



# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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To the Penfield Zoning Board of Appeals,

This letter serves as Faith Lutheran Church's Letter of Intent for the construction and use of a 30'x60' pavilion for various events on our property (2576 Browncroft Blvd, Rochester, NY 14625). We intend to construct this pavilion and use it throughout the year. The pavilion will be located on the area north of our church's west wing (between the building and our entrance drive/parking lot). Faith's Buildings & Grounds Manager, Kurt Finkbeiner, has the authority to submit this application and act on Faith's behalf.

In April of 2021, a 20'x40' tent was approved by the Penfield Zoning Board of Appeals for use on our property. We were granted a 3-year Conditional Use Permit and our church has used the tent ever since. It has proven to be an effective use of the space north of our west wing, but it has been deemed to be too small for our ministries at Faith. Many of our events have "spilled" over onto the surrounding paved and grass areas. A larger, permanent structure in the same area is needed to provide shelter for our outdoor ministry events.

Faith Lutheran Church has many planned events that will utilize a pavilion. Our church provides child-care for around 100 children in our community on a daily basis through Faith Child Care & Nursery School (FCCNS). A pavilion will allow the children and teachers a large, sheltered, outdoor space for both teaching and recreation activities. Our FCCNS licensing agency is encouraging FCCNS and other day-care centers to add more outdoor classroom activities which is also a desire of our FCCNS parents. This added outdoor space would allow our entire FCCNS center to be outside at the same time, as different classes cannot occupy the same outdoor playground area.

Our church typically rents an outdoor pavilion for an annual "worship in the park" event in the summer. An on-site pavilion would allow our church the opportunity to worship outside at least once a month in the summer. Our youth ministry hosts outdoor community events throughout the summer and into the fall, and a pavilion would provide a large enough sheltered space for 50 teens, plus adult leaders. Our church also hosts fundraisers throughout the year for our education ministries, and this pavilion would allow gathering space when all of the other rooms in our building are being occupied or when outdoor space is preferred. Faith also hosts a "Rise Against Hunger" event at our church where we package 40,000 meals for hungry families in NY State and around the world. Rise Against Hunger is one of the biggest events we do every year and dozens of Penfield families, sports teams, and businesses typically volunteer at this event. The pavilion would be large enough to house this large community event with enough tables and chairs for 100 volunteers at one time. Every summer, Faith hosts a "Vacation Bible School" for children in kindergarten through 8th grade. An outdoor pavilion would allow us to have more sheltered space on our property for children in our community to gather and learn together.

For over 60 years, our church has been a gathering place for people of all ages to learn, grow, and connect with each other. We know that this pavilion will allow us to continue to learn, grow, and connect with our Penfield neighbors in the beautiful outdoors for years to come. We are proud to be part of the Penfield community and we look forward to serving its residents for years and decades to come!

Sincerely,

**Pastor Peter Johnson**

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The arches of the structure resemble the arches in the church auditorium which was our original sanctuary. Several picnic tables in the pavilion could be very useful.



Kurt's plan is to extend the concrete pad to the North side of the FCCNS wing, connect it with the Courtyard sidewalk and extend it to the edge of the pavilion roof on the north and west side of the structure. Note the attractive concrete work around the steel columns in this installation.



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# 2576 Browncroft Blvd Aerial Map

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