



Altar Flowers are provided today by Tad & Beth D'Ambrosio  
***For Blessings Received***

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### **Adult Education**

#### **“Grace and Forgiveness”**

Facilitated by Diane Van Auken

May 11<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.

#### **New Adult Bible Class:**

##### **“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 \*May 25 & June 1.

*\*There is a possibility that the current “Grace & Forgiveness” class will extend to May 25. We'll announce if it does.*

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#### **Breakfast Under the Pavilion**

June 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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#### **Women's Book Group**

Join us in the Community Room on **Thursday, May 15**, at 7:00 for a lively discussion on the book *The Wedding People*, by Alison Espach. For more information, contact Rae Usinger (585-738-9345 cell; 585-381-1391 home)



**On May 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm, the Lyric Chorale will present  
a very special concert titled:  
*Healing a Broken World***



It features John Wykoff's new work "Out of This Darkness: A Normandy Cantata". Renowned lyricist Charles Anthony Silvestri penned the text, which captures Normandy's long and violent history while daring to ask for repentance and hoping for a more peaceful world. The piece was composed in 2023, and premiered the same year in Caen, France by an American choir and French orchestra. It received its North American premier in 2024.

The cantata has six movements and includes elements of classic, jazz, gospel, and contemporary styles. It is very accessible with its rhythmic energy and wonderful melodic and harmonic writing.

Also included in the concert are a set of lullabies, the Beatles' Blackbird, and I Dream a World by Rollo Dilworth.

Tickets are \$20, and are available online at [www.thelyricchorale.org](http://www.thelyricchorale.org), and at the door.

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**Parents of Young Children Group**

will meet again on Saturday, May 17<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)



**FCCNS is having a *SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR*  
beginning May 27<sup>th</sup> thru June 6<sup>th</sup>**

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 1<sup>st</sup> between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

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**June L.I.F.T. Event Save the Date!**

June 22 @ 12:00pm

*Masterpieces, Music & Morsels at the  
Memorial Art Gallery*

More information is in the Concourse where you  
can sign up



## May 4<sup>th</sup> Worship Attendance

In-Person: 259 Livestream: 83 Total: 342

## May 18<sup>th</sup> Scriptures

Gospel: John 16:12-22

Epistle: Revelations 21:1-7

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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)

There are only a few more weeks of Sunday School left for this year. As a reminder, there will be **No Sunday School on May 25th in Observance of Memorial Day**. However, Kids Time will be offered during the late service. The last day of Sunday School will be June 22nd.



### 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 online here:**

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

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## Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY) Announcements

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**Happy Mother's Day** to all of our mothers, grandmothers, and those who are like a mother to us! We thank God for each of you!

**Sunday Jr. FLY Confirmation Class & Sr. FLY Bible Class Today @ 9:45-10:40am**

-Jr. FLY Confirmation Class meets in Room 204 (Bring your mobile device for a Kahoot Review Game!)

-Sr. FLY meets in the FLY Room (Bring a journaling Bible if you have one for a lesson led by our awesome FLY Interns!)

\*No Sunday Night FLY in May because of Mother's Day and the Wilderness Retreat! Our **SNFLY Finale** will be "Color Wars" on June 8!

**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 23% unfavorable variance in envelope giving for the month of March resulting in a year-to-date unfavorable budget variance of \$18,177 or 9%.

*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					
	Voter Approved		Variance	%	Prior Year
March 2025	Budget	Actual	from Budget	Variance	Actual
Monthly Total	\$76,000	\$58,550	(\$17,450)	-23%	\$75,134
Year-to-Date Total	\$208,000	\$189,823	(\$18,177)	-9%	\$220,281

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

5/11	Emma Arcieri, Noah Arcieri, Christian D'Ambrosio, Adeline Taillie, Daniel Young
5/12	Amanda Gerlach, King Hunter
5/13	Stella Mosko, Wayne Samuels
5/14	Nancy Hammond, John Richiusa
5/15	Owen Ledermann, Chita McKinney
5/16	Kelly Doty, Braedan DuBois
5/17	Amanda Ebbecke, Alexander Longhenry

### Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week

5/11	David Lapresi & Patricia Claus-Lapresi
5/16	Randy & Joy Longhenry
5/17	Richard & Ruth Feasel

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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, June Leibring, Hayden Lincoln, Aram Mangerian, Kathy Mason, Donna Pellnat, Daryl Pichan, Barb Riethmeier, Lois Ronnenberg, Wayne Samuels, Catharine Schmidt, Mary Schutte, Ellen Smurthwaite, Ida Stiner, Eric Sykes, Ronald Uecker, Diane Wagner, Penny Wheeler, Terry Wheeler, Suzanne Wheeler, Bob Wyman

### Those in Care Facilities

June Leibring	Baywinde (Webster)
Ed Lindskoog	Baywinde (Webster)
Bert Lux	Heathwood (Penfield)
Brigitta Lux	The Friendly Home (Rochester)
Barbara Riethmeier	The Highlands at Pittsford (Pittsford)
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, Gail, George, Jeff, Jessica, Patty, Steve & Pat, Garrison Ball, Vanmany Banks, Kay Bonggren, Leo Burke, Ryan Byrns, RJ Campoli, Donna Chismer, Rebecca Cronk, Natasha Doeblor & daughter, Sarah Flint, Kevin Fries, Elynn Haden, Andy & Cathy Harman, Ruth Hartung, Deneen Hernandez, 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, Dick Milner, John Mirabito, Rick Monczynski, Bob Moringello, George New, Glann Neumann, Lizbeth Nickel, Mark Niemeir, Ed Oliver, Domenica Panichia, Kevin Patterson, Nancy Perry, Nancy Porcellio, Vincent Poromon, Sue Provencher, Mike Radigan, Heikki Rantakari, Tom Scott, Beverly Soanes, Susan Spano, Jason Stagliano, Mike & Nancy Stirling, Cathy Storm, Jim & Jacquie Van Auken, Michael Wangemann, Sue Weatherall, John Woods