



Altar Flowers are provided today by The Arnone Family *In Celebration of the 88th Birthday of Jessie Wagstrom and the 7th Birthday of Jude Arnone*

Nicene Creed Bible Class - 12/7 & 12/14

The Nicene creed is now 1700 years young as it was initially written in 325 A.D. We will study about the history and culture of the time, why it was written, the controversies that lead to its writing, and how and why it caused a split in the church. We will further look into why we use today and its foundation for our faith, led by Diane Van Auken.

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HANGING OF THE GREENS – TODAY

12:15pm Pizza Lunch in Room 204

12:45pm Get to work decorating the church

All are welcome. Many hands make light work and we are in need of help. Join us as we fellowship and decorate! There is a sign up in the Concourse.

We hope to see you there!



Faith Advent Devotionals are ready to be picked up! They can be found on a table in the concourse. We are blessed to have members of Faith share their hearts with us in this year's devotions. Many thanks to Ellen Smurthwaite for creating this gift for Faith and all who contributed.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Order forms are available at the Information Center, on Faith's website under Resources, and in the December issue of *Faith Notes*. 6" red poinsettias are available for \$9.00 each, and will decorate the Sanctuary and the Poinsettia Tree. The goal is to have 65 plants purchased, enough to fill the Poinsettia Tree and fill in the base of the Christmas tree. Printed dedications will be in all Christmas Eve bulletins and Christmas Day bulletins. **Orders are due December 7.**



Thank you to the following people for helping to take down the stars in our Sanctuary last weekend: Charlene Fernaays, Bill McKee, Todd & Kim Nadritch, Betty Porter, Mari-Beth Schembri, and Pastor Peter. The stars are being saved for next year's All Saints Sunday. What a special and meaningful new tradition this is for our congregation!



CHURCH PLANT BED CLEANING



Help is needed to remove leaves from around the church building on **December 6th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.**

Men, Women, and Youth are needed to clean the property around the building. Please bring a rake and wear appropriate clothing. There is a sign up in the Concourse or you can call the church office (381-3970) or email

(secretary@faithpenfield.org) to commit to helping with this annual cleanup.

The annual **Angel Tree** project is in full swing. Gifts will be due by Sunday December 7th to church.

Thank you for helping be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community!



Our Annual Gingerbread House Event will be held on Wednesday, **December 10th!** Pizza dinner will be served at 5:45pm followed by Gingerbread House decorating. We ask that each family bring a bag of candy and contribute \$15 per house. Families are asked to RSVP on the sign up sheet

located in the book in the concourse by December 1st to ensure we have enough houses.

The **Christmas Pageant** will be held on **December 14th** during the 10:45am service. Sunday School students will practice for the pageant during Sunday school classes beginning in November, so please try to attend as many classes as possible.



L.I.F.T. Celebrates Christmas with Soup (provided) Supper and Caroling at The Atria!

All are invited to join Faith's brothers and sisters in celebrating Christmas together on Friday, December 19, at 5:30 pm at the Kuipers' home at 2012 Five Mile Line Road, Penfield. Bring a snack, dinner item or dessert, and a White Elephant wrapped gift (under \$10). Please RSVP by December 14 to Jackie Kuipers at [585-383-9144](tel:585-383-9144) or yacomina kuipers@gmail.com or sign up in the concourse book.



Men's Breakfast Group

Join us as we join together in fellowship!

When: Tuesday, December 2nd @ 7am

Where: **Browncroft Diner**, 2501 Browncroft Blvd,
Rochester, NY 14625



The L.I.F.T. 2026 Sign-Up Sheet is now available in the Concourse book, so don't hesitate to take a month in 2026 and plan the fellowship activity for that month (samples are listed on the sheet). It's a great way to get involved, learn about and support each other, and just have fun together. Some months are more popular, so sign up today!



SOLA – Strength of Living Alone

We will meet at 11:30 for lunch on **Friday, December 5th** at *The Cheesecake Factory, Pittsford Plaza*. 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, December 16th** at 6:00pm at *Fairport Village Inn, 103 N Main St, Fairport.*

These are revised dates due to the Christmas Holiday.

We will be celebrating **New Year's Eve** with dinner out on December 31st. More information will follow.

You're invited to worship with us this Christmas!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship:

3:00 (Contemporary Worship)

5:30 (Traditional Worship)

7:30 (Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion)

Christmas Day Worship:

10:00am (Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion)



-In the spirit of giving, on Christmas Eve families are encouraged to drop-off **food & hygiene donations** for families in need this Christmas season.
-The church Library will be decorated and set aside as a space for families to take **Christmas photos** on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.

We'd love for your family and friends to join us this Christmas!

November 23rd Worship Attendance

In-Person: 303 Livestream: 83 Total: 386

December 7th Scriptures

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Epistle: Romans 15:8-13

Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-10

Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY) Announcements

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

7th & 8th grade students are journeying through Luther's Small Catechism on Sundays with Pastor Peter in Room 204.

Sunday Morning Sr. FLY Class – Today @ 9:45-10:40am

High school students are invited to check out the Sunday Morning Sr. FLY Class this year in the FLY Room, as we're connecting Biblical truths to topics that are relevant to you.

Sunday Night FLY – “Armor Up!” – TONIGHT @ 7pm

Join us for an exciting night as we dive into the topic of “Spiritual Warfare” and what it is, what it's not, and how God equips us to stand firm in His armor! Bring your friends and get ready to wear a ton of tinfoil... You don't want to miss it!

***Come early at 6:15pm for pizza and 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!



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***Volunteers can sign-up on the FLY Bulletin Board today.**

Small Group for FLY Parents

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! Come attend our small group on the first Sunday of the month at 9:45am in the Community Room. If you're interested in joining, feel free to talk to Cris Alello!

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 experienced a 4% unfavorable variance in envelope giving for the month of October but were blessed with a year-to-date favorable budget variance of \$22,385 or 4%.

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		Variance	%	Prior Year
October 2025	Budget	Actual	from Budget	Variance	Actual
Monthly Total	\$46,000	\$44,239	(\$1,761)	-4%	\$44,004
Year-to-Date Total	\$543,000	\$565,385	\$22,385	4%	\$534,992

Tax Advantage of 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 April and upcoming December 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

11/30 Andrew Nohle
12/1 Perry Duckles
12/2 Macie Hardisky, TJ McEwen
12/3 Jack Bittner, Sandra VanHorn
12/5 Stacy Ledermann
12/6 Jeffrey Bartocci, Allison Vogl

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week

12/3 Thomas & Suzanne Hutchings
12/5 Yegor & Tara Vasilenko

Ongoing Prayers

Faith Members and Friends

Tim Albert, Cory Alberti, Sandi Banning, Liane Bartsch, Diann Berndt, Sue & Guy Brown, Darlene Byrns, Marilyn 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)
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
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, Kathy's Husband, Steve & Pat, Tiffany, Vincent, Ryan Byrns, Heidi Campoli, Donna Chismer, Rebecca Cronk, Stephanie DeFelice, Natasha Doebler & daughter, Sarah Flint, Elynn Haden, Scott Hammond, Andy & Cathy Harman, Ruth Hartung, Lou Iovoli, Karen Keiter, Kris Kessler, David Kidd, Don Kot, Tom Kurzrock, Jeremy LaFond, Sheila Latulipe, Dora Marchel, Scott McCarthy, Elizabeth Samuels-McGahey, Thelma McKee, Ed McMaster, Allen McMullen, Jeff McMullen, Edward Menzies, Scott Menzies, Trey Michel, John Mirabito, Rick Monczynski, Tracy Muller, Mark Neimeir, George New, Glenn Neumann, Lizbeth Nickel, Ed Oliver, Domenica Panichia, Heidi Parton, Kevin Patterson, Nancy Perry, Nancy Porcellio, Sue Provencher, Mike Radigan, Heikki Rantakari, Kathi Rickus, Melissa Rizzo, Jeff Roen, Tom Scott, Susan Spano, Jason Stagliano, Mike & Nancy Stirling, Cathy Storm, Alexander Sudore, Janice Sullivan, Jim & Jacquie Van Auken, Ken Wilson, John Woods