

# LIFE TOGETHER This Week

# Week of March 12, 2024 Vol 148 Real Faith For Real Life

# Maundy Thursday

Join us for a Communion service on Thursday, March 28 at 7 pm.



# Good Friday–March 29

**10 am Children's Service:** We present the story of Holy Week and the resurrection followed by an egg hunt. **Noon:** In person

7 **pm**: In-person and live-streamed on our website

## Easter Sunday—March 31

8:00 am
9:00 am
10:00 am (Also live-streamed on our website)
11:00 am
There will be no Sunday School, nursery care nor coffee hour on Easter Sunday.



## **FPLC Easter Garden**

Spring plants will be used to decorate the church during our Easter services. If you would like to purchase a plant to add to the decorations on that Sunday, please fill out an Easter Garden form. You

may use the QR code or link below to fill out the form and enter your payment. If you prefer a paper copy of the form, they are available in Fellowship Hall.

A list of donors will be published in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Please specify the individual(s) who you would like to have this plant be in honor of, or in memory of. Plants may be picked up following the 11am service on Easter Sunday, March 31, or on Tuesday, April 2.

Each plant is \$30. There is a firm deadline of Monday, March 18, for the forms and payment.

Thank you!







The Chosen: Wednesdays in Lent Series Join us for the final session! We'll

watch episodes of *The Chosen*, a historical drama based on the life of Jesus and those who knew him. There's time led by Pastor Bill and Pastor Bruce to talk about what we have seen and what it can mean for our lives. Snacks provided. March 13; 7-8:30 pm.

# Let Us Know You're Attending!

# Fox Point M**\***ms

# Fox Point Moms—New Group!

Friday, March 15; 9:30 am – 11 am Join us for our first meeting! This is for moms of all ages with children/grandchildren of all ages! We'll support each other on mom and family issues and discuss a short devotional at each meeting. We're creating a judgement-free time to mentor each other, vent,

ask parenting, family or spousal questions and be a support to each other. We plan to meet twice a month.

Please let us know if you are coming so we can plan the space accordingly. Just click the link below to sign up. If you have any questions, contact Stacia Hickey; <u>stacia@foxpointchurch.org</u>.

We are working on an evening group as well! If you are interested in that, please click this link for a brief survey: <u>EVENING GROUP</u>.

# Friday RSVP

FPLC Office Hours Monday–Thursday from 8:30 am–4 pm

See our webpage for all information regarding virtual worship, outreach, and children & youth programs. Click  $\rightarrow$ 









### High School Youth Trip Monday, July 22 – Sunday, July 28

Minneapolis has so much to offer—beautiful lakes, a wide range of entertainment and recreation options, even a mall with its own indoor theme park. But the city has its challenges too: people who are homeless, families struggling to pay bills, elderly homeowners unable to keep up their houses and children at risk of falling into bad situations.

On our summer mission trip you'll have the chance to minister to the "least of these" that Jesus described in Matthew 25. They are the homeless and hungry

**Registration Form** 

living on the streets, the senior citizens in need of help with home care, the children who need help learning to read, the members of a small inner-city church who want to make a difference in their community but don't have the resources to do it on their own.

There is always room for opportunities to make great friends on this trip and to strengthen your student's bond with their church community. Important lessons and memories stick with these kids for a lifetime! We hope you will join us on this faith-building, service-providing, friendship-boosting adventure!

### Important Trip Info:

- When both the Registration Form (see link below) and deposit (\$350) are submitted, a spot will be secured for your student, provided there is space available (limited to 56 spots for the trip).
- The deposit of \$350 is refundable until May 1.
- Final payment will be due on Wednesday, May 1. An invoice will be sent for the remaining balance of \$350.
- We'll be staying in the Springhill Suites 4 miles west of downtown.
- We'll be traveling in groups by van.





## **High School Youth Group**

Hang out with friends, make new friends, and have fun while learning about your faith. The group meets on Sundays from 6-7:30 pm. Contact Hannah Knapp with any questions;

hannah@foxpointchurch.org.

We're working hard to create some great events for the rest of the year!

### **Upcoming Dates:**

March 17: Pastor Bill will be leading the group this week and he's working on something for a fun evening!
April 7: Activity TBD
April 21: Activity TBD
May 5: Activity TBD
May 19: Senior Celebration Night!
June 2: (During church service) Senior Send-Off
Mission Trip Dates: Monday, July 22 – Sunday, July 28



### The Point Cafe—Lower Level

Did you know our lower level Point Cafe is open most Sunday mornings? Grab a donut, coffee or a specialty coffee after services. It's a

great place to catch up with friends after church. The cafe is staffed by our high schoolers. There's no charge for the coffees, but they accept "trip tips". Tips collected help offset the cost of the '24 Mission Trip!





Cooking is a way to Love & Serve FPLC's new Meal Ministry



## Cooking with Compassion—Serve with Joy!

Put your cooking skills to good use making a meal for one of our outreach partners, an FPLC family or group from time to time!

This is a new Meal Ministry program at FPLC. There's no obligation. If the date sent out doesn't work for you, there's no need to respond. Expenses can be reimbursed. Click the link below to sign up.

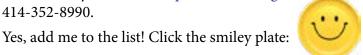
### How It Will Work

We'll send the Meal Ministry Group an email with all the details and a link to sign up for a meal. We'll provide meal suggestions, recipes if something specific is needed, or in many cases, you can create your own menu if you'd like. There's no obligation; pick the dates that work for you as they come up.

### Why Are We Doing This?

We are seeing an increase in a need for meals among our partners, our members and sometimes for church events. With this method, we can divide up the responsibilities, making the commitment easier to manage. It also gives more people at FPLC opportunities to use their gifts to help others.

Are you interested but have some questions? Contact Stacia Hickey at <u>stacia@foxpointchurch.org</u> or 414-352-8990.



# BLANKET & SHEET SET DRIVE

#### MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary

We are collecting queen and king sheet sets and queen and king blankets for MBHS. (Including electric, but no smaller sizes at this time.)

Many of their guests are homeless or staying in under-heated or unheated living spaces. Their only bed may be a blanket, so donations are needed year-round.

We are accepting new or gently used (washed) items. Please make sure they are in a closed bag so they stay clean and organized while being delivered.

Leave your donations in the marked cart in the FPLC entryway on Sundays or during office hours.

Thank you!

Contact Stacia Hickey with any questions: stacia@foxpointchurch.org



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## Lunches for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary—Sunday March 24

### Lunch making: Sunday, March 24; 10 am

Help us make 150 bag lunches for MBHS—no need to sign up! Just come down to the lower level Commons.

**Delivery Driver Needed: Tuesday, March 26; delivery time is between 10:15 am and 10:45 am** Pick up the 150 bag lunches at FPLC and take them to MacCanon Brown Homeless sanctuary. They unload for you! If you are able to do this, please contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org or sign up by clicking <u>HERE</u>!









# **Food Needs Rising**

Our partners are seeing many more guests at their weekly food pantries. This list includes items our local food pantry partners say are the items most preferred by their guests. There is a

special need for the items in bold. The collection cart is just inside the main FPLC doors.

Spam

### Food Needs:

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Bush's Baked Beans
Canned black eyed peas
Ensure
Dinty Moore Stew
SpaghettiOs
Canned fruit
Canned pasta sauce
Canned beef and chicken
Soup (not tomato)
Baby formula

Sardines Tuna Vienna sausages Mac & cheese Canned vegetables 16 oz oatmeal **Canned Pasta Pasta Sauce in cans or plastic Honey Nut Cheerios/Cereal** 

### **Personal Care Items:**

#### (Regular full-sized preferred, not bulk size)

Men's deodorant Women's deodorant Body wash Toothpaste Shampoo Conditioner Body lotion Toilet paper Lip balm Bar soap



### FPLC Blood Drive—March 21; 1-6 pm

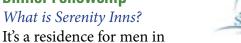
Did you know that every ONE blood donation goes on to help THREE patients in need? Isn't it amazing how generosity multiplies?

Reserve your spot for our March drive now!

Click the heart to register for the March 21 date!

March 21; 1-6 pm May 23; 1-6 July 23; 1-6 pm September 24; 1-6 pm November 26; 1-6 pm

# Serenity Inns Dinner Fellowship



recovery from alcohol and/or drug abuse in Milwaukee. FPLC has had a long volunteer relationship with SI.

### What to expect when volunteering?

You will make dinner for the Inns at home & take it to the Inns on your chosen date. You deliver it warm by 5:45 pm (for a 6 pm start time) and join them for dinner and conversation. Because the number of residents is around 8-12, two families may want to volunteer together. You will cook for yourselves, the men and the innkeeper. You're usually on your way home by 7 pm.

Sign up on the website (see link below), on the sign-up in Fellowship Hall or contact FPLC member Lorraine Buehler; <u>lcbuehler@cs.com</u>. Lorraine is happy to answer any of your questions.

Click here to sign up!



# Learn the Basics of Baby Massage

Best for babies 2 weeks to under 12 months and their parent(s)/guard-



*ian(s)*. Infant massage can relieve fussiness, pain and discomfort for the baby as well as help babies fall asleep sooner and sleep more restfully. Bring your baby, wear comfy clothes and bring a blanket to class as we will be on the floor. Handouts will be provided.

Date: April 19; Additional sessions are the 3rd Friday of the month. You only need to attend one class, but can come to more if you would like. Time: 11:15 am – 12:15 pm Limit: 6 families per session Registration: Call or email Angie Biersach,

414-207-2808 or <u>angiebiersach@gmail.com</u> to RSVP.



# Fox Point Church



# Bayside Garden Cards

You'll find everything you need, including indoor home decor, or plants and bird feeders at

pots, tools, soil, indoor plants and bird feeders at Bayside Gardens.

Bayside Gardens helps us send teens in Tanzania to high school—an FPLC commitment of \$10,000 a year. All you have to do is purchase Bayside gift cards at church (NOT at the garden center). We retain 15% of each card's cost, which helps us keep our promise to our partner dioceses in Tanzania.

Cards can be purchased at the Welcome Desk on Sundays or in the church office during the week. *Cards purchased at Bayside Gardens do not benefit our program*.



# Women's Book Club

This group meets approximately every 6 weeks and reads a variety of genre depending on interests in

the group. It's an informal, fun time together. We take turns leading the discussion.

No meeting in March, join us in April!

**Date:** April 8; *Dinner with Ruth* by Nina Totenberg **Time:** 7 pm

Location: FPLC

Contact: Joanne Ginster; jmginster@yahoo.com



## **Support Luther Manor**

Luther Manor is having its annual Friends of Luther Manor fundraising campaign. This program helps finance

projects which enrich the lives of their residents and provides care for residents who could not afford it on their own. To learn all they provide for the residents and to pick up a remittance card, stop by the display at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings!



### **Caregivers Support Group**

Led by FPLC member Susan Halling, a marriage and family therapist, this support group is for caregivers dealing with changes in family dynamics.

Challenges include: role reversal, juggling responsibilities, handling dementia, loss and transitions as we move into uncharted territory. This group meets Fridays at 10:30 am in FPLC's first floor Heritage Room. If you are interested in joining or learning more, please call the FPLC office at 414-352-8990.



## Quilters/Piecemakers

Join us as we make quilts for those in need. New members are always welcome and we'll teach you what to do. Bring your lunch and enjoy a break with other

quilters. Come and go as your schedule permits.

Date: Tuesday, March 19 Time: 9 am – 1:30 pm Location: Fellowship Hall Contact: Ellen Feider; 414-435-8440; <u>efeiderwi@gmail.com</u>



## Drink Mt. Meru Coffee at Home!

You can purchase Mt. Meru Coffee (beans, ground, regular, decaf, Seasonal Premium Mt. Meru coffee, k-cups) at church to brew at home. We also have "Specialty 6-Packs" with smaller packages of flavored coffee

blends. All of these can be found in Fellowship Hall and the Point Cafe.

Not only is the coffee delicious, but your purchase helps support the growers running small coffee farms in the Meru District of Tanzania.

Stop by the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings or in the office during the week to make your purchases.







### **Coffee Hosts Needed!** April 7 & 28 at 10:30 am

Hosts make the coffee and serve the donuts on Sundays. You are still able to attend the church service. Just slip in at the back as the service is starting and slip out as it's ending. Families are welcome to volunteer

with their kids! It's also a great Service Opportunity for our Confirmation students (with an adult).

**10:30 am shift:** (Approx 10 am – 11:45 am) Keep the coffee brewing, fill the donut trays as needed and clean up afterwards.

If you'd like to help with this important part of Sunday mornings, please sign up with the link below or contact Lori Barrieau in the church office if you have any questions; 414-352-8990.

Click here to sign up and read the instructions!



# **Hospital Visits**

If you or a loved one is ever hospitalized and would like a visit or phone call from a pastor (or just for them to know you are hospitalized), please call the church office to let them know; 414-352-8990. Due to HIPAA rules, hospitals are not allowed to share with us that you are a patient.



## **Sheepshead Group at FPLC** All Are Welcome!! Upcoming Dates: Friday March 22

Declared the official card game of Milwaukee in 1983, Sheepshead is a staple

to Wisconsin card players.

Are you interested in joining a group of Sheepshead players to meet at church for some friendly competition? We play in Fellowship Hall, on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. We will have "learning aids" available to help with the basics, and experienced players to guide you.

We are looking forward to sharing the fun! For more information, contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org or call: 414-352-8990.



### March Men's Club—The Joy of Sailing Thursday, March 21, 11:30 am

Hear about the Joy of Sailing with FPLC member Dick Kinney. Enjoy lunch and learn about time on the water!

Date: Thursday, March 21 Time: 11:30 am Location: Fellowship Hall Cost: \$10; includes lunch Contact: Sign up in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Jim Kimmel; jim.kimmel42@gmail.com; 615-519-4177.

### **April Women's Club**

Learn how The MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary and its staff are transforming lives in Milwaukee. Sister MacCanon Brown will share how they turned an abandoned warehouse into a vibrant refuge and resource center.

When: Wednesday, April 10 Times: 11:30 am; fellowship Noon; lunch 12:45 pm; speaker

Where: Fellowship Hall

**Cost:** No cost for the lunch, due to a Thrivent Action Team Grant, however, please bring personal hygiene products, baby diapers (size 3-6) or nonprescription glasses ("readers") in the amount equal or more than you would normally pay for lunch (\$10.00).

**Sign up:** In Fellowship Hall, through the link below or through the church website (Connections – then Women's Club) by Sun. April 7th – noon

**Contact:** Gail Sommerfeld at <u>sommerfeld56@gmail.com</u> or 262-395-0396.





Sr. MacCanon Brown







### Vacation Bible School Registration is OPEN! June 17-21 9 am – Noon

Are you currently in K4-3rd grade? Then bring lots of friends and join us for this fun and faith-filled week!

# Imagine! Create! Build! Even Break!

We will be making lots of things, but whatever we make: we will make it FUN, we will make it GOOD, and we will make it for GOD!

Register by clicking the gear:

Fee: \$75 per child



\*Scholarships available, contact the church office.

We are looking for volunteers! If you can help for a few hours or every day, please contact Julie Schlifske; julie@foxpointchurch.org

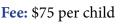
### Little Lambs Registration is OPEN! June 17-21 9:15 – 11:45 am

Little Lambs is designed for children who have turned age 3 by January 1, 2024, through those currently in a P3 program.



Join us as we sing, play games, make crafts and investigate how to follow Jesus.

Register by clicking the lamb:



\*Scholarships available, contact the church office.



Confirmation meets on Wednesdays from 7 – 8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Our schedule through April is as follows:

\*March: 13 April: 3 & 10 \*This is our last week of watching episodes of *The Chosen* in the sanctuary with the congregation.

All Confirmation-related dates are also on our website through the link below.

You'll find all things Confirmation on our website here: <u>CONFIRMATION</u>. Questions? Contact Lori Barrieau; <u>lori@foxpointchurch.org</u> or 414-352-8990.

# **Confirmation Service Opportunities**

As our Confirmation families know, each student is required to participate in a certain number of service opportunities as part of their Confirmation experience. Ideally, they will participate in 3 opportunities per year that help FPLC and 3 per year that take place out in our community.

This time of year is the perfect time to make sure your student is on track with their SOPs! We have plenty of opportunities coming up.

Following are some popular SOPs in which your student can participate:

### **Internal to FPLC:**

Contact Lori Barrieau for info/sign up: lori@foxpointchurch.org

- Ushering on Sundays
- Coffee Hosting with a parent(s)

### **Community SOPs:**

- Serenity Inns Dinner Fellowship; click: Serenity Inns
- Lunches for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary; see our website <u>HERE</u>.



# PRAYER LIST All in The Family

**Join us on Sunday, for the virtual service.** If you or your family need anything we can help you with, call the office at 414-352-8990 or email <u>church@</u> <u>foxpointchurch.org</u>!

### We encourage you to keep these people in your prayers during the week.

**Julie Anderson** Artie Rob Bartelt Kim Bell Gabby Biancuzzo **Jav Blair** Mary Ellen Bloomquist Brenda Charley Christine Brown Kathv C John Chamberlain Cheryl Chris Christine Claire Chrystal Craig Jane D. Lyle Dabney Pr. Dan

Sheila Dlugi Jennifer Doss Eden **Cammy Endres** Erin Lu Farwig Frank **Rick Frank** Andrea G. Jenny G. Joan Gildner Gregg Guy Anna H. Heather Heidi Sue Hiller Sally Hook Iim Joan Iohn

Ion Donna Jordahl Iulia Randy K. Helen Kappmeyer Karan Kath Nadene Kramer Corrine Kraus Leslie Linda Steve M. Andy Meser Pat Meyer Michael Mike Pastor Gerry Miller Michael Miller Tom Moran Nancy

Curt Nash Nita Robert Palmer Patrick Paul Peter Rachel Rebecca Rick Robert Dave Rotter Stephen Ruth Schmidt Iane T. Terry Thad Tom Mike Umland Camp Van Dyke Cory Zamora

### **Prayer Requests**

Now you can make a prayer request through our website. Click <u>Prayer</u> <u>Requests</u> to submit a form or submit a request through email—<u>church@fox-</u> <u>pointchurch.org</u>.

- **Military**
- Alex Ian Ben Kyan Cooper Matthew David Grant

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS. - Matthew 28:20

### Congratulations

Abigail Lynn Behm, daughter of David and Brittany Behm, was baptized March 10.

### Condolences

Our sympathy and prayers are with Mary Sprague on the death of her father, Milton Hamilton, on February 9 at the age of 98.



### **Grief Support at Fox Point Church**

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? Do you need encouragement and support as you navigate your grief? Would you be interested in participating in a facilitated

twelve-session grief support group with others who are also grieving? If so, or to learn more, please reach out to Pastor Bruce by phone or by email; 414-352-8990; <u>pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org.</u>

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Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, March 13. If you would like to receive Mary's devotions on a weekly basis, please sign up here: <u>Weekly Devotion</u>

### Hello!

"Do not worry about anything. Talk to God about everything. Thank him for what you have. Ask him for what you need. Then God will give you peace, a peace which is too wonderful to understand. That peace will keep your hearts and minds safe as you trust in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:6-7

Estate sales are both fascinating and poignant. Looking at someone's life through their precious, yet sometimes mundane objects always makes me ponder my own life and what I have brought to it. Families often leave behind what we might consider "dear" objects, photos and precious silver, even wedding rings. One of my "finds" was a needlepoint sign, white with blue embroidered trim...smallish, with three words stitched into it: Peace on Earth. It sounds more like Christmas, doesn't it? But it's Lent and maybe the peace we seek now is more introspective.

"A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet, I am not alone for my Father is with me. I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." – John 16:33

Jesus never said that peace would be easy to come by, or even that it might be a permanent state of affairs; we see a lack of peace played out every day in the world, in national and local news, and perhaps in ourselves. Peace isn't just the absence of conflict, rather it can be achieved in our own ways of thinking...an inner peace. Jesus knew it would require work on our part; practice, prayer, patience, grace and mostly love to feel a calm and a sense of freedom that we can find only with Him and with our connection to Him. In Lent, we can discover in ourselves the peace that Jesus meant for us. With Him...the One who has overcome the world for us!

"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us." – Romans 5:8

We pray with and for each other, from a beautiful blessing we hear on Sunday mornings— *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.* " – *Numbers 6:24-26* Blessings for a week abundant with peace. – Mary