

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



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.

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.

Remember, shop the **GARAGE SALE for Habitat for Humanity** Saturday, Aug. 16, from 9 AM to 2 PM (rain or shine) The sale is in the Pavilion behind Faith Lutheran Church at 2576 Browncroft Blvd., Rochester (Penfield), NY. See our monthly newsletter for more details.



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 (July 16 - Aug. 27)

Where: Faith's Pavilion

We look forward to worshipping with you at Thrive!

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

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!



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.



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.

August 3rd Worship Attendance

In-Person: 105 Livestream: 71 Total: 176

August 17th Scriptures

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

Epistle: Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3

Old Testament: Jeremiah 23:16-29

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.

Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY) Announcements

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!

-To Mari-Beth Schembri for leading the fun Photo Scavenger Hunt last Sunday!

Youth-Led Worship Services – TODAY

Our Gathering participants are leading both worship services today.

The theme of the services are 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 be sharing their testimonies of how they experienced God throughout their trip to New Orleans.



Sponsorship Picnic Lunch – TODAY @ 12:30

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

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'.

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 has been extended to the end of August. Talk to Pastor Peter if you have any questions. Or talk to our current interns for their insights: Ava Bernhardt & Madison Deutsch.

SAVE THE DATES:

- 9th Gr. Confirmation Project Meeting – Aug. 31 @ Noon
- Rally Sunday Hotdog/Burger FUNdraiser – Sept. 7
- Jr. FLY Info Meeting – Sept. 9 @ 6:30pm
- Sunday Night FLY KICK-OFF – Sept. 14 @ 7pm

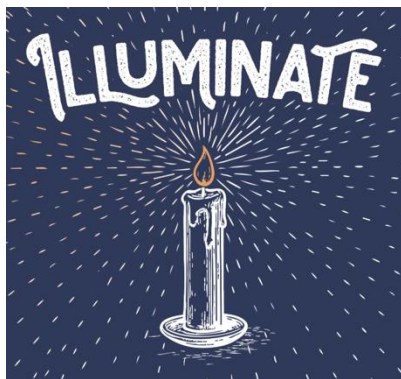
Incoming High School & College-age Students are invited to our 2026 Group Mission Trip to Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan (near Detroit)!

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. 21st***

Workcamp Info Meeting!

Pray how you can be involved in this mission trip!



Matthew 5:14-17 – You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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
Monthly Total	\$50,500	\$76,467	\$25,967	51%	\$42,012
Year-to-Date Total	\$359,000	\$369,233	\$10,233	3%	\$353,988

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

8/10 Alan Crouse
8/11 Jennifer Deutsch
8/12 Donna Bird, Stella Reschke
8/13 Maya Hardisky, Karen Linton, Ella Mangerian
8/15 Jeremy Crouse, Jackie Johnson
8/16 Julie Alberti, Daniel Behnfeldt, Thomas Bird

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week

8/10 Thomas & Donna Bird
8/12 Tad & Beth D'Ambrosio
8/13 Brian & Nancy Coughlin
8/14 Wayne & Bonnie Samuels
8/15 Alan & Noreen Crouse, John & Donna Pellnat
8/16 Tony & Laurelle Cancelli

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, June Leibring, Gaylord Leinenbach, Hayden Lincoln, Aram Mangerian, Ann McEwen, Bill Mosko, Donna Pellnat, Daryl Pichan, Barb Riethmeier, Lois Ronnenberg, Robert Ronnenberg, Wayne Samuels, Catharine Schmidt, Mary Schutte, Ellen Smurthwaite, Ida Stiner, Eric Sykes, Diane Wagner, 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, Elsie, George, Jeff, Jessica, Patty, Steve & Pat, Tiffany, Vincent, Bob Anderson, Garrison Ball, Vanmany Banks, Ryan Byrns, Donna Chismer, Peggy Couture, Rebecca Cronk, Ralph Dintruff, Natasha Doeblor & daughter, John Dutcher, Dale Endle, Sarah Flint, Kevin Fries, Elynn Haden, Mike Hanley, Andy & Cathy Harman, Ruth Hartung, Gary Hill, Karen Keiter, Kris Kessler, Don Kot, Tom Kurzrock, Jeremy LaFond, Sheila Latulipe, Scott McCarthy, Elizabeth Samuels-McGahey, Thelma McKee, Ed McMaster, Edward Menzies, Scott Menzies, Trey Michel, Cliff Milner, Dick Milner, John Mirabito, Rick Monczynski, George New, Glenn Neumann, Lizbeth Nickel, Mark Niemeir, Wendy Nobles, Ed Oliver, Domenica Panichia, Kevin Patterson, Nancy Perry, Nancy Porcellio, Vincent Poromon, Sue Provencher, Mike Radigan, Heikki Rantakari, Tom Scott, Susan Spano, Jason Stagliano, Mike & Nancy Stirling, Cathy Storm, Janice Sullivan, Ronald Uecker, Jim & Jacquie Van Auken, Ken Wilson, John Woods