



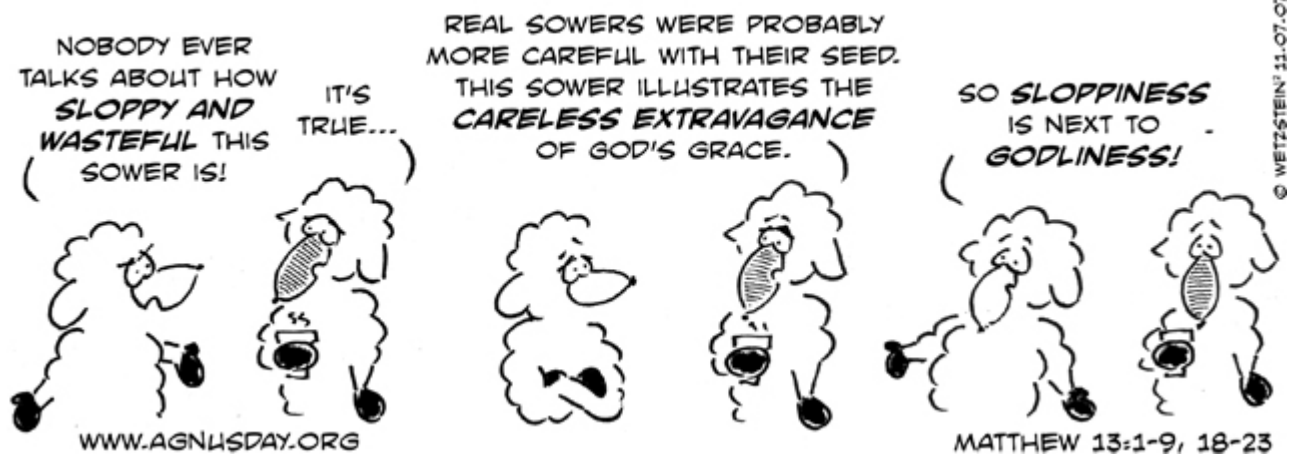
²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows 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 13:1-9, 18-23!** **Don't be of little faith and don't doubt Jesus! He IS the Son of the Living God.** **Summer** 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!**



Tuesday: July 14, 2026

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Thursday: July 16, 2026

2:00 PM ~ Circle Group

Sunday: July 19, 2026

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion

10:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

6:00 PM ~ Bethany Prayer Group

Tuesday: July 21, 2026

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

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 **Andrew Loomis** at 712-298-6587 (cell) or aloomis68@gmail.com (email), 712-841-2181 (church).

SUMMER TIME 9:30 AM Worship services at Bethany

HAPPENINGS IN JULY

*July 12 ~ **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30AM Worship

10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

*July 14 ~ 9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC

*July 16 ~ 2:00PM Circle Group.

*July 19 ~ **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30AM Worship w/Communion

10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

*July 21 ~ 9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC

*July 26 ~ **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30AM Worship

10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

6:00PM Bethany Prayer Group

*July 28 ~ 9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC

JULY: Altar Guild = Doug & Becky Baker

Fellowship = July 19 – Kathy Sorensen, Myles & Shirley Pedersen

= July 26 – Tammy Oxenreider, Jean Swanson

Ushers = July 19 – Dean & Eloise Armstrong

= July 26 – Jean Swanson & Tammy Oxenreider

Communion: Served on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of every month.

Prayer Concerns: Prayer concerns may be given to a member of Bethany 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 we 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, Lucas Sorensen, Kelly Gordon, Ireneo Zarzoso, Elaine Anderson, Roger Schulz, 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. Family of Rita Schmidt.

Weekly Budget & Worship info:

Faith Promise \$ 875.00 Worship 18

Birthdays: July 17 – Pat Alexander, Eloise Armstrong

Anniversary: July 15 – Jim & Denise Hodgell

*****The NOISY OFFERING was \$82.73 towards the Laurens Food Pantry. THANK YOU**

Keep collecting those coins as our next one will be in September.

Thank you to all who attended and those who served at Pastor Klappenbach and Family's Retirement Party! What a wonderful afternoon of fellowship and love. They should be well blessed from our congregation and community, and by our Lord and Savior as they begin the next chapter. We thank them again for their dedication to the Lord's calling and will miss them dearly.

Growth & Sharing Committee

*Met June 25 at 5:45 PM with Julie Dawson, Pastor David, Liz Klappenbach, Preston Klappenbach, & Shirley Pedersen in attendance.

- Laurens Days Prayer Table ~ Friday, July 10th at the city park from 4:00-7:00 PM ~ Julie Dawson, Linda Galbraith, & Shirley Pedersen will take turns.
- Laurens Days parade ~ Have 288 handouts for distribution at the parade with Tom Shewell & Dean Pedersen being our drivers.

- Signs are made. If you plan to ride, meet at 9:00 AM on Saturday, July 11 in lineup. Watch for us in the parade.
- July 1st - The Samaritan Purse Christmas Operation Boxes are available.
- Collection for LM school supplies begin July 6th ~ see list in fellowship hall
- September Potluck – furnish buns
- Prayer chain will be revised early July. More members are needed~ Volunteer to Shirley Pedersen.
- Our members furnished and worked at Pastor's Retirement Party.

*Next meeting, July 15 at 6:00 PM. Discussion of parade & balance of 2026 activities on the agenda.

*We will miss Pastor David, Liz, & Preston's inputs at our meetings!

BINGO 2026 ~ Community Event:

Bingo nights for the Pocahontas County Fair

~ Dates: 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.

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

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~ 12:00 to 1:00 PM @ LM School cafeteria

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

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

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”

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.

STEWARDSHIP 2026

June giving: \$13,071.00

Year-to-date giving: \$60,103.07

\$13,000.00 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.

Summer Update at the Laurens Community Food Pantry

****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

Deodorant (men & women) Tampons

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

Sunday, July 19, 2026

The NALC has granted permission to congregations that have an extended vacancy for Communion elements that have been consecrated at a previous worship service to be used on a Communion Sunday when a pastor would be unavailable:

“As no ordained pastor is present today, our worship will include distribution of those elements set apart by Pastor David Klappenbach when we most recently celebrated Holy Communion. As such, the Lord’s Body and Blood offered today are an extension of that celebration.”

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.