

# Fox Point Church Messenger

Real Faith for Real Life

JANUARY 2019



## Do You Make The World's Best Chili?

**Now's Your Chance to Prove it!**

We are looking for chili chefs who will enter their finest chili recipe into our competition! The entries will be judged and a best Chili King or Queen will be crowned. There will be prizes for most popular and most unique chili chosen by participants.

**Contact:** Pat Wilkins; p.wilkins@henricksen.com

## Sign Up To Eat Some Chili!

If you love to eat chili and are looking for a night out of the kitchen with your family, mark this night on your calendar!

There will be a beer tasting station for adults and hot dogs, chips and fun games for kids! It will be a great night of eating chili and connecting with friends! There will be a free-will offering to cover our costs.

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## Refugees in America.

It's a tough topic, both at a local community level and from a national policy perspective. To bring perspective and meaningful conversations around this topic, *The Dialogues On: The Refugees Crisis Learner Book* offers eight unique perspectives by experienced authors from renowned organizations such as World Relief and Church World Service. They provide valuable insight into refugee stories and experiences.

We will meet on Tuesdays for 7 weeks starting January 8. Each week we will read some background material, an applicable Bible verse and will view a short video. Then we will have time for discussion in a small group, guided by our Lutheran faith. The purpose of this meeting is both to educate us about this topic and to foster a dialogue among FPLC members. We hope to create a safe space for learning, listening and sharing thoughts and ideas.

A related volunteer group service opportunity will be offered at the end of the 7-week study.

# DIALOGUES

— ON —  
THE REFUGEE  
CRISIS

## A 7-Week Series:

**Dates:** 7 consecutive Tuesdays beginning January 8

**Time:** 7 – 8:15 pm

**Location:** Fellowship Hall

**Leaders:** Gardner Friedlander & Mark Chelkowski; assisted by Pr. Bruce

**Sign Ups Begin:** TODAY in Fellowship Hall or Online

**Questions:** Contact Gardner at [gfrie13@gmail.com](mailto:gfrie13@gmail.com) or Mark at [mchelm81@gmail.com](mailto:mchelm81@gmail.com)

**Cost:** Free-will offering to cover materials costs

# Youth Ministries

## Confirmation

### Confirmation Workshops

We look forward to seeing you this month! We will meet on January 9, 16 & 30. If you are in 7th Grade, don't forget to sign up for the Prayer Retreat!

### 7 Grade Prayer Retreat—

All 7th graders in our Confirmation program are to participate in the Prayer Retreat Saturday, January 26 – Sunday January 27. If you have haven't yet registered, please contact the office asap. 414-352-8990.

### 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](mailto:kyle@foxpointchurch.org)

### Confirmation Save the Date(s):

**MAY, 2019**

SAT. & Sun.

**4-5**

**8th grade Affirm Retreat**

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, January 6 – New Years Celebration (a few days late)

Come hang out and ring in the new year at FPLC. Think of all of the amazing things you'll accomplish this new year!

7:00 – 8:30 pm. Meet in the Fellowship Hall



#### Sunday, January 13 – Chili Fundraiser

**\*Boston trip participants\***

Bring your chili, smile, and be ready to sell!

Meet in Fellowship Hall prior to the 9:00 service.

#### Sunday, January 20 – Dig Deeper – "Boldness"

A dig deep talk about being bold in our faith and in other areas of our life.

Meet in the Youth Room during the 10:30 service.



### 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](mailto:kyle@foxpointchurch.org).

# Children's Ministry and Worship News



## First Communion

First Communion for our 5th graders (or older children who have not yet received First Communion) will be on January 13 at both services.

The students will participate in our instructional bread-baking workshop on January 12 from 9:00—1:00.

You should have received your mailing about this recently. If you have not or have any questions, contact Julie Schlifske at [Julie@foxpointchurch.org](mailto:Julie@foxpointchurch.org).

## VBS & VBX Save the Dates!

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

## Worship Update

Due to Kevin Bailey moving to his new opportunity, we will have to make changes to our worship schedule as Pastor Bill and Pastor Bruce take on the workload of planning and organizing worship in all of its elements. Our "new" 8:00 am morning prayer worship has gone on hiatus until we hire a new Minister of Music. We will also change our Lenten worship schedule to one worship service at 7:00 pm. We hope you will bear with us in this transition.

## Outreach Update



## Adopt a Person Update

Thank you to everyone who helped make some girl, boy or man's Christmas just a little brighter. Without each and everyone of you, these blessings of love through toys and clothes could not be possible. Every year I love delivering the presents to the Next Door Foundation and seeing Martina's face light up as we unload my car in the cold of winter. There are always smiles on the faces of those around who are out helping to unload with us. The gift we bring to others is one that can't be shared with them physically but it is with them as they unwrap the gift

that was bought with love. Thank you for being a gift to so many people. I appreciate each and everyone of you. It takes a village. I am thankful to be part of an amazing village of people here at Fox Point Lutheran Church.

*Sarah Vant Haul*



*Gifts for Next Door Foundation*



*Sarah and Martina*



*Sarah and daughter, Alison, delivering gifts to Serenity Inn*

# Mark Your Calendars



## 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.

## The Jesus I Never Knew— A Book Study by Philip Yancy

Philip Yancy, a Christian journalist, takes the reader with him on his very personal journey to Jesus. Yancy, using his flair for honest, vivid, well-informed down-to-earthiness, guides us to take a closer look at the Biblical Jesus and his motivations, to help see our Savior as he really was and give us insight into what that means for us, living as followers of Jesus.

You don't need to read the book to participate, but it can be found online. Please register in Fellowship Hall or call the church office at 414-352-8990.

**Dates:** Mondays, January 7 & 14, February 4 & 18, March 4. Every lesson stands alone—It's okay to miss if needed.

**Time:** 10:00 – 11:30 am

**Location:** FPLC Pine Room

**Homework:** None

**Questions:** Contact Deacon Ruth Schmidt; schmidtyruth@aol.com or 262-424-3344.



## Knit Wits

After a break, Knit Wits will resume meetings in January. 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, January 8

**Time:** 7 pm

**Location:** The Pine Room

**Contact:** Sandy Lind, 262-241-8131



## Women's Club

Former congregant Todd Gordon will be presenting "The Inception of

Next Door". The program began in the parsonage next door to Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Wisconsin Ave. Come hear how "Next Door" grew from a simple idea to a foundation improving literacy and school readiness for children ages 0-5 in Milwaukee's central city over the past 50 years.

**Date:** Wednesday, January 9

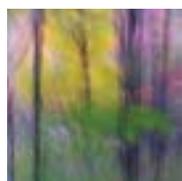
**Time:** 11:30 am

**Location:** Fellowship Hall

**Cost:** \$8

**Sign up:** In Fellowship Hall by January 6

**Contact:** Gail Sommerfeld; sommerfeld56@gmail.com or 262-395-0396



## Men's Club

"Tremography"  
Turning His Disability  
into A Blessing

Ken Voigt has found a beautiful way to turn his disability of tremors into incredible photographic artwork. Come hear Ken's story and see his work.

**Date:** Thursday, January 10

**Time:** 11:30 am

**Location:** Fellowship Hall

**Cost:** \$10

**Sign Up:** In Fellowship Hall

**Contact:** Jim Kimmel; jim.kimmel42@gmail.com or 615-519-4177

## 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 Avenue, Milwaukee, WI

**Day:** January 10; 2nd Thurs of every month

**Time:** Noon

**Contact:** Lori Lorenz, lorenzlh92@gmail.com



## Piecemakers/ Quilters

All of the 82 quilts made by Piecemakers in 2018 have been given to those in need. It is now time to restock our supply. We

will meet on Tuesday, January 15 and welcome all interested in learning the process of assembling a quilt. Bring your lunch and enjoy a round table of entertaining conversation. Leave when you must.

We continue to need flat full, queen and king sheets for use as our quilt backs.

**Date:** Tuesday, January 15

**Time:** 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Place:** Fellowship Hall

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



## 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

January 19 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



## Serenity Inn/ Dinner Fellowship

**Four opportunities remain** between now and July 1. Volunteers prepare a meal, take

it warm to the Inn (2825 W. Brown St) and eat with the 10-12 residents and innkeeper, who share their stories.

This is a unique opportunity to meet with individuals who have had tremendously diverse experiences from most of us—and to do so in a safe, trusting setting.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall, on the church website under "Service Opportunities," or by contacting Lorraine Buehler at lcbuehler@cs.com or 414-964-8933.

The signup allows for 2 families to share the evening, but if you would rather serve alone, please sign up in both slots.

### The following dates are open:

**Thursdays:** June 13

**Fridays:** June 21 (one slot)

**Wednesdays:** March 27, June 26



## Cookies for Luther Manor

Each weekday Luther Manor volunteers staff coffee carts to serve cookies, coffee and tea. The volunteers travel door to door offering cookies, friendly greetings and a bit of news to more than 200 residents in the Health Care unit.

FPLC provides cookies for Luther Manor Health Care Center residents every January. Softer cookies without nuts or seeds are best. Please include the type of cookie, the approximate number (dozen) and date donated. Take them to the church office anytime by Friday, January 25, 2019.

If you need someone to pick up the cookies, please call Janet Quail, 414-967-7942. The Luther Manor community thank you for your generosity.

## Collecting Your

### Christmas Cards!



Bring them to church so they can be used for the Salvation Army's "Big Wrap" Prison Toy Program. Here's

how it works:

Every year, the organization purchases gifts for children of men and women

who are in Wisconsin's prisons. The inmates choose the toys from a catalog and write notes to their kids which are attached to your cards. For some children, this is the only communication they receive from their incarcerated mothers and fathers all year. Last year, more than 4,000 children received presents and cards.

## Sunday Morning Group

A Sunday morning group will be starting February 10. More information will be available this month in your Sunday Bulletins.



## 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](mailto:angiebiersach@gmail.com).

# BLOOD DRIVE

## Fox Point Lutheran Church Blood Drive

**Monday, January 28**  
**1:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Location:** Fellowship Hall, 7510 N Santa Monica Blvd

*Give blood, get noodles. When you give blood at this drive, we'll give you a coupon for a free entrée when you purchase a Coca-Cola Freestyle beverage from Noodles & Company (while supplies last)!*

Visit [bit.ly/foxpointjan2019](http://bit.ly/foxpointjan2019) or call 877-232-4376 to Save the Day!

**Open to the Public. Appointments encouraged.**



Mitch was diagnosed with leukemia when he was 10 years old. During three years of treatment, he received 37 units of whole blood and platelets as he went into remission. In 2017, Mitch relapsed, received a bone marrow transplant and is cancer-free and doing well today. You can save lives like Mitch's through your blood donation. "If people didn't donate blood, then I wouldn't be here today," says Mitch.



Celebrating **70** Years

Be a part of our story.

#ImAHero



# January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p> <p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p>9 &amp; 10:30 Worship 9 &amp; 10:30 Sunday School</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>31</b></p> <p><b>New Year's Eve</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jan. 1</b></p> <p><b>New Year's Day</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p> <p>8:30 Sr. Exercise 6 pm Joyful Noise 7 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p> <p>6:30 am Building Committee Meeting 10:30 Challenges of Aging Parents</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>5</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p>9 &amp; 10:30 Worship 9 &amp; 10:30 Sunday School 7 pm HS Youth Group</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>7</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>8</b></p> <p>6:30 Eye Opener Small Grp 8:30 Sr. Exercise 9:30 Moving On Group 7 pm Knit Wits 7 pm Refugee Crisis Small Group</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>9</b></p> <p>11:30 Women's Club 7 pm Confirmation</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>10</b></p> <p>8:30 Sr. Exercise 11:30 Men's Club Noon Lunch w/God 6 pm Serenity Inn 6 pm Joyful Noise 7 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>11</b></p> <p>10:30 Challenges of Aging Parents</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>12</b></p> <p>5th Grade First Communion Workshop</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>13</b></p> <p><b>Holy Communion First Communion</b></p> <p>9 &amp; 10:30 Worship 9 &amp; 10:30 Sunday School</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>14</b></p> <p>7 pm Book Club</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>15</b></p> <p>6:30 am Eye Opener Small Grp 8:30 Sr. Exercise 9 Piecemakers 9:30 Moving On Group 7 pm Refugee Crisis Small Group</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>16</b></p> <p>7 pm Confirmation</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>17</b></p> <p>8:30 Sr. Exercise 6 Joyful Noise 7 Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>18</b></p> <p>10:30 Challenges of Aging Parents 6 pm Serenity Inn</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>19</b></p> <p>9:45 am The Gathering</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>20</b></p> <p>9 &amp; 10:30 Worship 9 &amp; 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 HSYG 10:30 Levash Baptism</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>22</b></p> <p>6:30 am Eye Opener Small Grp 8:30 Sr. Exercise 9:30 Moving On Group 7 pm Church Council Meeting 7 pm Refugee Crisis Small Group</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>23</b></p> <p>6 Serenity Inn</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>24</b></p> <p>8:30 am Senior Exercise 6 pm Joyful Noise 7 Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>25</b></p> <p>10:30 Challenges of Aging Parents</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>26</b></p> <p>7th Grade Prayer Retreat Begins</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>27</b></p> <p>7th Grade Prayer Retreat Ends 9 &amp; 10:30 Worship 9 &amp; 10:30 Sunday School 5 pm Chili Cookoff</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>28</b></p> <p>1 pm Blood Drive</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>29</b></p> <p>6:30 am Eye Opener Small Grp 8:30 Sr. Exercise 9:30 Moving On Group 7 pm Refugee Crisis Small Group</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p> <p>7 pm Confirmation</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>31</b></p> <p>8:30 am Senior Exercise 6 pm Joyful Noise 7 Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Feb. 1</b></p> <p>10:30 Challenges of Aging Parents</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p>

## Prayer List

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

## 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 Jason & Amy Levash on the birth of their son Jackson Paul born November 19. Jacob will be a great big brother.

## Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy to Dick Kinney on the death of his brother, Joe Kinney, on December 3.

Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers be with Nancy Hahn and family in the death of her Mother, Eleanore Hahn, who passed away December 8.

God's care be with the family and friends of Virginia Capper who passed away Monday, December 10.



Caring Cuisine is looking for volunteers to cook and deliver meals to members in need in our congregation. The meals are for those recovering from illness or injury, celebrating the birth of a new baby and the homebound or elderly. The meal recipients greatly appreciate the warm meals we offer.

Our generous volunteers have created and delivered many meals over the years and we would love to expand our services in the future. This is a fun and valuable way to volunteer if you love to cook!

Whether you would like to volunteer or would like to request meals for yourself or a member of the church, please contact Mary Beth Duggan in the church office; [marybeth@foxpointchurch.org](mailto:marybeth@foxpointchurch.org), 414-352-8990.

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**Next Messenger: Dated February 1; Copy Deadline: January 10, 2019**



## 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](mailto:kyle@foxpointchurch.org)



## Gift Cards Available!

Don't forget to 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!



How do we keep the church running smoothly before, during and after services? That's easy: We have great ushers! They spend one Sunday a month:

- Making people feel welcome
- Assisting Pastors and staff with people management
- Seating parishioners
- Collecting the offering
- Maintaining a safe environment.

A few of our Usher Teams are adding additional members. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity.

- First Sunday of the Month, 9 am: 2 ushers needed
- Second Sunday of the Month, 9 am; 1 ushers needed
- Third Sunday of the Month, 9 am; 1 usher needed

We welcome women, men and high school students for this opportunity! If you have questions or are ready to sign up, please call the church office at 414-352-8990 or email [church@foxpointchurch.org](mailto:church@foxpointchurch.org)

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

Pastors' cell phone numbers: Pr. Knapp 414-704-7070 | Pr. Cheever 414-573-4138