



## April 2026 Newsletter

### Thoughts From Vicar Travis

#### “We Are Here” on Purpose

The theme for this year’s Synod Assembly is “We Are Here.” It is a powerful reminder that God has us to this time and place for a reason. Perhaps we wish we were part of a different era in the church's history or living somewhere with more people and resources. However, the Easter story shows that Jesus meets his disciples exactly where they are—in locked rooms, along common roads, and in boats they know well.

“We Are Here” is not just a statement of where we are. It is a statement of why we are here. We are here to listen for God’s voice. We are here to care for our neighbors. We are here to share our hope in Christ. We are here to use what we have for others. In our worship, in our meetings, in our conversations with one another, God is already at work. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is already at work in small churches and small communities and in ordinary people who are willing to show up and say, “Yes, Lord, use me.”

As we move through this Easter season, I invite you to pray this short prayer each day: *“Lord, you have placed us here. Show us today how to be your people in this place.”*

I trust that God will answer that prayer—in quiet, surprising, and beautiful ways.

May the risen Christ open our eyes to see where he is already moving among us and give us courage to follow where he leads.

In the hope of the risen Christ,  
Vicar Travis Brincks



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

### WORSHIP TIMES

Faith Sunday School  
9:30a.m.-10:15a.m.

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

Worship Service  
10:30 a.m.

### FAITH’S CHURCH COUNCIL AND OFFICERS

President:  
Rick Schroeder

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Tami Hemer

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## **Prayers**

Pam Hansen, Steve Bengford, Jim Wareham, Karen Wareham, Dawn Roeder, Jeri Skaren, Rick Schroeder, Allen Reimers, Danny Dean, Jeff Fineran, Taylor Hemer, Brad Buller, Margaret Ann Buller, Mervin Buller, Nancy Kohnkamp, Rhonda Elmquist, Gary Carlson, Margaret Hubiak, Nancy Gress, Ardie Buller, Kevin Stockwell, Jack Hogue, Jane Hogue, Lou Goedhart, 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.

## **April Council Schedule**

Faith Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

## **Sunday Schook at Faith**

Join us for Sunday school at Faith at 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. in the church basement All children preschool-6th grade is invited. Invite friends and families to join us as we explore God's word and have some fun.

## **Would You Like A Visit?**

Would you like Vicar Travis to visit you? This could be for communion or simply to catch up. please reach out to him at (712) 830-7976, or you may leave a message at the Bethel office at (712) 675-4222.

## **March Worship Schedule**

Worship at Faith will be at 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first and third Sundays. Worship is streamed on the Faith Face Book page and can also be watched on the Faith YouTube channel by going to the link on the Faith web page. Invite friends and family as we gather to worship our Lord and Savior.

Thursday, April 2, 2026 Maunday Thursday Joint Service with Holy Communion at Bethel 7 p.m.

Friday, April 3, 2026 Good Friday Odebolt-Arthur-Kiron Ministerial Association (OAK) Service at the First Presbyterian Church in Odebolt at 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 5, 2026 Easter Sunday Service with Holy communion at Faith at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 Faith Council at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 12, 2026 Faith Service of the Word at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 19, 2026 Service of the Word Joint Service at Faith 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 26, 2026 Faith Holy Communion Service at 10:30 a.m.

## **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](http://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, April 26, 2026

## **Updates**

If you need to add information to the newsletter or update address, email or phone in our church records, you can email: [bethelchurch@schallertel.net](mailto:bethelchurch@schallertel.net) or [faith-luth@netins.net](mailto:faith-luth@netins.net). You may also contact Vicar Travis Brincks at Faith office at 712-668-4515 or leave a message at Bethel office at 712-675-4222

## **Food Pantry Needs**

We can love our neighbor by supporting the food pantry located in Sac City. Our support makes a difference in people's lives. Items requested for the Sac County food pantry: Lets overflow the cart for April!

April Items needed are: Canned Vegetables, Pastas; Mac & Cheese, Spaghetti, Shells, Bowtie, Spirals, Macaroni, Soap, Bleach, Dryer Sheets, Dish soap, Dish Washer Soap, and other items such as Soups, crackers, pasta, rice, cereal, ketchup, mustard, tuna, granola bars, pancake mix, syrup, various sizes of disposable diapers and personal bathroom toiletries. Items can be placed in the shopping cart at Faith.

The items will be transported to the food pantry in Sac county.

## **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, April 16, 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. For March they will meet on the 2nd and 16th 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. The Knotty Ladies will use it for quilts which will be given to needy people locally and to Lutheran World Relief. We also give a quilt to a high school senior at graduation time and donate a quilt to the Odebolt Specialty Care bazaar.

Thank you for your help.

## **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](http://wisynod.org).

## Thank You Notes

-Thank you For supporting your local Ambulance!! Your support is greatly Appreciated!

-Odebolt Ambulance

-Faith Lutheran Church, Thank you very much for the generous donation to the Arther Library and Arthur Community center. We could not continue to serve out community without support from people like you!

-Thank you Arthur Library Board

-Faith Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your very generous donation to the Mid-Sioux Ida county outreach with this donation we will be able to help those in Ida County through our crisis program. This could be food baskets, gas, to get to doctor apt. or help with rent or utilities.

-Thank you for your support!

Faith Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your donations to the Howard Center. We are very grateful to be able to put your donations towards our window project. We are truly blessed to be in such a great community!

-Thank you! Take care the Howard Center

Faith Lutheran Church,

We wish to thank you for the monetary gift. It will be used to support our Veteran programs and also continue to promote Americanism.

-Odebolt American Legion & auxiliary

Faith Lutheran Church,

Your \$500 donation to the Orphan grain Train is greatly appreciated. Because of your generosity we are able to continue our mission of sending personal items to those in need in the U.S. and around the world.

-Thank you & God Bless you!

Orphan Grain Train Iowa West Branch

On behalf of everyone at New Hope, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your gift of \$500 to the General-Annual fund.

-we deeply appreciate your trust in our mission. Thank you again for your support

Lacie Tedrow, Interim CEO New Hope

## Lectionary for April 2026

Date	Principals Festivals	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
4/2/2026	Maundy Thursday	Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 31:1-17, 31b-35
4/3/2026	Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13—53:12	Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25	John 18:1—19:42
4/5/2026	Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day	Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Colossians 3:1-4	Matthew 28:1-10
4/12/2026	Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
4/19/2026	Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
4/26/2026	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10

## CELEBRATIONS

### Faith April Baptism Anniversaries

Jeri Skaren	April 3
David Oxendale	April 4
Linda O'Tool	April 8
Miley Riessen	April 8
Robert Chase	April 10
Mackenzie Hall	April 10
Jeffrey Hoegh	April 11
Brooks Maddix	April 12
Abi Olson	April 14
Kim Mickelson	April 15
Dawn Roeder	April 15
Wayne Johnson	April 19
Amanda Hoegh	April 21
Kacie Mandernach	April 21
Brecken Godbersen	April 22
Rob Litzenberger	April 22
Jordyn Loger	April 24
Vicki Beckman	April 27
Jaxon Reis	April 28

### Faith April Birthdays

April Oxendale	April 1
Abi Olson	April 2
Chance Ransom	April 4
Talon Bender	April 5
Kelly Bender	April 6
Taylor Cook	April 7
Nathan Neville	April 11
Margaret Hubiak	April 12
Carissa Steinkamp	April 15
Jordyn Loger	April 16

Eugene Friedrichsen	April 17
Brittany Steinkamp	April 18
Dean Roeder	April 19
Zach Olson	April 21
Kane Ladwig	April 24
Kale Ladwig	April 24
Kathy Drake	April 26
Tanner Hemer	April 26
Elaine Neumann	April 27

### Faith April Wedding Anniversaries

Ross and Deb Hoegh	April 2
Eric and Rachel Riessen	April 8
Keith and Carmen Witzke	April 11

### Faith Sunday Attendance for March

3/1/2026	37
3/8/2026	18
3/15/2026	Snow Storm livestream service
3/22/2025	22

### Faith Holden Evening prayer service

3/4/2026	10
3/11/2026	10
3/18/2026	5
3/25/ 2026	7

1 PETER 1:3: "PRAISE BE TO THE GOD AND  
FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST! IN HIS  
GREAT MERCY HE HAS GIVEN US NEW  
BIRTH INTO A LIVING HOPE THROUGH THE  
RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM  
THE DEAD."