
God is good!

All the time!

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We have experienced God's blessings in many ways during the course of our two and one-half years of seeking a new pastor to work with us in ministry.

During that time we have been deeply blessed to have servants Pastor Bob Rickus and his gracious wife, Kathi, with us. Many have thanked them for their presence during their time here. Now we want to 'celebrate and give thanks' to God for providing for us in this way. Join us on May 23rd following the late service.

Celebrate & Give Thanks

for

Pastor Bob & Kathi Rickus

Sunday, May 23rd

In the Auditorium following the 11:00 service

Special thanks to Jeanne Shiao & Cathy Saresky who are coordinating this event.

F aith **N** otes, *a monthly newsletter from Faith Lutheran Church, 2576 Browncroft Blvd., Rochester, NY 14625-1530, (585) 381-3970.* The Mission of Faith Lutheran Church is to share the Good News, to proclaim Jesus Christ first in our lives, and to call all people to grow in His love. Vol. 16, No. 5.

Faith's Vision Statement

A PEOPLE WHO GATHER... A PASSION FOR GOD...OUR PURPOSE FOR GOING

We Will Be

A People who Gather

- to receive God's gifts of grace in scripture and sacraments
- to praise and celebrate the goodness of God
- to grow in relationship with Christ and one another

We Will Have

A Passion for God

- as we seek to know, love and serve God as revealed in Jesus Christ
- as we grow in grace-centered preaching and teaching
- as we strive to become the disciples God calls us to be

We Will Know

Our Purpose for Going into the world

- to glorify God in all that we say and do
- to serve our neighbors in all places
- to mobilize our resources to extend Christ's mission

(Adopted by voters 11/05/2000)

Please contact the Faith Visitation Team for Pastoral Visits

Please know that in Faith's pastoral vacancy Lyle Heggemeier and Faith's Visitation Team are available to make pastoral visits. We are visiting members of our Faith family who are hospitalized, home bound, live in care facilities, as well as those who experience life's challenges. We are most willing and desire to respond to your requests. This Visitation Team also brings communion to those who are not able to attend worship. Please make us aware of those for whom this is appropriate.

Bonnie Matthaideis is coordinating the Visitation Team and she and Vince Palese in the church office are the contact persons. **You may reach Bonnie at 381-7107 (home) or 752-4650 (cell) and Vince at 381-3970, ext. 11.**

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**MAY 2010 Servers Schedule (NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE AT
www.faithpenfield.org, select Worship Server Schedule.)**

(If there's a conflict, please notify Carol or Vince in the church office of the change you've made by the Thursday prior.)

ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER		8:30	11:00
Easter 5	May 2	Justin Bird, Lindsay Messner	Erin Ryskowski
Easter 6	9	Bill Mitchell, Marlena Reeder	David Lauria
Easter 7	16	Brittany Blose, Patrick Saresky	Anthony Demme
Pentecost	23	Emily Wafler, Michaela McNaughton	Veronica Arnone
Pentecost 1	30	Annette Cappellino, Sara Saresky	Amy Ottman

ELDER		8:30	11:00
Easter 5	May 2	Bill Florance	Cheryl Speisman
Easter 6	9	Lois Smith	Steve Welk
Easter 7	16	Bill Wendland	Stacy Ledermann
Pentecost	23	Kurt Finkbeiner	Ralph Harstad
Pentecost 1	30	Karen Linton	Dick Phillips

EUCCHARIST ASS'T		8:30	11:00
Easter 5	May 2	Bill Florance, Mike Trojjan	Peter Ostberg, Mike Kaser
Easter 7	16	George Maschoff, Dianne Longhenry	Al Szklany, Claire Benesch
Pentecost 1	30	Bev Wolfanger, Rebecca Mack	Lynne Leinenbach, M-B Schembri

EUCCHARIST ASS'T(to the pews)		8:30	11:00
Easter 5	May 2	Jackie Johnson	Pete Schultz
Easter 7	16	Margaret Hill	Vince Palese
Pentecost 1	30	Bev Wolfanger	Julie Hogan

LAY READER		8:30	11:00
Easter 5	May 2	Fred Mason	Alan Crouse
Easter 6	9	Kathy Zager	Jon Allen
Easter 7	16	Joanne Greene-Blose	Emory Ford
Pentecost	23	Ron Brust	Bill Durkin
Pentecost 1	30	Ron Bohn	Karen Nitschke

NURSERY HELPERS		8:30	9:45	11:00
Easter 5	May 2	Tom Alvut	Katie Catalanello	Rebecca Wood
Easter 6	9	Jacob Joiner	Andrew Lindskoog	Andrew Love
Easter 7	16	Davis Bird	Bryan Salmon	Derek Amann
Pentecost	23	Ashlynn Blose	Mackenzie McNaughton	Richard McDonough
Pentecost 1	30	Erica Cappellino	Alexander Palmer	Anthony Glennon

MAY 2010 Servers Schedule (Continued)

GREETERS		8:30	11:00
<i>(Sanctuary)</i>			
Easter 5	May 2	Bruce & Bev Wolfanger	Alan & Noreen Crouse
Easter 6	9	TBA	Al & Nancy Szklany
Easter 7	16	Carolyn Straub	Mike & Julie Hogan
Pentecost	23	Fred & Kathy Mason	Gaylord & Lynne Leinenbach
Pentecost 1	30	Neil & Laurie Ebbecke	TBA

GREETERS		8:30	11:00
<i>(Concourse)</i>			
Easter 5	May 2	Ruth Bode, Laura Kubanka, Kathy Mielke	Cheryl Speisman
Easter 6	9	Kurt & Sharon Finkbeiner	Kathy McCarthy
Easter 7	16	Tom & Nancy Hammond	Dick & Sharon Phillips
Pentecost	23	Marv & Lois Jacob	Nick & Kristen Weise
Pentecost 1	30	Jackie Johnson, Jean Morris	Mike & Dawn Glennon

USHERS			
Easter 5	May 2	Team 1	Team 4
Easter 6	9	Team 2	Team 5
Easter 7	16	Team 3	Team 4
Pentecost	23	Team 1	Team 5
Pentecost 1	30	Team 2	Team 4

Schedules for servers for Worship Services are available in the literature display case immediately across from the entrance to the Office Copy Room AND on our website, faithpenfield.org, Worship Server Schedule. The schedule is also available electronically by email. Please contact Vince Palese (vpalese@rochester.rr.com) to get your copy.

PENFIELD HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEEDS YOUR HELP.

People are needed to help with the St. Pauly used clothing sheds. We are looking for people to make sure that the clothing is packaged in plastic bags and stacked neatly in the shed. If you are willing to sign up to work in the sheds, please contact Thelma Moorehead at tmgm43@aol.com or call 218-0223. For more information on St Pauly Textiles see <http://st-pauly.com>.

NOTE OF THANKS FROM EILEEN LINE

It is with sincere gratitude that I thank everyone for all the expressions of sympathy given to me and my family for the loss of my father, Frank Rechlin.

Pastor Gundermann Update:

As we move towards the time when Pastor Gundermann, Amy and their children – Kayla, Noah and Eva – will be with us, there are some things that will be helpful to know:

1. On Sunday, June 6, at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Gundermann will be installed. Special plans are being made for this one-service Sunday. It was his request that he be installed on Sunday morning. President Wicher of the Eastern District will perform the rite of installation. Pastor Vern Gundermann, Tom's father, will be the preacher for that service.
2. Jane Sandgren is coordinating the reception that will follow the installation.
3. Many hands will be needed for many projects big and small in the weeks ahead. **Thank you** to those who have already volunteered. If you wish to add your name to the list of those ready to lend a hand, please contact Carol Keeler in the Church Office and ask that your name be added to the list.
4. The Gundermanns continue to search for a home in the area, and they wait for their home in Minnesota to be sold.
5. During the week of April 23 Pastor Gundermann was in St. Louis. He was selected to be part of a special gathering of hymn writers. I am sure he will tell us more about his experience there when he arrives.
6. Continue before God to hold in prayer this time of transition for the Gundermanns, Peace Lutheran Church in Robbinsdale and our congregation.

Serving in ministry with you,
Daryl Pichan, Congregation Chair

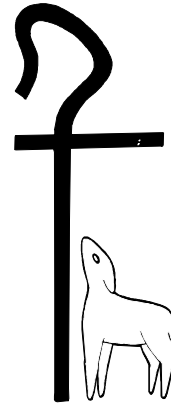
Adult Bible Class – In the first weeks of May, Ron Brust will be continuing his Sunday morning class on the Reformation and what it means for us yet today. The theological writings completed during this turbulent time are the foundation of Lutheran theology still today. But, it's amazing how the theological topics of the 16th century remain relevant to our lives today.

On May 23rd, the Sunday morning class will be devoted to the Flower City Work Camp report, given by those who participated in the event this year. Come and hear from our youth and their advisors about what they did and how they grew from this experience.

On May 30th, Lyle Heggemeier will lead a class on giving honor to those who have served – a special tribute for Memorial Day weekend.

Nametags – As the time approaches for Pastor Gundermann, Amy, and children to arrive, I'm going to ask ALL of you to help them – PLEASE wear your nametag!!! I can't tell you how much it helps me, even after being here 3 years now, when people wear their nametags. Trying to learn everyone's name is very difficult. Trying to remember them on the spur of the moment, when person after person is at the altar or standing in line to greet us on Sunday mornings is not any easier. Please get into the habit NOW of wearing your nametag every Sunday morning. If you need a new nametag, please contact Carol in the church office. If you desire a nametag with a magnetic back instead of pin, you may get that as well. By the way, when you wear a nametag, it is best worn on the right side. That way when you reach out your right hand to shake hands, it naturally brings your right shoulder forward to make your nametag more visible.

Easter District Lutheran Hour Ministries' Annual June Men's Retreat - The 65th Annual Men's Retreat, sponsored by the Eastern and Ohio Districts of the Int'l Lutheran Laymen's League will be held Friday evening, June 4th, through Sunday noon, June 6th at Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Angola, New York; phone (716) 549-1420. Rev. David Goodline, Flushing, NY, will be the speaker. The theme is "Share His Story". The cost per person varies according to lodging and number of meals. [6]



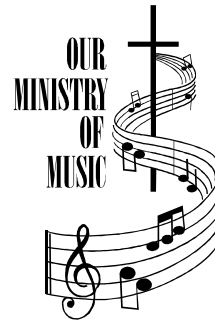
Registration, with \$20 deposit, is due by May 21st to: George Havens, 8 Dunmow Crescent, Fairport, NY 14450. For more information, or a registration form, please contact George, (585) 223-3445 or email GLHWKH@frontiernet.net; or Richard Gruenhagen, (800) 724-9707 or email richard.gruenhagen@dep.state.nj.us.

Pastor Gundermann Installation – Pastor Tom Gundermann will be installed as our pastor on Sunday, June 6th, at 9:30 AM. This will be the ONLY worship at Faith that morning and will be a service designed for all ages! Following the service there will be a reception to meet the Gundermanns and to rejoice at the beginning of this new chapter in Faith's history. Volunteers to assist in a variety of ways are needed. Please contact Carol Keeler (cpkeeler@rochester.rr.com) to volunteer. We also need 100 people to volunteer to park offsite on June 6 to provide more onsite parking for those needing it. If you're willing to be one of those 100, please sign the poster in the Concourse or contact Carol Keeler.

From the desk of Dianne Maynard-Christensen, Director of Music

WIND

Wind. Webster describes it as "moving air." And air? It is "a colorless, odorless, tasteless gaseous mixture." The wind is something we cannot see or smell. Yet we know it has tremendous power. It can cause a lot of destruction, but on the positive side, it can provide energy for powering many things. If you get a chance, look up the word wind in a Biblical Concordance. It is interesting how many times it appears in the scriptures, often with the word mighty in front of it. We see in the story of Jesus calming the storm (Mark 4) that God has power and authority even over the wind. The wind that is so mysterious, powerful, and unpredictable. We can't see it, don't really know where it comes from, but we definitely see what it can do.



When we think of the Holy Spirit, one of the first images that may come to mind is wind. Maybe that is due to the dramatic description of the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit...

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it

filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." Acts 2:1-4

Wow! What a scene! The wind mentioned here is certainly a strong force. But wind isn't always violent or scary. Many times it comes in the form of a breeze. I like to think of the sailboat on the lake being pushed along and powered by a good breeze, or the refreshing and peaceful feeling of a gentle breeze on a summer day. I think the Holy Spirit offers all these things to us...peace, strength, energy, gentle nudging, among other things.

On Pentecost Sunday, our Handbell Choir will play a piece called Windscape by Cathy Mocklebust. It is based on the following text where Jesus is explaining to Nicodemus that he must be born of the Spirit.

"The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." John 3:8

The piece depicts the mysteriousness of the Spirit as it starts with a very suspended and slow chord pattern. Gradually the notes start to go faster as the wind begins to pick up in intensity and power. The waves of sound (faster notes) are penetrated by the opening chord pattern. The wind then dissolves into a beautiful melody and accompaniment section that seems to show that sense of joy and peace we receive from the Holy Spirit. At the end we once again return to the rushing wind, which gets softer and softer, finally fading away.

We invite you to listen to this piece as a means to contemplate the mystery of the Holy Spirit in a new way.

Happy Pentecost!

From the Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Jeremy Gerhardt

Upcoming for Youth in ...



Keep a look out for information on the website (faithpenfield.org - follow the tab to the youth section) and in Faith Notes. And, as always, please feel free to contact Jeremy Gerhardt at any time with questions: faithyouth@rochester.rr.com, or 381-3970 x16

Sundays- Jr and Sr FLY- Sr and Jr FLY Sunday morning gatherings will take place from 9:45-10:45. We will meet at church for a time of digging into God's Word and discovering His purpose and role in our lives. Jr FLY will meet in Room 204, and Sr FLY in Room 201.

Flower City Work Camp in review: May 23- Join us during the education hour in the auditorium for a presentation from this year's Flower City Work Camp participants. Hear stories of God working in the lives of our youth and in Rochester.

Sr FLY/ Alumni Memorial Day Wilderness Trip: May 28-30- A great opportunity to get away from all the noise and find some peace and quiet. This year we will travel to a rustic cabin near Bath, NY for some relaxation, devotion, canoeing, hiking, and various other activities in God's great creation. COST: \$50. Look for sign-ups soon.

Stay Up To Date: Want a good (and EASY) way to stay up to date with FLY events and activities? Friend FLY on Facebook. Also, you can always go to faithpenfield.org and check out the youth section for up-to-date info. Receive free text updates by signing up on the youth page of the Faith website.

Any questions, please contact Jeremy Gerhardt, 381-3970 x16, or faithyouth@rochester.rr.com. Friends and visitors are always welcome to all events!

FAITH CHILD CARE & NURSERY SCHOOL (FCCNS)

Our playground upgrade continues to progress even though things don't look any different yet. We have received approval from the Town of Penfield to expand our current footprint and add another 20 feet to our existing space. Natural playground consultant/designer, Rusty Keeler, has agreed to work with us to finalize a design that incorporates the input from our Faith community. Thanks to everyone who shared their thoughts, ideas and dreams.

Welcome to our newest staff members, Sandi Kuhn, Charlie Adamson and Dennis Montgomery. Sandi is our new food service assistant. Charlie and Dennis are our new custodians. Beginning May 1, they will be responsible for our daily cleaning and are working to get the bathrooms and kitchen deep-cleaned and sparkling again. They will eventually be stripping, cleaning and waxing the classroom floors to improve their appearance and make them easier to keep clean.

Our annual staff/board appreciation dinner will be held on Thursday, May 6, at Connors Restaurant on Penfield Road. Our mission is lived daily by these caring and dedicated teachers and volunteers. Thank you to each and every one. FCCNS Staff members: Charlie Adamson, Jody Barrett, Amy Cintron, Lori Connolly, Jane Coryea, Katie Fitch, Christine Goetz, Jordan Harris, Diana Holbein, Stacey Iddings, Sandi Kuhn, Ceresa Lyon, Stacey Martin, Lauren McGill, Angelina McQuown, Bonnie Millen, Dennis Montgomery, Janice Ozimek, Christina Pearson, Zyrma Perez, Pat Pucci, Judy Rotunno, Kathy Salmon, Isaiah Smalt, and Amy Sullivan. FCCNS Board members: Charlene Annese, Gayle Elledge, Kathy Foster, Carol Keeler, Patty Molina, Vince Palese, Joanne Rath, Ella Renckert, Wayne Samuels, Gordon Sandgren and Karen Wright.

Kids 4 Kids, our joint FCCNS/Sunday School service project for Haitian relief, continues. Our children are working to fill the penny tower. To date, the FCCNS children have raised nearly \$300 to put in the tower. They have done extra chores at home to earn money and have baked and sold cupcakes, cookies, brownies and chocolate-dipped pretzels. Their efforts continue, and one of our classes is now selling the delicious trail mix that they mixed and packaged. Why don't you designate your loose change this month to put in the penny tower and help our children reach their goal? The lessons they are learning about sharing God's love through serving others will impact them throughout their lives.

Karen A. Costello, Executive Director

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I am still smiling because Holy Week was so wonderful. The services were fabulous and the weather went right along with it! Approximately 90 people took the "Journey to the Cross" the day before Easter, and we heard many kind words from the participants. What a great way to prepare for Sunday's Good News! Thank you to the 30+ volunteers who decorated, acted, guided, baked and cleaned up. You did a terrific job and I think it was even better than last year. Pictures of some of the participants are displayed below along with the names of the characters they portrayed.

Jeanne Shiao (disciple)
Lillian Reeder (tourist)



Christie Pichan (donkey owner)
Bonnie Matthaideess (disciple)
Donna & Jessica Daniels
(Connie's real owners)
Connie (herself)



Drew D'Ambrosio (Roman centurion)
Peter McKee (Roman centurion)



Beth D'Ambrosio (angel)
Christine Avila (Mary, wife of Cleophas)



Connie (herself)

In May our 3-year old Sunday school class will be learning about helping others to know God. The 4-year old and Kindergarten classes will be learning about God's calling through the lessons of Saul and Ananias. The elementary grades will be learning more about the Kingdom of God by studying the Parable of the Pearl and the Parable of the Mustard Seed.

I have a question for you: Why should you bring your children to Sunday School? I will give you my opinion!

1. Children will be exposed to and influenced by many different people. Wouldn't you rather that they have a firm foundation in knowledge and faith in God to help them discern the bad from the good?

2. Morals are not being taught in schools, and yet, we want to raise morally strong children. Wouldn't it help to encourage them in Sunday school to live a moral life?
3. Children are naturally curious about God and spirituality. Sunday school teachers are prepared to answer their questions at an age appropriate level.
4. In Sunday school good behavior, helping others and loving yourself as you are is taught and reinforced.
5. Sunday school is a wonderful place to make friends!

And, on that note, keep in mind summer Sunday school starts on June 27th!

Blessings, Donna Kaser, Coordinator of Children's Ministries



**Vacation Bible School
July 12 - July 16, 2010
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Faith Lutheran Church
4-year-olds - 8th graders
Be a part of God's Great Get-together
at BAOBAB BLAST – a safari adventure!**

We know it is early, but it's time to start thinking SUMMER and VBS!! We hope your summer plans include bringing God's Word and the love of Jesus Christ to the children of our community! Our theme this year is BAOBAB BLAST – a safari adventure! It's sure to be a BLAST under the Baobab tree!

Registration forms for children are available. Register soon, as spaces fill quickly!

VBS 2010 Volunteers needed!!!

Also - look for a sign-up board in the Concourse for VOLUNTEERS! We hope you will consider joining in the fun by volunteering for this exciting ministry! Check out the board to see all the various roles you might help fill this year!

Mark your calendars: **Wednesday, May 5th at 7:30 p.m. in Room 201** – VBS planning meeting and devotion for all volunteers. (*Babysitting will be available upon request.*) Anyone planning to help – or even just considering it – is strongly encouraged to attend this initial meeting.

For questions or concerns contact any one of us:

Liz Wood, Co-director - 787-2529 or lizw14580@hotmail.com

Stacy Ledermann, Co-director – 288-8482 or sledermann@sjfc.edu

Donna Kaser, Director of Children's Ministries - 381-3970, x39 or dontshop@gmail.com

FAITH STEPPING STONES
A Program by Faith Inkubators

“ENTRY INTO SCHOOL”

A 3-SESSION PROGRAM FOR PARENTS OF
CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN

MAY 5, 12, & 19
6:30 – 7:30 PM (Pizza 6:00pm)



The whole world changes when your little one goes off to school. Setting up a pattern for regular open, caring communication between parent and child becomes extremely important at this stage.

This program will help you meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of your kindergartner, will provide a supportive small group network, and add the sharing of Highs and Lows to the family ritual of prayer and blessing.

The cost is \$25 per family and child care will be provided. For planning purposes, pre-registration is necessary. Registration forms are available through the Faith website

under the Children's Ministries tab. You may turn in the completed forms at the Church Office.

If you would more information, please contact Donna Kaser at 381-3970 x39. The program website is below. That has a sample video of the class content and more information about Faith Inkubators.

<http://www.faithink.com/Inkubators/stones.asp>

TWO \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE THROUGH FLC MISSION BOARD:

If you are currently enrolled in a college or plan to start your freshman year this September, the FLC Mission Board has budgeted for two \$1,000.00 scholarships available to students of any age. In order to apply, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a Member of Faith Lutheran Church (worship attendance will be considered)
- Be enrolled in a degree program in the Human Services field, i.e. teaching, counseling, ministry, nursing, social work
- Have a heart for serving others shown through volunteering in the church and community

Application forms are available in the Church Office and must be submitted by June 15, 2010. The FLC Mission Board will select the candidates.

FAITH IS A WONDERFUL GIVING CONGREGATION AND WE ASK FOR YOUR INPUT IN WAYS TO SERVE OUR
FRIENDS EVERYWHERE.
YOUR BOARD OF MISSIONS

THANK YOU NOTES FOR DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM FAITH LUTHERAN

(WHERE AVAILABLE, WEBSITES ARE LISTED FOR YOU TO FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AN ORGANIZATION)

SOME OF THESE LETTERS MAY BE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD ACROSS FROM THE ENTRANCE TO THE COPY ROOM.

MARY CARIOLA CHILDREN'S CENTER

Dear Dorcas Circle Ladies,

The Mary Cariola Children's Center School Program truly appreciates all the shirt-savers you have completed for us and continue to complete for us. You are helping students from 2-years old to 21-years old. You are a blessing to us all!

Terri Chapin (Faith member and Education Supervisor); www.marycariola.org. [15]

CATHOLIC FAMILY CENTER - RESTART

For many months, Faith members have stepped forward to contribute personal care items and place them in a box in the Concourse. This generous response was to my request of the Mission Board to assist the clients of my agency and in our community to have basic personal hygiene supplies and more recently basic paper products as well. As our recession deepened, the poorest in our community were often finding themselves without jobs, housing and even the most basic necessities of life. Those with additional mental health or chemical-dependency problems faced even greater challenges.

My agency, and my department in particular, reaches out and assists individuals in homeless shelters, food kitchens, those coming out of jail or prison as well as those that come to us from other agencies or individuals to connect to housing, mental health or chemical dependency treatment and ultimately to jobs and independence. It can be a very long journey for some, but these tokens of support and care are of such valuable assistance.

So my sincere thanks for the donations of personal care items, food, and most recently some funds to assist us to meet these basic needs. I welcome any of you to come and visit us if you would like. I will be glad to offer a personal tour.

Cathy Saresky, LCSWR CASAC, Director, Catholic Family Center Restart Outpatient Services
csaresky@cfcrochester.org

YOU'RE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN 'THANKSGIVING IN MAY'

We as a congregation have been very blessed through the ministry of Pastor and Kathi Rickus for almost two and a half years during the lengthy pastoral vacancy we have experienced. While we waited, prayed, and sought a new pastor to lead our congregation, Pastor Rickus has been a very steady and loving pastor who has empowered us all to continue the work that God has called us as a congregation to do.

On May 23rd, immediately following the late service, it is our intention to celebrate with thanksgiving the environment that Pastor Rickus and Kathi have provided and to express our deep thanks for their presence among us.

Already in the Concourse are pages to be added to a memory book, ones that you may take and offer your personal thanks to them. Please return them to the purple box by May 9th.

In addition, we will host a 'Thanksgiving Dinner' to honor these good neighbors. There is a sign-up in the Church Office for you to indicate your willingness to provide dishes to compliment roasted turkey.... yes, this IS a Thanksgiving dinner. Potato (sweet, white, baked, etc) dishes, salad (cranberry, jello, green, etc), homemade applesauce, assorted breads, squash, peas, and whatever green vegetable is your specialty will be welcome. Look for that sign-up! If you can think of any other dish that may be necessary to make our Thanksgiving complete, by all means, cook it up and bring it!

There will be box for you to place 'thank you' cards, should you prefer that to writing a letter for the memory book. All these tokens of our gratitude will be given to the Rickuses during the 'feast!'

So, please place this very important date on your calendars now, and come and enjoy 'Thanksgiving in May', an expression of our thanks for the encouragement and leadership we have been given through this remarkable couple.

Cathy Saresky and Jeanne Shiao
Co-chairs

*****ITEMS OF INTEREST*****

BAPTISMS

Michael James Duckles, son of Perry and Kristen Duckles, 4/11
Shaelyn Elizabeth Bitely, daughter of Russell and Julie Bitely, 4/25
Henry Lawrence Bozek, son of James and Jennifer Bozek, 4/25

+DEATHS+

Our sincere sympathies are extended to members and friends of Faith Lutheran Church, who recently have lost a loved one. May we be God's comforting servants to our grieving brothers and sisters, even as they hold onto God's promises of hope in the resurrection.

Merle Cramer, father of Ken Cramer, 3/27
Carol DiOrazio, friend of Warren & Lynn Agor; 3/28
Elvera Heggemeier, aunt of Lyle Heggemeier, 3/30 in IL
Susan Jackson, mother of Lisa Sykes, suddenly 3/25 in SC
Mildred Kinyon, cousin of Ed Lindskoog, 4/20
Esther Lessig, mother of Anne Britt, 3/28
Sheryl Leupold, friend of Jane Cornea, 3/22
A. Robert "Skip" Lewis, neighbor of Vince Palese, 4/14

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Babe Lewis, godmother of Bonnie Samuels, 3/29 in CA

Stephen Mazzochetti, uncle of Dave Mazzochetti, suddenly, 3/28

Fran Puglia, friend of Carol Crist, 4/14

Peter Stone, long time employee at Faith and known to many members, 3/25

Rick Young, cousin of Noreen Crouse, 4/7

**Bulletins received from members who have traveled and/or worshiped in other
Christian communities:**

Behnfeldt family, St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hopewell Township, NJ, 4/4

Judy Bielicki, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Seminole, FL, 1/31-3/14, 4/4

Ron & Beth Brust, New Covenant Lutheran Church, Scottsdale, AZ, 4/4

Beth Camann, Washington National Cathedral, Washington, D.C., 4/11

Mike & Margaret Hill, Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Jacksonville, FL, 3/28

Campus Catholic Community, Penn State University at Altoona, 4/4

Connie Humphries, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Herndon, VA, 4/4

Lis Mangerian, Trinity Lutheran Church, Brewster, NY 4/11

Ken & Vivian Smith, St. Mark Lutheran Church, Mendon, NY, 3/21

Ed & Karen Wright, St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dover, DE, 4/1, 4/4



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one another.*

WHEN STEPHEN MINISTERS PRAY . . .

Stephen Ministers meet once a month in what's called a Supervision Group. The purpose of these meetings is to support and encourage each other in our work. As you know, names of care receivers or specifics of their lives are never, EVER disclosed in these meetings. The discussions focus on finding the best way for each Stephen Minister to be an effective care giver. A regular part of the Supervision Group is prayer. We pray for our care-receivers, we pray to give thanks, and we pray for ourselves. This month, the Stephen Ministers want to share some of our prayers with you. During these prayers, we may have been thinking of either current or past care-receivers. It's also possible that we may have been praying for you.

I pray that you may have . . .

- PATIENCE for time and God to heal all wounds.

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- COURAGE to ask for help during a challenging time.
- STRENGTH to endure the physical pain you face every day and the mental pain that tries to beat you down.
- PATIENCE to maintain harmony in the family.
- STRENGTH not to fall back into an old habit that would mask what you have to deal with.
- PEACE and COMFORT in these days of pain concerning family illness.
- SELF-CONTROL in anger with many people and occurrences.
- LOVE and UNDERSTANDING for those who are uncertain and need direction in their lives.
- COURAGE to face each new day.
- FORGIVENESS for yourself and for others.

I am thankful that you. . .

- WON'T GIVE UP.
- ARE SUCH AN UNDERSTANDING AND LOVING PERSON.
- ARE NOW HELPING OTHERS IN THEIR NEED.
- HELP ME TO ADMIRE YOUR STRONG CHRISTIAN FAITH.

I ask for . . .

- SELF CONTROL, that I will not try to fix your problems, just listen.
- FAITH that God is using me as an instrument of peace and comfort.
- HELP in knowing how to listen and how to "be there" for you.

Bless you. Consider yourself prayed for.
Susan Donovan for the Stephen Ministers

If this is the time for you to talk, a Stephen Minister is waiting to listen with you. Call Nancy Hammond (381-6968), or call the church office (381-3970, ext. 13) to leave a confidential message; or, send an email to flcpensm@gmail.com. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to help you through your DISTress!



Buy Your Plants at Faith's
Mother's Day Plant Sale
Saturday, May 8 (Noon -
4:00 PM) and Sunday, May 9
(8:00 AM - 1:00 PM)

This year the Mission Trip Planning Team will again be sponsoring the Mother's Day Plant sale. But, the event this year will be held on two separate days, Saturday, May 8, AND Sunday, May 9. And, carnation corsages will be available in time for Mother's Day.

The Team will continue to offer fine selections of garden plants, hanging baskets, lettuce bowls, and herb gardens. Proceeds from the sale will be used to support the mission team trip to assist in the rebuilding of homes. Homeowners whom we have previously helped (especially in the storm-ravaged Gulf Coast area) continue to be greatly appreciative of Faith's mission teams' efforts.



UP COMING DAY TRIPS

Cahal Dunne

Tuesday, May 18

Depart 9 am - return 5:30 pm

90 minutes to shop at Prime Outlet Mall

Arrive at CLUB 86 Party House in Geneva

Dinner with menu selections is:

Sirloin of Roast Beef, ½; Broiler Chicken

or Haddock with lemon sauce.

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A Memorial Day Remembrance Show – "Tribute to America"

Cost for dinner, show and transportation - \$49.00

Tickets need to be ordered **ASAP**

Cahal was born and educated in Ireland, and has lived in Pittsburgh, PA for about 20 years. He tours the northeast and Florida entertaining with his songs, piano and comedy. His variety of music will suit everyone's taste and you will be charmed within his first 5 minutes!!

If you want a spot held for you for the trip on **Tuesday, May 18th**, please mail a check payable to Doris:

Doris Adamek
121 Merryhill Dr.
Rochester, NY 14625

Doris and Marilyn need to know if there is enough interest in these trips to purchase tickets. We'd like to order the May tickets soon, or as soon as possible. We also need to know who is interested in the other dates listed here, and if you would be willing to serve as a driver.

Linwood Gardens Peony Festival

A guided tour of this hidden gem. A private garden which is open for only 2 weekends a year. Lunch at Hillside Inn, Wyoming, NY. **Saturday, June 5th**, leave 9am and return by 5pm.

Also TOP OF THE WORLD GARDENS, PAVILION, NY
Cost for garden tours, lunch and transportation is \$45.

The Crooners and Their Music

Tuesday, June 15th – leave 9:00 am – return 5:30pm

A brief tour around Geneva, with a little history. Visit to Weaver Mennonite Farm and Gift shop

\$40 for show and transportation

20th Century voices such as Clooney, Sinatra, Dean Martin, Judy Garland, Crosby, Nat King Cole, Sammy Davis, Tony Bennett and more.

Lunch on your own at Nonna's Trattatoria, Geneva, 2:00pm show.

Latshaw Pops Orchestra Christmas Spectacular

Monday, November 15th, singers and dancers with song styling, costumes and choreography that prepare us for the coming Christmas season. [21]

Dinner and show at Samuel's Grande Manor, Williamsville NY. Cost for show, transportation and lunch \$57.

Marilyn will take phone calls at 377-5929. Doris prefers emails at:

Adamek121@aol.com

**** Ministry Meetings & Events ****

For more information, please see the articles immediately following

- 1) Lutheran Women's Spring Workshop (9:00 AM), Saturday, May 1
- 2) Faith 5 and Under Playgroup (10:00 AM), Saturday, May 1
- 3) Prime Time (Noon), Monday, May 3
- 4) Prayer Shawl Ministry (7:00 PM), Monday, May 3
- 5) Tuesday Morning Bible Study (10:00 AM), May 4, 18
- 6) Faith Women's Book Group (7:00 PM), Thursday, May 6, 2010
- 7) Dorcas Circle (11:30 AM), Thursday, May 13
- 8) Alzheimer's Association Seminar (6:30 PM), Monday, May 17

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML) NEWS

Faith will be hosting the LWML Spring Workshop, entitled 'Spring Remembrance' on Saturday, May 1 from 9:00 – 2:30 in the church Auditorium. The workshop will include a book review of Amish Grace by Donald Kraybill, under the leadership of Pastor Jeff Hering. We will explore the Amish tragedy and how the community came together. You are encouraged to purchase and read the book for discussion at our event. Check out the following website for more information on the book. Website: amishgrace.com

I encourage you to attend this event to support Faith. I am looking for persons to help prepare the meal and host the event. Please call me if you are willing to help. Darlene Byrns, Eastern District LWML President – phone: 288-5568.

FAITH 5 AND UNDER PLAYGROUP

is meeting on Saturday, May 1, at 10:00 AM outside the entrance to Wild Wings in Mendon Park. Wild Wings is a not-for-profit educational organization that houses and cares for permanently injured birds of prey (raptors) that are unable to survive on their own in the wild anymore. [22]



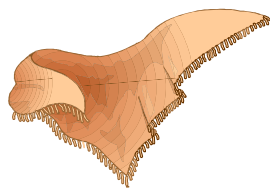
The visit is free, but they do take donations and they have a gift shop. Their website is <http://www.wildwingsinc.org/>, and directions are available on the site. Please RSVP to Carrie Ford at csm1979@hotmail.com. We hope you can join us.

PRIME TIME FOR MAY



The next Prime Time is Monday, May 3, at 12:00 noon in the Community Room. Come join us as Bill & Doris Florance share their trip out West. Also hosting will be Vivian Smith and Emory & Mary Ford. Please use the sign-up sheet posted in the Concourse to indicate your plans to attend and what dish you will bring.

In response to a recent thoughtful suggestion, we are asking each person attending to bring their own table service – dinner and dessert plates plus silverware. Beverage cups and napkins will be provided. This will help to reduce landfill waste and dishwashing. The committee thanks you.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry by Doris Florance

The Prayer Shawl Ministry had a productive meeting in April. The meeting opened with a short devotion and prayer by Doris Florance. Mary Bohn gave our treasurer's report. Our balance is low but the Mission Board has agreed to support us again this year. Five completed shawls were brought in. We had a good response to our March display in the Concourse. So, we plan to do that again. In the meantime, if anyone knows of someone they would like to receive a shawl, just contact one of the Prayer shawl members. We would be glad to help you choose a shawl. Lots of knitting, crocheting and chatting was done. Our shawls were blessed. The meeting closed with prayer by Doris Florance. **Our next meeting will be Monday, May 3rd, at 7PM at church in Room 204.** All are welcome. **Any questions, call Doris Florance 248-2318.**

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Letter to Timothy

By Marv & Lois Jacob

This exciting study of Paul's letter to Timothy continues on Tuesdays, May 4th and 11th, at 10:00 AM in our church's Community Room.

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Please come and join us as we share and improve your Bible knowledge. Study leaders are **Marvin and Lois Jacob**. If you are interested or have questions, **please contact them at 381-6161**. Invite a friend or, better yet, bring them along with you.

Faith Women's Book Group, Spring Book

The Faith Women's Book Group will review the novel Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Stout on **Thursday, May 6, 2010, 7:00 PM**. The book is woven from short stories in which the main character, Olive Kitteridge, a strong-willed seventh grade teacher, appears. The author won the Pulitzer Prize in fiction for the novel. Join the group for a lively discussion in the spring. **For more information, contact Rae Usinger (381-1391) or Barb Riethmeier (381-0779).**



DORCAS CIRCLE by Doris Florance

The Dorcas Circle had a busy meeting in April. Our thanks goes out to Elmer Berge, who brought five boxes containing material, yarn and sheets for us to sort and use. During the meeting those boxes and three more were sorted and rearranged -- our spring house cleaning. Bears and walker bags were cut out. Eight pillows, five walker bags and three tote bags were completed. Lois Jacob took the bears home to finish, and took the pillows and tote bags to Woodside. Rhea Oaks took the walker bags to St. John's.

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, May 13th 11:30 AM at church, Room 204**. All are welcome. Just bring your lunch and join us. **Any questions call Doris Florance 248-2318.**

Free Family Caregiver Education

The Learning Institute of the Alzheimer's Association has partnered with Faith Lutheran Church to bring free family caregiver education to our neighbors on the East side of Monroe County. RSVP's are requested. To register please call the Alzheimer's Association at (585) 760-5400 or (800) 272-3900

Each educational seminar will be held in the Community Room from 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Monday, May 17, 2010
"Brain Wellness Strategies"

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In addition there is an ongoing monthly support group for caregivers of individuals with Lewy Body Dementia offered on the third Thursday of each month from 2:30 – 4:00 PM in the Community Room. Please feel free to attend, but register first.

FCCNS FUND-RAISING EVENT

Faith Child Care and Nursery School will be holding a Wine, Cheese & Chocolate Tasting fund-raising event on **Friday, June 11, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium.**

Please attend to help us raise money for our new playground. Come enjoy food, wine, and music with us. Silent Auction items will be available. Tickets can be purchased at the FCCNS Office for \$20 per person until Wednesday, June 1, 2010. After June 1, 2010 tickets can be purchased for \$25 per person.

We are seeking donated items or services for the silent auction. **To donate please contact the FCCNS office at 385-2360.**

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Whom should I contact in the church office regarding...?



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Staff person, **Carol Keeler**, ext 10, or cpkeeler@rochester.rr.com.

Prayer additions/updates for bulletin and Intercessory Prayer group; Sunday Servers Schedule changes and swaps; Faith Notes newsletter articles, worship section, wedding and funeral bulletins: **Staff person, Vince Palese**, ext 11, or vpalese@rochester.rr.com.

NEXT FAITH NOTES ITEMS ARE DUE FRIDAY, May 14th, for the JUNE Issue. Faith Notes articles for the July issue will be due Tuesday, June 15th, 2010. Stop by the office with the information or email to Vince Palese, at vpalese@rochester.rr.com.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Faith Lutheran Church
Year to Date Income & Expenses Compared to Budget
As of March 31, 2010

	Year to Date ACTUAL	Year to Date BUDGET	Fav/(Unfav) VARIANCE	Year to Date ACTUAL 3/31/09	PER 1/10/10 VOTERS MTG Adopted 2010 BUDGET
Operating Income					
Envelope Offering/Plate Cash	149,950	152,320	(2,370)	139,830	652,000
FCCNS Usage Fee	6,264	6,264	0	7,029	28,000
Interest/Misc/Other	5,665	7,645	(1,980)	6,873	13,500
Total Operating Income	161,879	166,229	(4,350)	153,732	693,500
Education	2,576	7,704	5,128	1,964	34,060
Employee Related	90,944	93,376	2,432	89,708	416,420
Growth in Staff	218	0	(218)	0	30,000
Missions	12,901	15,600	2,699	8,263	65,200
Music	1,722	1,631	(91)	1,121	9,000
Other Expense	3,982	5,783	1,801	4,026	17,850
Property	53,904	49,250	(4,654)	42,814	166,887
Supplies	8,557	11,010	2,453	6,553	46,000
Operating Expenses	174,804	184,354	9,550	154,449	785,417
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(12,925)	(18,125)	5,200	(717)	(91,917)

Simply Giving: A way to go green as you support the ministry at Faith!

The Simply Giving program allows you to make your contribution to Faith directly from your bank account on a regular basis. No checks to write, no catching up on your pledge. If you do not currently use Simply Giving, please consider it. It is a very easy, convenient way to honor your commitment to Faith. Offerings can be made weekly, bi-weekly or monthly and can be changed at any time. Brochures are available in the literature racks across from the church office or contact Carol Keeler.

Please remember to update your Simply Giving amount if your commitment has changed.

Endowment Fund:

If you would like to make a contribution to the Faith Lutheran Church Endowment Fund, please make the check payable to "SEI Private Trust Company" and mail to:

Cooper/Haims Advisors LLC,

Attn: Tobey Sweezey

30 North Union Street

Rochester, NY 14607

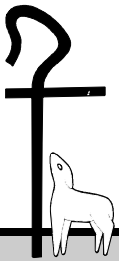
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Special Days in MAY

SUNDAY WORSHIP: Traditional Worship, 8:30 amEach Sunday
Contemporary/Convergent Worship, 11:00 amEach Sunday
Holy Communion celebrated2, 16, 30
Pentecost (please wear red)23

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FIRST SUNDAY: Penfield Community Cupboard Collection (paper goods)

FOURTH SUNDAY: Faith Church Pantry (non-perishable [canned veggies, meats, fruit, sandwich spreads, etc.] food)

TUESDAYS: Faith Child Care & Nursery School Chapel, Narthex, 10:45 am

