



<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!**

HEY! WHAT HAPPENED  
TO THE **MANSIONS?**  
DIDN'T THERE USED  
TO BE **MANSIONS?**

THAT'S AN  
ARCHAIC  
TRANSLATION.

BESIDES, IT'S NOT ABOUT THE  
ARCHITECTURE, IT'S ABOUT  
OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE  
FATHER THROUGH JESUS.

I **GET** THAT! ALL I'M  
SAYING IS I WISHED THAT  
THE FATHER HADN'T  
**DOWN SIZED!**



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JOHN 14:1-14

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## **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

## **Sunday: May 10, 2026**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

9:15 AM ~ Adult SS & Youth SS

9:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Sunday School Spring Program

Women's Group meeting following service

6:00PM ~ Bethany Prayer Group

## **Monday: May 11, 2026**

7:00PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal

## **Tuesday: May 12, 2026**

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

## **Wednesday: May 13, 2026**

7:00 PM ~ Confirmation

7:00 PM ~ Council Mtg.

*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**

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

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** ~ 8:30AM *Matins and A Meal*                      7:00PM *Confirmation*

### **\*May 10 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9:15AM *Adult SS & Youth SS*                      9:30AM *Coffee Fellowship*

10:30AM *Worship w/Sunday School Spring Program*

*Women's Group meeting following service*

6:00PM *Bethany Prayer Group*

**\*May 11** ~ 7:00PM *Hand Bell Rehearsal*

**\*May 12** ~ 8:30AM *Prayer Group*                      9:30AM *Tuesday coffee at BLC*

**\*May 13** ~ 7:00PM *Confirmation*                      7:00PM *Council Mtg.*

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

**Fellowship** = May 10 – Shirley Kruse, Jan Hersom

= May 17 – Vicki Fontenot, Kelly & Dawn Gordon

= May 24 – Shirley McKiernan, W/M Committee

= May 31 – Julie Dawson, Tom & Rhonda Shewell

**Ushers** = 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, Ken & 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 \$ 500.00      Worship 30      Youth SS 12      Adult SS 5  
Sunday School \$11.00

***Birthdays: May 7 – Lacey Anderson; 8 – Lorie Hudson, Isabella Johnsen  
Anniversary:***

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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, June 21.***

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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>. All are welcome.***

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**A Special Invitation**

Pastor and Liz have decided on June 27<sup>th</sup> for their retirement/birthday/appreciation day. The Women of Bethany invite our women's group to meet after the church service, May 10<sup>th</sup>, to plan this event. Please come to share your ideas for food, decorations, and a program to make this day a special celebration of past, present, and future.

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**Laurens Community Blood Drive ~ Thursday, May 21, 2026**

**1:00 to 6:00 PM @ Laurens United Methodist Church**

**Appointments are ENCOURAGED ~ Text: LIFESERVE to 515-815-7242**

**Visit: [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org) or call 1-800-287-4903**

**Please bring a valid form of identification, such as your donor ID card or driver's license.**

**Blood drives will occur twice a year unless we can maintain 15-20 donors each blood drive.**

**WORSHIP TIME CHANGE FOR SUMMER**

***Starts Sunday, May 24***

***9:30 AM Worship & 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship***

**Please join Bethany as we celebrate the Rite of Confirmation for**

**Raelyn Johnsen on Sunday, May 24, 2026**

**9:30 AM Worship w/Communion & Rite of Confirmation**

**10:30 AM Confirmation Reception**

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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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