



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 and Youth SS is 9:15.** 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 16:19-31**. 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!



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

Saturday: October 4, 2025

8:00 AM ~ Men's Group

Sunday: October 5, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 AM ~ Adult SS & Youth SS

9:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion

4:00 PM ~ Laurens Care Center Service

6:00 PM ~ Bethany Prayer Group

Monday: October 6, 2025

4:00 PM ~ W/M Mtg.

7:00 PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal

Tuesday: October 7, 2025

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Wednesday: October 8, 2025

7:00 PM ~ Confirmation class

7:00 PM ~ Council Mtg.

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

HAPPENINGS IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

*September 28 ~ Growth & Sharing Mtg. after worship
6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

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

*October 1 ~ 7:00PM Confirmation

*October 4 ~ 8:00AM Men's Group

*October 5 ~ 4:00PM Laurens Care Center Service
6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

*October 6 ~ 4:00PM W/M Mtg.
7:00PM Hand Bell Rehearsal

*October 7,14,21,28 ~ 8:30AM Prayer Group
9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC

*October 8 ~ 7:00PM Confirmation
7:00PM Council Mtg.

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

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, Jerry Runneberg, Myles Pedersen, Myra Reese, 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 Janelle Mason.

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00

Faith Promise \$1064.00 Worship 44 Youth SS 15 Adult SS 4

Birthdays: September 28 – Michelle Gordon; 29 – Maggie Severson; 30 – John Runneberg, Kenny Sindergard; October 1 – Laura Beth Latham; 2 – Denise Hodgell

Anniversary:

*****NOISY OFFERING was \$145.94 towards the Laurens Ministerial Association. THANK YOU**

Keep collecting those coins as our next one will be in November!!

Bethany members collected 3 boxes of Kleenex, 1 glue bottle, 4 glue sticks, 3 pkgs of loose-leaf paper; 12 pencils, 1 pencil sharpener, 5 notebooks, 4 scissors, 2 erasers. The school children thank you! Thank you, Marilyn, for delivering these supplies to the school.

**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**

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!!!

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.

**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*

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.

NALC Disaster Response donation...The Council moved & seconded to send a \$250 cash money donation, taken from our general funds, towards this Disaster Response.