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Special Voters Meeting Announcement

The Faith Leadership Board is inviting all Faith members to join us for a **Special Voters Meeting on Sunday, October 5 at 12:30pm**. The purpose of this meeting is to present and vote on whether or not Faith begins phase one of the **Mission Driven Development (MDD) proposal** brought forward by the Faith Leadership Board.

What is MDD?

MDD is a multi-phased process that helps congregations and leaders identify what can, can't, and must be done to meet ministry and community needs while sharing the Gospel of Jesus. If approved, Faith would partner with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). An LCEF consultant would guide Faith in creating a comprehensive vision and strategic plan for ministry, campus, and financial resources.

You may join the Special Voters Meeting via Zoom (the link will be shared via congregation-wide email). However, **all voting must be done in-person**.

The full proposal is available in the Concourse. A free-will offering lunch will be provided at noon prior to the meeting. Staffed nursery care will be available in the church nursery.

About our Sermon Series: "Where Are We Going?"

For five weeks, we're journeying through a sermon series using the imagery of a road-trip. Each week we're exploring a different question for the trip and turning to God's Word for direction and guidance along the way. The weekly themes are:

-Sept. 7 – "Where are we going?"

-Sept. 14 – "How do we get there?"

-Sept. 21 – "What do we need?"

-Sept. 28 – "What if...?"

-Oct. 5 – "Let's hit the road!"

WHERE ARE WE GOING?



We already know our ultimate destination: eternal life with our Lord Jesus!

And while we are on the road, God has given us the privilege of inviting others to join the journey and to know Him. That is the heart of our congregation's purpose: that more people would come to know Jesus, travel with us in faith, and share the joy of reaching our heavenly destination together. So let's prepare, let's trust in the Lord, and let's hit the road, confident that God Himself is leading the way! You're invited to join us on the journey!

*Contribution
Statements*

**Contribution Statements can be found in the
Concourse**

Faith receives Final Employee Retention Credit Payment for a Total of \$512,616

The ERC is a tax credit to entities for payroll taxes paid during the time period that they were restricted from regular operations and/or experienced a reduction in revenue/donations during the time period of the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the efforts of Faith's Finance Team (primarily Kay Gerlach) along with assistance from Paychex, Faith filed for this credit. Faith is now in receipt of the final Employee Retention Tax Credit payment from the IRS. We had previously announced the receipt of \$344,000 in ERC payments with one more quarter's tax credit still under review. The IRS approved the ERC for this final quarter resulting in an additional ERC payment of \$168,662. **This brings the total ERC received by Faith to \$512,616.**

Pastor & FLB thank Kay Gerlach for her leadership and countless hours spent in applying for the ERC funds. We also thank past and present Finance Team and FLB members for their support and contributions in determining our eligibility for this grant. We also thank God for our incredible staff and leaders who led our congregation through a period of great uncertainty and restrictions that impacted the way we carried out God's mission.

FLB is under prayerful consideration of how best to utilize these funds to accomplish God's work in the mission of our Church and faith community. The timing of the receipt of these funds along with the consideration of engaging in a strategic plan under the guidance of Mission Driven Development will be discussed with our congregation as we lead up to our October 5th voters meeting. We are thankful for the gifts God has provided and have a duty to plant seeds in God's garden as He calls us to do.

Adult Bible Class

Pastor Peter is leading a 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.



This week is Prayer Shawl Sunday. Please check out the beautiful shawls that have been created by members of our church at our monthly meeting as well as those who work on them at home. The yarn we use has been generously donated so the shawls are a gift to you or someone you would like to give one to.

Submit the Names of the Saints on Stars for All Saints Sunday

On All Saints Sunday (Nov. 2nd), our Sanctuary will again be filled with stars that will have names of the Saints Triumphant – those who are in heaven with Jesus. From Oct. 5-26, stars will be available in the Concourse for Faith members to write names of loved ones.

**If you wrote names last year, there is no need to write them again since last year's stars were saved.* Then, like last year, a crew will hang them throughout the Sanctuary for All Saints Sunday, and it's sure to be a beautiful sight!



THE GENESEE COUNTRY MUSEUM

Join LIFT for SPOOKY SATURDAY October 11, 2025 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Museum was founded in 1966 with the goal of preserving the architecture of the Genesee Valley region in a recreated historic village. GCV&M is the largest and most comprehensive living history museum in New York State – and the third-largest in the United States. Enjoy the historic village, the John L. Wehle Gallery, and the Genesee Country Nature Center. Learn about rural cemeteries in the 19th-century. Enjoy fall colors and autumnal traditions in the Village. Attend a frighteningly fascinating talk on the history of rural cemeteries in America, visit our new exhibit:



Everybody's Going to be There! The American Rural Cemetery Movement.

TICKET INFORMATION – PURCHASE ON YOUR OWN

- **Tickets went on sale Friday, September 10.** Buy online before Thursday, October 9 and save!
- **Adults: \$16 online | \$17 onsite and online after October 9. Seniors (62+) and Students (13 – 18): \$14 online | \$15 onsite and online after October 9. Youth (4 – 12): \$10 online | \$11 onsite and online after October 9.**

Lunch at **The Depot Restaurant (on site)** around noon. *Beverages (including beer, wine and cider) and lighter fare (wraps, salads, & sandwiches)*

Additional information and a signup sheet will be in the concourse.

Questions: contact Jeanne Kurzik 585-545-1659 or
Hans Kurzik at 585-750-9503 or hanskjeanne@gmail.com

Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY) Announcements

Jr. FLY Confirmation Class – Sundays @ 9:45-10:40am

7th & 8th grade students are journeying through Luther's Small Catechism on Sundays with Pastor Peter and Mark Harstad. All classes are in-person in Room 204. If you miss a class, you can download the PowerPoint presentation online at: faithpenfield.org.

Sr. FLY Breakfast this Morning @ 9:45am in the FLY Room

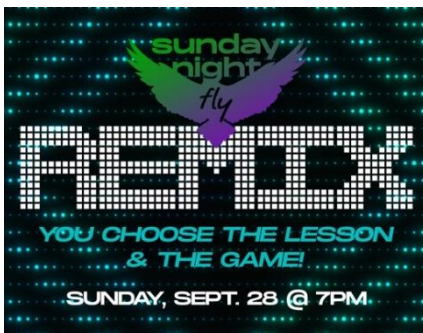
Our awesome Youth Advisors will be serving a delicious breakfast for our Sr. FLY youth this morning in the FLY Room!

Sunday Night FLY REMIX – TONIGHT @ 7-8:45pm

You're invited to our "REMIX" event, which means that YOU will be voting for one lesson and one game we'll do together! It's going to be a FUN night! Bring your friends! All are welcome!

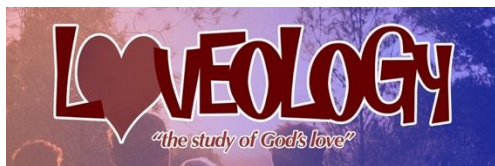
***NEW Tonight: Pizza & Games @ 6:15pm**

Bring \$5 for pizza & drinks BEFORE SNFLY at 6:15pm! Then our Youth Advisors will lead us in some fun games!



***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 6:15-9 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!



2025 Jr. FLY Fall Retreat – Oct. 3-5 @ Camp Stella Maris

7th & 8th graders are invited to enjoy outdoor activities, night games, and Bible lessons at

our annual **Jr. FLY Fall Retreat on Oct. 3-5 at Camp Stella Maris!** It's going to be an awesome weekend and a great way to start our year together! We have the entire Wegman House reserved for our group! Friends are invited to attend, too! The online registration and \$160 deposit are due to

the FLY Registrar's mailbox in the Church Copy Room by TODAY, Sept. 28. Financial help is available upon request. Register online at: <https://faithpenfield.org/resources-forms/> The packing list can be found on the retreat poster. We hope you can join us!

Small Group for FLY Parents – Sunday, Oct. 5 @ 9:45am

Parenting teenagers is an adventure! Sometimes it can feel like no-one else understands the highs and lows of this adventure. BUT, you are not alone! Other FLY parents want to support and walk alongside you! Join other parents for the next get-together next Sunday, Oct. 5 @ 9:45-10:40am in the Community Room. Please talk to Cris Alello if you have any questions.



Drop-off your cans & bottles and FLY will earn money! Simply drop-off your full bag of cans and bottles at: 1183 Bay Road, Webster, NY. Make sure your bag is labeled "Faith Lutheran Youth." All money earned

will support FLY's summer trips! Thanks for your support!

2026 Group Mission Trip in Detroit, MI

High school & college-age students are invited to our 2026 Group Mission Trip to Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan (near Detroit) on July 11-18, 2026! Join us as we serve God and serve other people through painting, roofing, and other home repair projects!

-On the way to Michigan, we'll spend a day at Cedar Point Amusement Park!

-Download the **Info Packet** when you register online or pick it up in the FLY Room.

-The mission trip cost is approx. \$845. (A lot of this can be FUNdraised with FLY!)

By Monday, Oct. 27:

-**Register online** at faithpenfield.org/resources-forms/ or use the QR code on this page.



-**Submit a \$100 Commitment Deposit** made out to "Faith Lutheran Youth" and drop off in the FLY Registrar's mailbox at Faith.

Pray how you can be involved in this mission trip!

September 21st Worship Attendance

In-Person: 204 Livestream: 108 Total: 312

October 5th Scriptures

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Epistle: Phillipians 1:3-6

Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8

Children's & Family Ministry Announcements

Sunday School is available to children age 4 through 6th Grade from 9:45am-10:40am. Children will learn Bible lessons through crafts, games and videos. Please see the schedule located on the Children's Ministries bulletin board in the concourse for your child's classroom location. Please email



Shannon Wolf at Sundayschool@faithpenfield.org to register your child(ren) for Sunday School.

We are in need of more Volunteers for Sunday School. If you are interested in volunteering as a rotation leader or a shepherd, please contact Shannon Wolf at Sundayschool@FaithPenfield.org

Nursery services are available to children birth - 3 years old from 8:30am-11:45am.

Kids Time will be offered the 2nd and 4th Sunday immediately following the Children's Message during the late service. Children age 4 through 6th grade are welcome to participate in an activity focused on the message and will return to the Sanctuary before the end of service.

Parents of Young Children Small Group

A group of families w/ young children to be encouraged and supported as you navigate parenting and raising children!

Sign-up to host your month's small group gathering.

- Then plan the activity for that month (e.g. playground picnic, lunch & a devotion at church, movie night, board games, etc...)
- Then in the prior month, communicate to Kris Cronk your chosen date and activity description so it can be shared in upcoming newsletters and bulletins (secretary@faithpenfield.org).
- If you need help, please contact Pastor Peter (peter@faithpenfield.org).
- Sign up is in the Concourse.

Save the Dates!

October 26th at 2:00 p.m. *Trunk or Treat at Faith*

December 10th at 5:45 p.m. *Gingerbread Decorating*

December 14th at 10:45 a.m. *Christmas Pageant*



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 2% favorable variance in envelope giving for the month of August resulting in a year-to-date favorable budget variance of \$24,924 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					
August 2025	Voter Approved Budget	Actual	Variance from Budget	% Variance	Prior Year Actual
Monthly Total	\$39,000	\$39,596	\$596	2%	\$35,015
Year-to-Date Total	\$445,000	\$469,924	\$24,924	6%	\$441,247

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

9/28 Mark Wood
9/29 Lucy Resch
9/30 Davis Bird, Judith Hull-Bricklemyer, Seth Trojian, Joseph Trova
10/1 Scott Maginn
10/2 Madison Aloï, Kenneth Kiellach, Kristen Mason
10/4 Elizabeth Alvut, Emmett Taillie

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week

9/30 Matt & Taylor Mason
10/1 Matthew & Lisa Harrington
10/3 Emory & Mary Ford
10/4 Daryl & Christie Pichan

Ongoing Prayers

Faith Members and Friends

Tim Albert, Cory Alberti, Sandi Banning, Liane Bartsch, Dan Behnfeldt, Diann Berndt, Sue & Guy Brown, Darlene Byrns, Veronica Couture, 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

Barbara, Cathy's Husband, George, Jeff, Jessica, Pat, Patty, Steve & Pat, Tiffany, Vincent, Vanmany Banks, Nancy Bauchle, Ryan Byrns, Donna Chismer, Rebecca Cronk, Natasha Doebler & daughter, Robin Dueker, Sarah Flint, Elynn Haden, Scott Hammond, Andy & Cathy Harman, Ruth Hartung, 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, John Mirabito, Rick Monczynski, Tracy Muller, George New, Glenn Neumann, Lizbeth Nickel, Mark Niemeir, Ed Oliver, Domenica Panichia, Kevin Patterson, Nancy Perry, Nancy Porcellio, Sue Provencher, Mike Radigan, Heikki Rantakari, Jeff Roen, Tom Scott, Susan Spano, Jason Stagliano, Mike & Nancy Stirling, Cathy Storm, Janice Sullivan, Jim & Jacquie Van Auken, Kathy Wakefield, Kent Walter, Ken Wilson, John Woods