Faith Notes

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September 2024 Blessings ... so Many!

September 2nd

Labor Day

Good and Gracious God,
You created human beings in
Your image and likeness
And gave us dominion over creation
to be stewards of the land
and co-creators of Your Kingdom.
Jesus, You became one of us
and labored as a carpenter.
You ask all people -whatever our state of life -to follow you faithfully.
Holy Spirit, bless all workers this Labor Day.
May all our actions be animated by Your love,
as we do all things for the glory of God.
Amen.



September 6th @ 4:30pm *Ice Cream Social*

September 8th *Rally Sunday*



Combined Worship @ 10am Rally Day Carnival @ 11:30am Sunday Night FLY Kickoff @ 7pm

September 20th @7pm

Echoes of Friendship;

a Musical Reunion Concert



September 14th @ 5:00pm *LIFT Bingo*





September 21st @10am

Rise Against Hunger

in the Pavilion



September 27th~ 29th *Jr FLY Retreat @ Camp Stella Maris*

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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 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays Thrive Blended Worship---6:00 PM Wednesdays

Christian Education Opportunities

Sunday School Classes (Age 3 through Grade 6), Sundays, 9:45-10:40am Jr. FLY Confirmation (Youth in grades 7-8), Sundays, 9:45-10:40am Sr. FLY Bible Class (Youth in grades 9-12), Sundays, 9:45-10:40am Sunday Night FLY (Youth in grades 7-12), 2nd & 4th Sundays, 7-8:45pm Adult Bible Study Class - Sundays, 9:45-10:40am (All Classes will resume on September 8th)



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Pastor Peter's Perspective



⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." -1 John 4:9-10

- "I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston
- "Love Story" by Taylor Swift
- "Just the Way You Are" by Bruno Mars
- "Your Song" by Elton John

There are so many songs about love. I'm sure you could name or sing more love songs than the ones listed above. Messages about love are all around us, from songs to movies to books and more. Our culture is infused with so many definitions of love, from passion and admiration to devotion and timeless romance.

One problem with the culture's view of love is that it is "transactional" in nature: I love you as long as you love me back. This kind of love can be especially hurtful. Perhaps you've experienced this in your life and it still causes you pain. There are so many hurting people with broken relationships today. Love was never meant to be transactional.

God's love isn't transactional.

When you think about God's love, authentic love, as described in 1 John 4:9-10, what song comes to mind? I think of the song, "Jesus Loves Me," or the hymn, "Praise to the Lord the Almighty." God's love is expressed perfectly in the reconciling love of Jesus. It is the foundation of our being. Before we do anything, God first does His work for us in Jesus through His death and resurrection. And this love is not transactional, because there is nothing we can do to make God love us more or less – His love is unconditional.

And God's love causes our hearts to fill with joy that we can't help but sing His praises! We can't help but to share this love through our words and actions! We can't help that our identity has been forever changed because of God's love in Jesus. And what is that new identity?

Loved.

You are a loved child of God. And His Spirit propels us out into the world to share His love! Loved and sent. That's who you are. That's who we are together. I can't wait to talk more about this theme with you over the coming weeks in worship and Bible class! We are all loved and sent by God!

And all God's loved & sent children said, Amen!

Stewardship Message from the Faith Leadership Board For July

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 your gifts to the general operating fund and specifically, for not only the favorable 2% budget variance in July, but also the resulting year-to-date net favorability. 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

	Voter Approved		Variance from	%	Prior Year
July 2024	Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual
1st Sunday	\$7,000	\$3,277	(\$3,723)	-53%	\$9,650
2nd Sunday	\$6,000	\$7,946	\$1,946	32%	\$7,701
3rd Sunday	\$6,000	\$5,124	(\$876)	-15%	\$6 , 956
4th Sunday	\$6,000	\$3,303	(\$2,697)	-45%	\$2,646
5th Sunday	\$6,000	\$10,600	\$4,600	77%	\$6,170
Online Giving	\$20,000	\$21,995	\$1,995	10%	\$18,563
Festival Giving	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Monthly Total	\$51,000	\$52,245	\$1,245	2%	\$51,686
Year-to-Date Total	\$399,500	\$406,233	\$6,733	2%	\$400,846

Adult Education

Pastor Peter will be finishing up a three-session **New Member class on Sunday – 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.



*NEW Sr. FLY & Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class - "Loved & Sent"

Identity and purpose are fundamental aspects of every human being. Underneath all the activity of daily life, each of us wonders if *this* is what we're meant to do. If we are *who* we were meant to be. In the search for identity, we long to be loved and accepted. As we search for purpose, we long to matter and to spend our time in ways that matter. We have been gifted God's love that changes our identity and purpose. Join Pastor Peter on Sundays in our Auditorium at 9:45am on Sept. 15-Oct.

13, as we'll explore more deeply God's definition of love and how it sends us into the world to serve others. We are Loved & Sent.

From the Mission Board



Registration is open! Missions is again leading our big Rise Against Hunger community wide event. It will take place on **Saturday**, **September 21**st. We are going to have one shift this year instead of two shifts. The shift will be from 10am until

about noon. Our goal is to package 40,000 meals to help fight world hunger. We are looking for individual and corporate sponsors to help raise the \$16,000 needed to fund this great and fun event - \$25/person with max of \$75/family. Sponsor forms are available on the counter in the office. Please go to <u>faithpenfield.org</u> and scroll down the home page to the Quick Links where you will find the registration/donation button for Rise Against Hunger.

We are in need of many more people to register.

Missions is moving forward with our new ministry with Nucor House!

Nucor House is located on Embury Road in Penfield and is part of Warrior Salute Veteran Services. It is transitional housing and case management assisting veterans during the journey back into the community after serving time for our country in the US Military.



Our congregation will begin serving monthly dinners the **last Wednesday of each month** beginning on September 25^{th} . We will be providing a listening ear, dinner and fellowship. Each month will have a theme, September being "Comfort Food" i.e. meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mac & cheese, etc.

More detailed information will be coming in the weeks ahead along with a Sign Up Sheet in the concourse.

We are excited to begin this new ministry!

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

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We have a member of Faith, Taylor Saunders-Garrett whom many people know, whose uncle and his family of 5 were in a devastating apartment fire early Monday morning in which they lost everything.

We are hoping to be able to help Taylor's family by providing, in the very short term, new and gently used clothing.

There are bins in the concourse for the following:

8 year-old youth (boy): size 10/12 tops & bottoms; size 4 or 4.5 shoes

14 year-old youth (boy): size 32/34 men's bottoms; adult medium tops/shirts; sz 11 or 11.5 shoes

18 year-old (boy): size 46 men's bottoms; XL or 2X tops; sz 11.5 shoes

Adult Male: size 32/34 bottoms; medium tops/shirts; sz 9 shoes

Adult Female: size large in bottoms/leggings; large or extra large tops; sz 7 or 7.5 shoes; bra size 42-44

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We will also be collecting **trial size** personal care items.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus and keeping this family in your prayers.

In Him - Missions Ministry



We're So Much Together, Yet So Alone

Studies indicate that people who attend church regularly are happier and healthier than the general population. Unfortunatelly, even the people sitting in church may seem lonely. If you engage them in conversation, they immediately become more alive. They realize someone cares. Going through a difficult situation, being housebound, or living in a nursing home may make the situation worse. The ability to stream the Sunday services keeps us from regularly checking in with folks. Stephen Ministers are trained to listen and bring comfort and care to those feeling lost and alone. Stephen Ministry is a free, confidential ministry. If you would like more information or a referral, please contact Pastor Peter, Nancy Hammond (381-6968) or Jackie Welk (749-7343)

GARDENING THANKS!



Many positive comments about the courtyard flowers have been sent my way. The gardens are flourishing this year! My thanks go out to our weekly waterers - Linda Hanss, Sharon Finkbeiner, Carol Letke, Kathy McCarthy and Roxanne Leschhorn! Kathy and Carol weeded throughout the season, too! A monetary gift given in memory of Jane Smurthwaite and planters given by the Kurzik family have allowed us to enhance the gardens this year!

Many thanks to all! - Jackie Welk



In order for worship to run smoothly we need volunteers to serve in different roles. We know life is busy, and that is why we have the Sign-Up Genius so that you can choose when you serve based on your schedule. If everyone signed up to help once per quarter in some way, our list would be overflowing with volunteers.

For *Lay Readers*, *Acolyte*, *Crucifer*, *Greeters*, *Communion Assistants* sign up here or the button on the homepage of our website:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0544afaf2eabfd0-worship1

For all others:

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

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

Livestream Producers: Running the worship services online every Sunday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you are able to assist in any of these areas, please contact Kris Cronk and she can direct you accordingly (381-3970 or secretary@faithpenfield.org)

Music Ministry

A Note from Dianne Christensen

Dear Faith Family,

Thank you for all the cards and encouraging notes for my recovery that so many of you sent to me this summer. I am improving and gradually getting back to some of the things I love to do.

My doctors have decided that I must cut back my work hours to regain health and wellbeing, so I will be working one quarter time at Faith for this coming season. I will play the organ in person for two Sundays a month, and I will continue to direct and rehearse the Senior Choir. Dan Zager has graciously agreed to play the organ for one Sunday per month. Elizabeth Balentine will also be regularly helping out with special music and occasionally playing the organ. But we also have another option we can utilize in order to not overwhelm Elizabeth with too many added duties on top of her already full schedule.

When we did the rewiring and installation of a solid state system on the organ a few years ago, one of the features that was included was a record/playback option. I am able to record hymns into this system, and when they are played back, it is just as if I was sitting at the bench. The pipes play, and the stops, which vary the sounds on the organ, change as programmed. A couple of months ago, we tried out this feature in worship. With the exception of just a few people who looked up and noticed that I was not sitting on the bench during the hymns, most of the congregation was unaware. This feature is obviously not flexible or appropriate for choir or solo accompaniment purposes, i.e. where the organ needs to follow or bend with the needs of the musicians being accompanied. Yet, it does work quite well for hymns, organ solo pieces, or music where the organ is the leader. Therefore, I hope to assist with some more Sunday music beyond when I am personally present, all while keeping my work hours at the level that my doctors have said is appropriate for me right now.

There are two other goals I have for this time period. First, I will be mentoring Elizabeth for assuming some Director of Music roles that I will be giving up. She and I will be partnering with many of the tasks. So if you have questions or needs, please don't hesitate to reach out to either one of us. We should both be able to help or point you in the right direction. The other major area of focus for me will be overseeing/assisting volunteers who will be reorganizing our music library and purging unnecessary items that are no longer needed or used. This will also include completion of the music database that will not only aid in use of the library, but will also serve as documentation of what we have for insurance purposes.

Thank you again for your support of me as I have recently faced a number of medical challenges. I look forward to continuing to serve among you as I am able and to furthering the growth of Faith's music ministries for the future.

In Him, Dianne



FEATURING THE MUSICAL TALENTS OF

CHRISTOPHER KIMPEL

Tenor

NATHANIEL DARLING

Baritone

DR. JEFFERY MCGHEE

Baritone

DR. MICHAEL LANDRUM

Piano

ELIZABETH BALENTINE

Flute/Piano

See the following page for more detail



525,600 minutes, 525,000 moments so dear 525,600 minutes, how do you measure, measure a year? In daylights, in sunsets, in midnights, in cups of coffee, In inches, in miles, in laughter and strife...

Despite being in the latter part of the year, September feels like a time of renewal and new beginnings. With schools resuming classes this is a big transition point, and even if you don't have children in school, you notice the

shift in traffic and shopping patterns. From a very early age I desperately wanted to be in school, and I wanted to be a teacher. Believe it or not, it wasn't until high school that I transitioned away from my "dream" of being a math teacher. I would play school with my little brother, much to his chagrin, practically chaining him to an antique desk in our basement.

There are often times as an adult that I feel like it is impossible to be "this old" or that this much time has passed in my life. And I'm sure you can relate on a larger or smaller scale. There are times I long for the simpler life of being a student. My college experience at Roberts Wesleyan College (now University, RWU) was a delight, and in some ways like a giant summer camp. Having my focus being instrument practice, small and large group rehearsals, and concerts was an absolute delight. There are times that I miss having that many performances on my calendar. However, I know that would be terribly unwise considering the season of life in which I stand.

This September I am going to get to live out some of that college nostalgia, and I get more excited with each passing day. Some dear college professors and friends will be coming together for a reunion concert of sorts. (See the advert on the neighboring page). Dr. Michael Landrum was my piano professor during my time at RWU and is a very dear man and brilliant pianist. He and Dr. Jeffery McGhee are long-time concert partners, and performed a concert of nocturnes and spirituals here at Faith in 2017 (which was very well received). Nathaniel Darling and Christopher Kimpel were classmates of mine, and Nate also sang at my wedding, accompanied by Dr. Landrum, of course! Nate and Chris were also students in Dr. McGhee's vocal studio. Our lives were intertwined in merry music-making for years, and now we are spread across NY and two other states. Coming together for this reunion concert is very special for us, and will be a joy to present. I will be doing a little accompanying, and playing some flute solos accompanied by Dr. Landrum; and the singing men will present solo and group numbers of a variety of styles. This is not an evening to miss, and I hope you will be able to join us!



Goings on at Faith

Changes to Livestream Experience Are Here!



Starting on Sept. 1st, we will begin using our new livestream software and livestream will be available again through our website https://faithpenfield.org/watch-live/. As we adjust and learn this new software, livestream will remain a simplified livestream experience with no added visual elements. Please tune in on our website or come join us in person!

Exciting News regarding Faith's Financial Team!

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

few years, but with a reduced work schedule. Her position will continue to provide oversight and management of all financial areas of both FLC and FCCNS, and will now work with our Finance Support Specialist on a regular basis.

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



Redesigned Faith Website Is Here!

A church's website is like a "welcome mat" to guests and the community and we just updated it! Check it out at faithpenfield.org. It is our hope that more and more people discover Faith to be a welcoming community that is centered on Jesus Christ!

We thank you for your patience as we continue to update our online presence with our website and livestream experiences.

Feel free to contact our Church Office if you have comments or questions. Thanks!

Men's Breakfast Group

Join us as we start the day together in fellowship!

When: Tuesday, September 3rd @ 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.

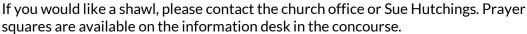
SOLA - Strength of Living Alone



We will meet at 11:30 for lunch on Friday, September 13th. 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**, **September 9**th 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.







Fall Women's Book Group

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

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

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

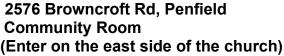
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BINGO NIGHT!

DATE: Saturday, September 14, 2024

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Faith Lutheran Church



A pot luck supper will be starting at 5:30 pm.

Please bring a dish or a dessert to pass Please bring your own beverages (Ice Tea, Pop and or Water) No Alcohol

Bingo will start at 6:30 pm.

Hosting: Sandie & Bob Freitag (H# 381-6535) Linda & Tom Hanss & Kurt & Sharon Finkbeiner



Children's Ministry



Children's Ministries is excited to resume Sunday School classes this Fall! Please join us for Rally Day, Sunday September, 8th at 10:00am where children entering 3rd grade will receive their First Hands on Bible. Children are encouraged to bring their school backpacks to Church for "blessing of the backpacks." Join us after the service for a Carnival themed event featuring Rosco the Clown, Confetti Pop Face Painting and music by The Fiddler Jammers!

Sunday School will resume on September 15th and is available to children age 4 through 6th Grade from 9:45am-10:40am. Children will learn Bible lessons through crafts, games and videos. Please see the schedule located on the Children's Ministries bulletin board in the concourse for your child's classroom location. The Nursery is open to children birth - 3 years old from 8:30am-11:45am. Families can register their child for Sunday School here.

If you are interested in volunteering as a rotation leader or a shepherd, please contact Shannon Wolf at Sundayschool@FaithPenfield.org

Our **Rise Against Hunger** event will be on Sept. 21st from 10:00am-12:30pm. Note, this year there will only be one time slot. We are looking for corporate and family sponsors to help fund the packing of at least 40,000 meals! We need volunteers, too! Check out the website here to sign-up to volunteer and/or donate.

CALLING ALL PARENTS, CHILDREN, AND YOUTH!

We are looking to re-shape our music offerings for Pre-K through High School and we need your input! Please fill out the following survey so we can get to know your kids, and what musical interests they have. This will greatly assist in our music planning efforts, and we are looking forward to some merry music-making this season!

~Elizabeth Balentine & Dianne Christensen~

Please respond by September 15th! https://forms.gle/CyawktzPeBwaJTws6







Thank you..

- To all of the Sr. FLY & college students who volunteered at VBS last month! You ALL are leaders in our church and community thanks for sharing Jesus with our children!
- To Jennifer Deutsch, Meredith Tindall, Heather Hoad, and Pastor Peter for leading our Jr. FLY VBS Class last month!

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

We also welcome two new Youth Advisors this month: Jennifer Deutsch and Heather Hoad! We thank God for all our Advisors who mentor and lead our FLYers!

Sunday Night FLY KICK-OFF - Sept. 8 @ 7-8:45pm Invite your friends to this CRAZY FUN SNFLY KICK-OFF!! Get ready to team up and compete in some crazy games! And enjoy FREE Moe's burritos! We'll also enjoy snacks, prizes, worship, and our famous Birthday Wheel - all under our Faith Pavilion! Come kick-off an AWESOME year of growing, connecting, and serving with each other in FLY! YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS



Sunday Night FLY REMIX - Sept. 22 @ 7-8:45pm

YOU will vote for one lesson and one game that we'll do together! Bring your friends!

*About Sunday Night FLY (SNFLY):

THIS EPIC EVENT!

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

Confirmation Project Meeting - Sunday, Sept. 1

On Sept. 1 at 9:45am, students who will be confirmed this Fall and their parents are invited to the FLY Room to discuss the 9th grade Confirmation projects that will be due later in Sept. At the meeting, the students will choose which Sunday in October they'd like to present their Faith Art & Faith Statement Projects. Please let Pastor Peter know if you'll be missing this important meeting. Thanks!

Hot Dog & Burger FUNdraiser - Sept. 8 @ 11:30am

Help out at FLY's first FUNdraiser of the school year! We'll be making and serving hot dogs and burgers on Sunday, Sept. 8 from 9am-1pm. All money raised will support youth attending retreats and the Youth Gathering this coming year! Sign-up on the FLY bulletin board to volunteer!

FLY Info Meeting - Tuesday, Sept. 10

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

Jr. FLY Confirmation Class – Starting Sunday, Sept. 15 @ 9:45-10:40am

Starting Sept. 15th, 7th & 8th grade students will go through The Story on Sundays with Pastor Peter and Mark Harstad. All classes will be in-person in Room 204. If you miss a class, you can download the PowerPoint presentation online at: <u>faithpenfield.org</u>.

Sunday Morning Sr. FLY Class – Starting Sunday, Sept. 15 @ 9:45-10:40am

High school students are invited to check out the Sunday Morning Sr. FLY Class this year, as we'll be connecting Biblical truths to topics that are relevant to you. Join us in the Auditorium at 9:45am on Sundays starting Sept. 15th as I'll begin a 5-week class for Sr. FLY and adults. Then in November and beyond, the class will meet in the FLY Room for discussion and a **FREE cereal buffet**! You don't want to miss these awesome opportunities to grow in your faith in Jesus with other Sr. FLYers!

Youth Gathering Info Meeting - Sunday, Sept. 15@ Noon

Anyone currently in 8th grade through college students are invited to an Info Meeting about the 2025 Youth Gathering that FLY will be attending in New Orleans, Louisiana! We'll eat pizza, present some trip info, and answer any questions you may have!

2024 Jr. FLY Fall Retreat - Sept. 27-29 @ Camp Stella Maris

7th & 8th graders are invited to enjoy zip-lining, a high ropes course, outdoor activities, night games, and Bible lessons at our annual **Jr. FLY Fall Retreat on Sept. 27-29 at Camp Stella Maris**! It's going to be an awesome weekend and a great way to start our year together! We have the entire Wegman House reserved for our group! Friends are invited to attend, too! \$160 deposit and registration are both due to the FLY Registrar's mailbox in the Church Copy Room by <u>Sunday</u>, <u>Sept. 22</u>. Financial help is available upon request. The retreat registration form is included in this mailing (*there is no online registration for this retreat as our church is revamping its website at the time of this printing*).

Youth Advisors are Here for YOU!

FLY is blessed to have adults serving as Youth Advisors who walk alongside you – helping you to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ! We are all here for you, no matter what you're experiencing in life. But more importantly, God is always with you – loving and forgiving you every single day! The list of Youth Advisors and their phone numbers are on the back of the new FLY brochure.

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-forms.

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.



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 \$1500 per youth, but money can be raised if you participate in our FLY FUNdraisers this coming school year!
- Youth & Adult Applications are available in the Faith Concourse and online at https://faithpenfield.org/youth and will be due by Sunday, Sept. 30, 2024.
- -There will be a Gathering Info Meeting on Sun, Sept. 15 @ Noon for everyone interested in attending the Gathering.

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

Mark Your Calendars...

Oct. 13 - Sunday Night FLY "Identity"

Oct. 20 - Confirmation Sunday

Oct. 27 - Sunday Night FLY "Improv Comedy Night"

Nov. 3 - Faith Bake Sale



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/



God has a purpose for you! He invented you to live for Him!

Outdoor activities, zip-lining, Bible studies, night games & more!

What to bring: Bible; \$20 (for Fri. food); apparel and footwear suitable for: running, lounging, and showering; pillow; sleeping bag; towel; soap; toothbrush; flashlight; other hygiene items; and a snack to share!

Meet @ Faith @ 5:30pm on Fri, Sept. 27 - Arrive back @ Faith around 9:30am on Sun, Sept. 29 Camp Stella Maris #: 585-346-2243 Address: 4395 E Lake Road, Livonia, NY 14487

*Cost per youth: \$160 by Sun, Sept. 22 (financial assistance is available upon request)

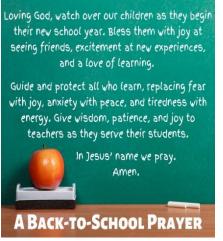
Registration form available at Faith

Faith Child Care and Nursery School (FCCNS)

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

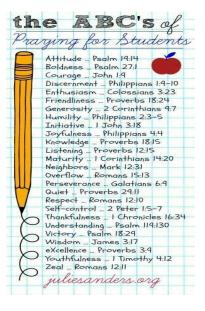
Our theme for September is Back to School, Me and My Family and Feelings. We will also be working on The Color Blue, The Square Shape and Letters A & B as well as Numbers 1-10. Our Faith Character words for the month will be Creation, Forgive, Language and Bless. Our Bible Stories will be: God Creates and Gives Life, The Fall into Sin, The Tower of Babel and God's Promises to Abram. Our Faith Character Trait is Brave.

- FCCNS Closed- Labor Day- September 2nd
- Penfield's First Day of School-September 3rd
- FCCNS Ice Cream Social -September 6th @ 4:30 Under the Pavilion
- Rise Against Hunger Service Event- September 21st @10 am -Under the Pavilion

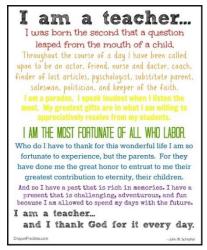


As you walk around Faith Lutheran Church on any given weekday, you'll hear the many sounds of childhood. Yes, at times you'll hear crying (we do have babies here) but more often you'll hear giggles, singing, animal sounds, car sounds and loud screams of happiness. Please excuse the noise, for children are learning here. They are learning that who they are matters. They are learning that they are loved by God. They are learning through play and movements and

discovery. What they learn here will help them become the people they are meant to be. Jesus said," Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14.



The Pencils are sharpened, back packs are full of notebooks, binders, markers and crayons. It is an exciting time of year but also bittersweet. It might seem that we are ready to send our kids back to school but as I see so many first day of school photos and photos of families dropping their children off at college, I realize we are not. No matter how old our children get, whether it is their first day at



FCCNS or their first day of kindergarten or their first day of college, it is never easy to let them go. We must trust that others will love them like we do, that others will protect them like we do, that others will understand them like we do. It is hard to have that much faith in someone else but that is what we must do. That is what faith is all about.

One of my favorite verses in the bible is Hebrews 11:1. "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." I have faith that God will take care of all our needs. I have faith in the teachers that will be taking care of all "my kids." I look hopefully forward to a year filled with love, joy and learning. Please join me as we pray for every child as they embark on this new school year and every teacher who answered the call to teach them. May God bless and keep them all.

Faith Child Care & Nursery School Year to Date Income & Expenses Compared to Budget As of 7/31/2024

	YTD	YTD	Fav/(Unfav)	Prior	Board Approved
	Actual	Budget	Variance	YTD	2024 Budget
Operating Income			-		
Fees	551,400	557,923	(6,523)	501,017	938,558
Interest/Misc./Other	22,320	24,849	(2,529)	13,629	36,433
Total Operating Income	573,720	582,772	(9,052)	514,646	974,991
Expenses:					
Program	24,993	28,699	3,706	25,934	47,261
Employee Related	484,430	486,893	2,464	430,521	834,008
Property & Equipment	34,301	37,795	3,494	34,048	65,192
Supplies	7,797	8,150	353	9,305	14,000
Operating Expenses	551,521	561,538	10,017	499,808	960,461
Net Operating Income (Loss)	22,199	21,234	965	14,839	14,530
PPP Loan Forgiveness Grant				7,663	
Total Other Income	0	0	0	7,663	0_
Net Surplus (Defict)	22,199	21,234	965	22,502	14,530

End of July enrollment 80 children



Kittleberger Florist "12 months of Flowers" FCCNS Fundraiser begins September 1st!

Grace your home with a bouquet of fresh flowers for each of 12 months for \$40. Funds

raised will be applied toward Tuition Assistance and much needed classroom bathroom updates. Cards will be available for purchase after Sunday services on Sept 1st, 8th and 15th or contact the FCCNS office or text Sharon Phillips at 585-319-0156. Payment can be made by cash or check made out to FCCNS.



Online giving just got easier!

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

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

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

Thank you for your continued participation and support!



Faith Lutheran Church Year to Date Income & Expenses Compared to Budget As of 7/31/2024

	YTD	YTD	Fav/(Unfav)	Prior	Voter Approved
	Actual	Budget	Variance	YTD	2024 Budget
Operating Income				9.	
Envelope Offering/Plate Cash	410,203	402,600	7,603	405,505	672,000
FCCNS Facility Cost Sharing	14,583	14,583	(0)	14,583	25,000
Fund Distribution-Endowment	0	0	0	0	8,000
Interest/Misc./Other	7,795	7,000	795	6,926	13,300
Total Operating Income	432,581	424,183	8,397	427,014	718,300
Expenses:					
Education	9,874	11,275	1,401	10,642	18,450
Employee Related	217,481	249,857	32,376	260,520	442,911
Mission & Outreach	40,629	42,054	1,425	30,649	67,300
Music	3,917	4,575	658	3,605	6,150
Other Expense	5,657	7,800	2,143	8,540	11,750
Property	87,677	86,610	(1,067)	78,844	150,040
Supplies	17,839	17,510	(328)	16,264	30,695
Operating Expenses	383,073	419,682	36,608	409,063	727,296
Net Operating Income (Loss)	49,507	4,502	45,005	17,951	(8,996)

GIVING AT FAITH

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

There are a number of ways you can choose to give to the many ministries and outreach efforts at Faith. (Please contact Kay Gerlach, Director of Finance, at finance@faithpenfield.org or 485-0142 if you have any questions.)

1) TEXT GIVING:

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

2) ONLINE GIVING:

Visit 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 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 for assistance.

From the Church Office

Faith Leadership Board Officers

Chair - Karoline Trojian Secretary - Greg Gerbasi Treasurer - Todd Natemeier

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



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

- * Either complete a new online form and pay the \$75 fee at our online giving page here: https://faithpenfield.org/resources/altar-flowers
- * Or contact Kris Cronk (secretary@faithpenfield.org) and send a check to the Church Office made out to "Faith Lutheran Church" and Altar Flowers in the memo line.
- * Or Utilize the sign-up book on the Information Center in the concourse and followup with a check made out to "Faith Lutheran" Church with Altar Flowers in the memo line

Announcement Request Form:

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

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

October Faith Notes Articles due Monday, September 23rd and should be directed to our Church Secretary, Kris Cronk (secretary@faithpenfield.org). Thank you!

Baptisms:

- Joseph Sebastiano (8/4/24), son of Victoria Friele
- Luke Sebastiano (8/4/24), son of Victoria Friele

Called to Glory:

- Kathleen Anderson, acquaintance of Paula Reitz
- Dave Rogers, close fraternity brother of Rich Hoffarth
- Diane Bayer (7/25/24), friend of Kurt & Sharon Finkbeiner
- Fred Chase, uncle of Peggy Muller
- Marlene Goodman, cousin of Ed Lindskoog
- Great-Grandson of Mari Alfieri
- Evie Klafehn (8/26/24), long time member of Faith
- Elsie Hartmann (8/26/24), mother of Marsha Freeman



Birthdays

1	Deborah Nohle
	Carrie Spencer
2	Randy Longhenry
3	Katherine Talarczyk
4	Dennis Leinenbach
	Margarete Van Auken
_	Benjamin Vogt
5	Sharon Phillips
	Meredith Tindall
	Natalee Wilder
6	Brian Coughlin
	William McKee
7	Harrison Easton
	Ann Linder
	Chelsea Muller
	Joseph Sebastiano
	Charlotte Zager
8	Dylan Fore
9	Robert Freitag
	Brenda Lincoln
	Daniel Lindskoog
	Mary Versprille

10	Leah Brady
11	Elizabeth McLean
	Kimberly Nadritch
12	Liane Bartsch
	Tracy Maschoff Doty
	Avery Ebbecke
	Ann Marie Schembri
13	Raymond Linder
	Adam Schembri
	Luke Sebastiano
14	Ronald Cappellino
15	Bill Sykes
16	Anthony Alberti
	Richard Hoffarth
17	Teresa Ali
	James Messner
	Philip Sudore
18	Jeanne Kurzik
	Christine Souder
	Parker Zager
19	Jane Sandgren

21	Linda Aloi
	Kathleen Mielke
22	Emory Ford
	Sara Love
	William Mosko III
23	Christie Pichan
24	JoAnn Aspenleiter
	Karoline Trojian
25	Sandy Hoffarth
	Betty Porter
	Jamaahl Singleton
26	Laura Ricketts
27	Barbara Bruning
	Mark Saresky
28	Mark Wood
29	Lucy Resch
30	Davis Bird
	Judith Hull-Bricklemyer
	Seth Trojian
	Joseph Trova



Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 Douglas & Lois Smith
- 3 Gregory & Shannon Gerbasi
- 4 Sam & Kelly HartleyTodd & Kimberly Nadritch
- 6 Steve & Jackie Welk
- 7 Peter & Joanne SchultzMatthew & Jennifer Zager

- 14 Charles & Jennifer Kohlmetz
- 15 T.J. & Kathleen McEwen
- 17 Steve & Lisa Easton
- 22 Matt & Christy Coles
- 27 Scott & Kristina Cronk
- 30 Matt & Taylor Mason



Psalm 28:7



September 202	er 2024					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8.30am Traditional Worship 9.45am New Member Class 10.45am Contemporary Worship 12:00pm 9th Grade Confirmation Project Mtg (Rm204)	Church Office / FCCNS Closed	3 7.00am Men's Breakfast (Browncort Diner) 10:00am FLC Bowling Lgue 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 1:00pm Worship @ The Addison	4 10:00am Church Staff	5	4:30pm FCCNS Ice Cream Social Les Green Sorai	7 10:00pm Altar Guild Mtg (CmRm) 1:00pm Klafehn SOV w. Reception (Sanc/Aud)
8 Rally Sunday 10:00am Combined Worship 11:30am Rally Day Carnival with Fiddle Jammers & HottogyHamburg FLY Fundraiser 7:00pm Sunday Night FLY Kick-Off	9 10:00am Embroidery Guild (Rm204) 7:00pm Lyric Chorale (Aud)	10.00am FLC Bowling Lgue 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 4:00pm Stephen Ministry (CmRm) 6:30pm FLY Information Mtg (Aud)	11 10:00am Church Staff 5:45pm Girl Scouts (CmRm) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (MusicRm)	112 9:30am Property Board (CmRm) 11:30am Dorcas Group (Rm204) 6:00pm Girl Scouts (CmRm)	11:30am SOLA Lunch "Fruit & Salad"	1:00pm Fiddlers Rehearsal (MusicRm) 5:00 LIFT Bingo (Aud)
9:45am Traditional Worship 9:45am Adult Bible Class Sunday School Jr FLY in 204 / Sr FLY in FLY Rm 10:45am Contemporary Worship McEwen Baptism 12:00 Youth Gathering Mtg	16 8:00am Joseph Guild 10:00am Flower City Rug Hook Group (CmRm) 7:00pm FCCNS Board Mftg (CmRm/ZOOM) 7:00pm Lyric Chorale (Aud)	17 10:00am FLC Bowling Lgue 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 1:00pm Worship @ The Addison 7:00pm FLB Mtg (Rm204)	18 10:00am Church Staff 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal (Music Rm)	19	7:00pm Echoes of Friendship, a Musical Reunion Concert (Sanc)	10:00am Rise Against Hunger (Pavilion) Ray Se
2.2 Prayer Shawl Sunday 8.30am Traditional Worship 9.45am Adult Bible Class Sunday School Jr FLY in 204 / Sr FLY in FLY Rm 10:45am Contemporary Worship 7:00pm Sunday Night FLY "Remix"	23 7:00pm Lyric Chorale (Aud)	2.4 10:30am FLC Bowling Lgue 10:30am FCCNS Chapel	25 10:00am Church Staff 5:00pm Nucor House 6:30pm Veteran's Group (Lib) 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal (Music Rm)	26	27 5.30pm Departure Jr FLY Fall Retreat @ Camp Stella Maris	28 Jr. FLY Fall Retreat @ Camp Stella Maris
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