



We will be having an **Easter Brunch Celebration** at 9:45 am on April 20th 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.



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

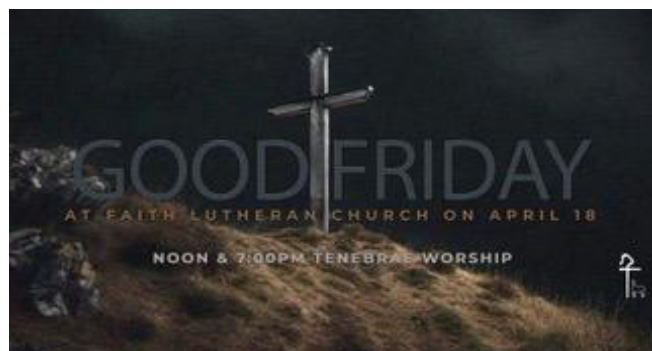
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The annual **Easter Basket Food** project has begun! There is an online sign up on Faith's website under Resources which runs through April 11th. We will be filling more than 60 baskets for families in need in the community. Items can be dropped off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



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

Adult Education

"Coping with Stress and Helping Others Navigate Addiction"

Facilitated by Denny Gerbasi

March 23rd – April 13th

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!

Churchwide Community Service Project

Please join us Sunday, April 27th 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 Monday, April 28th @ 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

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!

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.



If you are interested in volunteering as a rotation leader or a shepherd, please email Shannon Wolf at 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 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/>

Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY) Announcements

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 6th 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 6th 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).

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 7th-12th 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!



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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Celebrating Birthdays This Week

4/6 Garrett Hynes, Stephanie Schabel, Steve Welk
4/7 Larry Ferner, Mark Harstad, Natalia Hernandez
4/10 Scott Cronk, Jack Maginn
4/11 Sandra Freitag, Jonathan Gerlach, Tammy Miller
4/12 Brian Hammond, Roxanne Leschhorn, Eve Smith

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week

4/9 Michael & Karoline Trojan

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, 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 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, 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, John Mirabito, Rick Monczynski, George New, Lizbeth Nickel, Mark Niemeir, Ed Oliver, Domenica Panichia, Kevin Patterson, Nancy Perry, Jerry Pichan, Vincent Poromon, Sue Provencher, 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