



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 8+ 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 10:30 with Adult Sunday and Youth Sunday school starting at 9:15 and coffee fellowship at around 9:30 began.** Check our website this week (bethanylutheran-laurens.org) There are new pictures and postings on our Facebook page as well, check it out. The sheep cartoon for this week's Gospel: **LUKE 20:27-40!** 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: November 11, 2025

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

10:00 AM ~ Veteran's Day Program at LM School

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Annual Veterans Day Dinner ~ Laurens Community Center

Wednesday: November 12, 2025

7:00 PM ~ Confirmation class

7:00 PM ~ Council Mtg.

Sunday: November 16, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 AM ~ Adult SS & Youth SS

9:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion, SS sing, NOISY Offering, Blessing of Operation Boxes

11:30 AM ~ Potluck

4:00 PM ~ 4-H Club Mtg.

6:00 PM ~ Bethany Prayer Group

Monday: November 17, 2025

7:00 PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal

Tuesday: November 18, 2025

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Wednesday: November 19, 2025

7:00 PM ~ Confirmation class

Thursday: November 20, 2025

2:00 PM ~ Circle 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

HAPPENINGS IN NOVEMBER

***November 9 ~ Stewardship Sunday**

w/Commitment Cards & ThankOffering

4:00PM Laurens Care Center Service

6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

***November 11 ~ 8:30AM Prayer Group**

9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC

10:00AM Veterans Day Program @ LM old gym

*11:00AM to 1:00PM Veterans Day Dinner @
Laurens Community Center*

***November 12 ~ 7:00PM Confirmation**

7:00PM Council Mtg.

***November 16 ~ 10:30 Worship w/Communion, *NOISY OFFERING*,**

SS sing, Blessing of Operation Boxes

11:30AM Potluck 4:00PM 4-H Club Mtg.

6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

***November 17,24 ~ 7:00PM Hand Bell Rehearsal**

***November 18,25 ~ 8:30AM Prayer Group**

9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC

***November 19,26 ~ 7:00PM Confirmation**

***November 20 ~ 2:00PM Circle Group**

***November 23,30 ~6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group**

NOVEMBER: **Altar Guild** = Rich & Marilyn Ehlers

Fellowship = November 16 – Julie Dawson, Kelly & Dawn Gordon

= November 23 – Pat Boughey, Rich & Marilyn Ehlers

= November 30 – Myles & Shirley Pedersen, Jan Hersom

Ushers = November 16 – Tom & Elaine Anderson

= November 23 – Julie Dawson & Myra Reese

= November 30 – Kelly & Dawn Gordon

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.

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00

Faith Promise \$1464.00 Worship 34 Youth SS 8 Adult SS 4
Sunday School \$ 6.00

Birthdays: **November 10 – Dawn Jamison, Ava Runneberg**

Anniversary:

*****NOISY OFFERING ~ *Keep collecting those coins as our next one will be November 16th!!***

ELECTION DAY SOUP & PIE SUPPER

THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU

A "SPECIAL" thank you to ALL THE VOLUNTEERS who worked, donated food, gave a donation, and cooked at the Election Day Supper. It is so wonderful to have a Bethany Church family that works together so well because it takes ALL of us to make a successful soup supper!!! *Thank you*

Thanksgiving Offering & Stewardship/Commitment Sunday

November 9, 2025 at 10:30 AM

We are having a special Thanksgiving and Stewardship emphasis during the worship service. Please reflect on the blessings you have received this past year and consider a special Thanksgiving gift in response to those blessings by using your Thanksgiving Offering envelope. Remember your Stewardship commitment card and envelope to place in the Joash Chest on Sunday, November 9 & any Sunday in November & December. *Bethany Lutheran Church Council*

Annual Veterans Day Dinner ~ Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Laurens Community Center ~ 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Serving ~ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Chips & a Bar

Free Will Offering ~ Dine in, pickup & delivery

The money raised is going to be used for upkeep and improvement of the Veterans Monument. Delivery is available by calling 712-358-4419

NOVEMBER POTLUCK

Plan now to attend the Potluck on November 16!!

Growth & Sharing Committee

*Met Sunday, September 28 after worship with all members present plus a visitor, Pam Hopper. Thank you, Pam, for attending.

*Discussed the following:

- Bethany's presence in the Laurens Days Parade, July 12, & the Prayer Table, July 11
- Provided buns for September Potluck's grilling of hamburgers & hotdogs
- Collected school supplies for the LM School children
- The 2026 Fellowship/Potluck schedule is in the fellowship hall. **PLEASE SIGN TODAY** for 8 weeks including 1 potluck Sunday per family to fill up the calendar for 2026!
- The Samaritan Purse Christmas Operation Boxes are available now in the fellowship hall. **DUE BACK NOVEMBER 9!!**

- The November NOISY Offering will go towards the shipping of the operations boxes.
- The UDMO Adopt-a-Family project begins November 9. Please be looking for the tree with ornaments.
- The Christmas hat, mitten, socks, scarves Tree will be up December 1-31. (for the LM School children)

*Thank you for your time/labor in these projects as all is appreciated!

The Growth & Sharing Committee

Updating the Prayer Chain

If you would like to be included or need more information, contact Shirley Pedersen or call her 712-841-7058. If you are on the chain, you will remain unless I hear otherwise. Remember...Prayer Chain info is private and can't be restated to your spouse or anyone or listen to call at coffee time. *Thanks, Growth & Sharing Committee*

STEWARDSHIP 2025

September giving goal: \$11,800.00

September giving: 14,017.00

Year-to-date goal: \$112,100.00

Year-to-date giving: \$83,480.01

SHORT: -\$26,619.99

\$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 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.*

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*
