



Altar Flowers are provided today by The Arnone Family *In Celebration of the Baptism of Caroline Jesslyn Couture*

The Flower Arrangements at our main doors are given by Ellen Smurthwaite *In Loving Memory of her Mom, Jane*

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!



We are looking for help setting up Luminaries and lighting them on Christmas Eve. If you are coming to the 3:00 worship service and can come a little early to help set up, then stay a little later after the service to help light the candles, your help would be greatly appreciated! Please see Mari-Beth Schembri with any questions. Thank You!

Nicene Creed Bible Class @ 9:45 - 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.



Signs from God;

and this shall be a sign to you Bible Class @ 9:45 – 12/21

Have you ever thought about why Luke 2 stated to uneducated shepherds



'and this will be a sign to you?' Weren't signs for the educated, those that could analyze life's patterns? Come and learn how God speaks to each of us, even uneducated shepherds, so that we can understand and come to know him. Led by Diane Van Auken.

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.



FLY Ornament Sale – Dec. 7

Purchase your very own Faith ornament and hang it on your Christmas tree or gift it to someone you love! All proceeds from the sale benefit our youth attending FLY trips next year!

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 TODAY.**



The annual **Angel Tree** project is in full swing. **Gifts are due TODAY.** 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 or yacomina kuipers@gmail.com or sign up in the concourse book.





SOLA – Strength of Living Alone

We will be meeting for dinner on **Tuesday, December 16th** at 6:00pm at *Fairport Village Inn, 103 N Main St, Fairport.*

This is a revised date due to the Christmas Holiday.

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

We will be hosting a **Dinner for the Veterans at Nucor House** on **Wed. December 17th** at 5:30. A barbeque dinner is being provided, but desserts are needed. There is a sign up in the Concourse for desserts. No time for food prep? A case of water is always appreciated! Please join us in sharing a meal and Christ's love with these Heroes who served our country so bravely!!



Welcome our DCE Intern on Jan. 11!

On January 11, our DCE Intern: Ella Gilzean, will be commissioned at both worship services! Her year-long internship in our Children's & Youth Ministries will begin that morning and we'll pray God's blessings over her and our shared ministry together! Then at 9:45 that morning, join us for a special cake & punch reception in the Auditorium where you'll have an opportunity to meet Ella. We look forward to serving alongside Ella and we can't wait to see what God will do next year!

**No Education Hour on Jan. 11.*

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!



Thank you to Laurie Ebbecke for refreshing the Advent wreath in the Sanctuary with new garland.

"We are blessed to have you as part of our congregation. Your compassion, kindness, and selfless contributions make our church a better place."

If you are receiving **Offering Envelopes** for 2026, they can be found in the Concourse.



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.

FLY Ornament Sale – Dec. 7

Purchase your very own Faith ornament and hang it on your Christmas tree or gift it to someone you love! Each ornament was 3D printed by Faith member, Matt Bernhardt, and this year the ornament features the Faith & FLY logos. All proceeds from the sale benefit our youth attending FLY trips next year! Visit our table in the Concourse. Thanks for your support!

Coffee House Performers Needed!

Starting TODAY, sign-up to perform on stage during our 33rd

Annual Coffee House on Jan. 30!

We are looking for singers, musicians, dancers, bands, ensembles, and comedians to share their God-given talents at this fun variety show! Performers can perform 2 songs or up to 10 min.

*The sign-up will be posted on the

FLY bulletin board on Dec. 7th through Dec. 21st. [The sign-up fills](#)

[up FAST!](#) Please talk to Pastor Peter if you have any questions about this FUN and entertaining variety show. Thank you!

Coffee
House

Sunday Night FLY “Christmas Party!” – Sunday, Dec. 14 @ 7-9pm

All 7th-12th grade students are invited to our huge Sunday Night FLY Christmas Party on Dec. 14! Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater (for a prize), bring a wrapped “White Elephant” gift (under \$10), and a canned good for our Food Drive! At our party, we'll have an ugly sweater contest, exchange White Elephant gifts, and eat some Christmas cookies! It'll be a fun way to celebrate the birth of Jesus! Bring all of your friends!



Sr. FLY & Young Adult Progressive Dinner – Dec. 21

Come and enjoy a 3-course meal at three different locations while caroling in between at nursing homes! High school youth and young adults are invited to this fun event! Everyone can wear fun Christmas sweaters & hats and bring a dessert! If you can drive between places, please let Pastor Peter or Mari-Beth know ASAP. Many thanks to our hosts!

Progressive Dinner Schedule

3pm – Appetizers @ Mari-Beth Schembri's Home

4pm – Caroling

5pm – Entrée @ Kuiper's Home

6pm – Caroling

7pm – Desserts @ Faith – ending around 8:30pm



DECK THE HALLS WITH 2 FLY CHRISTMAS PARTIES!

SUNDAY NIGHT FLY CHRISTMAS PARTY!
7-9pm SUN, DEC. 14TH
FOR GRADES 7-12
WEAR AN UGLY SWEATER,
BRING CANNED GOODS FOR OUR FOOD DRIVE
& BRING A WRAPPED \$10 WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT!

PROGRESSIVE DINNER!
3-8:30pm SUN, DEC. 21ST
FOR GRADES 9-12 & YOUNG ADULTS

3PM - APPETIZERS
@ MARI-BETH'S: 99 PANORAMA TRAIL

5PM - ENTREE
@ KUIPER'S: 2012 FIVE MILE LANE RD.

7PM - DESSERTS & GAMES
@ FAITH: 2576 BROWNCROFT BLVD.

BRING A DESSERT
& SING CAROLS @ NURSING HOMES
IN-BETWEEN COURSES!

CONTACT PASTOR PETER JOHNSON FOR MORE INFO: FLYPENFIELD@GMAIL.COM

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					
October 2025	Voter Approved Budget	Actual	Variance from Budget	% Variance	Prior Year 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

12/9 Benjamin Hammond, Benjamin Kleine
12/11 Rory Bernhardt, Jackson Coles, Julia Cummings, Ray Hutch
12/13 Michael Hanss, Debra Kime

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week

12/12 David & Mary Schutte, Greg & Elizabeth Young

Ongoing Prayers

Faith Members and Friends

Tim Albert, Cory Alberti, Sandi Banning, Liane Bartsch, Diann Berndt, Sue & Guy Brown, Darlene Byrns, Marilyn Falzone, Denny Gerbasi, John Glenn, Jackie Johnson, Doris Laitenberger, 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
Marques Marion
Tim Monczynski
Mattie McDonough
Alana Nicole Neves
Quaysean Odom
Omar Parkinson
Kayla Petteway

Niece of Dick & Roxanne Leschhorn
Former Assistant Teacher at FCCNS
Son-In-Law of Ed & Marsha Freeman
Son of John & Carolyn McDonough
Niece of Dick & Roxanne Leschhorn
Relative of Elisabeth Mangerian
Son-in-law of Sharon Davenport
Relative of Elisabeth Mangerian

Extended Family and Friends

Cathy's Husband, Dan, 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, 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, Kevin Patterson, Nancy Perry, Nancy Porcellio, Sue Provencher, Mike Radigan, Heikki Rantakari, Kathi Rickus, Jeff Roen, Tom Scott, Jennifer Smith, Susan Spano, Jason Stagliano, Mike & Nancy Stirling, Cathy Storm, Alexander Sudore, Janice Sullivan, Jim & Jacquie Van Auken, Ken Wilson, John Woods

November 30th Worship Attendance

In-Person: 217 Livestream: 112 Total: 329