

Faith Notes

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October 2024 ... and the Blessings continue



Friday, October 18 @ 7:00 pm
Lancaster, PA



Sunday, October 20 @ 9:30 am



REFORMATION
Sunday

Sunday, October 27 @ 8:30 & 10:45 am



Sunday, October 27 @ 2:00 pm

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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

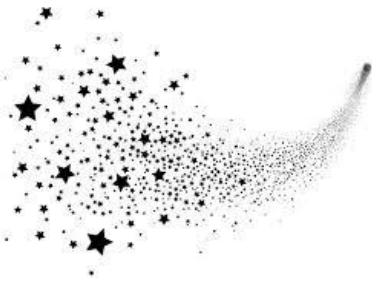
Jr. FLY Confirmation (Youth in grades 7-8), Sundays, 9:45-10:40am

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

Pastor Peter's Perspective



"I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore... and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me," Gen. 22:17, 18b

This past summer at my parents' cabin in Minnesota, I went out to the dock in the middle of the night. It was a crystal clear night and no light pollution to be found (a rare thing in Rochester). So I laid out on the dock and looked up at the night sky. The view was breathtaking! Thousands upon thousands of stars twinkled above me and I could even see the cloudy blobs of the Milky Way. I even saw a few passing satellites and shooting stars. It was spectacular!

The imagery of stars in the night sky is deeply biblical. God "breathed" out stars into the cosmos when He created everything (Psalm 33:6). In Genesis 22, God promised then childless Abraham that his offspring would be as numerous as the "stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore." Later in Philippians 2:15, the Apostle Paul encouraged Christians to "shine like stars in the sky."

And saints of God, you shine like stars. And the saints in heaven shine like stars, too. Your life in Christ is more spectacular than a million stars in the night sky. It's true! All saints of God reflect the warm glow and bright light of the Gospel of Jesus. And just as the stars in the night sky point us upward and fill us with wonder, soon there will be stars in our Sanctuary that will point us to the glory of heaven and the hope we have in Christ.

On All Saints Sunday (Nov. 3rd), our Sanctuary will be filled with stars that will have names of the Saints Triumphant – those who are in heaven with Jesus. For a few weeks in October, stars will be available in the Concourse for Faith members to write names of loved ones. Then a crew will hang them throughout the Sanctuary, and it's sure to be a beautiful sight!

These stars will be a visible reminder that our loved ones are not lost; they are alive in Christ! In Revelation 7:9, John sees a vision of a great multitude standing before the throne of God, clothed in white robes, worshiping the Lamb. This is where our loved ones are now – part of that great heavenly gathering, praising God for eternity!

The stars are not just symbols of remembrance but symbols of victory in Christ. These saints, whom we love, now rest in the victory of Jesus' death and resurrection, and we too are called to live in that same victory every day. While we miss them, we can rejoice, knowing they are in the presence of our Savior.

So, as Nov. 3rd draws near, let these stars remind us of the light of Christ that our loved ones now bask in, and may we be encouraged to live lives of faith, hope, and love, shining brightly until we too join the saints in our glorious heavenly home.

And all the saints said,
Amen!

Adult Education



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.

A Special Note of Thanks for the New Concourse Chairs

It was our staff's desire to upgrade the chairs used in our church's Library as many of the chairs were broken and worn-out. In addition, we wanted to update the look and feel of the Concourse by providing a more uniform look with high-quality, matching chairs throughout the space. Unfortunately, the beautiful cream-colored chairs with cherry wood arm rests that have provided seating in the Concourse coffee area for many years were no longer available. So, we moved those 8 chairs to the Library and purchased 12 new chairs for the Concourse that are equal in quality, design, and durability.

As this expenditure was outside of our annual operating budget but would provide many decades of ministry use, we approached several families who had a loved one with a named memorial gift account to help fund this upgrade to our Concourse and Library. We thank the families of Doris Florance, Joyce Lindskoog, Doug Sharp, Hubert & Audrey Velepec, and Paul Weise who all graciously approved the use of their loved one's memorial fund for this very special purchase. In addition, we were blessed with additional funding provided by a special gift from an anonymous donor. We give thanks to all who provided the funding for these beautiful chairs that will enhance the use of Faith's Concourse and Library for the good of all who visit and participate in ministry here for many years to come.



Stewardship Message from the Faith Leadership Board For August

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. We experienced a 15% unfavorable variance in envelope giving for the month of August but the resulting year-to-date budget variance remains favorable to budget by \$747. 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

| August 2024 | Voter Approved Budget | Actual | Variance from Budget | % Variance | Prior Year Actual |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 1st Sunday | \$5,000 | \$2,471 | (\$2,529) | -51% | \$4,808 |
| 2nd Sunday | \$5,000 | \$7,350 | \$2,350 | 47% | \$4,828 |
| 3rd Sunday | \$5,000 | \$3,724 | (\$1,276) | -26% | \$4,528 |
| 4th Sunday | \$5,000 | \$2,612 | (\$2,388) | -48% | \$4,110 |
| 5th Sunday | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | 0% | \$0 |
| Online Giving | \$21,000 | \$18,858 | (\$2,142) | -10% | \$20,878 |
| Festival Giving | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | | \$0 |
| Monthly Total | \$41,000 | \$35,015 | (\$5,985) | -15% | \$39,152 |
| Year-to-Date Total | \$440,500 | \$441,247 | \$747 | 0% | \$439,998 |

From the Mission Board



THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our annual Rise Against Hunger event on Sept 21st!!!! Thanks to the companies and families who sponsored the event, the families who donated funds, and all the folks who came to set up and volunteer!!! It was a fun, fast paced, laugh filled two hours. And we truly helped make a difference in the fight against hunger around the world.

Missions has a new opportunity to be Christ's hands and hearts here on earth. We will be having monthly dinner at **Nucor House** on Embury Rd. Nucor House is a home for US veterans who are struggling. We are providing these heroes with a dinner meal the last Wednesday of each month. We will be sharing a meal, Jesus' love, and show our appreciation for these veterans' service. Sign ups for the dinners are in the Events Sign Up book in the concourse. Missions hopes to expand our care to these folks in the future as well.



Faith is having a church-wide service project during the Sunday School hour on October 27th. We will have two ways to show Jesus' love in the larger community:

We could use some Thrivent Grants for these projects if any Thrivent members have not used their Annual Action Grants!! Please contact Marguerite McKee or the church office if you have grants available

- The first will be filling hygiene/care/love bags for women living on the streets of Rochester. The bags will contain items like band aids, shampoo, lotion, and toothpaste, etc. In addition, we will include hand-written scripture and prayer cards. The bags will be given to **The Father's Heart Ministry** for their outreach to these women.
- The second project will be tying fleece blankets and sewing messages on love on the blankets. These will be given to places like **Hillside** and **Nucor House**.

Look for more details about these projects in October's bulletins.

The annual **Thanksgiving Basket** sign up will begin in late October. We will fill and distribute 60 Thanksgiving meals to families in need both in the Faith family, and in the larger community.

The Missions Team thanks you for your support, and we pray even more Faith members can join us in the ways we strive to show Jesus' love in this world.

In His Name, Marguerite McKee



Redeeming Love (RL) is a branch of **The Father's Heart** ministry (non-profit) that focuses on serving addicted and exploited women on the streets of Rochester.

Weekly, Christian women volunteers drive through the city streets reaching out to these afflicted women, offering food, toiletries, clothing, Bibles and PRAYER.

RL works with various organizations and agencies to help them get off the streets, and begin a new life in Christ Jesus.

The heart of Redeeming Love is to show these women that they aren't forgotten, that they are so loved by Jesus, and that He is the Chain-breaker.



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)



Thank you, thank you, thank you! To everyone that was able to attend the Echoes of Friendship; a Musical Reunion Concert, I'm so glad you were able to be a part of that special evening. It was truly overwhelming to see so many familiar faces from different decades of our lives all in one place. It truly felt like time traveling in the final rehearsals, and being reunited with friends that are now spread across the country was incredibly special.

There was a recording made of the event, however we are not going to leave it up on our website in perpetuity.

If you would like to view or listen to a recording, please email me: elizabeth@faithpenfield.org and I can get you a copy to view once they are ready. There are very expensive copyright issues that are attached to Broadway music, and that is the reason for no public postings.

Next up for me is attending the WALi (The Worship Arts Leader Initiative) Summit in Chandler, Arizona (10/1-3). This will be my 3rd year attending this conference and I am looking forward to seeing what speakers and content they have to present. These conferences have been quite fruitful for me personally, and also for FLC as a whole. The current fruit is the *Loved and Sent* series. The author of *Loved and Sent*, Jeff Cloeter, was one of the plenary speakers and I absolutely loved his message. He is such a humble pastor, and his speaking points did not revolve around this book like a book sales tour. His talks focused around spiritual survival as someone in ministry, and then there was another installment that talked about the importance of folks serving missionally in their home communities, which then alluded to the existence of *Loved and Sent*. I love how this book takes information that we really should have a grasp on, and frames it in a new fresh way showing the applicability to every single one of us.

This year's theme at WALi is: *One Divine Service, Many Expressions*. The philosophy of WALi has been to provide shared learning, common support, and professional inspiration for worship workers and volunteers. The formation was centered around contemporary worship philosophies within the LCMS. This year there has been a huge expansion of content. There will be preaching seminars for pastors, contemporary and traditional music resources, as well as the tech arts training. I will be on the hunt for new knowledge and fresh inspiration that I can bring back to FLC once again. I appreciate your prayers while I attend, and that my flights are entirely uneventful. 😊



*An Invitation
for
ANYONE who likes to sing!!*



Whether a shower singer or soloist, ALL are welcome!!

Please join us on
Sunday morning, October 6
at 8:00AM

This pick up group will sing a familiar hymn arrangement for the offering...
The tune is easy to learn. We will review it during a short rehearsal
before the service.

Come be a part of this musical event. We will gather in the balcony at
8:00am.

Please contact Dianne Christensen with any questions.

585-314-5536

dmmc96@gmail.com

Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child time is here! Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, delivers shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies to reach out to children in communities around the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Please add your own messages or pictures to share Jesus' caring love. Boxes are shipped to children who live in areas affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S. Last year some of the 113 boxes from our congregation went to the countries of The Dominican Republic (On the island with Haiti,) Lesotho (a landlocked country in eastern South Africa,) and Eswatini (in southern Africa.)

This year, using funds from 2 Thrivent Grants and the Faith Church Mission Team, we are again asking the church members and their families to help fill 100 boxes. The boxes will already have toothbrushes, soap, washcloths, hairbrushes, and combs inside. A list of additional suggested items will be provided.

Shoeboxes will be available to be picked up at church on October 27th and November 3rd and in the church office. The return dates are November 10th and 17th.

You may contact Karen Wright, 377-4414 or Laurie Ebbecke, 671-7285 for additional information.

Goings on at Faith

Save the Date: "Surviving the Holidays" GriefShare event on Friday, Nov. 1st.

Grief is harder around the holidays. Sometimes it feels like taking one step forward and two steps back. Perhaps your holiday traditions have changed and sights, sounds, and smells trigger emotions. You're not alone this season. Faith will be hosting a "Surviving the Holidays" event sponsored by GriefShare and led by Donna Kaser and Pastor Peter. More information will be shared this month and all are welcome to participate as we navigate this season together.



Calling all Bakers!

Time to start baking! Get ready for the **Annual Bake Sale to be held on Sunday, November 3rd**! Donations of baked goods are welcome for this fundraiser, the proceeds of which will be to support FLY for their missions trips, as well as a contribution to the Lutheran World Relief efforts. Please mark your donations as to the content and price and drop them off that morning or the day before. Questions? Contact Jackie Kuipers or Stella Reschke.

Men's Breakfast Group

Join us as we start the day together in fellowship!

When: **Tuesday, October 1st @ 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, October 11th**. 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.

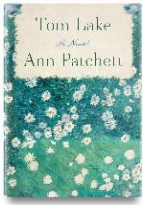
Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, October 14th** 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.



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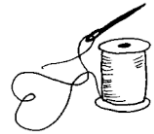


Fall Women's Book Group

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).

The Dorcas Group is meeting on **Thursday October 10th** 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



L.J.F.T.

Prost!

Saturday, November 9, 2024 @ 3:00 pm

Join us at the **Faircraft Brauhaus**
25 Parce Ave 100-105, Fairport NY, Tel. 585-364- 3005

Enjoy...

- A flight of craft German and Euro lagers (four, 5 oz pours)
- Presentation about the beers
- Bretzel (pretzel) with beer mustard

Sign up in the book in Faith's Concourse no later than Sun., Oct 27
Pay Chris Kulp \$23.00 per person by Sun. Oct. 27

Early dinner afterward at your own expense.

If staying for dinner, please let Chris Kulp know by Oct. 27.

German inspired dishes, see menu at Faircraftbrauhaus.com. Tel. 585-364-3005

Located in the historic American Can Factory, home of the beer can.
Faircraft prides itself in brewing German influenced craft beer.

Park in the main lot off North Main St. in Fairport.
See map on Faircraft's website for location of parking lot.

Questions?

Contact Chris Kulp at christinepkulp@gmail.com or
Cell/text 585-739-3642

Children's Ministry



Sunday School 2024-2025

Thank you to everyone who attended Rally Day! We hope families enjoyed the ballon art, face painting, arts and crafts and live music! Thank you to all of the Volunteers who helped out with Rally Day as well!

Children in 3rd grade received the **Hands-On Bible** during Rally Day worship. If your child (age 3-6th grade) has not received a Bible from us in the past, please contact Shannon Wolf at SundaySchool@faithpenfield.org and she will give you one. Children in 1st-6th Grade are encouraged to bring their Bible to Sunday School each week. Does your child have reading minutes each week? Consider having them read from their Bible!



Kidz Konnect: 4th-6th Graders are invited to join us monthly for Kidz Konnect which is an opportunity to participate in community service projects. Our first event will be held on **Saturday, October 26th** from 8am-10am at the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf. Please Register for this event to Shannon Wolf at sundayschool@faithpenfield.org by 10/20.

For this event, Kidz Konnect will be collecting food donations in the Concourse. Please see flyer on the bulletin board of needed items. Please have all donations in by 10/24

Sunday School is offered each week from 9:45-10:40am. If you are interested in volunteering as a rotation leader or a shepherd, please contact Shannon Wolf at sundaySchool@faithpenfield.org

***Volunteers** are also need for Kids Time which is offered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.*

Parents of Young Children Groups will meet again on Saturday, October 19th from 11:30am – 1:00pm. Lunch and childcare are provided. Please RSVP to Mark Harstad @ mnh1alfred@gmail.com

TRUNK OR TREAT -



October 27th, 2:00pm at Faith.

Children (and adults) are welcome to wear their costumes and go car to car "trunk or treating" in the parking lot (weather permitting; Trick or Treating will be indoors if inclement weather). Prior to trunk or treating, we will have a pumpkin patch and magic show! We encourage Faith members without young children to attend and hand out candy. Trunk decorating is encouraged but not required. If you would like to help out with this event, contact Shannon Wolf. This event is open to friends, neighbors, relatives, and community members. **We would encourage you to invite at least one family that does not currently attend a church.**



SAVE THE DATES:

Annual Gingerbread House Event: Thursday, December 12th @ 5:45pm in the Faith Auditorium. More details to follow.

Christmas Pageant: December 15th.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY SATURDAY, OCT 26TH

*Let's work together to help fill the
Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf*



Drop off: Saturday October 26th from 8-10 am
Location: 1618 Jackson Road

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Small Applesauce | Hamburger Helper |
| Pancake Syrup | Jello |
| Boxed Potatoes | Jelly/Jam |
| Rice Sides | Mayonnaise |
| Flour | Turkey Gravy Packets |
| Sugar | Crackers |
| Broth | Oatmeal |
| Cake/Brownie Mix | Canned Pasta |
| Coffee (1 lb or smaller) | Kleenex |
| Stuffing | Laundry Soap |
| Beef Stew | Shampoo/Conditioner |
| Canned Tomatoes | Dish Soap |

We cannot accept expired food (Please write expiration date on top of item i.e. 9/24)
PEFS is an equal opportunity provider



FLY

Thank you..

-To the all of the youth and adults who attended Sunday Night FLY last month! It is so great to enjoy worship, Bible discussions, games, food, and time together with friends!

-To everyone who volunteered, ate, and supported FLY at our

Hotdog & Burger FUNdraiser on Sept. 8! Over \$500 was raised for students attending retreats and the 2025 Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA!

-To our youth and adults who attended our annual Jr. FLY Fall Retreat! It was an awesome weekend learning how God created us to live for Him!

Sunday Night FLY "Identity" – Oct. 13

Who are you? What makes up your identity? On Oct. 13, we're going to look at how each of us has a unique identity that has been given to us by God. We're going to also worship, break into small groups, and play a crazy game! Bring your friends!



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

Laugh the night away with your friends at our "Improv Comedy Night" on Oct. 27! Steph Johnson will be leading hilarious improv games with everyone (she has performed improv on stages throughout Rochester). Feel free to jump in and think on your feet or sit back and enjoy the comedy!

*About Sunday Night FLY (SNFLY):

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

Jr. FLY Confirmation Class – Sundays @ 9:45-10:40am

7th & 8th grade students are reading through The Story on Sundays with Pastor Peter and Mark Harstad. All classes are in-person in Room 204. If you miss a class, you can download the PowerPoint presentation online at: faithpenfield.org.

Sunday Morning Sr. FLY Class – Sundays @ 9:45-10:40am

High school students are invited to check out the Sunday Morning Sr. FLY Class this year, as we're connecting Biblical truths to topics that are relevant to you. Join us in the Auditorium at 9:45am on Sundays through Oct. 13 as Pastor Peter is leading a class for Sr. FLY and adults. Then in November and beyond, the class will meet in the FLY Room for discussions 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!

October is Confirmation Month at Faith!

On Oct. 6th and 13th, our high school confirmands will be presenting their *Faith Art & Faith Statement Projects* during worship. Confirmands will be sharing their faith in Christ through an original piece of art and an essay. Their projects will be displayed in the Concourse leading up to Confirmation Sunday on Oct. 20th. They will publicly confirm their baptismal faith that day during the combined worship service at 9:30am. Please pray for these confirmands as they publicly confess their faith in Christ!

Confirmation Presentation Schedule

Oct. 6th

8:30 – Jack Maginn, Calvin Fridman, and Margo Natemeier
10:45 – Matt Schrack, Emma Arcieri, and Noah Arcieri

Oct. 13th

8:30 – Maxwell Poromon and Madelyn Ebbecke
10:45 – Rory Bernhardt, Hayden Lincoln, and Samantha Lincoln

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!

We need your college addresses so we can send you cookies next month! Please email your address to Kris Cronk (Faith's Secretary) at: secretary@faithpenfield.org. Thanks!

2025 Youth Gathering UPDATE

Many thanks to everyone who registered for next summer's Youth Gathering in New Orleans! It will be an incredible trip together! Adult leaders will be selected this month and every participant will be assigned a Community Group & notified of our next Gathering meeting.

Meet our Youth Advisors!

Youth Advisors help mentor students, chaperone trips & events, plan & lead FLY activities, teach Bible classes, serve behind-the-scenes, assist Pastor Peter, and help point others to Jesus! Their phone numbers are in our 2024-25 FLY Brochure (available at church). We thank God for: Cris Alello, Vince Alello, Jennifer Deutsch, Heather Hoad, Steph Johnson, John Keller, Jolynn Keller, Kim Nadritch, McKayla Nolan, Mari-Beth Schembri, and Elizabeth Young.

Meet our new FLY Intern: Mackenzie Hoad!

Mackenzie is serving as our new FLY Intern from Sept. 2024 through February 2025. For 6 months, she will be planning and leading different FLY activities, mentoring other FLYers, and building her leadership skills in FLY! We are so excited to see how God will continue to work through Mackenzie!

About Mackenzie:

-Sophomore at Victor High School.

-**Hobbies & interests:** swimming on the Victor Varsity Swim Team and CAQY Club Team during the off-season, track in the spring, has taken piano lessons for 6 years, and loves to babysit.

-**Favorite FLY activities:** Workcamp in Erie, PA, Sunday Night FLY, and the Sr. FLY Winter Retreat.

-**Favorite Bible verse:** 1 Samuel 16:7

-**Why she wanted to be a FLY Intern?** "I would love to get closer to the youth and adults in my youth group, closer to God and this amazing congregation. I want to help bring other FLYers closer to God while gaining the confidence to talk about God and His story."



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](#).

Mark Your Calendars...

Nov. 3 - Faith Bake Sale

Nov. 10 - Jr. FLY "Switch Party"

Nov. 10 - Sunday Night FLY "Cookies for College Students"

Nov. 24 - Sunday Night FLY "Half Truths"

Dec. 1 & 8 - FLY Ornament Sale

Dec. 8 - Sunday Night FLY "Christmas Party"

Dec. 15 - Sr. FLY & Young Adult Progressive Dinner

Check out our updated FLY webpage at: <https://faithpenfield.org/youth/>



Check us out on YouTube!

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

www.youtube.com/faithlutheranyouth



Connect with FLY on Facebook! Join our group today!

Search for "Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY)" on Facebook or type out this link...

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/flypenfield/>



Follow FLY on Instagram!

<https://www.instagram.com/flypenfield/>

Faith Child Care and Nursery School (FCCNS)

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



Thank You to everyone who supported our recent Kittelberger Flower Fundraiser. Because of you it was a great success.

Our themes for October are "Farm" and "Harvest"

The children will also be working on Numbers, The Color Orange, The Circle Shape and Letters C & D

Our Faith Character words for the month will be: Birth, Bless, Journey, Dreams and Provides

Our Bible Stories will be: The Birth of Isaac, Isaac Blesses his Sons, Jacob's Journey and Dream, Joseph's Coat and Dreams, Joseph Forgives and God Provides

Our Faith Character Trait is Patient

There are a few special activities we will be having in October:

- FCCNS Open House and Pizza Dinner- October 2nd 5-7
- Penfield Fire Department Visit- October 4th -10am
- Penfield Schools Closed – October 11th and 14th (School Age here all day)
- School Pictures- October 16th
- Pumpkin Patch- October 28th -10am
- Trunk or Treat- October 27th -2pm
- Harvest Festival- October 31st

I love the different seasons that Rochester has to offer and with each season there are traditions that go along with them. In the fall, I love watching the leaves change and fall and racking them up and jumping in them, grape picking in Naples, apple picking and making apple crisp, going to Schutt's for donuts and cider, Trunk or Treat, watching football, celebrating all the fall birthdays we have and carving pumpkins. I love scooping out the guts of a pumpkin, cooking the seeds, carving a face into it and then putting a candle inside so that it can shine light out into the world. We can do that too. We can shine His light into this world through our actions.



In 2020 we started a new tradition born out of COVID. We wanted our neighbors to know that we still cared about them, that we missed them and that we wanted to see them. So, on Halloween night we had a campfire in the front yard out in the fresh air. We invited all the neighbors to come over with their candy and sit by the campfire.



The neighborhood kids came and got their candy from the different houses all in one place. It was a chance to come together as a community and a chance to be together again. We now do it every year and it has gotten bigger with each passing year. The children come and enjoy a donut and some cider and the parents can have a treat as well. The neighbors all bring something to share as we gather around the glow of the fire and enjoy the evening together.

Now having a fire in your front yard might not be your cup of tea and that is ok, but we all can strive to find ways to share the good news with those around us. You can reach out to a friend you haven't spoken to in a while. You can surprise your child with a special date night. You can send a care package to a college student or a shut in. You can open the door for a stranger. Invite a friend out for dinner or to church. Heck, you can smile and say hello to someone you don't know. There are so many possibilities; find yours and shine on.

**Faith Child Care & Nursery School
Year to Date Income & Expenses Compared to Budget
As of 8/31/2024**

| | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Fav/(Unfav) Variance | Prior YTD | Board Approved 2024 Budget |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Operating Income | | | | | |
| Fees | 636,421 | 635,799 | 622 | 579,314 | 938,558 |
| Interest/Misc./Other | 24,097 | 27,221 | (3,124) | 20,329 | 36,433 |
| Total Operating Income | <u>660,518</u> | <u>663,020</u> | <u>(2,502)</u> | <u>599,643</u> | <u>974,991</u> |
| Expenses: | | | | | |
| Program | 28,719 | 33,620 | 4,901 | 30,710 | 47,261 |
| Employee Related | 538,905 | 556,674 | 17,768 | 489,677 | 834,008 |
| Property & Equipment | 39,379 | 42,895 | 3,516 | 39,250 | 65,192 |
| Supplies | 8,833 | 9,300 | 467 | 10,098 | 14,000 |
| Operating Expenses | <u>615,836</u> | <u>642,488</u> | <u>26,653</u> | <u>569,736</u> | <u>960,461</u> |
| Net Operating Income (Loss) | <u>44,682</u> | <u>20,532</u> | <u>24,150</u> | <u>29,907</u> | <u>14,530</u> |
| PPP Loan Forgiveness Grant | | | | 8,758 | |
| Total Other Income | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>8,758</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Net Surplus (Deficit) | <u>44,682</u> | <u>20,532</u> | <u>24,150</u> | <u>38,665</u> | <u>14,530</u> |

End of August enrollment 89 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!



**Faith Lutheran Church
Year to Date Income & Expenses Compared to Budget
As of 8/31/2024**

| | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Fav/(Unfav) Variance | Prior YTD | Voter Approved 2024 Budget |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Operating Income | | | | | |
| Envelope Offering/Plate Cash | 445,742 | 443,800 | 1,942 | 444,857 | 672,000 |
| FCCNS Facility Cost Sharing | 16,667 | 16,667 | (0) | 16,667 | 25,000 |
| Fund Distribution-Endowment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8,000 |
| Interest/Misc./Other | 10,245 | 9,300 | 945 | 8,496 | 13,300 |
| Total Operating Income | <u>472,654</u> | <u>469,767</u> | <u>2,887</u> | <u>470,020</u> | <u>718,300</u> |
| Expenses: | | | | | |
| Education | 14,006 | 13,900 | (106) | 13,329 | 18,450 |
| Employee Related | 248,386 | 291,741 | 43,355 | 289,770 | 442,911 |
| Mission & Outreach | 44,453 | 46,483 | 2,030 | 41,168 | 67,300 |
| Music | 3,921 | 4,600 | 679 | 3,607 | 6,150 |
| Other Expense | 5,981 | 8,550 | 2,569 | 9,178 | 11,750 |
| Property | 96,163 | 95,389 | (774) | 91,534 | 150,040 |
| Supplies | 19,763 | 20,033 | 270 | 18,491 | 30,695 |
| Operating Expenses | <u>432,673</u> | <u>480,697</u> | <u>48,023</u> | <u>467,078</u> | <u>727,296</u> |
| Net Operating Income (Loss) | <u>39,981</u> | <u>(10,930)</u> | <u>50,911</u> | <u>2,942</u> | <u>(8,996)</u> |

GIVING AT FAITH

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

There are a number of ways you can choose to give to the many ministries and outreach efforts at Faith.

(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.faitnpenfield.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:

- **Alexandra Ann McEwen** (9/15/24), daughter of Tommy & Christina McEwen, Granddaughter of TJ & Kathy McEwen, great-granddaughter of Ann McEwen

Called to Glory:

- **Kathleen Anderson**, acquaintance of Paula Reitz
- **Betsy Phillips** (9/7/24), friend of Dick & Roxanne Leschhorn
- **Bill Wademan** (9/7/24), uncle of Peggy Muller
- **Roger Barnes** (9/17/24), uncle of Bill McKee
- **Wayne Dean** (9/17/24), friend of Wayne & Bonnie Samuels



Birthdays






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|----|--|----|---|----|--|
| 1 | Scott Maginn | 15 | Calina Hernandez | 23 | Andrew D'Ambrosio |
| 2 | Madison Aloï Kenneth Kiellach Kristen Weis | | Julie Maginn Annika Vogl Abigail Wood | | Tyler Hignett John Keller Leta Mueller |
| 4 | Emmett Taillie | 16 | Martin Launer | 25 | Susan Brown |
| 5 | William Love | 17 | Jeffrey Aspenleiter | | Heather Hoad |
| 7 | Susan Lentner Sylvia Pape | | Dean Muller | | Linda Pritchard |
| 8 | Alan Fernaays | 18 | Madison Deutsch | | Rob Schembri |
| 9 | Janet Miles | 20 | Margaret Crouse | 26 | Jessica Freeman Bittner |
| 10 | Walter Becker Ian Withall | | Amelia DuBois | | Annabelle Weis |
| 11 | Beth Bird Sharon Finkbeiner | 21 | Patrick Saresky | 27 | Laurie Ebbecke |
| 12 | Victoria Freile | 22 | Joyce Hermanson | 28 | Barbara Krenzer |
| 13 | Russell Brooks | | Robin Wagstrom-Arnone | | Mason Schembri |
| 14 | Abbie Nuijens | | Matt Kime | 29 | Rae Usinger |
| | | | | 30 | Joan Weise |
| | | | | 31 | William Withall |
| | | | | | Elmer Pankratz |



Wedding Anniversaries

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|----|---|----|---|
| 1 | Matthew & Lisa Harrington | 17 | David & Sandi Banning |
| 3 | Emory & Mary Ford | 18 | David Malecki & Lisa Hutchings |
| 4 | Daryl & Christie Pichan Michael & Carrie Spencer | 20 | Douglas & Nancy Alvut Alan & Charlene Fernaays |
| 6 | Todd & Jodianne Natemeier | 21 | Dominic & Candice Gallina |
| 7 | James & Amanda Gerlach | | Bruce & Christine Kulp |
| 9 | Patrick & Carrie Resch | 24 | Robert & Janice Schrack |
| 10 | Frederick & Kathleen Mason | 25 | Adalbert & Brigitta Lux |
| 12 | Patrick Sullivan & Betty Porter Joseph & Jennifer Twomey | 26 | Kenneth Curry & Paula Niger |
| 15 | Keith & Debra Gierman | 27 | Richard & Linda Demme |

October 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|---|
| <p>6 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am SFLY/Adult Bible Class Sunday School Jr FLY Confirmation in 204 10:45am Contemporary Worship</p> | <p>7 10:00am Embroidery Guild (Rm204) 7:00pm Lyric Chorale (Aud)</p> | <p>1 7:00am Men's Breakfast (Browncroft Diner) 10:00am FLC Bowling Lgqe 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 1:00pm Worship @ The Addison</p> | <p>2 10:00am Church Staff 5:00pm FCCNS Open House w. Dinner (Pav) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Music Rm)</p> | <p>3 7:00pm Book Club (CmRm)</p> | <p>4 10:00am FCCNS Fire Dept. Visit </p> | <p>5</p> |
| <p>13 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am SFLY/Adult Bible Class Sunday School Jr FLY Confirmation in 204 10:45am Contemporary Worship Zayas Baptism 7:00pm Sunday Night FLY</p> | <p>14 Columbus Day 1:30pm Prayer Shawl (Rm204) 7:00pm Lyric Chorale (Aud)</p> | <p>8 10:00am FLC Bowling Lgqe 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 4:00pm Stephen Ministry (CmRm)</p> | <p>9 10:00am Church Staff 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Music Rm)</p> | <p>10 11:30am Dorcas Group (Rm204) 7:00pm Music & Worship (CmRm)</p> | <p>11 11:30am SOLA Lunch</p> | <p>12 1:00pm Fiddlers Rehearsal (MusicRm)</p> |
| <p>20 Confirmation Sunday 9:30am Combined Worship 10:30am Confirmation Reception </p> | <p>14 8:00am Joseph Guild 10:00am Flower City Rug Hook Group (CmRm) 7:00pm FCCNS Board Mtg (CmRm) 7:00pm Lyric Chorale (Aud)</p> | <p>15 10:00am FLC Bowling Lgqe 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 7:00pm FLB Mtg (Rm204)</p> | <p>16 FCCNS School Pictures (Rm204) 10:00am Church Staff 5:45pm Girl Scouts (CmRm) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Music Rm)</p> | <p>17 9:30am Property Team (CmRm)</p> | <p>18 7:00pm LIFT Event Lancaster, PA "Sight & Sound Theater" </p> | <p>19 11:30am Parents of Young Children (FLYRm)</p> |
| <p>27 Reformation Sunday 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Church-Wide Service Project 10:45am Contemporary Worship Gerlach Baptism 2:00pm Trunk or Treat 7:00pm Sunday Night FLY</p> | <p>28 FCCNS Pumpkin Patch  7:00pm Lyric Chorale (Aud)</p> | <p>22 10:00am FLC Bowling Lgqe 10:30am FCCNS Chapel</p> | <p>23 10:00am Church Staff 10:00am Christmas Box Construction (Rm204) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Music Rm)</p> | <p>24 5:30pm Board of Ed Mtg (CmRm) 7:00pm Youth Advisor Mtg (FLYRm)</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> |
| | | <p>29 10:00am FLC Bowling Lgqe 10:30am FCCNS Chapel</p> | <p>30 10:00am Church Staff 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Music Rm)</p> | <p>31 FCCNS Harvest Fest </p> | | |

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