



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 11:1-13**. 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 29, 2025

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Saturday: August 2, 2025

8:00 AM ~ Men's Group

Sunday: August 3, 2025

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM ~ Worship w/Missionary

10:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

6:00 PM ~ Bethany Prayer Group

August 3-8 ~ 2025 NALC Luther Week / Convocation at Pittsburg, PA

Tuesday: August 5, 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 & AUGUST

*July 27 ~ 6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

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

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

*August 2 ~ 8:00AM Men's Group

*August 3 ~ 9:30AM Our missionary, Patricia Bentsen, sharing her message

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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 Request cards on the rear table.

Prayer Concerns: Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness, Myles Pedersen, 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 \$ 588.00 Worship 27 Adult SS 4

Birthdays: July 27 – Michael Hawley, Jamison Shimon; 29 – Raelyn Johnsen, Elli Cazares; Rhonda Shewell; 31 – Jan Hersom

Anniversary:

***NOISY OFFERING ~ \$96.58 went towards the Laurens Congregate Meals. THANK YOU**

Growth & Sharing Committee

*Friday, July 11 in the city park, the “Give It Up to God” prayer table was represented by Pastor, Linda Galbraith, & Shirley Pedersen. Several stopped to discuss their personal concerns & prayer. On Saturday, July 12, Bethany was represented by Tom Anderson and his Bethany decorated pickup in the parade. The riders were Kathy Sorensen, Addy & Lucas Sorensen, and Tammy Oxenreider. Kelly Gordon, Pastor David, and Preston Klappenbach were the walkers that distributed items in Bethany’s name. A great weather day made walking/riding a pleasant and enjoyable time! THANK YOU, Tom, Tammy, Preston, Pastor, Kelly, Kathy, Addy, & Lucas for representing Bethany!!!

*Currently, supplies are being collected for the Laurens-Marathon School children until mid-August. A list of needs can be found in the fellowship hall or the weekly bulletin. *Thank you*

NOW to August 13 = Summer Reading Program

“LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY”

~ Laurens Public Library ~ Wednesdays at 11:00AM

FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN THIS SUMMER

➤ NOW to August 23 = **Caring Lunches** on Saturdays

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

➤ NOW 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**

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!

**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

OTHER EVENTS COMING UP:

NOW thru October 18 Local Palo Alto Farmers' Market @Courthouse Square,
Emmetsburg ~ every Thursday (1-5pm) & every Saturday (8am-noon)

August 7-17 Iowa State Fair

August 9 Laurens City Wide Garage Sales

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

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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*

****NOISY OFFERING ~ *Keep collecting those coins as our next one will be in September.***

Iowa Mission District Convocation ~ Saturday, September 20, 2025

St. John's Lutheran Church, LeMars, IA

8:00AM Registration & fellowship time with coffee & refreshments

9:00AM Holy Communion Service / Closing around 4:00PM

Please let Pastor know if you are interested in attending this event by September 1 as we need to submit registrations which are on the fellowship hall table. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Women's Fall Retreat at Ingham Bible Camp

Saturday, October 11

Registration forms are in the Narthex on the table. They can be given to Jan Hersom by October 1st. We can carpool from Bethany that morning. Please consider attending!!!
