Parish Visitor
October 2026

Faith Lutheran Church

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Church office :
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Church Secretary
Shayna Brincks

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Worship times

Faith Fellowship
10:00a.m

Worship Service
9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Faith's Church Council and Officers

Vicar:
Travis Brincks

President:
Rick Schroeder

Vice President:
Paul Neumann

Secretary:
Jeri Skaren

Treasurer:
Tami Hemer

Student Loan:
Ruth Oxendale

Officers:
Kallie Fertig
Dean Roeder
Steven Roeder
Diane Hemer

Financial and Church Secretary:
Shayna Brincks

Prayers

Please continue to pray for: Mary Pridie's Sister Nancy, and Son Troy, Ranell & Kathy Drake, Zoey Bengford, Rob & Julie Litzenberger, Lainey Hemer, Keith Davis, Pam Hansen, Steve Bengford, Jim & Karen Wareham, Dawn Roeder, Jeri & Tracy Skaren, Rick & Kris Schroeder, Allen Reimers, Danny Dean, John & Jeff Fineran, Brad, Margaret Ann, and Mervin Buller, Nancy Kohnekamp, Rhonda Elmquist, Gary Carlson, Margaret Hubiak, Nancy Gress, Jerry and Ardie Buller, Kevin Stockwell, Jack and Jane Hogue, All of our Military men and woman that have been deployed and families, families of missing people, individuals and families dealing with addiction, children in abusive situations, the people of Ukraine, the people of Israel and the people of the Middle East, the people of Sudan who have been experiencing war and starvation for many, many months, and all those suffering from natural disasters.

Thoughts from Vicar Travis Brincks

Reformation Begins with Grace

At the end of October, Lutherans celebrate Reformation Sunday. We remember Martin Luther and the renewal of the church. More importantly, we remember the message that remains at the center of our faith: we are saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

We do not earn God's love, because God comes to us first.

In baptism, God claims us.
In Holy Communion, Christ meets us with forgiveness and mercy.
In worship, God speaks words of promise.
And through Scripture, prayer, and the life of the church, God calls us back to grace.

The apostle Paul writes, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God"
(Ephesians 2:8, NRSVue).

A gift is not earned. It is freely given.

God's grace is the gift of forgiveness, life, and salvation through Jesus Christ. This is good news for all of us. We all carry regrets and fall short. We all have moments when we wonder whether God could still love us.

God's love is unconditional.
God's mercy is greater than our sin.
God's forgiveness is greater than our failures.
God's love does not disappear when life becomes difficult.

Grace also changes how we live. We do not serve our neighbors to earn God's love. We serve because God has already loved us.

We can forgive because God forgives us.
We can help someone in need because Christ has come near to us.
We can admit when we are wrong because God's mercy gives us a new beginning.

The Reformation reminds us that the church always needs renewal. God continues to call us back to Jesus Christ and the good news of grace.

October is a good time to remember your baptism. You are God's beloved child. You are forgiven. You are claimed by grace.
Live in that freedom by speaking kindly, welcoming someone who feels alone or offering help where it is needed. Give thanks for God's gifts.

Grace frees us to love.
-Vicar Travis Brincks

Fellowship
Everyone is welcome for fellowship There is still time to sign up for bringing refreshments for fellowship on Sundays.

In-Service Sign-Up
Please review the sign-up sheet in the narthex for available opportunities to assist during services throughout the coming year.

September Council Schedule
Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2026. At Faith Lutheran Church fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m.

Vicar Travis Is Ready
Vicar Travis is ready to bring communion to you or to drop in for a very short visit. All you have to do is reach out to him at (712) 830-7976, or you may leave a message at the Faith office at (712) 668-4515. But he has to hear from you first.

Giving Opportunities
Optional opportunities of giving other than in the offering plate.

Faith: Simply Giving and the Give Plus app are two online giving opportunities. Information about these options are on the Faith website, faithlutheranodebolt.org. Offering envelopes can be sent to Faith Lutheran, PO Box 448, Odebolt, Iowa.

Noisy Offerings
The Faith Noisy Offerings will be given to a chosen mission. We will receive the Noisy offering of loose change on Sunday, October 25, 2026

Updating Contact Information
You will find a form attached to fill out. There will be forms in the Narthex and a basket to put forms that are filled out in. You my also Mail or Email the form back to Faith Lutheran Church. Email: faithluth@netins.net

What's Happening In the Synod
Check out the Water Life Journal, the Western Iowa Synod Newsletter. You can find the newsletter and other Synod information by going to the Western Iowa Synod at wisynod.org.

Sunday School Class theme is “Pop” WITH PRAISE !
Give Thanks To The Lord! Psalm 107:1
All children ages 3 and up are welcome. Sunday School meets from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Confirmation Classes
Classes will meet weekly on Wednesday evenings throughout the school year. Starting on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at Faith Lutheran Church from 4p.m.-5:30p.m.

Food Pantry Needs

Please Remember to help fill the grocery cart with non-perishable food and paper products. Jesus said. "that we should love our neighbors. Some of our neighbors are in great need of these items which will be delivered to the Sac County Family Development Center in Sac City. Items needed for October are beverages, coffee, tea, juice, hot chocolate. Items can be placed in the shopping cart at Faith.

The Gift Of Food

The Mobile Food pantry is available every third Thursday of the month. The Community Basket Mobile Food Panty will be in Kiron at the Shed on Thursday, October 15, 2026. Volunteers are welcome to help at 2:00 p.m. to set up and with distribution that begins at 4:30 p.m.

Community Basket – Ida Grove– Site Pantry hours 2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Thursday of every month.

Knotty Ladies

The Knotty Ladies meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays. The Knotty Ladies will Gathering on the 5th and 19th of October at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement. The Knotty Ladies are in need of sheets for the backs of quilts. The quilts may be washed frequently against rocks or hard surfaces so the sheets need to be durable. Requesting washable fabric such as cotton blends or light– weight flannel with no stains or holes. Size: Double, Queen, King, or fitted king (no twin size) Color: Any color except white.

Do you have good quality cotton or cotton-blend fabric of any size that you don't plan to use? If so, please leave it in the church store room or the kitchen. If you are interested in helping and you are not able to attend the meeting time with the ladies. Squares for making quilt tops and fabrics for the squares are available at the church. If you have any qustions please contact Elaine Neumann or Elaine Harden.

Thank you for your help.

Over the past year, the Knotty Ladies made 96 quilts, including four given to local residents. They also assembled 48 school kits, 60 health kits, and 8 sewing kits. Paul and Elaine Neumann transported the 96 boxed quilts and all the kits to Fort Dodge, Iowa, where they were loaded onto trucks for distribution in the United States and overseas. The quilts and kits will support people in need locally and through Lutheran World Relief.

Thank you Knotty Ladies for all of your hard work on the Quilts!

Thank You Paul and Eliane Neumann for transporting all of the Qulits and Kits to Fort Dodge.

Attendance

August Attendance

August 30th	65

September Attendance

September 6th	37
September 13th	49
September 20th	38

CELEBRATIONS

Faith October Birthdays

Treylor Bender	October 1
Allen Ekstrom	October 1
Lauren Beckman	October 2
Elaine Harden	October 5
Lyncon Hemer	October 6
Brylee Roeder	October 6
Heidi Ladwig	October 7
Kris Schroeder	October 10
Mike Leinbaugh	October 11
Jennifer Swalve	October 20
Zoey Mau	October 24
Diane Hemer	October 30
Ryan Hemer	October 31
Linda O'Tool	October 31

Faith October Baptisms

Julie Litzenberger	October 1
Karen Wareham	October 6
Tami Hemer	October 10
Joan Hoaglund	October 11
Larry Hoaglund	October 14
Curt Wareham	October 15
Mackenzie Neville	October 19
Greg Neville	October 20
Jim Mickelson	October 21
Caden Mickelson	October 23
Zoey Mau	October 27
Brylee Roeder	October 27

Faith October Anniversaries

Nathan and Sami Neville	October 11
Carl and Roxanne Hemer	October 18
Curt and Vonnie Wareham	October 24

Lectionary for October 2026

Sunday, October 4
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Readings and Psalm
First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm: Psalm 80:7-15
Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 11
20th Sunday after Pentecost
Readings and Psalm
First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm: Psalm 23
Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 18
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Readings and Psalm
First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, October 25
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
Readings and Psalm
First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm: Psalm 1
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46