

# Faith Notes

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## August 2024 Blessings

August 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10am  
VBS Sunday  
Cookout w/Carnival @ 11:30am



August 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9am  
Habitat for Humanity  
Garage Sale



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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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

Thrive Blended Worship---6:00 PM Wednesdays

### **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), 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 7-8:45pm

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

*(All Classes will resume on September 8<sup>th</sup>)*

## Pastor Peter's Perspective



*"<sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, 'See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?' <sup>37</sup> And Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart, you may.' And he replied, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' <sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him." -Acts 8:35-38*

August is baptism month for my boys; Lucas was baptized on Aug. 6 and Grant on Aug. 11. I so vividly remember the moment when they were each baptized in our church. We celebrated alongside our family, friends, the boys' Godparents, and our congregation. They were such special and holy moments for Lucas and Grant... as God welcomed them into His BIG family, forgave their sins, and claimed them as His children. We still celebrate and remember their baptisms all these years later...

Because baptism changes everything.

Read through Acts 8:26-40 (a portion of it is above) and you'll discover an Ethiopian eunuch who worked for the queen. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home in his chariot. On the ride home, he was reading through Isaiah's prophecies and didn't quite understand what he was reading. So the Spirit sent Philip, a new disciple, to help the Ethiopian understand the Scripture.

"Philip asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' The man replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?'" Acts 8:30b-31a. With the help of the Holy Spirit, Philip helped the Ethiopian understand the text... and the Spirit led the man to be baptized right then and there! Talk about a fast Baptism class! But doesn't this story get to the heart of the Gospel? Philip led the man to Jesus using Old Testament prophecies. And the man responded with, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" Nothing. Nothing at all. And so Philip baptized this man and God claimed him as His own. He left rejoicing and changed!

Baptism changes everything.

The Gospel of Jesus is for all people, no matter who they are, where they work, who their boss is (whether a queen or not), and no matter what they've done. God sent Jesus to the world out of love for the world. Let's be like Philip and help others understand this Good News and prayerfully lead people to be baptized. We have water and we have God's Word! Let's keep baptizing! And let's keep remembering the promises God made in our own baptisms – that we are forgiven and forever His!

And Faith has two more brothers being baptized this month! We will celebrate with Joe and Luke as they receive God's grace in baptism on Aug. 4! God is good!

And all God's baptized children said,  
Amen!



We are excited to invite you to a new and relaxed Wednesday evening worship service at Faith! **"Thrive"** is a special mid-week gathering that is designed to refresh your spirit and provide a meaningful break from your weekly routine. Join us as we focus on a different **spiritual blessing** from God found in Ephesians 1:3-14.

**When:** Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM (June 19 & 26; July 10-Aug. 28)

**Where:** Faith's New Pavilion

Join us for a time of:

- **Blended Worship:** Experience a mix of traditional hymns and contemporary worship songs that uplift and inspire.
- **Relevant Message:** Hear a practical and encouraging message focused on a different blessing from God.
- **Christian Fellowship:** Enjoy fellowship and build connections with other Christians in a welcoming and supportive community.

Whether you are looking for a moment of peace, a word of encouragement, or a deeper connection with others, this mid-week service is for you.

Come earlier with a picnic meal and invite a friend to join you!

**We look forward to worshipping with you at Thrive!**

Please talk to Pastor Peter if you have questions ([peter@faithpenfield.org](mailto:peter@faithpenfield.org)).

## *Stewardship Message from the Faith Leadership Board For June*

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 the first few months of 2024 which helped to offset the 19% unfavorable budget variance we experienced in envelope giving for June and resulted in a favorable year-to-date variance of 2%. 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					
June 2024	Voter Approved Budget	Actual	Variance from Budget	% Variance	Prior Year Actual
1st Sunday	\$8,000	\$7,905	(\$95)	-1%	\$4,638
2nd Sunday	\$8,000	\$3,835	(\$4,165)	-52%	\$17,895
3rd Sunday	\$8,000	\$7,668	(\$332)	-4%	\$6,760
4th Sunday	\$8,000	\$3,560	(\$4,440)	-56%	\$2,631
5th Sunday					
Online Giving	\$20,000	\$18,844	(\$1,156)	-6%	\$19,015
Festival Giving	\$0	\$200	\$200		\$0
Monthly Total	\$52,000	\$42,012	(\$9,988)	-19%	\$50,939
Year-to-Date Total	\$348,500	\$353,988	\$5,488	2%	\$349,160



## Adult Education

Pastor Peter will be leading a three-session New Member class on Sunday – **August 18, August 25, and September 1** from 9:45 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. in the Auditorium. This is an informal class designed for newcomers, inquiries, and prospective members of our congregation. The class is a time of discussion, discovery, presentation, and inclusion.

We will be officially welcoming anyone who would like to become an official member of Faith on Rally Sunday, September 8.

Any questions, call the office at 381-3970.



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## From the Mission Board



**SAVE THE DATE!!** Missions is again leading our big Rise Against Hunger community wide event. It will take place on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. We are going to have one shift this year instead of two shifts. The shift will be from 10am until about noon. Our goal is to package 40,000 meals to help fight world hunger. We are looking for individual and corporate sponsors to help raise the \$16,000 needed to fund this great and fun event - \$25/person with max of \$75/family. Sponsor forms are available on the counter in the office. Please go to [faithpenfield.org](http://faithpenfield.org) and scroll down the home page to the Quick Links where you will find the registration/donation button for Rise Against Hunger.

Missions is excited to be part of our Dancing Under the Stars adult prom on August 17<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 9:30pm under the Pavilion! Anyone 18 or older is welcome to come enjoy a fun evening of Balloon Arches, a lively DJ, great dance music, and lots of fellowship. There is no cost, just a desire to have a wonderful time with friends. Come as a couple, a group of friends or by yourself. It will be a blast!!



Look for more opportunities to serve in upcoming bulletins and Faith Notes. We have several projects which will be finalized soon.

Thank you for your continued support!!  
Marguerite McKee, Missions Team chair

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**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GARAGE SALE**  
Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> under Faith's Pavilion  
9 AM to 3 PM



Please come shop this garage sale benefiting Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity. Our Coalition of Churches Rochester Public Market sales team will be displaying 10 tables of clothing, shoes, and other garage sale items.

As for me & my house  
we will serve the Lord.  
Joshua 24:15

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.

**Visitation Team:** Keeping in touch with and/or visiting our older members

**Missions Team:** Meet monthly to create and organize opportunities for Faith members to serve our community.

**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](mailto: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>

# Music and Worship Presents:

**PREVAILING WINDS**



**AUGUST 11**

- Music
- Ice Cream
- Fellowship

**JOIN US!**

**FAITH'S PAVILION**  
**4:00 PM**

Prevailing Winds is a local woodwind quartet that performs in numerous venues around the community. This concert will contain music of all genres that were hits of years gone by. Join us Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 4pm under Faith's pavilion for this free event, and FCCNS will be serving ice cream as a fundraiser.





*Dancing Under The Stars*  
*Adult Prom*

*Saturday, Aug. 17 7pm Faith's Pavilion*  
*You don't need a ticket or a date to attend!*  
*Come dance, laugh, and have fun!*

## Goings on at Faith

**On Sunday, Aug. 4, we will have one blended worship service at 10am under the Pavilion!** It will be **VBS Sunday** as we'll be hearing Scripture, songs, and themes from our Vacation Bible School at Faith! Everyone is invited to attend the worship service and the fun carnival and picnic following the service!

Our **guest preacher** on Sunday, Aug. 11 will be Rev. John Pingel - President of our Eastern District. He will be assisted by Jon Allen and Bruce Kulp, as Pastor Peter is away on vacation. Please contact the Church Office if you have a pastoral care issue while Pastor Peter is away.

We will continue our **Sunday Fellowship Hour** on Aug. 11-Sept. 1 under the Pavilion (weather permitting) between the 8:30 and 10:45 am worship services. If you are able to contribute any kind of treat on any of those dates, please sign up in the concourse. Any questions, please contact the Church Office.



### Changes to Livestream Experience Coming Soon!

We are updating our livestream system and switching to a new livestreaming software. This change is due to occur over the next month or so and we will be upgrading our system to eliminate the need for a volunteer slide clicker for the in-house projector slides. This new software will give our livestream slides and in-house slides a new and updated look and will give us the ability to control the livestream and in-house slides from one computer. Additionally, our current [Livestream.com](https://www.Livestream.com) account will no longer be active, as our livestream will only live on our website ([faithpenfield.org](https://faithpenfield.org)). Please bare with us as this transition may cause a disruption to our regular livestreaming capabilities. Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact Jason Gerlach at [livestream@faithpenfield.org](mailto:livestream@faithpenfield.org).

### Exciting News regarding Faith's Financial Team!

Beth Camann has been hired as Faith's new Finance Support Specialist. Her position will play a vital role in the church's shared financial services team initiative with Faith Child Care and Nursery School. She will assist in the processing and recording of financial transactions for both organizations, maintain offering deposit and contribution records, provide admin support to our staff and be cross-trained to provide support to the Director of Finance. She will begin working part-time in mid-October. Kay Gerlach, Faith's Director of Finance, has graciously extended the start of her retirement another few years, but with a reduced work schedule. Her position will continue to provide oversight and management of all financial areas of both FLC and FCCNS, and will now work with our Finance Support Specialist on a regular basis.

We thank God for Beth's new role and Kay's continued ministry at Faith!



## Redesigned Faith Website Coming Soon!

Exciting news! Our church website ([faithpenfield.org](http://faithpenfield.org)) is getting a fresh new look! Just like repainting a room in your house, our redesigned website will bring a vibrant, welcoming feel to your online experience. Expect a refreshed layout, simplified navigation, and a warm, inviting atmosphere where you can easily find all the information you need about our community and events. Stay tuned for the big reveal – we're sure you'll love the transformation!



## Men's Breakfast Group

Join us as we start the day together in fellowship!

When: **Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> @ 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

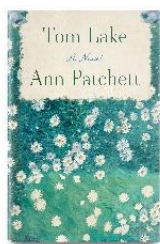


We will meet at 11:30 for lunch on **Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone will pay their own bill. Donna Kaser will send out an email to let you know the specific restaurant. We will need to know if you are coming so we can alert the restaurant and have enough seats for everyone. ***If you are interested, 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](mailto:dontshop@gmail.com) or call or text 259-6488.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30 in the Community Room. 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.



## Fall Women's Book Group

For the fall, the Faith Women's Book Group is reading the best-seller, *Tom Lake*, by Ann Patchett. The novel takes place in Northern Michigan in 2020 during the pandemic when Lara and Joe Kenison's three daughters return to the family's cherry orchard to help out. The story weaves back and forth between present day and when as a young woman Lara had a romantic relationship with a famous actor when she was doing summer stock at a theater company called Tom Lake. The Women's Book

Group will be meeting on Thursday, October 3, at 7:00 to discuss the contemporary novel, *Tom Lake*, by Ann Patchett. Come join us in the fall for another lively discussion.

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

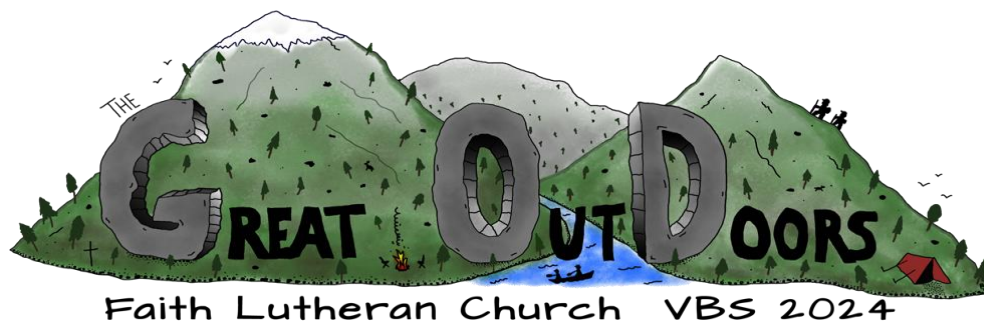


*L.I.F.T.***BINGO NIGHT!****DATE:** Saturday, September 14, 2024**TIME:** 5:00 p.m.**LOCATION:** Faith Lutheran Church  
2576 Browncroft Rd, Penfield  
Community Room  
(Enter on the east side of the church)**A pot luck supper will be starting at 5:30 pm.****Please Bring Your Own Drinks**  
**(Ice Tea, Pop and or Water) No Alcohol****Bingo will start at 6:30 pm.****Bring a munchie or a dessert/dish to share.**Hosting: Sandie & Bob Freitag (H# 381-6535)  
Linda & Tom Hanss & Kurt & Sharon Finkbeiner*Children's Ministry*

Please join us for **Rally Day, Sunday, September 8th** for a combined service at 10:00am and a carnival picnic to follow! Sunday School will resume on September 15th and is available to children age 4-6th Grade. Sunday School is offered every Sunday from 9:45-10:40am. Online registration will be available at the end of August.



We are looking for additional Volunteers for this years **Sunday School** classes. If you are interested in volunteering as a rotation leader or a shepherd, please email Shannon Wolf at [Sundayschool@faithpenfield.org](mailto:Sundayschool@faithpenfield.org)



**We are very excited to welcome over 200 campers to VBS this year! Thank you to all of our volunteers for your countless hours of dedication and support!**

# FLY



### Thank you..

-To our incredibly supportive congregation for supporting our workcampers and praying for them as they served the people of Erie, PA last month! A special thank you to our amazing sponsors for their financial support and wonderful care packages – thank you!

-To Mari-Beth Schembri, McKayla Nolan, Bill McKee, Jolynn Keller, and Elizabeth Young for leading our workcampers!

We welcome incoming **7th graders** into FLY! We can't wait to get to know you better and grow with you in youth group!

### Vacation Bible School – July 29-Aug. 2

Incoming 7th & 8th grade students are invited to attend Faith's Vacation Bible School on July 29-Aug. 2 from 9-Noon. Our Jr. FLY class will dig into God's Word, tie-dye t-shirts, play games, serve at a food shelf, and get to know each other better all week! Sign-up online at [faithpenfield.org](http://faithpenfield.org)! High school & college students are invited to volunteer throughout the week at VBS! Talk to Steph Johnson if you can help out!

### Hang Time Schedule

Connect with your friends at 2 crazy FLY Hang Times this summer – Aug. 11 and Aug. 25 (locations will be announced)! Every Hang Time will take place at a different place from 12:30-2pm. Open to all youth entering 7th grade through college students. \*Snacks will be provided; please eat lunch beforehand.

### Summer Fellowship Opportunity!

This summer, everyone is invited to meet under the pavilion (instead of Dunkin') throughout the summer from 9:45-10:40am! We are looking for families to bring some food (e.g. breakfast pizza, cereal, donuts, etc...). The sign-up is in the concourse. Thank you!

### 9th Grade Confirmation Project Meeting – Sunday, Sept. 1

On **Sept. 1 at noon**, incoming 9th grade students and their parents are invited to the FLY Room to discuss the 9th grade Confirmation projects that will be due later in Sept. At the meeting, the students will choose which Sunday in October they'd like to present their Faith Art & Faith Statement Projects. Please let Pastor Peter know if you'll be missing this important meeting. Thanks!

### FLY Info Meeting – Tuesday, Sept. 10

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents are invited to a mandatory info meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 in the Faith Auditorium. We will discuss Confirmation Class curriculum, expectations, and hand out materials. Then at 7:15pm, high school students and parents are welcome to join. Pastor Peter and our Youth Advisors will share important info about: Sunday Night FLY, retreats, confirmation, FUNdraisers, the 2025 Youth Gathering in New Orleans and much more! Please be sure to attend!



**Sunday Night FLY KICK-OFF – Sept. 8 @ 7-8:45pm**

Invite your friends to this CRAZY FUN SNFLY KICK-OFF!! Get ready to team up and compete in some crazy games! And enjoy FREE Moe's burritos! We'll also enjoy snacks, prizes, worship, and our famous Birthday Wheel – all under our Faith Pavilion! Come kick-off an AWESOME year of growing, connecting, and serving with each other in FLY! YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS EPIC 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!

**FLY Mailing this Month!**

Look for a special mailing from Pastor Peter which will include the new 2024-25 FLY Brochure & Calendar, a FLY Café coupon, and more!

**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: [flyyouth](#).

**2025 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana**

In July of 2025, FLY will be joining 18,000 other Lutheran teens from all over the world in New Orleans, LA for the National Youth Gathering! The Gathering is held every three years and is an AWESOME, life-changing experience! The week is filled with incredible worship, insightful speakers, amazing service opportunities, and great memories made with other Christians!

**QUICK FACTS**

-NYG is open to youth entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade this fall through 20 year olds.

-The total cost of the trip will be around \$1400 per youth, but money can be raised if you participate in our FLY FUNdraisers this coming school year!

-Starting Aug. 1, Youth & Adult Applications will be available in the Faith Concourse and online at [faithpenfield.org/ministries/youth](https://faithpenfield.org/ministries/youth) and will be due by Sunday, Sept. 30, 2024.

-There will be a Gathering Info Meeting on Sun, Sept. 15 @ Noon for everyone interested in attending the Gathering.

Please pray about this great opportunity! Talk to Pastor Peter if you have any questions!

**Mark Your Calendars...**

Sept. 1 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Project Meeting  
Sept. 8 – Hot Dog/Burger FUNdraiser  
Sept. 8 – Sunday Night FLY Kick-off!  
Sept. 10 – 7<sup>th</sup> Gr. FLY Info Meeting  
Sept. 15 – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation Class Begins  
Sept. 15 – 2025 National Youth Gathering Info Meeting  
Sept. 22 – Sunday Night FLY  
Sept. 27-29 – Jr. FLY Fall Retreat @ Camp Stella Maris

**Check us out on YouTube!**

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

[www.youtube.com/faithlutheranyouth](http://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 August are Olympic Week, Water Week, S.T.E.A.M. Week and Talent/Movement Week.

Our Bible Stories will be The Brave Queen, Daniel and the Lion's Den, Jesus Calms the Storm and The Lord's Prayer.

Our Focus "word" for each week will be Brave, Faith, Calm and Prayer.

Our Character word for the month is Safety

FCCNS will be closed July 29<sup>th</sup>- August 2<sup>nd</sup> for VBS



I love the Olympics. I am pretty sure it started back in 1980 when the U.S. hockey team, against all odds, beat Russia to get to the gold medal game vs. Finland and won 4-2. I remember very little about the game (I was 7) but what I remember is the pride we had in our athletes, that they could do something that the whole world thought was impossible. I fell in love even more in 1984 when the summer games were in Los Angeles and the U.S. team dominated, especially in Gymnastics with Mary Lou Retton. And who could forget Whitney Houston belting

out the theme song of the Olympics in 1988. So, I guess it is no surprise that I can't wait for the 2024 summer Olympics to start on July 26<sup>th</sup> in Paris, France. It is two weeks where the best of the best compete and sportsmanship takes center stage as athletes from all different countries come together.

There is a bible verse that I often think about during the Olympics: 2 Timothy 4:7, I fought the good fight, I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. I think it is fitting that this week this verse has been on my mind quite a bit. On July 20<sup>th</sup> we said "see you later" to Linda Gerbasi. She fought the good fight, she finished the race and kept the faith. She will always have a special place in my heart as will Esther Saresky because both of these women had a heart for children and ministry and they put it into action. Faith Lutheran Church has always had a heart for children. Esther Saresky established Faith's Nursery School in 1961 which served our Faith community for over twenty years until in 1986 Linda expanded the nursery school and established FCCNS as a response to a great need in the community as more mothers were joining the workforce. Both these women were incredible role models of what it means to serve others. Thousands of children have been taught and loved within these walls, me being one of them.



Now I have the honor to be the 6<sup>th</sup> director of FCCNS and I do not take that role lightly. I understand how important it is. I have some big shoes to fill and I hope I do Esther and Linda proud. I hope that when the day comes that I step down from this role I can say, "I fought the good fight, I have finished the race. I have kept the faith." Thank you, Esther and Linda, for the legacy you have left. We will continue to carry the torch. Now, Go USA! Bring home the gold.

**Faith Child Care & Nursery School**  
**Year to Date Income & Expenses Compared to Budget**  
**As of 6/30/2024**

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance	Prior YTD	Board Approved 2024 Budget
<b>Operating Income</b>					
Fees	471,228	480,047	(8,819)	430,747	938,558
Interest/Misc./Other	16,683	13,657	3,026	11,888	36,433
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	487,912	493,704	(5,792)	442,636	974,991
<b>Expenses:</b>					
Program	22,050	24,029	1,979	22,243	47,261
Employee Related	406,895	411,592	4,697	369,202	834,008
Property & Equipment	29,280	32,696	3,416	28,904	65,192
Supplies	7,080	7,000	(80)	7,432	14,000
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	465,305	475,317	10,012	427,780	960,461
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	22,607	18,387	4,220	14,856	14,530
PPP Loan Forgiveness Grant				6,569	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	0	0	0	6,569	0
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	22,607	18,387	4,220	21,424	14,530

*End of June enrollment 84 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](http://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](http://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 6/30/2024**

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance	Prior YTD	Voter Approved 2024 Budget
<b>Operating Income</b>					
Envelope Offering/Plate Cash	357,483	351,200	6,283	352,996	672,000
FCCNS Facility Cost Sharing	12,500	12,500	(0)	12,500	25,000
Fund Distribution-Endowment	0	0	0	0	8,000
Interest/Misc./Other	7,548	6,000	1,548	6,442	13,300
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>377,531</b>	<b>369,700</b>	<b>7,831</b>	<b>371,938</b>	<b>718,300</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>					
Education	8,539	9,050	511	8,811	18,450
Employee Related	185,570	207,973	22,403	224,235	442,911
Mission & Outreach	34,854	31,225	(3,629)	27,616	67,300
Music	2,822	3,950	1,128	3,074	6,150
Other Expense	3,110	7,000	3,890	7,559	11,750
Property	82,318	80,356	(1,962)	71,045	150,040
Supplies	14,548	14,988	439	14,450	30,695
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>331,761</b>	<b>354,542</b>	<b>22,780</b>	<b>356,790</b>	<b>727,296</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>45,770</b>	<b>15,159</b>	<b>30,612</b>	<b>15,149</b>	<b>(8,996)</b>

### 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](mailto: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):**

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, contact the church office to cancel any scheduled transactions. You would then follow the Online Giving instructions in item (2) above to create an account and manage your electronic giving at your convenience. Please contact Kay Gerlach in the church office if you have any questions or need assistance.

**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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**September Faith Notes Articles due Friday, August 23rd** and should be directed to our Church Secretary, Kris Cronk ([secretary@faithpenfield.org](mailto:secretary@faithpenfield.org)). Thank you!

### Births:

- Charlotte Rose Gerlach (6/24/24), daughter of Mike & Emily Gerlach and granddaughter of John & Kay Gerlach

### Called to Glory:

- Velma Silliman (6/28/24), mother of best friend of Stacie Poromon

- Jamieson Ritter (7/4/24), native of Webster

- Linda Gerbasi (7/8/24), wife of Denny, mother of Greg & Laurelle, grandmother of Adam & Maria

- Rose Miller (7/13/24), acquaintance of Kathy Mielke

- John Andrews (7/15/24), father of Ashley Uhlman

- Grant, friend of Beth Camann

- Cathy Sload (7/18/24), aunt of the boyfriend of Elisabeth Price

- Marc Gillespie (7/22/24), former husband of Debbie Gillespie and father of their two daughters, Adrienne & Danielle



## Birthdays







1	Lauren Launer	9	Donald Muller	21	Bryce Longhenry
2	Emily Gerlach		John Schembri		Matthew Saresky
	Christine Hurlbut		Gabrielle Vogt	23	Karen Finkle
	Christine Kulp	10	Alan Crouse	24	Matthew Schrack
	Daryl Pichan	11	Jennifer Deutsch	25	Evelyn Klafehn
3	Marie Ferner	12	Stella Reschke	26	Nico George
	Carol Spiwak	13	Maya Hardisky		Nancy Hering
4	Jeffrey Arcieri		Karen Linton	27	Dr. John Gerlach
	Veronica Couture	15	Jeremy Crouse		Grayson Hignett
	Keith Gierman		Jackie Johnson		David Kaser
5	Kristina Cronk		Justin Ruffell		Emily Kaser
	Suzanne Giangreco	16	Julie Alberti	28	Chance Nadritch
	Debra Gierman		Daniel Behnfeldt	29	Vincent Alello
6	Barbara Price	17	Lawrence Arnone		Dianne Christensen
	Karen Ryan		David Malecki		Suzanne Hutchings
	Suzanne Wheeler	18	Glenn Collins		George Kuipers
7	Ernest Kleine	19	Anthony Loperfido	30	Peter Bird
8	Mary Ford		Peggy Osenbach		Elizabeth Wood
	Kathy Hardisky	20	Joseph Alello	31	Henry Gerlach
	Rita Harstad		Lisa Hutchings		Geoffrey Kaeuper
			Bentley Sykes		
			Jennifer Zager		

## Wedding Anniversaries

1	Jeffrey & Vicki Arcieri	15	Alan & Noreen Crouse
3	Anthony & Julie Alberti		John & Donna Pellnat
	Andrew & Lindsey Forma	16	Tony & Laurelle Cancelli
4	Paul & JoAnn Aspenleiter	18	Perry & Kristen Duckles
	Kevin & Jennifer Deutsch		Michael & Emily Gerlach
	John & Jennifer DuBois	19	David & Rebecca Kaser
6	Nik & Veronica Couture	20	Matthew & Heather Hoad
	Matthew & Amanda Ebbecke		Ernest & Heike Kleine
8	Pete & Margaret Crouse		James & Janise Piloni
	Paul & Kathleen Majewski-DiMiero	21	William & Heather Withall
	Andrew & Deborah Nohle	22	Paul & Susan Lucci
9	John & Jessica Freeman-Bittner	23	Dr. Joseph & Suzanne Giangreco
12	Tad & Beth D'Ambrosio	25	Edward & Nancy Saresky
13	Brian & Nancy Coughlin	26	Jonathan & Abby Morrison
14	Wayne & Bonnie Samuels	31	John & Allison Cappellino-Boyle



# August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4 <b>VBS Sunday</b> 10:00am Combined Worship 11:30am Cookout w/ Carnival (Pavilion)</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6 7:00am Men's Breakfast (Browncroft Diner) 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 1:00pm Worship @ The Addison</p>	<p>7 10:00am Church Staff 6:00pm Worship</p> 	<p>1 9:00am-12:00pm VBS</p>  <p>Edith Lutheran Church, VBS 2024</p>	<p>2 9:00am-12:00pm VBS</p>  <p>Edith Lutheran Church, VBS 2024</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>11 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Fellowship 10:45am Contemporary Worship 12:30-2:00pm HANG TIME 4:00pm Pravailing Winds (woodwind quartet) w/ FCCNS Ice Cream Fundraiser (Pavilion)</p>	<p>12 1:30pm Prayer Shawl (Rm204)</p>	<p>13 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 4:00pm Stephen Ministry (CmRm)</p>	<p>14 10:00am Church Staff 6:00pm Worship</p> 	<p>15 9:30am Property Team (CmRm) 7:00pm Youth Advisors Mtg</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Dancing Under the Stars Adult Prom (Pavilion)</p> 
<p>18 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am New Member Class (Aud) Fellowship (Pavilion) 10:45am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>19 8:00am Joseph Guild 10:00am Flower City Rug Hook Group (CmRm) 7:00pm FCCNS Board Mtg (CmRm/ZOOM)</p>	<p>20 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 1:00pm Worship @ The Addison 7:00pm FLB Mtg (CmRm)</p>	<p>21 10:00am Church Staff 6:00pm Worship</p> 	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am New Member Class (Aud) Fellowship (Pavilion) 10:45am Contemporary Worship 12:30-2:00pm HANG TIME</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 10:30am FCCNS Chapel</p>	<p>28 10:00am Church Staff 6:00pm Worship</p> 	<p>29 5:30 pm Board of Ed Mtg (CmRm)</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>



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