



We will be having an **Easter Brunch Celebration** at 9:45 am on April 20<sup>th</sup> in the Auditorium. For those of you who would like to contribute to the Easter Brunch Celebration, there is a sign up sheet in the concourse with aluminum foil pans with recipes attached should you choose to help by preparing a casserole.

Help is needed in quite a few areas.



### **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.

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### **Adult Education**

#### **"Coping with Stress and Helping Others Navigate Addiction"**

Facilitated by Denny Gerbasi

April 13<sup>th</sup>

Facing addiction or stress? Join us for our last Bible class, "*Coping with Stress and Helping Others Navigate Addiction*," which 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!

#### **"Grace and Forgiveness"**

Facilitated by Diane Van Auken

May 4<sup>th</sup> – May 18<sup>th</sup>

Forgiveness is central to our Christian faith, but there are differing viewpoints regarding forgiveness. What is forgiveness? Is God's forgiveness conditional? What did Jesus teach about forgiveness other than seventy times seven? What is the model God gives us and what are his expectations of us for forgiveness? All of these will be discussed in the three-week class. This topic is so critical to our daily lives, we do want to *try* to understand and practice it.

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### **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."

## **SOLA (Strength of Living Alone) Dinner**



All singles of Faith are invited to our first SOLA Dinner!  
Please join us on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm at  
**The Underpass Restaurant** 1226 Fairport Rd, Fairport  
for dinner and fellowship.

If you are planning to join us, you must RSVP by emailing  
Donna Kaser @ [dontshop@gmail.com](mailto:dontshop@gmail.com)

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We will be hosting a **Dinner for the Veterans at Nucor House**  
on Wed. April 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. The theme is "Favorite Casseroles."  
There is a sign up in the Concourse for casserole, salad and  
dessert. Please join us in sharing a meal and Christ's love with  
these Heroes who served our country so bravely!!



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## **Volunteer Drivers and Dispatchers Needed to Help Seniors**

Help your elderly neighbors by volunteering to drive or  
schedule rides with Bri-Pen Senior Rides. We provide rides  
for senior citizens living in Brighton or Penfield to medical  
and dental appointments in Monroe County, to visit family  
members in hospitals or nursing homes, and to the Brighton or Penfield  
Community Centers. Bri-Pen Senior Rides has been established for seven  
years and is affiliated with the non-profit organization Lifespan of Greater  
Rochester. Please call 585-340-8674 for more information. We would love to  
have you join our Team!



### ***Barb Riethmeier***

Highlands Living Center  
500 Hahemann Tr Rm 243  
Pittsford NY 14534  
Cell: 585-704-8459

### ***Shirley Buckingham***

Addison at Willow Pond  
40 Willow Pond Way Apt 256  
Penfield NY 14526  
Cell: 585-737-5722

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## **April 6<sup>th</sup> Worship Attendance**

*In-Person: 220   Livestream: 109   Total: 329*

## **April 20<sup>th</sup> Scriptures**

*Gospel: Luke 24:1-12*

*Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26*

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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)



**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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### **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 - Last Session Today @ Noon**

All 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents are invited to attend the last session today 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)).

### **Sunday Night FLY – “Tough Questions” – TONIGHT @ 7pm**

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 TONIGHT from 7-8:45pm. 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!



### **2025 Wilderness Retreat for Sr. FLY & Young Adults – May 23-26**



Camp and hike with your friends in the beautiful Adirondacks this Memorial Day weekend! We'll be staying in canvas tents at the Wilderness Campground at Heart Lake near Lake Placid, NY. We'll enjoy hiking, camping, cooking outdoors, a worship service by a lake, and exploring the scenery in and around Lake Placid!

**Please register online & submit the \$120 fee (made out to “FLY”) to the FLY Registrar’s mailbox by Sunday, May 11.** The registration and packing list are online at: <https://faithpenfield.org/resources-forms/>. All campers will receive a NEW maroon, long-sleeve Wilderness shirt featuring our Wilderness Retreat logo!

\*We are limited to 18 people, so please sign-up early to be guaranteed a spot!

*We hope you and your friends can join us for our 2025 Wilderness Retreat!*

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

- 4/13     Jonah Twomey  
4/14     Cindy Kreter, Carol Letky, Jennifer Ottman  
4/15     Lauren Cronk, Kenneth Curry, Kevin Deutsch, Anna Lach,  
            Tracy Muller  
4/16     Tracy Cervený, Monique Doty, John DeBois, Linda Kleine Fore,  
            Deborah Gillespie, Kiersten Kurzrock, Matthew Zager  
4/17     Greg Gerbasi  
4/18     Tatem Boyle, Kurt Finkbeiner, Morgan Szydlowski

### Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week

- 4/13     Larry Arnone & Robin Wagstrom-Arnone  
            Kurt & Sharon Finkbeiner  
4/14     Tom & Nancy Hammond

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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, Jackie Johnson, Dori Laitenberger, June Leibring, Hayden Lincoln, Aram Mangerian, Donna Pellnat, Daryl Pichan, Barb Riethmeier, Lois Ronnenberg, Wayne Samuels, Catharine Schmidt, Mary Schutte, Ellen Smurthwaite, Ida Stiner, Eric Sykes, Ronald Uecker, Diane Wagner, 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, Nanette, Patty, Steve & Pat, Mark Alello, Garrison Ball, Vanmany Banks, Leo Burke, Celia Butterhold, RJ Campoli, Donna Chismer, 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, Jeffrey Menzies, Scott Menzies, Trey Michel, Cliff Milner, Dick Milner, Tom Milner, John Mirabito, Rick Monczynski, Katie Moore, George New, Lizbeth Nickel, Mark Niemeir, Ed Oliver, Domenica Panichia, Kevin Patterson, Butch Pearl, Nancy Perry, Jerry Pichan, Nancy Porcellio, Vincent Poromon, Sue Provencher, Dee Purcell, Mike Radigan, Heikki Rantakari, Rob Schuenhoff, Tom Scott, Beverly Soanes, Susan Spano, Jason Stagliano, Mike & Nancy Stirling, Cathy Storm, Jim & Jacquie Van Auken, Michael Wangemann, Sue Weatherall, John Woods