



<sup>10</sup>It 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. <sup>11</sup>For 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, <sup>12</sup>saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." <sup>13</sup>And 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 [bethanylutheranlaurens.org](http://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](http://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: **John 3:1-17!** 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!**

SO NICODEMUS IS ATTRACTED BY THE SIGNS HE SEES, BUT JESUS SAYS THAT WHAT GIVES LIFE CAN'T BE SEEN?



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YES.



AND THEN JESUS PROMISES A SIGN OF LIFE, BUT IT WILL BE HIS OWN DEATH...



JESUS IS A CONTRARIAN!



JOHN 3:1-17

NO HE'S NOT.



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**Monday: March 2, 2026**

4:00 PM ~ W/M Mtg.

**Tuesday: March 3, 2026**

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

7:00 PM ~ Confirmation

**Wednesday: March 4, 2026**

8:30 AM ~ Matins and A Meal

11:30 AM ~ Lenten Lunch ~ Bethany

5:00-7:00 PM ~ UMC Men's Soup Supper

6:30 PM ~ Lenten Evening Service

**Saturday: March 7, 2026**

8:00 AM ~ Men's Group

**Sunday: March 8, 2026**

*Third Sunday in Lent*

9:15 AM Adult SS & Youth SS

9:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM ~ Worship

Bethany Prayer Group after worship

**Tuesday: March 10, 2026**

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

7:00 PM ~ Confirmation

**Wednesday: March 11, 2026**

11:30 AM ~ Lenten Lunch ~ Body of Christ

5:30 PM ~ Lenten Soup Supper

6:30 PM ~ Lenten Evening Service

Council Mtg. to follow service

*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**

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**HAPPENINGS IN MARCH**

**\*March 2** ~ 4:00PM W/M Mtg.

**\*March 3** ~ 8:30AM Prayer Group  
9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC  
7:00PM Confirmation

**\*March 4** ~ 8:30AM Matins and A Meal  
11:30AM Lenten Lunch at BLC  
5:00-7:00PM UMC Men's Soup Supper  
6:30PM Lenten Evening Service at BLC

**\*March 7** ~ 8:00AM Men's Group

**\*March 8** ~ 9:15AM Adult SS & Youth SS  
10:30AM Worship  
Bethany Prayer Group after worship

**\*March 10** ~ 8:30AM Prayer Group  
9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC  
7:00PM Confirmation

**\*March 11** ~ 11:30AM Lenten Lunch at Body of Christ  
5:30PM Lenten Soup Supper at BLC  
6:30PM Lenten Evening Service at BLC  
Council Mtg. to follow service

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**MARCH:** Altar Guild = Jan Hersom & Vicki Fontenot  
Fellowship = March 8 – Vicki Fontenot, Kelly & Dawn Gordon  
= March 15 – Jim & Denise Hodgell, Tom & Elaine Anderson  
= March 22 – Shirley Kruse, Jan Hersom  
= March 29 – Jim & Denise Hodgell, Vicki Fontenot  
Ushers = March 8 – Shirley Kruse & Jan Hersom  
= March 15 – Rich & Marilyn Ehlers

= March 22 – Julian Johnsen Family  
= March 29 – Kelly & Dawn Gordon

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**Communion:** Served on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Linda Galbraith, Shannon Hersom, Pat Boughey, 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 \$ 586.00    Worship 31    Youth SS 7    Adult SS 5  
Sunday School \$3.00    Lenten Soup \$43.00    Lent \$85.00    Lenten Service 16

**Birthdays:** March 2 – Doug Baker; 4 – Deena Hudson; 6 – Jerry Runneberg, Kelly Van Sickle

**Anniversary:**

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**\*\*\*NOISY OFFERING ~ was \$71.00 towards the Laurens Congregate**

**Meals. THANK YOU**

***Keep collecting those coins as our next one will be in probably a couple of months.***

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**LENTEN LUNCHEAS ~ WEDNESDAYS ~ 11:30 AM**

- Bethany Lutheran Church ~ March 4
- Body of Christ Church ~ March 11
- United Methodist Church ~ March 18
- First Christian Church ~ March 25~

*A Free Will Offering dedicated to the Laurens Ministerial Association  
Emergency Fund*

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**LENTEN EVENING SOUP SUPPERS & SERVICES AT BETHANY**

Wed, March 4 = 5:00-7:00 PM UMC Men’s Soup Supper  
6:30 PM Lenten Evening Service at Bethany

Wed, March 11 = 5:30 PM Soup Supper at Bethany  
6:30 PM Lenten Evening Service at Bethany

Wed, March 18 = 5:30 PM Soup Supper at Bethany  
6:30 PM Lenten Evening Service at Bethany

Wed, March 25 = 5:30 PM Soup Supper at Bethany  
6:30 PM Lenten Evening Service at Bethany

*The theme will focus on “Witnesses Around the Cross”, led by Pastor Klappenbach through worship, hymns, prayers, & scriptures.*

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**Please remember to set your clocks AHEAD as Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8, 2026.**

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**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!

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**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

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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:**

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”**

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**STEWARDSHIP 2026**

January giving goal: \$11,800.00

January giving: \$15,498.63

Year-to-date goal: \$11,800.00

Year-to-date giving: \$15,498.63

**LONG:** \$3698.63

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**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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**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.*

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Laurens Congregate Meals: 272 N 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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**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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Lilies for Easter: The Worship & Music Committee is doing the lilies 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 lily from where-ever you would like and bring to the church by April 5<sup>th</sup> to share for the Easter season. If you would like your lily to be in memory or in honor of someone, please let Dean Armstrong know. We would appreciate all lilies to be taken home after the Easter service. *Thank you*