

Faith Notes

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July 2024 Blessings

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do and wherever you go. May you talk with God this summer every day and in every situation.

Men's Breakfast @ Browncroft – July 2nd

Happy 4th of July! – July 4th

Erie, PA Workcamp – July 7th thru July 13th

THRIVE Wednesday Worship – July 10th

SOLA Lunch – July 12th

LIFT Event “Hot Dog Roast @ Reschke’s” – July 13th

New Horizons Jazz Concert – July 14th

THRIVE Wednesday Worship – July 17th

Pavilion Dedication/Youth Led Worship – July 21st

Workcamp Sponsorship Picnic – July 21st

THRIVE Wednesday Worship – July 24th

LIFT Event “Kuipers Camp” – July 27th

VBS “Great OutDoors” – July 29th thru August 2nd

THRIVE Wednesday Worship – July 31st

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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

Thrive Blended Worship---6:00PM 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), 2nd & 4th Sundays, 7-8:45pm

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

(All Classes will resume on September 8th)



Pastor Peter's Perspective

"Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet," -John 13:14.

It was the summer of 2001 in Ladysmith, Wisconsin. I was on my first mission trip as a seventh grader with our youth group and I was assigned to a painting crew. I had never painted a home before, let alone experience a workcamp & all that goes with it (i.e. sleeping on a classroom floor, lack of sleep & air-conditioning, etc...). My crew painted George & Hope's home and they were elderly residents who didn't have the means to paint their home. Did I mention we painted the exterior bright yellow? We had to wear sunglasses because it was so bright! I'll never forget George & Hope's faces at the end of the week as they tearfully hugged each of us on the crew. I remember Hope telling us that God must've sent us to them that week. That made a lasting impact on me as a seventh grader... as it showed me that the faith I was learning about in youth group could be put into action... and lives could be changed.

God's love can be expressed so beautifully and objectively on a mission trip. That's why I keep going to workcamps and I love watching our youth group grow in their faith and serve on these trips, too. FLY has been attending Group Work Camps since 1993 (perhaps you were with Daryl in Binghamton, NY that year?). This month FLY is heading to Erie, PA to serve our neighbors in need through various service projects, from roofing to building decks to painting homes (maybe bright yellow!). We go on these trips not to pat ourselves on the back, but to simply share the love of Jesus with encouraging words and acts of service.

Jesus calls us to serve others in John 13:14 (see verse above) – reflecting Christ to the world. This is our call. This is our life. We are all on mission trips every day... whether it's serving our family, our neighbors, our friends, our church family, etc... It's not so much about the "service projects" (although the challenge is important); it's more about God changing the lives of the people we serve... and our hearts. The "work" fades, but the impact of selfless service and new relationships lasts!

Let's keep washing the feet of others in the name of Jesus. It might involve picking up a paintbrush or a shovel or a needle & thread. It might involve a phone call to someone who is lonely or a prayer with a neighbor. It might involve meeting people you've never met or tutoring a struggling student this summer. Opportunities for service are all around us.

These opportunities open our eyes to our neighbors' needs. An act of service may also ignite a spark of service that lasts a lifetime. May this month's mission trip do both of these things in our teenagers' lives. Join me in praying that it does.

And all God's 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).

Stewardship Message from the Faith Leadership Board For April

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 15% unfavorable budget variance we experienced in envelope giving for April and resulted 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

April 2024	Voter Approved Budget	Actual	Variance from Budget	% Variance	Prior Year Actual
1st Sunday	\$8,000	\$6,100	(\$1,900)	-24%	\$7,532
2nd Sunday	\$8,000	\$5,900	(\$2,100)	-26%	\$6,283
3rd Sunday	\$7,000	\$4,426	(\$2,574)	-37%	\$4,663
4th Sunday	\$7,000	\$11,035	\$4,035	58%	\$3,489
5th Sunday	\$8,000	\$0	(\$8,000)	0%	\$0
Online Giving	\$20,000	\$21,708	\$1,708	9%	\$19,239
Festival Giving	\$4,500	\$3,705	(\$795)		\$4,221
Monthly Total	\$62,500	\$52,874	(\$9,626)	-15%	\$45,427
Year-to-Date Total	\$242,500	\$273,155	\$30,655	13%	\$212,369

Stewardship Message from the Faith Leadership Board For May

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FAITH'S STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE FOR PRIOR MONTH:

ENVELOPE GIVING

May 2024	Voter Approved Budget	Actual	Variance from Budget	% Variance	Prior Year Actual
1st Sunday	\$8,000	\$4,595	(\$3,405)	-43%	\$4,094
2nd Sunday	\$8,000	\$3,646	(\$4,354)	-54%	\$4,585
3rd Sunday	\$8,000	\$7,119	(\$881)	-11%	\$5,312
4th Sunday	\$8,000	\$2,760	(\$5,240)	-66%	\$9,122
5th Sunday	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	\$40,476
Online Giving	\$22,000	\$20,700	(\$1,300)	-6%	\$22,063
Festival Giving	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$200
Monthly Total	\$54,000	\$38,820	(\$15,180)	-28%	\$85,852
Year-to-Date Total	\$296,500	\$311,976	\$15,476	5%	\$298,221

Adult Education



There will be no Adult Education during the month of July! However, we will be celebrating fellowship by having a **Fellowship Hour** on **July 7th, 14th, & 28th** 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 office.

Upcoming in August! 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.



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 21st. 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. Sponsor forms are available on the counter in the office. The link to volunteer and/or donate to this year's event will be in the bulletin soon!

Missions is excited to be part of our Dancing Under the Stars adult prom on August 17th 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

Help Needed for an Important Mission

The Lutheran Laymen's League has been manning a booth at the New York State Fair in Syracuse for over 50 years. The booth offers free New Testaments, devotionals, children's literature, and numerous other Gospel resources to fair attendees.

Help is needed for booth staffing. Volunteers place items on the table, greet passersby, and offer items for free. One or two volunteer(s) typically staff the booth for 2-3 hour shifts. The cost of admission tickets and parking passes will be refunded. Can you volunteer for a day or a portion of one this year?

Open Times: 8-28 (Wed) 10am-9pm; 8-31 (Sat) 4pm-10 pm; 9-1 (Sun) 2pm-10pm; 9-2 (Mon) 4pm-9pm

If you have questions or are interested, please call the church office.



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>

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



Ready or not, summertime is upon us! I feel like there is so much to look forward to with all of these special events, and I hope you will be able to join us for some or all of them.

Thrive Wednesday worship services had a strong kick off and we look forward to the rest of them, hopefully to be outside if temperatures allow.

New Horizons Big Band Concert Sunday July 14th @ 4pm. This group is always a special treat to host. I am sure they will be excited to be on nice flat concrete this year. They play a variety of tunes from the Big Band Era that is sure to get you grooving.

New this year we will be hosting **Prevailing Winds** for a concert Sunday August 11 @ 4pm. They are a woodwind quartet that plays clarinets and saxophones of all shapes and sizes. They create their own arrangements that range in genre from Stevie Wonder, John Denver, American folk songs and more. I play with Brad Willard in the Irondequoit Concert Band, a very talented multi-instrumentalist fella, and I know this concert will be a real treat.

(Shameless plug: if you want to see us play with the Irondequoit Concert Band, our schedule can be found at irondequoitband.org)

If you haven't already, now is the time (for real, for real) to **register for VBS!** Volunteers are always needed, even if it is just for one day, your help will be welcomed.

Youth Led Worship following work camp will be July 21 – one service at 10am under the pavilion. This service is always special, hearing about their experiences and walking through the themes of the programming.

Fellowship Hours will be back this summer. Being able to relax and have a cup of coffee with your church family can be a form of Sabbath-ing that feeds your soul.

Looking ahead, I am excited for some concert opportunities that are being planned for this fall. Stay tuned for when all the details are released.

In regard to my colloquy classes things are still rolling along. I submitted the first round of my giant, final CUEnet paper, and now I have the comments for the re-writes. (Thankfully there aren't that many of those.) This summer I should have 2 more independent study classes related to worship philosophy and practices. At this time my final class is slated for the spring semester of 2025.

Every time I see that date I am a little sad because I had wanted to have all of these classes wrapped up sooner, but alas that's not up to me. Also, I've learned to trust God's timing again (for the millionth time) because even though I want to just slam away and get it over with, it would probably destroy me. There just aren't enough hours in the day for intensive classes, and also keeping the amount of family time I desire, and also work responsibilities, and oh wait.....sabbath rest. This widened schedule has allowed for rest and refreshment, which has allowed time for my brain to more fully digest the content.

As we move through this Summer of Blessings, find those bits of Sabbath time to sit and reflect on the blessings that God has given you.

Children's Ministry



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>

VBS is only a few short weeks away! Soon our entire church will be filled with the sounds of laughing children, worship songs and children learning about God's love for them!

We are still in need of some more volunteers. If you would like to help out please consider signing up to help out. Even if you can only help out a few days, we would still love your help! And bring your kids! There is always room for more kids at VBS! Let's pack this building full of kids!

Can't volunteer during the week but still want to help? **On Sunday August 4th** we will be having a combined service at 10:00 am to celebrate our amazing week at camp, and immediately following the service we will be having a picnic and carnival. We are in need of people to help us cook hot dogs, hand out food, scoop ice cream and run games. As well as set up and take down tables and chairs. If you are interested in helping please email me at vbs@faithpenfield.org.



I would like to give a **GIANT** and **VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Rita Harstad, Peggy Osenbach and Jill Bernhardt, this year's VBS planning team! Thank you to these three incredible women who have worked so hard to make this camp SO AWESOME! And thank you from the bottom of my heart to all our volunteers who give up a week (or more) of their summer to help make VBS possible! You are all amazing and this couldn't happen without you!

Can't wait to see you all in the Great Outdoors!!

Steph Johnson
VBS Director

Join us for **Rally Day**, a combined service on September 8th! Sunday School and Kids Time will resume on September 15th.

The Nursery will be open to children age birth-3 years old each Sunday over the Summer.



Parents of Young Children's group meets the 3rd Saturday of each month from 11:30am - 1:00pm. Lunch and childcare are provided. Contact Mark Harstad with any questions: mnh1alfred@gmail.com

Goings on at Faith

Men's Breakfast Group

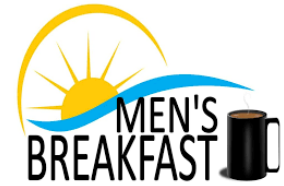
Join us as we start the day together in fellowship!

When: **Tuesday, July 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

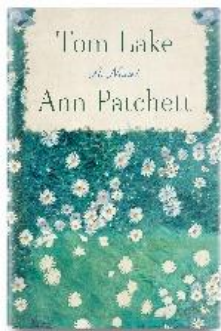


We will meet at 11:30 for lunch on **Friday, July 12th**. Everyone will pay their own bill. Donna Kaser will send out an email to let you know the specific restaurant. We will need to know if you are coming so we can alert the restaurant and have enough seats for everyone. ***If you are interested, please 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 or call or text 259-6488.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, July 8th** 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. Join us in the fall for another lively discussion. For more information contact Rae Usinger (585-738-9345 cell; 381-1391 home) or Barb Riethmeier (585-704-8459 cell).

*L.I.F.T.***JULY****SUNSET AND HOT DOG ROAST**

All are invited to join together **Saturday, July 13 , 5:30 pm**, at the Reschke home (283 Lake Road, Ontario, NY) and celebrate God's great outdoors as we gather around a roaring lakeside campfire and roast hot dogs, marshmallows, sing songs, play games and enjoy a fabulous sunset (weather permitting). Hot dogs, condiments, drinks and marshmallows provided. Bring a chair, an appetizer, salad or bar dessert. Sign up in the Concourse book.



Questions, see Stella or Don Reschke or email stellareschke@gmail.com

Camp Kuipers
Friday night (optional)-
Saturday, July 27th @ 11am



We'll gather together at
George & Jackie Kuiper's Camp
11865 Allen Road
Swain, NY

What to expect:

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



Bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share

Please RSVP by July 21st by email or sign up in the concourse book.
yacominakuipers@gmail.com
585-383-9144

Please call the church office should you need a ride or would like to carpool.



FLY

Thank you..

-To all of the youth who attended our Sunday Night FLY Finale last month! Many thanks to our awesome Youth Advisors for helping with the Finale! Thank you FLY for inviting and bringing friends to all of our FLY events this past school year!

2024 Group Mission Trip to Erie, PA

Please keep the following FLY workcampers in your prayers as they serve others in need alongside other youth groups from around the country in Erie, PA!

Irene Alello, Katie Aloï, Ava Bernhardt, Sarah Ebbecke, Mackenzie Hoad, Pastor Peter Johnson, Hailey Keller, Jolynn Keller, Bill McKee, McKayla Nolan, Jordan Poromon, Maxwell Poromon, Mari-Beth Schembri, Daniel Young, David Young, and Elizabeth Young

Workcamp Sponsorships

On July 7-13, 10 youth & 6 adults from Faith will be serving on a mission trip in Erie, PA! Many thanks to everyone who sponsored our workcampers! Sponsors can drop off their care package in the church office by Wednesday, July 3rd. Thank you for sponsoring and supporting our workcampers this summer!

Youth-led Worship Service – July 21 @ 10am under Faith's Pavilion!

Our workcampers will be leading an outdoor, combined worship service on Sunday, July 21st @ 10am. Our focus will be the workcamp theme of "Influencer" based on six different passages of Scripture. Join us for worship!

Influencer

Workcamp Sponsorship Picnic – July 21 @ Noon under Faith's Pavilion

Sponsors and othe Faith members are invited to a delicious **Sponsorship Picnic** on Sunday, July 21st at Noon under the pavilion at Faith. After lunch, our workcampers will be sharing pictures and stories from their mission trip in Erie!

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!

Experience Vacation Bible School at Faith!

July 29-Aug. 2 from 9am-Noon

Incoming 7th & 8th grade students - Register at this link be part of our AWESOME Jr. FLY VBS Class:
<https://faithpenfield.org/resources/vbs-registration>

Incoming 9th-12th grade & College students - Register at this link to help volunteer & help lead VBS:
<https://faithpenfield.org/resources/vbs-volunteer-registration>

FLY Internship Opportunity!

Have you ever wanted to serve and grow as a Christian leader in FLY? Are you interested in leading Bible studies or planning FLY events? If so, pray about applying to be a FLY Intern for 6 months starting this September or next March. Pastor Peter and the Youth Advisors want to provide high school youth leadership opportunities to grow in their God-given gifts and abilities. Additional details can be found in the internship application starting July 1st on our FLY webpage:

<https://faithpenfield.org/ministries/youth> Application deadline is July 31st. Talk to Pastor Peter if you have any questions. Or talk to our current interns for their insights: Madison Deutsch & Hailey Keller.

FLY Hang Times are back!

Come connect with your friends at our FLY Hang Time this summer! Each Hang Time will take place from 12:30-2pm (Dates: Aug. 11 & 25; Location: TBA). Open to all youth entering 7th grade through college students.

***Save the Date: Tuesday, Sept. 10 will be our annual FLY Info Meeting**

****7th grade students & parents are invited to attend – other FLYers can attend, too.**

**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 8th 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 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!

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).

Mark Your Calendars...

July 29-Aug. 2 – Vacation Bible School!
Aug. 11 – Hang Time
Aug. 25 – Hang Time
Sept. 1 – 9th Grade Confirmation Project Meeting
Sept. 8 – Hot Dog/Burger FUNdraiser
Sept. 8 – Sunday Night FLY Kick-off!
Sept. 10 – 7th Gr. FLY Info Meeting
Sept. 15 – 7th & 8th 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

**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 this month are U.S.A.(Bike)Week, Arts and Crafts Week, Carnival Week, and Messy Week.

Our Bible Stories for July are Jesus is Coming, Noah's Ark, A Bride for Isaac, and Joseph's Colorful Robe.

The Bible words of the month are Eternal, Promises, Family, and Colorful.

This Summer, The Good Knights will be working through a devotional called Sticky Situation. They will be using the outdoor chapel for some of their daily devotions.

Our character trait and word of the month are Independence/U.S.A.

FCCNS will be closed on July 4th. Happy 4th of July.



I love a good celebration, and to be able to celebrate the things and people that I love makes the celebration even more special. The Fourth of July is one of my favorites. I remember growing up sitting on the side of the road by my parent's shop on Titus Avenue eating a bomb pop watching the fourth of July Parade all decked out in red, white and blue. I loved cheering for our military who were marching, not quite knowing why, but all the adults were cheering so I did too. Then I grew up and realized why it was so important to cheer for them, our heroes in uniform. It is because of them we can celebrate our country's freedom. In 1984 a song came out by Lee Greenwood called "God Bless the USA" and it quickly became like a 2nd anthem for our country. Every time I hear it, a feeling of pride sweeps over me because I am proud to be an American and I love this country and pray that God continues to bless it.

This year as we sit to watch the parade and gather for picnics and watch fireworks, remember that there is an even greater freedom we all share and that is freedom from sin and death. On Easter Sunday Jesus rose from the dead and won. As much as I love the trumpet fanfare on Easter Sunday, wouldn't it be awesome to have fireworks celebrating our Lord's victory and because of Him our victory too.

Happy Freedom y'all may we always remember what it costs and thank all those who gave it to us.

Faith Child Care & Nursery School
Year to Date Income & Expenses Compared to Budget
As of 5/31/2024

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance	Prior YTD	Board Approved 2024 Budget
Operating Income					
Fees	396,616	405,308	(8,692)	362,184	938,558
Interest/Misc./Other	10,721	10,125	596	8,855	36,433
Total Operating Income	<u>407,338</u>	<u>415,433</u>	<u>(8,095)</u>	<u>371,039</u>	<u>974,991</u>
Expenses:					
Program	17,291	19,926	2,635	17,756	47,261
Employee Related	342,861	347,631	4,770	304,761	834,008
Property & Equipment	24,446	27,597	3,150	24,082	65,192
Supplies	6,015	5,850	(165)	6,242	14,000
Operating Expenses	<u>390,614</u>	<u>401,003</u>	<u>10,390</u>	<u>352,842</u>	<u>960,461</u>
Net Operating Income (Loss)	16,724	14,430	2,295	18,197	14,530
PPP Loan Forgiveness Grant				5,474	
Total Other Income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,474</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>16,724</u>	<u>14,430</u>	<u>2,295</u>	<u>23,671</u>	<u>14,530</u>

End of May 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

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Thank you for your continued participation and support!



Faith Lutheran Church
Year to Date Income & Expenses Compared to Budget
As of 4/30/2024

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance	Prior YTD	Voter Approved 2024 Budget
Operating Income					
Envelope Offering/Plate Cash	275,848	244,400	31,448	214,944	672,000
FCCNS Facility Cost Sharing	8,333	8,333	(0)	8,333	25,000
Fund Distribution-Endowment	0	0	0	0	8,000
Interest/Misc./Other	3,698	4,000	(302)	4,106	13,300
Total Operating Income	<u>287,879</u>	<u>256,733</u>	<u>31,146</u>	<u>227,383</u>	<u>718,300</u>
Expenses:					
Education	4,310	5,500	1,190	4,770	18,450
Employee Related	123,205	133,199	9,994	148,454	442,911
Mission & Outreach	11,860	20,442	8,581	19,366	67,300
Music	2,569	3,575	1,006	2,383	6,150
Other Expense	2,161	3,150	989	2,725	11,750
Property	52,434	55,717	3,284	45,379	150,040
Supplies	9,623	9,942	319	8,048	30,695
Operating Expenses	<u>206,161</u>	<u>231,524</u>	<u>25,363</u>	<u>231,126</u>	<u>727,296</u>
Net Operating Income (Loss)	<u>81,718</u>	<u>25,209</u>	<u>56,509</u>	<u>(3,743)</u>	<u>(8,996)</u>

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.
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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.

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Endowment Fund:

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As of 5/31/2024

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance	Prior YTD	Voter Approved 2024 Budget
Operating Income					
Envelope Offering/Plate Cash	314,885	298,800	16,085	301,172	672,000
FCCNS Facility Cost Sharing	10,417	10,417	(0)	10,417	25,000
Fund Distribution-Endowment	0	0	0	0	8,000
Interest/Misc./Other	4,065	5,000	(935)	4,129	13,300
Total Operating Income	329,366	314,217	15,150	315,718	718,300
Expenses:					
Education	6,764	6,925	161	5,247	18,450
Employee Related	154,017	169,801	15,784	184,971	442,911
Mission & Outreach	16,987	25,271	8,284	21,736	67,300
Music	2,569	3,825	1,256	2,755	6,150
Other Expense	2,569	4,050	1,481	3,176	11,750
Property	63,873	68,971	5,098	57,286	150,040
Supplies	11,359	12,465	1,105	9,981	30,695
Operating Expenses	258,139	291,307	33,169	285,151	727,296
Net Operating Income (Loss)	71,227	22,909	48,318	30,567	(8,996)

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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.

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

Friendly
Reminders

***Special Dedications:**

****The new flowers & planters in our courtyard** are dedicated by the family of *Hans & Jeanne Kurzik* in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary!

****New communion boxes to the home** have been gifted to the church in memory and thanksgiving for *Pastor and Esther Saresky* who have been such a blessing to Faith.

Bulletins Received from Members Worshiping Away from Home:

- **Trinity Lutheran Church** Brewster, MA Elisabeth Mangerian (6/9/24)

Births:

- **Twins Christian & Winter Weise** (5/30/24), grandchildren of Joan Weise

Baptisms:

- **Anna & Ava Lach** (6/9/24), children of Mike & Amanda Lach

- **Leo German** (6/23/24), son of Geoff & Katie (Hannah) German; grandson of Dale & Nancy Hannah

Holy Matrimony:

- **Austin Bouse to Samantha Price** (5/25/24), daughter of Paul & Barbara Price; granddaughter of Elisabeth Mangerian

- **Jason Gerlach to Andrea Saitta** (6/1/24), son of John & Kay Gerlach

Called to Glory:

- **Terry Klause** (5/5/24), union brother of Ed Lindskoog

- **Ronald Hillyer**, union brother of Ed Lindskoog

- **Pat Lindskoog** (5/7/24), cousin's wife of Ed Lindskoog

- **Gary Spoelhof** (5/11/24), uncle of Cathy Lindskoog

- **Alfred Pulcino III** (5/11/24), union brother of Ed Lindskoog

- **Brian Benamati** (5/26/24) close friend of Steve Welk

- **Reba Spencer** (5/26/24), aunt of Jon & Jenny Ottman

- **Joann Ophardt** (5/30/24), cousin of Laurie Ebbecke

- **Roy Morse** (6/1/24), uncle of Noreen Crouse

- **Joan Anderson** (6/5/24), stepmother of Lisa Sykes

- **Diane Kochendorfer** (6/14/24), mother of Michael Trojan

- **Tracey Weber** (6/15/24), cousin of Penny Weber

- **Harold (Hack) Marchant** (6/15/24), friend of Wayne & Bonnie Samuels

- **Keith Ebbecke** (6/16/24), brother-in-law of Laurie Ebbecke

- **Scott Menzies** (6/16/24), cousin of Penny Wheeler

- **Margaret Morse** (6/21/24), aunt of Noreen Crouse

- **Sylvia Maynard Elder** (6/22/24), aunt of Dianne Christensen

Two Job Opportunities at Faith!

FINANCE MANAGER

The Finance Manager has the responsibility to ensure the financial operations are processed and reported with accuracy and integrity. The position requires forward-thinking and a propensity to handle shifting technologies well. Responsibilities include the oversight and management of all financial areas, including accounting, budgeting, forecasting, analysis, reporting, financial services, contract management and compliance.



Time commitment: 30 hrs/wk (Flexible hours)

Salary: \$25-\$35 per hour, contingent upon education and experience. Read more in the job description.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Until the position is filled.

FINANCE SUPPORT SPECIALIST

The Finance Support Specialist/Administrative Assistant will play a vital role in the Church's shared financial services operations by processing and recording the organization's expense transactions, maintaining the weekly offering deposits in the collection's database, and provide administrative support to the staff. He/She must be self-motivated, flexible, with a high level of integrity and possess the ability to work in a highly collaborative environment.

Time commitment: 20 hrs/wk (Flexible hours)

Salary: \$18-\$20 per hour, contingent upon education and experience. Read more in the job description.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Until the position is filled.

**If you or someone you know is interested in applying for these positions, please complete the application packet (located in Faith's Concourse or online at faithpenfield.org) and return it to the Church Office (2576 Browncroft Blvd, Rochester, NY 14625) as indicated on the Application for Employment.*

**More information can be found at: faithpenfield.org/resources/job-opportunities*

**Please contact Pastor Peter Johnson at peter@faithpenfield.org for additional information.*

Birthdays

1	Thomas Hanss	9	Jason Gerlach	21	Mildred Bundschuh
	Thomas Hutchings		Martin Hardsiky		Daisy Mitchell
2	Jacob Wilson		Owen Launer	22	Maisey Uhlman
3	Matthew Bernhardt	11	Reid Hynes		Ryan Wilson
	Madeline Osovski	12	Candice Gallina	23	Nancy Alvut
	Isabella Spencer		Barbara Riethmeier		Ruth Behnfeldt
	Michael Steiner	15	Mason Deutsch		Torrence Couture
4	Kay Gerlach		Peter Mangerian		Zachary Hoffman
5	Hans Kurzik		Mary Schutte		Ray McLean
	Joy Longhenry		Lincoln Wood	24	Ralph Harstad
	Renee Ostberg	16	Sam Hartley	25	Robert Welk
6	Elisabeth Vogl	17	Savanna Launer	27	Lisa Harrington
7	Kaitlynn Aloï		Diane Van Auken	28	Mackenzie Hoad
	Constance Humphries		Tim Vogl	29	Grant Johnson
8	Stephen Ford	18	Barbara Hyde		James Pilosi
	Carol Keeler		June Leibring		Janise Pilosi
	Alexandra Spencer		Yvonne Saner	30	Timothy Gerlach
		19	Michael Duckles		Julie Hynes
			Mary Ann Maschoff		Taylor Saunders-Garrett
		20	Kristen Messner	31	Don Reschke













Wedding Anniversaries

1	Jack & Karen Finkle	12	Richard & Sandy Hoffarth
3	Darren & Erica Hernandez	14	Anthony & Chris Loperfido
4	William & Barbara Krenzer	15	James & Kristen Messner
6	Robert & Jane Coryea	18	Walter & Gerri Maurer
	Jon & Jennifer Ottman	21	William & Sara Love
7	Ralph & Beth Harstad	22	Mark & Liz Wood
	John & Carrie Schembri	24	Paul VanHorn & Beth Camann
8	William & Kristin Mosko	26	Stephen & Carrie Ford
9	Michael & Jordan Marsh-Lindskoog	29	Benjamin & Megan Hoffman
10	Patrick & Samy Gerlach	30	Larry & Dianne Longhenry
	Austin & Rebecca Lazzaro		Christopher & Victoria Wood

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INCREDIBLY
grateful
UNBELIEVABLY
blessed

July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Fellowship 10:00am Workcamp departure 10:45am Contemporary Worship	1:30pm Prayer Shawl (CmRm) Workcamp @ Erie, PA	7:00am Men's Breakfast (Browncroft Diner) 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 1:00pm Worship @ The Addition	10:00am Church Staff 6:00pm Worship 	Church Office/FCCNS Closed 		
7 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Fellowship 10:45am Contemporary Worship 4:00pm New Horizons Jazz Concert (Pavilion)	8 1:30pm Prayer Shawl (CmRm) Workcamp @ Erie, PA	9 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 4:00pm Stephen Ministry (CmRm)	10 10:00am Church Staff 6:00pm Worship 	11 9:30am Property Team (CmRm)	12 11:30am SOLA Lunch	13 1:00pm Fiddlers Rehearsal (MusicRm) 5:30pm LIFT Event Hot Dog Roast (Reschkes)
14 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Fellowship 10:45am Contemporary Worship 4:00pm New Horizons Jazz Concert (Pavilion)	15 8:00am Joseph Guild 10:00am Flower City Rug Hook Group (CmRm) Workcamp @ Erie, PA	16 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 1:00pm Worship @ The Addition 7:00pm FLB Mtg (CmRm)	17 10:00am Church Staff 6:00pm Worship 	18 7:00pm Youth Advisors Mtg	19 Workcamp @ Erie, PA	20 Workcamp @ Erie, PA Arrival
21 PAVILION DEDICATION <i>Youth Led Worship In the Pavilion</i> 10:00am Combined Worship 12:00pm Sponsorship Picnic  Serving God By Serving Others	22	23 10:30am FCCNS Chapel	24 10:00am Church Staff 6:00pm Worship 	25	26	27 11:00am LIFT Event @ "Kuipers Camp" 
28 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Fellowship 10:45am Contemporary Worship 12:00pm VBS Pizza/Set Up	29 9:00am-12:00pm VBS 	30 9:00am-12:00pm VBS 	31 9:00am-12:00pm VBS 			

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