



Altar Flowers are provided today by Renate Tindall & Karen Nitschke *In Loving Memory of Bob & Trudi Nitschke*; and by Ken Curry *In Loving Memory of Bettie Curry*

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.

Men's Breakfast Group

Join us as we join together in fellowship!

When: Tuesday, May 6th @ 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. 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.**



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)

April 27th Worship Attendance

In-Person: 195 Livestream: 112 Total: 307

May 11th Scriptures

Gospel: John 10:22-30

Epistle: Revelations 7:9-17

Old Testament: Psalms 23 Resp ESV

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

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>

Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY) Announcements

Thank you...

-To everyone who volunteered and supported FLY with our Cinnamon Roll Sunday last week! Funds raised supported our group of FLYers attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July!

-To our awesome Youth Advisors and FLY Interns for leading last week's Sunday Night FLY REMIX!

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

-Jr. FLY Confirmation Class meets in Room 204

-Sr. FLY meets in the FLY Room

*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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Celebrating Birthdays This Week

5/4	Joan Thronson
5/6	Jon Allen, Hunter Kohlmetz, Renate Tindall
5/6	Charles Wolfanger
5/8	Linda Demme, Paul Krenzer, Taylor Mason, Declan Wolf
5/9	Diann Berndt, Dan Zager
5/10	Siegfried Bartsch, Peggy Muller

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week

5/5	Dr. John & Kay Gerlach
5/6	Matthew & Jill Bernhardt
5/9	Bruce & Rhea Oaks

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, 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, 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 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, Nasir Anderson, Garrison Ball, Vanmany Banks, Kay Bonggren, Leo Burke, Ryan Byrns, RJ Campoli, Donna Chismer, Rebecca Cronk, Natasha Doeblor & daughter, Jim Eddy, Sarah Flint, Kevin Fries, Elynn Haden, Andy & Cathy Harman, Ruth Hartung, Deneen Hernandez, Dan Howard, Karen Keiter, Kris Kessler, Don Kot, Jeremy LaFond, Sheila Latulipe, Anna Lewandowski, Scott McCarthy, Elizabeth Samuels-McGahey, Thelma McKee, Ed McMaster, Edward Menzies, Jeffrey Menzies, Scott Menzies, Trey Michel, Cliff Milner, Dale 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, 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