

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



From the Pastor's Desk...

-Many thanks to all who attended and voted during Faith's Annual Voters Meeting last Sunday. A special thank you to **Kris & Scott Cronk** for helping with the lunch.

-Last Sunday, our congregation voted in three new members of our Faith Leadership Board: **Beth Bird, Amanda Ebbecke, and Bill Mosko**. Each will serve a 3-year term. Welcome to FLB!

-Please join me in thanking the following FLB members completing their terms: **Greg Gerbasi, Todd Natemeier, and Karoline Trojian**. Later this month, FLB will be selecting new roles on the board: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. Once the roles are selected, we will share the info with the congregation.

-Thank you to our incredible **FLC & FCCNS Finance Teams** for their countless hours in preparing the 2025 Budget – which the congregation approved last Sunday. The Finance Teams are: Kay Gerlach, Todd Natemeier, Karoline Trojian, Lori Connolly, Alan Crouse, Mari-Beth Schembri, Stacy Ledermann, and Pastor Peter.

-Last Sunday, our congregation also approved the three proposed changes to **Faith's Constitution and Bylaws**. Many thanks to FLB and others for their diligent time and research in this triennial review process.

-I will be away at conferences this week. If you need pastoral care, please contact the Church Office at 381-3970.



Lutheran
Disaster
Response

Missions approved a matching fund drive to help the victims of the wildfires.

Missions has matched the first \$5000 of the \$6057 collected to date, but the need is great. All monies raised will go to Lutheran Disaster Response for their wildfire relief efforts. Donations can be made to Faith with "wildfire" in the memo line.

Donation collection deadline is Feb 15th.

"Faith Together; I am a member of Faith, now what?"

New Bible Study, intended for all members AND THOSE ATTENDING Faith, will look at the Biblical model of a church, Christ's direction to His followers, and how we, here at Faith, can 'Connect, Grow, and Serve' as part of the body of Christ. This study, lead by Pastor Peter with Diane Van Auken, goes to 3/16/25, with one week intermission for a mission project. We look forward to having you all attend.



2024 Year-End Contribution Statements are available for pick up in the Concourse



BINGO NIGHT!

DATE: Saturday, February 15, 2025
TIME: 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Faith Lutheran Church
HOSTS: Sandie & Bob Freitag (585-381-6535)
Sharon & Kurt Finkbeiner (585-671-7771)
Linda & Tom Hanss (585-671-1605)

A Pot Luck Supper will be starting at 5:30 p.m.
Bring a dish to pass and your own beverage (no alcohol)
BINGO will start at 6:30 p.m.
There is a sign-up sheet in the concourse or you can contact
Sandie, Sharon or Linda

Families are invited to join us Sunday, February 16th at Noon for a Sledding party! Pizza, drinks, and dessert will be provided for lunch. Members are invited to bring in a crockpot of Chili or Soup as well! We will provide hot chocolate for everyone to warm up inside. No Snow? Snow problem! We'll watch a movie in the auditorium instead. Please register on the sign up sheet in the concourse by 2/9.



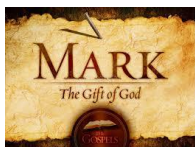
Don't forget to bring your sleds!

Ending February 16th, our **Kidz Konnect Group** for 4th - 6th graders we will be collecting new and gently used winter hats/gloves, hand warmers, granola bars/small snacks and small hygiene products (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soaps, etc...) to fill **Blessing Bags** for those less fortunate in our community. Please place donated items in the labeled bins located in the Concourse.

The Blessing Bags



Kidz Konnect will be meeting on Saturday, February 22 @ 11:30 a.m. in Room 204 to fellowship with pizza and putting the Blessing Bags together.



A Women's Small Group will start on February 18 at 2:00 in the church library and will meet every other week for four weeks. We will continue studying the Gospel of Mark and will include a brief summary of the chapters previously studied. You will have the opportunity to share and personally interact with this special gospel. Please contact Christie Pichan or Joanne Schultz if you have any questions.



More than 1 in 3 families in the US experience diaper need. Because of this, **Faith Lutheran Church is hosting a diaper drive to benefit the Junior League of Rochester Diaper Bank** which provides more than 20,000 diapers each month to partner organizations and social workers in the Rochester area.

Between now and March 2nd we will be collecting diapers of all sizes in the Concourse. **On March 2nd, Faith will hold a congregation-wide service project** during the Education hour at 9:45 in the Auditorium where we will package the diapers in the specific way required by the Junior League.

Please contact the church office with any questions.

West Wing Bathroom repair schedule:

Phase 4 *Construction:* January 31st - February 14th

February 2nd Worship Attendance

In-Person: 251 *Livestream:* 102 *Total:* 353

February 16th Scriptures

Gospel: Luke 6:17-26 *Epistle:* 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Old Testament: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Children's & Family Ministry Announcements

Sunday School 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:

-There will be No Sunday School on March 2nd for our Church-wide Community Service Project. We will be collecting diapers in the Concourse for this event.

-Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place Easter morning, April 20th at 10am.



Please join us

Thrivent Night at the Strong National Museum of Play

Hosted by the Thrivent Member Network–Northeast Region

As part of a Thrivent Member Network, you're among a group of local Christians who come together to learn, support one another and make a real impact in our communities.

Event details

Sunday, February 16, 2025

4 to 8 p.m. (Doors open at 3:45 p.m.)
Strong Museum of Play
1 Manhattan Square Dr., Rochester, NY

4 to 5:30 p.m.: Thrivent Member Pre-event Gathering

Enjoy dinner and a Thrivent update. Each Thrivent client with membership can bring up to three guests.

5:30 to 8 p.m.: Open Play –Thrivent

Members, friends and family can enjoy all the museum has to offer. Non-members can register for Open Play.

Admission and parking are free.

Pre-event registration is necessary for all attendees. Space is limited so register today at bit.ly/Strong2025, scan the QR code or visit the Events page on thrivent.com/northeast.

Please feel free to invite others to celebrate with us.



This event is brought to you by your Thrivent Member Network. No products will be sold at this event.
thrivent.com • 800-847-4836

Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY) Announcements

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

Confirmation class is today with Mark Harstad in Room 204.

Sr. FLY Bible Class on Sundays @ 9:45-10:40am

High school students are invited to check out this class in the FLY Room as we're connecting Biblical truths to topics that are relevant to you.

****No Sunday Night FLY TONIGHT due to the Big Game!***

Sunday Night FLY "Low Battery" – Feb. 23

Living in the digital age, each of us knows the feeling caused by a low battery on our smartphones. So what do we do? We charge it up. Our spiritual lives are the same way. What do we do when our spiritual battery is drained? Come to an engaging night of large & small group discussions as we unpack this "low battery" issue.



2025 Sr. FLY Winter Retreat – "Melt Away" at Asbury Retreat Center – Feb. 28-Mar. 2

Want to melt away the stress in your life? Then come experience a weekend away while having fun with your friends in the snow! There will be lots of anti-stress activities, laughs, snowballs, sleds, food, and discussions on God's Word!



Please register online at: faithpenfield.org/resources and submit your \$160 payment to the FLY Registrar's mailbox at church by Feb. 17. All checks made out to "Faith Lutheran Youth" please. Financial help is available on a first-come first-serve basis.

It's going to be an AWESOME Winter Retreat (created and led by our FLY Intern: Mackenzie Hoad) – hope you can come!

Mark Your Calendars...

Mar. 5 – Spaghetti Dinner

Mar. 9 – MYSTERY NIGHT!

Mar. 23 – Sunday Night FLY "Cookies for College Students"

2025 Sr. FLY Winter Retreat
Feb. 28-Mar. 2 @ Asbury Retreat Center
16 Lakeside Ave, Silver Lake, NY 14549

Melt Away

Melt away your stress with your friends!
Enjoy stress-relieving activities, outdoor games,
Bible studies, sledding, great food, and more!



Packing List: Bible, sled or tube, snow clothes, boots,
pillow, sleeping bag, towel, hygiene items & snacks to share.



REGISTER ONLINE at faithpenfield.org/resources or SCAN HERE:

Cost is \$160. Check made out to "Faith Lutheran Youth." Register & pay by Feb. 17.
Please meet at Faith at 6pm on Feb. 28. We'll return to Faith by 3pm on Mar. 2.



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

We are seeking an organized and detail-oriented part-time Administrative Assistant to join our FCCNS team. This position requires strong communication skills, must be proficient with Microsoft Word & Excel.

Duties

- Perform data entry tasks with accuracy and attention to detail.
- Manage calendars, schedule appointments, and coordinate meetings for team members.
- Strong communication including greeting parents and guests and answering inquiries
- Handle clerical tasks such as filing, organizing documents, and maintaining office supplies.
- Collaborate with team members to improve office processes and enhance overall efficiency.
-

Experience

- Proficiency in using Excel and Word software is essential.
- Strong organizational skills with the ability to prioritize tasks effectively.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills are necessary for this role.

Job Type: Part-time 12 – 15 hours per week; Monday – Friday afternoons

Pay: From \$17.00 per hour

See FCCNS website for application or FCCNS office



DIRECTOR OF DIGITAL ARTS

The full-time Director of Digital Arts (DDA) will play a vital role in the Church's outreach into our community by creating and managing Faith's digital media, social media, and web presence. He/She must be self-motivated, creative, a strong leader, flexible, have a heart for ministry, and possess the ability to work in a highly collaborative environment.

Time Commitment & Compensation

Time commitment: 30-40 hrs/wk (Flexible hours)

Compensation: \$20-\$30 per hour, contingent upon education and experience.

Read the entire job description included in the application packet.

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for this position, please complete the Application for Employment and return it to the Church Office (2576 Browncroft Blvd, Rochester, NY 14625). The job application and description are also available electronically by going to our website at www.faithpenfield.org and clicking on the Resources tab followed by the Job Opportunities tab. Please contact Pastor Peter Johnson at peter@faithpenfield.org for additional information.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2025



SOUND TECH LEAD

The part-time Sound Tech Lead will strive to effectively manage the audio of Faith's worship services, so that all in-person and online worshipers can clearly hear the Word of God proclaimed to them. This individual will need to be present for the majority of worship services, train/schedule volunteers, keep inventory and records of equipment, and work collaboratively with worship staff.

Time Commitment & Compensation

1. \$100 per Sunday for 26 Sundays per year.
2. \$50 per additional worship event per month.
3. \$25 per hour for training and other non-worship tasks.

Read the entire job description included in the application packet.

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for this position, please complete the Application for Employment and return it to the Church Office (2576 Browncroft Blvd, Rochester, NY 14625). The job application and description are also available electronically by going to our website at www.faiithpenfield.org and clicking on the Resources tab followed by the Job Opportunities tab. Please contact Pastor Peter Johnson at peter@faiithpenfield.org for additional information.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2025

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 1% favorable variance in envelope giving for the month of December resulting in a year-to-date favorable budget variance of \$11,075 which represents a favorable budget variance of 2%.

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”.

God reminds us in 1 Peter 4:10, “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

FAITH'S STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE FOR PRIOR MONTH:

ENVELOPE GIVING					
	Voter		Variance	%	Prior Year
December 2024	Approved Budget	Actual	from Budget	Variance	Actual
Monthly Total	\$75,000	\$75,999	\$999	1%	\$77,945
Year-to-Date Total	\$665,000	\$676,075	\$11,075	2%	\$658,926

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Celebrating Birthdays This Week

2/10 Jolynn Keller
2/11 Ava Bernhardt, Dalton Kennedy
2/12 Paul DiMiero
2/15 Dana Webb, Christopher Wood

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, Pete Crouse, Sam Falzone, John Glenn, Jackie Johnson, June Leibring, Gaylord Leinenbach, Hayden Lincoln, Aram Mangerian, Donna Pellnat, Daryl Pichan, Lois Ronnenberg, Wayne Samuels, Catharine Schmidt, Sally Schooley, Mary Schutte, Ellen Smurthwaite, Ida Stiner, Eric Sykes, Ronald Uecker, Diane Wagner, Bob Welk, Penny Wheeler, Terry Wheeler, Suzanne 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)
Bob Welk	Legacy @ Cranberry Landing (Rochester)

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, George, Jeff, Jessica, Matt, Patty, Paul, Ron, Steve & Pat, Yi-Ju, Bill Baker, Vanmany Banks, Helen Bischooping, Joseph Burton, Celia Butterhold, RJ Campoli, Rebecca Cronk, Natasha Doebler & daughter, Sarah Flint, Kevin Fries, Elynn Haden, Ruth Hartung, Karen Keiter, Kris Kessler, Don Kot, Jeremy LaFond, Scott McCarthy, Elizabeth Samuels-McGahey, Thelma McKee, Ed McMaster, Edward Menzies, Scott Menzies, Trey Michel, Cliff Milner, John Mirabito, Rick Monczynski, George New, Mark Niemeir, Ed Oliver, Domenica Panichia, Kevin Patterson, Nancy Perry, Vincent Poromon, Sue Provencher, Mike Radigan, Heikki Rantakari, Ron Schuenhoff, Tom Scott, Theodore Short, Beverly Soanes, Jim Soanes, Susan Spano, Lori Thompson, Mike & Nancy Stirling, Cathy Storm, Phil Tallenger, Jim & Jacquie Van Auken, Sue Weatherall, John Woods