

Fox Point Church Messenger

Real Faith for Real Life

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Fox Point Building Plans & Conversation

...Moving Forward!

Your Building Committee continues to take important steps to resolve the facilities challenges we have shared with you. Things have been "Moving Forward!"

This past fall, we shared a number of issues with our current FPLC facilities, and proposed possible solutions. Your response to our building campaign survey signaled your strong support for some bold renovation and expansion ideas. The overwhelming message has been, "It's about time."

We are connected with two firms to help us in our steps forward. As we have already shared, consultant Tim Johnson, with Kairos and Associates, will be leading our capital campaign efforts as we will invite everyone to consider their gift and/or three-year pledge. Tim's next step will be to spend a few days with Fox Point members to receive your input and perspectives.

The Building Committee is also working with Abacus Architects and meeting on a weekly basis. They are an outstanding company, integrating our varied facility needs,

the feedback from the fall survey, and some newer considerations to create a final plan to share with you.

Yet, as can happen with projects of this scope, we are currently working through a couple of issues regarding building easements with the Village of Fox Point. This has added to our timeline a bit, but we anticipate a favorable resolution and Village approval is just a part of the process. Watch for more updates very soon.

Please continue praying for our church and this important vision to expand the quality and impact of our ministries through these exciting building improvements and expansion.

Should you have any questions at all, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Bill, phone 414-352-8990.

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Service of Christian Healing

During both services on February 24, we will be taking time to pray for and to lay hands on those who need God's healing touch. In years past this service has had a powerful and profound impact on the lives and health of those who attend.

We know that in our daily lives, it is often touch, the hand on the shoulder, the hug of a friend, the cuddle of a child, that lets us know that we are loved. Touch, often more than words, is a way of giving physical expression to our prayers and concerns for each other. Healing comes thorough the ministry of the body of Christ, and we invite everyone to come forward to the altar rail during the service to receive the laying on of hands for the healing of body, mind, or spirit. Others may prefer to remain in their seats and to join in with words of prayer. Those coming forward may wish to mention the names of others for whom they are concerned.

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Through the love and care of us all, God can act and become present to those in need, both healing and restoring. We trust God to answer our prayers for healing, but we do not know how or when our prayers will be answered. We simply trust God to act in love for us, out of a deeper knowledge of our needs than we ourselves have. We know, too, that to be involved in the healing ministry requires our willingness to be involved in the process of change – change which may involve us in action as well as prayer. Our worship and daily lives belong together.

Please join us for this powerful worship experience.



Music News

Palm Sunday Requiem—Singers Welcome

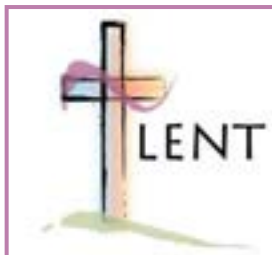
We welcome any singers who would like to join the Chancel Choir for our performance of the Requiem. Experience the compelling music of the season of Lent. As part of the Chancel Choir you will present REQUIEM by John Rutter, with string and wind accompaniment, on Palm Sunday, April 14. No auditions required. Rehearsals for this marvelous composition are held within our regular 7:00 Thursday evening Chancel Choir meeting time. You may recall that Fox Point Church has performed this major work in the past. Questions – Jim Kimmel 615.519.4177 or jim.kimmel42@gmail.com.

What is a Requiem?

Requiem is a Latin word meaning “rest”. It is part of the opening words of the Roman Catholic Mass for the Dead, which is spoken or sung in Latin.

Who is John Rutter?

Born in London in 1945, John Rutter is widely known as a composer and director. His Requiem, set in English and Latin, has become perhaps the most performed requiem of our time, following in the footsteps of the Mozart and Verdi Requiems.



Mentor Our Confirmands During Lent

Every year our confirmation program offers 7th and 8th graders the chance to get to know an adult member of our congregation (and vice versa!) through our Lenten

Mentor Program. On Wednesday nights in Lent, groups of 3-4 confirmands meet with their mentor for a group experience, then have a guided discussion about life, prayer and faith (which often includes the group heading out for a treat—ice cream, coffee, etc.). Our Lenten program meets from 7-8:30 pm on: March 13, March 20, April 3, and April 10.

If you'd like to be a mentor in this incredible program, please contact Kyle Jagler at 414-352-8990 or kyle@foxpointchurch.org

Care Package Program Needs Addresses

We are looking for addresses for our post-high school members (approx. ages 18-22). Our High School Youth Group students will be putting together Care Packages (this includes high school grads from the last 4 years who entered college, the work force, or the military after high school graduation).

If you would like your son or daughter to receive a package, please go to our website and click on the Care Packages link under "Announcements" to share their contact information.

We need all of this information no later than JANUARY 31.

Caregivers Support Group

Formerly called "The Challenges of Aging Parents"

Led by Susan Halling, a marriage and family therapist, this weekly support group will provide support for caregivers dealing with changes in family dynamics. Common challenges include: role reversal, juggling multiple responsibilities, dealing with dementia and loss and making necessary transitions as we move into uncharted territory. All new members are welcome! You can come, or call Susan with any questions. 262-241-5197 or halling@wi.rr.com

Date: Every Friday

Time: 10:30 am

Location: The Pine Room





It's Your Move, . . .

For more than a decade, Fox Point Lutheran church has offered a ministry to men and women grieving the loss of their spouse or another person close in their lives. It's a good, effective small group ministry. People come and go. Lives have become healthier. There's been internal spiritual growth, emotional growth, a maturing understanding of the dynamics of dying and grieving, etc. Even when the issue isn't death, dying and grieving, all kinds of others concerns, some big, others small, are honored.

We've all been there, but often it is best with a companion.

Location: FPLC Pine Room

Time: Every Tuesday 9:30 – 10:30 am
Leadership sometimes changes; the group is coordinated by Pr. Dan Thurmer.

Sunday Morning Group

Everything is possible with God by Rick Warren

This six-week study looks at your faith. Is it strong or weak? Is it steady or stretched? More importantly, would you like your faith to be stronger? Your Faith is like a muscle. It needs to be exercised and developed. And God uses a predictable pattern and process to build your faith. It's what Pastor Rick calls the Six Phases of Faith. Once you understand these six phases, you can cooperate with God in the process of strengthening your faith and building your character.

Date: Sunday, February 10 for 6 weeks

Time: 10:15 – 11:30 am

Location: Pine Room

Contact: Kate Blake, kblake74@gmail.com

FPLC Annual Meeting

Join us for the Annual Meeting after the 10:30 service on February 10 in the Chapel. Annual Reports will be available for you to read and take with you.



Knit Wits

This group is comprised of many different levels of knitters. We invite anyone who enjoys knitting to join us the second Tuesday of the month. Prayer shawls provide comfort to those who are facing surgery, experiencing the loss of a loved one, or in other times of stress.

We use size 11 or 13 needles with Lion Brand Homespun yarn.

Date: Tuesday, February 12

Time: 7 pm

Location: The Pine Room

Contact: Sandy Lind, 262-241-8131



Women's & Men's Clubs – Joint Meeting Get to Know Pr. Margaret Schoewe

Please join us for this special joint meeting! Our visitation pastor, Margaret Schoewe, will be our guest speaker. She joined the FPLC staff last March and faithfully visits our shut-in members and they love her! Pastor Margaret is anxious to meet other people from our congregation and her presentation will allow us to get to know her a little better and introduce ourselves to her.

Date: Wednesday, February 13, please sign up by Sun. Feb. 10

Time: 11:30 am

Location: Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$8.00

Contact: Gail Sommerfeld at sommerfeld56@gmail.com or 262-395-0396 with any questions or concerns.



Downtown Lunch with God

Come join us over your lunch hour to discuss bitesized reflections to feed your spirit. The reflections include Scripture and are brief

enough to ponder over a quick lunch, yet deep enough to keep you thinking the remainder of the day.

New members are welcome any time!

Study Topic: *Serendipity Bible Series: Relationships at Work*

Location: 411 E. Wisconsin Ave.

Day: February 14; 2nd Thurs of every month

Time: Noon

Contact: Lori Lorenz, lorenzlh92@gmail.com



Piecemakers/Quilters

As the winter temperatures decrease the need for warm quilts increases. To meet that need Piecemakers will assemble quilts on Tuesday,

February 19th. One can learn the assembly process in minutes. Bring your lunch and enjoy a morning of friendship and good will.

Date: Tuesday, February 19

Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Place: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Sharon Hipke. 414-352-1605 or edsharhip@gmail.com



Thursday Morning Mom to Mom Group

Our Thursday morning group will run Thursdays in February, March, and April from 9:30-11 am in the Pine Room. The topic is yet to be determined, possibly God-centered mom podcasts and discussions. This small group is for any women with kids! Child care is provided.

Watch future publications for more information on the specific dates and topics.

For information, please contact Angie Biersach at angiebiersach@gmail.com.

Youth & Children's Ministries

Confirmation

Confirmation Workshops

We look forward to seeing you this month! We will meet on February 6, 20 and 27.

Lenten Mentor Program

Our Confirmation Workshops change to programs focusing on Lent beginning March 13 and running through April 10. Confirmands meet with their mentor for a group experience, then have a guided discussion about life, prayer and faith (which includes the group heading out for a treat—ice cream, coffee, etc.). Confirmation parents: If you are interested in being a mentor for this portion of the Confirmation program, please contact Kyle Jagler at 414-352-8990 or kyle@foxpointchurch.org

Confirmation Save the Date(s):

April

SAT. & SUN.
27-28

New Date!!

8th grade Affirm Retreat

May

WEDNESDAY
15

Confirmation Rehearsal

SUNDAY
19

Confirmation Sunday!



Save the Date!

We have already reserved our camping spot for the 2019 Apostle Island trip! If your current 6th or 7th grader would like to go on this amazing trip next summer, mark these dates on your calendar: July 8-12, 2019



High School Youth Group

Sunday, February 3 – Dig Deeper “Our Christian Life is Like the Super Bowl!”

A dig deep program comparing our Christian life to the Super Bowl, it's amazing to see all of the connections!

Meet in the Youth Room during the 10:30 service



Sunday, February 17 – Care Packages

Come hang out and pack care packages as we send some love to our folks in college, the workplace, or military.

7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 24 – Abraham Lincoln Appreciation Night

An evening of fun and games centered around President Abraham Lincoln. Really?

YES!

**All participants will leave with currency in hand!

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



We're Going to Boston!

July 21-27

The trip is full! However, if you would like to get on the waiting list, please contact Kyle: 414-352-8990 or kyle@foxpointchurch.org.

VBS & VBX Save the Dates!

Mark your calendars for August 5-9! Stay tuned for more information on these great summer programs!



Yulitza Adorno-Jonas

Sophia Jonas

Johann Albrecht

Kennedy Knapp

Ava Albrecht

Harrison Krupski

Kate Baden

Sean Libal

Audrey Berry

Vivian Malle

Olivia Biancuzzo

Isabela Mies

Will Bruett

Savanna Miller

Caitlin Caulfield

April Mittnacht

Caitlyn Cortese

Allison Mittnacht

Macy Damon

Quinn Muderlak

Ben Doss

Gwendalyn Murray

Daniel Elling

Catharine Roberts

Jack Ferguson

Maya Schimelfenyg

William Gefke

Sylvie Schimelfenyg

Hannah Gruendyke

Hayden Summ

Lauren Huizenga

Thomas Vater

Congratulations to our students receiving their
First Communion today.

February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p> <p>7th Grade Prayer Retreat Ends</p> <p>9 & 10:30 Worship</p> <p>9 & 10:30 Sunday School</p> <p>10 am Children's Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5 pm Chili Cookoff</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1 pm Blood Drive</p> <p>7 pm Monday Night Small Group</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30 am Eye Opener Small Grp</p> <p>8:30 Sr. Exercise</p> <p>9:30 Moving On</p> <p>6:30 Yoga</p> <p>7 pm Refugee Crisis Small Group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8:30 am Senior Exercise</p> <p>6 pm Joyful Noise</p> <p>7 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>Feb. 1</p> <p>6:30 am Building Committee Meeting</p> <p>10:30 Care Givers Support Group</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Holy Communion</p> <p>9 & 10:30 Worship</p> <p>9 & 10:30 Sunday School</p> <p>10 am Children's Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 HS Youth Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10 am Monday Morning Small Group</p> <p>7 pm Monday Night Small Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 Eye Opener Small Grp</p> <p>8:30 Sr. Exercise</p> <p>9:30 Moving On</p> <p>5 pm Outreach Meeting</p> <p>6:30 Yoga</p> <p>7 pm Refugee Crisis Small Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 pm Women's Book Study</p> <p>7 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30 Sr. Exercise</p> <p>6 pm Joyful Noise</p> <p>7 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 am Building Committee Meeting</p> <p>10:30 Care Givers Support Group</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9 & 10:30 Worship</p> <p>9 & 10:30 Sunday School</p> <p>10 am Children's Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:15 Small Group</p> <p>Annual Meeting— Following the 10:30 service</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7 pm Monday Night Small Group</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 am Eye Opener Small Grp</p> <p>8:30 Sr. Exercise</p> <p>9:30 Moving On</p> <p>7 pm Knit Wits</p> <p>7 pm Refugee Crisis Small Group</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11:30 Men's and Women's Clubs</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30 Sr. Exercise</p> <p>Noon Lunch w/God</p> <p>6 pm Serenity Inn</p> <p>6 Joyful Noise</p> <p>7 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 am Building Committee Meeting</p> <p>10:30 Care Givers Support Group</p> <p>6 pm Serenity Inn</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:45 am The Gathering</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Holy Communion</p> <p>9 & 10:30 Worship</p> <p>9 & 10:30 Sunday School</p> <p>10 am Children's Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:15 Small Group</p> <p>7 pm HS Youth Group</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10 am Monday Morning Small Group</p> <p>7 pm Monday Night Small Group</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 am Eye Opener Small Grp</p> <p>8:30 Sr. Exercise</p> <p>9 Piecemakers</p> <p>9:30 Moving On</p> <p>6:30 Yoga</p> <p>7 pm Refugee Crisis Small Group</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30 pm Women's Book Study</p> <p>7 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:30 am Senior Exercise</p> <p>6 pm Joyful Noise</p> <p>7 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30 am Building Committee Meeting</p> <p>10:30 Care Givers Support Group</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Healing Service</p> <p>9 & 10:30 Worship</p> <p>9 & 10:30 Sunday School</p> <p>9 am Wittmann Baptism</p> <p>10 am Children's Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:15 Small Group</p> <p>10:30 Joynt Baptism</p> <p>7 pm HS Youth Group</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7 pm Book Club</p> <p>7 pm Monday Night Small Group</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 am Eye Opener Small Grp</p> <p>8:30 Sr. Exercise</p> <p>9:30 Moving On</p> <p>6:30 Yoga</p> <p>7 pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6 pm Serenity Inns</p> <p>6:30 pm Women's Book Study</p> <p>7 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:30 am Senior Exercise</p> <p>6 pm Joyful Noise</p> <p>7 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>March 1</p> <p>6:30 am Building Committee Meeting</p> <p>10:30 Care Givers Support Group</p>	<p>2</p>

Fox Point Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 am – 4 pm; Friday 8 am – Noon

Prayer List

Mary Anderson	Corey Eggert	Nick
Agnes	Sue Fillingner	Lisa Norgard
Audrey	Shirley Fredrickson	Robert Palmer
Sarah Bednarek	Ivan Galarza	Patti
Philip Bither	Jerry Gildner	Ron Plietz
Mary Ellen Bloomquist	Autumn Hamilton	Kathie Recob
Bob	Steve Heronemus	Regina
Beryl	<i>(Brother of Lori Barrieau)</i>	Riley
Cameron	Sharon Hoss	Geoff Rose
Chad	Jane	Betty Schallert
Charlie	Don Jones	Jim Schoenfeld
Joni Christensen	Beth Logterman	Tom Scribner
Christine	Jessica Luecke	Jeannette Smith
Joan Cianciola	Steve M.	Delores Somers
Larry Cianciola	Ray Mager	Dolores Stops
Cindy	Paul Malateslinic	Ann Toft
Pr. Dan	Michael McLaughlin	Brenda Trier
Sheila Dlugi	Joanne Morris	Perry Wyatt
Laura Dossett	Lane Mudra	
Tom Drought		

Military

Cooper
David
Grant
Ian
Samantha
Taylor

Please contact the church office if you would like to add anyone to All in the Family, which appears in the Messenger and the Sunday Bulletin. 414-352-8990

Congratulations

Births

Congratulations and happy wishes to Evan & Rachel (Moore) Croen on the birth of their daughter Adira June Croen born December 31. Rich and Sharon Moore share in the joy as proud grandparents.

Baptisms

Jackson Levash, son of Jason & Amy Levash, was baptised January 20.

Condolences

Our sympathy and prayers be with the family and friends of John Imse who passed away peacefully Thursday, December 6.

Our heartfelt sympathy, thoughts and prayers be with the family and friends of Laurie Elling and Kristy Kotecki on the death of their Grandmother, Marian Severson, December 23. Loving Great-Grandma to Kendall and Daniel Elling.

Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with Sandy Gepfert and family in the death of her dear sister, Barbara Bolling who passed away January 10.

Our sympathy and prayers be with Jamie (John) Krampf in the unexpected death of Jamie's father John Hawkins, loving "Pa Pa" of John Michael.



The Gathering

The Gathering serves ten meals each week at three sites to Milwaukee's hungry and homeless. FPLC provides 15-20 adults and teens to prepare food, hand out tickets, serve the meal, and clean up. Additional volunteers are needed to provide milk and cookies, which can be dropped off at the Church Office on the Thursday prior to our scheduled dates. Sign up on our website by choosing The Gathering link under "Outreach Opportunities".

Early 2019 Dates

February 19 April 6

Sign up on our website under "Outreach Opportunities".

The site is 924 West State Street, Milwaukee and help is needed from 9:45 am – 1:30 pm. For more information about volunteering, please contact Joe Graf; joe.graf@sbcglobal.net

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Gift Cards Available!

Buy a Bayside gift card at church.

We keep 15% of the value of the card—for example, \$15 on a \$100 card—for Tanzania high school scholarships. The cards are good forever!

Shoebboxes for OCC!

Thank you to all of you who have already brought in shoeboxes for our 2019 Operation Christmas Child program!



In order to make sure each child has a full box with similar items and amounts as every other child, and that our shoe boxes fit uniformly into the packing boxes, we are asking for your average-sized shoe boxes only. Unfortunately, we cannot use small (baby & toddler) boxes or large boot boxes.

Thank you!



Souper Bowl Food Drive

So the Packers aren't in the Super Bowl this year ... you can't win 'em all, right? (sob)

While we continue to need donations of healthy foods in our regular food bins, we are holding a special Soup food drive for the month of January, culminating on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3.

Our goal, 2,289 cans of soup, is an ambitious one! How did we come up with such an exact number? It's the total of all points scored in all Super Bowls!

Bring in soups of all kinds, especially chunky, filling soups!



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Cans of Soup!**



In case of urgent pastoral care, call the church office at 414-352-8990.
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