



Altar Flowers are provided today by The Family of Margaret Hill  
***In Loving Memory of Margaret***

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### ***Adult Education***

#### **“Coping with Stress and Helping Others Navigate Addiction”**

Facilitated by Denny Gerbasi

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – April 13<sup>th</sup>

Facing addiction or stress? Join our four-week Bible class, “*Coping with Stress and Helping Others Navigate Addiction*,” continues in our Faith Auditorium at 9:45am. A resource pamphlet with 26 helpful tools is also available. For confidential support, contact Denny Gerbasi at 585-671-8036. Let’s uplift one another in faith!

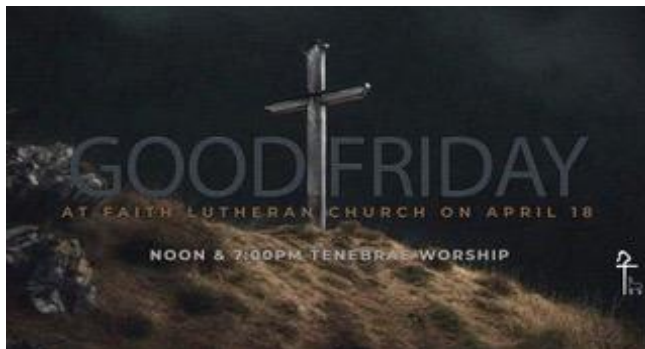
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### **Pick up an Easter Yard Sign!**

Let’s invite our neighbors & community to worship our Risen Lord with us this Easter! Every Faith household can pick up a yard sign at church over the next few weeks from Faith’s main entryway. The yard sign displays our Easter worship times, church contact info, and a QR code to our church website. We can display these signs every Lenten season in our own front yards! Contact the Church Office if you have any questions.



Help beautify Faith’s sanctuary for Easter. Easter Flower Order Forms must be in by April 6, 2025. You may complete a form found on the Information Counter in the Concourse or through this link: <https://faithpenfield.org/resources-forms/>



The annual **Easter Basket Food** project has begun! There is an online sign up on Faith's website under Resources which runs through April 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be filling more than 60 baskets for families in need in the community. Items can be dropped off at church beginning March 16<sup>th</sup> and will be due to church no later than Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Baskets will be filled and delivered on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:45. If you know of a family in need, please let the church office know by April 6<sup>th</sup>.



**We would LOVE to have volunteers to help sort, pack, and deliver the baskets!!** (You can go online to sign up to volunteer.)

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### **Men's Breakfast Group**

Join us as we join together in fellowship!

When: Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7am

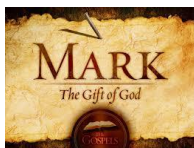
Where: **Browncroft Diner**, 2501 Browncroft Blvd,  
Rochester, NY 14625



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.**

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**The Women's Small Group will have a final meeting on April 1 at 2:00** in the church Library. 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.



### **Churchwide Community Service Project**

**Please join us Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> during the education hour as we continue to participate together serving our community. We will be creating cinch sack Blessing Bags for the organization RAW "Recovery All Ways."**



"Recovery All Ways (RAW) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that meets people where they are at on their path to recovery. Weekly outreach takes place every Sunday from 10am to 1pm, in the heart of Rochester's 14621 neighborhood, an area hard hit by the overdose crisis. We also do outreach as needed across the city and county. It is our mission to support anyone affected by substance use disorder, mental illness, and/or homelessness."

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## Children's & Family Ministry Announcements

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### 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.



If you are interested in volunteering as a rotation leader or a shepherd, please email Shannon Wolf at [Sundayschool@faithpenfield.org](mailto:Sundayschool@faithpenfield.org)

Children's Ministries will be hosting **Lenten Dinner** on *Wednesday, April 2nd*. Sunday School families and volunteers are invited to come together for potluck dinner at 5:45pm and worship at 6:30pm. **Please sign up for a dish to pass in the sign up book located in the Concourse.**

### Save the Dates:



**Calling all Easter Egg Hunters!** Please join us Easter morning, April 20th! Children are welcome to join us on the Playscape at 10:00am for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Some eggs will contain non-food items and all eggs will be peanut free. Kids will be divided into two groups for fairness and safety. One group will be up to age 3 and the other group will be age 4 and up. In the event of inclement weather, the egg hunt will be held indoors.

**\*Please note, there will be no Sunday School on Easter \***

**Kidz Kconnect** (4th-6th grade) will participate in Penfield's "**Good Neighbor Day**" on Saturday, April 26th. Adults and siblings are welcome to volunteer as well! We will meet at the Rothfuss Farm (not the park!) at 1865 Salt Rd. at 8:30 AM where we will receive our assignment. We will plan on working until Noon unless we finish sooner. All work is light yard work - raking, weeding, picking up sticks, etc. We ask everyone to bring any relevant yard tools they have, as well as gardening or work gloves. Please RSVP by April 15th to Shannon Wolf at [Sundayschool@faithpenfield.org](mailto:Sundayschool@faithpenfield.org) if you or your child(ren) are interested in volunteering.

### **VBS 2025 "Superhero Academy"**

Campers... Assemble! Grab your capes and get ready for fun at "Superhero Academy" this July 28-Aug. 1 at Faith! Vacation Bible School is open to all 4 year olds through students entering 8th grade this fall! Register online here: <https://faithpenfield.org/vbs-registration/>



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## Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY) Announcements

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### Thank you...

-To all of the youth and Youth Advisors for packing cookies and sending care packages to our FLY college students all over the country!

### Sunday Jr. FLY Confirmation Class & Sr. FLY Bible Class Today @ 9:45-10:40am

-Jr. FLY Confirmation Class meets in Room 204

-Sr. FLY meets in the FLY Room



### First Communion Class (Mar. 30; Apr. 6 & 13)

All 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents are invited to attend this 3-week class focusing on Holy Communion. Pastor Peter will be leading the class on Sunday afternoons from Noon-1:45pm in Room 204. Lunch will be served to students & parents. This class will prepare 6<sup>th</sup> graders to receive Holy

Communion for the first time on Maundy Thursday (April 17) at 7pm. Please talk to Pastor Peter if you have any questions ([peter@faithpenfield.org](mailto:peter@faithpenfield.org)).

### FLY Parents Small Group – Apr. 6

Parenting teenagers is an adventure! Sometimes it can feel like no-one else understands the highs and lows of this adventure. BUT, you are not alone! Other FLY parents want to support and walk alongside you! Come attend our small group on the first Sunday of the month from 9:45-10:40 in the Community Room (\*New time & location!). If you're interested in joining, feel free to talk to Cris Alello!

### Sunday Night FLY – “Tough Questions” – Apr. 13

All 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to ask our Youth Advisors tough questions about God, faith, and life on Apr. 13. Bring your friends and get ready for some engaging conversations about a variety of topics. We'll end the evening together with some games and fun!



### \*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!

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% unfavorable variance in envelope giving for the month of February resulting in a year-to-date unfavorable budget variance of \$727 or 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 give thanks for all of the 2025 pledge cards received to date 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					
February 2025	Voter Approved Budget	Actual	Variance from Budget	% Variance	Prior Year Actual
Monthly Total	\$74,000	\$73,268	(\$732)	-1%	\$74,377
Year-to-Date Total	\$132,000	\$131,273	(\$727)	-1%	\$145,147

2025 Update for Qualified Charitable Distributions

As many of you know, IRA owners age 70 1/2 and older can make tax-free charitable donations during the year through qualified charitable distributions (QCDs). The distribution remains tax-free if sent directly to a qualified charity by the IRA trustee. Starting in 2024, the QCD limit is subject to an annual adjustment, based on inflation. For that reason, the annual QCD limit has risen from the \$105,000 for 2024 to \$108,000 in 2025. Please refer to the QCD article in the upcoming March issue of Faith Notes or contact Kay Gerlach, Director of Finance, in the church office for more information. We appreciate all the ways in which you support our ministries at Faith and wanted to share this update with you.

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries

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### Celebrating Birthdays This Week

3/30 Stephanie Johnson, Mari-Beth Schembri  
3/31 Kevin Fries  
4/1 Evan Ford, Betty McKay, David Uhlman  
4/2 Doris Laitenberger, Skylar Nolan Jones  
4/3 William Cervený  
4/4 Mason Lach  
4/5 Erica Hernandez, Bonnie Samuels, David Schaum-Bartocci,  
Patricia Withall

### Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week

4/5 Robert & Monique Doty

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## Ongoing Prayers

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### 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, Sam Falzone, John Glenn, Grant Johnson, Jackie Johnson, June Leibring, Hayden Lincoln, Aram Mangerian, Elmer Pankratz, Donna Pellnat, Daryl Pichan, Barb Riethmeier, Lois Ronnenberg, Wayne Samuels, Catharine Schmidt, 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)
Cathy Schmidt	The Jewish Home (Rochester)
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
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, Darlene, George, Jeff, Jessica, Mother of Mari Alfieri, Patty, Steve & Pat, Garrison Ball, Vanmany Banks, Leo Burke, Celia Butterhold, RJ Campoli, Judy Conklin, Rebecca Cronk, Natasha Doeblor & daughter, Sarah Flint, Kevin Fries, Elynn Haden, Ruth Hartung, Karen Keiter, Kris Kessler, Don Kot, Jeremy LaFond, Sheila Latulipe, Anna Lewendowski, Scott McCarthy, Elizabeth Samuels-McGahey, Thelma McKee, Ed McMaster, Edward Menzies, Scott Menzies, Trey Michel, Cliff Milner, Dick Milner, John Mirabito, Rick Monczynski, George New, Mark Niemeir, Ed Oliver, Domenica Panichia, Kevin Patterson, Nancy Perry, Brenda Pilosi, Vincent Poromon, Sue Provencher, Mike Radigan, Heikki Rantakari, Rob Schuenhoff, Tom Scott, Beverly Soanes, Susan Spano, Jason Stagliano, Mike & Nancy Stirling, Cathy Storm, Jim Symonds, Jim & Jacquie Van Auken, Michael Wangemann, Sue Weatherall, John Woods