

### building faith forward

Construction Update!

Last week some of the FPLC staff had a wonderful opportunity to tour the new building space. Joe Kwiatkowski, our project superintendent, shared practical information and a few surprising finds on our tour. He helped us all picture "what will be" in just a few short months! This week we'll showcase most of the first floor.



← This is the west-facing portion of our building just before you get to the old entrance to the building. Doesn't look familiar? It was mostly covered by large shrubs. The yellow circle highlights the 1950 cornerstone. This entire foundation was dug up to install a new water drainage system. The old one was in bad shape and likely contributed to our water issues.

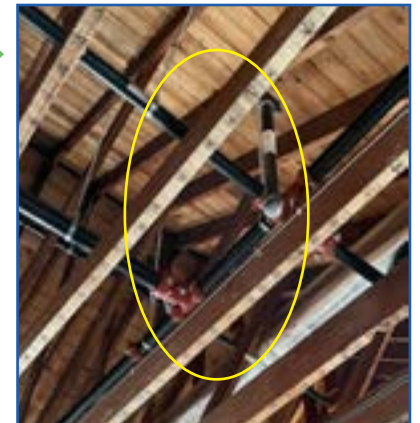
Much of the metal stud framing is in place → throughout the building. Believe it or not, it's pretty flexible at this stage. Once the drywall is installed, it becomes sturdy. What are the wood

planks? Those are extra strong supports for load-bearing items which will be hung on these walls. This framing is for one of the new bathrooms. Items like a grab support bar will hang here. In other places, it may be cabinets or electronics.



← This is the framed out "Heritage Room" for small groups. It is where the welcome kiosks once stood (and long before that where the church offices were!). The opening with the wood framing around it will hold the beautiful stained glass that once formed the back windows of our chapel!

One the single most important items in our renovated building is pictured here. This is just a very small part of the new fire suppression system. When we say this runs throughout the building, we mean business! It runs from the lower level all the way to within a foot of the very top of the church steeple. In many areas, there are several layers of pipes to cover the various layers between the ceilings we see all the way to the roof. Interesting fact: This system isn't designed to save the building, but to slow down a fire significantly to allow all occupants time to evacuate before the building is overcome.



← On to what was once the Chapel! Big, beautiful changes are happening here to both celebrate the new and honor our beginnings. Gone is the barrel ceiling, but look at this lofty ceiling, which will follow the shape of the original

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roof joists seen here. The big open space at the end, where the stained glass hung above the altar, is our new entrance. But what of the woodwork and stained glass that was there? It's being re-purposed as a nod to the early days of our church.

← Behind the welcome desk will be a partial wall. On the opposite side of that wall will be a gathering space with seating. The wood frame and original altar glass will be installed there and back-lit.

If you've ever had to trek from the church, walk across → the parking lot to the admin building in the snow or rain to track down a person or some paperwork, you will understand one of the many reasons our staff is excited to move our offices to the main church building! This picture shows the conference room in the new administration area, with the original brick outer wall of the chapel intact—that's staying. This is Joe Kwiatkowski, our project superintendent and terrific tour guide.



← This window will soon be turned into a door leading to the patio on the east side of our building. The parking area will be gone, replaced by a seating area and green space.



It may be a little hard to see here, but at the south end of → Fellowship Hall, above the ceiling, you can see what was once the cornices and brickwork on the outside of the original church! They covered right over it, gutters and all, when Fellowship Hall was built.



← The north end of Fellowship Hall still looks familiar, but it has a new name. The kitchen is now called the pantry, but will still be the site of much activity during our many clubs, meetings and bread-baking sessions!

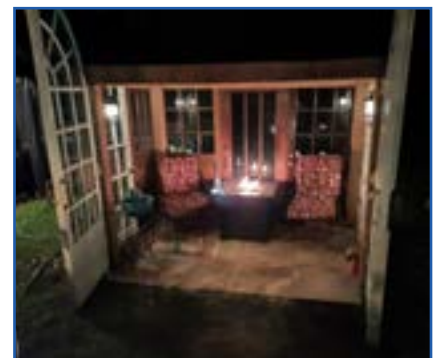
*Stay tuned for an update on the Sanctuary and lower level!*



### The Old Is New Again!

Some of us have trouble saying goodbye to things that have been a part of our lives for a long time. We may feel better knowing those items are going on to a new life in a special way.

Do these doors look familiar to you? They are the doors that once separated Fellowship Hall from the hallway behind the Chapel. Now they are part of a gazebo outside the The Coffee Talk Bakery in Genesse!



Scott Anderson is a Master Electrician and the on-site Crew Leader for Lyons Electric on our building project. Scott's wife and children run the restaurant/bakery. Scott built this gazebo using doors as the walls and ceiling. The white doors are re-purposed from FPLC and the other doors came from a historic property located in Scott's neighborhood. These doors witnessed countless hours of fellowship at our church and will continue in that role as people sip their coffee and spend time with friends in this adorable gazebo! Well done, Scott!



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Fox Point Church



**REGISTER NOW!**

**TEAM FPLC / OUTREACH FOR HOPE**

**September 25**

## **OUTREACH FOR HOPE**

Outreach For Hope supports life-giving ministries that serve the people of low-income communities in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA. These ministries provide food programs, community gardening to support their neighborhoods, health care and parish nurses, clothing, safety, education programs and more. They also provide assistance with seasonal concerns such as coat drives, the Superbowl Food Drive and emergency needs (a broken boiler for example). Not only are they meeting these needs in their neighborhoods, but they operate as centers in the heart of their communities for meeting spiritual needs and providing positive support and hope.

OFH was originally part of the Greater Milwaukee Synod. However, in 2005, it became Outreach for Hope, Inc., a separate non-profit organization.

OFH seeks donations primarily from individuals. It also receives gifts from organizations and from the special offerings of congregations. The Ride Run Walk is their largest fundraising event.

For more information on OFH, see their website, clicking: [Outreach for Hope](#).

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 22**

Pr. Chris Manke, the new Executive Director of Outreach for Hope, will be our guest preacher on Sunday, August 22 during both our virtual and in-person worship options. Chris is the former lead pastor at St. Matthew's Church in Wauwatosa.

## **JOIN TEAM**

## **FOX POINT LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

Bring friends, family and definitely your kids for this family-friendly fun event benefiting our community.

Join our FPLC team for the Outreach for Hope Ride Run Walk, and to help FUNdraise for grants to central city congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod! Visit [OFHRRW.org](#) to register to participate. You register under your own name and choose Fox Point Lutheran Church from the team drop-down menu to join our team! We are participating at the Ozaukee County location: Grafton/Ozaukee Interurban Trail and county roads.

You have your choice of signing up for the:

- Two mile walk
- 14-mile family-friendly trail ride on the Interurban Trail
- 1 or 2 road rides for the more experienced rider; 30 miles or 50 miles

Registrants will receive a free event t-shirt, access to the online mileage tracker and fundraising platform, snacks, drinks and a boxed lunch. There is NO registration fee — instead, pay what you can at registration, and/or collect donations from others leading up to the event. Although you set up a fundraising page during registration, fundraising is not required.

**Date:** Saturday, September 25 (morning; see the registration page for times of the specific events)

**Register on the OFH website:** [OFHRRW.org](#)

**Questions:** Contact Stacia Hickey, [stacia@foxpointchurch.org](mailto:stacia@foxpointchurch.org)





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### Dinner Fellowship with Serenity Inns Residents

Take a meal to the men at Serenity Inns and stay to enjoy the meal with them. They share their stories with the group while experiencing valuable social interactions which were often lost during addiction. This is a great activity to do with your middle and high school-aged youth so they can hear the anti-drug/alcohol message.

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. You can also drop off a meal or order a meal to be delivered.

To sign up click the button to the right. Do you have questions? Lorraine Buehler, FPLC member & long-time Serenity Inns volunteer can help! Email Lorraine at [lcbuehler@cs.com](mailto:lcbuehler@cs.com).

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*Some of these days fill up very quickly, so book ahead!* **Fridays:** August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17; **Wednesdays:** August 25, November 24, December 22




Join Us For a Dinner Fellowship-Themed  
**Celebration of Recovery**  
**Thursday September 30, 2021**  
5pm Doors Open 6:30pm Dinner

**Italian Community Center**  
631 E. Chicago Street, Milwaukee WI  
(Free parking in ICC lot)

**Evening Highlights:**  
*Master of Ceremonies* ~ Mike Strehlow, CBS 58 News Team  
*Recognitions* ~ Serenity Inns Resident  
Alumnus of the Year  
Community Partner  
*Silent Auction* ~ (Cash, Check or Credit Card)

*The in-person Celebration of Recovery event is back!*  
*The cost is \$85. You are welcome to purchase a ticket for one of the residents if you would like.*  
*The RSVP and more details can be found [HERE](#) under the Serenity Inns & Alumni House heading. For more information, contact Lorraine Buehler at [lcbuehler@cs.com](mailto:lcbuehler@cs.com) or Virginia Zignego at [vzignego@serenityinns.org](mailto:vzignego@serenityinns.org).*



**DONATION DROP-OFF INSIDE**

FOOD OTHER ITEMS

**NEED ASSISTANCE?**  
We'll come out to get your items.  
**(414) 352-8990**

FOX POINT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Mon THUR  
9am TO 2pm

### Food Drives

Now you can drop your food (or other) donations in the office Monday-Thursday from 9 am – 2 pm! (See graphic to the left.) However, if you would like assistance to bring your donations in, please call the church office when you get to the parking lot; 414-352-8990!

**Food Needs:** Nutritional, non-perishable foods: soups, stews, canned meats (tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages, spam), canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, boxed milk, peanut butter

**Personal Care Needs:** Diapers, toilet paper, soap, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, toothpaste and shaving cream



## Sunday School Update

Typically, this time of year, we would be asking you to register for Sunday school. But *nothing* has been typical about this past year!

Given the changing circumstances of Covid, our church construction, and the availability of alternative places to hold our Sunday school classes, we are waiting to determine when and where we will be able to hold them. Stay tuned for updates as we learn more!

### What We Know So Far

*Registration for Sunday school:* We will begin registering for Sunday school late this summer in preparation for fall classes either at North Shore Congregational Church or in our new church building beginning in December.

*Teacher Sign-Up:* We will again ask parents to help teach Sunday school as they have in the past. Of course, this will take into account the changing circumstances of Covid and vaccinations at the time. We will notify you of teacher sign-ups when we determine our start date.

*Online Sunday School for Our Elementary-Age Kids:* This summer we are offering a movie series for your kids to enjoy. Each week, by going through our church's website, kids can see a new episode of the Christian movie series *Superbook*. In this series, Joy, Chris, and their robot, Gizmo, travel through time to experience stories from the Bible and the lessons they hold for us. Check out the trailer for the series on YouTube [HERE](#).

Your kids can also continue to enjoy Sunday school lessons through our three homegrown online video



series: Fox Knocks, Super D, and Vito Goes to Sunday School. Each episode in these series is brief but filled with fun as well as important Bible lessons. You can find the links on the church's website under the FPLC Kids & Youth tab or click [HERE](#).

### *Online Sunday School for Preschoolers:*

Your child can continue to watch episodes of Little Foxes on our church's website. Simply click on the FPLC Kids & Youth tab or click [HERE](#).

*Worship:* Of course, children are always welcome to worship with their families in person with us at North Shore Congregational Church this summer and through the online services. We cannot provide in-person Sunday school or nursery care at this time. Our website has more information about our in-person worship.

*Thank you for all your patience and support this past year. I miss you all and look forward to seeing you in person soon!*

— Miss Julie

## Infant Massage

This one-hour, class is a wonderful way for parents and their babies from birth to 6 months old to connect. 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. 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:** Aug 20, Sept 17, Oct 22, Nov 19, Dec 17

**Time:** 2 – 3 pm

**Instructor:** Angie Biersach, MA, CCLS, CFLE, CIMI; [angiebiersach@gmail.com](mailto:angiebiersach@gmail.com) or 414-207-2808



# PRAYER LIST

## All in The Family

**We will see you on Sunday, August 1, 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  
Harry Beaumont  
Karen Berg  
Bernie  
Doreen Bill  
Cameron  
Carol  
John Chamberlain  
Claire  
Jane D.  
Pr. Dan  
Deb  
Sheila Dlugi  
Cammy Endres  
John Endres  
Erin  
Jessie Etheridge

Lu Farwig  
Rick Frank  
Kathy Gebel  
Gene  
Steve Heronemus  
Elnamae Heyman  
Dan Holtz  
Alice Horton  
Ben Iammartino  
Jan  
Jim  
Joan  
John  
Jon  
Don Jones  
Julia  
Jim Jurack

Chuck Knapp  
Nadene Kramer  
Ludvik Krejci  
Barbara Kuehn  
Pat Lawless  
Ken Lein  
Leslie  
Lynn  
Mary  
MaryAnn  
Andy Meser  
Michael  
Michael  
Monica  
Ned  
Bill Nell  
Robert Palmer

Riley  
Geoff Rose  
Kathy Schwartz  
Jenell Hurst Seidl  
Peter Stauber  
Stephen  
Tom  
Brenda Trier  
Zuza

### Military

Alex  
Cooper  
David  
Grant  
Ian  
Matthew

### Prayer Requests

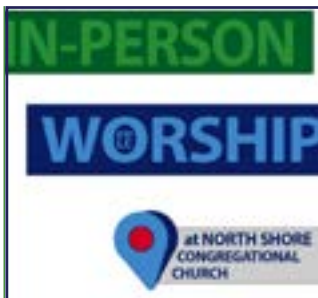
Now you can make a prayer request through our website. Click [Prayer Requests](#) to submit a form or submit a request through email—church@foxpointchurch.org.

### Congratulations Baptism

Rio Roberto Heaton, son of Brett & Rebeca Heaton Juarez, was baptized Saturday, July 24.

### Devotional Books Available!

Devotional books covering July – September are now available in the church office. Stop by to pick up your copy! The office is open Monday – Thursday 9 am – 2 pm.



### In-Person Worship, August 8 & 22!

You must pre-register for in-person services. Sign up by clicking the "Register Here!" button. If you don't have Internet access, you can sign up by calling the church office at 414-352-8990.

[Register Here!](#)

### Virtual Services Continues!

While we are offering in-person services twice a month, virtual services will be posted online to watch each week.

**FPLC Summer 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 July 21.*

Hello!

*“Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.” – Romans 5:3-4*

My Grandpa Gall’s family is from Sauk county Wisconsin. Head through the curves, where the narrows and bluffs create God’s exquisite landscape, where the Baraboo River runs

near Reedsburg and you’ve found his home town, Rock Springs. Walter had 9 siblings and a family in the quarry business. They lived in a handsome home on River St., the Baraboo River just steps away. Hardship and joy were familiar companions; his mother, Hannah, passed away shortly after giving birth to his brother Raymond, who died 9 months later on Thanksgiving Day. In 1910, a new helpmate, Anna, joined the family and brought joy back into their big home. They had hope as God’s grace and love first provided Hannah and then Anna – His blessings in abundance!

*“By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established.” – Proverbs 23:3*

Families continued living in the great old house, but something changed this year. The Baraboo River flooded numerous times and the hundred year floods were arriving every five years, the last time resulting in never-to-be-fixed homes and businesses. Rock Springs began tear downs, including the River St. house. When I saw photos of the home now reduced to rubble, it was a sad day. But I smiled thinking about how many generations had lived there and enjoyed watching the Baraboo rise and fall and hearing the trains thunder through the narrows.

*“No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and puts it on an old garment; otherwise he will both tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old.” – Luke 5:36*

God provided a cushion of comfort and wisdom to the little town. They will experience the blessings of renewal and growth as they recreate downtown Rock Springs on higher ground. Our Father tells us to find the blessing and follow the blessing. Perhaps that beautiful land where the house stood will be replanted or made into a park or just be there for us to enjoy as we ramble down the road to Reedsburg. We follow God’s incredible blessings...comfort in moments of great sadness and the joy of rebuilding to soften the hard edges.

*“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” Romans 12:12*

Thank you for this day, O God, for every grace we have seen and shared, every kind word and smile of friendship, every moment of laughter, and even for the struggles that humble us and move us to you. Grant us gentle rest until morning dawns. – Pastor David L. Miller

Enjoy a wonderful week of renewal! – Mary