

## Parish Visitor

### June 2026

#### Thoughts from Vicar Travis Brincks

June is here and so is Summer. School is out, the days are longer, and many of us find ourselves spending more time outside and on the road. Church life changes too. Programs slow down. Schedules open up. And that can be a good thing. Summer gives us room to breathe, to rest, and to notice where God is already at work around us.

But summer is not a season to sit back and do nothing. It is a season to live out our faith in ordinary, practical ways. The Holy Spirit has given gifts to God's people, and those gifts are not just for the church office, the altar, or a few visible leaders. Every baptized child of God has gifts to offer. Some are good at listening or encouraging others. Some are good at organizing, teaching, serving, welcoming, repairing, praying, or simply showing up when needed. These gifts matter because the church is not one person doing everything. The church is the body of Christ, and every part matters.

Summer often opens up new chances to use those gifts. A neighbor may need a hand with a project. A family may need a meal. A child may need a ride. A friend may need a prayer. A congregation may need help with worship, VBS, fellowship, or outreach. Some of these things look small, but in God's hands they are not small at all. The Spirit uses ordinary acts of love to care for real people. That is how the church becomes visible in a community.

This is also a good time to remember that spiritual gifts are given for service, not for status. God gives us what we need so that we can bless others and build up the body of Christ. When each person uses their gifts, the whole church grows stronger. When one gift is missing, something is lost. When gifts are shared freely, the whole community is blessed.

So as summer begins, I invite us to ask a simple question: Where is God calling me to serve right now? Whatever spiritual gift God has given, use it and share it with others.

May this summer be a season of rest, joy, and faithful service.

May we enjoy the gifts of sunshine, longer days, family time, and community life.

And may we also remember that the Spirit is still at work, calling us to use our gifts for the good of our neighbors and the glory of God.

-Vicar Travis Brincks

## Faith Lutheran Church

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Website: [faithlutheranodebolt.org](http://faithlutheranodebolt.org)

Church office : (712)668-4515

Church Secretary  
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

#### Financial and Church Secretary:

Shayna Brincks  
Kallie Fertig  
Dean Roeder  
Steven Roeder  
Diane Hemer

**Please continue to pray for:** Julie Litzenberger, Adam, Emily and Lainey Hemer, Keith Davis, 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 Kohnekamp, 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.

### **May Council Schedule**

Faith Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

### **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.

### **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, June 28, 2026

### **Updates**

If you need to add information to the newsletter or update address, email or phone in our church records, you can email: [faithluth@netins.net](mailto:faithluth@netins.net). You may also contact Vicar Travis Brincks at Faith office at 712-668-4515

### **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).

**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 June are Personal Care Items: Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Deodorant. 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 Pantry will be in Holstein at the United Methodist Church on Thursday, June 18, 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 May 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.

**Vacaton Bible School 2026**

Odebolt Community VBS Invites Children to Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God  
A summer kids' event called Rainforest Falls will be hosted at Faith Lutheran Church from July 12 to July 16, 2026. Odebolt Community VBS is a joint venture between Faith Lutheran, First Presbyterian, St Martin Catholic, and United Methodist churches all of Odebolt. At Rainforest Falls, kids explore the nature of God—discovering who God is and how much he loves them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour a light supper with yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies, and test out science-fun experiments they'll never forget. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Canopy Closing that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 7:40 p.m. each evening.

Kids at Rainforest Falls will join a missions effort to provide funds to our local area food banks to help feed families.

Rainforest Falls is for kids from age 5 (completed PK) to 6th grade. Older youth may be much needed helpers. Each evening will run from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day beginning with a light supper. For more information, call 712-668-4515.

Psalm 118:24

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

**CELEBRATIONS****Birthdays**

Ruth Oxendale	June 2
BriAnne Hemer	June 6
Adam Hemer	June 7
Richard Riessen	June 10
Kallie Fertig	June 19
Brecken Godbersen	June 20
Karen Wareham	June 21
Carl Hemer	June 27
Billie Oxendale	June 28

**Baptismal Anniversaries**

Tanner Hemer	June 1
Elaine Neumann	June 9
Don Hemer	June 10
Jay Hemer	June 10
Talon Bender	June 12
Carissa Steinkamp	June 13
Kathy Drake	June 14
Garrett Neville	June 14
Nathan Neville	June 18
BriAnne Hemer	June 25
Kenneth Ekstrom	June 26
Barb Daiker	June 27

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Mark and Linda O'Tool	June 6
Jim and Kim Mickelson	June 9
Steven and Tonisha Roeder	June 28

**May Attendance**

5/3/2026	13
5/10/2026	34
5/17/2026	24
5/24/2026	22
5/30/2026	20

**Lectionary for June 2026****Sunday, June 7, 2026**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Hosea 5:15–6:6  
 Psalm: Psalm 50:7-15  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 4:13-25  
 Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

**Sunday, June 14, 2026**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a  
 Psalm: Psalm 100  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5:1-8  
 Gospel: Matthew 9:35–10:8 [9-23]

**Sunday, June 21, 2026**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13  
 Psalm: Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 6:1b-11  
 Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

**Sunday, June 28, 2026**

Sunday after Pentecost  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9  
 Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 6:12-23  
 Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42



HAPPY  
**Father's**  
*day*