

building faith forward

Construction Update!

While many of our offices are closed for part of this week and people are taking time off, the work continues on the FPLC building and sanctuary!

In these pictures you can see the new areas where our wonderful choir and worship team will be during services going forward.

Keep following this newsletter in the coming weeks for more updates. We are sooo close!

A very happy Thanksgiving to you all!
We are so looking forward to being together again!



The choir will be singing from the right, behind the short white wall. A similar area is on the left (behind the red and grey lift), where the worship team will be located.



The choir will perform from the area behind this wall.



Christmas Angel Tree

We are happy to announce that all the gifts for children at Next Door Foundation have been spoken for. We still have gift slots available for the men living at Serenity Inns! Please click the red gift below to sign up. If you would like to purchase more than one item, simply fill the form out again, choosing another spot. FPLC member Sarah Vant Hul will email you with the gift ideas for the person(s) you selected. You purchase one of the gifts listed and return it wrapped. Stay tuned for the drop-off location.

When is it due? All gifts for Next Door children need to be returned to the church office by **December 2**. All gifts for Serenity Inns men need to be returned to church by **December 16**.

Location for Dropoff: Next Door gifts must be returned to the FPLC temporary office by December 2. Serenity Inns gifts may also be brought to the temporary office until December 2. If you plan to bring your Serenity Inns gifts back after that date, please stay tuned for the location!

Contact person: Sarah Vant Hul at tsvanthul@yahoo.com or 414-899-1245. Email is best.

Sign up: Click the red gift to the right. It will take you to the sign-up sheet or if you don't have Internet access, call the church office at 414-352-8990.



Thank you for signing up to be a part of the Christmas Angel Tree this year.



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Share God's Love by Enriching the Lives of Older Adults

Luther Manor is raising funds through the Love Lights and Friends of Luther Manor Membership Drive



Friends of Luther Manor Membership Drive

It's time to renew your 2021

Friends of Luther Manor membership or become a new member through Friday, December 3rd. Former members will receive a letter with renewal instructions. If you wish to become a new Friend of Luther Manor the memberships are \$5.00, basic; \$50.00 annual; \$120 Sustaining; Life \$300. Contact Janet Quail; 414-967-7942 or janet.quail@gmail.com.

Throughout the decades FPLC has been a valuable partner to Luther Manor. In October of 1956, FPLC received a gift of \$200,000 to be used "in the care of the aged". A committee was formed and recommended the construction of a faith-based facility to serve the elderly in the Greater Milwaukee Area. That facility, Luther Manor, opened on June 5, 1961, with 12 residents. By December, 95 residents resided. We can be proud of our history, support and the growth of Luther Manor during the last 60 years. Luther Manor won the following award, Best of Senior Living 2021 Award and Luther Manor is listed among America's Best Nursing Homes 2021, according to an annual survey produced by Newsweek magazine.

The Friends membership donation support projects and programs that enrich the lives of Luther Manor residents. Your memberships will help fund the program "Cycling Without Age" that originated in Denmark and is currently in place in Wisconsin facilities like Luther Manor. The program includes purchasing 2 trishaw bikes that will be pedaled by trained volunteers. All residents will be able to ride in the trishaws. The Wisconsin Bike Federation will serve as a resource.



Love Lights Fundraiser

Purchase a Love Light, a twinkling Christmas tree light, in honor or in memory of a loved one for \$5 for a single light or string of lights for \$100. If you have made a previous Love Lights gift, you should have received an invitation and donation response card in mid October. You may also purchase a Love Light by visiting the secure web site: luthermanor.org/lovelights or contacting Luther Manor Foundation at 414-831-8952. Please reply by Friday, November 26.

See your light(s) shine during the annual tree lighting ceremony virtual event on Friday, December 10, 4:30 pm on Facebook Live. The tree is located on the west side of 92nd Street, south of Hampton Ave., if you wish to drive by the tree.

On behalf of Luther Manor's residents, their families, staff, Boards and volunteers, **Thank You**. Generosity and support from friends like you makes it possible for Luther Manor to remain steadfast in their mission of sharing God's love by enriching the lives of older adults.



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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.

We have a date in December. The FPLC dates fill up quickly but check for cancellations: [FPLC Volunteer Dates](#). The hours are 10 am – 1 pm. Dates will be added for 2022 shortly.

If the dates are full, dates that aren't specifically for FPLC can be found on their website: [Community Volunteer](#).



Holiday Decor & More!

Now is a wonderful time to purchase Bayside Garden cards!

They can be used to purchase

holiday decor, houseplants, firewood and make wonderful birthday, Christmas, housewarming and thank you gifts too!

Fifteen percent of every garden card sale goes to our Tanzania scholarship fund. The cards must be purchased at the church office, not Bayside Garden Center, to benefit this fund.



Calling All Babysitters

Thank you for sending in your babysitting information. If you are in middle school through high school and interested in babysitting for FPLC members, click the link and fill out

the form. We'll add your name to the list of sitters.

If you would like a copy of the sitter list, contact Lori Barrieau, lori@foxpointchurch.org.

[Baby Sitter Form](#)



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

The dates available through February 2022 are:

Thursdays: January 13, February 10; **Fridays:**

January 21, February 18.

Click the button to sign up!

[SI Meals](#)

Infant Massage

This one-hour class is a way for parents and their babies (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.

Dates: Dec 17

Time: 2 – 3 pm

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



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where we learn to **BE** a Christian

Sunday School Is Coming Back!

It's been a very, very long year and a half, but the end is in sight! I am so excited that we will soon be able to gather again in our church and welcome our kids back to Sunday school!

We will be emailing our Sunday school registration to all parents during the week of November 15. Please take a minute to register so that we can assess our classroom, supply, and teacher needs. We ask that you submit your registration by December 1.

It's Time to BE!

We are excited to be launching our new BE! Sunday school curriculum. BE! Sunday school will still teach our kids via 5-week workshops—art, games, values, outreach, and movies. But while teaching Bible stories and Jesus' message, we will work hard to help our kids learn how to BE good Christians in a world that

sometimes makes that difficult. I hope you will BE! as excited as I am to start a new journey with our kids.

Please watch for online teacher sign-up for 2022!

We have volunteers who have generously offered to teach our kids in December, but we will follow up our registration information with our online teacher sign-up for the remainder of the year.

Our program is a parent cooperative: We ask ALL parents to help with teaching in Sunday school. In fact, our program is large and successful because our parents give so generously of themselves and their time. For 2022, we are asking that each parent with a child in our elementary program offer to teach 2 Sundays. I promise that teaching experience or Bible knowledge is not a prerequisite!

If you have any questions about Sunday school or any of our children's programs, please email me at julie@foxpointchurch.org. Hope to see you and your children very soon!

What Do Our Partners Need?

These are items most in need:

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

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

Cross Lutheran: Cross has a special request for the 4th quarter: full size deodorant, shampoo, razors (men's and women's), hand soap, toilet paper, paper towels, soap, and cleaning supplies

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!

**DONATION
DROP-OFF INSIDE**

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

**FOXPOINT
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Mon
THU**

**9am
TO
3pm**



PRAYER LIST

All in The Family

Join us on Sunday, for the 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	Julia	Ned
Robert Anderson	Lu Farwig	Jim Jurack	Robert Palmer
Angie	Sue Fillinger	Chuck Knapp	Geoff Rose
Harry Beaumont	Rick Frank	Nadene Kramer	Mark Schmahl
Karen Berg	Kathy Gebel	Ludvik Krejci	Kathy Schwartz
Doreen Bill	Harry	Barbara Kuehn	Peter Stauber
Bud Bolling	Steve Heronemus	Lane	Tom
Cameron	Elnamae Heyman	Pat Lawless	Brenda Trier
Carol	Dan Holtz	Leslie	Zuza
John Chamberlain	Alice Horton	Alison LoCoco	
Chris	Ben Iammartino	Mark	Military
Claire	Jan	MaryAnn	Alex
Jane D.	Jim	Andy Meser	Cooper
Pr. Dan	Joan	Michael	David
Deb	John	Miriam	Grant
Sheila Dlugi	Frank Johnson	Monica	Ian
Cammy Endres	Jon	Lizzy Nagpal & baby	Matthew
Erin	Don Jones		

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 deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with Gynne (Tim), Nolan (Jaalah) and Lucas Benson on the death of Gynne's beloved mom, Virginia Kettling, who passed away November 22, from Covid related health complications.

Congratulations

Congratulations and happy wishes to Matthew & Melissa (Speaker) Bartlett on the arrival of their sweet baby daughter Samantha Mack Bartlett, born on October 31. Proud grandparents are Jamie & Chris Speaker.

Office Location

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.

- We have the same phone number (414-352-8990)
- **Important: Continue to mail anything to the 7510 N. Santa Monica Blvd. 53217 address.** 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

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

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Hello... I love being with you today!

"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ' – Colossians 3:14

Driving over to Sendik's one morning, I saw a true love fest. Unbridled, blissful, heartwarming, all wrapped up like a beautiful gift! I nudged my husband to look; there they were – holding hands, cuddling, and kissing at 7:30 am! The participants were two eight-year-old girls and a little guy in a stroller with mom doing the steering! Young ladies dressed in matching St. Monica School plaid jumpers saying goodbye to their toddler-aged brother on the way to school and bursting with love and kisses! The two must have gone back at least three times...not just to say goodbye, but to say and show "I love you" to their sibling. This is the kind of joy that our Father must be talking about and the writers of our Bibles speaking about...God must have been smiling for sure!

Joy and love, thoughtfulness, and kindness...the gentleness of the sisters and the smiling little coos from their brother...family love, the kind of love we need to bestow on anyone and everyone in our own family...the family of God!!

It is easy to find ancient words about love: advice, warnings, ideas, and reminders...it is entirely another thing to live them. I overheard a critic reviewing a student's performance—his words: "He listened. But he didn't live it." Boy, oh boy, I am so guilty of not always responding to love reaching out to me ...listening, but not necessarily living it. We are so lucky that God knows we are all works in progress and that He gave us Jesus' life and ministry to help us understand the depth of His understanding and love.

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
John 13:35

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children." – Ephesians 5:1

"Even a child makes himself known by his acts, by whether his conduct is pure and upright." – Proverbs 20:11

We pray together-

Loving God, fill my heart with the love that you freely give. Make love my first and last thoughts. May I love others and freely give to them. Make my spirit a spirit of joy, happiness and love for both my friends and my enemies. Help me love as abundantly as you have loved me. Amen. – Author unknown

Let us be open to God's love this week and let's pay it forward! – Mary