

 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 Fall worship is at 10:30AM and coffee fellowship at around 9:30. Adult SS is 9:15AM, on**  **September 21st Youth SS will begin.** 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 16:1-13. Don’t be of little faith and don’t doubt Jesus!** He IS the Son of the Living God. **Fall** 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 22, 2025**

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

**Tuesday:  September 23, 2025**

**8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group**

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

**Wednesday:  September 24, 2025**

**7:00 PM ~ Confirmation class**

**Sunday:  September 28, 2025**

***Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

**9:15 AM ~ Adult SS & Youth SS**

**9:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship**

**10:30 AM ~ Worship**

**Growth & Sharing Mtg. after worship**

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

**Tuesday:  September 30, 2025**

**8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group**

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

**Wednesday:  October 1, 2025**

**7:00 PM ~ Confirmation class**

**Monday:  October 4, 2025**

**8:00 AM ~ Men’s 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).

**FALL TIME 10:30 AM Worship services at Bethany**

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**HAPPENINGS I****N SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER**

\*September 21 *~* ***RALLY SUNDAY ~ Youth SS starts***

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

*10:30AM Worship w/Communion, Installation of Teachers,* ***NOISY OFFERING***

*11:30AM Potluck*

*6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group*

\*September 22 *~ 7:00PM Hand Bell Rehearsal*

\*September 22-25 *~ Pastor @ Society of Holy Trinity Chapter Retreat*

\*September 23,30 *~ 8:30AM Prayer Group*

*9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC*

\*September 24 *~ 7:00PM Confirmation*

\*September 28 *~ Growth & Sharing Mtg. after worship*

\*October 1 *~ 7:00PM Confirmation*

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

**Fellowship** = September 28 – Jean Swanson, Tammy Oxenreider

**Ushers** = September 28 = Kelly & Dawn Gordon

**OCTOBER: Altar Guild** = Linda Galbraith & Elaine Anderson

**Fellowship** = October 5 – Rich & Marilyn Ehlers, Ken & Donna Sindergard

= October 12 – Rich & Marilyn Ehlers, Ken & Donna Sindergard

= October 19 – Rich & Marilyn Ehlers, Ken & Donna Sindergard

= October 26 – Rich & Marilyn Ehlers, Ken & Donna Sindergard

**Ushers** = October 5 – Jean Swanson & Tammy Oxenreider

= October 12 = Tom & Rhonda Shewell

= October 19 = Jim & Denise Hodgell

= October 26 = Rich & Marilyn Ehlers

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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, Jerry Runneberg, Myles Pedersen, Myra Reese, Janelle Mason, Desiree Welty, Pastor John Mayer, Monica Isom, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Gloria Bell, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries. The Family of Elaine Harriman.

**Weekly Budget Needs: $2817.00**

Faith Promise $10,870.00 Worship 31 Adult SS 4

# Birthdays: **September 23 – Marian Roberts; 24 – Nick Zurek; 26 – Ken Boughey**

# Anniversary:  **September 27 – Pat & Maggie Severson**

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

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**NALC Disaster Response donation** at the Mission District Convocation yesterday, September 20, 2025. The Council moved & seconded to send a $250 cash money donation, taken from our general funds, towards this Disaster Response.

**The Laurens Volunteer Firefighter Association**

invites you and your family to join them **Sunday, October 5, 2025** for their Annual Pancake Breakfast

from 8AM to 12PM at the Laurens Fire Station

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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 1st. We can carpool from Bethany that morning. Please consider attending!!!

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**STEWARDSHIP 2025**

August giving goal:  $11,800.00

August giving:  $14,520.50

Year-to-date goal:  $100,300.00

Year-to-date giving: $69,463.01

**SHORT:**  -**$30,836.99**

$29,000.00 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

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**“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*

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**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.***