

building faith forward

Construction Update!

Crown Carpentry continues to have a large presence on site with 3 crews running. The framing crew was split this week between framing of walls in the lower-level restrooms and the continued work on the metal stud framing of the sanctuary ceilings. The rockers have been rolling through the project and have completed hanging drywall in the office addition (lower and upper levels), the walls of the group rooms, and are nearly complete with the ceiling of the chapel. The finishing crew continues following the hanging crew as

they prepare walls for new finishes/coverings.

JC Building Systems has increased their crew size as they have taken delivery of the wood trim and have begun casing out the new wood door jambs and new window jamb extensions. Their focus was the office addition last week and have now moved on to the lobby area. In addition to the doors and windows, JCBS has begun prep work for the new wood crown moldings throughout the project. JCBS also has assisted with select demolition of existing drywall walls and a few other loose ends.

Lyons Electric continues work within the new electrical panels, pulling fire alarm wiring, and working with Newport Network Solutions on the new network and security cabling.

MCS Woodworking delivered our wood trim to the site. To date they have provided us with the trim for the wood base, crown moldings, window jamb extensions, and casing for the windows and doors.

Help Needed THIS Saturday!



Volunteer At The Gathering!

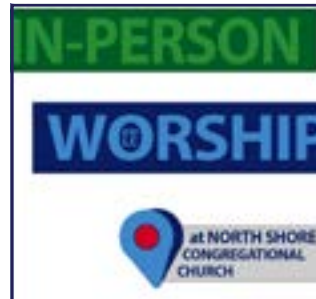
The Gathering is committed to serving their guests, even during Covid-19.

They've adjusted their methods of sanitizing, preparing & distributing food to ensure safety. They need your help!

If you are healthy and willing, they'd love to have your help packaging bag lunches. This is a great opportunity for Confirmation students to give to their community. We request that an adult either volunteer with each student or that you arrange for them to join another confirmation family attending the event who can get them home or stay with them until they are picked up.

The FPLC dates fill up quickly but check for cancellations: [FPLC Volunteer Dates](#). We have dates September – December, but especially need help THIS Saturday, September 18 and Saturday, October 16. Both dates are 10 am – 1 pm.

If these dates are full, volunteer on dates that aren't specifically for FPLC by going to their website: [Community Volunteer](#).



In-Person Worship, Sept. 26

There is no longer a need to pre-register for our in-person services. You are welcome to just

show up for the service! There are some guidelines to review before attending. Click the button to read those.

Questions? Please call the church office at 414-352-8990.

[Guidelines](#)





Afghanistan Refugees

"Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." – Romans 12:13

Many of you have inquired with the church office about how FPLC can assist the Afghan refugees coming to our area. Thank you to all who are concerned and offering your help and prayers!

We thought it would be helpful to provide some background information.

Current Situation

Four military sites around the country are processing many, many evacuees. Once that is complete, they will come to resettlement organizations like Lutheran Social Services (LSS). If you are interested in helping the efforts going on right now at Ft. McCoy here in Wisconsin, please visit the Ft. McCoy Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/FtMcCoy>.

LSS normally has a few weeks to prepare when a refugee or family is on their way; in this situation it will likely be days.

LSS has received numerous offers of support. They are now conducting weekly zoom calls to keep volunteers in the loop during this ever-evolving situation. We are attending these calls so that we can stay up-to-date on ways to assist and communicate them with you! They are updating their website regularly at: [LSS](#).

What's Next

They are anticipating that approximately 100 refugees will be settled in our area. Each refugee will need about 6 months of all needs paid for by donations (housing, food, clothing, transportation, etc.)

Three primary areas of assistance are needed per LSS:

1. They need critical cash donations to cover the cost of rent or residence hotels for up to six months.
2. In-kind and other donations: hygiene kits, food deliveries, household items . . .
3. Volunteering: This includes sponsoring a family, transportation, community outings . . .

FPLC is putting together a volunteer team to work with LSS. If you would like to be a member of that team or

be a co-chair of the committee (we have one co-chair now!), please send an email to Stacia Hickey at stacia@foxpointchurch.org.

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." – Romans 15:7

Why Is The Need So Great?

The Afghan people have been ravaged by conflict, extreme drought and Covid-19. Now, as we've all seen on the news, tens of thousands have been evacuated from Afghanistan to multiple countries around the world. Many have come to four military bases in the US, including Ft. McCoy in Wisconsin.

Imagine for a moment fleeing your home, boarding a plane and landing across the world with nothing. Many left so fast and in such dangerous conditions they had only the clothes they were wearing. Some were killed in violence at the airport as they were trying to flee.

To make things more difficult, many have come to the US with incomplete or missing paperwork. Normally the procedure of getting the paperwork established would have occurred in Afghanistan, but due to the danger and need to leave quickly, the people were evacuated first and that process will occur in the US. People without complete paperwork do not have official refugee status. They are here on an emergency humanitarian visa and therefore don't qualify for government assistance programs, making their situation more dire.

As you can see, the need is great. Please join our team and welcome a new neighbor with open arms.

*"For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star over head."*

– Hymn "For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table" by Shirley Erena Murray



The Office Has Moved!

The FPLC offices are in our temporary space until the new building is ready. The address is: **8050 N. Port Washington Rd.** We've got signs and banner flags out front to help you spot us. Things of note:

- We have the same phone number (414-352-8990)
- **Important: Continue to mail anything to the 7510 N. Santa Monica Blvd. 53217 address. The mail will still be delivered to our current location and picked up by staff.**
- Please use the West door (on Port Washington Rd.) to enter our offices.
- Food drives have resumed in this space.
- Office hours are: M – TH 9 am – 3 pm; closed Friday
- If you would like any of the plants around the old office building, please help yourself! There are hosta and pachysandra, spirea and some others as well. Act soon, they go when the building goes!



Our temporary space as you approach from the south

Would You Like A Desk?

We have a number of desks in the old FPLC office that are free to a good home if you are interested.

They are well-used (scratches and dents here and there) but have served us well. You just need to be able to move them/transport them yourselves.

Call the church office to set up a time and someone will meet you there so you can take a look at what we have: 414-352-8990.



Confirmation

We've Got News!

Pastor Bruce is happily hard at work building a plan for this year.

We are looking forward to beginning confirmation in person as soon as we can gather in our wonderful new building, which will be in December.

As we wait for that glorious moment, we will be in touch with you by email and regular mail.

We will be providing you with the registration materials, the confirmation handbook and service opportunities as they become available.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org or 262-227-9211 (cell).

We look forward to seeing you all soon!



PIECEMAKERS/QUILTERS

Despite the current hot and humid weather, winter is coming. The need for warm quilts increases. We will be working to meet that need on Tuesday, September 21st.

We welcome anyone who wants to join us. Bring your lunch and enjoy a lunch break with us. People come and go as their schedule permits.

Date: Tuesday, September 21st

Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Place: Memorial Lutheran Church, 7703 N. Green Bay Road (on the corner of Green Bay and Range Line Road)

Contact: Sharon Hipke at 414-352-1605 or edsharhip@gmail.com

Staff Thoughts On the Parsonage/Church Office

With our move to the temporary office space, a few of us were talking about what we might miss—and NOT miss—about the office we had shared for so many years. Here are some thoughts from a few of us.

Bruce Cheever

One of my favorite things about the old office building is that it felt like home. I mean, it literally was a home. Long before it was the church office it was the church parsonage, the place where the pastor and his family lived. When I walked into the offices each day, it was a bit like coming home, in the sense that you could see the places and spaces as they once were – the kitchen, the dining room with the Dutch doors to the backyard, the fireplace in the living room, the pastor's study paneled with the same care as the Pine Room in the old church and in which Mrs. Berdelman had as her office, upstairs offices which had once been bedrooms and the bathroom with the shower and everything. Yes indeed, the offices most certainly once were a home, and felt like home too. Of course, most of that feeling is the wonderful kindness of our church staff, who are like a family to each other. That same spirit will most certainly come with us into the new offices, which I know will very soon feel like home too.

Diane Knapp

I am looking forward to the new building, although I liked the scenery out the window in our old office. I also enjoyed seeing the neighborhood cats walking by. Having everything in one building will be wonderful! I'll tell you what I *won't* miss—all of the mice!

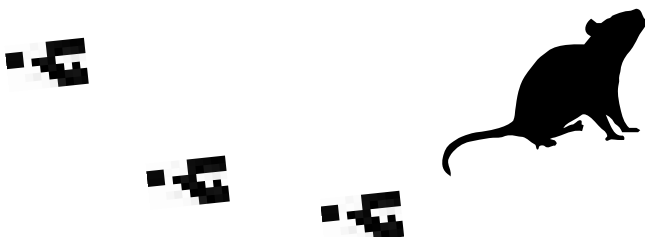
Mary Altstiel

It was nice working in the office, knowing it used to be a home. I always enjoyed the landscaping, too. We've been able to transplant some of the plants to our own backyard, and they'll always be special, knowing where they came from.

I *won't* miss going to and from the church through the parking lot, in winter!

Stacia Hickey

The old building holds a lot of good memories, but I'll take those with me, so the building doesn't matter as much. I will miss glancing out the window at all the dogs walking by, neighborhood cats and the groups of turkeys grazing in the yard. It was also handy to be able to talk to Diane right through the floorboards without even raising our voices. There are two things I won't miss. The back door slamming so loud the building shook and hitting my head on the cabinet ceiling every time I got more paper. Ouch!





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Wednesday Evening Women's Book Study

This could almost be called a belated invitation! The good news is it is still not too late to Zoom with the Wednesday Evening Women on September 8.

We are beginning an exciting adventure with renowned religious author and professor of philosophy, Dallas Willard, as we explore his book, *Hearing God-Developing A Conversational Relationship With God*. Praying is such a vital part of our faith life; learning to have a conversation with God can take us to a whole new level in our relationship with our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.

You can purchase the book on Amazon or ChristianBook.com. We will be discussing Chapter One this week. Because this is coming to you so late, you probably won't have time to get/read the book. Please don't let that stop you from joining us!

Dates: Every other Wednesday beginning September 8

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Zoom: We'll meet by Zoom for now; please send your email to Ruth Schmidt (see below).

Contact: Ruth Schmidt@schmidtyruth@aol.com or 262-424-3344; she will need your email to send a Zoom invitation

Author Bill Hybels says, "Few books have challenged me like this one. I would urge every serious-minded Christian to read it ... at your own risk."

If you didn't participate on Wednesday Evenings last spring, we hope you will take a risk and join us for this life-changing book. If you are interested in this book and Wednesdays for Women doesn't work for you, the Monday morning group will be discussing this book at a future time.

Monday Morning Study Group

This group welcomes everyone to discuss a book right off the best sellers list:

The Women of the Bible Speak: The Wisdom of 16 Women and Their Lessons for Today.

In this book, Fox News Channel's Shannon Bream opens up the lives of 16 Women of the Bible, arranging them into pairs and contrasting their journeys and how they relate to each other and can transform our lives today.

If you weren't part of our spring group, we'd love to have you join us this fall as we get to know some of the less prominent Biblical women, along with some enlightening information about some of the most famous. The book is available at Target, Walmart, ChristianBook.com and more.

Date: Every other Monday beginning September 20

Time: First Meeting at 9:30 – 11 am; subsequent meetings 10 – 11:30 am

Zoom: We'll meet by Zoom for now; please send your email to Ruth Schmidt (see below).

Contact: Ruth Schmidt@schmidtyruth@aol.com or 262-424-3344; she will need your email to send a Zoom invitation

This is sure to be a great read with a great group. Come join our Zoom this fall!!!



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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](#).



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



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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.

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Some of these days fill up very quickly, so book ahead! **Fridays:** November 19, December 17;
Wednesdays: 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 or Virginia Zignego at vzignego@serenityinns.org.



FPLC Golf Classic—Canceled

Unfortunately due to timing and low sign-ups, the "Golf Team" is canceling our Golf Classic this year. However, they say it **will** be back, bigger & better next year with all the fun and excitement of previous years.

Stay tuned to next Spring 2022!

Devotional Booklets

The 4th quarter devotional booklets are available in the office and during our in-person worship services.

We have both large and regular print versions available.

Don't forget, if you plan to pick up a devotional book in the office, we are in our temporary space at **8050 N. Port Washington Rd.**



Sunday School Update

First, let me start by saying, *I miss you! All of you!* Seeing your children on Sunday mornings was the highlight of my week—every week.

Sunday school has always been a wonderful experience for our kids at FPLC. It

provides a chance for kids to get together in ways that they can't elsewhere to learn about God, Jesus, and each other in a safe—and often fun—way.

Nothing can truly compete with our physical connection, which is why this past year has been so difficult. As of today, with the current surge in Covid-19 and lack of safe classroom space, we are still not able to offer in-person Sunday school. The health of all our members will always be paramount in any decisions we make. It's a hard decision, but we believe it's the right and only decision we could make.

Please know that we are monitoring the situation closely and will offer in-person kids' activities or Sunday school classes as soon as it is possible.

Meanwhile, we are offering a new video series: **FPLC from A to Z**. Each week we will open our special dictionary to help us answer questions that your kids (or you!) may have always had about the church, the Bible, Jesus, or being a Christian. For example, what is a messiah, why do we use water in baptism, what is a narthex, why do churches have steeples? Check it out beginning September 12. If there are topics your children have questions about, send them in an email to me at julie@foxpointchurch.org.

Coming soon: We are also starting to build a **Parents' Corner** on our website to answer difficult questions you, as parents, may have. For example, how do I talk to my child about death and heaven, how do I recognize depression or anxiety in my child, how do I help my child through a divorce? We will include brief videos from a variety of experts—including Pastors Bill and Bruce. If you have any issues you would like us to address, please email me at julie@foxpointchurch.org.

If there is anything else I can do to help you and your children bridge the gap between now and when we can meet in-person again, please let me know!

In God's Love,
Julie Schlifskes

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: Sept 17, Oct 22, Nov 19, Dec 17

Time: 2 – 3 pm

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



PRAYER LIST

All in The Family

We will see you on Sunday, September 19 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
Angie
Harry Beaumont
Karen Berg
Bernie
Doreen Bill
Bill Buehler
Cameron
Carol
John Chamberlain
Chris
Claire
Jane D.
Pr. Dan
Deb
Sheila Dlugi
Cammy Endres
John Endres
Erin

Jessie Etheridge
Lu Farwig
Rick Frank
Kathy Gebel
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
Lane
Pat Lawless
Ken Lein
Leslie
Alison LoCoco
Lynn
Mary
MaryAnn
Andy Meser
Michael
Michael
Monica
Ned
Bill Nell
Robert Palmer

Riley
Geoff Rose
Mark Schmahl
Jim Schmidt
Kathy Schwartz
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.

Food Donations Are Back at Our Temporary Office

You can drop food donations M – TH, 9 am – 3 pm. The cart will be in our offices at **8050 N. Port Washington Rd.** Please use the West door (on Port Washington Rd.) to enter our offices. There is parking on that side of the building. If you cannot bring your donation inside, call us and we'll come out to get it!



What Do Our Partners Need?

These are items most in need:

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

FPLC Office Hours
Monday–Thursday from 9 am–3 pm

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Good Morning!

"For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything." – Hebrews 3:4

I saw the little guy out of the car window as we drove up Santa Monica Blvd. Looking so proud riding what looked like a brand new bike on the sidewalk, you could tell he knew just where he was going. No house number checking for him. Recognizing his house by

sight, he rode his bike up on the front lawn and quickly ditched it, not even waiting to use the kick stand. As he ran with his backpack in tow he used his very own key without any hesitation and flung open the front door. He was smiling and you could tell he felt welcome. Home...he was home!

"For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways." – Psalm 91:11

Coming home! The wonderful feeling of once again actually being together with our church family is exhilarating. We may be at a different address for now, but it's the same great church. Perhaps you have a memory of coming home after school and finding Mom or Dad there greeting you ...feeling welcomed, safe, secure and wanted; they couldn't wait to see you! It's the same way we can feel in the presence of our Father; the peace we feel whenever we are at home with God...praying together, praising together, our community rising together in one voice with one intent, to worship our Creator. It feels like home. And like that little boy, we know that even if we mess up, maybe especially if we fall short, we know we can always go home because our sanctuary is in His sanctuary.

"In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O Lord will keep me safe." – Psalm 4:8

We pray-

Dear Lord, help us to rest in good and peaceful sleep each night, knowing that you are there with us. No matter what the day has brought to us, we know that we are safe with you. Help us to awaken to your grace that we might trust and not fear. Thank you for your love that fills each day with abundance and each moment with hope and promise. Amen.

Welcome home! – Mary