

# Faith Notes

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## May 2024



ASCENSION  
*Day*

May 12<sup>th</sup>



PENTECOST

May 19<sup>th</sup>



TRINITY  
*Sunday*

May 26<sup>th</sup>

**CONNECT \* GROW \* SERVE**

## Faith Child Care and Nursery School

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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

### 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

## Pastor Peter's Perspective



*"...The Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith,"*  
(Explanation of the Third Article, Luther's Small Catechism).

One of my favorite days of the year is Pentecost Sunday; this year it is on May 19. At Faith, we have a tradition of wearing red on Pentecost, symbolizing the fire of the Holy Spirit that rested upon the heads of the disciples in Acts 2. Throughout the centuries, the Spirit has transformed the hearts of people to help us believe in Jesus. We cannot believe in God without the help of the Holy Spirit. Praise God He came to us in our baptism and planted the seed of faith in our hearts! But He didn't stop there. He's been working in your heart and mine ever since...

Over the past few months I've been amazed and encouraged by Faith members' stories of what the Holy Spirit is doing in their lives and in the life of our congregation. I have heard stories of Faith members sharing the Gospel to strangers in the hospitals, parks, nursing homes, and dorm rooms. I have seen Faith members using their gifts to lead ministries, small groups, and explore the possibility of starting new groups. I know stories of children praying at home, teens inviting friends to church, adults visiting the lonely, and grandparents bringing their grandchildren to worship. These are all fruits of what the Holy Spirit is doing in the lives of God's children. Hearts are being sanctified – a fancy word for "being made holy." And the world is noticing...

Last month the children at our Faith Child Care & Nursery School prayed a blessing over the construction workers working on our new pavilion. Work stopped for a few moments so the children could pray for God to keep the workers safe. The next day, a construction worker told one of our teachers that he had never experienced 50 children praying for him on a jobsite before. That's the Holy Spirit in action.

Notice the new worshipers on Sunday morning? Introduce yourself to them and thank the Holy Spirit for leading them to Faith. Notice the person sitting by themselves in the break room? Sit with them and ask them about their day. Notice the young parent who has a cart full of groceries and a crying toddler? Tell them they're doing an amazing job as a parent. Pray for (and with) these people you encounter on a daily basis. Share Christ's love with them. Invite them to lunch. Invite them to church. This is the Holy Spirit in action. The Spirit empowers us to share His love as He "calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies" all of us in Jesus!

I wonder what the Spirit is going to do in your life this month? I can't wait to find out!

And all God's children said:  
Amen!

## Stewardship Message from the Faith Leadership Board

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

We give thanks to God for the strong start to envelope giving in 2024 as we experienced a strong 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."*

### FAITH'S STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE FOR PRIOR MONTH:

ENVELOPE GIVING					
March 2024	Voter Approved Budget	Actual	Variance from Budget	% Variance	Prior Year Actual
1st Sunday	\$8,000	\$3,895	(\$4,105)	-51%	\$10,153
2nd Sunday	\$7,000	\$13,616	\$6,616	95%	\$4,171
3rd Sunday	\$7,000	\$4,969	(\$2,031)	-29%	\$3,220
4th Sunday	\$7,000	\$29,295	\$22,295	318%	\$7,208
5th Sunday	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	\$0
Online Giving	\$22,000	\$21,404	(\$596)	-3%	\$21,746
Festival Giving	\$500	\$1,955	\$1,455		\$815
Monthly Total	\$51,500	\$75,134	\$23,634	46%	\$47,313
Year-to-Date Total	\$180,000	\$220,281	\$40,281	22%	\$166,942



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

**On June 9<sup>th</sup>** we will celebrate our church's mortgage being paid off!

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

**FCCNS Picnic on June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday Fellowship Hour**

**Community Concerts**

**Pavilion Dedication – Date TBD**

**Youth-led Worship Service & Sponsorship Picnic on July 21<sup>st</sup>**

**"The Great OutDoors" Vacation Bible School  
July 29-Aug. 2  
Register online today at: [faithpenfield.org](http://faithpenfield.org)**

**"Dancing Under the Stars" Adult Prom on Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

## Adult Education



### New Adult Bible Class Beginning in May!

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 beginning May 12 @ 9:45 a.m. in the Auditorium

### Can you speak a second language?

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



### 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 on a table at the worksite when workers are present or they can be brought into the main office when workers are not present.*

*We will not be providing treats on rainy days ...)*



### Receptivity to Care

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

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



## From the Mission Board

We are sad to say that **Grace House** in Rochester is no longer open. Missions is working to partner with new organizations in the area. Watch for details in upcoming bulletins and Faith notes.

Thank you for your support in the work that the Missions Team does.



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

Blessings in His Name -  
Marguerite McKee, Missions Ministry 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](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>

As I write this, I am utterly exhausted. This past month has been a wild ride of beautiful things, however, just because something is beautiful doesn't mean that it won't wear you down. Holy Week and Easter were a beautiful series of services. I was so happy with how everything came together, and so many of you have expressed your thanks for these worship experiences. Following after (right now) is the DCE candidate visit which of course is very exciting. The new sanctuary speakers are about to be installed, which is again very exciting. I'm also about to perform a world premiere of a piece for the Irondequoit Concert Band, for which I brokered the commissioning – very exciting. All of these beautiful things, and I just want to hide under a rock.

Have you ever felt this way?



Something I have been journeying with for the past few months, maybe almost a year, is Sabbath practice. A book that I read (recommended by a fellow church musician) is Embracing Rhythms of Work and Rest: From Sabbath to Sabbatical and Back Again by Ruth Haley Barton. Highly recommend. Something that can be especially tricky for church workers is setting aside time for some “proper Sabbath-ing”. When most people hear this word they think of Sunday as the Sabbath, or they think of the Jewish community keeping their Sabbath from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday. For me, church services are absolutely worship, but also my job – and that isn't Sabbath. In Scripture, Sabbath is one day each week where work should cease. In Deuteronomy 5:13-14, God commands that 6 days are meant for working and labor and the 7<sup>th</sup> day all work shall cease. In Mark 2:27 Jesus states “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.”

God created us, God created the Sabbath. God is all knowing – and since he wrote the manual for what we need, we would be wise to observe it, right? In this hustle and bustle American culture, how do you carve out space to make this work? To start it certainly isn't easy, and it wasn't easy for me, but once you start – you will crave the practice and want to keep it. And where I am standing right now I can hardly wait for Saturday to get here so I can close my laptop, put my phone in “Do Not Disturb” mode and live life with less screens.

In Jewish culture the Sabbath is super regulated and there is a list for the types of work you aren't allowed to do. In some Orthodox communities you aren't even allowed to flip a light switch. I flip plenty of light switches – don't fall into the trap of legalism. For our family we set aside Saturday (most weeks) as our household Sabbath. We don't do household chores, we avoid “errand” like activities (as much as possible), and take time to enjoy each other. We sleep in, we spend time together, we make music, we read, we hike, we cook something fun, or whatever our heart desires. I encourage you to find a time to partake in the things you love, to slow down, and just be. Sabbath-ing doesn't mean a lack of fun – or to just sit still and scream “REST!!” in your head while staring at a wall. Start small. Maybe for your household you set aside Friday evening. It's the end of the week, order in dinner, silence your phones, and play a game. Or maybe your work schedule allows for something more traditional – pick up coffee and come to worship Sunday morning, be spiritually re-fueled in worship, and then go walk through a park before you look at all the things you have to do to get ready for the looming Monday morning. Check out this text from Hebrews Chapter 4: <sup>9</sup>*There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God;* <sup>10</sup>*for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his.* <sup>11</sup>*Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.* Also, remember the 10 commandments? Number 3 is remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. Keeping the Sabbath is just as important as not murdering, or lying, or stealing, or worshiping an idol. We do our best to keep the others, and yet the Sabbath is something that seems to slip off to the side.

So now what? I can't tell you how to Sabbath, because what is work for me isn't work for you. Things I enjoy may be things you loathe. All I can say, is you DESERVE rest, God has COMMANDED us to rest, so let's try.



## 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>

Registration link for volunteers will be coming soon.

**\*VBS is in need of Thrivent Grants to offset the cost of supplies\*** Please contact Stephanie Johnson at [vbs@faithpenfield.org](mailto:vbs@faithpenfield.org) if you are able to write a grant for VBS.

**Kidz Konnect:** 4th-6th Graders are invited to our next Kidz Konnect event immediately following the late service on Sunday, May 5th @ 12:00pm. Pizza lunch will be served before we head out back to clean up the Playscape area. Please RSVP to Shannon Wolf at [Sundayschool@faithpenfield.org](mailto:Sundayschool@faithpenfield.org) by May 5th \*Don't forget your gardening gloves and rakes!\*



Please note, there will be **No Sunday School** on May 26th in observance of Memorial Day



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

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

## Goings on at Faith

### Men's Breakfast Group

Join us as we start the day together in fellowship!

When: **Tuesday, May 7<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, May 10<sup>th</sup>** at “Fruit & Salad” in Bushnell Basin. Everyone will pay their own bill. Donna Kaser will send out an email to let you know the specific address. We will need to know if you are coming no later than April 11<sup>th</sup> 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, May 13<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30 in Room 204. Marie Ferner, one of our prayer shawl ministry members, is very accomplished both in knitting and crocheting and would be happy to work with anyone who is interested in participating. If you would like a shawl, please contact the church office or Sue Hutchings. Prayer squares are available on the information desk in the concourse.



**The Dorcas Group** is meeting on **Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30 am in Room 204. Please bring your lunch and join us for some socializing and making of pillows, bears, walker bags and shirt savers. Everyone is welcome to join us. Contact Laurie Ebbecke at 671-7285 or Karen Wright at 377-4414 with any questions

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



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

*L.I.F.T.*

**DATE:** May 4, 2024  
**LOCATION:** Georgetown Commons  
Club House  
25 Dunbridge Heights  
Fairport 14450  
**TIME:** 5:30 p.m.



BRING APPETIZER OR DESSERT TO SHARE  
TACOS AND BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED  
SIGN UP IS IN THE CONCOURSE

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Jeanne & Hans Kurzik @ [hanskjeanne@gmail.com](mailto:hanskjeanne@gmail.com)  
Sharon & Kurt Finkbeiner @ [smfinkbeiner@icloud.com](mailto:smfinkbeiner@icloud.com)

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## SAVE THE DATE!

### JULY



## **Camp Kuipers**

Saturday July 27 at 11:00 a.m.  
(Friday night optional)

George & Jackie Kuipers  
11865 Allen Road, Swain, NY

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

FLY



### Thank you..

- To our Youth Advisors and FLY Interns: Madison Deutsch and Hailey Keller, for leading our Sr. FLY Bible Class in April!
- To our awesome Jr. FLY Class for finishing another great year of growing and learning in our Confirmation Class!
- To Liz Wood and Rebecca Lazzaro for leading the Mental Health Bible Class on Sunday nights!



### Cinnamon Roll Sunday – May 5

Purchase 5 delicious cinnamon rolls for \$5 on Sunday, May 5 in our church Concourse! Youth & adults are needed to help bake and serve the rolls, sign-up on the FLY bulletin board to volunteer. All proceeds benefit our workcampers headed to Erie, PA this July! \*No FLY or Adult Bible Classes that day.

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

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

### Jr. & Sr. FLY Sunday Morning Class @ 9:45am – Starting May 12

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to a combined class with on May 12-June 2 in the Auditorium. The class will be a Bible Study series on "The Chosen" TV series! We'll end the school year with a FLY Breakfast on June 9 at 9:45am in the FLY Room!

**\*There will be no Sunday Night FLY in May!**

### FLY Senior Dinner

High school seniors, be on the lookout for an invitation to a special dinner with the Youth Advisors! We want to celebrate YOU and we thank God for YOU and your accomplishments!

### 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!



**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...**

June ? – Senior Dinner

June 9 – FLY Breakfast & Sunday Night FLY Finale

June 16 – Senior Sunday & First Dunkin' Sunday of the summer

June 16, 23 & 30 – Workcamp Sponsorship Table

June ? – Final Workcamp Info Meeting

July 7-13 – Group Workcamp in Erie, PA

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

**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/>

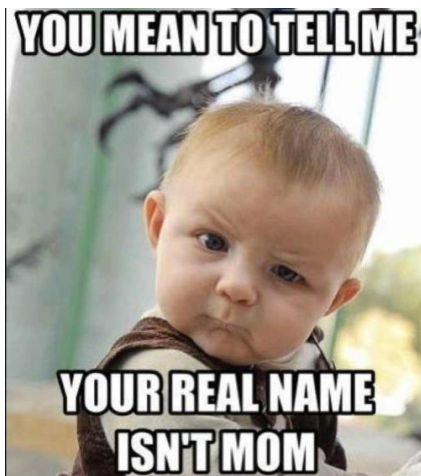


# Faith Child Care and Nursery School (FCCNS)

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

Our Themes for May are Mother's Day and Bugs & Crawly Things. We will also be working on Spatial Awareness, The Color Brown, and The Diamond Shape. We will also be working on different letters. Our Faith Character words for the month will be: Alive, Gift, Tithe, Serve. Our Bible Stories will be Lazarus Lives Again, A Gift for Jesus, A Poor Widow's Gift, Washing the Disciples' Feet.

- May 6<sup>th</sup> - May 10<sup>th</sup> - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 10<sup>th</sup> - Muffins with Mom
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> - United Day of Caring
- May 27<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day- FCCNS Closed



If you  
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thank a  
teacher



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There is a lot happening here this month at Faith Lutheran Church and at FCCNS. As most of you know construction has begun on the Pavilion. When finished, this will be an area where we all can come together for worship, concerts, picnics, water play. The list goes on. It is also a month where we



celebrate the moms in our lives. Not just the ones who raised us but the other women in our lives who have been there to support us. You know the saying "it takes a village." Well, we all could use help from time to time so along with honoring the women in our lives, we also get to honor and appreciate the amazing teachers in our lives ... those that helped us grow into the people we are. As I watch the construction happening outside my office, I can't help but think about my life and how it is in a constant state of construction. We are always growing and learning and changing. And we don't do that by ourselves. Our parents help us build our lives by helping to teach us right from wrong and not to touch a hot stove and a million other little things. Then we go to childcare, Pre-K, elementary school, middle school, high school and maybe college or a trade, and we learn different

skills and realize that all our teachers had a part in constructing our lives too. They help us learn new skills and realize our potential and rejoice with us in our successes and walk with us through our challenges. And then we continue to grow and build our lives all the way until God calls us home. I love the quote "God is still writing your story, quit trying to steal the pen." Our God knows what we need. He knows what He is building, so let him. Give up the controls. Will it always be easy? No! But I promise, it will be worth it. On behalf of FCCNS We would like to wish our moms a Happy Mother's Day, our teachers a happy teacher's appreciation week and praise to God for it all.



**Faith Child Care & Nursery School**  
**Year to Date Income & Expenses Compared to Budget**  
**As of 3/31/2024**

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance	Prior YTD	Board Approved 2024 Budget
<b>Operating Income</b>					
Fees	235,018	239,500	(4,482)	211,247	938,558
Interest/Misc./Other	7,281	6,755	526	5,517	36,433
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<u>242,300</u>	<u>246,255</u>	<u>(3,956)</u>	<u>216,765</u>	<u>974,991</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>					
Program	11,356	12,708	1,352	11,208	47,261
Employee Related	203,889	205,480	1,591	184,084	834,008
Property & Equipment	14,114	15,398	1,284	14,509	65,192
Supplies	3,817	3,450	(367)	3,902	14,000
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<u>233,176</u>	<u>237,036</u>	<u>3,860</u>	<u>213,703</u>	<u>960,461</u>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	9,124	9,219	(95)	3,061	14,530
PPP Loan Forgiveness Grant				3,284	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,284</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<u>9,124</u>	<u>9,219</u>	<u>(95)</u>	<u>6,346</u>	<u>14,530</u>

*End of March 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](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 3/31/2024**

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance	Prior YTD	Voter Approved 2024 Budget
<b>Operating Income</b>					
Envelope Offering/Plate Cash	221,126	180,900	40,226	168,478	672,000
FCCNS Facility Cost Sharing	6,250	6,250	(0)	6,250	25,000
Fund Distribution-Endowment	0	0	0	0	8,000
Interest/Misc./Other	2,933	3,000	(67)	3,650	13,300
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>230,310</b>	<b>190,150</b>	<b>40,160</b>	<b>178,378</b>	<b>718,300</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>					
Education	4,002	4,275	273	3,673	18,450
Employee Related	91,202	99,031	7,829	111,135	442,911
Mission & Outreach	7,823	16,612	8,790	15,527	67,300
Music	2,521	3,050	529	715	6,150
Other Expense	1,545	2,400	855	1,932	11,750
Property	37,583	39,763	2,180	35,684	150,040
Supplies	6,736	7,419	682	6,034	30,695
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>151,411</b>	<b>172,550</b>	<b>21,139</b>	<b>174,702</b>	<b>727,296</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>78,899</b>	<b>17,600</b>	<b>61,299</b>	<b>3,676</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:**

*Visit 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 be given the opportunity to create an online account, if desired. **\*NEW\*** Online users can now log in to their account, view Scheduled Transaction and click Edit to make changes.*

**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

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## **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.

**June Faith Notes Articles** due Friday, May 24th and should be directed to our Church Secretary, Kris Cronk ([secretary@faithpenfield.org](mailto:secretary@faithpenfield.org)). Thank you!



## Baptisms:

- **Nicholas Mark George** (4/21/24), son of Jason & Angela George
- **Cooper Jay Hall** (4/21/24), son of Jason & Danielle Hall
- **Dylan Richard Fore** (4/28/24), son of James & Linda (Kleine) Fore; grandson of Ernest & Heike Kleine

## Called to Glory:

- **David Burke**, nephew of David Banning
- **Roman Heath** (3/29/24), son of Rev. Timmothy & Hannah Heath of Zion Lutheran Church in Owego
- **Bernice Buck** (4/20/24), mother of Chris Daly
- **Stephen Gubitz** (4/20/24), brother of Sharon Wood; uncle of Mark Wood
- **Phyllis Dimitropoulos** (4/22/24), longtime member of Faith

## 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](https://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](https://faithpenfield.org/resources/job-opportunities)*

*\*Please contact Pastor Peter Johnson at [peter@faithpenfield.org](mailto:peter@faithpenfield.org) for additional information.*



## Wedding Anniversaries

2	Erwin & Annerose Eberhardt	23	Larry & Jennifer Wagner
	Steve & Carol Spiwak	25	Jeff & Nancy Hering
5	Dr. John & Kay Gerlach		George & Jackie Kuipers
9	Bruce & Rhea Oaks		Michael Ganger & Jenna Olbermann-Ganger
11	David Lapresi & Patricia Claus-Lapresi	26	Tyler & Michele Launer
16	Randy & Joy Longhenry	28	Peter & Beth Bird
17	Richard & Ruth Feasel		Paul & Barbara Price
20	John & Barbara Bruning	29	Hal & Cindy Kreter
22	Terry & Penny Wheeler	31	Kevin & Stacy Ledermann

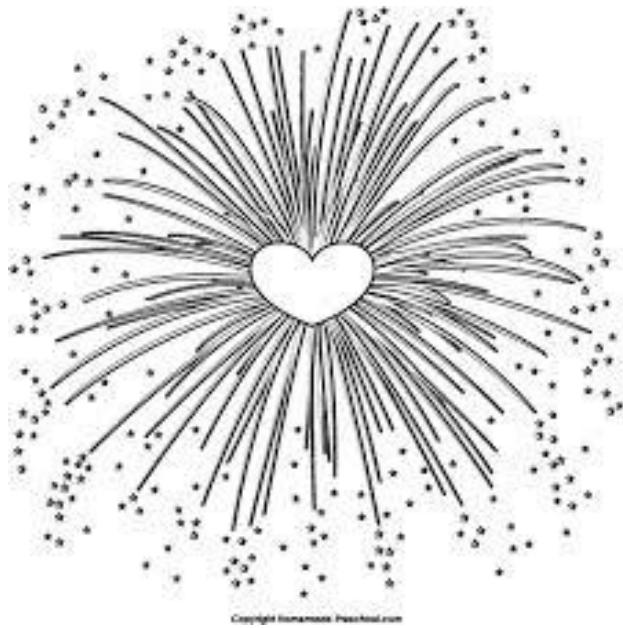
## Birthdays

1	Shane McDonough	11	Emma Arcieri	20	Pete Crounse
	Matt Shortino		Noah Arcieri		Dianne Longhenry
2	David Banning		Christian D'Ambrosio		Douglas Smith
	Chris Loperfido		Adeline Taillie	21	Dick Leschhorn
4	Joan Thronson		Daniel Young	22	Jane Coryea
5	Nikko Sandgren	12	Amanda Gerlach		Adam Gerbasi
6	Jon Allen		King Hunter		Conrad Kennedy
	James Freeman	13	Stella Mosko		Kathleen Mason
	Hunter Kohlmetz		Wayne Samuels		Sean McCarthy
	Frank Lucci	14	Steve Easton		Nicholas Weis
	Renate Tindall		Nancy Hammond	23	Christian Alberti
7	Jacob Voycheck		Melissa McNaughton		Brinley Launer
	Charles Wolfanger		Sophia Rath		Abigail Schultz
8	Linda Demme		John Richiusa	24	Samantha Price
	Paul Krenzer		Michael Speisman		Sara Saresky
	Taylor Mason	15	Owen Ledermann	25	Colleen Crouse
	Declan Wolf		Chita McKinney	26	Lynne Leinenbach
9	Diann Berndt	16	Kelly Doty		Ryan Quigley
	Bruce Smith		Braedan DuBois		Alexandra Saresky
	Dan Zager		Natalie Mazzochetti	27	Alexis Gallina
10	Siegfried Bartsch	17	Amanda Ebbecke		Noah Harstad
	Peggy Muller		Alexander Longhenry		Fred Keeler
	Meghan Quigley		Alexander Mangerian		Andrew Love
			Roger Wilder		Mark Maschoff
		18	Molly Easton		Brian Usinger
			Jeff Sandgren	29	Elise Klein
					Marguerite McKee
				30	Larry Longhenry
					Kathryn Love






Thank you God for  
freedom and for those  
who have bravely served  
our nation



*“Greater love has no one than this: to lay  
down one’s life for one’s friends”  
(John 15:13)*



# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5 Cinnamon Roll Sunday</b> 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am <i>NO Adult Bible Class</i> Sunday School Jr FLY & Sr FLY in FLY Rm 10:45am Contemporary Worship 12:00pm <b>Kidz Connect</b> (Rm204)	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Lyric Chorale (Aud)	<b>7</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast (Browncroft Diner) 10:00am FLC Bowling Lgue (CmRm) 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 12:30pm <b>FLC Bowling Lunch "Proetti's"</b> 1:00pm Worship @ The Addison 6:30pm Grief Share (CmRm)	<b>8</b> 10:00am Church Staff 5:45pm Girl Scouts (CmRm) 7:00pm Women's Small Group (Lib)	<b>9</b> 11:30am Dorcas Group (Rm204) 6:00pm Girl Scouts (Rm204) 7:00pm <b>Book Club</b> (CmRm) "Lessons in Chemistry"	<b>10</b> 11:30am SOLA Lunch	<b>11</b> 1:00pm Fiddlers Rehearsal (MusicRm)
<b>12</b> 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Adult Bible Class Sunday School Jr FLY & Sr FLY in FLY Rm 10:45am Contemporary Worship	<b>13</b> 1:30pm Prayer Shawl (Rm204) 7:00pm FCCNS Board Mtg (CmRm/ZOOM) 7:00pm Lyric Chorale (Sanc)	<b>14</b> 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 4:00pm Stephen Ministry (CmRm) 6:30pm Grief Share (CmRm)	<b>15</b> 10:00am Church Staff 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal (Music Rm)	<b>16</b> 9:30am Property Board (CmRm) 6:30pm Lyric Chorale (Sanc) 7:00pm Youth Advisors Mtg	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19 Day of Pentecost</b> 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Adult Bible Class Sunday School Jr FLY & Sr FLY in FLY Rm 10:45am Contemporary Worship 4:00pm <b>Lyric Chorale Concert</b> (Sanc)	<b>20</b> 8:00am Joseph Guild 10:00am Flower City Rug Hook Group (CmRm) 7:00pm Lyric Chorale (Aud)	<b>21</b> 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 1:00pm Worship @ The Addison 6:30pm Grief Share (CmRm) 7:00pm FLB Mtg (Rm204)	<b>22</b> 10:00am Church Staff 7:00pm Women's Small Group (Lib)	<b>23</b>  10:00am FCCNS Lunch (CmRm)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Adult Bible Class Sunday School Jr FLY & Sr FLY in FLY Rm 10:45am Contemporary Worship	<b>27 Memorial Day</b> FCCNS Closed Church Office Closed 	<b>28</b> 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 6:30pm Grief Share (CmRm)	<b>29</b> 10:00am Church Staff 7:00pm Women's Small Group (Lib)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 4:00pm Gerlach Wedding Rehearsal (Sanc)	

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