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Rise Against Hunger is a 4-star rated international charity whose mission is to end world hunger within the next ten years.

In September Faith Lutheran Church will be hosting ***Rise Against Hunger*** for a start-to-finish meal packaging event. A combination of soy, rice, dehydrated vegetables, and a packet of minerals and vitamins will be packaged in a way that stores easily, transports quickly, and has a long shelf-life to help meet the immediate nutritional needs of people facing food insecurity.

If you have never attended this event, you need to see it to believe it! All ages and groups are welcome to volunteer – children must come with adult supervision. The various tasks at the event are not difficult, but the work is very fast-paced and health protocols must be followed.





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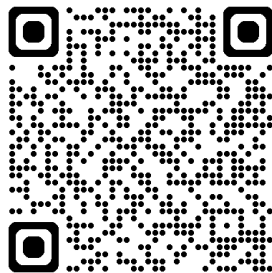
If your corporation, sports team, club, family, or you as an individual would like to sponsor and/or volunteer for this effort, please go to <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/Faith2025> or scan the QR Code below.

Suggested donation per individual is \$25 or \$75 for a family. Those who choose to donate \$250 or more, please complete a sponsor dedication available in the concourse.

The donation you make will help defray the cost of food supplies, packaging, and transportation, as well as support **Rise Against Hunger's** efforts to teach sustainability in impoverished communities. Donations are made directly to the event website or via check payable to "Faith Lutheran Church" with "RAH 2025" in the memo line.

Every penny raised will go directly to **Rise Against Hunger**.

If you have any questions or need help registering, please contact the Ministry Chair for this event:
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Thank you!

Faith Lutheran Church is offering the Christ-centered 13-week program, “**Grief Share**,” again this fall. Donna Kaser will lead 13 Monday evening sessions at 6:30pm at church, **starting**

September 8th and ending on December 1st. Each session will include a 30-minute video with discussion afterwards. The videos have a lot of guidance and information and the discussion afterwards within the group is healing. Participants will receive a free participant guide that will provide Bible verses, space to take notes, and strategies that can help you in your grief journey. All discussions within the group will remain confidential. If you would like to attend, please register by emailing Kris Cronk @ secretary@faithpenfield.org by August 31st.



Pastor Peter will continue leading a three-session New Member class on Sunday – **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.

We will be hosting a **Dinner for the Veterans at Nucor House** on Wed. August 27th at 5:30. The theme is “**Pizza & Wings.**” There is a sign up in the Concourse for salad and dessert. Please join us in sharing a meal and Christ’s love with these Heroes who served our country so bravely!!



We have one more Thrive service 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 evening at 6:00 PM (Aug. 27)

Where: Faith's Pavilion

Join us on Rally Sunday, Sept. 7!

You're invited to join us as Faith begins a new school year together on Rally Sunday, Sept. 7 with an outdoor worship service at 10am. The service will include a New Member Welcome, Blessing of the Backpacks, and our 3rd grade students will receive new Bibles. We'll also begin a new sermon series called, "Where Are We Going?" A fun carnival will begin after the service featuring a hotdog & burger fundraiser for FLY, Rosco the Clown, crafts, and facepainting! Join us as we begin a new year of "Connecting, Growing, and Serving" together in the name of Jesus!



Thank you to everyone who has supported the **Back-to-School Drive!!** We have plenty of school supplies now but are **requesting the following:**

- *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.

We will be accepting clothing through August 31st

Please contact Chita McKinney with any questions

Kittleberger Florist "12 Months of Flowers" FCCNS Fundraiser begins September 7th!

Grace your home with a bouquet of fresh flowers for each month of the year for \$50. Proceeds will be used for an outdoor "Music Garden" and new steps up to the Playscape. Cards will be available for purchase after Sunday services on Sept 7th, 14th and 21st or contact the FCCNS office. Payment can be made by cash or check made out to FCCNS.



August 17th Worship Attendance

In-Person: 160 *Livestream:* 95 *Total:* 255

August 31st Scriptures

Gospel: Luke 14:1-14

Epistle: Hebrews 13:1-17

Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY) Announcements

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.

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!

Hot Dog & Burger FUNdraiser – Sept. 7 @ 11am

Help out at FLY's first FUNdraiser of the school year! We'll be making and serving hot dogs and burgers on Sunday, Sept. 8 from 9am-1pm. All money raised will support youth attending retreats and the Youth Gathering this coming year! Sign-up on the FLY bulletin board to volunteer!

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!

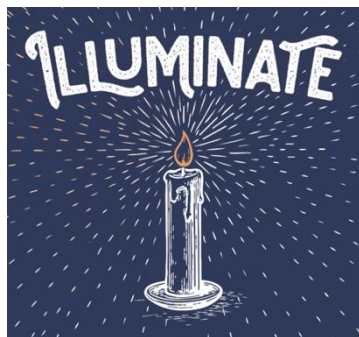


Incoming High School & College-age Students are invited to our 2026 Group Mission Trip to Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan (near Detroit)!

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 at Noon! Lunch will be provided at the meeting.***

Pray how you can be involved in this mission trip!



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.



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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 30% favorable variance in envelope giving for the month of July resulting in a year-to-date favorable budget variance of \$24,328 or 6%.

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					
July 2025	Voter	Variance		%	Prior Year
	Approved Budget	Actual	from Budget	Variance	Actual
Monthly Total	\$47,000	\$61,095	\$14,095	30%	\$52,245
Year-to-Date Total	\$406,000	\$430,328	\$24,328	6%	\$406,233

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

8/24	Matthew Schrack, Tara Vasilenko
8/26	Nico George, Nancy Hering
8/27	Dr. John Gerlach, Grayson Hignett, David Kaser, Emily Kaser
8/28	Chance Nadritch
8/29	Vincent Alello, Dianne Christensen, Suzanne Hutchings, George Kuipers
8/30	Peter Bird, Elizabeth Wood

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week

8/25	Edward & Nancy Saresky
8/26	Jonathan & Abby Morrison

Ongoing Prayers

Faith Members and Friends

Tim Albert, Cory Alberti, Sandi Banning, Liane Bartsch, Dan Behnfeldt, Diann Berndt, Sue & Guy Brown, Darlene Byrns, Sam Falzone, John Glenn, Jackie Johnson, June Leibring, Hayden Lincoln, Aram Mangerian, Ann McEwen, Donna Pellnat, Daryl Pichan, 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, George, Jeff, Jessica, Patty, Retta, Steve & Pat, Tiffany, Vincent, Garrison Ball, Vanmany Banks, Ryan Byrns, Donna Chismer, Tony Cook, Peggy Couture, Rebecca Cronk, Tom Didas, Ralph Dintruff, Natasha Doeblor & daughter, Dale Endle, Sarah Flint, Kevin Fries, William Gwin, Elynn Haden, Scott Hammond, Andy & Cathy Harman, Beth Harstad, 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, Lisa Nawrocki, George New, Glenn Neumann, Lizbeth Nickel, Mark Niemeir, Wendy Nobles, Ed Oliver, Domenica Panichia, Kevin Patterson, Nancy Perry, Nancy Porcellio, Barbara Pratt, Sue Provencher, Mike Radigan, Heikki Rantakari, Jeff Roen, Tom Scott, Susan Spano, Jason Stagliano, Mike & Nancy Stirling, Cathy Storm, Janice Sullivan, Elvira Tausch, Ronald Uecker, Jim & Jacquie Van Auken, Ken Wilson, John Woods