



<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 20:19-31!** 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!**

THE *GATE*? WILL PEOPLE REALLY UNDERSTAND ALL THESE *SHEPHERDING* METAPHORS?



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THE "GATE" IS THE DOORWAY TO ALL THAT IS NEEDED FOR THE *ABUNDANT LIFE*!



SO, JESUS IS THE ONE WHO COUNTS THE PEOPLE *ENTERING* AND *LEAVING* THE GROCERY STORE!



JOHN 10:1-10



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**Monday: April 27, 2026**

4:00PM ~ W/M Mtg.

7:00PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal

**Tuesday: April 28, 2026**

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

**Wednesday: April 29, 2026**

7:00 PM ~ Confirmation

**Saturday: May 2, 2026**

8:00 AM ~ Men's Group

**Sunday: May 3, 2026**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

9:15 AM ~ Adult SS & Youth SS

9:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion

4:00 PM ~ Laurens Care Center Service

6:00PM ~ Bethany Prayer Group

**Tuesday: May 5, 2026**

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

**Wednesday: May 6, 2026**

8:30 AM ~ Martins and A Meal

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).

**SPRING TIME 10:30 AM Worship services at Bethany**

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**HAPPENINGS IN APRIL & MAY**

**\*April 26 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter**

4:00PM 4-H Club Mtg. 6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

**\*April 27 ~ 4:00PM W/M Mtg.** 7:00PM Hand Bell Rehearsal

**\*April 28 ~ 8:30AM Prayer Group** 9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC

**\*April 29 ~ 7:00PM Confirmation**

**\*May 2 ~ 8:00AM Men's Group**

**\*May 3 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9:15AM Adult SS & Youth SS 9:30AM Coffee Fellowship  
10:30AM Worship w/Communion 4:00PM Laurens Care Center Service  
6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

**\*May 5 ~ 8:30AM Prayer Group**

9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC

**\*May 6 ~ 7:00PM Confirmation**

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**MAY:** Altar Guild = Shirley Kruse & Eloise Armstrong

Fellowship = May 3 – Jim & Denise Hodgell, Vicki Fontenot

= May 10 – Shirley Kruse, Jan Hersom

= May 17 – Vicki Fontenot, Kelly & Dawn Gordon

= May 24 – Pat Boughey, Shirley McKiernan

= May 31 – Julie Dawson, Tom & Rhonda Shewell

Ushers = May 3 – Dean & Eloise Armstrong

= May 10 – Kelly & Dawn Gordon

= May 17 – Rich & Marilyn Ehlers

= May 24 – Michelle Gordon & Shirley Kruse

= May 31 – Jim & Denise Hodgell

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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, Rita Schmidt, Roger Schulz, 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 \$1117.00	Worship 40	Youth SS 10	Adult SS 4
Sunday School \$7.00	NOISY Offering \$83.68	Potluck \$35.00	

**Birthdays:** April 29 – Mark Raasch, Tyler Sandvig; May 1 – Franz Ekstam; 2 – Linda Bieri  
**Anniversary:** April 30 – Lars & Liz Hersom

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**\*\*\*The NOISY OFFERING is \$83.68 towards the Laurens Ministerial Association. THANK YOU**

**Keep collecting those coins for our next one.**

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**Easter Lilies**

*Thank you for donating Easter Lilies for our Easter service:*

- ❖ *Myles & Shirley Pedersen ~ In honor of Bethany's 135<sup>th</sup> Easter Celebration*
- ❖ *Dean & Eloise Armstrong in Memory of their parents and to the Glory of God*
- ❖ *Worship & Music Committee*

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**Bethany Women**

We will be planning for our pastor's retirement & appreciation party for the Klappenbach family. So, we will be asking each of you who normally attend the semi-annual women's meetings to help by serving or decorating, or any other fun things we can plan for the honor of Pastor David and his family and the time they have spent with us here at Bethany. We pray this will be acceptable to all of you and that you will look forward to that day with mixed emotions. *Linda Bieri*

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***Bethany's Sunday School will finish the school year with a program during the 10:30 AM worship service on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.***

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**STEWARDSHIP 2026**

March giving goal: \$14,750.00

March giving: \$8,393.44

Year-to-date goal: \$38,350.00

Year-to-date giving: \$27,230.07

**SHORT:** (\$6,356.56)

\$5,000.00 Funds taken from Farm Acct. for general expenses

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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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**NEW Address for Pat Boughey:**

Wel-Life at Spirit Lake  
1819 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Apt. #240  
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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**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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## **Spring Update at the Laurens Community Food Pantry**

\*\*We have had such generous support from our community for the Food Pantry during this past winter. We thank you so much! We want to let you know the items that we are in need of and are hard for us to get through the Food Bank of Iowa at this time.

\*\*The Food Bank is beginning to carry personal care items. Our families are pleased with receiving the help in acquiring them. We are adding a few to our donation suggestions.

See our list below:

**Foods:** Taco Shells (Hard & Softshells) Applesauce  
Canned Corn Fruit Cocktail Peaches

**Personal Care Items:** Soap Body Wash Shampoo Toothpaste

**And any other donations of your choice!**

\*\*Donations may be placed in the shopping cart downstairs in the United Methodist Educational Unit or in the basket in the narthex at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Laurens or in the shopping cart at the Laurens HyVee Pharmacy. Anyone wishing to make monetary donations can do so by submitting those to the United Methodist Church Office.



\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER ~ The food pantry can not take any expired items, so please check all dates on the products before you graciously give.

**Laurens Community Food Pantry Hours:**

\*Thursdays 4:00-6:00 PM Last Monday of each month 11:00AM – 1:00PM

\*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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