
Faith Notes

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"Heavenly Father, we come to You today with hearts full of gratitude for the gift of music and the beautiful talents You have placed within our church family. We lift up our music ministry team—our singers, instrumentalists, and sound/livestream technicians—and we thank You for their dedication and sacrificial service."

**You're invited to join us as we
honor and thank Dianne & Larry Christensen
for their many years of dedicated ministry at Faith!**

Sunday, June 7, 2026

10:00 am - Combined Worship Service

Join us in thanking God for Faith's Music Ministry & Dianne's 35 Years at Faith!

11:30 am - Church-wide Cake & Punch Reception in the Auditorium

5:00 pm - Dianne's Retirement Banquet (for those registered)

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Faith Lutheran Church Faith Child Care and Nursery School

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Hours: 7:00am-5:30pm

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Traditional Worship---8:30 AM Sundays

In-House and Livestreamed

Contemporary Worship---10:45 AM Sundays

In-House and Livestreamed

Holy Communion Celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays

Christian Education Opportunities

Sunday School Classes (Age 3 through Grade 6), Sundays, 9:45-10:40am

Jr. FLY Confirmation (Youth in grades 7-8), Sundays, 9:45-10:40am

Sr. FLY Bible Class (Youth in grades 9-12), Sundays, 9:45-10:40am

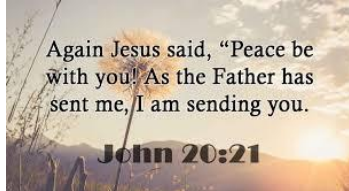
Sunday Night FLY (Youth in grades 7-12), 2nd & 4th Sundays, 7-8:45pm

Adult Bible Study Class - Sundays, 9:45-10:40am

Pastor Peter's Perspective

“The Centripetal and Centrifugal Church”

“As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you,” John 20:21



A lot of people probably didn't expect to get a Physics lesson on Pentecost Sunday. But those two words we talked about: centripetal and centrifugal - really do help us picture what the Holy Spirit is doing in the life of the Church.

A centripetal force pulls things toward the center. It's "center-seeking." Like a tetherball being pulled toward the pole. Or a car being pulled around a curve. And that's exactly what the Holy Spirit does. In a world where our sinful nature constantly pulls us away from God... where our hearts drift toward ourselves... where life becomes all about "me, myself, and I"... the Holy Spirit keeps drawing us back to the center: Jesus Christ. That's what happens every Sunday morning. The Spirit gathers us around God's Word. He gathers us around the waters of Baptism. He gathers us around the body and blood of Jesus. He calls us to repentance. He forgives our sins. He reminds us again who we are. That's the centripetal movement of Pentecost.

But Pentecost is also centrifugal. A centrifugal force pushes outward from the center. Like mud flying off a tire. Or riders being pushed outward on the Tilt-a-Whirl at SeaBreeze. And that's what happened in Acts chapter 2. The Gospel did not stay locked inside Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit pushed the Church outward - across languages, cultures, borders, and oceans. The disciples proclaimed Christ. Three thousand were baptized. The Church grew. And the Gospel kept moving. From Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria. From Peter to Cornelius. From Saul to Paul. From Europe to America. From Perry County, Missouri... all the way to Penfield, New York.

And now the same Holy Spirit has been poured into your heart and mine. Which means the mission of Jesus is now our mission. Sometimes we think of church as the place we "go" once a week. But Pentecost reminds us that the Church is always moving. God gathers us in... and then He sends us out into our community. And most of the time, that mission doesn't look flashy or dramatic. Sometimes it looks like praying for someone, encouraging someone, inviting someone to church, serving a neighbor, checking in on a hurting friend, teaching a child the faith, and speaking words of hope to someone carrying guilt or grief. That's the centrifugal force of the Gospel.

As we get closer to celebrating 70 years as a congregation, Pentecost reminds us that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves. The same Holy Spirit who gathered the Church in Acts chapter 2 is still at work today, still drawing sinners to Jesus... and still sending Christians into the world carrying the Gospel. So this month, remember: the Spirit gathers us to Christ. And then the Spirit sends us with Christ. That's the Christian life. And thanks be to God that the Holy Spirit is always moving!

And all God's children said, Amen!

Adult Education

There will be no Adult Education Classes through June and July.
Prayers for a Blessed Summer!



Adult Bible Class beginning in August: New Member Class

Pastor Peter will be leading a three-session New Member class on Sunday – **August 2nd, August 16th, September 6th** from 9:45 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. in the Community Room. 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 Sunday, September 13th.

Any questions, call the office at 381-3970.

A **Women's Small Group** will continue on June 2 and June 23. We will meet in the church library from 2:00 to 3:30 and will be studying the Gospel of Mark, starting at Chapter 7. A brief summary of the chapters previously studied will be included. You will once again have the opportunity to share and personally interact with this special Gospel.

Please contact Christie Pichan (585-802-9679) or Joanne Schultz (585-430-0692) if you have any questions. All women are welcome.



Music & Worship

Save the Dates:

- June 14th @ 4:00 *New Horizons Big Band Concert*
- August 9th @ 4:00 *Fiddler's Concert w/ FCCNS Ice Cream Fundraiser*





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 each of the **Ten Commandments** found in Exodus 20:1-17.

When: Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM (June 24-Aug. 26)

Where: Faith's Pavilion

Join us for a time of:

- **Blended Worship:** Experience a mix of traditional hymns and contemporary worship songs that uplift and inspire.
- **Relevant Message:** Hear a practical and encouraging message focused on a different commandment.
- **Christian Fellowship:** Enjoy fellowship and build connections with other Christians in a welcoming and supportive community.

Whether you are looking for a moment of peace, a word of encouragement, or a deeper connection with others, this mid-week service is for you.

Come earlier with a picnic meal and invite a friend to join you!

We look forward to worshipping with you at Thrive!

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

For April

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 to experience a 22% favorable variance in envelope giving for the month of April resulting in a year-to-date unfavorable budget variance of \$9,216 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 give thanks for all of the 2026 pledge cards received to date and 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".

FAITH'S STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE FOR PRIOR MONTH:

ENVELOPE GIVING

April 2026	Voter Approved Budget	Actual	Variance from Budget	% Variance	Prior Year Actual
Monthly Total	\$59,500	\$72,458	\$12,958	22%	\$51,384
Year-to-Date Total	\$267,500	\$258,284	(\$9,216)	-3%	\$241,207

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."

Giving just got easier!

If you have established an online user account through the Giving tab on Faith's website at faithpenfield.org, you can now edit your recurring transactions online! Simply log in to your account, view Scheduled Transactions, and click Edit to change any of the following giving criteria:

- Amount
- Frequency
- Associated tile/fund
- Start and end date
- Associated payment method

If you originally set up your Vanco electronic giving account through the church office, any changes must be made through the church office. If you prefer to manage your electronic giving on your own, please contact the church office to cancel your electronic giving account managed by our office. You can then create an online electronic giving account by visiting Faith's website at www.faitnpenfield.org. Click the GIVING button on the top menu and then the "Start Giving" button. A secure webpage powered by Vanco Payment Solutions will open and provide instructions and giving options for your gifts to Faith. You will have the option to create an online account and manage your electronic giving at your convenience. Please contact Kay Gerlach, Director of Finance, at 485-0142 if you have any questions or need assistance.

Thank you for your continued participation and support!

Goings on at Faith

Help Mulch Church Plant Beds (weather permitting)



Help is needed to place mulch around the church building on Saturday **June 13th from 9:00am to 12:00pm.**

Men, Women, and Youth are needed to spread the mulch on the beds (usually 1 to 2 inches deep) around the building. The mulch will be dumped in several piles on the pavement that will need to be taken by wheelbarrow and dumped and spread. Please bring a shovel and rake and wear appropriate clothing. Two wheelbarrows are in the garage but bring your own if you can. **Please sign up in the concourse if you plan on helping.** Please call the church office with any questions.

Men's Breakfast Group

Join us as we start the day together in fellowship!

When: **Tuesday, June 2nd @ 7am**

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



It is intended to gather men of all ages together at the beginning of the day. Whether you are on your way to work, enjoying retirement, dropping the kids off at school or just taking a mental health day, we all deal with a variety of stresses in this life. It is for that reason we are encouraging you to gather on the first Tuesday of each month from 7am to 8am, for a time of **fellowship, encouragement, a brief devotion and of course breakfast.**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, June 8th** at 1:30 in the Community Room. Marie Ferner, one of our Prayer Shawl Ministry members, is very accomplished both in knitting and crocheting and would be happy to work with anyone who is interested in participating.

If you would like a shawl, please contact the church office or Sue Hutchings. Prayer squares are available on the information desk in the Concourse.



SOLA - Strength of Living Alone



We will meet at 11:30 for lunch on **Friday, June 12th** at *Ferrari's Pizza* in the Piano Works Mall, East Rochester. Everyone will pay their own bill. Donna Kaser will send out a reminder email. 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 Thursday, June 30th at *McArdle's Restaurant*, 1355 Fairport Road, Fairport.

The L.I.F.T. 2026 Sign-Up Sheet is 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!

L.I.F.T.



L.I.F.T. - June
Holy Smokes Chili Cook-Off
Saturday, June 27, 5:00 pm

At the home of Don and Stella Reschke
283 Lake Road, Ontario, NY

Prepare your taste buds for battle – gather together in good spirit and good taste.
Think you have a winning chili? Bring it on! Otherwise, come anyway!

Sign up is in the Concourse

July L.I.F.T. Gathering
Presents the Annual
Camp Kuipers



Saturday, July 18, 11:00 am

We'll gather together at
George & Jackie Kuipers' Camp
11865 Allen Road, Swain, NY

What to expect:

- Fun, Food, Fellowship, of course!
- Outdoor Oven Fired Pizza
- Mint Juleps upon arrival
- BBQ Chicken Dinner
- Swimming, (optional)
- Outdoor Lawn Games
- Relaxing, Hiking, Campfire, laughter & More!



Bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share and your favorite chair, if you'd like.

Please RSVP by July 12 by email or
sign up in the Concourse book.

yacominakuipers@gmail.com; 585-383-9144

L.I.F.T. (Lutherans In Fellowship Together)
Sodus Bay Afternoon Delight Tour & Dinner
August 8, 3:30 pm



90 Minutes • Tour the bay aboard the historic “Rose Lummis”
Saturday, August 8 - 3:30 - 5:00 followed by optional dinner at the Boatyard Pub & Grill,
Oak Park Marina

The Sodus Bay Afternoon Delight Tour is the perfect way to enjoy a beautiful afternoon for a 90 minute tour of Sodus Bay. Learn about local history, wildlife and how we can all help protect our natural resources. See if you can spot the geese, some swans or even an eagle!

Arrive early (30 minutes) and afterward we'll go into the Boatyard Pub & Grill (at the marina) and enjoy a meal and the beautiful surroundings. The Rose Lummis is a beautifully restored 1953 Mississippi River boat with a rich history—including time spent touring the scenic Finger Lakes. Now operating under “Save Our Sodus,” this unique vessel offers an unforgettable way to experience the beauty of Sodus Bay.

Cost: Seniors & Military - \$28
Adults - \$30

Dinner - pay on your own

Payable to: Stella Reschke by
Venmo, Check, Paypal, or Zelle
?? 607-624-0036 or stellareschke@gmail.com

Deadline to sign up: June 30

Location: Oak Park Marina - 6483 Catchpole Shore Road, North Rose, NY

What to bring:

- A light jacket or sweater — it can get breezy on the water
- Comfortable, non-slip shoes
- Your camera or smartphone for photos
- Sunglasses & sunscreen
- ID if you plan to enjoy alcoholic beverages

From the Mission Board

Be on the lookout later in the summer in Faith publications for our Back to School and Rise Against Hunger events!

We will be hosting a **Dinner for the Veterans at Nucor House** on Wednesday, June 24th at 5:30. The theme is "**Bring Your Best Side Dish**" month. June 2nd is apparently *Rotisserie Chicken Day* and chickens will be provided. There will be a sign up in the Concourse for your best side dishes and desserts. Please join us in sharing a meal and Christ's love with these Heroes who served our country so bravely!!



What to box up to bring to our HH Pavilion Sale August 22: Items that aren't too heavy and you think will delight another member of the congregation.

In order for worship to run smoothly we need volunteers to serve in different roles. We know life is busy, and that is why we have the Sign-Up Genius so that you can choose when you serve based on your schedule. If everyone signed up to help once per quarter in some way, our list would be overflowing with volunteers.

For *Lay Readers, Acolyte, Crucifer, Greeters, Communion Assistants* sign up here or the button on the homepage of our website:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0544afaf2eabfd0-worship1>

For all others:

Altar Guild: Preparing communion and the chancel area for worship.

Ushers: Greeting your Faith Family, handing out bulletins, and helping them get situated in the sanctuary as needed.

Offering Counters: Meet with a partner Sunday afternoons on a rotating schedule to count and record contributions.

Livestream Producers: Running the worship services online every Sunday.

Joseph Guild: Maintaining, fixing & painting our beautiful church facility on a regular basis.

Gardeners: Weeding & maintaining Faith's gardens once or twice a month.

Stephen Ministry: Lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Knit or Crochet prayer shawls for people needing comfort due to illness or personal issues in their lives. Meet with the group on the second Monday of the month at church and/or work at home to complete your projects.

Dorcas Group: Please bring your lunch and join us for some socializing and making of pillows, bears, walker bags and shirt savers. Everyone is welcome to join us the second Thursday of every month.

Visitation Team: Keeping in touch with and/or visiting our older members

Missions Team: Meet monthly to create and organize opportunities for Faith members to serve our community.

FCCNS: Looking for volunteers to rock babies, classroom readers, classroom project helpers, craft/basement organizer.

If you are able to assist in any of these areas, please contact Kris Cronk and she can direct you accordingly (381-3970 or secretary@faithpenfield.org)

Children's Ministry



Thank you to all of you for another wonderful year in Sunday School learning about God's love for us through Bible studies, games, crafts, and more! We greatly appreciate all of our volunteers who graciously give their time each week. Sunday school will resume in September. We look forward to seeing you on Rally Sunday, September 13th.



Save the Date: Join us as we travel back in time to Ancient Egypt to learn all about Moses during our **2026 Vacation Bible School: Exodus Adventure!!** VBS will run July 27th-31st from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Students ages 4 through 8th grade are invited to learn about God's promises for His people, then and now!

Note: Some classes are filling quickly!
4 Year olds - Full
Kindergarten - Full
1st Grade - Full

<https://faithpenfield.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3429950>

Click the link above or scan below to register:

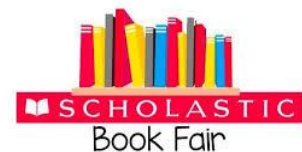


VBS is in need of Thrivent Grants to offset the cost of supplies Please contact Stephanie Johnson at vbs@faithpenfield.org if you are able to write a grant for VBS.

FCCNS is having a **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**
beginning May 27th thru June 3rd

Books will be available for purchase daily during daycare hours between 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.. All proceeds will benefit the Classroom and Birthday Book program.

Note: Books will also be available for purchase on Sunday, May 31st between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.





Thank you..

-To our awesome Jr. FLY students for completing another great year of Confirmation Class! You did such a good job completing your service hours and sermon notes! We are so proud of you!

FLY Senior Dinner – June 8 @ 6:00pm @ Monte Alban Mexican Grill, Penfield

High school seniors, you're invited to a special dinner with the Youth Advisors! We want to celebrate YOU and we thank God for YOU and your accomplishments! Please RSVP to Ella by Friday, June 5.

Senior Sunday – June 14

All high school seniors are invited to attend either worship service (8:30 or 10:45) to be recognized and congratulated! The Youth Advisors will present each senior with a new self-study Bible during the services. The congregation will also pray for the seniors as they embark on a new journey!

Congratulations to our High School Graduates!

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord smile upon you and be gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace!

Ava Bernhardt
Braedan DuBois
Sarah Ebbecke
Alexis Gallina
Garrett Hynes
Ben Kennedy
Hayden Lincoln
Maxwell Poromon
Sophia Rath
Madison Steiner
Ian Withall

Madison Deutsch
Molly Easton
Calvin Fridman
Tyler Hignett
Hailey Keller
Savanna Launer
Renee Ostberg
Meghan Quigley
Mason Schembri
Kyle Szydowski

Sunday Night FLY FINALE – June 14 @ 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Invite your friends, wear clothes you don't mind getting wet and bring a towel to this FUN & WET SNFLY FINALE: "WATER WARS!" Be ready to get competitive in Slip-N-Slide Kickball and Water Balloon Wars. Your AMAZING advisors will be serving Hotdogs & Hamburgers for dinner as well as some fun snacks. Come celebrate an AWESOME year of growing, connecting, and serving with each other in FLY! YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS EPIC EVENT!



Final Work Camp Info Meeting – June 30 @ 5:30-7:30pm under Faith’s Pavilion

Attention Work Campers: Be sure you and a parent attend our **Work Camp Info Meeting on Tuesday, June 30!** We’ll go over the final itinerary, packing list, and other trip details. Please bring a dish to pass for dinner!

Work Camp Sponsorships

Next month, 8 youth and 4 adults from Faith will be serving at a Group Work Camp in, Detroit, MI.



You can help sponsor a Workcamper by signing up in the Concourse on June 21, 28, & July 5. A suggested donation of \$50 may be given at the sign-up table on those dates. Sponsors can also drop off their manila envelope care package in the church office by Wednesday, July 8. Thank you for sponsoring and supporting our Gathering participants this summer!

*All Sponsors will be invited to a delicious **Sponsorship Picnic Lunch** on Friday, July 24th, time TBA. under our Pavilion. After lunch, the Workcampers will be sharing pictures and stories from their trip to Detroit.

Mark Your Calendars...

June 8 – Senior Dinner
 June 14 – Senior Sunday
 June 14 – SNFLY Finale
 June 21, 27 & July 5 – Work Camp Sponsorship Tables
 July 11-18 – Group Mission Trip in Detroit, MI
 July 24 – Sponsorship Picnic
 July 26 – Youth-led Worship Service
 July 27-31 – “Exodus Adventure” Vacation Bible School
 Sept. 6 – 9th Grade Confirmation Project Info Meeting

Online Contact Form/Activity Participation Agreement

Our church’s insurance company asks every youth to complete the following online form to participate in FLY activities on our church property this school year. We also included some questions about the type of activities and topics you’d like FLY to cover this coming year.

<https://faithpenfield.org/resources-forms>.

Check out our FLY webpage at: <https://faithpenfield.org/youth/>

Faith Child Care and Nursery School (FCCNS)

“Where your child can grow in body, mind and spirit”

Our Themes for this month are: Father’s Day and Summer

Our Bible Stories are: The Great Commission, Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit, Peter is Rescued, Deacons and Stephen, and Philip and the Ethiopian

Our Words of the Week are: Command, Dove, Rescue, Servant, and Believe

Our Character Trait is: Honest

- Our Annual Flag day Parade will be on Friday, June 12th (Flag Day is on Sunday the 14th)
- FCCNS’s Annual End of Year Picnic is on Tuesday, June 16th from 5-7pm.
- Donuts with Dad June 19th at drop off
- Center-wide PJ Day June 25th
- Our Firefly Graduation will be on Friday, June 26th at 4pm. They will be dressed in caps and gowns.
- The year end classroom celebrations will take place the week of June 22nd -26th.
- The Good Knights will be here all day June 19th. Their last day of school is June 24th .
- The First Day of Summer Session is June 29th.



There has been a tradition that started probably 15 years ago where high school seniors visit their elementary schools in their cap and gowns on their final day of school. The pictures on social media always get to me. These once small children are stepping into the future but not before they take one more look at how they got there. Hugs and thank yous to all their past teachers who helped them learn, not just the academic stuff but the life stuff too. The “Preschool” teachers don’t always get to see the end result of all their hard work, but when we get the chance to see our kids all grown up it gives us a sense of pride. We get the firsts, they can have the lasts because we know what we started and are so blessed that these kids walked and ran in the halls of FCCNS. They laughed and cried and learned how to be kind and that no matter what Jesus loves them. So, on behalf of FCCNS we want to congratulate all our graduates, you’re off to great places. You’re off and away ... and will you succeed, yes, you will indeed 98-¾% guaranteed. Kid, you’ll move mountains and hopefully someday you’ll come back to us and say hi.



Happy Father’s Day to all our dads out there. We don’t always make it easy on you, but you love us anyway. Thanks for coaching our teams and encouraging us on the sidelines and for fixing the lamp we broke playing football in the house and for working so hard for your family. And for spinning us



around in a circle so fast we can’t stand up for 5 minutes. We know you get in trouble with mom for that, but boy is it fun! And you protect us from the monsters under our bed and comfort us when life is hard. Our Heavenly Father does that too. He knows that life isn’t always easy and He wants us to know that He will always be there for us through the celebrations in our lives and the disappointments. He will never leave us or forsake us and when it comes to an inheritance, His is the best: eternal life with Him.

**Faith Child Care & Nursery School
Year to Date Income & Expenses Compared to Budget
As of 4/30/2026**

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance	Prior YTD	Board Approved 2026 Budget
Operating Income					
Fees	322,085	324,491	(2,406)	312,708	974,342
Interest/Misc./Other	8,344	8,109	235	15,992	31,433
Total Operating Income	330,429	332,600	(2,171)	328,700	1,005,775
Expenses:					
Program	13,816	14,506	690	13,318	47,826
Employee Related	267,495	290,772	23,277	252,201	873,286
Property & Equipment	22,093	22,912	819	20,717	72,640
Supplies	4,589	4,700	111	4,788	14,000
Operating Expenses	307,992	332,890	24,898	291,025	1,007,752
Net Operating Income (Loss)	22,437	(290)	22,727	37,675	(1,977)

End of April Enrollment 76 children

Faith Lutheran Church
Year to Date Income & Expenses Compared to Budget
4/30/2026

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance	Prior YTD	Voter Approved 2026 Budget
Operating Income					
Envelope Offering	258,284	267,500	(9,216)	241,207	710,000
Plate Cash	2,495	5,250	(2,755)	4,300	14,000
FCCNS Facility Cost Sharing	9,333	9,333	(0)	9,333	28,000
Fund Distribution-Endowment	0	0	0	0	10,000
Interest/Misc./Other	10,783	9,667	1,116	4,543	31,000
Total Operating Income	280,896	291,750	(10,854)	259,384	793,000
Expenses:					
Education	2,377	5,000	2,623	3,801	19,500
Employee Related	157,897	160,455	2,558	139,197	481,668
Mission & Outreach	12,430	19,063	6,633	16,750	72,000
Music	3,591	3,400	(191)	2,928	8,275
Other Expense	2,585	3,542	956	3,903	13,750
Property	56,681	55,449	(1,232)	52,683	160,373
Supplies	9,506	14,733	5,227	9,676	44,470
Operating Expenses	245,067	261,642	16,575	228,940	800,036
Net Operating Income (Loss)	35,829	30,108	5,720	30,444	(7,036)
Employee Retention Credit	0	0	0	0	
ERC Funds Expenses	0	0	0	0	
Net Surplus (Deficit)	35,829	30,108	5,720	30,444	(7,036)

GIVING AT FAITH

At Faith Lutheran, giving is something we do with a spirit of joy in response to the love and forgiveness we have freely received in Jesus. "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver," (2 Corinthians 9:7). Your gift blesses Faith's continued mission to "seek and save the lost," (Luke 19:10).

There are a number of ways you can choose to give to the many ministries and outreach efforts at Faith.

(Please contact Kay Gerlach, Director of Finance, at finance@faithpenfield.org or 485-0142 if you have any questions.)

1) TEXT GIVING:

Simply enter Faith Lutheran Church's own dedicated number which is 833-958-1685, enter the amount of your gift as your text message, press send and follow the remaining easy steps to make your secure one-time or recurring contribution.

2) ONLINE GIVING:

*Visit Faith's website at www.faithpenfield.org. Click the GIVING button on the top menu and then the "Start Giving" button. A secure webpage powered by Vanco Payment Solutions will open and provide instructions and giving options for your gifts to Faith. You will be given the opportunity to create an online account, if desired. ***NEW*** Online users can now log in to their account, view Scheduled Transaction and click Edit to make changes.*

3) VANCO PAYMENT SOLUTIONS (previously SIMPLY GIVING):

If you originally set up your Vanco electronic giving account through the church office, any changes must be made through the church office. If you prefer to manage your electronic giving, contact the church office to cancel any scheduled transactions. You would then follow the Online Giving instructions in item (2) above to create an account and manage your electronic giving at your convenience. Please contact Kay Gerlach in the church office if you have any questions or need assistance.

4) ENVELOPE GIVING:

Our traditional method of receiving a box of offering envelopes for the year which allows you to mail your offering to the church office at 2576 Browncroft Blvd, Rochester, NY 14625 or place it in the collection plate during our worship service.

5) GIFT OF STOCK OR IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

Both of these methods of gift giving offer additional tax advantages that can best be explained by your tax advisor or IRA trustee. Please contact Kay Gerlach directly at 485-0142 for assistance on how to make these types of contributions.

Endowment Fund:

The Faith Lutheran Church Permanent Endowment Fund was established in 2004 to provide members and friends the opportunity to make charitable gifts to Faith that will become a permanent endowment providing financial support for the ministry and mission of the Church. The custodian for the Faith Lutheran Church endowment fund brokerage account is Charles Schwab & Co, Inc. If you would like to make a contribution to this fund, please contact Kay Gerlach directly at 485-0142 or finance@faithpenfield.org for assistance.

Faith Leadership Board Officers

Chair – Russ Hignett

Vice Chair – Amanda Ebbecke

Secretary – Nancy Alvut

Treasurer – Beth Bird

Nominating Committee Reps – Jennifer DuBois, Bob Freitag, Bill Mosko



Altar Flowers Form: Help beautify our sanctuary on a Sunday morning by giving altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one. We will be utilizing silk altar flowers unless someone orders fresh flowers for a Dedication. Any orders need to be in to the Church Office by the end of the **3rd week** each month for the following month.

* Either complete a new online form and pay the \$75 fee at our online giving page here:

<https://faithpenfield.org/resources-forms>

* Or contact Kris Cronk (secretary@faithpenfield.org) and send a check to the Church Office made out to "Faith Lutheran Church" and Altar Flowers in the memo line.

* Or Utilize the sign-up book on the Information Center in the concourse and followup with a check made out to "Faith Lutheran" Church with Altar Flowers in the memo line

Announcement Request Form:

If you have an announcement that you'd like to include in our bulletin announcements or monthly newsletter "Faith Notes." Please submit an Announcement Form either in the Church Office or online here: <https://faithpenfield.org/resources-form>

This form will help us streamline our communications within our congregation and to our community. Thanks for understanding! Please contact the Church Office if you have any questions.

July Faith Notes Articles due Friday, June 19th and should be directed to our Church Secretary, Kris Cronk (secretary@faithpenfield.org). Thank you!

Births

- **Audrey Leigh McEwen** (5/10/26), daughter of Tommy & Christina McEwen, granddaughter of TJ & Kathy McEwen, great-granddaughter of Ann McEwen
- **Eleanor "Ellie" Mae Ottman** (5/11/26), daughter of Zak & Maddie Ottman, granddaughter of Jon & Jenny Ottman
- **Emma Bea Pries** (5/11/26), daughter of daughter of Eric & Carley Pries, sister of McKinley & Liam

Baptisms

- **Wesley Edward Cretti** (5/3/26), son of Tate & Erin Cretti

Called to Glory:

- **Gayle Glenn** (5/1/26), mother of Cheri Pratt
- **Norma Helm** (5/9/26), mother of Bob Helm
- **Lonnie Davis** (5/12/26), brother-in-law of Lori Davis
- **Tove Bruning** (5/15/26), sister-in-law of John & Barbara Bruning

Birthdays

1	Reid Molinari	12	Caroline Alvut	22	Geoffrey Launer
2	Justin Bird		Linda Collins		Richard Testa
	Reagan Coles		Sarah Ebbecke		James Wooden
	Christopher McLean		Birdie Hammond	23	Elise Capozzi
	Heidi Molinari	13	Nicholas Bennett		Lance Schultz
	Heather Withall		Cameron Cerveny		Jennifer Twomey
4	Marilyn Falzone		Gretchen Franz		Yegor Vasilenko
	Violet Wood	14	Genevieve Foster		Luke Vogt
5	Michael Gerlach		Joan Quigley	24	Charlotte Gerlach
	Rebecca Lazzaro	15	Oliver Doty		Ellen Smurthwaite
	Jenna Olbermann		Carrie Ford		Michael Trojian
	Maxwell Poromon		Todd Nadritch	25	Cory Alberti
7	Peter Ostberg	16	Heike Kleine		Carrie Schembri
8	Allison Ebbecke		Gavin McLean	26	Kimberley Albert
9	Karen Nitschke	18	Nancy Coughlin		Erika Hutch
	Paula Reitz		Tommy McEwen		Kathleen McCarthy
	Jaelyne Twomey		Mark Schluentz		Dianne Schaumberg
10	Vicki Arcieri	19	Rev Richard Pape	27	Richard Feasel
	Gerri Maurer	20	Jameson Fore		David Schutte
11	Doris Adamek		Jamison Nuijens	28	Edward Saresky
	Holly Grub		Karin Vogl	29	Morgan Harrington
	Joseph Twomey		Easton Wooden	30	Kimberly Ebbecke



Wedding Anniversaries

1	Jason Gerlach & Andrea Saitta	20	Robert & Sandra Freitag
4	Kenneth & Sharon Keillach		Hans & Jeanne Kurzik
	Mark & Melissa Maschoff	23	John & Jolynn Keller
8	Mark & Jennifer Schluentz	24	David & Cathleen Lindskoog
13	Edward & Karen Wright	26	Edward & Marsha Freeman
17	Roshan & Teresa Ali	27	Joseph & Linda Aloï
	Stephen Schutt & Jennifer Wilson	29	Reginal & Julie Hynes
18	Mark & Rita Harstad		Don & Stella Reschke
19	Geoffrey & Kristen Launer	30	Michael & Elizabeth Balentine

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