



<sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is one who seeks it and he is the judge.<sup>51</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever keeps my word will never see death.” <sup>52</sup>The 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](http://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 25<sup>th</sup>..** Check our website this week ([bethanylutheranlaurens.org](http://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 13:22-30**. 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: September 1, 2025**

**LABOR DAY**

**7:00 PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal**

**Tuesday: September 2, 2025**

**8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group**

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

**Saturday: September 6, 2025**

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

**Sunday: September 7, 2025**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**FALL TIME CHANGE**

**9:15 AM ~ Adult SS**

**9:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship**

**10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion**

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

**Tuesday: September 9, 2025**

**8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group**

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

**Wednesday: September 10, 2025**

**7:00 PM ~ Confirmation class w/parents**

***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 IN SEPTEMBER

\*August 31 ~ 4:00PM Laurens Care Center Service  
6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

\*September 1 ~ 7:00PM Hand Bell Rehearsal

\*September 2,9,16,23,30 ~ 8:30AM Prayer Group  
9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC

\*September 6 ~ 8:00AM Men's Group

\*September 7 ~ **FALL TIME CHANGE**  
9:15AM Adult SS; 9:30AM Coffee Fellowship  
10:30AM Worship w/Communion  
6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

\*September 10 ~ 7:00PM Confirmation w/Parents

\*September 14 ~ SS Teachers mtg right after church  
6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

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**SEPTEMBER:** Altar Guild = Jean Swanson & Tammy Oxenreider

**Fellowship** = September 7 – Dean & Eloise Armstrong, Tom & Rhonda Shewell

= September 14 – Dean & Eloise Armstrong, Myles & Shirley Pedersen

= September 21 – Kathy Sorensen, Shirley McKiernan

= September 28 – Jean Swanson, Tammy Oxenreider

**Ushers** = September 7 – Myles & Shirley Pedersen

= September 14 = Tom & Elaine Anderson

= September 21 – Julian Johnsen Family

= September 28 = Kelly & Dawn Gordon

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**Communion:** Served on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Jerry Runneberg, 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 \$5786.50      Worship 33      Adult SS 4

**Birthdays: August 31 – Mary Runneberg; September 3 – James Hodgell; 4 – Tom Anderson, Mark Hersom, Keegan Jamison, Harlan Jr. Johnsen; Shirley Kruse; 5 - Dawn Gordon; 6 – Marcy Rasmussen**

**Anniversary: September 1 – John & Michelle Hersom; 6 – Ken & Pat Boughey**

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**\*\*\*NOISY OFFERING ~ Keep collecting those coins as our next one will be September 21<sup>st</sup>!!! Our offering will go towards the Laurens Ministerial Association.**

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**WORSHIP TIME CHANGE FOR FALL**

*Sunday, September 7, 2025*

*9:15 AM Adult SS; 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship*

*10:30 AM Worship w/Communion*

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**Sunday, September 14, 2020**

**Sunday School Teachers Meeting**

Right after worship services

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**Our Rally Sunday will be September 21, 2025**

Youth Sunday School will begin at 9:15AM with  
games / crafts / Root Beer Floats / sing

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## **Iowa Mission District Convocation ~ Saturday, September 20, 2025**

### **St. John's Lutheran Church, LeMars, IA**

The theme is "Running with Perseverance" from Hebrews 12:1-2.

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of our throne of God.*

Delegates: Tom Anderson & Dean Armstrong

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!

## **NALC Disaster Relief Update**

**\*\***We were hoping for a more quiet 2025 compared to 2024 for disasters, but that hasn't been the case. The Disaster Response team has been busy gathering and delivering supplies to a variety of locations across the United States. Your donations of supplies and gift cards are very much appreciated.

**\*\***If you don't already, consider following NALC Disaster Response on Facebook. Here you will see updates on where we are helping and the mission trips.

**\*\***If you are interested in going on a mission trip by yourself or with a group from your church contact Mary Bates to see where you can help out.

\*\*If your congregation is interested in education about disaster response, church safety, home safety, etc. let me know. I would be more than happy to schedule something with you!

\*\*What are the current disaster response needs? Flood/cleaning buckets, health kits and gift cards.

\*\*I will bring empty buckets to convocation. If you need some before convocation let me know and I can get some to you.

\*\*We will also be bringing the Iowa Mission District Tool Trailer to the convocation so you can see our progress on it. Financial donations are still needed so we can purchase the remaining items needed.

As always, let me know what questions you have about Disaster Response!

*Betty Burkhalter*

*Iowa Mission District Disaster Response Coordinator*

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## **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 1<sup>st</sup>. We can carpool from Bethany that morning. Please consider attending!!!

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**Laurens Congregate Meals:** 272 N 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

July giving goal: \$11,800.00

July giving: 4,426.20

Year-to-date goal: \$88,500.00

Year-to-date giving: \$55,188.21

**SHORT: -\$33,311.79**

\$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:**

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”**

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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*