



We will be having an **Easter Brunch Celebration** at 9:45 am TODAY in the Auditorium.

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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."

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### **Adult Education beginning in May**

#### **"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.

## Parents of Young Children Group

will meet again on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am – 1:00pm. Lunch and childcare are provided. Please RSVP to Mark Harstad @ [mnh1alfred@gmail.com](mailto:mnh1alfred@gmail.com)



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## 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!!



## EUCHRE

### Euchre NITE at Faith

Join us for Pot Luck and an evening of Fun and Games!

**Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm**

Sign up can be found in the Concourse

**Hosts:** Paula Reitz & Steve VanDerMallie

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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!



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On April 6<sup>th</sup> a man's silver ring was found in the Sanctuary. No one has called the office to ask about it, so we are going to you. If you have lost a ring or know anyone who has, please see Kris in the main office.

## April 13<sup>th</sup> Worship Attendance

In-Person: 249 Livestream: 106 Total: 355

## April 27<sup>th</sup> Scriptures

Gospel: Luke 20:19-31

Epistle: Revelations 1:4-18

Old Testament: Psalm 148:1-14

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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 this morning! 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/>

**VBS Volunteer Registration is opening soon on our website!**

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## Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY) Announcements

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**Congratulations** to all of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who received their First Communion this week! May God continue to bless you as you grow together in Christ!

### **Sunday Jr. FLY Confirmation Class & Sr. FLY Bible Class Resumes on May 4 @ 9:45-10:40am**

-Jr. FLY Confirmation Class meets in Room 204

-Sr. FLY meets in the FLY Room

### **Cinnamon Roll Sunday – Apr. 27**

Purchase 5 delicious cinnamon rolls for \$5 on Sunday, Apr. 27 in our church Concourse! All proceeds benefit our FLYers going to the Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July!

### **Sunday Night FLY – “REMIX” – Apr. 27 @ 7pm**

YOU will vote for the lesson and game we'll do together at Sunday Night FLY! All lessons will be based on popular movies and the games will include a mix of old & new FLY games! Bring a friend to this FUN event!



### **\*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!

### **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!*

### **Our FLY Interns and Youth Advisors are Here for YOU!**

FLY is blessed to have two high school students serving as FLY Interns and many adults serving as Youth Advisors who are here to walk alongside you – helping you to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ! We are all here for you, no matter what you're experiencing in life. But more importantly, God is always with you – loving and forgiving you every single day!

#### **Youth Advisors:**

-Cris Alello, Vince Alello, Jennifer Deutsch, Heather Hoad, Stephanie Johnson, John Keller, Jolynn Keller, Kim Nadritch, McKayla Nolan, Mari-Beth Schembri, and Elizabeth Young

#### **FLY Interns:**

-Ava Bernhardt & Madison Deutsch

Learn more about FLY and upcoming events at:

<https://faithpenfield.org/youth/>



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

4/20	Edwin Lindscoog, Ann McEwen, David Palmer
4/21	Walter Maurer, Michael McLean, Wendy Melenbacher
4/22	Beth Camann, Lindsay Forma, Amanda Longhenry, Melissa Maschoff
4/23	Robert Doty, Annerose Eberhardt, Zachary McEwen, Kristin Nuijens, Erin Wolfanger
4/25	Abigail Bennett, Isabelle Forma, Lucas Johnson
4/26	Elizabeth Ford, David Palmer

### Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week

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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, Stephen VanDerMallie, Diane Wagner, Penny Wheeler, Terry Wheeler, Suzanne Wheeler, Bob Wyman

### Those in Care Facilities

June Leibring	Baywinde (Webster)
Ed Lindscoog	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, George, Jeff, Jessica, Nanette, Patty, Steve & Pat, Mark Alello, Garrison Ball, Vanmany Banks, Leo Burke, Celia Butterhold, Ryan Byrns, RJ Campoli, Donna Chismer, Rebecca Cronk, Natasha Doebler & daughter, Sarah Flint, Kevin Fries, Elynn Haden, Ruth Hartung, Dan Howard, Karen Keiter, Kris Kessler, Don Kot, Jeremy LaFond, Sheila Latulipe, Scott McCarthy, Elizabeth Samuels-McGahey, Thelma McKee, Ed McMaster, Edward Menzies, Jeffrey Menzies, Scott Menzies, Trey Michel, Cliff Milner, Dale Milner, Dick Milner, Tom Milner, John Mirabito, Rick Monczynski, George New, Lizbeth Nickel, Glann Neumann, 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