Parish Visitor
September 2026

Thoughts from Vicar Travis Brincks

Faith Takes Practice

Most things that matter take practice.

We practice for the sports we play.
We practice showing up for the people we love.
We practice patience when life gets frustrating.
We practice generosity when we see a need.
We practice using the gifts God has given us.

Faith takes practice too.

Faith grows as we gather for worship, hear God's word, pray together, sing together, and receive Christ's grace. Week after week, God meets us in these simple things. God reminds us that we are loved, forgiven, and never alone.

That does not mean life suddenly becomes easy. We still face hard decisions, grief, uncertainty, and busy schedules. But worship helps ground us. It gives us a place to bring what is weighing on us. It gives us people who will pray with us and walk alongside us. It sends us back into the world with the promise that God is with us.

September begins a new season at Faith and Bethel. On Sunday, September 13, we will gather at Faith for a joint outdoor worship service at 10:30 a.m. (Weather Permitting) Kicking off the new service times and celebrating Rally Sunday.

Bring a lawn chair. Invite a neighbor, friend, coworker, or family member. If you have been away for a while, this is a good time to reconnect.

We do not gather because we have everything figured out. We gather because we need God's grace and one another.

I look forward to beginning this fall season with you.

Vicar Travis Brincks

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Shayna Brincks

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

Worship times

Faith Fellowship
10:00a.m.-10:30a.m.

Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

Sunday School will resume
in the Fall Enjoy the Summer

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

Please continue to pray for: Mary Pride's Sister Nancy, and Son Troy, Ranell & Kathy Drake, Zoey Bengford, Julie Litzenberger, Lainey Hemer, Keith Davis, Pam Hansen, Steve Bengford, Jim & Karen Wareham, Dawn Roeder, Tracy & Jeri Skaren, Rick & Kris Schroeder, Allen Reimers, Danny Dean, 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 Hogue, 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.

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, September 9, 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, September 27, 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.

Rally Sunday Sunday School Classes
Sunday School will start on Sunday, September 20, 2026. 10:00a.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 September are Laundry Items: Soap, Bleach, dryer sheets, dish soap. 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 Battle Creak at the Fire Station on Thursday, September 17, 2026. Volunteers are welcome to help at 3:00 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 meet on the 7th and 21st of September 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.

The Knotty Ladies will use it for quilts which will be given to needy people locally and to Lutheran World Relief.

Thank you for your help.

Last year Lutheran World Relief distributed more than $20 Million worth of Quilts and Care Kits.
"I've witnessed the immense grief families exprience when they've lost everything. But I've also seen their profound hope when they realize soneone is there to help. **Your quits and kits give so much comfort in times of need they let them know that they are not alone.**
-Fred McCray, LWR's Senior Director of Humanitarian Assistance

July Attendance
July 26th 19

August Attendance
August 2nd 21
August 9th 20
August 16th 32
August 23rd 22

CELEBRATIONS

Adam Mickelson	2
Jim Mickelson	3
Curt Wareham	3
Greg Neville	10
Alison Clark	10
Paul Neumann	12
Jaxin Neville	13
David Oxendale	18
Bristol Hemer	23
Mary Neville	23
Julie Litzenberger	29

Faith September Anniversaries

Joe and Mindi Nees	2
Rick and Sara Steinkamp	7
Larry and Joan Hoaglund	10
Rob and Julie Litzenberger	12
Don and Tami Hemer	20

Faith September Baptisms

Adam Hemer	1
Brevyn Roeder	2
Brextyn Roeder	2
Ruth Oxendale	6
Larry Beckman	17
Mindi Nees	17
April Oxendale	19
Taytum Mandernach	20
Austin Neville	22
Emily Beckman	26
Lincoln Neville	26
Paul Neumann	30
Tyler Schroeder	30

Lectionary for September 2026

Sunday, September 6, 2026
15th Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40
Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, September 13, 2026
16th Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm: Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, September 20, 2026
17th Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading: Jonah 3:10—4:11
Psalm: Psalm 145:1-8
Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, September 27, 2026
18th Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9
Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13
Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32