

 50Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is one who seeks it and he is the judge.51Very truly, I tell you, whoever keeps my word will never see death.” 52The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets; yet you say, ‘Whoever keeps my word will never taste death. John 8:50-52

ATTENTION: check out website www.bethanylutheranlaurens.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

**(bethanylutheranlaurens.org) There are new pictures and postings on our Facebook page as well, check it out. The sheep cartoon from this week’s reading Luke 10:1-20. 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!

  

**Tuesday:  July 8, 2025**

**8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group**

**9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany**

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday:  July 11,12,13, 2025**

**Laurens Days Summer Celebration “SUMMER SPLASH BASH”**

**Sunday:  July 13, 2025**

***Fifth Sunday after Pentecost***

**8:30 AM ~ Adult SS**

**9:30 AM ~ Worship**

**10:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship**

**6:00 PM ~ Bethany Prayer Group**

**Tuesday:  July 15, 2025**

**8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group**

**9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany**

**Thursday:  July 17, 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).

**SUMMER TIME 9:30 AM Worship services at Bethany**

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**HAPPENINGS I****N JULY**

\*July 6,13,20,27 *~ 6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group*

\*July 8,15,22,29 *~ 8:30AM Prayer Group*

*9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC*

\*July 11,12 13 *~ Laurens Days “SUMMER SPLASH BASH”*

\*July 17 *~ 2:00PM Circle Group*

\*July 20 *~ NOISY OFFERING – 9:30 Worship*

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**JULY: Altar Guild** = Doug & Becky Baker

**Fellowship** = July 13 – Dean & Eloise Armstrong, Pat Boughey

= July 20 – Dean & Eloise Armstrong, Myles & Shirley Pedersen

= July 27 – Pat Boughey, Myles & Shirley Pedersen

**Ushers** = July 13 – Shirley Kruse & Jan Hersom

= July 20 – Dean & Eloise Armstrong

= July 27 – Jean Swanson & Tammy Oxenreider

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**Communion**: Served on the 1st & 3rd 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, Paul Gregerson, Myra Reese, Janelle Mason, Desiree Welty, Pastor John Mayer, 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 $ 865.00 Worship 31 Adult SS 4

# Birthdays: July 6 – Dale Larson; 10 – Rich Ehlers

# Anniversary:

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**\*\*\*NOISY OFFERING ~ *Keep collecting those coins as our next one will be July 20th and will go towards the Laurens Congregate Meals.***

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**June 18 to August 13 = Summer Reading Program**

**“LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY”**

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

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**

**July 11,12,13 = Laurens Days Summer Celebration**

**“SUMMER SPLASH BASH”**

11 – Kid’s Korner Meal (Fire Station) 4:30-7:00PM

11 – BOCC Children’s Stories & Activities (city park) 4:30-7:00PM

11 – BLC Give It Up to God Prayer Table (city park) 4:30-7:00PM

12 – Parade 10:00AM

12 – UMM Burgers/Hot Dogs Meal (city park) 11:00AM-1:00PM

12 – UMW Pie by the slice w/ice cream (UMC) 11:00AM-1:00PM

12 – Bake Sale by Laurens Care Center (UMC) 11:00AM-1:00PM

12 – VFW Pork Chop Sandwiches at 3rd & Main St. 5:00-6:30PM

13 – UMC Ham Ball Dinner (free will donation) 11:15AM

13 – UMC The Browns Concert 1:00PM

*Please check the Summer Splash Bash poster in the narthex for more details & many other events!!!*

**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.**

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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 2025**

May giving goal:  $11,800.00

May giving:  4,050.00

Year-to-date goal:  $61,950.00

Year-to-date giving: $42,543.01

**SHORT:**  -**$19,406.99**

$24,000.00 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.

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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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Address for Sandy George: Address for Dorothy Smith:

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”**

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**For those who would like to reach out and correspond with Karen Johnsen who is now in the Laurens Care Center. Karen’s room #332 & address is: 304 East Veterans Road, Laurens, IA 50554.**

**For those who would like to reach out and correspond with Dale Ryan who is in the Emmetsburg Care Center. Dale’s room #111 & address is: 2405 21st St., Emmetsburg, IA 50536.**

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**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*

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**OTHER EVENTS COMING UP:**

**July 9-13** Buena Vista County Fair

**July 16-21** Pocahontas County Fair **July 18-20** City of Pocahontas 155th Celebration

**July 19** Laurens Care Center 1st Annual 2 Person Best Shot Golf Tournament (9 holes) $30 per person

@ Laurens Golf & Country Club ~ Registration 9:00am ~ Tee Off 9:30am ~ Meal Provided