



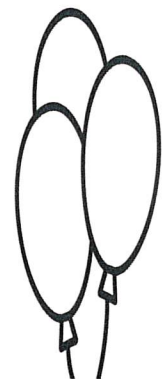
APRIL 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 Confirmation 7:00 Youth 7:00 Trustees	2 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	3 9am-12 noon Good Friday Prayer Stations at Faith United 7:00 PM Community Good Friday Service at Baptist Church	4 6:00 PM Worship
5 7:00 AM Sunrise Service at Wadkins/Meyer Place 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship with Easter Egg Hunt Following	6 9:00AM WIC	7	8 9:00 AM Sew 'N' Sews 6:00 Confirmation 7:00 PM Youth Group	9 7:00 PM Bible101	10	11 6:00 PM Worship 6:45 PM potluck Tator tot Casserole
12 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship	13	14	15 9:30 AM UMW 7:00 PM Ad Council 7:00 PM Youth Group	16	17	18 6:00 PM Worship
19 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School-Laity Sunday 10:30AM Worship	20	21	22 9:00 AM Sew'N'Sews 6:00 Confirmation 7:00 PM Youth Group	23 7:00 PM Bible 101	24	25 6:00 PM Worship
26 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship and Confirmation	27 7:00 PM UMM	28	29 7:00 PM Youth Group	30		

DATE	USHERS	SCRIPTURE READER	CHILDREN'S TIME	AUDIO/ CAMERA
4-5	Doug Rose	Kathy Pierce	Linda Keiper	Kollars
	Julie Rose			
4-12	Jason Tracy	Linda Kiepr	Kathy Pierce	Amy/Stacy
	Tara Tracy			
4-19	Charlotte Burr	Charlotte Burr	Pastor Doreen	Amy
	Jane Montgomery			
4-26	Darryl Volquardsen	Denise Catlin	Carol McGregor	Kollars
	Denise Volquardsen			

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



<i>4-4 Glennadele McConnell</i>	<i>4-8 Brynlee Smallcomb</i>	<i>4-19 Aiden Kollars</i>
<i>4-5 Logan Middleswart</i>	<i>4-9 Carsyn Leisinger</i>	<i>4-20 Ward Eckloff</i>
<i>4-6 Mike Catlin</i>	<i>4-12 Pastor Doreen</i>	<i>4-22 Elliot Leisinger</i>
<i>4-8 Linda Keiper</i>	<i>4-12 Jacob Tracy</i>	<i>4-25 Cove Fries</i>
<i>4-8 Stacy Rockefeller</i>	<i>4-18 Adelle Coats</i>	

Pastor's Corner | April 2026

Dear Church Family and Friends,

April brings us to the very heart of our faith story. In a matter of days we will step into Holy Week - walking with Jesus from shouts of "Hosanna," to the table where He promises His presence, to the cross where love pays the price, and finally to the empty tomb where hope wins. Easter is not just one beautiful Sunday on the calendar; Easter is God's declaration that sin, death, and despair do not get the final word.

In a small town, we know what it means to show up for one another. We show up when someone is hurting, when a family is celebrating, when the work is heavy, and when joy is overflowing. Holy Week is one of those "show up" seasons, because it's in worship, in prayer, and in the Word that the Lord steadies our hearts and reminds us who we are. I hope you will join us for the services leading up to Easter Sunday (April 5) as we remember, reflect, and receive again the gift of Christ's love.

This month also marks a meaningful turning point for our Confirmation students. As this Confirmation year comes to a close, I find myself deeply grateful. What a joy it has been to spend this year with these four young people, watching their questions deepen, their faith take shape, and their courage grow. I am also thankful for their mentors, who have been nothing short of amazing. Mentors, thank you for showing up consistently, listening well, encouraging faithfully, and living the kind of steady discipleship that young hearts can trust.

As part of wrapping up the year, our students are leading a community-wide learning event: Hope over Harm, an alcohol and drug abuse awareness night on April 22 at 6:30 p.m. We are inviting youth from other churches in the area to be part of the evening as well. Please mark your calendars and come, especially to support our students as they learn, lead, and grow. The message of Easter is that God brings hope where harm has touched lives, and light where darkness has lingered. This night is one way we can stand together and say to our kids: you are not alone, and your church will walk with you.

Finally, Confirmation Sunday is April 26. Let's fill the sanctuary with encouragement and celebration. Let's pray for our confirmands, thank God for their journey, and surround them with the kind of faith family that keeps showing up long after the pictures are taken and the service ends.

May the "God of hope" fill your home with joy and peace, and may you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

With gratitude and hope,

Pastor Doreen

Hope Over Harm: Youth Awareness Night April 22 | 6:30 PM

Join us for *Hope Over Harm*, a special community awareness night led by our Confirmation Class. This event is open to all youth (grades 7–12) and adults who want to support and learn alongside them. The evening will include pizza, meaningful conversations, and guest speakers sharing about the realities of alcohol and drug use, and the hope we have in making healthy, life-giving choices. We encourage you to invite friends, neighbors, and anyone who may benefit from this important conversation. Let's come together as a community to support our youth and choose hope over harm.

**SAY NO.
CHOOSE
LIFE.**

A night of awareness,
support, and choosing
hope over harm.

April 22 2026



Confirmation Sunday – April 26

We invite you to join us on Sunday, April 26 during our 10.30 am worship service as we celebrate Confirmation Sunday at Faith United Church. Over the past months, our Confirmation students have been learning, asking questions, growing in their faith, and discovering what it means to follow Christ. This special service marks a meaningful step in their journey as they publicly affirm their faith and their commitment to the life of the Church. We give thanks for these young people, their mentors, and all who have supported them along the way. Come and celebrate with us as we welcome and affirm them in this important moment. Your presence and encouragement mean so much to them and to our church family.

Another Prayer Opportunity for Good Friday



For those who are unable to attend the evening service at the Baptist Church, we will also have Prayer Stations available at Faith United. These will be set up in the middle Sunday School room (located on the south side) and will be open from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Good Friday. This will be a quiet, come-and-go time for personal prayer and reflection. Wherever you choose to gather, may this sacred day draw us closer to the heart of Christ.

UPCOMING EVENTS APRIL 2026

Easter Events for week of March 29th through Sunday April 5th.

Events for the week are on a separate page following this page.



March and April Pantry Items We are asking for donations of new personal care items such as shampoos, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, etc. for these months to help at the pantry. Just purchase regular sized products please. Does not have to be the most expensive. Dollar Tree has a wide selection.



Saturday Night Potluck April 11th

We will be having a Saturday Night Service at 6:00 PM and supper following at 6:45 PM. Tater tot casserole will be provided. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert if you can. All are welcome.



Thank you to the Faith United Women for their \$500 gift. We greatly appreciate the support of our mission to provide free and confidential services for individuals and families affected by domestic and sexual violence while bring awareness and prevention efforts to communities across South Central Nebraska.

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JOURNEY THROUGH LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER

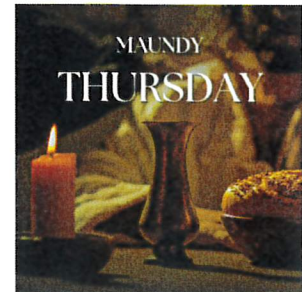


Palm Sunday Celebration - March 29

Children are invited to join the palm parade during worship as we remember and celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. If you want to help in planning this, please contact Pastor Doreen.

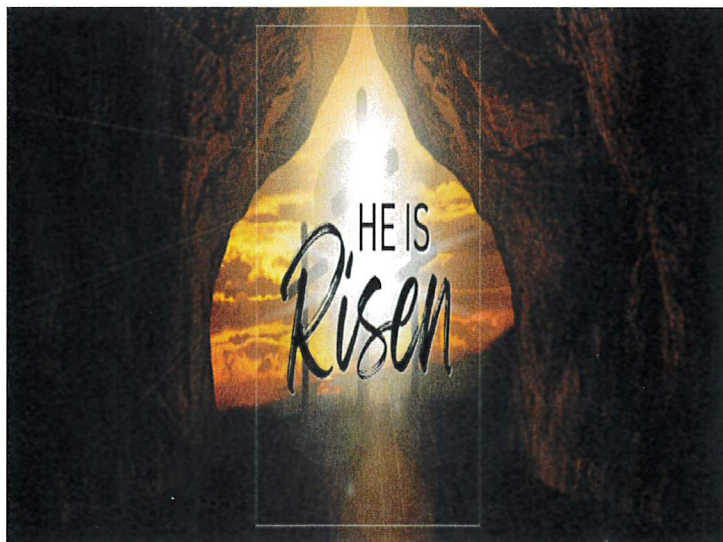
Maundy Thursday Service

Join us on **Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 PM** for a Community Maundy Thursday service here at Faith United as we remember Jesus' final meal with his disciples and prepare our hearts for Good Friday and Easter.



Good Friday Community Service

Join the wider community for a Good Friday service hosted by the Baptist Church on **Friday, April 3 at 7:00 PM**. If you would like to participate through scripture readings, please contact **Pastor Doreen**.



Easter Sunday – April 5

Join us as we celebrate the resurrection with two services: an **Easter Sunrise Service** at Wadkins-Myer property which is located 4 miles south of Gibbon (go south over overpass and turn left and first corner after first bridge property at 7am, and **Easter Worship at 10:30 AM**. An **Easter Egg Hunt** for children will take place after worship.