

Faith Notes

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Happy June!

Debt-Free Celebration JUNE 9TH
with cake @ 9:35 a.m. outdoors

New Wednesday Evening Worship Services JUNE 19TH - AUGUST 28TH

FCCNS Picnic JUNE 19TH

Sunday Fellowship Hour

L.I.F.T. Events

Sunset & Hot Dog Roast at the Reschke Residence JUNE 22ND
Kuipers Camp in Swain, NY JULY 27TH

Community Concerts

New Horizons Jazz Ensemble JULY 14TH

Pavilion Dedication JULY 21ST

Youth-led Worship Service & Sponsorship Picnic JULY 21ST

“The Great Outdoors” Vacation Bible School JULY 29TH – AUGUST 2ND
Register online today at: faithpenfield.org

VBS Sunday AUGUST 4TH

“Dancing Under the Stars” Adult Prom AUGUST 17TH

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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



“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light,” -1 Peter 2:9.

Dr. Dale Meyer, a former President of Concordia Seminary and Lutheran Hour Speaker, is known for saying, “It’s a great time to be the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ!” I heard him say it often when I was at the seminary, and he has included the phrase in many sermons and articles over the years. It’s a great time to be the Church! But why is that true?

We are living in a historic and remarkable time in our society today. We are starting to see how Artificial Intelligence is changing daily life, quantum computing is becoming a reality (Google that later), social media is affecting the political landscape and the mental health of people – especially teens, wars are waging around the world, education models are shifting due to many changes caused by the pandemic, and so many other changes are affecting the daily lives of people around the world. It can be a scary time. It can be an anxious time. But is it really a great time to be the Church amidst all these changes and issues in society?

Yes.

There will always be changes, issues, wars, dilemmas, darkness, and hurt in the world. I’m not minimizing those things at all. Real people are wrestling with real pain and so many real issues today. And perhaps you are, too.

And so, Jesus enters the scene, because God cares about every person and issue we face. “The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it,” John 1:5. In the middle of all the challenges and pain in this world, there is hope found in Christ. He provides the Way to God that is one of forgiveness, peace, humble service, and love. He brings the greatness of the Kingdom of God down to Earth and into the hearts of those who believe and trust in Him. And you are part of His Kingdom – His priesthood of all believers – His holy nation - His Church!

And He welcomes YOU into His Church! He sets His table for you and invites you to His Supper! He forgives you! He builds your faith in Him through His Word! He gifts you with other believers to walk through life with you! And He sends you out to proclaim His Gospel with the world He created!

And His Church will continue to proclaim this Gospel hope until Christ comes again! 1 Peter 2:9 highlights the identity and purpose of the Church, emphasizing that we are chosen and called to proclaim Jesus Christ to the world!

It’s a great time to be the Church because we have a unique and powerful mission.
It’s a great time to be Faith Lutheran Church because YOU are part of it & GOD is at work through YOU!

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

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 46% favorable variance from budgeted envelope giving for March resulting in a favorable year-to-date variance of 22%. 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."

Message from the Finance Team

Please be aware that the Finance Team agreed to delay the distribution of the April financials until we have completed the migration of our financial records from Intuit's Quickbooks Desktop financial software to Quickbooks Online. We are pursuing this migration as a part of FLB's directive to update and streamline our finance tasks and reporting. This move is also in response to Intuit's initiative to move all clients to the online version of their Quickbooks software as they are phasing out and ending support for the desktop version in the near future. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we make this upgrade to our accounting software and financial reporting process.



Adult Education



Learn what it means to be chosen with "The Chosen," an interactive Bible study presented by Michelle Koles and Peggy Osenbach. We'll watch clips of Season 1 and find ways to turn from gray fish into teal fish!

Join us on Sundays @ 9:45 a.m. in the Auditorium

From the Mission Board

The Missions Team has been working on ways to involve more Faith members in Missions. We are going to be working with a few new Mission partners in the community:



***Adaptt Rochester** is an organization serving the homeless population and their needs

***Bethlehem Family Services** helps families facing homelessness and has two homes to help transition families to more permanent housing



***Nucor House** serves veterans facing hard times

Look for more information in the next few weeks about how Faith can help each of these organizations.

In addition, I am excited to say, there will be **church wide service projects** during the education hour throughout the year. The first will be in October and Missions will take charge of this one. Future projects will hopefully be run by other groups within the church with Missions offering guidance and funds if needed.

There is going to be an **Adult Prom on August 17th** at Faith's Pavilion. It will be open to anyone 18 or older. The theme is "Dancing Under the Stars" and it will be a fun evening to dance, visit, and enjoy some great fellowship!



Our annual **Rise Against Hunger** event is Saturday September 21st!! We will be packaging over 40,000 meals to help end global hunger. The sign up and sponsorship information will be available by June 15th!

The Missions Team is excited for the many ways God leads us to serve and help in His name; and for the people and resources to show His love to those in need. Thank you for supporting all we do.

In His Name,

Marguerite McKee, Missions Team chair



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>

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.

HELP PROVIDE TREATS FOR PAVILION WORKERS



There are typically 8-10 workers on the premises each weekday constructing the Pavilion. We would like to help shine God's Light on them by providing treats to show our appreciation for what they are doing to help expand the ministries of Faith.

If you would like to join in this effort, please sign up in the concourse.

(Treats can be left in the main office labeled for the pavilion workers and will be put in the vestibule each day.)



Help Mulch Church Plant Beds (weather permitting)

Help is needed to place mulch around the church building on **June 1st from 10:00am to 12:00pm.**

Men, Women, and Youth are needed to spread the mulch on the beds around the building. The mulch will be dumped in several piles on the pavement that will need to be taken by wheelbarrow and dumped and spread. Please bring a shovel and rake and wear appropriate clothing. Two wheelbarrows are in the garage but bring your own if you can. **Please sign up in the concourse if you plan on helping.** Please call the church office with any questions.



Feeling Like You Only Know Darkness?

"Once I knew only darkness and stillness. My life was without past or future but a little word from the fingers of another fell into my hand that clutched at emptiness and my heart leaped to the rapture of living."

—Helen Keller

You may be feeling darkness in your life due to health issues, loneliness, stress, divorce, family issues or financial problems. Experiencing depression is a serious problem for so many in our community. Establishing a confidential relationship with a trusted person allows you to 'talk out' your problems and find the light and joy you deserve. The goal of Stephen Ministry is to bring Christ's love to those who long for it. Stephen Ministers want to be a light in your life.

If you desire a Christian friend to walk alongside you during a difficult time, please contact the church office, Nancy Hammond (381-6968) or Jackie Welk (749-7343) for more information or to be paired up with a compassionate Stephen Minister.



*Great things He hath taught us; great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus, the Son.
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory great things He hath done!*

In the midst of everything, I did something new. I shipped off my very first commissioned composition! Honestly, something I never thought I would do.

When I was younger I wrote a lot of stuff, some of it poetic, some of it just blathering teenage angst – had to go somewhere, so to paper it went. Every once in awhile I would try to set something to music and it fell woefully short. Mostly, I could hear some really interesting things in my mind, but all of those notes and sounds seemed to be between the cracks of the piano keys and out of reach. So after not trying that hard, I gave up on it. And I'm ok with that. We all can't be good at everything – we each have our own vocations and sets of skills that we are geared for, and I figured music writing wasn't for me.

During the plague one of the ways I was able to assist other churches and educational entities was to make recordings. Mostly it was on the piano, and a select few on the organ. Through WALi (Worship Arts Leadership Initiative) I have been networked with a pool of other church workers of all types, and some of them needed help. With the tech we have available in the sanctuary, I was able to easily make recordings to assist sister congregations and make their worship during a difficult time more special.

More recently, I was contacted by one of the people I had helped, and they were scouting someone to write a flute descant for the 150th anniversary celebration of a small church in Nebraska. I was non-committal at first (for all the reasons I discussed in my last article), but I decided it would be the right thing to hear them out. What happened next is what I would call Divine Inspiration – the hymn that this congregation wanted the descant for was “To God Be the Glory”. This hymn is near and dear to me because I can remember vividly singing it with my Mom and brother in worship in several churches. As soon as I read the message with the hymn tune, some 16th note flourishes dropped in my head that just would not leave. After a few sessions of sitting on the floor in our craft room, I made something new, this descant for this congregation. It was debuted in mid-May and was very well received, and I hope it continues to bring joy at their official 150th celebration to come later.

I always find it beautiful when I can see the Body of Christ moving and creating connections and opportunities to serve each other. I never, ever, ever would have thought that I could write something like this, and no less write it for another congregation. I am thankful for the Holy Spirit carrying me through that project, because otherwise – it would have been impossible.

May you find new opportunities to serve others around you, and let the Holy Spirit continue to empower you. It makes for an unexpected and beautiful ride.

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>

We are in need of volunteers for VBS!

Calling all High School Students & Adults!

We need YOUR help with Vacation Bible School this July 29-Aug. 2 from 9am-Noon at Faith! We need help in so many areas to make it a successful week for so many children in our community! Register online at: faithpenfield.org/resources/vbs-volunteer-registration.

Please contact our VBS Director, Stephanie Johnson (vbs@faithpenfield.org) if you have any questions.

If you are a Thrivent Member and would like to request a grant to help offset the cost of supplies for VBS, please contact our VBS Director, Steph Johnson at: vbs@faithpenfield.org

Kidz Konnect: Thank you you to the 4th-6th graders and their families who helped clean up the Playscape area for FCCNS students! We had a great time connecting with one another while participating in a community service project. We will resume Kids Konnect in the fall.



Thank you! To our Sunday School Volunteers! Each Sunday, many people volunteer their time to work with the children at Faith. This includes (but is not limited to) working in the nursery, Kid's Time, and Sunday School. This ministry would not be able to occur without you! We (and all of our children) cannot thank you enough. The last day of Sunday School and Kids Time will be June 23rd. The Nursery will be available on Sundays throughout the Summer.

Goings on at Faith

Men's Breakfast Group

Join us as we start the day together in fellowship!

When: **Tuesday, June 4th @ 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, June 14th**. 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, June 10th** 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.



The Dorcas Group is meeting on **Thursday June 13th** at 11:30 am in the Community Room. 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

The Parents of Young Children group will meet on Saturday, June 15th at 11:30am. Please email Mark Harstad at mnh1alfred@gmail.com to RSVP or for more info about the group.



L.I.F.T.

JUNE

SUNSET AND HOT DOG ROAST

All are invited to join together **Saturday, June 22, 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



SAVE THE DATE!

JULY

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.

yacominakupers@gmail.com

585-383-9144

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



Thank you..

-To everyone who supported and volunteered at our Cinnamon Roll FUNdraiser last Sunday! Over \$500 was raised for our teens who will be serving at Group Work Camp in Erie, PA in July!
 -To Liz Wood and Rebecca Lazzaro for leading the Bible Study on mental health over the past few months!

Jr. & Sr. FLY Sunday Morning Class

7th-12th grade students are invited to a combined class with adults through June 2 in the Auditorium @ 9:45am. The class is a Bible Study series on "The Chosen" TV series! We'll end the school year with a **FLY Breakfast** on June 9 at 10am in the FLY Room!

Sunday Night FLY FINALE - June 9 @ 7-9pm

Invite your friends to our huge end-of-the-year party on Sunday, June 9! We're going to enjoy outdoor games and a campfire w/ s'mores & hot dogs! Meet in our church's back field for this final Sunday Night FLY of the school year!



FLY Senior Dinner - June 12 @ 6:30pm @ Salena's Mexican Restaurant

High school seniors, you're invited to a special dinner with the Youth Advisors! We want to celebrate YOU and we thank God for YOU and your accomplishments! Please RSVP to Pastor Peter by Sunday, June 2.

Senior Sunday - June 16

All high school seniors are invited to attend either worship service (8:30 or 10:45) to be recognized and congratulated! The Youth Advisors will present each senior with a new self-study Bible during the services. The congregation will also pray for the seniors as they embark on a new journey!

Congratulations to our High School Graduates!

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord smile upon you and be gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace!

Joseph Alello
 Nicholas Bennett
 Elizabeth Ford
 Francesca Foster
 Nicholas Gallina
 Maya Hardisky
 Reid Hynes
 Shane McDonough
 Amelia Natemeier
 Norah Ostberg
 Ryan Quigley
 Lucy Resch
 Adam Schembri
 Sophia Shortino
 Ava Siracusa
 Eve Smith
 Morgan Szydlowski
 Will Withall
 Abigail Wood
 Daniel Young
 Jason Bradbury

NEW Summer Fellowship Opportunity!

Starting June 16, FLY will be meeting at church (instead of Dunkin') throughout the summer from 9:45-10:40am! We are looking for families to bring some food for the youth group (e.g. breakfast pizza, cereal, donuts, etc...). Sign-up on the FLY bulletin board today. Thanks!

Workcamp Sponsorships

On July 7-13, 10 youth & 6 adults from Faith will be serving on a mission trip in Erie, PA! You can help sponsor a workcamper by signing up on June 16th, 23rd, or 30th. A suggested donation of \$50 may be given at the sign-up table on those dates. Sponsors can pick-up an empty plastic tub from the sign-up table to fill with treats as a care package for their sponsored workcamper. 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!

Final Workcamp Info Meeting – Sunday, June 30 @ 12:30pm @ Mari-Beth's Home

Attention Workcampers: Be sure you and a parent attend our **FINAL Workcamp Meeting on Sun, June 30th @ 12:30pm @ MB's home** (99 Panorama Trail). We'll go over the final itinerary, packing list, tool list, and other trip details. Please bring a dish to pass by last name: A-J bring a salad; K-N bring a starch; P-Y bring a dessert. Thanks!

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 other 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!

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>

New Couches are coming to the FLY Room!

Many thanks to Elizabeth Young and the rest of our Youth Advisors for researching and ordering new couches for our FLY Room! Our current couches have been around for 14+ years and are broken & falling apart. The new sectional couches are modular, so we can easily rearrange the room based on our needs and events! The new couches should arrive soon!



**Thank you to all who donated toward our FLY Special Gifts over the years to help make this happen!*

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](#).

Mark Your Calendars...

July 7-13 – Group Workcamp in Erie, PA

July 29-Aug. 2 – “The Great Outdoors” Vacation Bible School

Aug. 11 – FLY Hang Time

Aug. 25 – FLY Hang Time

**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/>

*“Don't shine so others can see you,
shine so that through you, others can
see Him.”*

C.S. Lewis



Faith Child Care and Nursery School (FCCNS)

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

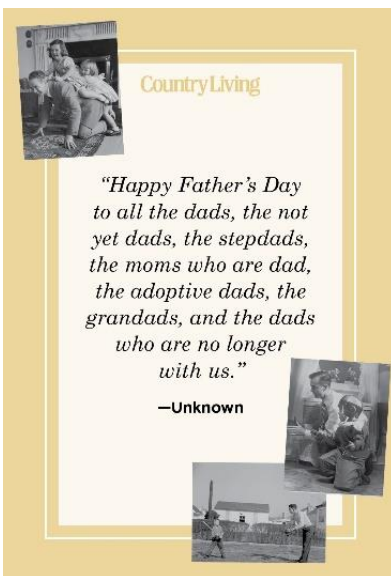
Our Themes for this month are Father's Day and Summer

Our Bible stories are: Jesus Returns, A Net Full of Fish, Jesus Goes to Heaven, Paul: A Changed Man

Our words of the week are Believe, Net, Ascend and Changed.

Our character trait is Honest.

- Donuts with Dad June 14th at Drop off
- The Good Knight's Musical "Peter Pan" is June 14th at 5:30 pm in the Auditorium. All are welcome.
- FCCNS's Annual End of Year Picnic is on Wednesday, June 19th from 5-7pm.
- Our Firefly Graduation will be on Thursday, June 20th at 4pm. They will be dressed in caps and gowns.
- The year end classroom celebrations will take place the week of June 17th -21st.
- The Good Knights will be here all day June 19th. Their last day of school is June 21st.
- The first day of summer session is June 24th.



We have a lot to celebrate this month at FCCNS. We get to honor our dads and thank them for helping us build our lives. There are things our dads or dad like figures teach us that no one else can - like how not to freak out when they throw you ten feet in the air, how to keep your balance after being spun around twenty times, how to fix things or find that tiny screw he just dropped in the garage, how to work smarter not harder, how to relax after a long day, and how to love our moms. They also teach us how to be brave and step out of our comfort zone because even if we fall, they would be there to catch us. Our heavenly Father is like that too. He wants us to know that He will always be there for us. He can't always prevent bad things from happening but when they do, He will be there holding us up, helping us not to fall. Happy Father's Day to all the dads and dad like figures out there, relax and enjoy your day!

We also get to celebrate our graduates this month. Our Pre-Schoolers graduate on June 20th. Every year FCCNS celebrates this milestone in the lives of our students. It is an honor to watch them walk across the stage ready for their next adventure: Kindergarten. We know they are ready, but it is still hard to let them go. But, oh the places they will go. Lord, please watch over them and keep them safe and help them to shine your light into this world. We also want to recognize some of our staff members who are graduating this month. Elizabeth Ford graduates from Webster Schroeder H.S. and will attend SUNY Geneseo; Ben Horvath graduates from Webster Thomas H.S. and will attend SUNY Oneonta;



Noelle Sahloff graduated from Nazareth College in May; and Meghan Connolly received her CDA in May. Congratulations to all our graduates! May God watch over you in your future endeavors. And finally, with a grateful yet somewhat sad heart we honor Pat Pucci who will retire after almost 35 years at FCCNS. How do you measure a life well lived. I believe Ralph Waldo Emerson said it best when he wrote:



What Is Success

To laugh often and much;
To win the respect of intelligent people and
the affection of children;
To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure
the betrayal of false friends;
To appreciate beauty;
To find the best in others;
To give of one's self;
To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child,
a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition;
To have played and laughed with enthusiasm and
sung with exultation;
To know even one life has breathed easier because you
have lived -
This is to have succeeded.

It is impossible to count the number of lives Pat Pucci has touched in her almost 35 years of teaching. But the ripple effect that she has had on her students, coworkers and community are felt every day and will continue to be a part of the fabric of what makes FCCNS so special. Thank you for your dedication, love and for teaching us all how to live a life for Jesus. Well done good and faithful servant. You will be missed. May God bless you as you embark on this new adventure.

Happy June everyone!



**Faith Child Care & Nursery School
Year to Date Income & Expenses Compared to Budget
As of 4/30/2024**

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance	Prior YTD	Board Approved 2024 Budget
Operating Income					
Fees	323,418	331,616	(8,198)	277,384	938,558
Interest/Misc./Other	9,124	8,109	1,015	7,483	36,433
Total Operating Income	332,542	339,725	(7,183)	284,867	974,991
Expenses:					
Program	14,355	16,026	1,671	14,109	47,261
Employee Related	271,145	274,822	3,677	241,201	834,008
Property & Equipment	19,028	22,497	3,469	19,312	65,192
Supplies	4,917	4,700	(217)	4,798	14,000
Operating Expenses	309,446	318,046	8,600	279,420	960,461
Net Operating Income (Loss)	23,096	21,679	1,417	5,448	14,530
PPP Loan Forgiveness Grant				4,379	
Total Other Income	0	0	0	4,379	0
Net Surplus (Deficit)	23,096	21,679	1,417	9,827	14,530

End of April enrollment 73 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!



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.

July Faith Notes Articles due Friday, June 21st and should be directed to our Church Secretary, Kris Cronk (secretary@faithpenfield.org). Thank you!

Births:

-**Alexandra Ann McEwen** (5/22/24), daughter of Tommy & Christina McEwen, granddaughter of TJ & Kathy McEwen, great-granddaughter of Ann McEwen

Called to Glory:

- **Ruth Uecker** (4/22/24), great-aunt of Pastor Peter
- **Walter Bauer** (4/30/24), father of Cheri Pratt
- **William Wendland** (5/2/24), longtime member and friend to many
- **Gary Connolly** (5/4/24), uncle of Dan & Lori Connolly
- **Joe Caccamise** (5/6/24), coworker of Sunny Poromon
- **Pearl Neumann** (5/9/24), aunt of Lori Connolly
- **Sandra Derrick** (5/9/24), cousin of Gail Sudore
- **Frieda Hanna** (5/10/24), friend of Cheryl Speisman
- **Gary Spoelhof** (5/11/24), uncle of Cathy Lindskoog



- Donald Vanselow (5/12/24), friend of Marguerite McKee
- Florence Trautmann (5/13/24), grandmother of Emily Gerlach
- Iris Mercik (5/19/24), longtime friend of the Hammond Family
- Brother-in-law of the Calhoun Family, friends of the Kulps

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	John McDonough Elisabeth Price	12	Caroline Alvut Linda Collins	20	Jameson Fore Jamison Nuijens
2	Justin Bird Reagan Coles Meghan Gregory Christopher McLean Michael Thompson Jeff Welk Heather Withall	13	Nicholas Bennett Cameron Cerveny	22	Karen Vogl Easton Wooden Geoffrey Launer
4	Marilyn Falzone	14	Genevieve Foster Joan Quigley Sophia Shortino Eric Sykes	23	Richard Testa James Wooden Elisa Capozzi Lance Schultz
5	Michael Gerlach Rebecca Lazzaro Jenna Olbermann Maxwell Poromon Abigail Shortino	15	Oliver Doty Carrie Ford Todd Nadritch	24	Jennifer Twomey Luke Vogt Ellen Smurthwaite Michael Trojian
7	Peter Ostberg	16	Heike Kleine	25	Coty Alberti Carrie Schembri
8	Allison Ebbecke	18	Mary Bohn Nancy Coughlin Tommy McEwen	26	Kimberley Albert Erica Hutch Kathleen McCarthy Dianne Schaumberg Diane Wagner
9	Joan Moeller Karen Nitschke Paula Reitz Jaelyne Twomey	19	Rev Richard Pape Matthew Ruffell	27	Richard Feasel David Schutte
10	Vicki Arcieri Daniel Kaser Gerri Maurer			28	Edward Saresky
11	Doris Adamek Joseph Twomey			29	Morgan Harrington
				30	Shawn Carpenter Kimberly Ebbecke



Wedding Anniversaries

4	Kenneth & Sharon Kiellach Mark & Melissa Maschoff	18	Mark & Rita Harstad
5	Jacob & Connie Voycheck	19	Geoffrey & Kristen Launer
8	Michael & Melissa McNaughton Mark & Jennifer Schluentz Steve & Ruth Smith	20	Robert & Sandra Freitag Hans & Jeanne Kurzik
12	Brad & Jessica Quigley	23	John & Lolynn Keller
13	Edward & Karen Wright	24	David & Cathleen Lindskoog
16	Robert & Diana Poetker	26	Edward & Marsha Freeman
17	Roshan & Teresa Ali Gary & Jill Freeman Stephen Schutt & Jennifer Wilson	27	Joseph & Linda Aloï
		29	Reginal & Julie Hynes Don & Stella Reschke
		30	Michael & Elizabeth Balentine

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 Music Appreciation 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am FLY & Adult Bible Class Sunday School 10:45am Contemporary Worship 3:00pm Balentine Studio Recital</p>	<p>3 7:00am Men's Breakfast (Browniecoff Diner) 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 1:00pm Worship @ The Addition 6:00pm YBS Mtg (Rm204) 6:30pm Missions Team (CmRm)</p>	<p>4 7:00am Men's Breakfast (Browniecoff Diner) 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 1:00pm Worship @ The Addition 6:00pm YBS Mtg (Rm204) 6:30pm Missions Team (CmRm)</p>	<p>5 10:00am Church Staff</p>	<p>6 4:00pm Finance Mtg (CmRm)</p>		<p>1 10:00am Grounds Mulching 2:00pm Gerlach Wedding</p>
<p>9 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:35am Debt-Free Celebration 9:45am Adult Bible Class FLY Breakfast Sunday School 10:45am Contemporary Worship Lach Baptisms 7:00pm Sunday Night FLY Finale</p>	<p>10 1:30pm Prayer Shawl (CmRm)</p>	<p>11 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 4:00pm Stephen Ministry (CmRm) 5:00pm Girl Scout Dinner (Aud)</p>	<p>12 10:00am Church Staff 6:30pm FLY Senior Dinner  7:00pm Women's Small Group (Lib)</p>	<p>13 9:30am Property Board (CmRm) 11:30am Dorcas Group (CmRm) 6:00pm Girl Scouts (CmRm)</p>	<p>14 11:30am SOLA Lunch</p>	<p>15 11:00am Dimitropoulos SOV (Sanc) 11:30am Parents of Young Children (FLYRm) 12:00pm Dimitropoulos Reception (Aud)</p>
<p>16 Senior Sunday 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Adult Bible Class Sunday School Workcamp sponsorship table 10:45am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>17 8:00am Joseph Guild 10:00am Flower City Rug Hook Group (CmRm) 7:00pm FCCNS Board Mtg (CmRm/ZOOM)</p>	<p>18 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 1:00pm Worship @ The Addition 7:00pm FLB Mtg (CmRm)</p>	<p>19 10:00am Church Staff 5:00pm FCCNS Picnic 6:00pm Worship </p>	<p>20  4:00pm FCCNS Firefly Graduation</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 5:30pm LIFT Event "Sunset & Hot Dog Roast" (Reschke Home)</p>
<p>23 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Adult Bible Class Sunday School Workcamp sponsorship table 10:45am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>24  FCCNS Summer Program Begins!</p>	<p>25 10:30am FCCNS Chapel</p>	<p>26 10:00am Church Staff 6:00pm Worship  7:00pm Women's Small Group (Lib)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
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