

Faith Notes

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Celebrating Summer!

Music and Worship Presents: Roxy's Accordion Band
A Concert under the Pavilion
Sunday, August 17th @ 4pm

Roxy's Accordion Band is a group of musical friends from Western New York that have been playing music since 2019. Learn more about this musical group on [their Facebook page](#). Bring your friends and family! Look for our own Noreen Crouse among these talented musicians! Join the fun as we sing and dance along with some Sing Along Songs, Octoberfest Classics, Oldies but Goodies, and Musicals.



For \$5 FCCNS will be serving ice cream sundaes as a fundraiser while music is enjoyed!



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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



"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'" -Isaiah 6:8

Since its founding on July 15, 1956, Faith Lutheran Church has existed to "go and make disciples of all nations," (Matt. 28:19). For nearly seven decades, God has faithfully brought people to Faith to receive God's Word & Sacraments and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our congregation has witnessed God's faithfulness time and time again. From baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals, from worship services, outreach events, and lifelong friendships, our story is full of grace upon grace. At every turn, Faith has sought to answer God's call with willing and open hearts: "Here am I. Send Me."

Throughout our 69-year history, God has called us into several vision and planning seasons to help us grow and serve in faithful, strategic ways. These seasons caused us to evaluate community and congregational needs and how Faith could better meet those needs. Some highlights of these visioning and planning seasons include:

- The construction of our first sanctuary and classrooms in 1957.
- The construction of our current sanctuary in 1968.
- The establishment of FCCNS in 1986.
- "Our Alive and Growing Vision" in the early 90's that helped Faith construct new classrooms and office space.
- A 3-year strategic plan in 2003 to enhance all our ministries and worship opportunities.
- Our 2022 post-Covid strategic plan which stressed our need for Connect Groups and a DCE.
- Our Pavilion campaign in 2023 to expand hospitality and community space.

Our Faith Leadership Board (FLB) and staff believe we stand at a new moment in our church's life to intentionally ask: "God, who do You say we are, and what do You want us doing?" Over the past year, our leaders have been in prayer and conversation with each other and experts from around our synod in discerning the next Spirit-led chapter of Faith's story. We believe there are countless opportunities to expand God's Kingdom while helping people to "Connect, Grow, and Serve" together in the name of Jesus Christ.

During a special Voters' Meeting on Oct. 5, FLB will be presenting a proposal to the congregation to begin a formal visioning process which would be a guided journey of discernment and planning, focused on discovering God's unique purpose for our church as we move forward together. If approved by the congregation, Faith will be partnering with Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) to help facilitate this important process. LCEF partners with countless congregations throughout our synod to propel God's Kingdom forward through a visioning process called "Mission Driven Development" (MDD). MDD is a multi-phased approach to assisting congregations and leaders in figuring out what "can, can't, and must" be done to help meet the needs of congregations and communities while sharing the Gospel

of Jesus. An LCEF consultant would assist Faith in developing a comprehensive vision and strategic plan for three major areas of Faith: ministry, campus, and financial resources. After each phase of the vision process, there would be a Voters Meeting to discuss and vote on the possible path(s) forward. Throughout this entire MDD process, our entire congregation will be asked to prayerfully discern what God is asking us to do with everything God has given to us. "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required," Luke 12:48b. Jesus' parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30 highlights His call for us to be faithful stewards of the gifts God entrusts to His people. We seek to continue using our God-given gifts to joyfully proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

This visioning process will honor the truth that the Church is God's idea, and He gathers congregations like ours for His purposes. Through prayer, discussion, and Spirit-led discernment, this process will help us articulate a clear and concise vision that will guide us for many years to come, especially as we approach the 75th anniversary of Faith in 2031.

Here is what you can expect over the coming weeks:

- Communication about this MDD proposal with the entire congregation through Faith Notes articles, bulletin announcements, emails, and more.
- An informal Q&A session with FLB in September.
- A 5-week sermon series on the importance of creating a church-wide vision called "Where Are We Going?"

We believe this is a moment of opportunity, a time to come together in prayer and worship, to listen for the Lord's leading, and to move forward in faith. We ask you to join us in praying throughout this visioning process: for our congregation, for our leaders, for our community, and for open hearts to discern what God has in store for Faith Lutheran Church. May each of us continue to respond with willing hearts, saying, "Here am I. Send me."

Together, let us "Connect, Grow, and Serve" in the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

In Christ Alone,

Pastor Peter and Faith Leadership Board: Russ Hignett, Bruce Oaks, Nancy Alvut, Beth Bird, Amanda Ebbecke, Carrie Ford, and Bill Mosko.





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 June

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 were blessed with a 51% favorable variance in envelope giving for the month of June resulting in a year-to-date favorable budget variance of \$10,233 or 3%.

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

June 2025	Voter Approved Budget	Actual	Variance from Budget	% Variance	Prior Year Actual
1st Sunday	\$6,500	\$2,838	(\$3,662)		\$7,905
2nd Sunday	\$5,500	\$7,682	\$2,182	40%	\$3,835
3rd Sunday	\$6,500	\$32,435	\$25,935	399%	\$7,668
4th Sunday	\$5,500	\$5,445	(\$55)	-1%	\$3,560
5th Sunday	\$5,500	\$5,577	\$77		\$0
Online Giving	\$21,000	\$22,490	\$1,490	7%	\$18,844
Festival Giving	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$200
Monthly Total	\$50,500	\$76,467	\$25,967	51%	\$42,012
Year-to-Date Total	\$359,000	\$369,233	\$10,233	3%	\$353,988

Adult Education



Pastor Peter will be leading a three-session New Member class on Sunday – **August 17, August 24, and August 31** from 9:45 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. in the Auditorium. This is an informal class designed for newcomers, inquiries, and prospective members of our congregation. The class is a time of discussion, discovery, presentation, and inclusion. We will be officially welcoming anyone who would like to become an official member of Faith on Rally Sunday, September 7. Any questions, call the office at 381-3970.

New 7-week Adult Bible Class Starting Sept. 14

Pastor Peter will be leading a new Bible class titled, “**Making All Things New – the Resurrection of Jesus and the Kingdom of God.**” In this series we will look at a key phrase throughout the New Testament: “the Kingdom of God.” We’ll be studying the relationship between Jesus and His Kingdom and what His Kingdom looks like in the present day. The class will include videos by Rev. Dr. Jeff Kloha.* Bring your Bible and let’s dig into God’s Word together on Sundays @ 9:45am!



*About Pastor Kloha:

Dean at The Center for Missional & Pastoral Leadership; Associate Pastor at our Savior Lutheran Church in Arlington, VA; former Chief Curatorial Officer of the Museum of the Bible; and former Provost and Professor of Exegetical Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

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 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!



From the Mission Board

We have scheduled a **Back-to-School Drive** for August 10th thru the 24th. We will be giving supplies to Bethlehem Family Services, Willow House, ESWA & Community Ministries.

The requested items are:

- *New socks and underwear. Sizes 4yrs thru adult.(high school kids can be adult sized)
- *New jeans for boys and girls. Size 4yrs thru adult.
- *Spiral notebooks....one, three, and five subject.
- *Composition books
- *2 pocket folders
- *Pens and #2 pencils
- *Crayons 24 ct boxes
- *Washable markers
- *Glue sticks
- *Kleenex Tissues



(NO back packs)

Please contact Chita McKinney with any questions.



We will be hosting a **Dinner for the Veterans at Nucor House** on Wed. August 27th at 5:30. The theme will be in future announcements. No time for food prep? A case of water is always appreciated! 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.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday, August 16th under Faith's Pavilion
9 AM to 2 PM



Please come shop this garage sale benefiting Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity. Our Coalition of Churches Rochester Public Market sales team will be displaying 10 tables of clothing, shoes, and other garage sale items.





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

On Sunday, Aug. 3, we will have one blended worship service at 10am under the Pavilion! It will be **VBS Sunday** as we'll be hearing Scripture, songs, and themes from our Vacation Bible School at Faith!

Pastor Peter will be away on Vacation from **August 4th through the 16th**. Please contact the Church Office if you have a pastoral care issue while Pastor Peter is away.

On Sunday, Aug. 10, our **Youth** will be leading both services. Our **guest preacher** on Sunday, Aug. 17 will be Pastor Richard Pape.

Men's Breakfast Group

Join us as we start the day together in fellowship!

When: **Tuesday, August 5th @ 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, August 11th** 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, August 8th** at *Castaways* in Webster. 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, August 26th** at 6:00pm at *Fairport Village Inn*, 103 N Main Street, Fairport.



For the fall, the **Women's Book Group** is reading the contemporary novel, ***People We Meet on Vacation***, by Emily Henry. It centers around two best friends, Poppy and Alex, who take a yearly summer vacation together.

Join us in the fall for another lively discussion!

For more information contact Rae Usinger (585 738-9345 cell; 585 381-1391 home).



All are invited to join together and celebrate God's great outdoors as we gather around a roaring lakeside campfire and roast hot dogs, marshmallows, play a trivia game and enjoy a fabulous sunset (weather permitting). Hot dogs, drink and smores provided. Bring a chair, an appetizer, salad or bar dessert. Sign up in the Concourse.

L.I.F.T. (Lutherans in Fellowship Together)
Erie Canal Afternoon Lock Cruise
Saturday, September 20, 2:30-5:30 pm

**Celebrate the Erie Canal's 200th Anniversary
 aboard the Colonial Belle!**



The Colonial Belle is the largest tour boat operating on the historic Erie Canal. The vessel is U.S. Coast Guard certified to carry 149 passengers with a fully accessible enclosed lower deck and an upper open-air deck. The enclosed first deck offers comfortable seating, a full-service bar and two restrooms. The upper deck provides seating, scenic viewing and the experience of "ducking down" for low bridges. Cruises depart from Packett's Landing in Fairport. Located on the southeast side of the canal, the Colonial Belle cruises west to Pittsford and returns back to Fairport, a 14-16 mile historic narration tour.

Cost: \$39 for seniors 60 +; \$40 for adults under 60

For more info or for payment, contact **Stella Reschke, 607-624-0036** or stellareschke@gmail.com

Deadline to sign up and attend is July 20th

Children's Ministry



We were very excited to welcome over 200 campers to VBS this year! Thank you to all of the families who attended, and a BIG thank you to our volunteers for your countless hours of dedication and service! We couldn't do it without you!

Please join us on **Rally Day**, Sunday, September 7th for a combined worship at 10:00am followed by a carnival picnic! We'll have crafts, face painting and Rosco the Clown... fun for all ages!

Sunday School will resume on **September 14th at 9:45am** and is available to children age 4 through 6th Grade. Registration can be found on Faith's website at the end of August.

We are looking for additional Volunteers for this year's Sunday School classes. If you are interested in volunteering as a rotation leader or shepherd, please email Shannon Wolf at Sundayschool@faithpenfield.org



FLY

**Thank you..**

-To our incredibly supportive congregation for supporting our 2025 Youth Gathering Team and praying for them as they attended the Gathering in New Orleans last month! A special thank you to our amazing sponsors for their financial support and wonderful care packages!

-To Cris Alello, Jennifer Deutsch, Heather Hoad, and Jolynn Keller for leading our Youth Gathering Team! A special thank you to Noreen Crouse and Pastor Peter for their behind-the-scenes planning and assistance!

We welcome incoming **7th graders** into FLY! We can't wait to get to know you better and grow with you in youth group!

Vacation Bible School – July 28-Aug. 1

Our Jr. FLY class will dig into God's Word, tie-dye t-shirts, play games, serve at a food shelf, and get to know each other better all week! Many high school & college students are volunteering throughout the week at VBS! Thanks for being part of a wonderful week of learning and fun!

Photo Scavenger Hunt Hang Time – Aug. 3

Connect with your friends and bring your cameras to Hang Time on Aug. 3! Meet Mari-Beth at church after the 10am worship service for instructions. If you can be an adult driver, please talk to Mari-Beth. Open to all youth entering 7th grade through young adults!

Youth-Led Worship Services – Aug. 10

Our Gathering participants will be leading both worship services on Sunday, Aug. 10. The theme of the services will be the same theme as the Gathering in New Orleans: "Endure," based on **Hebrews 12:1b-2a**, *"Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith."* The Gathering participants will also be sharing their testimonies of how they experienced God throughout their trip to New Orleans. We hope you can worship with us at 8:30 or 10:45am!

Sponsorship Picnic Lunch – Aug. 10

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

FLY Dunkin' Sundays!

This summer, FLY is 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'. **Note: we won't meet at Dunkin' when we have outdoor worship at 10am on Aug. 3.*

9th Grade Confirmation Project Meeting – Sunday, Aug. 31

On Aug. 31 at noon, incoming 9th grade students and their parents are invited to the FLY Room to discuss the 9th grade Confirmation projects that will be due later in Sept. At the meeting, the students will choose which Sunday in October they'd like to present their Faith Art & Faith Statement Projects. The project syllabus is available to download at faithpenfield.org/youth. Please let Pastor Peter know if you'll be missing this important meeting. Thanks!

Jr. FLY Info Meeting – Tuesday, Sept. 9

7th & 8th grade students and parents are invited to a mandatory info meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 in the Faith Auditorium. We will discuss Confirmation Class curriculum, expectations, and hand out materials. Pastor Peter and our Youth Advisors will also share important info about: Sunday Night FLY, retreats, FUNdraisers, service opportunities, and much more! Other new FLYers (of any age) who would like an orientation of what we'll be doing this year in FLY are welcome to attend!

*NEW this year: high school students are *not required* to attend.

Sunday Night FLY KICK-OFF – Sept. 14 @ 7-8:45pm

Invite your friends to this CRAZY FUN SNFLY KICK-OFF!! Get ready to team up and compete in some crazy games! We'll also enjoy snacks, prizes, worship, and our famous Birthday Wheel – all under our Faith Pavilion! Come kick-off an AWESOME year of growing, connecting, and serving with each other in FLY! YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS EPIC 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!

**FLY Mailing this Month!**

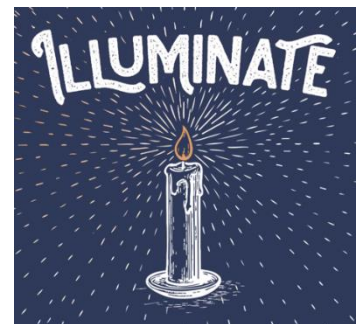
Look for a special mailing from Pastor Peter which will include the new 2025-26 FLY Brochure & Calendar, a FLY Café coupon, and more!

High School & College-age Students are invited to our 2026 Group Mission Trip to Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan (near Detroit)!

Join us as we serve God and serve other people through painting, roofing, and other home repair projects!

More info, including the cost, application, deposit deadlines and more, will be shared at the Sept. 21 Workcamp Info Meeting!

Pray how you can be involved in this mission trip!



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](#).

Mark Your Calendars...

Sept. 7 – Hotdog/Burger FUNdraiser

Sept. 9 – Jr. FLY Confirmation Meeting/Orientation

Sept. 13 – Rise Against Hunger

Sept. 14 – Jr. FLY Confirmation & Sr. FLY Class Begins

Sept. 14 – Sunday Night FLY KICKOFF

Sept. 21 – 2026 Workcamp Info Meeting

Sept. 28 – SNFLY Remix

Oct. 3-5 – Jr. FLY Fall Retreat @ Camp Stella Maris

**Check us out on YouTube!**

You can watch hilarious Coffee House videos, FLY promos, and more on our YouTube page?!

www.youtube.com/faithlutheranyouth

**Connect with FLY on Facebook! Join our group today!**

Search for "Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY)" on Facebook or type out this link...

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/flypenfield/>

**Follow FLY on Instagram!**

<https://www.instagram.com/flypenfield/>

Faith Child Care and Nursery School (FCCNS)

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

- Our Themes for August are S.T.E.A.M. Week, Messy Week, Arts and Crafts Week, and Talent/Movement Week
- Our Bible Stories will be Jesus Heals 10 Lepers, Jesus Heals a Blind Man, The Good Samaritan, and The Lost Sheep
- Our Focus "word" for each week will be Heal, Restore, Helper, and Celebrate
- Our Character word for the month is Safety
- FCCNS will be closed July 28th- August 1st for VBS



Under His Watchful Eye – Even in the Storm

In the wake of the devastating floods in Texas, communities have been left grieving, rebuilding, and searching for hope. Homes were swept away, lives were upended, and many are still trying to make sense of the destruction. In moments like these, it's natural to ask: "Where is God?"

The answer is both humbling and comforting: He is right there. In the shelters. In the hands of volunteers. In the prayers whispered in the dark. In every act of kindness and every moment of courage. Even when the waters rise and the skies grow dark, God watches over all His children.

And on that fateful day Jesus wept. (John 11:35) He wept for those who had life left to live and for all the families whose lives would be forever changed.

Psalm 121:3-4 reminds us,

"He will not let your foot slip—He who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep."



This is the God we serve—one who never turns His eyes away, even when the floodwaters roar.

When tragedy strikes, faith can feel fragile. But it's in these times that we are called to trust not in the absence of storms, but in the presence of our Shepherd through them. Just as Jesus calmed the waves for His disciples, He walks beside us in our modern storms—bringing peace, direction, and comfort. And when the time comes, He calls us home, arms wide open.

As a faith community, we lift up our brothers and sisters in Texas. We pray for restoration, healing, and strength. And we remember that even now—especially now—God is near. Watching. Listening. Providing. Let us also be His hands and feet in the recovery. Whether we give, go, or pray, we can be instruments of His love. Because in every hardship, God doesn't leave His children—He draws them even closer.

Faith Child Care & Nursery School
Year to Date Income & Expenses Compared to Budget
As of 6/30/2025

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance	Prior YTD	Board Approved 2025 Budget
Operating Income					
Fees	478,224	467,296	10,928	471,228	924,830
Interest/Misc./Other	20,724	13,657	7,067	16,683	31,433
Total Operating Income	<u>498,948</u>	<u>480,953</u>	<u>17,995</u>	<u>487,912</u>	<u>956,263</u>
Expenses:					
Program	21,909	22,854	946	22,104	47,586
Employee Related	384,619	401,409	16,790	406,895	816,088
Property & Equipment	31,632	33,918	2,286	29,226	67,840
Supplies	8,145	7,000	(1,145)	7,080	14,000
Operating Expenses	<u>446,305</u>	<u>465,181</u>	<u>18,876</u>	<u>465,305</u>	<u>945,514</u>
Net Operating Income (Loss)	<u>52,643</u>	<u>15,772</u>	<u>36,871</u>	<u>22,607</u>	<u>10,749</u>

End of June Enrollment 76 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
6/30/2025

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance	Prior YTD	Voter Approved 2025 Budget
Operating Income					
Envelope Offering	369,233	359,000	10,233	353,987	680,000
Plate Cash	5,478	3,400	2,078	3,496	8,000
FCCNS Facility Cost Sharing	14,000	14,000	0	12,500	28,000
Fund Distribution-Endowment	0	0	0	0	8,000
Interest/Misc./Other	6,811	5,750	1,061	7,548	12,500
Total Operating Income	395,522	382,150	13,372	377,531	736,500
Expenses:					
Education	6,313	9,700	3,387	8,539	20,300
Employee Related	211,002	211,677	675	185,570	432,728
Mission & Outreach	28,717	38,550	9,833	34,854	68,800
Music	2,928	3,775	847	2,822	7,675
Other Expense	7,040	7,925	885	3,110	12,750
Property	83,045	80,088	(2,957)	82,318	153,325
Supplies	15,149	15,507	358	14,548	31,295
Operating Expenses	354,194	367,222	13,028	331,761	726,873
Net Operating Income (Loss)	41,328	14,928	26,401	45,770	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.

September Faith Notes Articles due Friday, August 22nd and should be directed to our Church Secretary, Kris Cronk (secretary@faithpenfield.org). Thank you!

Members Worshiping in Other Congregations

- Chita McKinney (6/22/25)

Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY

Called to Glory:

- Cheryl Gindling (6/23/25), friend of Kim Ebbecke

- Josh Travers (7/6/25), childhood friend of Tim Gerlach as a result of a motor vehicle accident





Birthdays

1	Lauren Launer	9	Donald Muller	20	Joseph Alello
2	Emily Gerlach		John Schembri		Lisa Hutchings
	Christine Hurlbut		Gabrielle Vogt		Bentley Sykes
	Christine Kulp	10	Alan Crouse		Jennifer Zager
	Daryl Pichan	11	Jennifer Deutsch	21	Bryce Longhenry
3	Marie Ferner	12	Donna Bird		Matthew Saresky
	Carol Spiwak		Stella Reschke	23	Karen Finkle
4	Jeff Arcieri	13	Maya Hardisky	24	Matthew Schrack
	Veronica Couture		Karen Linton		Tara Vasilenko
	Keith Gierman		Ella Mangerian	26	Nico George
5	Kristina Cronk	15	Jeremy Crouse		Nancy Hering
	Suzanne Giangreco		Jackie Johnson	27	Dr. John Gerlach
	Debra Gierman	16	Julie Alberti		Grayson Hignett
6	Barbara Price		Daniel Behnfeldt		David Kaser
	Suzanne Wheeler		Thomas Bird		Emily Kaser
7	Ernest Kleine	17	Lawrence Arnone	28	Chance Nadritch
8	Barbara Baisch		David Malecki	29	Vincent Alello
	Mary Ford	18	Glenn Collins		Dianne Christensen
	Kathy Hardisky	19	Anthony Loperfido		Suzanne Hutchings
	Rita Harstad		Peggy Osenbach		George Kuipers
				30	Peter Bird
					Elizabeth Wood
				31	Henry Gerlach
					Geoffrey Kaeuper
					Jeff Kurzrock

Wedding Anniversaries

1	Jeffrey & Vicki Arcieri	15	Alan & Noreen Crouse
3	Anthony & Julie Alberti		John & Donna Pellnat
	Andrew & Lindsay Forma	16	Tony & Laurelle Cancelli
4	Paul & JoAnn Aspenleiter	18	Perry Kristen Duckles
	Kevin & Jennifer Deutsch		Michael & Emily Gerlach
	John & Jennifer DuBois	19	David & Rebecca Kaser
	Brian & Birdie Hammond	20	Matthew & Heather Hoad
6	Nik & Veronica Couture		Ernest & Heike Kleine
	Matthew & Amanda Ebbecke		James & Janise Piloni
8	Pete & Margaret Crouse	21	William & Heather Withall
	Paul DiMiero & Kathleen Majewski-DiMiero	22	Paul & Susan Lucci
	Andrew & Deborah Nohle	23	Timothy & Marnee Eddy Burke
9	John & Jessica Freeman Bittner		Dr. Joseph & Suzanne Giangreco
10	Thomas & Donna Bird	25	Edward & Nancy Saresky
12	Tad & Beth D'Ambrosio	26	Jonathan & Abby Morrison
13	Brian & Nancy Coughlin	31	John & Allison Cappellino Boyle
14	Wayne & Bonnie Samuels		

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 VBS Sunday 10:00am Combined Worship (Pavilion) 11:30-1:00 FLY Photo Scavenger Hunt</p>	<p>4 10:00am Embroidery Guild (CmRm)</p>	<p>5 7:00am Men's Breakfast (Browncroft Diner) 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 1:00pm Worship @ The Addison</p>	<p>6 10:00am Church Staff 6:00pm Worship (Pavilion) THRIVE</p>	<p>7 10:00am Keepers of the Cupboard (CmRm) 11:30am SOLA Lunch Castaways</p>	<p>1 9:00-12:00 VBS </p>	<p>2 9:00pm Fiddlers Rehearsal (MusicRm)</p>
<p>10 Youth Led Worship 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Dunkin FLY 10:45am Contemporary Worship 12:30pm FLY Sponsorship Picnic (Pavilion)</p>	<p>11 1:30pm Prayer Shawl (Rm204)</p>	<p>12 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 4:00pm Stephen Ministry (CmRm)</p>	<p>13 10:00am Church Staff 6:00pm Worship (Pavilion) THRIVE</p>	<p>14 9:30am Property Board (CmRm)</p>	<p>15 9:00am Habitat Garage Sale (Pavilion) </p>	<p>16 5:30pm LIFT Hot Dog Roast (Reschke Home) </p>
<p>17 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Adult Bible Class (CmRm) "New Member Class" Dunkin FLY 10:45am Contemporary Worship 4:00pm Music & Worship: Accordion Concert w/ Ice Cream Fundraiser (Pavilion)</p>	<p>18 8:00am Joseph Guild 10:00am Flower City Rug Hook Group (CmRm)</p>	<p>19 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 7:00pm FLB Mtg (CmRm) 5:30pm BOE Mtg (CmRm)</p>	<p>20 10:00am Church Staff 6:00pm Worship (Pavilion) THRIVE</p>	<p>21 FCCNS Summer Program Ends! </p>	<p>22 7:00pm Youth Advisors (FLYRm)</p>	<p>23 10:00am Church Staff 5:30pm Nucor House (Pavilion) THRIVE</p>
<p>24 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Adult Bible Class (CmRm) "New Member Class" Dunkin FLY 10:45am Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>25 7:00pm FCCNS Board Mtg (CmRm)</p>	<p>26 10:00am FLC Bowling Mtg (CmRm) 10:30am FCCNS Chapel 6:00pm SOLA Dinner Fairport Village Inn</p>	<p>27 10:00am Church Staff 5:30pm Nucor House (Pavilion) THRIVE</p>	<p>28 10:00am Church Staff 5:30pm Nucor House (Pavilion) THRIVE</p>	<p>29 10:00am Church Staff 5:30pm Nucor House (Pavilion) THRIVE</p>	<p>30 10:00am Church Staff 5:30pm Nucor House (Pavilion) THRIVE</p>
<p>31 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:45am Adult Bible Class (CmRm) "New Member Class" Dunkin FLY 10:45am Contemporary Worship McLean Baptism 12:00pm 9th Gr. Confirmation Mtg (Rm204)</p>						

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