



²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
Matthew 11:25-30

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 Summer worship is at 9:30 with Adult Sunday and Youth Sunday school starting at 9:15 and coffee fellowship at around 10:30 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 28:16-20!** Don't be of little faith and don't doubt Jesus! He IS the Son of the Living God. **Spring** 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-Tuesday: June 1-2

Pastor at Iowa Mission District Pastor's Retreat @ Waterloo

Monday: June 1, 2026

6:30PM ~ Hand Bell perform at Laurens Care Center

Tuesday: June 2, 2026

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

6:30PM ~ Hand Bell perform at Ruthven Care Center

Wednesday: June 3, 2026

8:30 AM ~ Martins and A Meal

4:00PM ~ W/M Mtg.

Saturday: June 6, 2026

8:00AM ~ Men's Group

Sunday: June 7, 2026 **SUMMER TIME CHANGE**

Second Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM ~ Adult SS

9:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion

10:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

4:00 PM ~ Laurens Care Center Service

6:00PM ~ Bethany Prayer Group

Tuesday: June 9, 2026

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Wednesday: June 10, 2026

7:00PM ~ 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 9:30 AM Worship services at Bethany

HAPPENINGS IN MAY & JUNE

***May 31 ~ Holy Trinity Sunday**

8:30AM Adult SS 9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Coffee Fellowship 6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

***June 1-2 ~ IMD Pastor's Retreat @ Waterloo**

***June 1 ~ 6:30PM Hand Bells perform at Laurens Care Center**

***June 2** ~ 8:30AM Prayer Group 9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC
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JUNE: **Altar Guild** = Rich & Marilyn Ehlers

Fellowship = June 7 – Dean & Eloise Armstrong, Kathy Sorensen

= June 14 – Dean & Eloise Armstrong, Vicki Fontenot

= June 21 – Dean & Eloise Armstrong, Tom & Elaine Anderson

= June 28 – Dean & Eloise Armstrong, Vicki Fontenot

Ushers = June 7 – Tom & Elaine Anderson

= June 14 – Myra Reese & Michelle Gordon

= June 21 – Tom & Rhonda Shewell

= June 28 – Myles & Shirley Pedersen

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, Elaine Anderson, 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 \$ 803.00 Worship 48 Adult SS 3 Potluck \$ 18.00

Birthdays: June 4 – Noah Anderson

Anniversary:

*****NOISY OFFERING ~~ Keep collecting those coins as our next one will be June 21.**

Our offering will go towards the Laurens Food Pantry.

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.

FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN THIS SUMMER

➤ May 23 to August 15 = Caring Lunches on Saturdays
11:00AM-12:30PM @ Laurens Public Library

➤ June 1 to July 31 = Summer Food Service Program Meals
~ (NO Adult meals & NO seconds)

GRAB & GO (2 Breakfast & 2 Lunch) ~ Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
~ 11:00 to 11:30 AM @ **Marathon Community Center**

GRAB & GO (2 Breakfast & 2 Lunch) ~ Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
~ 12:00 to 1:00 PM @ **LM School cafeteria**

Laurens Community Vacation Bible School ~ June 1-5, 2026
9:00-11:00AM ~ Laurens United Methodist Church
Upcoming Preschool age through Grade 4
VBS Program June 5 at 11:15AM
Registration forms on back table of sanctuary.
Registration Price: \$10 per child suggested donation
Snack: Please donate either \$2 for snack or provide items.

NEW Address for Pat Boughey:
Wel-Life at Spirit Lake
1819 23rd 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

Notes from our Women of Bethany meeting:

We had a great representation from our women to plan pastor's retirement party for June 27th. It will be from 1:30 to 4:00 with a short program at 2:00. The community will be invited. We will serve sandwiches, cake, mints, & nuts with punch & coffee. We will have a nice registration book to sign at the welcome table. Soon, there will be a sign-up chart displayed for the items needed for this event. We look forward to seeing you there! Thank you to all who attended our meeting.

A Special Invitation

You are invited to a Community Open House
Honoring Pastor David Klappenbach and Family
on his retirement

When: June 27, 2026 from 1:30 to 4:00 PM
with short program at 2:00 PM

Where: Bethany Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

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

April giving: \$15,562.00

Year-to-date giving: \$42,792.07

\$10,000.00 Funds taken from Farm Acct. 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.

BINGO 2026 ~ Community Event:

Bingo nights for the Pocahontas County Fair

~ **Dates:** June 18, July 14 ~ **Location:** Pocahontas Expo Center

~ **Times:** Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with bingo running from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

~ **Cost:** \$1.00 per card, per game for regular bingo; the last game will be blackout and the cost to play is \$2.00 per card

~ Refreshments available to purchase.

June 24 to July 29 = Summer Reading Program

“PLANT A SEED, READ”

~ Laurens Public Library ~ Wednesdays at 11:00AM

Join the library while we learn about pollinators, cows, birds, and so much more! You'll have a fun steam activity on July 1st at 11:00AM! Conductor

*Jack will be closing out the summer reading program on July 29th at
11:00AM!*

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.

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*
