

Faith Notes

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JUNE 2025

***“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is
your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the
heavens!”***

Psalm 8:1

Father, you sent your Word to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy. Through them we come to know the mystery of your life. Help us to worship you, one God in three Persons, by proclaiming and living our faith in you.

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS:

Scholastic Book Sunday

June 1st

Faith Fellowship Breakfast

June 8th

SNFLY Color Wars Finale

June 8th

FLY Senior Dinner at Salena's

June 11th

TRINITY SUNDAY

JUNE 15TH

Father's Day/Senior Sunday

June 15th

FCCNS End of Year Picnic

June 17th

LIFT @ the Memorial Art Gallery

June 22nd

New Horizons Concert

June 22nd

THRIVE Worship begins

June 25th

FCCNS Firefly Graduation

June 26th

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Traditional Worship---8:30 AM Sundays

In-House and Livestreamed

Contemporary Worship---10:45 AM Sundays

In-House and Livestreamed

Holy Communion Celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays

Christian Education Opportunities

Sunday School Classes (Age 3 through Grade 6), Sundays, 9:45-10:40am

Jr. FLY Confirmation (Youth in grades 7-8), Sundays, 9:45-10:40am

Sr. FLY Bible Class (Youth in grades 9-12), Sundays, 9:45-10:40am

Sunday Night FLY (Youth in grades 7-12), 2nd & 4th Sundays, 7-8:45pm

Adult Bible Study Class – Sundays, 9:45-10:40am

Pastor Peter's Perspective



"Jesus called the crowd to Him and said, 'Listen and understand,'" Matthew 15:10.

"Therefore consider carefully how you listen," Luke 8:18.

How well do you listen? It's a skill that my boys are learning... and frankly, their dad is still working on it too (just ask my wife). If we're honest, there have been times in our lives when we haven't listened as well as we should have. When we don't listen well to others, we might miss something important... like an opportunity to share the love of Christ.

Recently, I was listening to a podcast that featured a pastor I greatly respect: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, President Emeritus of the Minnesota South District of the LCMS. He was discussing the importance of "Gospel listening," which he defined as "listening with a heart for sharing the Gospel."

Pastor Nadasdy shared a helpful tool that I pray will assist each of us in sharing the Gospel of Jesus as we listen to and converse with others. It's not a "hidden agenda," but a framework that helps us listen for opportunities to share Christ's love. Pastor Nadasdy said, "Every person's needs can be summarized in three words: they're either bound, burdened, or broken. For each of those, there's a Gospel message."

A person who is **bound** is addicted to something, emotionally or spiritually entangled, and unable to escape the mess they're in. The Gospel message for them is one of freedom – of being set free. Jesus breaks the chains of the bound. "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed," John 8:36.

Someone who is **burdened** may be grieving, overworked, or carrying a load they can't release. The Gospel for the burdened is rest. Jesus carries loads we cannot bear alone. Jesus says, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," Matthew 11:28.

If you're listening to someone who is **broken**, they may be shattered by betrayal, estranged from loved ones, and haunted by regret. They've lost their sense of wholeness. For the broken, Jesus brings peace – with God, themselves, and others. "He Himself is our peace," Ephesians 2:14.

As Christians, we listen not just with our ears, but with hearts tuned to share Jesus. The Gospel is for all people and all needs. When we listen well, we are better prepared to offer the Word that fits the moment – freedom, rest, or peace – in the name of Jesus. So whether over coffee, in a waiting room, or across the fence with a neighbor, let's listen with compassionate Gospel-tuned ears... and share Christ's Words.

And all God's children said, **Amen!**



This summer, you are invited to a relaxed Wednesday evening worship service at Faith! **"Thrive"** is a special mid-week gathering that is designed to refresh your spirit and provide a meaningful break from your weekly routine. Join us as we focus on a different **fruit of the Spirit** found in Galatians 5:22-23.

When: Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM (June 25-Aug. 27)

Where: Faith's Pavilion

Join us for a time of:

- **Blended Worship:** Experience a mix of traditional hymns and contemporary worship songs that uplift and inspire.
- **Relevant Message:** Hear a practical and encouraging message focused on a different fruit of the Spirit.
- **Christian Fellowship:** Enjoy fellowship and build connections with other Christians in a welcoming and supportive community.

Whether you are looking for a moment of peace, a word of encouragement, or a deeper connection with others, this mid-week service is for you.

Come earlier with a picnic meal and invite a friend to join you!

We look forward to worshipping with you at Thrive!

Please talk to Pastor Peter if you have questions (peter@faithpenfield.org).

For April

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 7% unfavorable variance in envelope giving for the month of April resulting in a year-to-date unfavorable budget variance of \$22,293 or 8%.

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 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

April 2025	Voter Approved Budget	Actual	Variance from Budget	% Variance	Prior Year Actual
1st Sunday	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$6,100
2nd Sunday	\$7,500	\$9,389	\$1,889	25%	\$5,900
3rd Sunday	\$7,500	\$5,490	(\$2,010)	-27%	\$4,426
4th Sunday	\$7,000	\$3,536	(\$3,464)	-49%	\$3,170
5th Sunday	\$7,000	\$2,805	(\$4,195)	-60%	\$7,865
Online Giving	\$22,000	\$22,169	\$169	1%	\$21,708
Festival Giving	\$4,500	\$7,995	\$3,495	78%	\$3,705
Monthly Total	\$55,500	\$51,384	(\$4,116)	-7%	\$52,874
Year-to-Date Total	\$263,500	\$241,207	(\$22,293)	-8%	\$273,155

Adult Education

“7 Questions to Ask When Facing a Gray Area in Life”

In our journey of faith, we sometimes encounter situations and decisions that aren't directly addressed in Scripture (e.g. entertainment choices, new technology, AI, etc...). These “gray areas” of life can often present challenges as we seek to follow Jesus. Come and hear how Christians can navigate these gray areas and still follow Jesus through it all! Pastor Peter will lead this class in the Auditorium at 9:45am on June 1.



FCCNS Families: You're invited to a Baptism Class!

Is your family interested in having your child baptized? We warmly invite your family to a special **Baptism Class on Tuesday, July 15 or Thursday, Sept. 18 from 5:30–6:30 PM**, hosted at Faith Lutheran.

Led by Pastor Peter and Mari-Beth Schembri, this one-hour class will include a free meal and is designed for both parents and children. Together, we'll explore the meaning of baptism, what it signifies in our Lutheran faith, and what it means for your child's life in Jesus. God loves your family so much!

Whether you're just curious or ready to take the next step, we'd love for you to join us for this welcoming and informative evening!

Please **sign-up in the FCCNS office** and select which class date works best for your family - so we can plan for food and materials. Following the class, you may schedule a time to meet with Pastor to plan your child's baptism.

We look forward to walking with you on this meaningful journey!

Contact Pastor (peter@faithpenfield.org) or Mari-Beth (mbschembri@fccnschildcare.com) if you have any questions. Thank you!

Breakfast Under the Pavilion

June 8th during Education Hour @ 9:45

*Please join us as Faith celebrates the beginning of summer by having a Fellowship Brunch under the Pavilion!
Sign up is in the Concourse.*





*This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.*

Even though it feels like all this pollen is trying to kill me, spring is such a beautiful time. The magnolias, creeping phlox, tulips, and daffodils bloom triumphantly as the trees unfold their leaves. After the doldrums of winter, this is a blessed reprieve. In my devotional reading recently, I completed a re-read of Tish Harrison Warren's Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life. (As you may recall she was the author of the book that inspired our Lenten worship Prayer in the Night.) There is a thread between these two books and also other reading that has bolstered my "Sabbath Soapbox," the summation being: 1) We need *regular* Sabbath rest, it is how God designed us. 2) Sabbath is literally one of the 10 Commandments, follow it! 3) American hustle culture is of Satan's design, making us "too busy and distracted" to pray, worship, and rest in God's provision for our lives.

In the creation account in Genesis, we see the following phrase over and over: "And there was evening and there was morning, the X day." In Judaism, their Sabbath begins at sunset, and ends at the following sunset. Their observation of the coming day begins as the sun is setting. I find beautiful spiritual significance in this observation. Instead of the start of my day being when the alarm clock goes off, or when my child, or the cat wakes me up – the start of my day is in the rest of the evening and surrendering to God in sleep. Warren writes in Prayer in the Night, "For the Christian, sleep is an embodied way to confess our trust that the work of God does not depend on us....Sleep reminds us of our helplessness. Asleep we have nothing to commend us; we accomplish nothing to put on our résumé. Because of this, sleep is a counter-formative practice that reminds us that our assurance is not the sum of our productivity, prowess, or power." Warren also writes in Liturgy of the Ordinary, "My willingness to sacrifice much-needed rest and my prioritizing amusement or work over the basic needs of my body and the people around me reveal that these good things have taken a place of ascendancy in my life....repentance for idolatry may look as pedestrian as shutting off my email an hour earlier or resisting that alluring clickbait to go to bed."

Idolatry in general American society is not as blatantly obvious as the biblical accounts. When was the last time you saw loads of people throwing their gold jewelry into the fire to create a golden calf? However, anything that comes between us and our relationship with God is a form of idolatry. Our calendars, life's hustle and bustle, doom scrolling social media, online shopping for things we don't need for a hit of dopamine – these are all things that can get in the way of our worship life and the rest we require. Our first and foremost relationship to cultivate is with our God. Taking time for prayer, scripture, and worship are all ways to do this. Something I did recently to further increase scripture visibility in my daily life was to download a Bible App that will give a push notification of a verse of the day. So every day at the time of my choosing, 10:30am, I am sent a different verse that I get to read each day. It's a difficult balance living as a Christian in America's hustle culture, in some ways the practitioners of Orthodox Judaism have it easier! In that, their community and culture are based on these Sabbath habits, and by all of them taking it seriously together, it bolsters the ways to carry it out together, and reduces the temptation to act otherwise.

As we come to the end of the school year and move into summer, I'm hoping that you will carve out space to just be. Silence, Scripture, and Scenery can be a beautiful, healing combination. We live in a world beautifully designed and held together by our heavenly Father. He also designed you. Trust the creator of the universe to empower your rest and restoration, you deserve it!

From the Mission Board

The Missions Ministry Team would like to thank each of you who have signed up to lead a Mission Event or support a Mission Event! The next event that Missions typically sponsors is our "Back-to-School-Drive." However, this is the one event that is lacking a leader although there is support for it. Unfortunately, unless someone is willing to lead this event, we will have to forego helping out our community in this way this year. Please contact Chita McKinney or Liz Wood with any questions.



We will be hosting a **Dinner for the Veterans at Nucor House** on Wed. June 25 at 5:30. The theme is "**Mexican.**" There is a sign up in the Concourse for taco/burrito shells, seasoned ground beef/chicken, salsa/chips, rice and beans, condiments (shredded cheese, lettuce, tomato, sour cream) and desserts. Please join us in sharing a meal and Christ's love with these Heroes who served our country so bravely!!

SAVE THE DATE!

We will once again gather to package meals at Faith's annual "Rise Against Hunger" Event on Saturday, September 13, 2025. More information will follow. Should you have any questions, please contact Meredith Tindall @ unity125@yahoo.com.



In order for worship to run smoothly we need volunteers to serve in different roles. We know life is busy, and that is why we have the Sign-Up Genius so that you can choose when you serve based on your schedule. If everyone signed up to help once per quarter in some way, our list would be overflowing with volunteers.



For *Lay Readers, Acolyte, Crucifer, Greeters, Communion Assistants* sign up here or the button on the homepage of our website:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0544afaf2eabfd0-worship1>

For all others:

Altar Guild: Preparing communion and the chancel area for worship.

Ushers: Greeting your Faith Family, handing out bulletins, and helping them get situated in the sanctuary as needed.

Livestream Producers: Running the worship services online every Sunday.

Joseph Guild: Maintaining, fixing & painting our beautiful church facility on a regular basis.

Gardeners: Weeding & maintaining Faith's gardens once or twice a month.

Stephen Ministry: Lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Knit or Crochet prayer shawls for people needing comfort due to illness or personal issues in their lives. Meet with the group on the second Monday of the month at church and/or work at home to complete your projects.

Dorcas Group: Please bring your lunch and join us for some socializing and making of pillows, bears, walker bags and shirt savers. Everyone is welcome to join us the second Thursday of every month.

Visitation Team: Keeping in touch with and/or visiting our older members

Missions Team: Meet monthly to create and organize opportunities for Faith members to serve our community.

FCCNS: Looking for volunteers to rock babies, classroom readers, classroom project helpers, craft/basement organizer.

If you are able to assist in any of these areas, please contact Kris Cronk and she can direct you accordingly (381-3970 or secretary@faithpenfield.org)

Goings on at Faith

Men's Breakfast Group

Join us as we start the day together in fellowship!

When: **Tuesday, June 3rd @ 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. Whether you are on your way to work, enjoying retirement, dropping the kids off at school or just taking a mental health day, we all deal with a variety of stresses in this life. It is for that reason 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.**



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our next meeting will be on **Monday, June 9th** at 1:30 in the Community Room. Marie Ferner, one of our prayer shawl ministry members, is very accomplished both in knitting and crocheting and would be happy to work with anyone who is interested in participating.

If you would like a shawl, please contact the church office or Sue Hutchings. Prayer squares are available on the information desk in the concourse.

SOLA – Strength of Living Alone

We will meet at 11:30 for lunch on **Friday, June 13th**. Everyone will pay their own bill. Donna Kaser will send out an email to let you know the specific restaurant. We will need to know if you are coming so we can alert the restaurant and have enough seats for everyone. ***If you are interested, please email Donna to get on the contact list.*** If you have any questions or want more information please email Donna Kaser at dontshop@gmail.com or call or text 259-6488.



We will also be meeting for dinner on **Tuesday, June 24th** at 6:00pm at the Underpass Bar & Grill in Fairport. There is a sign up in the Concourse if you are interested in joining. Please leave your Phone # and your Email address so you can be included in group communications.



Parents of Young Children Group will meet again on Saturday, June 21st at Shadow Pines Park at 11:30am weather permitting. Please RSVP to Mark Harstad @ mnh1alfred@gmail.com

FCCNS is having a **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** beginning May 28th thru June 4th

Books will be available for purchase daily during daycare hours between 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.. All proceeds will benefit the Classroom and Birthday Book program.



Note: Books will also be available for purchase on Sunday, June 1st between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

*L.I.F.T.***JUNE L.I.F.T. EVENT*****Masterpieces, Music and Morsels***

Join Faith friends for a 1 hr. guided tour of the Memorial Art Gallery. After the tour there is an *optional* (included in your admission fee) 25 minute recital on the Italian Baroque Organ followed by an *optional* brunch in the Brown Hound Downtown Restaurant located inside the MAG, 1st floor.

Sunday, June 22, 2025

12:00 pm: One hour guided tour- pay admission then meet group at main entrance

1:30 pm: (*optional*): 25 minute recital, Italian Baroque organ, Fountain Court, 2nd floor

2-2:30 pm: (*optional after organ recital*): Brunch, Brown Hound Restaurant, MAG, 1st floor

Admission: \$7.00 pp (seniors 62+), \$10 pp (adults). **Pay at the admissions desk when you arrive.**
Brunch is on your own.

Parking: Free parking is available in all lots on the museum grounds.

- Pay at the admissions desk when you arrive.
- Meet group and tour guide at MAG main entrance.
- After the tour, go to the Fountain Court a bit early to find a seat for the organ recital. Please DO NOT be late as seating is limited and some may have to stand.
- Be prompt arriving and ordering at the Brown Hound Restaurant as it closes at 3:00 pm.
- If there is extra time available, feel free to tour gallery on your own at no extra charge. MAG is open until 5 pm.

RSVP: by June 13. No exceptions!

Sign up in notebook on console in church concourse or contact Chris Kulp, Cell/Text

585-739-3642 or christinepkulp@gmail.com

Special Note About the Organ: It is owned by the Eastman School of Music and is the only full sized antique Italian organ in North America. It is played weekly on Sundays by Eastman students and professional musicians.

Memorial Art Gallery

500 University Ave., Rochester, NY 14607

585-276-8900, mag.rochester.edu

MAG open 11:00 am - 5 pm on Sundays, Brown Hound Rest. open 9 am-3:00 pm on Sundays

JULY L.I.F.T. Event

Presents the Annual

Camp Kuipers

**Friday night (optional)-
Saturday, July 19th @ 11am**



We'll gather together at
George & Jackie Kuiper's Camp
11865 Allen Road
Swain, NY

What to expect:

- Fun, Food, Fellowship of course!
- Outdoor Oven Fired Pizza
- Mint Juleps
- BBQ Chicken Dinner
- Swimming
- Outdoor Lawn Games
- Relaxing, Hiking
- 4-wheeler Rides, Zip Line
- Campfire, Laughter & more!



Bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share

Please RSVP by July 13th by email or sign up in the Concourse book.

yacominakuipers@gmail.com

585-383-9144

Please call the church office should you need a ride or would like to carpool.



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 Ministry



Save the Date: VBS 2025 "Superhero Academy!" will run from July 28th - August 1st, 9am-Noon at Faith Lutheran Church. Children ages 4 through entering 8th grade in the fall of 2025 are eligible to attend this amazing experience! Registration is now open! Register here: <https://faithpenfield.org/vbs-registration/>

We are in need of volunteers for VBS!
Students in 9th grade and up are welcome to volunteer as well as adults!



Please use the link below to register:

<https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=d33e7fc1-5cdc-4d93-92b9-34243f8b26c6>

For any Vacation Bible School related questions, please email our VBS Director, Steph Johnson, at vbs@faithpenfield.org

Thank you! To our all of our Sunday School Volunteers! Each Sunday, many people volunteer their time to work with the children at Faith. This includes (but is not limited to) working in the nursery, Kid's Time, and Sunday School. This ministry would not be able to occur without you! We (and all of our children) cannot thank you enough for your dedication to our ministry. **The last day of Sunday School will be June 15th.**

The Nursery will be available on Sundays from 8:30am-11:45am throughout the Summer months.



Thank you..

- To Cris, Heather, John, Jolynn, McKayla, and Mari-Beth for leading an awesome Sr. FLY Wilderness Retreat over Memorial Day Weekend!
- To our awesome Jr. FLY students for completing another great year of Confirmation Class! You read "The Story" – from Genesis to Revelation in one year! Wow! We are so proud of you!

Jr. & Sr. FLY Sunday Morning Class

7th-12th grade students are invited to a combined Bible Class in the FLY Room on June 1st. We'll end the school year with a breakfast under the Pavilion on June 8.

Final Youth Gathering Info Meeting – June 8 @ 5-7pm under Faith's Pavilion

Attention Gathering Team: Be sure you and a parent attend our **FINAL Gathering Meeting on Sunday, June 8!** We'll go over the final itinerary, packing list, hotel room assignments, and other trip details. Please bring a dish to pass for dinner! This event will lead right into COLOR WARS @ 7pm!

Sunday Night FLY FINALE – June 8 @ 7-8:45pm

Invite your friends, wear WHITE, and bring a towel to this CRAZY FUN SNFLY FINALE:

"COLOR WARS!" Get ready to team up and compete in MESSY & DUSTY games! Then wash off in a huge slip-n-slide! We'll also have a campfire, snacks, and enjoy our famous Birthday Wheel! Come celebrate an AWESOME year of growing, connecting, and serving with each other in FLY! YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS EPIC EVENT!



FLY Senior Dinner – June 11 @ 6:30pm @ Salena's Mexican Restaurant

High school seniors, you're invited to a special dinner with the Youth Advisors! We want to celebrate YOU and we thank God for YOU and your accomplishments! Please RSVP to Pastor Peter by Sunday, June 1.

Senior Sunday – June 15

All high school seniors are invited to attend either worship service (8:30 or 10:45) to be recognized and congratulated! The Youth Advisors will present each senior with a new self-study Bible during the services. The congregation will also pray for the seniors as they embark on a new journey!

Congratulations to our High School Graduates!

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord smile upon you and be gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace!

Jenna Capozzi
Ayden Kennedy
Abigail Schultz
Annika Vogl
Annabelle Weis
Charles Wolfanger

Summer Fellowship Opportunity!

Starting June 29, FLY will be meeting at Dunkin' (Four Corners) on Sundays from 9:45-10:30am through the end of August. Please bring money for food. Youth Advisors are able to transport youth to and from Dunkin.

Youth Gathering Sponsorships

Next month, 17 youth and 4 adults from Faith will be attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans! You can help sponsor a Gathering participant by signing up in the Concourse on June 22, 29, & July 6. A suggested donation of \$50 may be given at the sign-up table on those dates. Sponsors can also drop off their manila envelope care package in the church office by Sunday, July 13. Thank you for sponsoring and supporting our Gathering participants this summer!



*All Sponsors will be invited to a delicious **Sponsorship Picnic Lunch** on Sunday, Aug. 10 @ 12:30 under our Pavilion. After lunch, the Gathering team will be sharing pictures and stories from their trip to New Orleans.

Experience Vacation Bible School at Faith! "Superhero Academy!"

July 28-Aug. 1 from 9am-Noon

Incoming 7th & 8th grade students - Register at this link be part of our AWESOME Jr. FLY VBS Class:

<https://faithpenfield.org/vbs-registration/>

Incoming 9th-12th grade & College students - Register at this link to help volunteer & help lead VBS:

<https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=d33e7fc1-5cdc-4d93-92b9-34243f8b26c6>

Mark Your Calendars...

July 16-23 – LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans

July 28-Aug. 1 – "Superhero Academy" Vacation Bible School

Aug. 3 – VBS Sunday & FLY Photo Scavenger Hunt

Aug. 10 – Youth-led Worship Services & Sponsorship Picnic

Aug. 31 – 9th Grade Confirmation Project Info Meeting

Online Contact Form/Activity Participation Agreement

Our church's insurance company asks every youth to complete the following online form to participate in FLY activities on our church property this school year. We also included some questions about the type of activities and topics you'd like FLY to cover this coming year.

<https://faithpenfield.org/resources-forms>.

JOIN FLY's Text-based Communication Service!

Sign-up to receive reminders, announcements, and other info about upcoming FLY events right to your phone here: <https://www.remind.com/join> and join this class: [flyouth](https://www.remind.com/join).

Check out our FLY webpage at: <https://faithpenfield.org/youth/>

Faith Child Care and Nursery School (FCCNS)

"Where your child can grow in body, mind and spirit"

Our Themes for this month are: Father's Day and Summer

Our Bible stories are: John Prepares the Way/ Jesus' Baptism, Jesus' First Disciples, Jesus and the Wedding in Cana, The Sermon on the Mount

Our words of the week are: Baptize, Disciples, Miracle and Teach

Our character trait is: Honest.

Donuts with Dad June 13th at Drop off

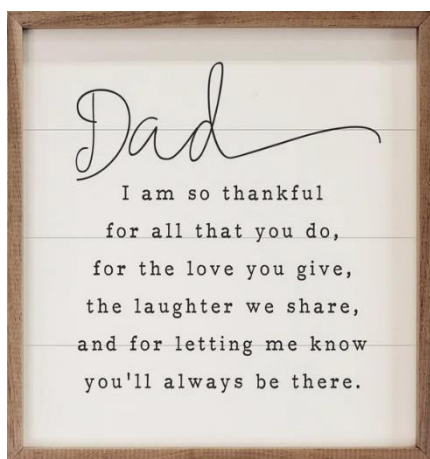
FCCNS's Annual End of Year Picnic is on Tuesday, June 17th from 5-7pm.

Our Firefly Graduation will be on Thursday, June 26th at 4pm. They will be dressed in caps and gowns.

The year end classroom celebrations will take place the week of June 23rd-27th.

The Good Knights will be here all day June 19th. Their last day of school is June 24th.

The First Day of Summer Session is June 30th.



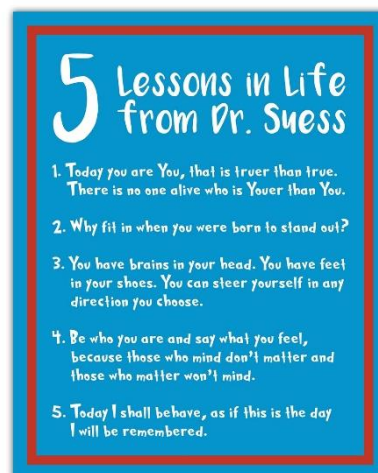
June brings with it a time of endings and beginnings. Caps are tossed in the air, diplomas are handed out, and we honor the steady strength of fathers and father figures who have helped guide us along the way. It's a month full of gratitude, pride, and hope for the road ahead. In the words of **Dr. Seuss**, *"You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so... get on your way!"*

Graduation is more than a ceremony—it's a launchpad into a new season of life. But behind every confident step forward is often a father's steady hand and a family's faithful foundation. Whether biological, spiritual, or chosen, fathers shape who we become. They are providers, protectors, and often, our quiet heroes. The legacy of a faithful father is seen not just in achievements, but in the love and values passed on. This Father's Day, we give thanks for the men who show up, who speak life, who guide us—not just in the ways of the world, but in the way of the Lord.




To our graduates: The world is waiting. Your gifts are needed. Your voice matters. But no matter how far you go, never forget who walks beside you. As Dr. Seuss famously said, *"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."* Hold on to the wisdom, the prayers, and the love that carried you to this moment. And remember *"today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you"* and that is how God made you. You are unique and special and as Psalms 139:14 says you are *"Fearfully and wonderfully made."* And don't ever forget that.

Congratulations to our graduates: Miss Maria Gerbasi who graduated from M.C.C. with her associate's in Early Childhood Education, Makayla Bendijo who is graduating from High School, and all our 4-year-old Preschoolers (Class of 2039). We are proud of all of you.

In John 14:9, Jesus said, *"Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."* He wasn't just showing us who God is—He was embodying the heart of the perfect Father: loving, present, forgiving, and faithful. Where earthly fathers may fall short, **Jesus never fails**. His love is constant. His grace is unearned. His presence is our peace. Even when the road ahead seems uncertain, we can trust the One who knows the way. After all, as Dr. Seuss reminded us, *"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."* But with **Jesus as our guide**, we never walk alone.



This June, may we:

-  Celebrate fathers who lead with love and faith.
 -  Cheer for graduates stepping boldly into their future.
 -  And rest in the truth that our Heavenly Father walks with us every step of the way.
- Happy Father's Day, and congratulations to the Class of 2025!

Faith Child Care & Nursery School
Year to Date Income & Expenses Compared to Budget
As of 4/30/2025

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance	Prior YTD	Board Approved 2025 Budget
Operating Income					
Fees	312,708	303,575	9,133	323,418	924,830
Interest/Misc./Other	15,992	8,109	7,883	9,124	31,433
Total Operating Income	328,700	311,684	17,016	332,542	956,263
Expenses:					
Program	13,318	14,426	1,108	14,355	47,586
Employee Related	252,201	267,193	14,992	271,145	816,088
Property & Equipment	20,717	21,312	595	19,028	67,840
Supplies	4,788	4,700	(88)	4,917	14,000
Operating Expenses	291,025	307,631	16,606	309,446	945,514
Net Operating Income (Loss)	37,675	4,053	33,622	23,096	10,749

End of April Enrollment 75 children

Online giving just got easier!

If you have established an online user account through the Giving tab on Faith's website at faithpenfield.org, you can now edit your recurring transactions online! Simply log in to your account, view Scheduled Transactions, and click Edit to change any of the following giving criteria:

- Amount
- Frequency
- Associated tile/fund
- Start and end date
- Associated payment method

If you originally set up your Vanco electronic giving account through the church office, any changes must be made through the church office. If you prefer to manage your electronic giving on your own, please contact the church office to cancel your electronic giving account managed by our office. You can then create an online electronic giving account by visiting Faith's website at www.faithpenfield.org. Click the GIVING button on the top menu and then the "Start Giving" button. A secure webpage powered by Vanco Payment Solutions will open and provide instructions and giving options for your gifts to Faith. You will have the option to create an online account and manage your electronic giving at your convenience. Please contact Kay Gerlach, Director of Finance, at 485-0142 if you have any questions or need assistance.

Thank you for your continued participation and support!



**Faith Lutheran Church
Year to Date Income & Expenses Compared to Budget
4/30/2025**

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance	Prior YTD	Voter Approved 2025 Budget
Operating Income					
Envelope Offering/Plate Cash	245,507	266,100	(20,593)	275,848	688,000
FCCNS Facility Cost Sharing	9,333	9,333	0	8,333	28,000
Fund Distribution-Endowment	0	0	0	0	8,000
Interest/Misc./Other	4,543	4,000	543	3,698	12,500
Total Operating Income	259,384	279,433	(20,050)	287,879	736,500
Expenses:					
Education	3,801	4,650	849	4,310	20,300
Employee Related	139,197	141,170	1,973	123,205	432,728
Mission & Outreach	16,750	19,967	3,216	11,860	68,800
Music	2,928	3,275	347	2,569	7,675
Other Expense	3,903	4,292	388	2,161	12,750
Property	52,683	58,047	5,364	52,434	153,325
Supplies	9,676	10,362	685	9,623	31,295
Operating Expenses	228,940	241,762	12,822	206,161	726,873
Net Operating Income (Loss)	30,444	37,671	(7,227)	81,718	9,627

GIVING AT FAITH

At Faith Lutheran, giving is something we do with a spirit of joy in response to the love and forgiveness we have freely received in Jesus. "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver," (2 Corinthians 9:7). Your gift blesses Faith's continued mission to "seek and save the lost," (Luke 19:10).

There are a number of ways you can choose to give to the many ministries and outreach efforts at Faith.
(Please contact Kay Gerlach, Director of Finance, at finance@faithpenfield.org or 485-0142 if you have any questions.)

1) TEXT GIVING:

Simply enter Faith Lutheran Church's own dedicated number which is **833-958-1685**, enter the amount of your gift as your text message, press send and follow the remaining easy steps to make your secure one-time or recurring contribution.

2) ONLINE GIVING:

Visit Faith's website at www.faithpenfield.org. Click the GIVING button on the top menu and then the "Start Giving" button. A secure webpage powered by Vanco Payment Solutions will open and provide instructions and giving options for your gifts to Faith. You will be given the opportunity to create an online account, if desired. ***NEW*** Online users can now log in to their account, view Scheduled Transaction and click Edit to make changes.

3) VANCO PAYMENT SOLUTIONS (previously SIMPLY GIVING):

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4) ENVELOPE GIVING:

Our traditional method of receiving a box of offering envelopes for the year which allows you to mail your offering to the church office at 2576 Browncroft Blvd, Rochester, NY 14625 or place it in the collection plate during our worship service.

5) GIFT OF STOCK OR IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

Both of these methods of gift giving offer additional tax advantages that can best be explained by your tax advisor or IRA trustee. Please contact Kay Gerlach directly at 485-0142 for assistance on how to make these types of contributions.

Endowment Fund:

The Faith Lutheran Church Permanent Endowment Fund was established in 2004 to provide members and friends the opportunity to make charitable gifts to Faith that will become a permanent endowment providing financial support for the ministry and mission of the Church. The custodian for the Faith Lutheran Church endowment fund brokerage account is Charles Schwab & Co, Inc. If you would like to make a contribution to this fund, please contact Kay Gerlach directly at 485-0142 or finance@faithpenfield.org for assistance.

From the Church Office

Faith Leadership Board Officers

Chair – Russ Hignett

Vice Chair – Bruce Oaks

Secretary – Nancy Alvut

Treasurer – Beth Bird

Nominating Committee Reps – Karoline Trojian, Greg Gerbasi, Amanda Ebbecke, Bill Mosko



Altar Flowers Form: Help beautify our sanctuary on a Sunday morning by giving altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one. We will be utilizing silk altar flowers unless someone orders fresh flowers for a Dedication. Any orders need to be in to the Church Office by the end of the **3rd week** each month for the following month.

* Either complete a new online form and pay the \$75 fee at our online giving page here:

<https://faithpenfield.org/resources-forms>

* Or contact Kris Cronk (secretary@faithpenfield.org) and send a check to the Church Office made out to "Faith Lutheran Church" and Altar Flowers in the memo line.

* Or Utilize the sign-up book on the Information Center in the concourse and followup with a check made out to "Faith Lutheran" Church with Altar Flowers in the memo line

Announcement Request Form:

If you have an announcement that you'd like to include in our bulletin announcements or monthly newsletter "Faith Notes." Please submit an Announcement Form either in the Church Office or online here: <https://faithpenfield.org/resources-form>

This form will help us streamline our communications within our congregation and to our community. Thanks for understanding! Please contact the Church Office if you have any questions.

July Faith Notes Articles due Friday, June 20th and should be directed to our Church Secretary, Kris Cronk (secretary@faithpenfield.org). Thank you!

Births

- **Tenley Helen Crouse** (5/9/25), daughter of Jeremy & Colleen Crouse, sister of Sydney, granddaughter of Alan & Noreen Crouse

Baptisms

- **Jameson William Platania** (5/4/25), son of Connor & Shannon Platania

Called to Glory:

- **Jack Conroy** (4/22/25), nephew of Carol Letky
- **Celia Butterfield** (4/23/25), aunt of Valerie Ruoff
- **Mary DuBois** (4/24/25), mother of John DuBois, grandmother of Braeden & Amelia
- **Marilyn Farley** (4/27/25), mother of a good friend of Penny Wheeler
- **Lori Thompson**, friend of Stacie Poromon
- **Jim Eddy** (5/2/25), father of Marnee Burk and grandfather of Declan Burke
- **Jean Arcieri** (5/3/25), mother of Jeff Arcieri and grandmother of Noah & Emma
- **Anna Lewandowski** (5/5/25), aunt of Dave Malecki
- **Miller Mietus** (5/7/25), sophomore student at SUNY Brockport and resident of Penfield
- **Kenneth Porrey** (5/11/25), close cousin of Ed & David Lindskoog

Birthdays

2	Justin Bird	12	Caroline Alvut	22	Geoffrey Launer
	Reagan Coles		Linda Collins		Richard Testa
	Christopher McLean		Sarah Ebbecke		James Wooden
	Heather Withall		Birdie Hammond	23	Elise Capozzi
4	Marilyn Falzone	13	Nicholas Bennett		Lance Schultz
5	Michael Gerlach		Cameron Cerveney		Jennifer Twomey
	Rebecca Lazzaro		Gretchen Franz		Yegor Vasilenko
	Jenna Olbermann	14	Genevieve Foster		Luke Vogt
	Maxwell Poromon		Joan Quigley	24	Charlotte Gerlach
7	Peter Ostberg	15	Oliver Doty		Ellen Smurthwaite
8	Allison Ebbecke		Carrie Ford		Michael Trojan
9	Joan Moeller		Todd Nadritch	25	Cory Alberti
	Karen Nitschke	16	Heike Kleine		Carrie Schembri
	Paula Reitz	18	Nancy Coughlin	26	Kimberley Albert
	Jaelyne Twomey		Tommy McEwen		Erika Hutch
10	Vicki Arcieri		Mark Schluentz		Kathleen McCarthy
	Gerri Maurer	19	Rev Richard Pape		Dianne Schaumberg
11	Doris Adamek	20	Jameson Fore	27	Richard Feasel
	Holly Grub		Jamison Nuijens		David Schutte
	Joseph Twomey		Karen Vogl	28	Edward Saresky
			Easton Wooden	29	Morgan Harrington
				30	Kimberly Ebbecke



Wedding Anniversaries

1	Jason Gerlach & Andrea Siatta	20	Robert & Sandra Freitag
4	Kenneth & Sharon Kiellach		Hans & Jeanne Kurzik
	Mark & Melissa Maschoff	23	John & Jolynn Keller
8	Mark & Jennifer Schluentz	24	David & Cathleen Lindskoog
13	Edward & Karen Wright	26	Edward & Marsha Freeman
17	Roshan & Teresa Ali	27	Joseph & Linda Aloï
	Stephen Schutt & Jennifer Wilson	29	Reginal & Julie Hynes
18	Mark & Rita Harstad		Don & Stella Reschke
19	Geoffrey & Kristen Launer	30	Michael & Elizabeth Balentine

Giving Thanks For Summer



Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray
no matter where I am or what I am doing.





Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

- Author Unknown



June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Scholastic Book Fair 8:30am Traditional Worship Pries Baptism 9:45am Adult Bible Class Sunday School Jr & Sr FLY in FLY Rm 10:45am Contemporary Worship	2 10:00am Embroidery Guild (CmRm)	3 7:00am Men's Breakfast (Browncroft Diner) 10:00am FCCNS Grandparent Day 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 1:00pm Worship @ The Addison	4 10:00am Church Staff	5	6	7 11:00am Lindskoog SOV (Sanc) 12:00pm Reception (Aud)
8 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Fellowship Breakfast (Pavilion) Sunday School 10:45am Contemporary Worship 3:00pm Balentine Studio Recital (Sanc) 5:00-7:00pm NYG Mtg (Pavilion) 7:00pm Sunday Night FLY "Color Wars Finale" (Back Field)	9 1:30pm Prayer Shawl (CmRm)	10 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 4:00pm Stephen Ministry (CmRm)	11 10:00am Church Staff 6:30pm FLY Senior Dinner @ Salena's 	12 9:30am Property Board (CmRm) 6:00pm Girl Scouts (CmRm)	13 10:00am Keepers of the Cupboard (CmRm) 11:30am SOLA Lunch	14 1:00pm Fiddlers Rehearsal (MusicRm)
15 Father's Day SENIOR SUNDAY 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Contemporary Worship	16 FCCNS Arts Show 8:00am Joseph Guild 10:00am Flower City Rug Hook Group (CmRm) 7:00pm FCCNS Board Mtg (CmRm)	17 FCCNS Arts Show 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 5:00pm FCCNS End of Year Picnic (Pavilion) 7:00pm FLB Mtg (CmRm)	18 FCCNS Arts Show 9:00am Concordia Mtg (CmRm) 10:00am Church Staff 5:45pm Girl Scouts (CmRm)	19 FCCNS Arts Show New Horizons Rehearsal (CmRm)	20 FCCNS Arts Show	21 11:30am Parents of Young Children @ Shadow Pines Park (weather permitting)
22 10:00am Combined Worship (Pavilion) Gathering sponsorship table 12:00pm LIFT @ MAG 4:00pm New Horizons Concert (Pavilion)	23	24 10:30am FCCNS Chapel	25 10:00am Church Staff 5:30pm Nucor House 6:00pm Worship (Pavilion) 	26  4:00pm FCCNS Firefly Graduation	27	28
29 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Dunkin FLY Gathering sponsorship table 10:45am Contemporary Worship	30  FCCNS Summer Program Begins!					

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