



Christmas at Fox Point Lutheran Church

We're putting together something special and we need your help. We'd love to have pictures of your family in our church during Christmases past. They can be in the sanctuary, of the service, dressed as a lamb for Pageant in a Bag, decorating a ginger bread house in Fellowship Hall . . . you get the idea!

Please send your pictures to Pr. Bill at pastorbill@foxpointchurch.org. The deadline is THIS Thursday, December 2.

Christmas Eve Service Times:

9 am*

4 pm: Pageant in a Bag

7:30 pm**

10:30 am*

5:30 pm**

10 pm**

* Communion service

**Communion & Candlelight service



Christmas Angel Tree—9 Gifts Left!

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.

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 Drop Off: 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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Notification Alert:

Year End Stock Gifts - New Account Information

BMO Investment Services has joined with LPL Financial. Our new receiving Brokerage Firm is LPL Financial.

Please call Jo Ann in the church office, 414-352-8990, for new stock transfer instructions and account information.

We thank you for considering FPLC as a recipient of your charitable gift in the form of a stock transfer.



Donate Some Warmth!

We are collecting new hats, mittens and scarves for people of all ages. We have done this each year through our Mitten Tree Program.

We're collecting items now through Thursday, December 9 from 9 am – 3 pm in the temporary office. They will then be delivered to Cross Lutheran, All Peoples Church, MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary and other local organizations in need.

We are located at 8050 N. Port Washington Rd. in Fox Point.

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 Thank You

If you donated to the Love Lights Fundraiser, 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](#).



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 (a spot to provide with another family is available), 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

Looking for good gifts this year?

Shop ELCA Good Gifts and choose from more than 50 unique, charitable gifts to give in honor of friends and family. They'll get a card to let them know about what you've done, and you'll get the joy that comes with making the world a better place. Click the button below for more information.

God's love is a gift, given through Christ. This Christmas, let us celebrate that gift by sharing God's love with others.



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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!

Food Drive News!

Thank you so much for the outpouring of support you have shown our food partners during this unusual year, when the need for nutritious food has been greater than ever. It really has been amazing!

We need to take a short break in accepting donations due to our upcoming move. The week of December 6 will be our last week to accept food donations in the temporary office. We'll resume donations in late December or the first week in January in our newly re-opened space! Stay tuned.

Our Temporary Office:

You can drop food donations M – TH, 9 am – 3 pm December 6 – 9. The cart will be in our offices at **8050 N. Port Washington Rd.**

Please use the West door (on Port Washington Rd.) to enter. 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

**Mon
THRU
Thur**

**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	Tom
Bud Bolling	Steve Heronemus	Lane	Brenda Trier
Cameron	Elnamae Heyman	Pat Lawless	Zuza
Carol	Dan Holtz	Leslie	
John Chamberlain	Alice Horton	Alison LoCoco	Military
Chris	Ben Iammartino	Mark	Alex
Claire	Jan	MaryAnn	Cooper
Jane D.	Jim	Andy Meser	David
Pr. Dan	Joan	Michael	Grant
Deb	John	Miriam	Ian
Sheila Dlugi	Frank Johnson	Monica	Matthew
Cammy Endres	Jon	Lizzy Nagpal & baby	
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 to the family and friends of Peter E. Stauber who passed away peacefully November 24. Peter, beloved husband of the late Judi, dad, grandpa, great grandpa, brother, brother-in-law and friend to many will be missed by all.

Congratulations

Congratulations and happy wishes to John & Kelly Horton on the birth of their second son, Jack Kharn Horton, November 17. Charlie, age 2, a little skeptical at the moment, will be an awesome big brother. Proud grandmother is Alice Horton.

Happy wishes and congratulations to Dan & Kara Schlifske on the birth of their adorable son, Edward David, born November 26 and excitedly welcomed by big sister Emma, age 2. Proud grandparents are Julie Schlifske and Paul Ginkel.



Holiday Decor & More!

Now is a wonderful time to purchase Bayside Garden cards! Purchase holiday decor, house-

plants, firewood and they 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.

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 out front.

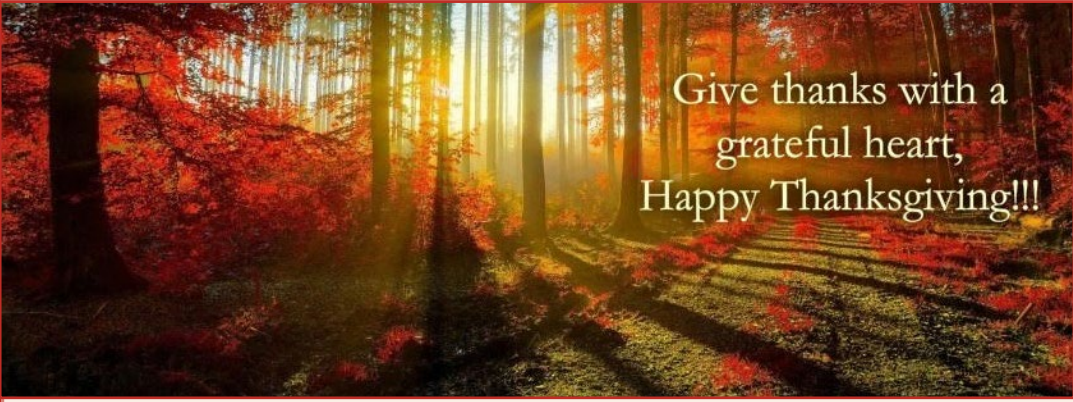
- We have the same phone number (414-352-8990)
- **Important: Continue to mail anything to the 7510 N. Santa Monica Blvd. 53217 address.** Use the West door (on Port Washington Rd.) to enter our offices
- Office hours are: M – Th 9 am – 3 pm; closed Friday

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

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Give thanks with a
grateful heart,
Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Originally written by
FPLC member,
Mary Buscher & emailed
Wednesday, Nov. 24.

Hello!

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." – 1 Chronicles 16:34

Thanksgiving is almost here, and the first Sunday in Advent is just around the corner! Are you ready? So much preparation is needed for a big celebration of the bounty of the field, the joy of the arrival of the baby Jesus and God's gifts of abundance in our lives. Are you ready? We can order in, pick up, dine out or prepare our delicious feasts at home. We can read our bibles about the birth of our Savior and open the first little door on our Advent calendars. Are you ready? Are we grateful and attentive enough to take time every day to say thank you for all of God's blessings?

"Now to Him who is immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!" – Ephesians 3:20-21

Giving thanks! I saw it the other day at a neighborhood restaurant. Two women were sitting together, beverages in hand, their order having just arrived. Before they took one sip of coffee or one bite of their salad or bread, they folded their hands, bowed their heads, and made the sign of the cross...a prayer of thanks then crossed their lips. The Holy One was present with them. It was a transformational moment for me. As I appreciated the empty place at my own table, I very quietly said a prayer of thanksgiving. We say a table prayer in our home, but honestly, never in public. This simple act of stopping for just one moment and saying thank you for God's great gifts should be automatic. After all, our Father stops for us all the time!

Christian author Joni Eareckson Tada in *Diamonds in the Dust* reminds us about taking a moment...

"If a Christian is to shine with the light of Jesus, it will mean taking time to get close to the real thing, or...the real person. The closer we draw to Him, the more our life will look, feel and be... real."

We bow our heads and pray together-

Father, help us to continue to draw close to you by our actions and in our moments of prayer. Thank you for always walking with us and for your gentle invitation to live in your grace. Amen.

Happy Thanksgiving! – Mary