



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 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: **John 9:1-41!** 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!**

THIS POOR MAN!
HE GETS A MIRACLE
AND THAT MAKES HIM
THE **BAD GUY?**



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JESUS GAVE
HIM A STORY
TO TELL...



AND EVERY TIME HE'S
ASKED TO TELL IT, HE
GETS CLOSER TO JESUS.

IF THIS IS YOUR PITCH
TO GET ME ON THE
EVANGELISM COMMITTEE,
YOU CAN **FORGET IT!**



JOHN 9:1-41

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Monday: March 16, 2026

7:00 PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal

Tuesday: March 17, 2026

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

7:00 PM ~ Confirmation

Wednesday: March 18, 2026

11:30 AM ~ Lenten Lunch ~ UMC

5:30 PM ~ Lenten Soup Supper

6:30 PM ~ Lenten Evening Service

Sunday: March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:15 AM Adult SS & Youth SS

9:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion

Bethany Prayer Group after worship

Tuesday: March 24, 2026

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

7:00 PM ~ Confirmation

Wednesday: March 25, 2026

11:30 AM ~ Lenten Lunch ~ FCC

5:30 PM ~ Lenten Soup Supper

6:30 PM ~ Lenten Evening Service

Worship, Love, Accept~Together in Christ's Name

Emergency 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 MARCH

***March 16** ~ 7:00PM *Hand Bell Rehearsal*

***March 17** ~ 8:30AM *Prayer Group*

9:30AM *Tuesday coffee at BLC*

7:00PM *Confirmation*

***March 18** ~ 11:30AM *Lenten Lunch at UMC*

5:30PM *Lenten Soup Supper at BLC*

6:30PM *Lenten Evening Service at BLC*

***March 22** ~ 9:15AM *Adult SS & Youth SS*

10:30AM *Worship*

Bethany Prayer Group after worship

***March 24** ~ 8:30AM *Prayer Group*

9:30AM *Tuesday coffee at BLC*

7:00PM *Confirmation*

***March 25** ~ 11:30AM *Lenten Lunch at FCC*

5:30PM *Lenten Soup Supper at BLC*

6:30PM *Lenten Evening Service at BLC*

***March 29** ~ *Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday*

9:15AM *Adult SS & Youth SS*

10:30AM *Worship w/Communion,*

SS processing w/palms, SS sing

Bethany Prayer Group after worship

***March 30** ~ 7:00PM *Hand Bell Rehearsal*

MARCH: Altar Guild = Jan Hersom & Vicki Fontenot

Fellowship = March 22 – Shirley Kruse, Jan Hersom

= March 29 – Jim & Denise Hodgell, Vicki Fontenot

Ushers = March 22 – Julian Johnsen Family

= March 29 – 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, Linda Galbraith, Shannon Hersom, Pat Boughey, Marie Rogers, Jeanette Jardee, 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	\$585.00	Worship 27	Youth SS 8	Adult SS 0
Sunday School	\$ 5.00	Lenten Soup	\$ 29.00	
Lent \$165.00	Lenten Service	22		

Birthdays: March 21 – Jens Johnsen

Anniversary:

Growth & Sharing Committee

*The Community Lenten Lunch at Bethany was March 4. 40 in attendance and \$215 was collected for the Laurens Ministerial Association. Thank you! We would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed food, donated money & worked in the kitchen preparing, serving & clean up. Your hands made the work in the kitchen preparing serving & cleaning easier! Thank you for your help! You are appreciated! I know your time is valuable so thank you for working & helping as needed! Thanks again! *The Growth & Sharing Committee*

LENTEN LUNCHESS ~ WEDNESDAYS ~ 11:30 AM

United Methodist Church ~ March 18

First Christian Church ~ March 25

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

LENTEN EVENING SOUP SUPPERS & SERVICES 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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE ~ Bethany Lutheran Church

April 2~7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service w/Communion

April 3~6:30 p.m. Ecumenical Good Friday Worship Service at BLC

April 5~7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service & Easter Breakfast at UMC

NO Sunday School at Bethany

9:30 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship w/Communion

(Note change in worship time for service.)**

Make your Easter be even more special this year by joining us for worship. Everyone is welcome! Amen, come Lord Jesus.

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 5th 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*

Laurens Chamber & Community Boosters are sponsoring an **Easter Egg Hunt ~ Saturday, April 4 ~ 10:00 AM**

at Sportsman's Park ~ Hop on over for a fun time!

Age Groups are: 3 & under | 4, 5, 6 | 7, 8, 9

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!

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

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

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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

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.

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 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.

*****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.

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*
