

LIFE TOGETHER This Week

Week of October 19, 2020 Vol 30 Real Faith For Real Life

Small Group Opportunities Just For You!

We all miss seeing our Christian brothers and sisters at church—and during these unprecedented times we need them more than ever. That is about to change. Renew your faith connections with old and new friends by joining one of our virtual small groups. Check it out and find a fit for you! If you don't find a topic or time that works for you, get together with your friends via Zoom! Call the church office and we will work with you to customize your own group—the church has over 40 books and studies available for starters!

Monday Mornings

Inspired – Slaying Giants, Walking On Water, And Loving The Bible Again by Rachel Held Evans

New members welcome! Each chapter stands alone so new participants are welcome at any time.

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Leader: Ruth Schmidt 262-424-3344 Location: Virtual via group Zoom Day/Time: Mondays @ 10 am Dates: Starts Monday, October 19

To Register: Call the church office (414-352-8990) to sign up and let

them know if you want a book ordered for \$11.50.

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4th Year Pledge Responses

You should have received Pastor Bill's letter and a 4th Year Capital Campaign Pledge Response Card, asking you to consider adding a 4th year to your building fund pledge. Please notify the church office at 414-352-8990 or church@foxpointchurch.org if you did not receive it or need another copy.

Please return your Response Card by Friday, October 30 by mail or drop it off at the church office Monday-Thursday from 9 am – 2 pm. You can also go to our website – www.foxpointchurch.org and fill out the 4th Year Response Card online.

Thank you! Your support is greatly appreciated.



All Confirmation workshops are Zoom meetings from 7-8 pm on either Tuesday or Wednesday depending on which of the two days a family has signed up for.

We'll take a break the weeks of Thanksgiving through Christmas, resuming workshops in January. (Dates to come.) If you have any questions, please contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org or Pastor Bruce; pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org.

October 20 & 21 November 3 & 4

October 27 & 28 November 10 & 11

November 17 & 18





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Tuesday Early Mornings

Our topic is yet to be determined, but be assured, this long-running small group chooses something interesting and worthy of their in-depth discussions! New members welcome!

Leaders: Mark Chelmowski & Jos. Sauer

Location: Virtually via Zoom **Day/Time:** Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 am

Dates: Every Tuesday

To Register: Call Mark Chelmowski 414-531-3561

Women's Study Every other Wednesday

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Day/Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Dates: Start Wednesday October 14

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for \$11.50.

Circle of Moms - Thursday Mornings

Awesome: Building Great Relationships by Rick Warren

New members always welcome!

The bedrock of every friendship is trust. It takes time and intention to create awesome relationships. In relationships we learn to be unselfish and we learn to love. Life is a laboratory for learning how to love. We crave the safety of a relationship where we are fully known. Everybody wants soul intimacy. We all long for genuine connection. At the first study date, we will get connected/reconnected and firm up our times and schedules.

Leader: Tracy Christenson **Location:** Virtual via Zoom

Day/Time: Thursdays, 9:30 am – 11:00 am **Dates:** Starting soon; contact Tracy for start date **To Register:** Contact Tracy Christenson 414-899-7410



Faith and Race Webinar

During the past 12 months, Barna has taken a deep examination on attitudes and perspectives towards race and particularly in the Christian community. Because of this, Thrivent has partnered with the Barna Group to offer a webinar to share research-based insights regarding faith and race and how it can help shape conversations and what it could mean for your church community.

On Thursday, October 22 at 11:00 am hear Daniel Copeland, Director of Research at Barna, discuss Faith and Race. Together we will dive into the latest research findings to understand how people are doing in this moment and what it could mean for your church community. Hear the latest perspectives and how it can help shape conversation in your community. This interactive webinar will equip you to be a data-informed leader as you navigate this cultural moment.

Date/Time: Thursday, October 22; 11 am

Click HERE to register. You will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



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Food Collection Mondays

New LOCATION

When: Every Monday Time: 10 am – 2 pm

Location: The cart is outside the church office! What: No glass; 15/16 oz sized cans preferable.

We're collecting hand crank can openers for All Peoples to give out with their food donations!

What Items Are Needed:

Peanut Butter Jelly

Beef Ravioli Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables Spaghetti
Pasta Sauce Crackers
Pork & Beans Spam

Tuna Vienna Sausages

Pancake Mix/Syrup Chili

Beans Toilet Paper Hearty Soups/Stews Energy Bars

Sardines Canned Beef Canned

Chicken Canned Yams
Boxed Cereal Baked Beans

Diapers

FPLC COAT DRIVE

NOW - Oct. 29

While we may have clean, gently worn coats in our closets, after speaking with our partner organizations, we have a list of specific needs:

All Peoples Church:

NEW Coats: Sizes 14-16 boys and girls and infant snow

suits for new babies

NEW Gloves: Middle & high school-aged students

United Community Center:

NEW Gloves: K3 – 5th grade (ages 3-10); 6th – 8th

grade (ages 11-14)

NEW Hats/Caps: K3-5th grade

NEW Coats: Girls sizes 4, 5, 6/7, 14/16; Boys sizes 4 – 14

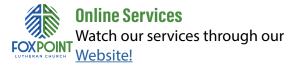
NEW Boots: K3-4th grade

Cross Lutheran Church:

Gently Used Coats: adults XL and larger and for children all sizes



Place items in the cart outside the Church Office on Mondays between 9 am – 2 pm. Contact the office if you need an alternate drop-off time; 414-352-8990.



You can watch Sunday mornings or any time that works best for you and those you watch with. We also have Sunday school videos for grade school and preschool children, drop-in videos, service opportunities in our community, and much more on the site!



On our "Kids and Youth" page you can find our new "Little Foxes" videos! The target age for these videos is pre-kindergarten. New videos are released each week and include a song, story, craft, and

activity for children to follow along. While we cannot currently hold Sunday School, we hope these continue to teach your preschoolers about God while having fun. Join Stephanie, Grace, and Mia each week for lots of fun featuring our friend, Freddy the Fox!



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More Mini-Work Days

All Peoples has many tasks with which members, friends and partners can lend a hand. Sign up for these other tasks using the Google form (link below).

All Peoples' Google Sign Up

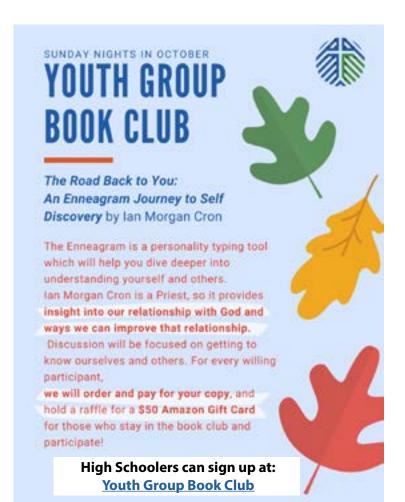
Help Our Gardens Flourish!

Garden and Landscape Projects – we still have plenty to do outside! Please consider coming by with your weed

whacker, your clippers and your sawsall to clean up your own little patch of our yard. Whether you have 15 minutes or 4 hours, their is a perfect job for you. Contact Anna, the office manager, and she will get you connected! 414-264-1616 or anna@allpeoplesgathering.org.







High School Youth Group!

We are having Virtual Youth Group! We will meet most Wednesdays via Zoom at 8 pm.

October 21 November 18
October 28 December 2
November 4 December 9
November 11 December 16

For more information, please contact Stephanie Metzendorf at stephanie@foxpointchurch.org.

Zoom Link: https://iu.zoom.us/j/89693578820

New Date!!!

Service Day

We will be baking goods for older members of our congregation and dropping them off!

Date: Sunday, November 22

Stay tuned for more information!

Youth Group Holiday Party

Come join us for a Christmas party at FPLC, there will be a secret Santa, snacks, and of course some fun Christmas games to play together!

Date: Sunday, December 20

Location: TBD!

Stay tuned for more information!



PRAYER LIST All in The Family

We will see you again on Sunday, October 25 for a virtual Sunday Service!

If you or your family need anything we can help you with, call the office at 414-352-8990 or email church@foxpointchurch.org!

Barbara Dan Barrieau Laurene Bayer Chris Berge Cameron Catherine Chad John Chamberlain Charlie

Gene Jerry Gildner Joan Gildner Bill Haker **Steve Heronemus** Elnamae Heyman Larry Cianciola Jack Jane D. Jan Pr. Dan Jim Joel Dana **Don Jones** Dave Deb Julia Sheila Dlugi Jerry Keehn Doreen Ken Nadene Kramer Cammy Endres

Erin

Lu Farwig

Rick Frank

Kristine **Pat Lawless** Ken Lein Leslie Mary Matt Michael Miles' Family **Bonnie Ohman** Otto

Robert Palmer **Patty** Perry **Dave Petroff** Ron Plietz **Grace Root Geoff Rose** Nancy Rosenheimer Jim Schoenfeld Peter Stauber Teri Tim

Brenda Trier Zuza

Military Alex Cooper David Grant lan Matthew Ryan **Taylor**

Prayer Requests Now you can make a prayer request

through our website. Click Prayer **Requests** to submit a form or submit a request through email—church@ foxpointchurch.org.



Racial Justice Film Discussion Series

The local organization Bay Bridge is kicking off a series of documentaries and discussions about how systemic racism operates in the US. The first discussion is October 21 at 7 pm. If you would like more information, please see their website <u>baybridgewisconsin.org</u>.

If you missed FPLC's Reggie Jackson series but are interested in learning more about social justice issues, please contact Stacia Hickey; Stacia@foxpointchurch.org.

Shopping Help is Here!

Do you dread going to the store, or have a loved one who cannot go or isn't comfortable doing so during this pandemic? If so, we have someone that can do that for you. Donna Metzendorf is offering her services to anyone within FPLC who may want or need help with their shopping (any shopping—grocery, gift, home goods, pharmacy, clothes, etc). Give Donna a call at 262-242-3640 or email at donna@metzendorffamily.com.

Certified Pet Therapy

A note from Donna Metzendorf...

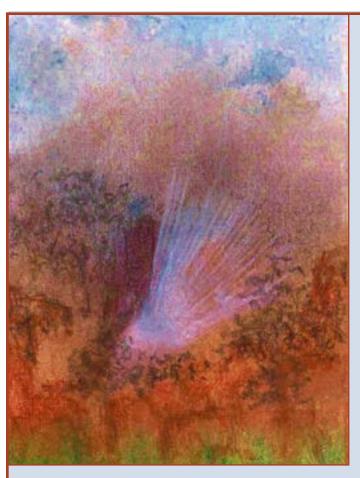
As some of you know, I have a wonderful dog named Sunny. Through hard work and training, Sunny and I are now a certified Pet Therapy Team. I would love to help our church community anyway I can with Pet Therapy. Sunny and I can set up different types of visits depending on your need.

If anyone would like to set up a date/time, please contact me directly either by email or phone; donna@metzendorffamily. com, (262) 242-3640.



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This devotion, written by FPLC member Mary Buscher, was originally sent by email on October 14.

Hello!

Thanks for joining us today!

"I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways." – Psalm 119:15

There is a beautiful lyric from the song "For Good" from the show Wicked – "Because I knew you, I have been changed for good". At this point in the show, the characters are bidding farewell having been forever changed, changed for always and changed for the better. Just think of that, someone so incredible that they change you for always, for the better and forever! We have exactly that in God, in Jesus, and in the Holy Spirit. Just because we know Him, His extraordinary

love changes us for always, for the better and forever!

Right now, 230 of us share a weekly devotion together; we pray with one voice, we share a collective thought, and in that moment we ourselves are just where we need to be – with our Father! Truly we are so blessed because we have this opportunity to grow together spiritually!

"Whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge me before the angels of God." – Luke 12:8

Lately, I find myself digging deeper and wanting to read the Bible more than ever. Perhaps I have extra free time because of the pandemic. But rather, I believe that I'm searching for inspiration and seeking answers because I want God's presence to be nearer to me. Perhaps He has opened all of our hearts to better receive his offerings! Like the rays of light appearing from the tomb in today's painting, God's love reaches out to us. He meets us where we are and we are changed forever.

Together we pray-

Father, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, to teach us lessons of love and forgiveness. Please surround us with your grace and protection as we navigate these very difficult times. Hold our hands, Lord, listen to our humble voices and help us to better know more about your will for us. We are your children praying...we are forever changed by you and we are thankful. Amen.

Be good to each other! – Mary