



**FAITH LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER 2026



*Faith's mission is to openly share
the saving grace of Jesus' love*



Faith Opens Doors

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

~ John 20:30-31



From the Pastor's Desk

I like the ending of John's gospel, because it's fun to think about what other things Jesus may have done that the gospel writer chose not to include in his book. Then, John reminds us that through our faith in Christ's resurrection, we have life in Jesus' name. We are God's Easter people! This is what it means to be Christian, to trust that Jesus' death and resurrection actually makes a difference for our lives today. It's great news that we have eternal life with God and get to go to heaven when we die, but how do we live like Jesus' resurrection matters in the meantime? Sometimes this question is harder to answer. "Living the Resurrection Life" will be our focus for our Easter season in worship this year.

Here's one way we can think about the impact of Christ's resurrection on our daily lives. I'm writing this article in the middle of March. We have gone from snow to sun to gloomy cold and rain, as is typical for this month. There are still sad bits of dirty snow and the grass is brown. The church lawn looks like how I feel right now – a little worse for the wear after the winter we've had. We have some spring cleaning to do, inside and out. But as I look out of my office window into the biblical garden, daffodil shoots are popping out. My neighbor has crocuses growing with color popping out of his still-brown lawn. Death doesn't have the last word – life does! Spring is coming, Easter is coming, and Christ will renew us once again with this powerful phrase of hope and good news – Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

According to Matthew, Jesus was preaching to 5,000 people and dusk was starting to set in, supper was long overdue, stomachs were starting to growl, and all there was to eat were two fish and five loaves of bread.

The disciples were aware of the predicament. They said to Jesus, in effect, "This is a sticky situation, and we can't do anything about it anyway. Let's take what we have gathered and go away and eat!"

By nature there is some of that mentality in all of us. Whenever God places us in a situation that challenges us to use our time and talent, and to invest some of ourselves in finding a solution to someone's problem or need, our first response is to remove ourselves from the problem.

Matthew was an eyewitness to the event. Can you imagine the joyful satisfaction ... the uplift in faith Matthew experienced when he was able to write, "But everyone ate, and there was more than enough. They gathered twelve baskets full of leftovers!"

Do you think there could be any symbolic significance to the fact that there were twelve baskets full? One for each disciple? Enough to satisfy their needs for days to come? And all because they trusted God and had the joy and satisfaction that comes with being a partner with Jesus? A partner in his ministry of love and service.

For that matter, some of the most tired, worn out at times, almost burnt out disciples at every church have become that way because they have a difficult time saying "no" when our Lord calls them to join hands with him in using their time and talent to serve their church. Tired? Yes! Weary? Yes! But then, you should be let in on a little secret: You should see their "baskets"!





THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sunday School

On Sunday, March 8, several of our families served local families struggling with food insecurity at LuHi's annual meal packing event. There is no Sunday School during worship on Easter Sunday, April 5, so children can worship with their families. Please join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt immediately following worship that morning! Our next Faith Family Night is Karaoke and pizza in the Faith Fellowship Hall, 6:30-8pm on Friday, May 1. Please RSVP to faithsyosset@gmail.com by April 26.

For our Sunday School lessons in April, we discuss the story of Easter, the road to Emmaus, and then turn to learning more about one of the major prophets of the Old Testament, Jeremiah!



Nursery School

🌸 Welcome April! 🌸

Hello Spring — we are so excited to see you! Last month we had a blast with the leprechaun and all his tricks. It was all worth it because he left us a pile of gold! 🍀 ✨

This month we're so excited to finally enjoy more time outside. We're welcoming Easter with our annual egg hunt, egg coloring, and most of all our Easter breakfast with friends. 🐣 🥚

Boy, this year is going by fast! Don't forget to tell your friends and family to register for our summer program, July 6-August 21! We have spots for school-age children up to age 8. Registration is open for 18 months-5 years old for our 2026-2027 school year as well! Email me at school@faithsyosset.org or call our office for more information.

Council Corner

- Pr Rebecca and family will be on vacation April 6-13th.
- Pr Martin Nale is our coverage Pastor on April 12th.
- Our 75th Anniversary Committee is working hard planning our Celebration Dinner on April 19th.
- Our new Vicar June will be starting to work with Pastor Rebecca on June 1st. We have plans to start bringing together middle school and high school youth starting in June, with Craig Zeolla and Vicar June.
- Our annual Stewardship Campaign resulted in 31 commitment cards, up from 23 from last year. Thank you to all who have made a financial commitment to support our church.
- July 17-19 2026 Camp Koinonia Retreat Registration is now open.
- We have a slight deficit of \$500 due to snow removal, heating oil, and insurance expenses being higher than anticipated.



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Like our Facebook Page, Faith Lutheran Church at <https://fb.com/faithlutheransyosset/>. Also check us out on our **website** at www.faithsyosset.org.

Our YouTube channel is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz51Ic5Hy6URvNyVM-AEe0A>.

Our 10am worship services continue to be live-streamed to our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

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Giving Electronically

You may register to give electronically on the front page of our website or mail in your offering. Please let us know if you need more offering envelopes. Find us on Zelle at faithsyossetbilling@gmail.com for a one-time electronic donation. Please follow up with an email stating the intent of your gift (memorial, flowers, general offering), and we will respond with a confirmation of receipt by the next business day. Thank you for your ongoing support of Faith and its ministries! We have laminated cards to place in the offering plate during worship for those who give electronically!

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Our morning Bible study group meets two Thursdays a month at 10:30am downstairs in the music room or on Zoom. This month, we will be meeting on April 16 & 23, continuing to read through the book of Romans.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86812884989?
pwd=ZC9PWHB1TjVIRkIramxGdVY4Y3BBQT0
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Meeting ID: 868 1288 4989

Passcode: 474102

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Find your local number: [https://
us02web.zoom.us/u/kHvUdGR4j](https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kHvUdGR4j)



Monday Evening Bible Study

Pastor Rebecca is also leading an evening study group on the book of Romans on Mondays from 8-9pm in the church library or on Zoom. Due to spring break and other obligations, we will only meet on April 27th this month, and resume our weekly schedule in May.

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Meeting ID: 849 0202 4385

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Designated Gift Priorities

Faith’s Council has established a running list of designated gift priorities for our church. If you would like to give a special gift in memory or in honor of someone, or simply to support our church’s ministries outside of your regular offering, the current list is below:

- Nursery School upgrades
- Outdoor nativity
- New office laptops and software upgrades
- Fellowship Hall Lighting
Faith Music Conservation and Ministry Fund
- Landscaping and Biblical Garden upkeep
- Fellowship Hall Floor

Please contact Linda Boccafola, secretary, or Pastor Rebecca for further questions.

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Pastoral Update

Pastor Rebecca will be on vacation April 6 - 13. Pastor Martin Nale will be our guest preacher/presider on April 12 and on call for any pastoral care emergencies that week at 516-724-7044.

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April Worship:

April begins our Easter season! Our worship will focus on Living Out Christ’s Resurrection Life:

- April 5 - Fear AND Great Joy
 - April 12 - Peace Be with You
 - April 19 - Word & Sacrament
 - April 26 - Living with Abundance (Good Shepherd Sunday)
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Holy Week Schedule

- Holy Week Schedule:
 - Maundy Thursday, April 2 7pm
 - Good Friday, April 3, 7pm
 - Easter Sunday, April 5, 10am with Easter Egg Hunt immediately following
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Men’s Breakfast

The next Faith Men’s Breakfast will be on Saturday, April 11 at 8:00 AM at the On Parade Diner on Jericho Tpke in Woodbury. Please contact John Hinsch at j4bhinsch@hotmail.com for more information.

Lutheran Counseling Center Services

Faith is a member of Lutheran Counseling Center Services of Long Island. As a member of Faith, you may be eligible for sessions with a mental health therapist for \$35 per session. You are welcome to speak confidentially with Pastor Rebecca for more information, and check out their website at www.lccny.org.

Lutheran
Counseling
hope and healing
Center





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New Life Food Pantry

Faith supports the New Life Food Pantry in Franklin Square (housed at Ascension Lutheran Church). We are collecting food for Easter Food Baskets this month:

- Red & Black Dried Beans
- 64 oz. Juice or Juice boxes
- Masa Flour/Sugar/Flour
- Cookies/Easter Candy
- Shelf Stable Milk/Napkins
- Cake Mix & Frosting
- Spam/Canned Salmon
- Canned Pineapple or Peaches
- White Rice-1-2 lb. Bag or Box
- Coffee Regular/Instant/Decaf
- Tea Bags-Regular & Decaf
- Brownie Mix
- Fresh or Frozen/Pork Shoulder/
1-2 lb. Canned Ham/Chicken

In lieu of food donations grocery, Gift Certificates for Lidl, Shop Rite or Stop & Shop or monetary donation made payable to LUTHERAN FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES would be greatly appreciated.

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Register for Congregational Retreat July 2026

During Pastor Rebecca's sabbatical last summer, we were able to go on retreat as a congregation in July at Camp Koinonia. People had such a great time, we wanted to do it again, this time, with the Sheridan family. The Lilly Endowment Congregational Renewal Grant is subsidizing this year's retreat from July 17-19. Please note that this year, the cost per room ranges from \$65–\$100, and there is a \$20 fee per child ages 5–12, which also includes 4 meals. The final price will be confirmed once registration closes, at which point we will need payment. Registration is due June 14, 2026 with payment due June 28, 2026.

To officially register for this retreat, please go to the below link!

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**Eastern Nassau Conference
Women's Bible Study**

The next Bible study for women of our Eastern Nassau conference, meeting on third Thursdays, will be held at 10 a.m. on April 16th at St. David's Lutheran Church in Massapequa Park. We will continue looking at the "I Am" statements of Jesus.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Building Together
on the Lord's Foundation
**Celebration
Dinner**

SUNDAY APRIL 19TH 2026

5-7:30PM

To kick-off our campaign, we invite Faith friends and members to join us for a celebratory dinner on Sunday, April 19th from 5-7:30pm. There will be a catered dinner (suggested donation \$25 per adult, \$10 per child), silent auction, and an opportunity to learn more about the capital improvement project and how you can contribute. Please RSVP to faithsyosset@gmail.com by Sunday, April 5.



Building Together on the Lord's Foundation, Brick by Brick!

On Sunday, February 1, our congregation approved moving forward with a \$150,000 parsonage addition/renovation to add a second bathroom and larger bedroom to the parsonage, provided we raise \$65,000 before proceeding with the project. Members of our Finance Committee gave presentations, and our Stewardship Committee hosted a “fruity” coffee hour for our Bearing Fruit for Jesus campaign. We at Faith are blessed with a wonderful church. Pastor Rebecca has been an inspirational spiritual leader for the past 7 years. Our current parsonage has only one bathroom. With pastor’s family of four, including two growing daughters, a second bathroom is almost a necessity. With this renovation, our parsonage will be more attractive when we need to call future pastors as well. Now we have an important moment in our ministry when every member and friend of Faith is being asked to make a generous gift over and above their weekly pledges and offerings. The cost to construct a master bedroom and second bathroom in our parsonage is \$150,000. To achieve this goal, we are asking you to thoughtfully consider what you would be able to contribute to this project:

Platinum - \$25,000	Silver - \$5,000
Gold - \$10,000	Bronze - \$2,500

Gifts of \$2,500 or higher will be recognized on a memorial wall in our church with your chosen wording when you return the 75th anniversary card. Please speak with any Anniversary Committee member if you have further questions: Richard Lin (Council President), Lulu Millicenco-Domathoti, (Treasurer), Evelyn Meyers (Financial Secretary), Linda Boccafola (Church Administrator), Jojo Chen (Sunday School/Nursery), Carl Juul-Nielsen (Property/Finance).











Meal Packing at LuHi

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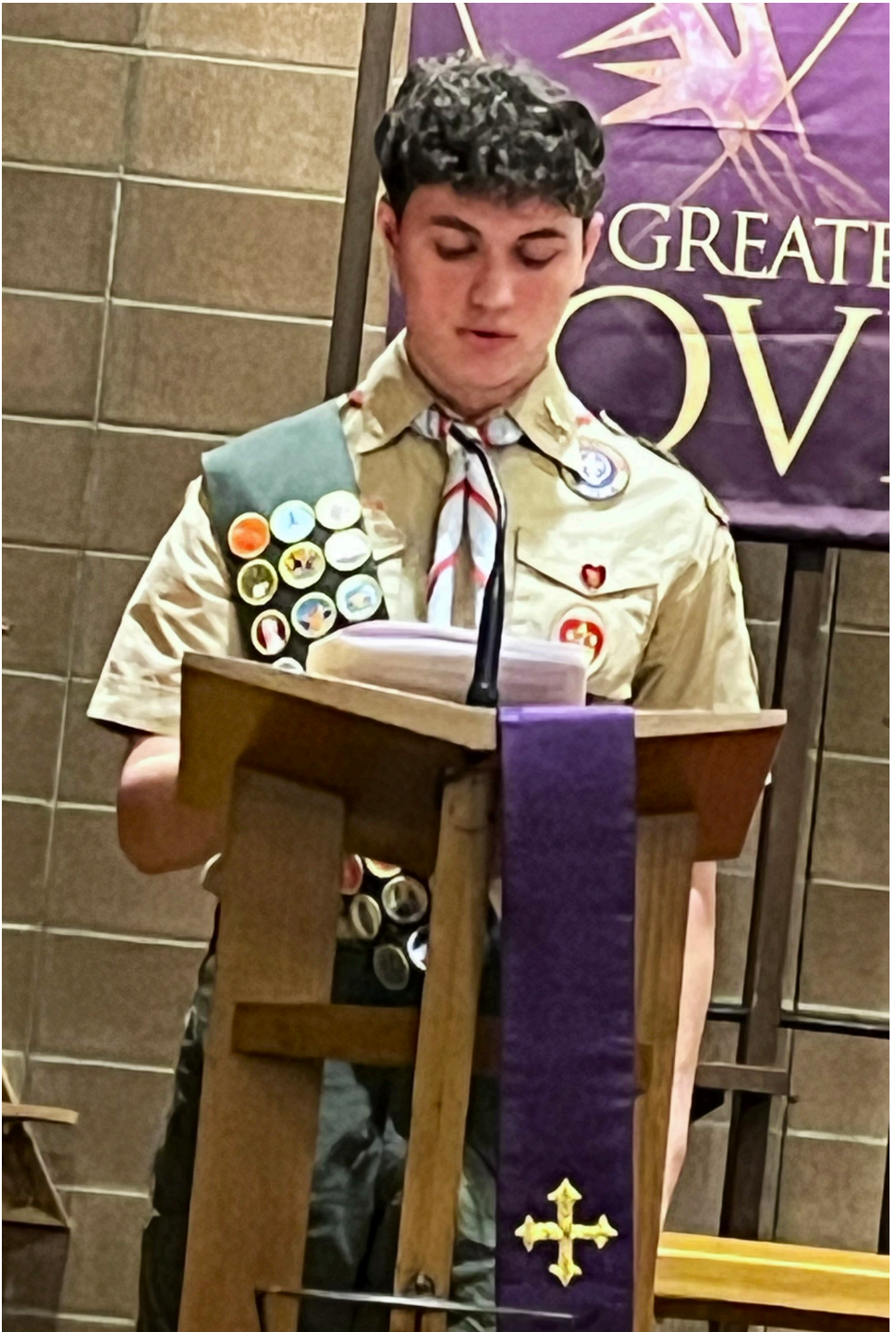




Scout Sunday

We welcomed our Scouting Troop 170 to join us for Scout Sunday worship on March 1!









Faith Open House at Tricia & Ron's

A big thank you to Tricia Shannon and Ron Geraci for hosting us at their home for a St. Patrick's Day celebration on Sunday, March 22.







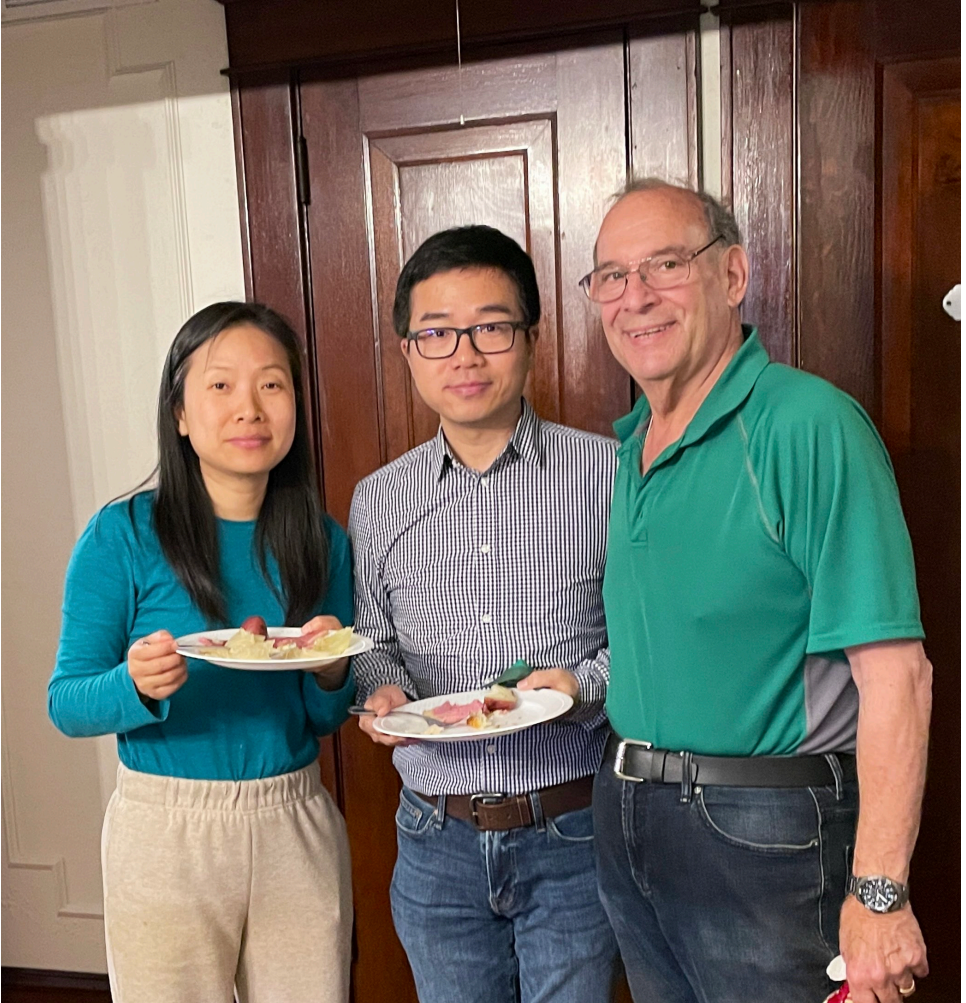












Prayer Concerns

Beth Speiser;
 Eliana Melody (granddaughter of Pam Morrith Freitag); Anthony & Lois Martillo; Barbara Krampitz; Arthur Millin (brother-in-law of Lydia Kaboolian);
 Lauren, Tommy & their daughter Emerson Wondsel (friends of Pam Freitag); Joseph Boccafola (son of Linda and Everett Boccafola); Wayne Gruber (son of Evelyn Gruber);
 Evelyn Gruber;
 Julian Hyman (friend of the Kaboolian family);
 Jennifer & Bob Male (dear friends of Lydia Kaboolian); Lorraine Benson (friend of Margaret Schuffenhauer);
 Fran, Mary Alice and Beth (sisters of Lydia Kaboolian); Harold Nahigian (Lydia Kaboolian's brother-in-law); Elizabeth Ahlers (mother of Audrey Bullaro);
 Joyce Schultz;
 Annabelle & Kara Martone (mother & daughter friends of the Rabas);
 Lauren Ebbin (granddaughter of Debbie Ostermeier);
 Susan MacDonald (friend of Patty Cadavid);
 Stan Miller (dear friend of Tricia Shannon and Ron Geraci);
 Heath Sangster (nephew-in-law of Lydia Kaboolian);

Lisa Psareas (daughter of Debbie Ostermeier);
 Rory Nicoletti (grandnephew of Tricia Shannon and Ron Geraci);
 Lisa Hinsch and Kathy Hinsch (sisters-in-law of John Hinsch);
 Olivia Melia (friend of Everett & Linda Boccafola);
 Malcom Prosser and Monty Chaikin, (friends of Belle Douglas);
 Andrew Boccafola-Fritz (Grandnephew of Linda & Everett Boccafola);
 Randy Maertz (friend of John Hinsch);
 Bonny Davidson;
 Carol Gross (friend of John Hinsch);
 Linda Boccafola;
 Nancy Kaboolian (sister-in-law of Lydia Kaboolian);
 Daniel Hemerlein (nephew of Lydia Kaboolian);
 Jim Moore;
 Jane Baltz
 Dave Mack (brother-in-law of Lydia Kaboolian);
 The family and friends of Jeanne Santoriello, former member of Faith, who entered into eternal rest on Sunday, March 8, 2026.

APRIL SERVICE SCHEDULE

	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
Acolytes	Gabby Ho	Michelle Chan	Izzy Raba	Erin Sheridan
Lectors	Lydia Kaboolian	Jeanne Sofia	Darlene Gaffney	Linda Boccafola
Counters	Evelyn Meyers Jeanne Sofia	Ruth Minkoff Pam Freitag	Pam Freitag Priscilla Ho	Ruth Minkoff Betty Schmale
Nursery	No Nursery	Darlene Gaffney Amelia Lin	Jojo Chen Izzy Raba	Priscilla Ho Gabby Ho
Sunday School Teachers	No Sunday School	Melanie & Craig Zeolla	Rich Sheridan	Jess Raba
Fellowship Host	NONE	The Zeolla Family	The Raba Family	Evelyn Meyers Chris Diekmann
Ushers	Richard Lin Jeanne Sofia	Belle Douglas Evelyn Meyers	Ronald Geraci Carl Juul-Nielsen	Joy Chen Norma Burns
	Usher	Lectors		
April 2	Ronald Geraci Norma Burns	Belle Douglas		
April 3	Carl Juul-Nielsen	Darlene Gaffney, Michelle Chan, Rich Sheridan, Erin Sheridan, Grace Sheridan, Jeanne Sofia, Abigail Ho & Gabrielle Ho		



Altar Guild for the Month of April:
Pam Freitag





Birthdays:

- April 03 — Rev. James Anderson
- April 05 — Grace Sheridan, Kevin Kahl
- April 07 — Lynn Barker
- April 11 — Blake Donahue
- April 12 — Joy Chen
- April 14 — Paula Shivcharran
- April 16 — Damian Barker, Eileen Haritonides
- April 17 — Karen Lesser, Evelyn Gruber
- April 18 — Christian Lescano
- April 21 — Andrew Xie
- April 22 — Jim Schmale, Margaret Schuffenhauer
- April 25 — James Zanfardino
- April 26 — Abigail Domathoti , Craig Zeolla
- April 30 — Belle Douglas, Ellie Erichsen

Anniversaries:

April 04 — Thomas & Janet Phelan

April 06 — Jim & Betty Schmale

April 16 — Peter & Lydia Kaboolian

April 21 — Drew & Eileen Haritonides



If you have a birthday or anniversary that we are missing, please notify the church office at 516-921-3330 or faithsyosset@gmail.com.

April 2026 Agenda

Happenings at Faith

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

Sunday March 29, 2026

Sun Apr 5, 26

- **Easter Sunday**
- 10am Worship
- **11am Easter Egg Hunt**
- 1pm Trinity

Mon Mar 30, 26

Mon Apr 6, 26

- No School
- 7pm Twin County Chorus

Tue Mar 31, 26

Tue Apr 7, 26

- No School
- 7pm LI Harmonizers

Wed Apr 1, 26

Wed Apr 8, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Boy Scouts

- No School
- 7pm Boy Scouts

Thu Apr 2, 26

Thu Apr 9, 26

- **Maundy Thursday**
- No School
- **7pm Worship**

- No School

Fri Apr 3, 26

Fri Apr 10, 26

- **Good Friday**
- No School
- **7pm Worship**

- No School

Sat Apr 4, 26

Sat Apr 11, 26

- 8:30am Men's Breakfast

April 2026 Agenda

Happenings at Faith

WEEK 3

(Continued)

WEEK 4

Sun Apr 12, 26

- 9:15am Adult Choir
- 10am Worship & Sunday School
- 1pm Trinity

Sun Apr 19, 26

- 9:15am Adult Choir
- 10am Worship & Sunday School
- 11am Children's Choir
- **11:30am Church Council**
- 1pm Trinity
- **5pm Faith Dinner**

Mon Apr 13, 26

- 9am Nursery School

Mon Apr 20, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Twin County Chorus

Tue Apr 14, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm LI Harmonizers

Tue Apr 21, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm LI Harmonizers

Wed Apr 15, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Boy Scouts

Wed Apr 22, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Boy Scouts

Thu Apr 16, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 10:30am Bible Study
- 7pm Twin County Chorus

Thu Apr 23, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 10:30am Bible Study

Fri Apr 17, 26

- No School

Fri Apr 24, 26

- 9am Nursery School

Sat Apr 18, 26

Sat Apr 25, 26

- **3-6pm Abigail Domathoti Birthday Party**

April 2026 Agenda

Happenings at Faith

WEEK 5

(Continued)

Sun Apr 26, 26

- 9:15am Adult Choir
- 10am Worship & Sunday School
- 1pm Trinity

Mon Apr 27, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 8pm Bible Study

Tue Apr 28, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm LI Harmonizers

Wed Apr 29, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Boy Scouts

Thu Apr 30, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Twin County Chorus

Fri May 1, 26

Sat May 2, 26

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Craig Zeolla

Jeanne Sofia

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