

Please join us for our combined service at 10:00am next Sunday, July 13th, under the Pavilion where we will be commissioning our Gathering Participants going to New Orleans.



It's July, do you know what that means?

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, and it is shaping up to be a big one! In just a few short weeks our entire church will be filled with the sounds of giggles as children of all ages come together to learn about how God makes us all superheros in this world!

Please consider volunteering to help out at camp that week. Even if you can only come for a day or two, we could use your help! We have spots available in all areas, both helping with children or not. We have roles helping to prep food in the kitchen, helping with recreation, shepherding children through different activities, and much more! The link to volunteer is available on our website or at the QR code below



This year our 3rd grade-6th grade campers will be doing a service project packing care packages for Bethlehem Family Services. We are asking for donations of **soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, combs/brushes, other personal hygiene products, as well as school supplies (NOT backpacks), folders, pens, pencils, notebooks, etc.** Any questions you can talk to me, or our older craft team leader, Karen Wright. A donation bin will be available in the concourse.

We will also be collecting donations of **non-perishable food items** for the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf throughout camp. Our Jr FLY class will be collecting these items and helping to stock their shelves during camp on Thursday! All donations can be brought to church and put in the food donation bin in between the main doors.

Thank you for helping us teach children from all over the Rochester area that Jesus is the greatest superhero of all! The entire VBS team is so grateful for your prayers and support of this amazing program!

Stephanie Johnson
VBS Director

THRIVE

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS THIS SUMMER
~ 6PM UNDER FAITH'S PAVILION ~

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).

SOLA – Strength of Living Alone



We will meet at 11:30 for lunch on **Friday, July 11th** at *Cracker Barrel* – Henrietta. Everyone will pay their own bill. ***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 meet at 6:00 for dinner on **Tuesday, July 29th** at *Bocaccini Restaurant* – 6720 Pittsford Palmyra Rd, Fairport

Music and Worship Presents: *The Fiddler Jammers*
A Concert under the Pavilion
Sunday, July 20 @ 4pm

Join us for an afternoon of fiddle music under the pavilion. You are welcome to bring a picnic or other treat while you enjoy the music. There will be some seating and tables available, or bring your favorite outdoor chair if you prefer!

The Fiddle Jammers are always a treat at Coffee House, and we know you will enjoy this concert performance.

About the Fiddle Jammers

This loose group of amateur musicians has been playing old-time fiddle music for decades in Rochester-area. Although everyone is active in local fiddle music clubs and many play in various acoustic bands, they have the most fun just “jamming” with other like-minded musicians.

They are, indeed, Fiddle Jammers and whether they play fiddles or any of the traditional accompanying instruments, they truly love the lively reels, breakdowns, hornpipes, Irish jigs, and sweet waltzes that audience of all ages will enjoy!



Some of our congregation may recognize a few of the musicians from their performances at previous Faith events over the years. Or you may have caught sight of them when the group practices at the church every month. The Fiddle Jammers very much enjoy and appreciate being allowed to use the facilities.



If you play an appropriate stringed instruments and are interested in getting into old-time fiddle music, drop in at one of the monthly Fiddle Jammers music sessions. You'll find them jamming in the church's music room on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Or contact fellow Faith member and guitarist, Ralph Harstad, a jammer and Faith member, for more information.

Save the Date!

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!

July L.I.F.T.

Lutherans in Fellowship Together
Camp Kuipers



Saturday July 19th at 11:00 a.m.
(Friday night optional)

George & Jackie Kuipers
11865 Allen Road, Swain, NY

**Fun, Food, Fellowship + Outdoor Oven Fired Pizza + Mint Juleps +
BBQ Chicken Dinner**

**Swimming + Outdoor Lawn Games + Relaxing,
Hiking + 4-wheeler Rides, Zip Line
Campfire, Laughter & more!**



(more info and sign up in concourse book)

AUGUST L.I.F.T.

SUNSET AND HOT DOG ROAST

All are invited to join together **Saturday, August 23rd, 5:30 pm**, at the Reschke home (283 Lake Road, Ontario, NY) and celebrate God's great outdoors as we gather around a roaring

lakeside campfire and roast hot dogs, marshmallows, sing songs, play games and enjoy a fabulous sunset (weather permitting). Hot dogs, condiments, drinks and marshmallows provided. Bring a chair, an appetizer, salad or bar dessert. Sign up in the Concourse book.

Questions, see Stella or Don Reschke or email stellareschke@gmail.com

September L.I.F.T.

Erie Canal Afternoon Lock Cruise
Saturday, September 20

2:30-5:30 pm

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. More information is in the book in the Concourse.



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!



FAITH LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE

WANTED: LADY BOWLERS!



Come join us on Tuesday Mornings for a fun time at bowling with a great group of ladies.

Starting date: September 9, 2025 – April 21, 2026

For More Information Contact:

Sandie Freitag C# 585-727-5701 H# 585-381-6535
by August 1st 2025

June 22nd Worship Attendance

In-Person: 143 *Livestream:* 66 *Total:* 197

July 6th Scriptures

Gospel: Luke 10:1-2 *Epistle:* Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

Old Testament: Psalm 66:1-7



Barbara Riethmeier

Heather Heights
160 W Jefferson Rd. Rm 239
Pittsford NY 14534
Cell: 585-704-8459

Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY) Announcements

Join us at Dunkin' today!

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 July 13 and Aug. 3.*

Youth Gathering Sponsorships

This 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 July 6. TODAY is the final day to become a sponsor! A suggested donation of \$50 may be given at the sign-up table today. Sponsors can 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 are 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 to be part of our AWESOME Jr. FLY VBS Class:

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

Incoming 9th-12th grade & College students - Register online at faithpenfield.org to help volunteer & lead VBS!

FLY Internship Opportunity!

Have you ever wanted to serve and grow as a Christian leader in FLY? Are you interested in leading Bible studies or planning FLY events? If so, pray about applying to be a FLY Intern for 6 months starting this September or next March. Pastor Peter and the Youth Advisors want to provide high school youth leadership opportunities to grow in their God-given gifts and abilities. Additional details can be found in the internship application starting July 1st (posted on the FLY Bulletin Board). Application deadline is July 31st. Talk to Pastor Peter if you have any questions. Or talk to our current interns for their insights: Ava Bernhardt & Madison Deutsch.

Mark Your Calendars for these awesome FLY events...

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
Sept. 7 – Rally Sunday & Hotdog/Burger FUNdraiser
Sept. 9 – 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation/Orientation Meeting
Sept. 14 – Sunday Night FLY Kick-off

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 15% favorable variance in envelope giving for the month of May resulting in a year-to-date unfavorable budget variance of \$15,734 or 5%.

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					
	Voter Approved Budget	Actual	Variance from Budget	% Variance	Prior Year Actual
May 2025					
Monthly Total	\$45,000	\$51,559	\$6,559	15%	\$38,820
Year-to-Date Total	\$308,500	\$292,766	(\$15,734)	-5%	\$311,976

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 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

- 7/6 Kathryn Kurzrock, Elisabeth Vogl
7/7 Kaitlynn Aloï
7/8 Stephen Ford, Carol Keeler, Joshua Koles, Jason Saresky,
Alexandra Spencer
7/9 Jason Gerlach, Martin Hardisky, Owen Launer
7/11 Reid Hynes
7/12 Candice Gallina, Barbara Riethmeier

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week

- 7/6 Robert & Jane Coryea, Jon & Jennifer Ottman
7/7 Ralph & Beth Harstad, John & Carrie Schembri
7/8 William & Kristin Mosko
7/10 Patrick & Samy Gerlach, Austin & Rebecca Lazzaro
7/12 Richard & Sandy Hoffarth

Ongoing Prayers

Faith Members and Friends

Tim Albert, Cory Alberti, Sandi Banning, Liane Bartsch, Dan Behnfeldt, Ruth Behnfeldt, Diann Berndt, Sue & Guy Brown, Darlene Byrns, Sam Falzone, John Glenn, Jackie Johnson, Fred Keeler, June Leibring, Hayden Lincoln, Aram Mangerian, Donna Pellnat, Daryl Pichan, Barb Riethmeier, Lois Ronnenberg, Robert 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)
Barbara Riethmeier	Heather Heights (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, George, Jeff, Jessica, Kevin, Michelle, Patty, Ray, Shellece, Steve & Pat, Tiffany, Garrison Ball, Vanmany Banks, Donna Barnes, Rob Blick, Ryan Byrns, Debbie Carter, Donna Chismer, Rebecca Cronk, Natasha Doebler & daughter, Sarah Flint, Kevin Fries, Elynn Haden, Andy & Cathy Harman, Ruth Hartung, Karen Keiter, Kris Kessler, Don Kot, Jeremy LaFond, Sheila Latulipe, Scott McCarthy, Marcy McCullough, Elizabeth Samuels-McGahey, Thelma McKee, Ed McMaster, Edward Menzies, Jeffrey Menzies, Scott Menzies, Trey Michel, Cliff Milner, Dick Milner, John Mirabito, Rick Monczynski, George New, Glenn Neumann, Lizbeth Nickel, Mark Niemeir, Ed Oliver, Domenica Panichia, Kevin Patterson, Tyler Paxon, 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, Ken Wilson, John Woods