

building faith forward

Construction Update!

We're excited to share that the building expansion broke ground on Sunday, November 15. As we couldn't celebrate together in person due to COVID-19, we shared the groundbreaking ceremony on Facebook.

The groundbreaking was slightly later than originally planned as we had to resolve an issue raised when we applied for a building permit to begin construction. Despite a short delay, the construction schedule will still allow us to open our doors again in November 2021—just in time for Christmas worship. More than ever before, our community will be looking forward to a place to find friends and faith.

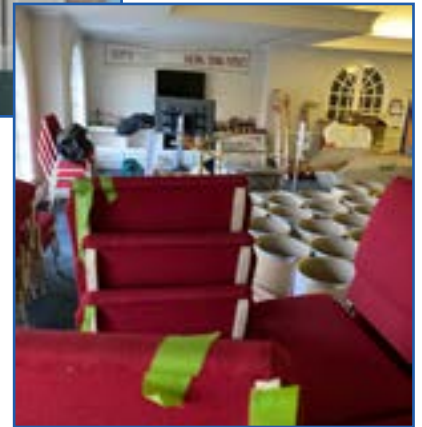
Meanwhile, we're finding new ways for worship and fellowship. If this email was forwarded to you but you would like to receive weekly email updates with ways to connect, click [HERE](#). You can also watch our project progress on Facebook and Instagram.



*Packing up
Sunday School*



*Moving the
Welcome kiosks*



*Fellowship Hall full of, well,
EVERYTHING!*



*Left to Right: Matt Kirchner, Eric Lorenz,
Mark Metzendorf, Martin Luther, Pr. Bill,
Jo Ann Berdelman, Pr. Bruce & Peter Todd*



*It's official, ground
has been broken!*



Dumpsters & trucks have arrived!



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Confirmation

After this week we will take a break until January. (Dates to come) If you have any questions, please contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org or Pastor Bruce; pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org. For service opportunity ideas, click [HERE](#).

Our next workshops are November 17 & 18.

High School Youth Group

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

Now
ON
SUNDAYS!!

November 22 December 13
December 6 December 20

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

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

HS Youth Group Service Day

For our service project, we will be baking goods for the homebound individuals in our church community. Please sign up below [HERE!](#)

Date: Sunday, November 22

Time/Location: Meet at the FPLC parking lot at 12:00; at 12:30, we'll depart separately to deliver our treats. (Please plan your own transportation)

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

HS Youth Group Holiday Party—Sunday, December 20

Come join us for a Christmas party. There will be a secret Santa, snacks, and of course some fun Christmas games to play together! **Stay tuned for more information!**



We may be under construction and worshipping online, but we have still been able to show our Christmas spirit! Because of your incredible generosity, by mid-March we had already collected hundreds of stuffed animals, toys, pencils, pens, and bars of soap for Operation Christmas Child. Before construction

began on the main church building, we reached out to the regional directors of Operation Christmas Child to see how we could best distribute our donations.

They were thrilled to receive our donations! The pandemic has significantly affected Operation Christmas Child with fewer donations and far fewer churches and groups able to participate in the project. A group from the regional OCC came and filled 3 large SUVs with our items! We were able to donate what Operation Christmas Child couldn't use to Ozaukee Family Services.

So once again, thank you for a successful Operation Christmas Child campaign even in a year without Operation Christmas Child!



5 for Faith

"5 for Faith" is our fun, fast, family-oriented replacement for in-person Sunday school. Each week we offer five 5-minute activities to help grow your family's faith. Do one 5-minute activity or try them all!

You can find both "Fox Knocks" and "5 for Faith" on our website and Facebook page: Fox Point Lutheran Church. You can also watch previous episodes of "Super D Challenges Vito the Virus" and "Vito Goes to Sunday School." Click the Fox Point Kids graphic above to go to the website page!

Have questions? Julie Schlifske, our Children's Ministry Director, can help you; julie@foxpointchurch.org.



Serenity Inns Dinner Fellowship

Serenity Inns' goal is to provide a safe home for men in Milwaukee to recover from their addiction to either drugs or alcohol. FPLC volunteers provide 3

dinner a month for the men staying there.

Volunteers eat with the men (or you may drop dinner off due to COVID-19). They are following COVID-19 protocols if you choose to eat with the residents.

This is a great activity to do with your middle schooler so they can hear the anti-drug/alcohol message as the men share their stories during the meal. The beauty of dinner fellowship for the residents is they can develop the socialization skills lost during their active addiction.

To sign up and learn more about their COVID-19 protocols click [Make a Meal](#).

Have questions? Lorraine Buehler, FPLC member & long-time Serenity Inns volunteer can help! Email Lorraine at lcbuehler@cs.com.



Gingerbread Houses!

This is an FPLC Drive-Through Gingerbread House event!

Drive through the FPLC parking lot to pick up your Gingerbread House kit on **Sunday, December 6 from 10 am – 12 pm.**

Hear Christmas music and see Pr. Bill, Pr. Bruce and Miss Julie as they hand out the houses.

Limit 2 houses per family. Each house is \$15—they are bigger this year! Payment by cash or check only.

To sign up for a house (or two) click:



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!

FOOD DONATION MONDAYS

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| 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 | |

Volunteers Are Back at The Gathering!

The Gathering is committed to serving their guests, even during Covid-19. After working with the health department during the pandemic, they've changed their methods, but the goals are the same...to help feed the hungry in body, mind, and spirit. They've adjusted their methods of sanitizing, preparing & distributing food to ensure we are being safe. **THEY NEED YOUR HELP!**

If you are healthy and willing, they'd love to have your help packaging bag lunches. Guests don't come into the building, and volunteer numbers are limited and spaced in a large hall.

This is a great opportunity for our Confirmation students to give to their community.

For a list of dates and to register, please click below:





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Online Services

Watch our services through our [Website!](#)

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!



Stop at the church office to purchase Bayside Garden debit cards. We keep 15% of the value of the card —\$7.50 for a \$50 dollar card and

\$15 for a \$100 card. All the funds go toward our secondary school scholarships in Tanzania.

Think about Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations and gifts for those on your lists. Remember—the cards are ONLY available at church; Bayside doesn't sell the cards benefiting Tanzania.

25 DAYS OF COMFORT FOOD



This holiday season, we're curating an online cookbook with 25 of our congregation's favorite comfort food recipes!

Submit your recipe(s) to Claire@FoxPointChurch.org by November 28!

It's hard to believe December—and Advent—are quickly approaching! This year, we're celebrating the season with a digital cookbook created by our members, for our members!

What are your family's favorite recipes for a cozy holiday season? Feel free to submit a photo of your family and/or a quote about the recipe to be included in the cookbook. Where did the recipe originate or what traditions have you kept with it?

For each of the four Sundays in Advent we hope to feature four of our members cooking their family recipe in our Online Worship! Want to show off your amateur cooking skills or share a fun glimpse into your kitchen? Please let us know that you would like to be considered.

Submit your recipe(s) or any questions to Claire at claire@foxpointchurch.org.

We can't wait to hear from you, and bon appetit!



Piecemakers

Piecemakers have canceled their Quilters Group for the time being due to the governor's request that Wisconsinites stay home from non-essential gatherings in light of the state's sharp increases in both illnesses and hospitalizations. We hope you all stay well and we can see each other again as things settle down.

Shopping Help is Here!

Are you or a loved one uncomfortable shopping during the pandemic? If so, we have someone who can help. 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...

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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Share God's Love by Enriching the Lives of Older Adults at Luther Manor through Love Lights and/or Friends of Luther Manor Membership Drive



Friends of Luther Manor Membership Drive
It's time to renew your 2020

membership or become a new member now through November 27. Past members will receive a letter with instructions.

The membership and Love Lights donations support projects and programs that enrich the lives of Luther Manor residents. For 2020, the donations will help fund the remainder of the Faith and Education Center Renovation Project which includes lighting and the lobby area of the Center. The Center is used for weekly worship and special events. Ninety percent of renovations are already completed including new carpeting, painting, furniture and a hearing loop. The technology system, including an in-house television broadcast system, was also updated. The technology updates were especially timely due to the pandemic. The updates made it easier for broadcasting weekly church services, daily updates and special programming directly to the rooms. If you are interested in becoming a new Friends Member, contact Janet Quail; 414-967-7942 or janet.quail@gmail.com.

Love Lights Fundraiser



Purchase a Love Light, a twinkling Christmas tree light, in honor or in memory of a loved one for \$5 for

a single light or string of lights for \$100. If you have made a previous Love Lights gift, you should have received an invitation and donation response card in late October. You may also purchase Love Lights by visiting the secure web site: luthermanor.org/lovelights or contacting **Luther Manor Foundation at 414-831-8952. Please reply by November 27.**

This year staying safe means staying apart. To help ease the distance required by Covid-19 this Christmas, consider bringing a little joy to residents of Luther Manor by purchasing Love Lights for them. The goal is for every resident to have a light purchased in their honor. A special Love Lights sign will adorn their room. There are 380 residents to honor. What a wonderful way for FPLC members to spread the spirit of Christmas! The residents' faces will light up with joy in response to your kindness.

See your lights shine during the virtual tree lighting ceremony **Friday, December 11, 5pm on Facebook Live.**

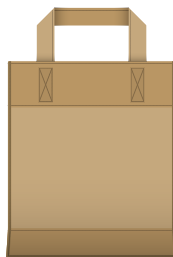
On behalf of Luther Manor's residents, their families, staff, Boards and volunteers, **thank you.** Generosity and support from friends like you make it possible for Luther Manor to remain steadfast in their mission of sharing God's love by enriching the lives of older adults.

Bags Needed!

Cross Lutheran Church is in need of clean grocery bags to help with their food distribution.

They need only:

- *Brown paper grocery bags WITH HANDLES*
- *Heavy plastic grocery bags—Sendiks are perfect*



Please drop them off in the food donation carts on Mondays from 10 am – 2 pm outside the church office.

Thank you!

All Peoples Church More Mini-Work Days

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



All Peoples' Google Sign up



PRAYER LIST

All in The Family

We will see you again on Sunday, November 15 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
Larry Cianciola
Jane D.
Pr. Dan
Dana
Dave
Deb
Sheila Dlugi
Doreen
Laura Dossett Eiring

Bette Drought
Cammy Endres
John Endres
Erin
Lu Farwig
Rick Frank
Gene
Jerry Gildner
Joan Gildner
Bill Haker
Kyra Hansen
Lori Heinrich
Steve Heronemus
Elnamea Heyman
Jack
Jan
Jelica
Jim

Don Jones
Julia
Ken
Nadene Kramer
Kristine
Pat Lawless
Ken Lein
Leslie
Mary
Matt
Michael
Robert Palmer
Perry
Dave Petroff
Grace Root
Geoff Rose
Nancy Rosenheimer
Jim Schoenfeld

Peter Stauber
Stephen
Teri
Tim
Brenda Trier
Zuza

Military

Alex
Cooper
David
Grant
Ian
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.

Congratulations

Olive Lynne Koeppen, daughter of Alexander & Kammi Koeppen, was baptized on November 7.

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with Eric & Lisa Nelson, Lauren, Michael, Joe and Kitty in the death of Kent Nelson, beloved brother and uncle.



Christmas Angel Tree—Formerly known as Adopt a kid/adult

We are once again donating gifts to children through Next Door Foundation and men living at Serenity Inns! Please click the link below to sign up. If you would like more than one person to shop for then fill out the number of slots you want.

FPLC member Sarah Vant Hul will email you the gift ideas for the person(s) you selected. These go quickly, so sign up fast! You will purchase one of the gifts listed and return it to church wrapped.

When is it due? All gifts for Next Door children need to be returned to the church office by **December 3**. All gifts for Serenity Inns men need to be returned to church by **December 17**.

Where do you return the wrapped gift? Place items in the cart outside the Church Office on Mondays between 9 am – 2 pm. You can contact the office if you need an alternate drop-off time; 414-352-8990.

Contact person: Sarah Vant Hul at tsvanthul@yahoo.com or 414-899-1245. Email is best.

Thank you for signing up to be a part of the Christmas Angel Tree this year. **Sign up:** Click [HERE](#)

FPLC Office Hours
Monday–Thursday from 9 am–2 pm

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Fox Point Church



This devotion, written by FPLC member Mary Buscher, was originally sent by email on November 11.

Hello!

"Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly-not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God." – 1 Peter 5:2

Morning light is a little late in arriving these days. When I wake up in the darkness I need a big infusion of warmth and care to engage my senses. Sturdy kitchen matches light the wick of my Salted Caramel candle and I'm welcomed by both an inviting glow and a pleasant scent. But there's something waiting for me that is not my doing. It's there only because someone I love learned about love from God and what it means to give that same love away and cherish someone else. It is a daily gift from my husband ...it is a dish of warm Quaker Oatmeal!

"Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality." – Romans 12:13

Fortunate beyond measure that God blessed me with a loving partner, I only hope that my tokens of caring somehow show through to him and to those around me. Taking good care, though, also means taking good care of just me. I might light a candle, do some chair yoga, or watch ballet on YouTube. And in a quiet moment, say a prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to lead me through the day's moments with kindness and grace.

Every evening after dinner I hear these words from the kitchen, "Will you be having oatmeal in the morning?" It's not just a question...it's caring...it's love! Our Father wants us to make loving choices for ourselves, for those we love, for all of His children and then put those choices into action! That action could be listening to a neighbor's story, it could be thanking your postal carrier for good service... it could even be a dish of warm oatmeal.

*"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."
– Ephesians 4:32*

Father, keep us mindful of the many opportunities we have to show love to one another. Thank you for reminding us that sometimes the smallest thing can be just the right thing for someone's needs. Open our eyes...open our hearts...open our hands...and help us to lift each other in prayer. We ask for your wisdom to guide us...your vision to be ours...your labors to become our own. Amen.

Take good care! – Mary