelly, Cereal
- *Mixed Fruit, Applesauce, Pears
- *Corn, Diced Tomatoes
- *Spaghetti Noodles, Elbow Macaroni
- *Taco Shells (Hard & Soft) & Taco Seasoning
- *Cream of Mushroom Soup

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

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

*Our number of families using the pantry continues to grow.



*Donations may be placed in the shopping cart downstairs in the United Methodist Educational Unit or at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Laurens or in the shopping cart at the Laurens HyVee Pharmacy.

*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*

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.

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.