

Faith Notes

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“For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.” Hebrews 3:4

You’re Invited to the Groundbreaking Ceremony of Faith’s New Pavilion!



Join us in Faith’s courtyard on **Sunday, April 7 @ 9:35am** for a short ceremony as we thank God for the new space that will soon begin construction! Many thanks to all who have contributed toward this exciting project as God continues to move ministry forward!

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Traditional Worship---8:30 AM Sundays

In-House and Livestreamed

Contemporary Worship---10:45 AM Sundays

In-House and Livestreamed

Holy Communion Celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays

Christian Education Opportunities

Sunday School Classes (Age 3 through Grade 6), Sundays, 9:45-10:40am

Jr. FLY Confirmation (Youth in grades 7-8), Sundays, 9:45-10:40am

Sr. FLY Bible Class (Youth in grades 9-12), Sundays, 9:45-10:40am

Sunday Night FLY (Youth in grades 7-12), 2nd & 4th Sundays, 7-8:45pm

Adult Bible Study Class – Sundays, 9:45-10:40am

Pastor Peter's Perspective

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Isaiah 43:19

The last time Faith broke ground on a construction project was May 7, 1995 (see photo on the right). Faith members gathered on the front-lawn of Faith to break ground on our current-day staff offices, expanded Concourse, Community Room, Library, Kitchen, and east wing classrooms. It was the culmination of a 3-year capital campaign called, "Our Alive and Growing Vision." Perhaps you were there on that sunny morning as our congregation broke ground and gave thanks to God for His many blessings – including His children at Faith Lutheran Church.



29 years later, I'm excited to announce that the entire mortgage loan for the '95 construction project will be paid off this June! Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Faith will be debt-free! Many thanks to our past and current Faith members for your continued support of God's Kingdom-work here in Penfield.

On April 7, 2024, Faith will be breaking ground again on another project. This time, we'll be breaking ground on a new pavilion on the north side of our west wing. This new 30' x 60' open-air structure will be used by all of our ministries, including Faith Child Care & Nursery School on a daily basis, and various summer worship services & community events. It'll be a gathering place for God's people to "Connect, Grow, and Serve" together in the name of Jesus!

Construction projects are wonderful ways to visibly see God's Spirit at work in the life of a congregation. The piles of dirt, stacks of beams, cranes, cement trucks, and construction workers are reminders of God's Spirit at work in this community. He's always doing something new in our community and in our hearts – "do you not perceive it?" (Is. 43:19). God is in the business of "making all things new," (Rev. 21:5). On Easter Sunday, we celebrated the ultimate expression of God doing a new thing – raising Jesus from the dead; and we continue to celebrate Christ's victory over the grave! As God's resurrection people, we can't help but see God at work in our lives and in the lives of others around us. We can't wait to see lives being transformed, relationships nurtured, and the Gospel proclaimed in this new pavilion - just like God has done and continues to do in the lives of His people inside and outside of our church building's walls.

So as we continue to celebrate Easter every day and look forward to the completion of our church's latest construction project, may we be filled with faith and anticipation, trusting in God who is always doing a new thing in our lives and in the life of His Church. May He continue to lead us forward into the glorious future He has prepared for us! Let's dream together what the next 29 years may bring...

And all God's children said:
Amen!

Stewardship Message from the Faith Leadership Board

The ongoing operations of Faith rely entirely on the generosity of the congregation to provide the funding support for the ministries that are so important to us and the community in which we serve.

We give thanks to God for the strong start to envelope giving in 2024 as we experienced a strong 30% favorable variance from budgeted envelope giving for February resulting in a favorable year-to-date variance of 13%. We look forward to your prayerful and continued support of the many ministries of Faith that allow us to continue to "Connect, Grow and Serve."

Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 4: 1 & 2, "This how is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful."

FAITH'S STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE FOR PRIOR MONTH:

ENVELOPE GIVING					
February 2024	Voter Approved Budget	Actual	Variance from Budget	% Variance	Prior Year Actual
1st Sunday	\$10,000	\$20,201	\$10,201	102%	\$13,125
2nd Sunday	\$9,000	\$2,121	(\$6,879)	-76%	\$5,430
3rd Sunday	\$9,000	\$13,634	\$4,634	51%	\$9,947
4th Sunday	\$9,000	\$18,322	\$9,322	104%	\$7,537
5th Sunday	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	\$0
Online Giving	\$20,000	\$19,354	(\$646)	-3%	\$19,364
Festival Giving	\$0	\$745	\$745		\$455
Monthly Total	\$57,000	\$74,377	\$17,377	30%	\$55,858
Year-to-Date Total	\$128,500	\$145,147	\$16,647	13%	\$119,629



**You're invited to
"A Summer of Blessings" at Faith!**

On June 9th we will celebrate our church's mortgage being paid off!

**New Wed. Evening Worship Services
June 19-Aug. 28**

FCCNS Picnic on June 19th

Sunday Fellowship Hour

Community Concerts

Pavilion Dedication – Date TBD

Youth-led Worship Service & Sponsorship Picnic on July 21st

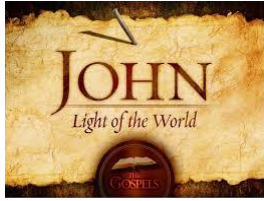
**"The Great OutDoors" Vacation Bible School
July 29-Aug. 2
Register online today at: faithpenfield.org**

"Dancing Under the Stars" Adult Prom on Aug. 17th

***More information about these and other events happening under our new Pavilion will
be shared soon!***

***We thank God for His blessings and for providing this new space for His children to
Connect, Grow, and Serve together!***

Adult Education



New Adult Bible Class in April!

Study the Gospel of John with Pastor Bob Rickus on Sunday mornings throughout April! Whether you're a seasoned believer or new to the faith, you're invited to come with your questions and your willingness to grow in your faith in Jesus! Join us in the Auditorium from 9:45-10:40am on Apr. 7-28.

"Lifting the Lid-Livability" for Adults

Sunday Evenings 7:00-8:30 4/14, 4/28, 5/5

Liz Wood MSed and Rebecca Lazzaro LMSW will lead a bible study exploring God's heart for mental health.

'My soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have **hope**: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.' Lamentations 3:20-22

1 in 4 people will have a diagnosable mental health condition within their lifetime. Each week we will learn about a specific mental health diagnosis-causes, treatments and how churches (Christians) can help.

We will be looking at well known Bible stories to understand how God treats those who feel exhausted, rejected, hopeless and heartbroken. We will look at God's approach and use that to explore how we can support those in our families and communities with mental health struggles or how we can view our own mental health struggles through the lens of God.

You are welcome to attend, whether you struggle with a mental health diagnosis yourself or you want to learn more about different diagnosis and how you can support our community. The class will maintain confidentiality.

Please contact Liz, Rebecca or Pastor Peter if you have any questions.



Receptivity to Care

Most people are more willing to give care than to accept it. As a result, there are many people today who could benefit from a Christian friend but instead tough it out on their own. They remain the strong silent type, wearing a smile across a face that is holding back a flood of tears. Suffering alone is not God's intent for us. Jesus promises, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."-Matthew 11:28. We can receive this promised rest when we turn to one another for comfort and care. Stephen Ministers are compassionate and trained to help. If you'd like more information about this ministry please contact any of Faith's Stephen Ministers listed below.

Nancy Hammond, Leader	381-6968	Kristine Parmele	749-1481
Jackie Welk, Leader	749-7343	Sharon Phillips	319-0156
Noreen Crouse	944-7936	Janise Piloni	313-9854
Sandie Freitag	727-5701	Carol Spiwak	574-4321
Kathy Mason	748-3706	Jen Wilson	208-4518
Vince Palese	872-0575		



Can you speak a second language?

If so, please contact Pastor Peter. We would love to have Scripture read in different languages on Pentecost Sunday, May 19! Just as people heard the Gospel in their native language for the first time on Pentecost, we want to hear what they heard in Jerusalem that day!

DCE Search Committee Update

Our DCE Search Committee continues to interview DCE candidates from around the country. We will continue to keep the congregation informed and up to date throughout this search process. Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's discernment and guidance through this process and that the Lord would prepare the heart of the DCE we hope to call this year. Please contact Pastor Peter if you have any questions about the search process. Thanks for your continued prayers!

From the Mission Board

The Missions Ministry Team would like to extend a Huge Thank You to everyone who donated food, packed, and delivered Easter Food Baskets!! We were able to provide a full Easter dinner for 60 families in the community. What a wonderful church-wide effort to share the joy of Christ's resurrection with our neighbors.

Faith has been a long time support of **Flower City Habitat for Humanity**. Our Penfield Habitat coalition has built a home every two years for well over a decade. One of Habitat's big fundraisers is their Restore stores. There is now one open in Baytowne Plaza in Webster and they are in great need of volunteers to man the store. The work shifts are Tues thru Sat from 9am till 1pm and from 1pm till 5pm. You can stop by the store for a tour and to volunteer.

The Missions team is so grateful for the continuing effort from Faith members.



Missions is proud to be working with **Bethlehem Family Services**, a Christ-centered ministry providing housing to families facing homelessness in our community. Bethlehem Family Services is having a fund raising concert on Friday, April 5th at 6:00 p.m. Information for this concert is in a flier on the following page.

SAVE THE DATE! Rise Against Hunger will be taking place on Saturday, September 21st in the Pavilion.



Blessings in His Name -
Marguerite McKee, Missions Ministry Chair



Bethlehem Family Ministries

- 'Providing Christ-centered emergency housing to families facing homelessness.'
- A shelter that allows the whole family to stay together...pets included.
- Approximately 200 families face homelessness every night in Monroe County.

Ways you can help –

- Online contributions can be made at www.bethlehemfamilyshelter.org
- Contributions can be sent to 224 Chestnut Ridge Rd. Rochester, NY 14624
- Follow the QR code.



Final Harvest in Concert



FREE FAMILY EVENT

* Cookies and refreshments will be provided.

Bethlehem Family Ministries provides emergency shelter for families facing homelessness.

Friday April 5th at 6pm

224 Chestnut Ridge Rd Rochester, NY 14624

For more information, contact

(585) 889-2130



**BETHLEHEM WOULD LIKE
TO THANK THE FOLLOWING
SPONSORS FOR UNDERWRITING
THIS CONCERT...**



www.bethlehemfamilyshelter.org

Dear Faith Family,

In order for our ministries to strengthen and expand, we are looking for people to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus in the following areas & more:

Altar Guild: Preparing communion and the chancel area for worship.

Lay Readers: Proclaiming the Word of God to your brothers and sisters.

Eucharist Assistants: Serving the Body of Christ to your brothers and sisters.

PowerPoint Operators: Clicking the slides to facilitate singing and spoken parts of worship

Ushers: Greeting your Faith Family, handing out bulletins, and helping them get situated in the sanctuary as needed.

Livestream Producers: Running the worship services online every Sunday.

Joseph Guild: Maintaining, fixing & painting our beautiful church facility on a regular basis.

Gardeners: Weeding & maintaining Faith's gardens once or twice a month.

Stephen Ministry: Lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Knit or Crochet prayer shawls for people needing comfort due to illness or personal issues in their lives. Meet with the group on the second Monday of the month at church and/or work at home to complete your projects.

Dorcas Group: Please bring your lunch and join us for some socializing and making of pillows, bears, walker bags and shirt savers. Everyone is welcome to join us the second Thursday of every month.

FCCNS: looking for volunteers to rock babies, classroom readers, classroom project helpers, craft/basement organizer.

If you are able to assist in any of these areas, please contact Elizabeth Balentine and she can direct you accordingly (elizabeth@faithpenfield.org) and/or check the Worship Volunteer Sign Up for some general available slots found at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0544afaf2eabfd0-worship1>





*And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

Growing up in Protestantism of all different flavors I was exposed to a large catalogue of hymns. There are many that have successfully crossed through the denominations. Charles Wesley was a prolific hymn writer and also the older brother of the founder of the Methodist denomination, John Wesley. Charles wrote a total of 6,500 hymns in his lifetime. Our red hymnal, the *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)*, contains a bit over 600, so imagine the volume that could contain more than 10 times that. Some of his most famous hymns have even made it into our hymnal because they contain scriptural truths that aren't challenged by denominational differences, including:

- *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*
- *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
- *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*
- *Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
- *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Of these from *LSB* the last is my favorite, but I'm nostalgic for the tune I sang with my family in the Wesleyan Church. However, all that aside, I think my favorite hymn by Charles Wesley is *And Can It Be?* (The question mark is part of the title 😊) I love a song title with a question – it demands exploration, and with the number of questions we seem to have for God...might as well sing about it. The first verse is listed above and it ties back to all we explored during Lent and Holy Week. You did this for me? Yes, you did this for me. And can it be? Yes, it can, and is. Moving from question to statement, from unsure to assurance. This hymn text marvels at the amazing love that is lavished upon us and clings to the promise that we will be crowned with glory and live in the house of the Lord forever.

The refrain of this hymn may seem familiar to those that enjoy Contemporary Christian music. *You are My King (Amazing Love)* by Billy Foote takes the refrain of *And Can it Be?* and reshapes it: "Amazing love, how can it be that you my King would die for me? Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor you. In all I do I honor you."

As we move through this Easter Season we will continue to sing about the perfect fulfillment of prophecy in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Cling to this joy, cling to these promises everyday. God is with you.

Children's Ministry

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Easter Egg Hunt event! A special thank you to the FLY kids who helped fill 1,500 Easter eggs!



Save the Date: VBS 2024 "The Great Outdoors!" will run from July 29th- August 2nd, 9am-Noon at Faith Lutheran Church. Children ages 4 through entering 8th grade in the fall of 2024 are eligible to attend this amazing experience! Registration is now open! <https://faithpenfield.org/resources/vbs-registration>

Registration link for volunteers will be coming soon.

VBS is in need of Thrivent Grants to offset the cost of supplies Please contact Stephanie Johnson at vbs@faithpenfield.org if you are able to write a grant for VBS.

Kidz Konnect: 4th-6th Graders are invited to our next Kidz Konnect event on Friday, April 19th @ 5:30pm. We will be filling the Blessings Bags for our community service project. Pizza dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Shannon Wolf at SundaySchool@faithpenfield.org by April 17th. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the blessing bags!



Kid's Time Assistant: We are in need of several more Kid's Time Assistants. Youth in 7th grade through senior year of high school will assist the children in completing any tasks of the lesson and provide support to the Kid's Time Leader as necessary. It's a great way to earn volunteer hours!

Sunday School Volunteers: We are always looking for members who are willing to help with our Sunday School classes and become part of one of our team. If interested, please contact Shannon Wolf at sundayschool@faithpenfield.org

Goings on at Faith

Men's Breakfast Group

Join us as we start the day together in fellowship!

When: **Tuesday, April 2nd @ 7am**

Where: **Browncroft Diner**, 2501 Browncroft Blvd, Rochester, Ny 14625

It is intended to gather men of all ages together at the beginning of the day.

Whether you are on your way to work, enjoying retirement, dropping the kids off at school or just taking a mental health day, we all deal with a variety of stresses in this life. It is for that reason we are encouraging you to gather on the first Tuesday of each month from 7am to 8am, for a time of **fellowship, encouragement, a brief devotion and of course breakfast.**



SOLA – Strength of Living Alone



We will meet at 11:30 for lunch on **Friday, April 12th** at “Fruit & Salad” in Bushnell Basin. Everyone will pay their own bill. Donna Kaser will send out an email to let you know the specific address. We will need to know if you are coming no later than April 11th so we can alert the restaurant and have enough seats for everyone. ***If you are interested, please email Donna to get on the contact list.*** If you have any questions or want more information please email Donna Kaser at dontshop@gmail.com or call or text 259-6488.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, April 15th** at 1:30 in Room 204. Marie Ferner, one of our prayer shawl ministry members, is very accomplished both in knitting and crocheting and would be happy to work with anyone who is interested in participating. If you would like a shawl, please contact the church office or Sue Hutchings. Prayer squares are available on the information desk in the concourse.



The Dorcas Group is meeting on **Thursday April 11th** at 11:30 am in Room 204. Please bring your lunch and join us for some socializing and making of pillows, bears, walker bags and shirt savers. Everyone is welcome to join us. Contact Laurie Ebbecke at 671-7285 or Karen Wright at 377-4414 with any questions

For the spring the **Women's Book Group** is reading the best-selling novel, Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. The novel takes place “in 1961, when smart ambitious women had limited options.” (NY Times) Elizabeth Zott is a brilliant research chemist whose career takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a TV cooking show. Elizabeth doesn't just teach women how to cook—she dares them to challenge the status quo. **Join us on Thursday, May 9, at 7:00 for another lively discussion.**



For more information contact Rae Usinger (585-738-9345 cell; 585-381-1391 home) or Barb Riethmeier (585-704-8459 cell).

*L.I.F.T.***EUCHRE NIGHT****DATE: April 27, 2024****LOCATION: Sandie & Bob Freitag
38 Concord Drive
Pittsford, NY 14534****TIME: 6:00***Bring Munchie/Dessert to Share*

Sign up is in the concourse or
RSVP to Sandie @ sanfreitag@aol.com

Save the Dates!**MAY****CINCO DE MAYO****DATE: May 4, 2024****LOCATION: Georgetown Commons Club House
25 Dunbridge Heights, Fairport NY 14450****TIME: 5:30 p.m.**

**Bring Appetizer or Dessert to share
Tacos and Beverages will be provided
Sign up is in the concourse**

**JULY****Camp Kuipers****Saturday July 27 at 11:00 a.m.
(Friday night optional)****George & Jackie Kuipers
11865 Allen Road, Swain, NY**

**Fun, Food, Fellowship + Outdoor Oven Fired Pizza + Mint Juleps + BBQ Chicken Dinner
Swimming + Outdoor Lawn Games + Relaxing, Hiking + 4-wheeler Rides, Zip Line
Campfire, Laughter & more!**

**Plan NOW to attend this
OVERNIGHT L.I.F.T. event!
“DANIEL” at the Sight and Sound Theatre, Lancaster PA**



Friday, October 18, 7:00 pm show

Tickets for show: \$79-\$99/pp + your hotel stay

Taken from his people, Daniel is exiled far from home in the powerful kingdom of Babylon. Now this faithful servant must navigate his new life inside a palace filled with golden statues and shifting empires. As royal pressures mount, Daniel is faced with a dangerous choice. Will his trust in the one true God remain steadfast through every test of faith? From the fiery furnace to the infamous den of lions, DANIEL is a spectacular theatrical experience for the whole family. Witness one of the Bible's most hope-filled stories as it comes to life in this brand-new original stage production from Sight & Sound Theatres.

This flyer is an attempt to see what interest there may be to do this overnight trip. Please sign up to express your interest. Hotel accommodations and recommendations will be available after our deadline for signing up. Tickets are already filling up for this year's show, so deadline is below.

Deadline to sign up is SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Questions, contact Stella Reschke (stellareschke@gmail.com) or
Christine Kulp (christinekulp@gmail.com)

FLY



Thank you...

- To everyone who attended our Sr. FLY Winter Retreat! A special thank you to our FLY Interns for creating and leading our Sr. FLY Winter Retreat! It was phenomenal!
- To John & Jolynn Keller, Cris Alello, Mari-Beth Schembri, and Pastor Peter for chaperoning our Sr. FLY Winter Retreat!
- To everyone who attended our **2024 Mystery Night** on Mar. 10! Everyone enjoyed Laser Tag with friends!



Sunday Night FLY – “Gray Areas” – Apr. 14

In our journey of faith, we encounter situations and decisions that aren't addressed in Scripture. These “gray areas” of life can often present challenges as we seek to follow Jesus. Come and hear how Christians can navigate these gray areas and still follow Jesus through it all!



Sunday Night FLY – “REMIX” – Apr. 28

YOU will vote for the lesson and game we'll do together at Sunday Night FLY! All lessons will be based on popular movies and the games will include a mix of old & new FLY games! Bring a friend to this FUN event!

*About Sunday Night FLY (SNFLY):

Youth in grades 7-12 meet on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month from 7-8:45pm in the FLY Room from Sept-June! We worship together, read God's Word, talk in small groups, play large group games, eat lots of food, and more! The nightly topics are always relevant for teens as we grow together in our relationships with God & others. The FLY Café is open from 6:30-9 where youth can purchase candy, soda, t-shirts, and other FLY merch. (Popcorn is always FREE!) Spin the Birthday Wheel for a fun birthday surprise! The Nintendo Switch, air hockey, and foosball games can be played before and after Sunday Night FLY. Friends are always welcome!

Sunday Mornings @ 9:45am:

-Jr. FLY Confirmation Class in Room 204. Bring a mobile device for Kahoot on Apr. 21 and get ready for the final test on Apr. 28!

-Sr. FLY Bible Class in the FLY Room. Enjoy a FREE cereal buffet every Sunday! This month, we'll be discussing prayer, worship, and Holy Communion.

Cinnamon Roll Sunday – Apr. 7

Purchase 5 delicious cinnamon rolls for \$5 on Sunday, Apr. 7 in our church Concourse! Youth & adults are needed to help bake and serve the rolls, sign-up on the FLY bulletin board to volunteer. All proceeds benefit our workcampers headed to Erie, PA this July!

**Lifting the Lid-Livability – Small Group for Adults on Sunday Nights!**

Liz Wood MSed and Rebecca Lazzaro LMSW are leading a Bible study exploring God's heart for mental health. Sunday evenings for FLY parents & all Faith adults from 7:00-8:30pm on 4/14, 4/28, and 5/5. Please contact Liz, Rebecca or Pastor Peter if you have any questions.

Mark Your Calendars...

May 5 – Pancake Breakfast

**No SNFLY in May*

Online Contact Form/Activity Participation Agreement

Our church's insurance company asks every youth to complete the following online form to participate in FLY activities on our church property this school year. We also included some questions about the type of activities and topics you'd like FLY to cover this coming year.

<https://faithpenfield.org/resources/fly-contact-form>

JOIN FLY's Text-based Communication Service!

Sign-up to receive reminders, announcements, and other info about upcoming FLY events right to your phone here: <https://www.remind.com/join> and join this class: [flyouth](https://www.remind.com/join).

**Check us out on YouTube!**

You can watch hilarious Coffee House videos, FLY promos, and more on our YouTube page?!

www.youtube.com/faithlutheranyouth

**Connect with FLY on Facebook! Join our group today!**

Search for "Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY)" on Facebook or type out this link...

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/flypenfield/>

**Follow FLY on Instagram!**

<https://www.instagram.com/flypenfield/>

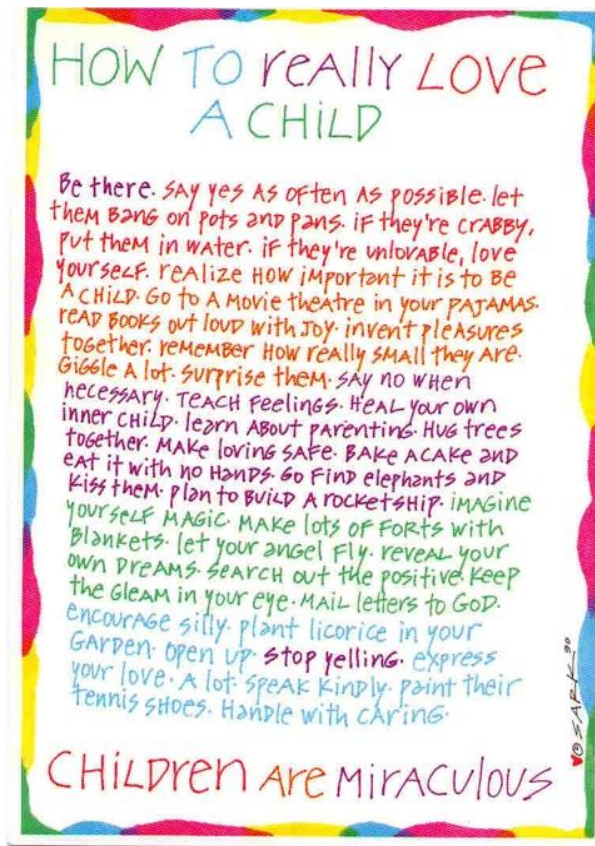
Faith Child Care and Nursery School (FCCNS)

"Where your child can grow in body, mind and spirit"

Our Themes for April are Spring and April Showers. We will also be working on The Hexagon Shape, The Color White, Measuring and Letters. Our Faith Character words for the month will be: Resurrection, Time, Heal, Teach and Redemption. The Bible lessons will be: Jesus is Risen, Mary and Martha, Ten Lepers, Jesus and the Children and Zacchaeus: A Short Man. Our Faith Character Trait is Respectful.



- April 1st - 5th – April Break School Age Here
- April 8th - PCSD closed School Age Here
- April 8th – Solar Eclipse
- April 8th - April 12th - Week of the Young Child



In April, we celebrate the week of the young child. And although we have some special activities planned that week for our kiddos, I can't help but wonder why just one week. I feel the same about National son/daughter day, Valentine's Day, Mother's and Father's Day, National friend's day, etc. The loves of our lives; our spouses, parents, children, family, and friends should be celebrated every day. Every day should be an opportunity to show them how much you care and love them. I have worked with children of all ages from infants all the way up to college age and believe me, I know that there are times when they seem unlovable but we love them anyway. Love them through their tantrums and teenage angst, love them through the paint on the dog and food on the carpet. Love them even after they break the oven or tv or favorite vase. Love them unconditionally like our heavenly Father loves us. His love does not come with strings attached. It doesn't only come on National son/daughter day, it comes every day. He whispers it in the sunrise and through the wind. He sends it through the singing of the birds and the setting of the sun. Can you hear it? Listen closely, I love you, I love you, I love you and this is how much. He stretched his arms out and died on the cross for you, His child. Happy Spring.

Faith Child Care & Nursery School
Year to Date Income & Expenses Compared to Budget
As of 2/29/2024

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance	Prior YTD	Board Approved 2024 Budget
Operating Income					
Fees	163,496	165,808	(2,312)	142,238	938,558
Interest/Misc./Other	4,547	3,593	954	2,629	36,433
Total Operating Income	<u>168,043</u>	<u>169,401</u>	<u>(1,358)</u>	<u>144,866</u>	<u>974,991</u>
Expenses:					
Program	7,843	9,490	1,647	8,381	47,261
Employee Related	138,844	138,487	(357)	119,137	834,008
Property & Equipment	9,403	10,199	795	9,512	65,192
Supplies	2,173	2,300	127	2,779	14,000
Operating Expenses	<u>158,263</u>	<u>160,475</u>	<u>2,213</u>	<u>139,809</u>	<u>960,461</u>
Net Operating Income (Loss)	<u>9,780</u>	<u>8,926</u>	<u>854</u>	<u>5,057</u>	<u>14,530</u>
PPP Loan Forgiveness Grant				2,190	
Total Other Income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,190</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>9,780</u>	<u>8,926</u>	<u>854</u>	<u>7,247</u>	<u>14,530</u>

End of February enrollment 74 children

Online giving just got easier!

If you have established an online user account through the Giving tab on Faith's website at faithpenfield.org, you can now edit your recurring transactions online! Simply log in to your account, view Scheduled Transactions, and click Edit to change any of the following giving criteria:

- Amount
- Frequency
- Associated tile/fund
- Start and end date
- Associated payment method

If you originally set up your Vanco electronic giving account through the church office, any changes must be made through the church office. If you prefer to manage your electronic giving on your own, please contact the church office to cancel your electronic giving account managed by our office. You can then create an online electronic giving account by visiting Faith's website at www.faithpenfield.org. Click the GIVING button on the top menu and then the "Start Giving" button. A secure webpage powered by Vanco Payment Solutions will open and provide instructions and giving options for your gifts to Faith. You will have the option to create an online account and manage your electronic giving at your convenience. Please contact Kay Gerlach, Director of Finance, at 485-0142 if you have any questions or need assistance.

Thank you for your continued participation and support!



Faith Lutheran Church
Year to Date Income & Expenses Compared to Budget
As of 2/29/2024

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance	Prior YTD	Voter Approved 2024 Budget
Operating Income					
Envelope Offering/Plate Cash	145,654	129,100	16,554	120,887	672,000
FCCNS Facility Cost Sharing	4,167	4,167	(0)	4,167	25,000
Fund Distribution-Endowment	0	0	0	0	8,000
Interest/Misc./Other	1,033	2,000	(967)	1,224	13,300
Total Operating Income	150,854	135,267	15,588	126,278	718,300
Expenses:					
Education	2,579	3,050	471	2,454	18,450
Employee Related	60,784	66,433	5,649	73,198	442,911
Mission & Outreach	5,553	12,658	7,106	11,112	67,300
Music	772	850	78	635	6,150
Other Expense	967	1,600	633	1,512	11,750
Property	20,217	21,778	1,561	21,076	150,040
Supplies	5,834	4,896	(938)	4,096	30,695
Operating Expenses	96,705	111,265	14,560	114,082	727,296
Net Operating Income (Loss)	54,149	24,002	30,148	12,196	(8,996)

GIVING AT FAITH

At Faith Lutheran, giving is something we do with a spirit of joy in response to the love and forgiveness we have freely received in Jesus. "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver," (2 Corinthians 9:7). Your gift blesses Faith's continued mission to "seek and save the lost," (Luke 19:10).

There are a number of ways you can choose to give to the many ministries and outreach efforts at Faith.

(Please contact Kay Gerlach, Director of Finance, at finance@faithpenfield.org or 485-0142 if you have any questions.)

1) TEXT GIVING:

Simply enter Faith Lutheran Church's own dedicated number which is **833-958-1685**, enter the amount of your gift as your text message, press send and follow the remaining easy steps to make your secure one-time or recurring contribution.

2) ONLINE GIVING:

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3) VANCO PAYMENT SOLUTIONS (previously SIMPLY GIVING):

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4) ENVELOPE GIVING:

Our traditional method of receiving a box of offering envelopes for the year which allows you to mail your offering to the church office at 2576 Browncroft Blvd, Rochester, NY 14625 or place it in the collection plate during our worship service..

5) GIFT OF STOCK OR IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

Both of these methods of gift giving offer additional tax advantages that can best be explained by your tax advisor or IRA trustee. Please contact Kay Gerlach directly at 485-0142 for assistance on how to make these types of contributions.

Endowment Fund:

The Faith Lutheran Church Permanent Endowment Fund was established in 2004 to provide members and friends the opportunity to make charitable gifts to Faith that will become a permanent endowment providing financial support for the ministry and mission of the Church. The custodian for the Faith Lutheran Church endowment fund brokerage account is Charles Schwab & Co, Inc. If you would like to make a contribution to this fund, please contact Kay Gerlach directly at 485-0142 or finance@faithpenfield.org for assistance.

From the Church Office

Faith Leadership Board Officers

Chair - Karoline Trojian

Secretary - Greg Gerbasi

Treasurer - Todd Natemeier

Nominating Committee Reps - Bruce Oaks, Carrie Ford, Cathy Saresky, Russ Hignett, Nancy Alvut



Altar Flowers Form: Help beautify our sanctuary on a Sunday morning by giving altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one. We will be utilizing silk altar flowers unless someone orders fresh flowers for a Dedication. Any orders need to be in to the Church Office by the end of the **3rd week** each month for the following month.

* Either complete a new online form and pay the \$75 fee at our online giving page here:

<https://faithpenfield.org/resources/altar-flowers>

* Or contact Kris Cronk (secretary@faithpenfield.org) and send a check to the Church Office made out to "Faith Lutheran Church" and Altar Flowers in the memo line.

* Or Utilize the sign-up book on the Information Center in the concourse and followup with a check made out to "Faith Lutheran" Church with Altar Flowers in the memo line

Announcement Request Form:

If you have an announcement that you'd like to include in our bulletin announcements or monthly newsletter "Faith Notes." Please submit an Announcement Form either in the Church Office or online here: <https://faithpenfield.org/resources/announcement-form>

This form will help us streamline our communications within our congregation and to our community. Thanks for understanding! Please contact the Church Office if you have any questions.

May Faith Notes Articles due Monday, April 22nd and should be directed to our Church Secretary, Kris Cronk (secretary@faithpenfield.org). Thank you!



Called to Glory:

- **Vincent Hill** (2/14/24), acquaintance of Diane Van Auken
- **George Giering** (2/29/24), close friend of the Reitz Family
- **Willie Schoellkopf** (3/3/24), dear friend of Dick Leschhorn
- **Karen Macklen** (3/8/24), aunt of Elizabeth Macklen
- **Louis Ehmman** (3/8/24), veteran and friend of Bob Freitag
- **Helga Raymond** (3/14/24), mother of Janise Pilosi
- **John Debasis** (3/17/24), acquaintance of Lynn Agor



NOTE!
ADDRESS CHANGE

Aram-Berj Mangerian has moved to Buffalo:
35 Highgate Trail
Buffalo NY 14214

Wedding Anniversaries





- 5 Robert & Monique Doty
- 13 Lawrence Arnone & Robin Wagstrom-Arnone
- 14 Tom & Nancy Hammond
- 28 David & Sandie Palmer
- 29 Bill & Lisa Sykes
- 30 Liam & Tracy Cervený

Birthdays

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|----|--|----|---|----|--|
| 1 | Evan Ford
Betty McKay
Michael McNaughton
Ruth Truax
David Uhlman | 12 | Brian Hammond
Roxanne Leschhorn
Max Smith | 22 | Beth Camann
Lindsey Forma
Amanda Longhenry
Melissa Maschoff
Olivia Sheehan |
| 2 | Anthony Demme
Doris Laitenberger
Skylar Nolan Jones
Kathleen Trimble
Adrienne VanHorn | 13 | Jonah Twomey | | |
| | | 14 | Cindy Kreter
Carol Letky
Jennifer Ottman | 23 | Robert Doty
Annerose Eberhardt
Zachary McEwen
Kristin Nuijens
Erin Wolfanger |
| 3 | William Cervený
Natalie Monczynski | 15 | Lauren Cronk
Kevin Deutsch
Tracy Muller
Carrie Voycheck | 24 | Linda Gerbasi
Amanda Poetker |
| 4 | Mason Lach | 16 | Tracy Cervený
Monique Doty
John DuBois
Linda Kleine Fore
Deborah Gillespie
Matthew Zager | 25 | Abigail Bennett
Isabella Forma
Lucas Johnson
Mark Shortino |
| 5 | Adrienne Gillespie
Erica Hernandez
Bonnie Samuels
David Schaum-Bartocci
Patricia Withall | | | 26 | Elizabeth Ford
Luella Jacuzzi
David Palmer
Greg Supranowitz |
| 6 | Garrett Hynes
Kyle Ledermann
Amy Ottman
Steve Welk | 17 | Declan Flores
Marrie Freeman
Gregory Gerbasi | 27 | Justin Hoffarth
Cathleen Lindscoog
Nicholas Muller
Jeffrey Rupp
Debra Sharp |
| 7 | Larry Ferner
Mark Harstad
Natalia Hernandez | 18 | Tatum Boyle
Kurt Finkbeiner
Emma Smith
Morgan Szydlowski | | |
| 9 | Kathleen German | 20 | Edwin Lindscoog
Ann McEwen
David Palmer | 28 | Kathleen McEwen
Abby Morrison
Gail Sudore |
| 10 | Brianna Adams
Scott Cronk
Jack Maginn | 21 | Michael McLean
Wendy Melenbacker | 30 | Jordan McNaughton
Terry Wheeler |
| 11 | Sandra Freitag
Jonathan Gerlach | | | | |

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00pm Lyric Chorale (Aud)	2 7:00am Men's Breakfast (Browncroft Diner) 10:00am FLC Bowling Lgwe 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 1:00pm Legacy 6:30pm Grief Share	3 10:00am Church Staff 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal (Music Rm)	4	5	6
7 <i>Cinnamon Roll Sunday</i> 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:35am Pavilion Ground Breaking 9:45am Adult Bible Class Sunday School Jr FLY in 204 / Sr FLY in FLY Rm 10:45am Contemporary Worship 6:00pm Faith Connections (CmRm)	8 <i>Eclipse</i> 12:00pm FLC Office closed 7:00pm Lyric Chorale (Aud) 	9 10:00am FLC Bowling Lgwe 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 4:00pm Stephen Ministry (CmRm) 6:30pm Grief Share (CmRm)	10 10:00am Church Staff 5:45pm Girl Scouts (CmRm) 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal (Music Rm)	11 9:00am Property Board (CmRm) 11:30am Dorcas Group (Rm204) 6:00pm Girl Scouts (CmRm)	12 11:30am SOLA Lunch "Fruit & Salad" in Bushnell Basin	13 10:00am A. Velepéc SOV 11:00am Reception (Aud) 1:00pm Fiddlers Rehearsal (MusicRm)
14 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Adult Bible Class Sunday School Jr FLY in 204 / Sr FLY in FLY Rm 10:45am Contemporary Worship 7:00pm Sunday Night FLY "Gray Areas" 7:00pm Mental Health Bible Class	15 8:00am Joseph Guild 10:00am Flower City Rug Hook Group (CmRm) 1:30pm Prayer Shawl (Rm204) 7:00pm FCCNS Board Mtg (CmRm/ZOOM) 7:00pm Lyric Chorale (Aud)	16 10:00am FLC Bowling Lgwe 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 1:00pm Legacy 6:30pm Grief Share (CmRm) 7:00pm FLB Mtg (Rm204)	17 10:00am Church Staff 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal (Music Rm)	18	19 5:30pm KidzKonnct (Rm204)	20
21 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Adult Bible Class Sunday School Jr FLY in 204 / Sr FLY in FLY Rm 10:45am Contemporary Worship Hall/George Baptisms	22 7:00pm Lyric Chorale (Aud)	23 10:00am FLC Bowling Lgwe 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 6:30pm Grief Share (CmRm)	24 10:00am Church Staff 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal (Music Rm)	25	26	27 6:00pm LIFT Event "Euchre Night" (Freitags)  EUCHRE
28 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Adult Bible Class Sunday School Jr FLY in 204 / Sr FLY in FLY Rm 10:45am Contemporary Worship 12:15pm Fore Baptism 7:00pm Sunday Night FLY "Remix" 7:00pm Mental Health Bible Class	29 7:00pm Lyric Chorale (Aud)	30 10:00am FLC Bowling Lgwe 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 6:30pm Grief Share (CmRm)				

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