

Faith & Learning

In this fourth and final article on faith and learning, we examine the interface between learning and living, to the place where 'the rubber meets the road'.

Jesus of Nazareth was known for stepping out onto the road, into life, engaging real circumstances and challenges, issues and injustices of his day. In addition to his spiritual teaching, he commented on religious tradition, tax policy, public health, and classism. He bridged societal barriers by keeping company with people divided from or opposed to one another: tax collectors, zealots, Samaritans, Jews, Gentiles, Galileans, Judeans, centurions, prostitutes, the religious leaders, and those believed to be religiously 'unclean.' For Jesus, faith was not something to be compartmentalized into a place of private piety. Faith was something to shape one's words and actions in public life – what we might call discipleship, or a moral vision, or a social ethic.

Karl Barth was one of the most influential Christian theologians of the 20th century. Barth was important for his commentary on the letter to the Romans and his sweeping systematic theology, *Church Dogmatics*, with its more than six million words (Don't worry, I am not suggesting that y'all sit down and read your way through that). He was equally important, though, for the very public role he took in resisting the Nazis as they came to power in Germany. Barth is often said to have lived his faith with a Bible in one hand and a newspaper in the other — and encouraging Christians to approach their faith and everyday public life in a similar way.

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Flowers Galore!

NOW through May 8—Come choose a lovely multi-colored pansy bowl for your patio or for someone special. They are hardy and will hold up well in the cool days/nights of May in Wisconsin! On sale now at the church office Monday-Thursday from 8 am – 3 pm. Price: \$20 ea. (If we sell out prior, we won't hold the sale on Saturday, May 8.)



One of our beautiful pansy bowls on sale now!

Saturday, May 22—We'll have an assortment of gorgeous hanging baskets. This later date helps ensure that the weather will be a bit warmer for the more delicate plants.

In addition to purchasing plants, the proceeds of which go to the Tanzania Scholarship Fund, we will also accept cash donations.



This FPLC pansy bowl survived & thrived at its new home even with our recent snow!

NEW this year: We'll also be selling our terrific Mt. Meru coffee at the plant sales. Support our Tanzania programs and have some delicious home-brewed coffee! (It makes great gifts for the coffee lover in your life!) The coffee is also available for purchase in the church office.



See our building news on page 3!



Sign Up Now!

Two of our partners are holding their workdays on the same weekend—Serenity Inns and All Peoples Church.

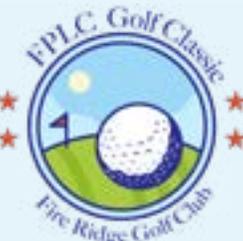
Masks are mandatory, social distancing is planned and help is needed!

Serenity Inns is looking for 7-8 folks to clean carpets, ceiling fans, etc. and 4 more to work in the yard on May 15 from 9 am – noon.

To sign up or ask questions, please contact FPLC member Lorraine Buehler; lcbuehler@cs.com.

All Peoples has something for just about everyone! Bed prepping, planting, weeding, painting, garden repairs, laying wood chips and even some trash pick up! Their work days are split up into 3 half-day shifts to enable people to spread out: Saturday, May 15, 9 am – Noon or 1 – 4 pm or Sunday, May 16, 1-4 pm.

To sign up or ask questions, please contact FPLC member Mark Smith; markskimail@aol.com.



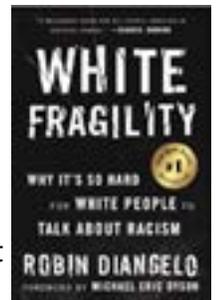
Last Week to Complete Survey!

Who's Ready for Some Golf?

Our Golf Classic committee is hard at work planning our 19th annual event. Social distancing works well with golf, so we hope to resurrect all the fun the Classic has to offer for serious golfers and novices alike – think fun games, sponsorships, a raffle and prizes. At the same time, the Golf Classic serves as a major source of funding for our outreach programs that impact many in our community and beyond. After missing last year, we have lots of funds to raise! Our plans are to hold it on a Friday with a morning start similar to what was done in 2019. **But We Want to Hear From YOU!** Please click the link below for a *very brief* survey. We need to know how the Golf Classic fits in your plans this year—whether as a golfer, volunteer and/or sponsor—and which month you can attend. [Fill Out the Survey!](#)

How Did We Get Here?

Over the past months our nation has experienced a state of unrest and upheaval, incivility and injustice, distrust and discord. People have been harmed. Lives have been lost. Our faith teaches us that love for our neighbor sits in the heart of the Christian way of life, the Christian ethic. That ethic entails both personal relationships and societal ones. In order to better discern what we can do as Christians to live faithfully in these times, it is helpful to understand more deeply how we got here. To that end, the social justice team at FPLC has sponsored a lecture series by guest speaker Reggie Jackson, and a small group discussion of the film, *Just Mercy*.



FPLC's social justice committee will be hosting a book discussion of *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo. Are you interested in joining with other members of our congregation to reflect on some of the emotional, societal, and historical structures that make authentic discussions about race so difficult, and in so doing to take an important step toward making things better? If so, please consider participating in this important study.

Dates: Wednesdays May 19, June 2, 16 and 30

Time: 7-8:30 pm

Location: Zoom

To Register Click: [Registration From](#)

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Construction Update!

The focus on our building project last week continued to be the masons constructing our new structural block walls. The office addition

walls are up and we've moved onto the sanctuary walls!

Here's what happened last week:

Cardinal Fabricating's erection crew (AGM Erecting) set the last column and beam needed for the precast. Additionally, they set the last 3 precast planks while they had their crane setup in the area.

Cornerstone Plumbing successfully found the sanitary main they originally believed had collapsed. The 4" main appears to be in good shape.

Ferrellgas picked up the propane tanks we had used over the winter for temporary heat.

JC Building Systems worked on select demo again by stripping old wall finishes where needed, select demo of old low voltage cabling, and demo of the old built-in gutter around the perimeter of the old sacristy. They also took delivery of the wooden roof trusses this week.

Lyons Electric continued working on layout and roughing in the new lighting feeders and switches in the lower level.

North Shore Environmental Construction mobilized and performed the lead paint abatement on the existing structural steel facing east in the sanctuary.

Paun Construction completed the block walls of the new office addition and the interior south wall of the sanctuary. They have shifted work to the north interior wall of the sanctuary and are at scaffold height around the east and south perimeter walls of the sanctuary.

Pure Mechanical continued work on installation of various elements of the new HVAC system. They are nearing the substantial completion (within the existing spaces) with the install of the new split systems, associated ductwork, and duct insulation.





Dinner Fellowship — TWO dates left! Friday July 16 & Wednesday, July 28

Do you have a great recipe that feeds a group? How about doubling that? You'll have a great meal for yourself AND you can take the meal to the men at Serenity Inns so they have a filling,

delicious meal too! Volunteers can eat with the men or you may drop off dinner due to Covid-19. They follow Covid-19 protocols if you choose to stay to eat.

Serenity Inns provides a safe home for men in Milwaukee to recover from their addiction to drugs or alcohol. FPLC volunteers provide 3 dinners a month for the residents. This is a great opportunity for our Confirmation families as the men share a valuable anti-drug message.

To sign up and learn more about the Covid-19 protocols click [Make a Meal](#). Do you have questions? Lorraine Buehler, FPLC member & long-time Serenity Inns volunteer can help! Email Lorraine at lcbuehler@cs.com.



Infant Massage

Learn to connect and bond with your baby through the power of Infant Massage. This one-hour class is a wonderful way for parents and their babies from birth to 6 months old to connect. Please be prepared to Zoom—all you need is yourself in comfy clothes, your baby(s) and a blanket.

You'll be taught the head-to-toe infant massage techniques that parents need to comfort, reduce irritability, help baby sleep faster and sleep longer, and to overall connect with baby in a positive loving touch in this one hour complementary class. The class is limited to 6 parents per date. Please contact Angie Biersach, FPLC member, parent, and certified infant massage instructor with questions or to RSVP for the class (see contact info below).

Dates: May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 22, November 19, December 17

Time: 2 – 3 pm

Fee: No charge

Instructor: Angie Biersach, MA, CCLS, CFLE, CIMI; angiebiersach@gmail.com or 414-207-2808

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How we understand our faith should inform and inspire how we live our life. It should shape our moral vision and practical ethics, both in our personal life and in our public life as we respond to the issues of our day. Our learning, then, as people of faith can and should extend broadly and deeply into matters of arts and sciences, politics and economics, religion and society. So at FPLC you will find small groups studying the writings of a wide range of authors, sacred and secular, as they explore how their faith might define their life in this world. As I write this article, we have

groups who are studying, or preparing to study, the Gospel of Mark, the life of King David, the book of Revelation, interpreted by theologian NT Wright, and the book *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo. You can find out more information on our website, or by calling the church office. If you are interested in starting a group, or looking for learning ideas, please reach out to me. I love learning and faith and would love to be of service to you in your journey!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bruce

This is the 4th article in Pastor Bruce's four part series on the importance of learning to grow in faith and spirituality.



See our webpage for all information regarding virtual worship, outreach, and children & youth programs. Click →



May 2; 7 pm

High School Youth Group

Feel free to contact Stephanie with any questions at stephanie@foxpointchurch.org.

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://iu.zoom.us/j/89693578820#success>

Confirmation

Service Opportunities

Bay Bridge is another group making lunches on

a monthly basis for Just One More Ministry (JOMM) food bank. Their spots are going quickly so you will likely be looking at dates in June or later. Sign up while they are still available! For information and to sign up: [Bay Bridge JOMM](#)

If you are looking for information on opportunities through church, click [HERE](#). Check occasionally as we try to put new opportunities here as they come up.

Confirmation Workshops

8: April 27 / 28

For more information, see our website: [Confirmation](#).



Bread of Healing Vaccination Help Needed

The Bread of Healing Ministries health clinic at Cross Lutheran Church is administering Covid vaccines to eligible people in the community surrounding their church. They are recruiting people to help. If you are willing to volunteer please go to their information and sign-up page at [Bread of Healing Vaccination Help](#).

Peeps Academy

Peeps Academy is the scholastic support program at All Peoples Church. The information here covers the basics of what they are doing and how you can support their students as they grow in knowledge, wisdom and experience!



Little Free Libraries: All Peoples' Little Free Libraries need a little TLC, which should happen at their Spring Garden Work Weekend (May 15/16), which is our Service Day. This summer, they want to fill their 3 libraries with a variety of books like cookbooks (especially featuring vegetables), Bible story books, books about nature and activity books for children.

Book Reading Videos: All Peoples is creating a small bank of read-aloud videos to use with their younger Peeps Academy children. Record a short book—about 15 minutes and upload it to their Google drive. Click [Here](#).

Back-to-School Book Bags: All Peoples' kids were busy learning at home during most of the 2020-2021 school year. Whatever the place, whatever the mode, our kids will need a little help in order to be ready to do their best in a new year. FPLC is partnering with Winkies Toys and Variety! again this year to purchase school supply packs. We also hope to donate backpacks and scientific calculators. Stay tuned for more information coming soon!



PRAYER LIST

All in The Family

We will see you again on Sunday, May 2, for a virtual 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	Jessie Etheridge	Nadene Kramer	Geoff Rose
Lucy Art	Lu Farwig	Ludvik Krejci	Suzy Shaw
Bernie	Rick Frank	Barbara Kuehn	Peter Stauber
Cameron	Gene	Pat Lawless	Stephen
Chad	Joan Gildner	Ken Lein	Teri
John Chamberlain	Lori Heinrich	Leslie	Tim
Claire	Steve Heronemus	Alison LoCoco	Tom
Jane D.	Elnamae Heyman	Lynn	Brenda Trier
Pr. Dan	Jack	Mary	Zuza
Dana	Charlie James	Andy Meser	
Deb	Jan	Michael	Military
Sheila Dlugi	Jim	Michael	Alex
Doreen	Joan	Ned	Cooper
Mary Beth Duggan	Don Jones	Bill Nell	David
Cammy Endres	Julia	Robert Palmer	Grant
John Endres	Chuck Knapp	Perry	Ian
Erin	Peter Kolb	Riley	Matthew

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.

Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with Joan Gildner and her family in the death of her beloved husband of 65 years, Jerome "Jerry" Gildner...a.k.a "Bud", lovingly by Joan. Jerry passed away peacefully April 23, after a long battle with cancer. Jerry was a faithful member of Fox Point Lutheran Church for 61 years serving as a 1st Sunday usher for many of those years.



Monday Food Drives

When: Every Monday; 10 am – 2 pm outside the church office! **PLEASE,** no glass jars! We need nutritional, non-perishable foods, diapers, personal care products & hand crank can openers.



"5 for Faith" is our fun, fast, family-oriented online Sunday School. Each week we offer five 5-minute activities to help grow your family's faith. Do one activity or try them all! You can find "5 for Faith" on our website or click the Fox Point Kids graphic!



On our "Kids and Youth" page you can find our "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. Click the Little Foxes graphic.



Are you thinking about what annuals, perennials or

garden tools you might need this year? Before you shop, stop in the FPLC church office to pick up a Bayside Garden Center gift card, (which cannot be purchased at Bayside Gardens).

We receive 15% of the proceeds from every card we sell, for our Tanzania scholarship fund!

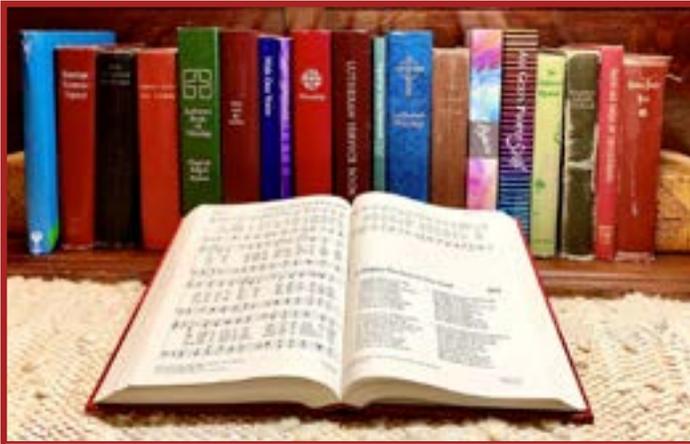
Don't have a garden? No problem! Bayside has lovely indoor plants and decorations for you or to give as gifts!

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 April 21.

It's great to be together today!

"Let love and faithfulness never leave you, bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart." – Proverbs 3:3

We sing many of my favorite hymns at Fox Point Lutheran. The other day I woke up thinking about "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" and then found it in the Lutheran Book of Worship, # 84. Growing up at Unity Lutheran in Bay View meant using the thick Lutheran hymnal and struggling to find the right page to keep up with the service. At FPLC we use a weekly paper bulletin containing everything we need for worship; no need to jostle my neighbor to ask for a hymnal and no worries about passing a hymnal to the end of a pew. We have a finely crafted, easy to follow order of service with hymns, prayers, creeds and church news...all inclusive. Hallelujah!

When I brought out my FPLC hymnal, it made me smile and I sang #84 – very acapella! So many hands have touched those pages! So many children with chubby little fingers, elderly friends with wrinkled palms, visitors, long time members, strangers and friends, all part of one community. It is not about the old or new ways, rather it is about our church community through the years; all the members who have been welcomed and joined together in kinship. How we do it is not so important. What we do, worshiping, singing, having compassion and love for one another together, and our pastors who carry us through the dark and confusing times...that is important. We are those loving and faithful followers in Proverbs 3:3!

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." – Jeremiah 29:12-13

From the Lutheran Book of Worship-

"Almighty God, draw our heart to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen."

In all things, let us try to be wholly His! – Mary