

# LIFE TOGETHER This Week





# Sundays in Advent!!

Join Pastors Bill and Bruce, our amazing worship leaders, and our fantastic staff as we prepare for Christmas. If you missed last Sunday (the first Sunday of Advent), the service is on our website as are all of our Sunday services. Click <u>HERE</u> and scroll down to "Messages" to view them each week!

# Sounds of the Season Music Series

One thing that gets us through our Holiday season with a pep in our step is great Holiday music. And though we can't be together right now, that doesn't mean we can't

bring some music to you! Every morning between December 1 and December 24, you can find a new song on our Facebook (HERE) and Instagram (HERE) pages, as well as our website (HERE). Our Minister of Contemporary Music, Jeff Shoemaker, has brought together local artists to provide wonderful Holiday tunes, both secular and sacred, so listen for your favorites.

We hope this series can bring joy and comfort to your day as we celebrate Advent and all of the preparation, light, peace, joy, and happiness that comes with the season. We miss you and love you all!



# This Sunday!!

**Gingerbread Houses!** Drive-Through & Pick Up Your House; register now to reserve your house!

Drive through the FPLC parking lot to pick up your Gingerbread House kit to decorate at home! Sunday, December 6; 10 am – 12 pm

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

Be sure to take a selfie or family picture, along with your masterpiece and send it to Diane Knapp; diane@ foxpointchurch.org.

Limit 2 houses per family. Each house is \$15—they are bigger this year! **Preferred payment types: checks made out to FPLC or exact cash amount is greatly appreciated.** 

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





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

Wow! All the individual gifts are taken BUT **Serenity Inns does have a few items on their Christmas wish list** to benefit all the residents. To see what they are and to sign up, check the list: <u>HERE</u>.

When are gifts due back to the FPLC church office? 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.

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#### **High School Youth Group**

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

# 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!** 

December 6, 13, 20

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

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



Did you know you can come up with your own service project in addition to/ instead of the ones offered through FPLC? You can! Have an idea? Run it by Pr. Bruce! 414-352-8990 or Pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org.

If you are looking for information on opportunities through church, click <u>HERE</u>. You will find several to choose from.



## 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 (left) to go to the website page! Have guestions? Julie Schlifske, our Children's Ministry Director, can help you; julie@foxpointchurch.org.



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!



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

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

#### **NO Bags Needed (for now)**

Thank you for the many, many, many bags dropped off at the office for Cross Lutheran to use in their distribution of food from their pantry. Wow, who knew people had so many bags at home?!

They have enough to last for awhile now, but if they need more, we'll be sure to let you know.





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#### **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 dinners 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 <u>Make</u> <u>a Meal</u>.

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



### 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).



#### 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!

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:





# PRAYER LIST All in The Family

### We will see you again on Sunday, December 6 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!

Carlynn Alt 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** Ellen **Cammy Endres** John Endres Frin Lu Farwig **Rick Frank** Gene Jerry Gildner Joan Gildner Ann Gordon **Bill Haker** Kyra Hansen Lori Heinrich **Steve Heronemus** Elnamae Heyman Jack Jan Jelica

Jim Don Jones Judy Jorgensen Julia Ken Nadene Kramer Kristine Pat Lawless Ken Lein Leslie Holly Malm 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.

# 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.



### What in The World?

If you've driven past Fox Point Church recently, you will have seen these red circles/holes on

several sides of the building. So what are they? They are where the "tubes" go for removing the asbestos from our builidng.

Stay tuned for more updates!



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This devotion, written by FPLC member Mary Buscher, was originally sent by email on November 25, the day before Thanksgiving.

#### Hello!

Our chilly weather has arrived and as we head into late November maybe you have the furnace going, a plaid throw 'round your shoulders and a cup of hot coffee or tea brewing as you are reading today's devotion...I'm thankful for all these creature comforts and I'll bet you are too!

"Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot

*be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe." – Hebrews 12:28* 

Have any special Thanksgiving memories in your mind's eye? Tell me your stories! One of mine took place on a warm Panama City Beach November day in 1969. I was dining on a Jennie-O Turkey roast and sitting at an old kitchen table using white paper plates. My "good" china hadn't arrived, but my in-laws had, eager to be with their newly married Naval officer son that year. My first Thanksgiving away from home felt quirky, unseasonably warm, and made me thankful for what God had placed in front of me...even my new relatives!

# "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." – Philippians 4:6

Each Thanksgiving is different and each year in our lives is unique. Every 24-hour period reveals itself sometimes quietly, sometimes dramatically unfolding in tender moments and awkward split seconds. Our Father gives thanks for us by granting each of His children a beautiful spin around the sun every day. What we don't want to do is waste His precious gift. What we do want to do is express our thanks in our love, our actions and our prayers...it is our offering of gratitude to Him!

#### "Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness." – Colossians 2:7

Dear Holy One, thank you! For all that is good in our lives today, and for giving us courage to stay the course when prospects might seem less than what we expect. Keep our eyes focused on all that you have given us – we are blessed beyond measure. We are grateful for our families, our friends, our pastors, our helpers, everyone that makes this world a hospitable, meaningful, loving and safe place. Be with us, protect us, and let us share your love and goodness as we walk in the world this week. God, give us grateful hearts. Amen.

Enjoy a blessed week! – Mary