

# LIFE TOGETHER This Week

Week of May 4, 2021 Vol 57 Real Faith For Real Life

### Did you hear the News?

#### **In-Person Services Coming Soon!**

Did you see Pr. Bill's announcement in last Sunday's service? We will be having 2 in-person services a month starting in June!

Dates are coming and the location (for now under wraps) will be announced next week—but restassured, it's close to FPLC.



We have a short but important update this week.

**Paun Masonry** topped out the north and south walls of the sanctuary, as well as the new stairwell and ramp areas. The tallest wall is the east wall of the sanctuary; it is nearly topped out there as well. This week, Paun should complete the new structural block walls. They'll then pull off site until work starts on the brick veneer.

JC Building Systems began rough framing last week. They began setting roof trusses Monday of this week. They'll be working to complete the roof framing of both the porte cochere and office addition. When you drive by, you will notice this big change!

Would you like to see the videos of our roof trusses going in with commentary by Pr. Bill? Check out these links:

Admin Building on Facebook
Porte cochere on Facebook

#### **Pansy Bowls**

### **Saturday, May 8;** 9 - 11:30 am

multi-colored pansy bowl for your patio or for someone special. Mother's Day is this Sunday the 9th! They are hardy and will hold

Come choose a lovely



One of our beautiful pansy bowls on sale now!

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.) Come early to get your pick... before we run out!

#### **Basket & Plant Sale**

Saturday, May 22; 9 am - 2 pm Sunday, May 23; 9 to noon

We'll have fabulous 10" baskets with the new I'conia begonia in great colors, which require part sun to shade, and Million Bells and a few ivy geraniums for sun. Our ever-popular, fantastic 12" baskets will also be available in colorful combos of flowers.

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

#### Mt. Meru Coffee

We're selling our terrific Mt. Meru coffee at the plant sale. 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.





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#### Service Day — 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.



SUNDAY 16

#### Piecemakers/Quilters

We are back sewing and assembling quilts. We welcome all and can teach the easy techniques very quickly.

We now meet at Memorial Lutheran Church on the corner of Green Bay Road and Range Line Road (across from Brown Deer Park). Come when you can,

leave when you must. Bring your lunch and enjoy a conversational break.

Date: Tuesday, May 18th Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Place: Memorial Lutheran Church

7701 North Green Bay Road, Glendale

Contact: Sharon Hipke, call 414-352-1605 if you need more detailed instructions.

#### **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). This is also 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. Wherever 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!



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#### **Serenity Inns**

Great news—all our dinner fellowship dates through July have been filled. We will be announcing dates for August and the fall later this month.



If you would like to help Serenity Inns in a different way, we will be working with them on Service Day, Saturday, May 15. (See the Service Day article in this issue.)

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

#### 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 <a href="Bread of Healing Vaccination Help">Bread of Healing Vaccination Help</a>.

#### **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



#### **FPLC Golf Classic**

Our committee is hard at work planning our 19th annual Golf Classic! 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.

Based on the survey results the committee received, we'll be choosing a date and starting sign-ups shortly!



#### **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 <u>HERE</u>. Check occasionally as we try to put new opportunities here as they come up.

#### **Confirmation**

Confirmation for our 8th graders is Sunday, May 16. Contact Pastor Bruce with any questions; pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org.



# PRAYER LIST All in The Family

### We will see you again on Sunday, May 9, 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!

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#### **Monday Food Drives**

Julia

**Chuck Knapp** 

Peter Kolb

**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!



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This devotion, written by FPLC member Mary Buscher, was originally sent by email on April 28.

#### Hello!

"Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance." – Jude 1:2

What a calming and restorative greeting! It's like "have a nice day", or "take good care of yourself",

or an expression we've heard so much in this pandemic, "stay well". For a short book, Jude packs a punch with conciseness. For me, he is getting in his last hurrah; the middle section reprimands wrongdoers without great subtlety using words like "blemishes", "wild waves", "wandering stars" and "blackest darkness". He exposes the sins of God's people and explains what they can do to become the better of His creations.

That middle portion of Jude is the "kick" as in a letter of the Kiss Kick Kiss variety. You open with a welcoming greeting, give the bad news and close the letter respectfully. As a Sr. Examiner for an insurer, I was trained to compose letters in that style. I became accustomed to denying claim submissions, but never to writing and seeing those harsh words of refusal in print. Our "kiss" at the letter's closing was a mediocre "sincerely". But Jude surprises us; his middle portion is not just alerts and bad news, it is a bridge. It is a bridge to a wonderful blessing. Jude follows his Master and both leaves us and leads us with an unmistakable embrace:

"But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy-to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen." – Jude 1: 20-21, 24-25.

#### Let's pray-

Loving Father, sometimes our words are not the kindest or most appropriate. Let us follow Jesus' way, uncovering and using kindness and love in our speech and actions in even our most troubling situations or encounters with others. Thank you for reminding us not only of Jude's cautions, so that we remain steadfast in our faith, but also of his message of mercy and hope with your love leading us. Amen.

Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance this week! - Mary