

[10]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. [11]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, [12]saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." [13]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 ww.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 and coffee fellowship at around 10:30. 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 25:1-13! 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!**



Monday: November 9, 2026
7:00PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal
Tuesday: November 10, 2026
9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany
Wednesday: November 11, 2026
7:00PM ~ Council Mtg.
Thursday: November 12, 2026
7:00PM ~ Confirmation
Sunday: November 15, 2026
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
9:15 AM ~ Youth Sunday School
9:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Stewardship Commitment Cards, Thank Offering, SS sing, NOISY OFFERING
11:30 AM ~ Bethany Prayer Group
Tuesday: November 17, 2026
9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany
Thursday: November 19, 2026
7:00PM ~ Confirmation
SATURDAY: November 21, 2026
Christ the King Sunday
Last Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM ~ Worship w/Communion
12:00 PM ~ Potluck
1:00 PM ~ Congregational Workshop w/Pastor Matthew Bahnfleth

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).

FALL TIME 10:30 AM Worship services at Bethany

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HAPPENINGS IN NOVEMBER

*November 8 ~ ***Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost***
9:15AM ~ Youth Sunday School 9:30AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30AM Worship 11:30AM ~ Bethany Prayer Group

*November 9 ~ *7:00PM Hand Bell Rehearsal*

*November 10 ~ *9:30AM Tuesday coffee at BLC*

*November 11~ *7:00PM Council Mtg.*

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NOVEMBER: **Altar Guild** = Rich & Marilyn Ehlers
Fellowship = November 15 – Julie Dawson, Cheryl Painter
= November 22 – Jim & Denise Hodgell, Kelly & Dawn Gordon
= November 29 – Julie Dawson
Ushers = November 15 – Tom & Elaine Anderson
= November 22 – Julie Dawson, Myra Reese
= November 29 – Kelly & Dawn Gordon

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

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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, Dave Alstott, Lucas Sorensen, Myles & Shirley Pedersen, Ireneo Zarzoso, Elaine Anderson, Roger Schulz, Shannon Hersom, Ken & Pat Boughey, Marie Rogers, Jeanette Jardee, Mary Roat, Jerry Runneberg, Pastor John Mayer, Monica Isom, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Gloria Bell, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries.

Weekly Budget & Worship info:

Faith Promise	$5656.81	Worship	24
Sunday School	$ 6.00	SS	8

Birthdays: *November 10 – Dawn Jamison, Ave Runneberg*
Anniversary:

ELECTION DAY SOUP & PIE SUPPER

THANK YOU…THANK YOU…THANK YOU

A "SPECIAL" thank you to ALL THE VOLUNTEERS who worked, donated food, gave a donation, and cooked at the Election Day Supper. It is so wonderful to have a Bethany Church family that works together so well because it takes ALL of us to make a successful soup supper!!! *Thank you*

Annual Veterans Day Dinner ~ Tuesday, November 11, 2026

Laurens Community Center ~ 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Serving ~ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Chips & a Bar

Free Will Offering ~ Dine in, pickup & delivery

The money raised is going to be used for upkeep and improvement of the Veterans Monument. Delivery is available by calling 712-358-4419

*** **NOISY OFFERING** ~ ***Keep collecting those coins as our next one will be next Sunday, November 15th and going towards the Laurens Congregate Meals.***

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Thanksgiving Offering & Stewardship/Commitment Sunday
November 15, 2026 at 10:30 AM

We are having a special Thanksgiving and Stewardship emphasis during the worship service today. Please reflect on the blessings you have received this past year and consider a special Thanksgiving gift in response to those blessings by using your Thanksgiving Offering envelope. Your Stewardship commitment card and envelope will be placed in the Joash Chest today or any Sunday in November & December. *Bethany Lutheran Church Council*

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UPDATED & REVISED SCHEDULE

FOR OUR **4th SUNDAY NOVEMBER** SERVICE

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH ON

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026

FOR A COMMUNION WORSHIP AT 11:00 AM

A POTLUCK TO FOLLOW

CONGREGATIONAL WORKSHOP AT 1:00 PM

Pastor Matthew Bahnfleth will be leading our communion worship service & the congregational workshop.

NO Sunday School on Sunday, November 22.

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The Laurens United Methodist Church Women invite you to their

UMW"S Annual Fall Bazaar/Holiday Event on Sat, November 21st

from 9:30AM to 12:30 PM

Lunch begins at 11:00 w/Lasagna being served ~ Free Will Offering

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ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026 ~ 3:00 PM

At Laurens Care Center

Offering will go towards the Laurens Ministerial Emergency Fund.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

LAURENS YOUTH GROUP

Faith * Friends * Purpose

Real People. Real Faith. A Greater Purpose.

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 ~ 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Laurens United Methodist Church

Come be a part of it!

First & Third Wednesdays * Grades 3-6

All are welcome!

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to believers. 1 Timothy 4:12

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 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.

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<u>CARDS</u> ~ If you would like to send a card to Lucas Sorensen, his address is below:
Lucas Sorensen
c/o Cori Sorensen
510 2nd Ave. NW
Pocahontas, IA 50574

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Words can't express how grateful we are for your generosity and all your prayers. Thank you for the financial gift that you donated to help with Luke's cancer treatments. You are truly a blessing to Luke and please keep praying for his fight against leukemia. Your kindness and prayers shows us God's love each and everyday. With love and deepest thanks.
The Sorensen family

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<u>STEWARDSHIP 2026</u>
August giving: $3,898.00
Year-to-date giving: $66,286.54
$13,000.00 Funds taken from Farm Acct. for general expenses

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<u>eGiving:</u> ***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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Address for Pat Boughey:
Wel-Life at Spirit Lake
1819 23rd Street Apt. #240
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Address for Ken Boughey:
Accura HealthCare
1912 Zenith Avenue
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

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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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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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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*

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Call Committee update*: Our Call Committee consists of 7 members who have met 3 times. We had our initial orientation and training with the NALC Call Process Coordinator, Pastor Shelly Schultz, as a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 2026. She explained her role in guiding us through this call process, the spiritual basis of the process, and the importance of prayer and communication. We have completed the Bible Study that is included in the Call Process Manual. Our next steps will be to have a Congregational Workshop with Pastor Matthew Bahnfleth and to begin the Congregational Vacancy Profile.*