

Faith Notes

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Wednesday, November 27th

at 7:00 p.m.

**“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within
me, bless his holy name!”**

PSALM 103

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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

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

**Adapted from Pastor's Stewardship Letter to the Congregation*

Dear Faith Family,

Thank you for being part of this congregation as we seek to **"Connect, Grow, and Serve"** alongside each other in the name of Jesus. This past year has been an **exciting time** for our congregation as we have welcomed many new Faith members, grew our weekly worship attendance, baptized 13 children and adults, built and dedicated our new Pavilion, began a new mid-week worship service throughout the summer, upgraded our Livestream capabilities, expanded our church staff, welcomed close to 200 children in our Vacation Bible School, and experienced so many other ways in which the Holy Spirit has been active in the life of our congregation! I truly believe we're just getting started.

This fall we focused on the theme of **"Loved & Sent."** As Christians, our identity is that we are loved by God and He has given us a purpose by sending us to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:18-20). This is our mission, given to us by Christ Himself. It is not optional, nor is it reserved for a select few. Every baptized believer, every member of our congregation, has been sent by God into the world to proclaim the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

But how do we live out this mission? It starts with **stewardship**. True stewardship is grounded in the understanding that God has entrusted each of us with resources: time, talents, finances, and the Gospel itself – for the purpose of making His name known. Stewardship is about acknowledging that everything we have comes from God and He calls us to use His gifts for His mission. Our stewardship of these gifts reflects our heart. Jesus says in Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

We live in a world that desperately needs the **hope** of Jesus Christ. Our mission as a congregation is to bring hope where there is none and to bring light where there is darkness. How can you use your time to serve God's mission? How can you use your talents to share Christ's hope? How can we, as a congregation, strengthen the ministries that help our community connect, grow, and serve in Christ's name?

During our worship services on **Nov. 10-24**, we will focus our attention on how we are to steward God's gifts of time, talents, and finances. **Pledge cards** will be available for your household to prayerfully consider what you can give back to the Lord through His Church. Your offerings are not just about meeting the needs of our church, but provide an opportunity for you to participate in the mission of God to make disciples and expand His Kingdom. We kindly ask for your household to return your completed 2025 Pledge Card to church by **Sunday, Nov. 24**.

We welcome and look forward to your support in 2025. Your faithful presence in worship, your generosity for the Gospel to be heard by many, and your investment in your family and community to be changed with the Gospel of Jesus are all part of how we steward God's gifts together. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us next year and how He'll use our faithful stewardship to accomplish His mission! And all God's children said, Amen!

Serving with you,
-Pastor Peter



For September

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FROM THE FAITH LEADERSHIP BOARD

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

We give thanks to God for your gifts to the general operating fund. We experienced a 4% unfavorable variance in envelope giving for the month of September resulting in a year-to-date unfavorable budget variance of \$1,512 which represents a budget variance of less than 1%. 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

September 2024	Voter Approved Budget	Actual	Variance from Budget	% Variance	Prior Year Actual
1st Sunday	\$6,000	\$5,504	(\$496)	-8%	\$4,680
2nd Sunday	\$6,000	\$2,875	(\$3,125)	-52%	\$4,878
3rd Sunday	\$7,000	\$10,431	\$3,431	49%	\$8,768
4th Sunday	\$7,000	\$8,170	\$1,170	17%	\$7,807
5th Sunday	\$6,000	\$3,200	(\$2,800)	-47%	\$0
Online Giving	\$20,000	\$19,561	(\$439)	-2%	\$17,975
Festival Giving	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Monthly Total	\$52,000	\$49,741	(\$2,259)	-4%	\$44,108
Year-to-Date Total	\$492,500	\$490,988	(\$1,512)	0%	\$484,106

Adult Education



Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class - "Spiritual Conversation" NOVEMBER 3, 10, 17, and 24

At His resurrection, Jesus told his followers, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
(Acts 1:8)

Following Pastor Peter's Love and Sent Bible Study, we will be hosting a four week class (Nov. 3-24) during Sunday's Bible Study time at 9:45 am to help the followers of Christ be an effective witness to others. The class is a Lutheran Hour Ministries video series with some individual participation. It is broken up into two major themes: The Eager Conversationalist and The Spiritual Conversation Curve. Learn where you are as a spiritual conversationalist and the tools to help you witness to those around you.

We are asking attendees to sign up by Sunday, October 27 for this class on the sheet in the concourse. Facilitator, Don Reschke, will need a count of attendees so he can assemble the proper number of class kits.



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for filling an Operation Christmas Child Box for a child in a country stricken with poverty, famine and disaster. Christmas Child boxes will still be available after November 3rd in the church office and will be collected at church on Sunday November 10th and 17th or in the church office during the week until November 20th. Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, will deliver the boxes that you have filled to children in communities around the world. You may "follow your box" in January to see where it has gone by recording the numbers on your box sticker and then looking online under SamaritansPurse.org/label (then scroll down). You might also get an email if you pay postage online. Thank you for sharing your love and praying for these children this season as you found special gifts for their boxes.

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

Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity



The Thanksgiving pie sale is already online. Pickup will be from 1 to 5 PM, Tuesday, November 26 at First Baptist (Penfield Road, just east of Five Mile Line Rd.) Our taste testers report that there will be FIVE flavors, *baked, not frozen*, from a new vendor this year. Flavors are: pumpkin (\$22), Dutch apple (\$22), pecan (\$23), apple cranberry (\$23), and Fruits of the Forrest (\$23) (a mix of strawberry, rhubarb, apple, and red & black raspberry). Both credit and debit cards are accepted.

The web page for ordering is: <https://donate.grhabitat.org/penfieldpies24>

Contact Ed Wright 585-667-1122, for help or late pickup.

Thanks for your support!

From the Mission Board

It is a busy time of year for Missions!!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the church wide service project on the 27th. The hygiene bags and fleece blankets will show our love, and Jesus' love to those who receive them.

Our annual **Thanksgiving basket** project has begun! We are filling 60 baskets!!
Please let the church office know by Nov 18th if you, or a family you know, need a basket.

The sign-up is online at faithpenfield.org or

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0544AF2EABFD0-52650735-mission# and will close on Nov 17th. All items must be at church by Friday, Nov 22nd. Black bins will be in the Concourse where donations are to be placed. Items can be dropped off in the Concourse beginning Nov 3rd until the final drop off day of Nov 22th by 4pm.

We will be packing and delivering the Thanksgiving baskets on Saturday, Nov 23rd at 10am.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Marguerite McKee at 585-506-6174 or margueritemckee58@gmail.com.



The annual **Angel Tree** project will begin Sunday, November 17th. Cards with gift requests will be on a table in the Concourse. Gifts will be due by Sunday December 8th to church.

We could use several Thrivent Grants this year. If members have one of their Action Grants available, please contact Marguerite McKee at 506-6174.

Thank you for helping be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community!

In His Name,
 Marguerite McKee

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.



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, November 5th @ 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, November 8th**. 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, November 11th** at 1:30 in the Community Room. Marie Ferner, one of our prayer shawl ministry members, is very accomplished both in knitting and crocheting and would be happy to work with anyone who is interested in participating.

If you would like a shawl, please contact the church office or Sue Hutchings. Prayer squares are available on the information desk in the concourse.



The Dorcas Group is meeting on **Thursday November 14th** at 11:30 am in Room 204. Please bring your lunch and join us for some socializing and making of pillows, bears, walker bags and shirt savers. Everyone is welcome to join us. Contact Laurie Ebbecke at 671-7285 or Karen Wright at 377-4414 with any questions

For the spring, the **Women's Book Group** will be reading the humorous contemporary novel, ***The Wedding People***, by Alison Espach. Set at a grand hotel in Newport, Rhode Island, during a week-long wedding celebration, the main character, Phoebe, befriends the bride-to-be and is mistaken by everyone as one of the wedding guests. The novel "reflects on the winding paths we can take to places we never imagined" (Chicago Review of Books). Join us in the spring for another lively discussion. For more information, contact Rae Usinger 585-381-1391 (home) or 585-738-9345 (cell) or Barb Riethmeier 585-704-8459 (cell).





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)

L.I.F.T.



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



Our Sunday School Classes are in full swing! We hope everyone is having a good time learning God's word through fun games, crafts and videos.

There are plenty of ways to give back to those in need this Thanksgiving season:

Please consider signing up to donate food for Thanksgiving baskets. There are plenty of slots available to help those in need. The sign up can be found online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0544AF2EABFD0-52650735-mission#/>

Sunday School offerings are donated to charitable organizations. Offering envelopes are located in the baskets in each Sunday School class. All offerings are greatly appreciated!

Save the Date: December 12th

Our Annual Gingerbread House Event will be held on Thursday, December 12th! Pizza dinner will be served at 5:45pm followed by Gingerbread House decorating. We ask that each family bring a bag of candy and contribute \$15 per house. Families are asked to RSVP on the sign up sheet located in the book in the concourse by December 1st to ensure we have enough houses.



The **Christmas Pageant** will be held on December 15th during the 10:45am service. Sunday School students will practice for the pageant during Sunday school classes beginning in November, so please try to attend as many classes as possible.

Kidz Konnect will resume after the holidays for 4th-6th grade students.

FLY



Thank you..

-To the youth and adults who are attending Sunday Night FLY! It is awesome growing in our faith and friendships together!

-To our high school Confirmands for sharing your Faith Art & Faith Statement projects with us last month! May God bless you in your baptismal faith every day!

Sunday Night FLY “Cookies for College Students” – Nov. 10

Help us send boxes of cookies to our FLY college students all over the country! We ask every FLYer to bring 2 dozen homemade cookies to SNFLY on Nov. 10. We'll write care cards and fill boxes with cookies & other items for our college students. Then we'll play games together for the rest of the evening! Bring friends and cookies to this awesome event!



ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!

We need your college addresses so we can send you cookies on Nov. 10! Please email your address to Kris Cronk (Faith's Secretary) at: secretary@faithpenfield.org. Thanks!

Sunday Night FLY “Half Truths” – Nov. 24

Youth are invited to learn the true, biblical meanings of some half truths we hear on a regular basis, like “Everything happens for a reason” and “God won't give you more than you can handle.” Join us at Sunday Night FLY as we unpack these Half Truths and grow in our faith together!

***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!



FLY Bake Sale – Sunday, Nov. 3

Drop-off baked goods on Fri, Nov. 1 & Sun, Nov. 3 for our FLY Bake Sale in the Church Concourse! All proceeds will benefit FLY and Lutheran World Relief. FLY volunteers can sign-up on the FLY Bulletin Board. Thank you!

Jr. FLY Confirmation Class Resumes on Nov. 3 @ 9:45-10:40am

7th & 8th grade students are reading through The Story on Sundays with Pastor Peter and Mark Harstad in Room 204.

Sunday Morning Sr. FLY Class Resumes on Nov. 3 @ 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. In November and beyond, the class will meet in the FLY Room for discussions and a **FREE cereal buffet!** This month, we will be “exploding our Bible!” Come discover what that means!

Jr. FLY Switch Party – Sunday, Nov. 10 @ 5:30pm

Come play Mario Kart in the FLY Room on Sunday, Nov. 10 from 5:30-7pm! We'll play tournament style and there will be prizes for the winners (& losers)! We'll enjoy pizza, too! Bring your friends to this fun party in the FLY Room and it will lead right into Sunday Night FLY that evening!

**FLY Ornament Sale – Dec. 1 & 8**

Purchase your very own Faith ornament and hang it on your Christmas tree or gift it to someone you love! Each ornament was 3D printed by Faith member, Matt Bernhardt, and this year the ornament features the 2025 Youth Gathering logo. All proceeds from the sale benefit our youth attending FLY trips this year! Visit our table in the Concourse. Thanks for your support!

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](https://www.remind.com/join).

Mark Your Calendars...

Dec. 1 & 8 – FLY Ornament Sale

Dec. 8 – Sunday Night FLY "Christmas Party"

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

Jan. 12 – Sunday Night FLY "Karaoke Night"

Jan. 26 – Sunday Night FLY "REMIX"

Jan. 31 – COFFEE HOUSE

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"

Our Themes for this month are Community Helpers and Thanksgiving

We will be working on our Numbers, the Color Brown, the Triangle Shape and Letters E, F and G.

Our Faith Character words for the month are Protect, Leader, Sea and Law.

Our Bible stories will be God Protects Moses, Moses and Pharaoh, The Exodus and Crossing the Red Sea, and The Ten Commandments

Our Christian Trait is Responsibility

Special Activities:

- School Pictures Make-Up Day – Thursday, Nov. 7th
- Penfield Schools Closed—November 11th, 25th – 29th (School Age here all day)
- Thanksgiving Feast – Tuesday, Nov. 26th
- Thanksgiving Holiday – FCCNS Closed Nov. 28th and Nov. 29th

In 1621 the Wampanoag people and the English settlers sat together to celebrate the harvest feast in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The feast was attended by 90 Wampanoag people and 52 settlers and it was to celebrate the harvest and friendship between them. On October 3, 1863 Lincoln proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving to be celebrated on Thursday, November 26th. Every president thereafter proclaimed the last Thursday in November would be Thanksgiving. I could go on with a history lesson but there is no need. I simply bring up a few dates to show that for centuries we have given thanks for the harvest and those who provide it and we give thanks to the maker of all things, God.

*Begin each day
with a
Grateful Heart*



Today, many families gather for Thanksgiving or Friendsgiving (because what are friends but family we get to choose), they might run a 5k 😞 or take a walk, watch or play football, play games and at the center of it all we eat a lot of food, then probably fall asleep on the couch. But while we do all that we are thankful for the blessings we have been given. I hope that you will join me again this year for Thankful November where every day you find something to be thankful for. And if what you are thankful for is a certain someone in your life, go a step further and thank them. I could spend the whole month on the phone with the people I have been blessed to have in my life and I hope you all have been blessed as well. Happy Thanksgiving. God's blessings to you all.



**Faith Child Care & Nursery School
Year to Date Income & Expenses Compared to Budget
As of 9/30/2024**

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance	Prior YTD	Board Approved 2024 Budget
Operating Income					
Fees	706,940	719,900	(12,960)	644,450	938,558
Interest/Misc./Other	33,995	30,327	3,668	23,492	36,433
Total Operating Income	<u>740,936</u>	<u>750,227</u>	<u>(9,291)</u>	<u>667,942</u>	<u>974,991</u>
Expenses:					
Program	34,026	37,548	3,522	34,305	47,261
Employee Related	602,699	623,525	20,826	552,979	834,008
Property & Equipment	44,392	49,894	5,502	45,977	65,192
Supplies	9,868	10,550	682	10,935	14,000
Operating Expenses	<u>690,985</u>	<u>721,517</u>	<u>30,532</u>	<u>644,196</u>	<u>960,461</u>
Net Operating Income (Loss)	49,951	28,710	21,241	23,746	14,530
PPP Loan Forgiveness Grant				9,853	
Total Other Income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,853</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>49,951</u>	<u>28,710</u>	<u>21,241</u>	<u>33,599</u>	<u>14,530</u>

End of September enrollment 72 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.faihtpenfield.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
9/30/2024**

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance	Prior YTD	Voter Approved 2024 Budget
Operating Income					
Envelope Offering/Plate Cash	496,329	496,100	229	489,287	672,000
FCCNS Facility Cost Sharing	18,750	18,750	(0)	18,750	25,000
Fund Distribution-Endowment	0	0	0	0	8,000
Interest/Misc./Other	11,441	10,300	1,141	10,518	13,300
Total Operating Income	526,519	525,150	1,369	518,555	718,300
Expenses:					
Education	15,783	15,225	(558)	14,206	18,450
Employee Related	279,758	331,647	51,889	320,298	442,911
Mission & Outreach	48,906	50,312	1,406	52,724	67,300
Music	4,319	5,250	931	5,079	6,150
Other Expense	6,421	9,450	3,029	9,683	11,750
Property	109,682	116,024	6,342	103,628	150,040
Supplies	22,898	22,556	(342)	22,102	30,695
Operating Expenses	487,767	550,465	62,698	527,721	727,296
Net Operating Income (Loss)	38,752	(25,315)	64,067	(9,166)	(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.

Called to Glory:

- Anita Schultz (9/22/24), sister of Diann Berndt, aunt of Sharon Mendez and Gretchen Buck
- June Bundschuh (9/25/24), sister of Millie Bundschuh and Mary Bohn
- Judy Nolan (10/1/24), grandmother of McKayla and Kayleigh Nolan
- Susie Maxfield (10/4/24), friend of Lori Davis
- James Hendrickson (10/6/24), close friend of the Sudore/Wilson Families
- Dorothy Neugebauer (10/7/24), friend of Bonnie Samuels
- Walker Farout (10/9/24), infant son of Natalie & Ryan Farout, friends of the Arnone family
- Joe Laubenstein (10/13/24), cousin of Ann Linder
- Jim Frank (10/14/24), cousin-in-law of Cheryl Speisman
- Daniel Lindskoog (10/16/24), son of Ed Lindskoog and brother of David Lindskoog

Birthdays

2	Adalbert Lux Gene Trimble	13	Harper Brooks Patrick Gerlach	21	Elizabeth Balentine Nancy Saresky
3	Ben Krenzer Maizey Mitchell Amelia Natemeier Lois Smith		Jennifer Kohlmetz Kendyl Mosko Rhea Oaks	22	Stephen Balentine Cooper Hall
4	Sandie Palmer	14	Noah Forma	25	Ruth Feasel
6	Paul Aspenleiter	15	Makayla Hoad		Charlene Fernaays
7	Charles Arnone Francesca Foster James Gerlach	17	Gretchen Buck Jennifer Cook Marnee Eddy Burke Brigitta Lux	26	Matthew Hoad John Glenn Ida Stiner
11	Daniel Nuijens		Joanne Schultz	27	Shannon Gerbasi
12	Elissa Brownell Paul VanHorn	18	Shannon Wolf	28	Molly Schultz
				29	Terry Allen Jill Bernhardt Nicholas Gallina
				30	Andrew Nohle





Wedding Anniversaries

2	Jeremy & Colleen Crouse	12	Tommy & Christina McEwen
5	Martin & Kathy Hardisky Dick & Roxanne Leshhorn	15	Peter & Stephanie Johnson
7	Lance & Dana Schultz	16	Daniel & Kristin Nuijens
8	Raymond & Ann Linder	23	Lawrence & Dianne Christensen
9	Mark & Rachel (Maschoff) Trova	28	Jon & Terry Allen



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November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 All Saints Sunday 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Adult Bible Class Sunday School Jr FLY in 204 / Sr FLY in FLY Rm FLY Bake Sale 10:45am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>4 10:00am Embroidery Guild (Rm204) 7:00pm Lyric Chorale (Aud)</p>	<p>5 Election Day 7:00am Men's Breakfast (Browncroft Diner) 10:00am FLC Bowling Lgue 1:00pm FCCNS Chapel 1:00pm Worship @ The Addison</p>	<p>6 10:00am Church Staff 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal (Music Rm)</p>	<p>7 FCCNS School Picture Makeup Day</p>	<p>1 Grief Share Event "Surviving the Holidays" w/ Dinner (CmRm) </p>	<p>2 1:00pm Fiddlers Rehearsal (MusicRm)</p>
<p>10 Stewardship 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 Mangerian Baptism 5:30pm Jr FLY Switch Party 7:00pm Sunday Night FLY "Cookies for College"</p>	<p>11 Veteran's Day 1:30pm Prayer Shawl (Rm204) 7:00pm Lyric Chorale (Aud) </p>	<p>12 10:00am FLC Bowling Lgue 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 4:00pm Stephen Ministry (CmRm)</p>	<p>13 10:00am Church Staff 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal (Music Rm)</p>	<p>14 9:30am Property Board (CmRm) 11:30am Dorcas Group (Rm204)</p>	<p>15 10:00am Keepers of the Cupboard (CmRm) 11:30am SOLA Lunch @ Jeremiah's</p>	<p>16 10:00am Thanksgiving Basket packing (Rm204) 11:00am Thanksgiving Basket delivery</p>
<p>17 Stewardship 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</p>	<p>18 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>19 10:00am FLC Bowling Lgue 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 7:00pm FLB Mtg (Rm204)</p>	<p>20 10:00am Church Staff 5:45pm Girl Scouts (CmRm) 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal (Music Rm)</p>	<p>21 5:30pm Board of Ed Mtg (CmRm) 7:00pm Youth Advisor Mtg (FLY Rm)</p>	<p>22 3:00pm Mrs. Lal's String Recital (CmRm)</p>	<p>23 10:00am Thanksgiving Basket packing (Rm204) 11:00am Thanksgiving Basket delivery</p>
<p>24 Stewardship 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</p>	<p>25 7:00pm Lyric Chorale (Aud)</p>	<p>26 10:00am FLC Bowling Lgue 10:30am FCCNS Chapel "Thanksgiving Gathering" </p>	<p>27 10:00am Church Staff 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>28 Church Office FCCNS Closed </p>	<p>29 Church Office FCCNS Closed</p>	<p>30</p>

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