



³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. Luke 1:30-31

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 21:5-36!** 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: 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

Sunday: November 23, 2025

Christ the King Sunday

Last Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 AM ~ Adult SS & Youth SS

9:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM ~ Worship

4:00 PM ~ Laurens Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
at Laurens Care Center

6:00 PM ~ Bethany Prayer Group

Monday: November 24, 2025

7:00 PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal

Tuesday: November 25, 2025

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Wednesday: November 26, 2025

7:00 PM ~ Confirmation class

Thursday: November 27, 2025

Have a blessed Thanksgiving Day!

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 16 ~ 10:30AM Worship w/Communion, SS sing, **NOISY Offering**, 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 ~ 4:00PM Laurens Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Laurens Care Center
6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

*November 27 ~ *Have a blessed Thanksgiving Day!*

[November 30](#) ~ 10:30AM Worship / *First Sunday of Advent*
6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

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

Fellowship = November 23 – Pat Boughey, Rich & Marilyn Ehlers

= November 30 – Myles & Shirley Pedersen, Jan Hersom

Ushers = 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, Todd & Elizabeth Wood, 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	\$ 882.75	Worship	47	Youth SS	18	Adult SS	5
Sunday School	\$ 12.00	ThankOffering	\$100.00				

Birthdays:

Anniversary:

*****NOISY OFFERING ~ Keep collecting those coins as our next one will be December 14th for families in need locally!!**

Thanksgiving Offering & Stewardship/Commitment Cards

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. Also remember your Stewardship commitment card and envelope to place in the Joash Chest any Sunday in November & December.

Bethany Lutheran Church Council

The Rialto Theatre ~ **November 21-27**

The film "**Soul on Fire**" (Rated PG) will be playing.

Running time: 1 hour, 39 minutes.

Movie synopsis: *In 1987, nine-year-old John O'Leary survives a terrible accident and grows into a man who show us what it means to truly live.*

Stars: Joel Courtney, John Corbett & William H. Macy

The Laurens United Methodist Church Women invite you to their

UMW'S Annual Fall Bazaar/Holiday Event

on Saturday, November 22nd

from 10:00AM to 1:00 PM

Lunch begins at 11:00 w/Lasagna being served ~ Free Will Offering

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025 ~ 4:00 PM

At Laurens Care Center

Offering will go towards the Laurens Ministerial Emergency Fund.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Poinsettias for Advent change: The Worship & Music Committee is doing the poinsettias the same as last year. Our committee will not be purchasing any, but letting individuals donate their own. In other words, you may purchase a poinsettia from where-ever you would like and bring to the church by November 30th to share for the Advent/Christmas season. If you would like your poinsettia to be in memory or in honor of someone, please let Dean Armstrong know. We would appreciate all poinsettias to be taken home after the Christmas Eve service. *Thank you*

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

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*

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*
