

*Join us this Advent & Christmas as we focus on
“The Names of Jesus!”*

There are so many holy names and titles that God gives Himself throughout the Bible, including the names of His Son, Jesus. Throughout this season of Advent, our congregation will be focusing on different names of Jesus leading up to Christmas.

- Dec. 1st – “Root of Jesse”
- Dec. 8th – “Son of God & Son of Man”
- Dec. 15th – “Light of the World”
- Dec. 22nd – “Prince of Peace”
- Dec. 24th – “The Word”
- Dec. 25th – “Emmanuel”



Each of these names of Jesus draws us closer to Him, helping us to understand the depths of His love, and know Him personally. May these names of Jesus guide our hearts and our worship this Advent & Christmas season as we prepare for the coming of Christ, who holds every promise and every hope in His name!

**Join us December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd for
Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class led by Diane Van Auken**

The Study of familiar **Advent hymns** gives us a deeper Biblical meaning to the words we sing during this season of preparation. It also looks at the history of the hymns themselves. The series, written by staff of Concordia Publishing House (CPH), give us an opportunity to see how the hymns bring the scripture to life in song.



HANGING OF THE GREENS – TODAY!

12:15pm Pizza Lunch in Room 204

12:45pm Get to work decorating the church

All are welcome. Many hands make light work and we are in need of help. Join us as we fellowship and decorate! There is a sign up in the Concourse.

We hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Order forms are available at the Information Center, on Faith's website under Resources, and in the December issue of *Faith Notes*. 6" red poinsettias are available for \$9.00 each, and will decorate the Sanctuary and the Poinsettia Tree. The goal is to have 65 plants purchased, enough to fill the Poinsettia Tree and fill in the base of the Christmas tree. Printed dedications will be in all Christmas Eve bulletins and Christmas Day bulletins. **Orders are due December 8.**



Men's Breakfast Group

Join us as we join together in fellowship!

When: Tuesday, December 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. 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.**

Faith's annual **Angel Tree** gift project continues in the Concourse. There is a display to choose gifts to help local people through several of our Missions partners.

Gifts are due to the church on Sunday, Dec 8th.



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 8th to ensure we have enough houses.

Faith Advent Devotionals are ready to be picked up! They can be found on a table in the concourse. We are blessed to have members of Faith share their hearts with us in this year's devotions. Many thanks to Ellen Smurthwaite for creating this gift for Faith and all who contributed.



L.I.F.T. Celebrates Christmas with Soup (provided) Supper and Caroling at The Atria!

All are invited to join Faith's brothers and sisters in celebrating Christmas together on Friday, December 13, at 5:00 pm at the Kuipers' home at 2012 Five Mile Line Road, Penfield. Bring a snack, dinner item or dessert, a box of Christmas cards, and a White Elephant wrapped gift (under \$10). Please RSVP by December 8 to Jackie Kuipers at 585-383-9144 or yacomina kuipers@gmail.com or sign up in the concourse book.



Pick up a Christmas Yard Sign!

Let's invite our neighbors & community to celebrate Christ's birth with us this year! If you didn't pick up a yard sign last year, feel free to pick one up at church over the next few weeks. The yard sign displays our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship times, church contact info, and a QR code to our church website. Contact Pastor Peter if you have any questions: peter@faithpenfield.org.



You're invited to worship with us this Christmas!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship:

3:00 (Contemporary Worship)

5:30 (Traditional Worship)

7:30 (Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion)

Christmas Day Worship:

10:00am (Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion)



-In the spirit of giving, on Christmas Eve families are encouraged to drop-off **food & hygiene donations** for families in need this Christmas season.
-The church Library will be decorated and set aside as a space for families to take **Christmas photos** on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.

We'd love for your family and friends to join us this Christmas!

DCE Search Committee Update to Faith

Faith Family,

Thank you for your continued prayers as we continue searching for Faith's next Director of Christian Education. As a committee, we have kept an open mind to where the Spirit may be leading us throughout this search process. This fall, we have revisited the idea of applying for a DCE Intern from one of our synod's universities. Our congregation applied for an intern in February 2023 but there were not enough interns for every applying congregation. Our committee has been in communication with DCE Program Directors from four different Concordia Universities and while they can't guarantee an intern, they have commented that Faith is an ideal congregation to train a future church-worker. Our committee received approval by our Faith Leadership Board to apply for a DCE Intern while we continue our nationwide search for a DCE. We will hear in March whether or not we'll receive an intern for the 2025-26 school year.

If we receive an intern, there is the possibility of calling the intern to serve as a DCE upon completing their internship in the summer of 2026. While we are excited about these possibilities, we are taking one step at a time and will continue to follow God's lead.

If you have questions or comments about this process, please feel free to contact anyone on our DCE Search Committee:

- Steve Ford
- Carrie Steiner
- Kim Nadritch
- Sharon Phillips
- Pastor Peter Johnson

LYRIC CHORALE HOLIDAY CONCERT

Sunday, December 8, 2:30 pm

Faith Lutheran Church, 2576 Browncroft Blvd., Rochester

Tickets \$20 – available on our website thelyricchorale.org, or at the door

For this holiday season, the Lyric Chorale has chosen a delightful program of sacred choral music – past and present. Music from the past includes a Bach cantata, Vivaldi Magnificat, the ever popular Canon in D by Pachelbel, and music by Monteverdi and Gastoldi. The present century is represented with three gorgeous “Alleluias” by Manuel, Courtney, and Hagenberg, Patapan, arranged by Howard Helvey, Angels from the Realms of Glory, arranged by Dan Forrest, and more. The chorale will be accompanied by piano and strings.

This will be a program with something for everyone! We hope to see you December 8th! The concert will be followed with a cookie and punch reception.

You can find Faith’s updated Directory in the Concourse. We know picture directories are always appreciated, but we were not able to do that with this current update. Special thanks to Noreen Crouse for all of the hard work she put into this project!



November 24th Worship Attendance

In-Person: 229 Livestream: 100 Total: 329

December 8th Scriptures

Gospel: Matthew 24:1-8; 29-31

Epistle: 1 John 4:13-19

Old Testament: Daniel 7:13-14

Children’s & Family Ministry Announcements

Sunday School 2024-2025

Sunday School is available to children age 4-6th Grade. Sunday School is offered every Sunday from 9:45-10:40am. Please see the schedule located on the Children’s Ministries bulletin board in the concourse each week for your child’s classroom location.



The **Christmas Pageant** will be held on **December 15th** during the 10:45am service. Students in grades Pre-K-6th grade will be performing in the pageant. Rehearsals take place during Sunday School class so please attend as many classes as possible from now through December 15th. Special thanks to Peggy Muller and Mari-Beth Schembri for their coordination of the pageant.

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

Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY) Announcements

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

This morning our class will be writing Christmas cards to people. Join us for this fun Christmas project!



FLY Ornament Sale – TODAY & Next Sunday!

Purchase your very own Faith ornament and hang it on your Christmas tree or gift it to someone you love! They can even be used as a bookmark! 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! Thanks for your support!

Sunday Night FLY “Christmas Party!” – Sunday, Dec. 8 @ 7-9pm

All 7th-12th grade students are invited to our huge Sunday Night FLY Christmas Party next Sunday! **Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater (for a prize), bring a wrapped “White Elephant” gift (under \$10), and a canned good for our Food Drive!** At our party, we’ll have an ugly sweater contest, exchange White Elephant gifts, and eat some Christmas cookies! It’ll be a fun way to celebrate the birth of Jesus! Bring all of your friends!



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

Come and enjoy a 3-course meal at three different locations while caroling in between at nursing homes! High school youth and young adults are invited to this fun event! Everyone can wear fun Christmas sweaters & hats and bring a dessert! If you can drive between places, please let Pastor Peter or Mari-Beth know ASAP. Many thanks to our hosts!

Progressive Dinner Schedule

3pm – Appetizers @ Mari-Beth Schembri’s Home (99 Panorama Trail)

4pm – Caroling

5pm – Entrée @ Kuiper’s Home (2012 Five Mile Line Rd)

6pm – Caroling

7pm – Desserts @ Young’s Home (30 Pewter Rock) – ending around 8:30 p.m.

Coffee House Performers Needed!

Starting TODAY, sign-up to perform on stage during our **32nd Annual Coffee House on Jan. 31st**!

We are looking for singers, musicians, dancers, bands, ensembles, and comedians to share their God-given talents at this fun variety show!

Performers can perform 2 songs or up to 10 min. *The sign-up will be posted on the FLY bulletin board Dec. 1st through Dec. 15th.

The sign-up fills up FAST (it has been known to fill-up

within 48 hours)! Please talk to Pastor Peter if you have any questions about this FUN and entertaining event. Thank you!

Coffee House

DECK THE HALLS WITH 2 FLY CHRISTMAS PARTIES!

SUNDAY NIGHT FLY CHRISTMAS PARTY!

7-9PM SUN, DEC. 8TH
FOR GRADES 7-12

WEAR AN UGLY SWEATER,

BRING CANNED GOODS FOR OUR FOOD DRIVE & BRING A WRAPPED \$10 WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT!

CONTACT PASTOR PETER JOHNSON FOR MORE INFO: FLYPENFIELD@GMAIL.COM

PROGRESSIVE DINNER!

3-8:30PM SUN, DEC. 15TH
FOR GRADES 9-12 & YOUNG ADULTS

3PM - APPETIZERS
@ MARI-BETH'S: 99 PANORAMA TRAIL

5PM - ENTREE
@ KUIPERS: 2012 FIVE MILE LINE RD.

7PM - DESSERTS & GAMES
@ YOUNG'S: 30 PEWTER ROCK

BRING A DESSERT & SING CAROLS @ NURSING HOMES IN-BETWEEN COURSES!



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 12% unfavorable variance in envelope giving for the month of October resulting in a year-to-date unfavorable budget variance of \$7,508 which represents an unfavorable budget variance of just over 1%.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to be a faithful steward of the many gifts He has given you. We look forward to receiving your 2025 pledge card and deeply appreciate any way in which you choose to participate in and support the many ministries and outreach 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	%	Prior Year
October 2024	Budget	Actual	from Budget	Variance	Actual
Monthly Total	\$50,000	\$44,004	(\$5,996)	-12%	\$55,886
Year-to-Date Total	\$542,500	\$534,992	(\$7,508)	-1%	\$539,992

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Celebrating Birthdays This Week

- 12/1 Perry Duckles
- 12/2 Macie Hardisky, TJ McEwen
- 12/3 Jack Bittner, Sandra VanHorn
- 12/5 Stacy Ledermann
- 12/6 Jeffrey Bartocci, Allison Vogl

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week

- 12/3 Thomas & Suzanne Hutchings

Ongoing Prayers

Faith Members and Friends

Tim Albert, Cory Alberti, Cris Alello, Jeff Aspenleiter, Sandi Banning, Dan Behnfeldt, Ruth Behnfeldt, Diann Berndt, Mary Bohn, Sue & Guy Brown, Darlene Byrns, Torrence Couture, Sam Falzone, John Glenn, Jackie Johnson, George Kuipers, June Leibring, Hayden Lincoln, Aram Mangerian, Donna Pellnat, Daryl Pichan, Lois Ronnenberg, Wayne Samuels, Catharine Schmidt, Mary Schutte, Ellen Smurthwaite, Ida Stiner, Eric Sykes, Ronald Uecker, Diane Wagner, Bob Welk, Penny Wheeler, Bob Wyman

Those in Care Facilities

Mary Bohn	The Landing of Brighton
June Leibring	Baywinde (Webster)
Ed Lindskoog	Baywinde (Webster)
Bert & Brigitta Lux	Heathwood (Penfield)
Sally Schooley	Maplewood (Webster)
Ida Stiner	Brentland (Henrietta)

Serving in the Military

Ryan Brink	Nephew of Terry & Penny Wheeler
Will Brown	Friend of Charlie Arnone
Sean Dempsey	Nephew of Ed & Marsha Freeman
Thomas DiMiero	Son of Paul DiMiero
Elizabeth Flint	Niece of Jon & Terry Allen
Michael Flint	Nephew of Jon & Terry Allen
Jasigha Garrett	Nephew of Taylor Saunders-Garrett
Aaron Johnstone	Godson of Lisa Sykes
Ben Krenzer	Son of William & Barbara Krenzer
Paul Krenzer	Son of William & Barbara Krenzer
Andrew Lindskoog	Son of David & Cathy Lindskoog Grandson of Ed Lindskoog
Alexander Mangerian	Son of Peter Mangerian & Laura Mangerian-Smith Grandson of Elisabeth Mangerian
Lauren Marcum	Niece of Dick & Roxanne Leschhorn
Marques Marion	Former Assistant Teacher at FCCNS
Tim Monczynski	Son-In-Law of Ed & Marsha Freeman
Jake Moszkowicz	Neighbor of Diane Van Auken
Mattie McDonough	Son of John & Carolyn McDonough
Alana Nicole Neves	Niece of Dick & Roxanne Leschhorn
Quaysean Odom	Relative of Elisabeth Mangerian
Omar Parkinson	Son-in-law of Sharon Davenport
Kayla Petteway	Relative of Elisabeth Mangerian

Extended Family and Friends

Cathy's Husband, Jessica, Lailani, Vanmany Banks, Dave Boyer, Carol Boyer, April Brown, Celia Butterhold, Rich Causey, Bill Cerveney, Bob Comstock, Rebecca Cronk, Theresa Dioguardi, Natasha Doebler & daughter, Sarah Flint, Kevin Fries, Elynn Haden, Scott Karr, Karen Keiter, Don Kot, Lorraine Kuipers, Jeremy LaFond, David Lee, Jan Maynard, Scott McCarthy, Elizabeth Samuels-McGahey, Quinn McGahey, Thelma McKee, Ed McMaster, Edward Menzies, Jeffrey Menzies, Scott Menzies, Trey Michel, Cliff Milner, John Mirabito, Rick Monczynski, George New, Mark Niemeir, Ed Oliver, Domenica Panichia, Kevin Patterson, Nancy Perry, Doug Pritchard, Sue Provencher, Rick Putt, Mike Radigan, Heikki Rantakari, Tom Scott, Christine Seaman, Beverly Soanes, Susan Spano, Mark Steel, Mike & Nancy Stirling, Cathy Storm, Phil Tallenger, Jim & Jacquie Van Auken, Sue Weatherall, John Woods, those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton