



¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." ¹³And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

Hebrews 2:10-13

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: **Matthew 3:13-17!** **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: January 12, 2026

7:00 PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal

Tuesday: January 13, 2026

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Wednesday: January 14, 2026

7:00 PM ~ Confirmation

7:00 PM ~ Council Mtg.

Thursday: January 15, 2026

2:00 PM ~ Circle Group

Sunday: January 18, 2026

Second Sunday after Epiphany

9:15 AM Adult SS & Youth SS

9:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion, SS sing

11:30 AM ~ Potluck

Bethany Prayer Group after Potluck

4:00 PM ~ Laurens Care Center Service

4:00 PM ~ 4-H Club Mtg.

Tuesday: January 20, 2026

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Wednesday: January 21, 2026

7:00 PM ~ Confirmation

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).

WINTER TIME 10:30 AM Worship services at Bethany

HAPPENINGS IN JANUARY

***January 11** ~ 9:15AM Adult SS & Youth SS

10:30AM Worship *Bethany Prayer Group after worship*

***January 12** ~ 7:00PM Hand Bell Rehearsal

***January 13** ~ 8:30AM Prayer Group

9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC

***January 14** ~ 7:00PM Confirmation 7:00PM Council Mtg.

***January 15** ~ 2:00PM Circle Group

***January 18** ~ 9:15AM Adult SS & Youth SS

10:30AM Worship w/Communion, SS sing

11:30AM Potluck *Bethany Prayer Group after potluck*

4:00PM Laurens Care Center Service

4:00PM 4-H Club Mtg.

***January 21,28** ~ 7:00PM Confirmation

***January 25** ~ 9:15AM Adult SS & Youth SS

10:30AM Worship

Annual Congregational Mtg. following worship

Bethany Prayer Group after meeting

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

Fellowship = January 18 – Jan Hersom, Myles & Shirley Pedersen

= January 25 – Pat Boughey, Rich & Marilyn Ehlers

Ushers = January 18 – Tom & Elaine Anderson

= January 25 – Myra Reese & Michelle 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, Pat Boughey, Tom Shewell, Mary Roat, Todd & Elizabeth Wood, Jerry Runneberg, Myles Pedersen, 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: \$2950.00

Faith Promise \$1440.00 Worship 36 Youth SS 8 Adult SS 3
Sunday School \$ 5.00

Birthdays: January

Anniversary:

*****NOISY OFFERING ~ \$123.71 was collected for families in need locally!!**

POINSETTIAS

Thank you for donating poinsettias for our Advent/Christmas services:

- ❖ Kelly, Dawn & Michelle Gordon in memory of those who have gone before us.
- ❖ Myles & Shirley Pedersen to honor God for 66 years of marriage.
- ❖ Linda Galbraith in memory of loved ones.

JANUARY POTLUCK

Plan now to attend the Potluck on January 18!!

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2950.00

12/21/25 Faith Promise \$1211.29 Potluck \$12.00 Worship 29
12/24/25 Faith Promise \$ 60.00 Christmas \$594.00 Worship 41
12/21/25 Faith Promise \$ 647.00 Christmas \$ 20.00 Worship 10

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*Bethany Lutheran Church's Annual Congregational Meeting
will be held immediately following our worship service on
Sunday, January 25, 2026*

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.

Request for Sunday school teachers:

If you are willing and able to teach the elementary Sunday school class, which has about 3 kids in it now, please contact Linda Bieri 712-450-2417 or Jean Swanson or Tammy Oxenreider.

We are looking for a couple volunteers to help with the alternating schedule. The students are very well behaved and enjoy the half hour together. Thank you in advance, if you accept this satisfying ministry endeavor. We have the material, which is easy to follow and fun to use from our NALC Sola catalog. We start at 9:15 with opening worship led by Marilyn and Shirley, followed by the lesson and craft. The fun is over at 10:00 for coffee fellowship!

STEWARDSHIP 2025

November giving goal: \$14,750.00

November giving: \$6,958.30

Year-to-date goal: \$141,600.00

Year-to-date giving: \$108,941.91

SHORT: -\$32,658.09

\$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*

Address for Pat Boughey:

Accura Healthcare
1912 Zenith Avenue
Spirit Lake, IA 51360
Attn: Pat Boughey

Address for Ken Boughey:

Accura HealthCare
1912 Zenith Avenue Room 124B
Spirit Lake, IA 51360