

Notes To Assist Our Worship

Welcome – We are glad you chose to worship here today! We hope you discover the presence of God here and that together we can grow as friends of Christ and one another.

Standing and Sitting – If standing, sitting, and kneeling is too much for you, please remain seated (or standing at the communion rail) during those parts of the service. God is coming to you with His Gospel gifts. Our standing, sitting, and kneeling are simply our responses to God based on our health and ability.

Nursery – Faith Lutheran Church has a staffed nursery available for you to use on Sundays for children age 3 and younger. Please ask an usher if you need assistance in finding the nursery.

Hearing Impaired – Do you have a hearing impairment that makes it difficult to enjoy worship as much as you would like? Faith has a “hearing loop” for those with hearing aids with that feature. We also offer hearing impaired FM receivers for those wishing to use one. Please see one of our sound technicians for assistance.

Notes on Communion – If you need gluten-free wafers, they are located on a stand in front of the baptismal font to be picked up on your way to the communion rail. If you need a non-alcoholic option, white grape juice is in the center of the communion tray.

Communion Distribution – Today we will practice “continuous distribution.” This means that the servers will be stationary, while those communing will file by them to receive the Sacrament.

Our Hymnals – *LSB* refers to the *Lutheran Service Book*, which is the burgundy hard covered book in the pew rack. *WOV* refers to *With One Voice*, the smaller blue soft cover book.

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025 + 8:30am

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia! When life leaves us feeling defeated, Easter reminds us of Christ's victory. Jesus has defeated death and He has risen to bring you new life! In Him, our sorrows turn to joy, and our defeat is overcome by His triumph! Christ is risen for you!

PRELUDE

Brass Festival Music

WELCOME

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

(All turn to face the cross at rear of the sanctuary.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed, alleluia.

Death has lost its sting, for Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed, alleluia.

With Him you have been raised to newness of life.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

***ENTRANCE HYMN**

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

LSB 457

arr. Wesley Nance

***INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

When we feel defeated by sin we cannot shake, by fears we cannot name, and by burdens too heavy to carry, we come to the foot of the cross. Here, we meet not judgment, but mercy; not condemnation, but Christ, who has borne our defeat and risen victorious. Let us then confess our sins to God, trusting in His endless grace.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Merciful Father,

We confess that we are weary and worn, broken by sin and burdened by guilt. We have tried to stand on our own and have fallen again and again. Forgive us, renew us, and restore us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who was crucified for our sins and raised for our life. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ was handed over to death for your sins and raised to life to give you new life. In Christ, defeat is turned to victory and your life is now hidden in the risen Lord. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Walk now in Christ's victory and peace.

Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 156

Refrain

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain***

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain***

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain***

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. *Refrain***

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

LSB 156

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

Almighty God, through the resurrection of your Son, you have conquered sin and death and brought to us the promise of eternal life. Grant that we who celebrate this holy day may joyfully proclaim the good news of Christ's victory and live in the power of His resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***ALLELUIA VERSE**

LSB 157

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 24:1-12

LSB 157

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that

gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " ⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY *LSB 469*

Verse 1: All

arr. John Ferguson

Verse 2: Choir

Verse 3: Women

Verse 4: Choir

Verse 5: Men

Verse 6: All

MESSAGE

"Defeated!"

Pastor Peter

***A CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He

suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence

Almighty God, on this glorious Easter morning, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude and joy. We thank You for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, who conquered sin and death through His resurrection. Grant us, O Lord, the grace to live as resurrection people every day, transformed by the power of your love. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for your Church throughout the world, that it may faithfully proclaim the message of resurrection hope to all people.

Strengthen your servants who proclaim your Word, that with boldness and clarity they may witness to the truth of Christ's victory over death. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the leaders of all nations, that they may govern with justice and compassion. Guide them in the ways of peace, that all people may live in harmony and security. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give You thanks for all of the blessings You shower upon us everyday. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are in need of your healing today.

Especially be with:

- **Anna Lewandowski**, aunt of Dave Malecki, on home hospice care in Michigan
- **Andy & Cathy Harman**, cousin of Jenny Ottman and his wife, as Cathy has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's at 56 years of age
- **Beverly Soanes**, sister-in-law of Sandie Freitag, continued treatments for cancer
- **Deneen Hernandez**, friend of Ethan & Jenna Schadt and McKayla Nolan, undergoing open heart surgery on 4/21/25
- **Nancy Porcellio**, friend of Holly Grub, surgery moved to 4/21
- **Nasir Anderson**, nephew of Taylor Saunders-Garrett, on life support following a motorcycle accident
- **Ryan Byrns**, nephew of Laurie Ebbecke, diagnosed with Guillain-Barre syndrome
- **Suzanne Wheeler**, hospitalized at Highland Hospital

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones today. Comfort them with the assurance of your presence and the hope of the resurrection. We pray for:

- **Glenn** (4/13/25), cousin of Nasir Anderson
- **Barb** (4/15/25), mom of a college friend of Holly Grub, prayers for the Smith and Questel families

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We continue to pray for patience as our congregation waits for a new Director of Christian Education to serve alongside us here at Faith. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken and unspoken, and grant us your resurrection peace and joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

(Choir, Brass, Percussion) arr. B. Wayne Bisbee

Good Christian friends rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is ris'n for aye:

Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;

Let all mankind rejoice and say:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory

That love, that life which can not die,

And sing with hearts uplifted high.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,

And sing today with one accord

The life laid down, the life restored:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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+SACRAMENT +

*PREFACE

LSB 160

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good...evermore praising You and saying:

***SANCTUS**

LSB 161

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

***AGNUS DEI**

LSB 163

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.**

FAITH COMMUNION STATEMENT

Holy Communion is a gift from God and an expression of our unity in the Christian faith. We invite and welcome to the Lord's Table those who joyfully affirm the following:

- + I believe that I am a sinner and I repent of my sins.
 - + I believe that in eating this bread and drinking this wine, I am receiving the Lord's true body and blood.
 - + I believe that my sins are forgiven in this sacrament and I will strive to amend my life by the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - + I have been baptized.
 - + I have been prepared for Holy Communion through instruction.
- (For those with dietary restrictions, please see "Notes" on page 1.)

*RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Brass Meditation

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS WOV 671

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES LSB 461

JESUS LIVES! THE VICTORY'S WON LSB 490

*CANTICLE

THANK THE LORD

LSB 164



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

*POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, Heavenly Father, we thank You for feeding us this simple and holy meal of your Son's body and blood given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins. As we have received this sacrament on this glorious Easter day, may it strengthen and nourish our faith, that we may go forth into the world as witnesses to your resurrection and ambassadors of your love and grace.

Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

THE STRIFE IS O'ER

LSB 464
arr. Hal Hopson

***DISMISSAL**

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Go forth with Easter joy in your hearts!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Brass Festival Music

THANK YOU!

Altar Guild: Betty Porter, Cheryl Speisman, Laurie Ebbecke, Holly Grub, Christie Pichan

Acolyte/Crucifer: Declan Burke

Eucharist Assistants: Jeff Bartocci, Sharon Finkbeiner,
Betty Porter

Pews: Jackie Welk

Instrumentalists: Trumpets: Jared Wallis, Kirk Morrison

French Horn: Nathan Ukens

Trombone: David Bruestle

Timpani & Percussion: Jillian Pritchard

Piccolo: Kristine Parmele

Lay Reader: Paula Reitz

Live Stream: Jason Gerlach

Sound: Bob Helm

Ushers: Fred Mason, Karen Nitschke, Geoff Kaeuper, David &
Patricia Lapresi

Volunteers for April 27th

Altar Guild: Charlene Fernaays, Cindy Kreter

Acolyte/Crucifer: **TBA**

Lay Reader: Jeff Kurzrock

Live Stream: Jason Gerlach

Sound: Michael Balentine

Ushers: Beth D'Ambrosio, TJ & Kathy McEwen, Michael Hanss,
Steve VanDerMallie

The ALIVE Banner

"...he showed himself alive to them in many convincing ways..."

Acts 1:1

"...in Christ shall all be made alive..." 1 Corinthians 15:22

The word "alive" is at the heart of our faith, a faith that an extraordinary thing has happened, and that extraordinary things can happen in each of us.

Marla Friedrich, artist and designer

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR APRIL 20 – APRIL 27

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 *Easter Sunday*

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Sanctuary + Livestream
9:45 a.m. **Easter Brunch**
10:00 a.m. **Easter Egg Hunt**
10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Sanctuary + Livestream

HE IS RISEN
alleluia

MONDAY, APRIL 21

8:00 a.m. Joseph Guild
10:00 a.m. Flower City Rug Group Community Room
7:00 p.m. Lyric Chorale Auditorium
7:00 p.m. FCCNS Board MtgCommunity Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

10:00 a.m. FLC Bowling League AMF Fairview Lanes, Fairport
10:30 a.m. FCCNS Chapel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

10:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting Community Room

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

11:30 a.m. Parents of Young Children FLY Room

SUNDAY, APRIL 27 *Cinnamon Roll Sunday*

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Sanctuary + Livestream
9:45 a.m. **Service Project** Auditorium
 “Blessing Bags”

The Blessing Bags



10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Sanctuary + Livestream
7:00 p.m. Sunday Night FLYFLY Room
 “Remix”

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025



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

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."

Adult Education beginning in May

"Grace and Forgiveness"

Facilitated by Diane Van Auken

May 4th – May 18th

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 26th from 11:30am – 1:00pm. Lunch and childcare are provided. Please RSVP to Mark Harstad @ mnh1alfred@gmail.com



SOLA (Strength of Living Alone) Dinner



All singles of Faith are invited to our first SOLA Dinner! Please join us on Tuesday, April 29th @ 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

We will be hosting a **Dinner for the Veterans at Nucor House** on Wed. April 30th 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 2nd at 5:00pm

Sign up can be found in the Concourse

Hosts: Paula Reitz & Steve VanDerMallie

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!





On April 6th 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 13th Worship Attendance

In-Person: 249 Livestream: 106 Total: 355

April 27th Scriptures

Gospel: Luke 20:19-31

Epistle: Revelations 1:4-18

Old Testament: Psalm 148:1-14

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 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 Connect (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/>

VBS Volunteer Registration is opening soon on our website!

Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY) Announcements

Congratulations to all of the 6th 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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Celebrating Birthdays This Week

- 4/20 Edwin Lindskoog, 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

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, Stephen VanDerMallie, 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
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