



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 10:25-37**. 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 15, 2025

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Thursday: July 17, 2025

2:00 PM ~ Circle Group

Sunday: July 20, 2025

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM ~ Adult SS

9:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion, **NOISY OFFERING**

10:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

6:00 PM ~ Bethany Prayer Group

Tuesday: July 22, 2025

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

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

HAPPENINGS IN JULY

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

*July 15,22,29 ~ 8:30AM Prayer Group
9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC

*July 17 ~ 2:00PM Circle Group

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

*July 28 – August 10 ~ Pastor & family gone on vacation & the NALC Convocation in Pittsburg, PA

JULY: Altar Guild = Doug & Becky Baker

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

= July 27 – Pat Boughey, Myles & Shirley Pedersen

Ushers = July 20 – Dean & Eloise Armstrong

= July 27 – Jean Swanson & Tammy Oxenreider

AUGUST: Altar Guild = Shirley McKiernan & Donna Sindergard

Fellowship = August 3 – Kathy Sorensen, Pat Boughey

= August 10 – Pastor & Liz Klappenbach, Tom & Rhonda Shewell

= August 17 – Dean & Eloise Armstrong, Tom & Rhonda Shewell

= August 24 – Dean & Eloise Armstrong, Myles & Shirley Pedersen

= August 24 – Dean & Eloise Armstrong, Kelly & Dawn Gordon

Ushers = August 3 – Rich & Marilyn Ehlers
= August 10 – Julie Dawson & Michelle Gordon
= August 17 – Shirley Kruse & Jan Hersom
= August 24 – Dean & Eloise Armstrong
= August 31 = Jim & Denise Hodgell

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, Dennis Hari, 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 \$1390.00 Worship 27 Adult SS 4

<p>Birthdays: July 17 – Pat Alexander, Eloise Armstrong; 19 – Luke Hersom</p> <p>Anniversary: 15 – Jim & Denise Hodgell</p>

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

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
- 11 – Introduction of Grand Marshals at Laurens Aquatic Center 7:15
& Ribbon Cutting for Grand Opening of Laurens Aquatic Center
- 11 – Fireworks at Sportsman’s Park at Dusk (10:00PM)
- 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.

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.

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.

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*

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!

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| **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 25th will be scheduled K-6 Parent & Student Conferences with Teachers from 11:00AM to 7:00PM. First FULL DAY of school for K-6 at LM begins Tuesday, August 26th.

Laurens-Marathon 2025-2026 School Registration

Monday, August 11, 2025 ~ 3:00 to 6:00 PM ~ school lobby

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.

OTHER EVENTS COMING UP:

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