## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



Altar Flowers are provided today by *Pastor & Stephanie Johnson In Celebration of the their 10<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary* 

Our "**Stars of the Saints**" in our Sanctuary will remain in place through Sunday, Nov. 17! May these stars continue to remind us that all saints who belong to Jesus are Abraham's descendants - who are "as numerous as the stars in the sky," Genesis 22:17. We look forward to seeing the Saints Triumphant with Jesus in heaven!



# Come worship with us on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### Join us December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Today is the last day to return your Christmas Child box to church.** The children in faraway countries will be so excited to receive the things you have packed and feel God's love as they find new school supplies, hygiene and personal gifts in their boxes. Add a picture, message and your prayers for them this season as you fill their boxes.



Thank you for sharing your love. In January you can find out where your box went by looking online at samaritanspurse.org/label (scroll down). Or, you might get an email if you have paid the postage donation online. You may contact Karen Wright, 377-4414, or Laurie Ebbecke, 671-7285 for additional information.



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

Our annual **Thanksgiving basket** project has begun! We are filling 60 baskets!! **Please let the church office know by Nov 17<sup>th</sup> if you, or a family you know, need a basket.** 

The sign-up is online at faithpenfield.org or:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0544AFAF2EABFD0-52650735mission#/ and will close on Nov 17<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to call the church office if

you cannot sign up online and Kris will help you. All items must be at



church by Friday, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>. Black bins will be in the Concourse where donations are to be placed. Items can be dropped off in the Concourse beginning Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> until the final drop off day of Nov 22<sup>th</sup>.

We will be packing and delivering the Thanksgiving baskets on Saturday, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Marguerite McKee at 585-506-6174 or margueritemckee58@gmail.com.

## Thanksgiving Basket Items Requested

Canned Corn Canned Green Beans Boxed Rice Boxed Stuffing Gravy (cans or jars) Canned Cranberry Sauce

Crackers Canned Fruit Cocktail 2 liter Bottled Juice \$70 Donation (full meal) \$35 Donation (1/2 meal)

#### **CHURCH PLANT BED CLEANING**



Help is needed to remove leaves from around the church building on **November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.** Men, Women, and Youth are needed to clean the property around the building. Please bring a rake and wear appropriate clothing. There is a sign up in the Concourse or you can call the church office (381-3970) or email

(secretary@faithpenfield.org) to commit to helping with this annual cleanup.

#### HANGING OF THE GREENS – Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

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!



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November 10<sup>th</sup> Worship Attendance In-Person: 223 Livestream: 88 Total: 311

November 24<sup>th</sup> Scriptures Gospel: Matthew 6:19-24 Old Testament: Isaiah 51:4-6

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8



The Thanksgiving pie sale is already online. Pickup will be from 2 to 6 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 debit and credit cards are accepted. **The last day to order is TODAY.** 



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

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

We also report that we have -- and have posted on the Missions Bulletin Board -- a list of November, December and January dates when you can volunteer to work at a TBA construction site.

You can also volunteer to work at one of the three **RESTORE STORES**. Sign ups for both start at the <u>GRhabitat.org</u> site then choose <volunteer> then <individual> then make choices.

Hint: If you already have an account, <sign in> at the top.

Thanks for your support!

# **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.



## SAVE THE DATES!



**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.

Dear Faith Family,

Thank you for your continued support of me as I continue to recover and manage some health issues. As I mentioned in the September Faith Notes, my doctors have decided that I should only work one quarter time for now. Therefore, I will normally be playing the organ in person a couple times a month. Elizabeth Balentine and Dan Zager will help with some of the services. But we also have another option we can utilize.

When we did the rewiring and installation of a solid state system on the organ a few years ago, one of the features that was included was a record/playback option. I am able to record hymns into this system, and when they are played back, it is just as if I was sitting at the bench. The pipes play, and the stops, which vary the sounds on the organ, change as programmed, kind of akin to a player piano. Many of you saw this in action on September 29. This feature is obviously not flexible or appropriate for choir or solo accompaniment purposes, i.e. where the organ needs to follow or bend with the needs of the musicians being accompanied. Yet, it does work quite well for hymns, organ solo pieces, or music where the organ is the leader. Therefore, I hope to assist with some more Sunday music beyond when I am personally present, all while keeping my work hours at the level that my doctors have said is needful and appropriate for me right now.

As I learn how to most effectively use this capability of our organ, I welcome your feedback and comments. Thank you again for your support of me as I navigate my medical challenges. I look forward to continuing to serve among you as I am able and to furthering the growth of Faith's music ministries for the future.

Dianne Christensen



## Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY) Announcements

#### Thank you...

-To our amazing adult volunteers for leading last Sunday's Bible classes, Jr. FLY Switch Party, and Sunday Night FLY!

-To all students who baked cookies and created care packages for our FLY college students around the country!

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

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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 month, the class is meeting in the FLY Room to "explode our Bibles!" Bring your Bible from home or use a new Bible as we're going to make it super easy to find certain verses about anxiety, fear, encouragement, hope, wisdom, and peace. It's going to be a great time!

#### Sunday Night FLY "Half Truths" – Sunday, Nov. 24 @ 7pm

Students 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!





#### 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! 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!

\*FLYers can sign-up on the FLY bulletin board to help with this sale. Thanks!

## 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."

ENVELOPE GIVING						
	Voter		Variance			
	Approved		from	%	Prior Year	
September 2024	Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	
Monthly Total	\$52,000	\$49,741	(\$2,259)	-4%	\$44,108	
Year-to-Date Total	\$492,500	\$490,988	(\$1,512)	0%	\$484,106	

## FAITH'S STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE FOR PRIOR MONTH:

# **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

#### Celebrating Birthdays This Week

- 11/17 Gretchen Buck, Jennifer Cook, Marnee Eddy Burke, Brigitta Lux, Joanne Schultz
- 11/18 Shannon Wolf
- 11/21 Elizabeth Balentine, Nancy Saresky, Penny Wheeler
- 11/22 Stephen Balentine, Cooper Hall

## **Celebrating Anniversaries This Week**

11/23 Larry & Dianne Christensen

## **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, Torrence Couture, Sam Falzone, Marcia Freeman, John Glenn, Jackie Johnson, George Kuipers, June Leibring, Hayden Lincoln, Sharon Long, 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 Will Brown Sean Dempsey Thomas DiMiero Elizabeth Flint Michael Flint Jasigha Garrett Aaron Johnstone Ben Krenzer Paul Krenzer Andrew Lindskoog

Alexander Mangerian

Lauren Marcum Marques Marion Tim Monczynski Jake Moszkowicz Mattie McDonough Alana Nicole Neves Quaysean Odom Omar Parkinson Kayla Petteway

Nephew of Terry & Penny Wheeler Friend of Charlie Arnone Nephew of Ed & Marsha Freeman Son of Paul DiMiero Niece of Jon & Terry Allen Nephew of Jon & Terry Allen Nephew of Taylor Saunders-Garrett Godson of Lisa Sykes Son of William & Barbara Krenzer Son of William & Barbara Krenzer Son of David & Cathy Lindskoog Grandson of Ed Lindskoog Son of Peter Mangerian & Laura Mangerian-Smith Grandson of Elisabeth Mangerian Niece of Dick & Roxanne Leschhorn Former Assistant Teacher at FCCNS Son-In-Law of Ed & Marsha Freeman Neighbor of Diane Van Auken Son of John & Carolyn McDonough Niece of Dick & Roxanne Leschhorn Relative of Elisabeth Mangerian Son-in-law of Sharon Davenport Relative of Elisabeth Mangerian

### **Extended Family and Friends**

Cathy's Husband, Jessica, Vanmany Banks, April Brown, Celia Butterhold, Rick Campoli, Rich Causey, Bill Cerveny, Bob Comstock, Jack Conroy, Rebecca Cronk, Theresa Dioguardi, Natasha Doebler & daughter, Gary Doty, Sarah Flint, Kevin Fries, Elynn Haden, Karen Keiter, Don Kot, Lorraine Kuipers, Jeremy LaFond, 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, Beverly Soanes, Susan Spano, Mike & Nancy Stirling, Cathy Storm, Phil Tallenger, Jim & Jacquie Van Auken, Larry Wagner, Sue Weatherall, John Woods, those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton