



Altar Flowers are provided today by *the Crouse & Campoli Families* **In Memory of Jerome Bischooping on what would have been his 90th Birthday**

***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!



Faith's annual **Angel Tree Gifts are due to the church TODAY** with gift tag attached securely by 11:00am in the Concourse.

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 TODAY.**



We will be hosting a **Christmas Dinner for the Veterans at Nucor House** on Wed Dec 11th at 5:30. The theme is Christmas Dinner and there is a sign up in the book in the Concourse. Please join us in sharing a meal and Christ's love with these Heroes who served our country so bravely!!

We welcome Christmas Cookies if you cannot contribute to the dinner. They can be dropped off in the office.



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 **TODAY** to ensure we have enough houses.

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.



**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 yacominakuipers@gmail.com or sign up in the concourse book.

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

Join us December 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.



If you are receiving **Offering Envelopes** for 2025, they can be found in the concourse.

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 sign-ups for 2025 are available in the concourse book now! Please take a moment to pick a month you'd like to host/organize/lead so our fellowship activities continue into the new year!

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!



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!

December 1st Worship Attendance

In-Person: 254 Livestream: 107 Total: 361

December 15th Scriptures

Gospel: John 8:12-18

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-3

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.



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

Parents of Young Children's group will meet again on Saturday, January 18th 11:30-1:00pm. Lunch and babysitting provided. Please RSVP to Mark Harstad: mnh1alfred@gmail.com

Please note, there will be **No Sunday School classes on December 22nd and December 29th.**



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 watching "The Nativity Story" and digging into the story of Christ's birth! Join us!



FLY Ornament Sale – TODAY!

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!" – TONIGHT @ 7-9pm

All 7th-12th grade students are invited to our huge Sunday Night FLY Christmas Party TONIGHT! **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 treats! It'll be a fun way to celebrate the birth of Jesus! Bring all of your friends!



Sr. FLY & Young Adult Progressive Dinner – Next Sunday, 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 at 8:30pm

Coffee House Performers Needed!

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 through Dec. 15th!

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

@ KUIPER'S: 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 Budget		Variance from Budget	% Variance	Prior Year Actual
October 2024	Budget	Actual	Budget		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

- 12/9 Benjamin Kleine
- 12/11 Rory Bernhardt, Jackson Coles, Julia Cummings, Ray Hutch
- 12/13 Michael Hanss, Debra Kime

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week

- 12/12 David & Mary Schutte, Greg & Elizabeth Young
- 12/14 Russell Hignett & Carrie Steiner

Ongoing Prayers

Faith Members and Friends

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

Those in Care Facilities

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

Angie, Cathy's Husband, Jessica, Lailani, Vanmany Banks, Dave Boyer, Carol Boyer, Celia Butterhold, Rich Causey, Bill Cerveny, Bob Comstock, Rebecca Cronk, Bertha Dill, Natasha Doebler & daughter, Sarah Flint, Kevin Fries, Elynn Haden, Scott Karr, Karen Keiter, Kris Kessler, Don Kot, Jeremy LaFond, David Lee, Scott McCarthy, Elizabeth Samuels-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, Sue Provencher, Mike Radigan, Heikki Rantakari, Tom Scott, Christine Seaman, Beverly Soanes, Susan Spano, Mark Steel, Mike & Nancy Stirling, Cathy Storm, Jess Sudol, Phil Tallenger, Jim & Jacquie Van Auken, Sue Weatherall, John Woods, those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton