

LIFE TOGETHER This Week

Pr. Bill's Call to Action

In Pr. Bill's sermon on August 7, he said that as followers of Christ we are called out of our comfort zones to love one another, when it's easy and convenient and it's hard and it's difficult. To sacrifice for other people. To stand between the living and the dead. If you missed this powerful sermon about loving one another, please watch it by clicking this link: <u>Sunday Sermon</u>.

He asked you to do 2 things: 1. Reach out to someone this week who is struggling. Reach out, *in person*, ask them how they are and *listen*. Ask questions. Don't give advice, just listen. 2. Find a place this week to sign up and serve somewhere. Serve someone besides yourself and your family. Service someone who has nothing or no one. You will be blessed in ways you can't imagine!

Maybe you have a place in mind that is calling you to serve or you have served before. That's great! If not, FPLC has many opportunities to share with you. They would be happy to have you involved! But as Pr. Bill asked, don't delay! Choose a place and make that call or click that link to sign up!!

The next few pages are filled with places and opportunities to lend a hand. Check our website regularly for opportunities to help in our community. Our partner parishes in the city, Cross Lutheran Church and All Peoples Church have many additional volunteer spots available. MacCannon Brown Homeless Sanctuary is one of the recipients of our food donations and is a wonderful place to help those in need.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the contact person listed in each description or contact Stacia Hickey in the FPLC office; stacia@foxpointchurch. org or 414-534-8823. If there something you'd like to do but don't know who might need that skill, give us a call!



Celebration Sunday—September 11 The bouncy house and giant slide are back after services on September 11! Riley's Good Dogs food truck will be there with hot dogs and vegan dogs too! We look forward to seeing you all as we

kick off the beginning of fall worship, programs and Sunday School!

Has it been awhile since you've updated your FPLC online directory picture? Maybe you don't have a picture there at all? We'll be all set to snap those pics on Celebration Sunday. These photos really help members (and staff!) get to know each other and put a face to a name. We'll take your picture and upload it to the directory for you!



Pizza on The Patio—August 19; 7 - 9 pm

Enjoy a relaxing evening on FPLC's patio! Reconnect with friends, enjoy our new space and soak up summer! We'll have live music, pizza, wings, beer, wine, soda and our fabulous FPLC members! RSVP with the link below, on our website or in Fellowship Hall by Thursday, August 18.

Click the Pizza to Sign Up!



See our webpage for all information regarding virtual worship, outreach, and children & youth programs. Click \rightarrow







Good for middle school students and older!



Dinner Fellowship

September – December dates now available! When you take a meal and eat dinner

at Serenity Inns, you will enjoy food and fellowship with the residents, all

of whom are working on their recovery from the disease of addiction. The beauty of the dinner fellowship is that residents develop the socialization skills lost during their active addiction. Volunteers are helping as well as learning the real ramifications of addiction. The residents especially welcome young people to the table, and their anti-drug message is a timely one for teens and pre-teens.

Open Dates:

Thursdays – Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14 *Fridays* – Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15 *Wednesdays* – Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 22, Dec. 27

Sign up:

To take a meal, sign up on Sign-Up Genius <u>HERE</u>, sign up in Fellowship Hall (paper version) on Sunday mornings or contact Lorraine Buehler at <u>lcbuehler@cs.com</u> or text at 414-630-8933.

There are 10-12 men at Serenity Inns (2825 W. Brown St.). You should arrive with dinner by 6 pm. The sign up allows for 2 families to share the evening, but if you would rather go on your own, please sign up in both slots. Questions? Contact Lorraine.

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Volunteer at The Gathering!

The Gathering is committed to serving their meal guests by preparing & distributing food but,

need your help packaging bag lunches. This is a great opportunity for middle school aged students (with a parent) through adults to give to their community.

We are in the process of scheduling the FPLC dates for The Gathering, but you can sign up on your own or with friends/family on any open date listed on their website Those dates can be found here: <u>Community Volunteer</u>.

Options for the whole family!



Outreach for Hope Bike/Run/Walk—September 24! Grace Lutheran Church, Grafton

FPLC is teaming up with All Peoples Church for this fun, outdoor, family-friendly event.

Outreach for Hope's goal is to fund raise \$165k for grants to central city congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod. They are a recipient of grant money from OFH and one of our partners. You have your choice of:

- 2 road rides for experienced bikers (30 or 50 miles)
- A 14 mile family-friendly trail ride (Interurban Trail)
- A 2 mile walk
- New this year, a 5k run!

Start times are staggered depending on which options you choose. A box lunch is provided afterward. Gather your friends and family or come solo! All are welcome! For more detailed information and to register, visit the registration page: <u>Registration</u>.

Contact: Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch. org or 414-352-8990.

Join the Outreach Committee!

Are you interested in helping set up outreach opportunities and events for FPLC members? We meet 4-5 times a year (with email communications as needed in between) to plan events, share news of our outreach partners, discuss new organizations with whom to partner and plan fundraisers (big and small).

We'd love to have you join our team! Contact Stacia Hickey; <u>stacia@foxpointchurch.org</u> or 414-534-8823.







A New Opportunity! Partners in Hope is a ministry that provides mentors and job opportunities to

individuals returning from incarceration.

You're invited to join the weekly "huddle" on Wednesday, August 10 where mentors and participants share a meal, pray, and encourage each other. You'll be able to learn more about the program in general as well as what it means to be a mentor.

Date: Wednesday, August 10 Time: 5:45 pm – 8 pm Location: 324 W. North Avenue Contact: For questions and to RSVP, contact FPLC member Matt Krueger; matthew.d.krueger@gmail.com More information: See the Partners in Hope website HERE

Right here at church! Instruction provided!

Piecemakers/Quilters

Avoid the summer heat and join us in the cool Fellowship Hall as we make quilts for the winter. Come and go as you can.

Bring your lunch and enjoy a fun break.

Date: Tuesday, August 16th Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Place: Fellowship Hall Contact: Sharon Hipke at edsharhip@gmail.com or 414-352-1605



Forward Scholars Needs Tutors

Pandemic-induced learning loss and isolation has increased the need for 1:1 tutoring for students. The ability to read by the end of

third grade is critical to a child's success in school and life.

Forward Scholars is looking for volunteer tutors (during the school day) to make a difference for a child. The FS program is being launched in the fall. They hope to have120-150 volunteers to work 1:1 with K-3rd grade students.

They use a well-researched model that has proven successful in other large urban school districts. You will be well-supported with training, individualized lesson plans and materials for every session, and FS paid staff (with early literacy expertise) are available at every session to coach and support.

For more information and contact details, click HERE.



Sunday Morning Church Drivers

We have two members who no longer drive and would like rides to and from our 9 am service on Sunday mornings. Both live in Glendale. Volunteer for the dates that work for you! Please contact Lori Barrieau at

414-352-8990 or lori@foxpointchurch.org





Women's Club September Kick Off Event!

Spend a wonderful day with us, as we kick off our new season of Women's Club! We will start



off the day by dining at Mader's Restaurant. This is during Milwaukee's Downtown Dining week, so we will have a limited, but reasonably priced menu. The cost for the meal will be on your own (please bring a variety of bills along, as you will pay with the people at your table). Following our meal, we will take a leisurely 90 min. live narration sightseeing tour on Milwaukee Boat Line. It promises to offer unforgettable views and a unique perspective of Milwaukee's history and architecture. The boat has ramps that will help accommodate those with limited mobility, however, the restrooms are small and will not fit a wheelchair or walker.

Date: Tuesday, Sept 13

Time: 10:45 am – Meet in the church parking lot for carpooling

11:30 am – Mader's

1:45 pm – Milwaukee Boat Line

3:30 pm – Carpool back to FPLC

Fee: \$20.00 – Women's Club is subsidizing additional costs

Location: Mader's – 1041 N. Old World 3rd St. Milwaukee Boat Line – 1124 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

Sign up: Fellowship Hall, sign up by Sunday Sept. 4 **Questions:** Contact Gail Sommerfeld at <u>sommerfeld56@gmail.com</u> or 262-395-0396.



Attention all Women!

Women's Club is taking a new approach this year by offering activities for women of all ages. We are mixing up the days of the week and the times to accommodate more people. Here's a list of all the upcoming activities this year. Please save the dates for the activities that interest you. Detailed descriptions will be available each month, describing the upcoming activity under "Women's Club". If you have any questions or are interested in helping with any of the activities, please contact Gail Sommerfeld at sommerfeld56@gmail.com or 262-395-0396.

Sept. 13 – See "Women's Club" article to the left

Oct. 4 – Fellowship Hall supper with Rosati's Pizza followed by speaker Amy Osborne (co-owner of Rosati's and daughter-in-law of Jerry and Sandra) will be speaking about starting a new business and creating a work/family balance, despite obstacles like Covid.

Nov. 9 – Fellowship Hall Brunch – Speakers are FPLC members; mother/daughter fabric artists Beryl Mulhern & Kaela Buraczewski. They will be sharing stories about the beautiful quilts and other treasures they have made throughout the years. We will also meet Donna Brown – one of FPLC's visiting pastors.

Dec. 6 – Morning Guided tour of the Pabst Mansion with all of their Christmas decorations followed by brunch at the fun 50's themed iconic Miss Katie's Diner.

Jan. 4 – Fellowship Hall – Lunch, followed by FPLC member Donna Metzendorf, talking about her therapy dog and Pastor Bill talking about his hunting dog. We might have some four legged visitors too!

Feb. 11 – Fellowship Hall – Saturday morning Adult-Child Disney dress-up party, featuring a visit from a Disney princess. Ideal for children between the ages of 3 – 10. Activities include an interactive story time, a lesson on manners, and photo opportunities. Light snacks will be served. An adult must attend with children.

Mar. 28 – Fellowship Hall – Afternoon dessert buffet with FPLC member, Gayle Coleman, who is our liaison for the Cross Lutheran Church's Food Pantry. She will be talking about the pantry and food security. Fees will be waived for this event. Instead we will bring items to donate (whatever is requested at that time).

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Apr. 4 – Fellowship Hall – Men's Club will be invited to join us for lunch, followed by speaker, Peter Jacobsohn. We will learn about "Old Abe", the famous Wisconsin War Eagle on the 101st Airborne Division Patch.

May 9 – Fellowship Hall – Evening dessert buffet – featuring speaker, Amy Lovell, who is the co-founder of REDgen (Resilience through Education for a new generation). REDgen's student-led chapters in local middle and high schools advocate for health and wellness to work to reduce the stigma that is often attached to mental illness. This promises to be a great educational presentation for everyone but especially for parents.

We look forward to having you join us!



Caregivers Support Group

Led by FPLC member Susan Halling, a marriage and family therapist, this weekly support group will provide support for caregivers dealing with changes in

family dynamics. Common challenges include: role reversal, juggling multiple responsibilities, dealing with dementia and loss and making necessary transitions as we move into uncharted territory. All new members are welcome!

Date: Every Friday Time: 10:30 am Location: The Heritage Room Contact: Susan Halling; 262-241-5197; <u>halling@wi.rr.com</u>



Summer Blooms & Supplies

Are you looking to add a little more to your patio or garden? Bayside Gardens is the place to go! They

also carry a lovely selection of indoor plants, home decorations and gifts for all ages.

Fifteen percent of each 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.



The Official Card Game of Milwaukee

What a great game, so much fun and no one got hurt!!! We're talking about Sheepshead!

Sometimes the Pickers were happy and sometimes shocked. A Loner gave an additional dozen to one of the gang on the first hand. Everyone loved to Schmear their partner. The Mauers didn't come the first time we met but are still welcome. We snacked, enjoyed a beverage (that each person brought for themselves) and had a lot of laughs.

The only problem was that you weren't there. If you know anything about Sheepshead please come join us in the upstairs Fellowship Hall at church. We play on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. We play for nickels so you never know, you might take home enough to buy yourself a well, you might not win enough to buy anything these days, so come for the fun and get to know some of the other Sheepshead lovers at Fox Point.

Contact Jim Schmidt at (262) 527-1970 or <u>schmidtyjim@aol.com</u> for more information.

We hope you will join us! The FPLC Sheepsheaders







A new year of Sunday school is just around the corner! September 11 is Celebration Sunday!

We are so excited to welcome your children back for another year to learn more about Jesus, the Bible, and their faith. It will be a fun year with lots of games, stories, movies, and art projects—all designed to help your child grow in their relationship with God.

To register for Sunday school, please click on the link below. Please complete a new registration form even if none of your information has changed. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Schlifske at julie@foxpointchurch.org. Be sure to check out our website for lots of information about Sunday school and our other children's programs. We can't wait to see you on September 11!



And We NEED Your Help!

We are so fortunate to have a strong children's Sunday school program. We can continue to provide a powerful Sunday morning experience for your children because you are all so generous with your hearts and time. Every year we have to fill over 600 teaching slots between our 9:00 and 10:30 services, and every year you all have made that possible!

If every family teaches just 4 Sundays this year, we can cover our teaching needs for the 2022-2023 year. By sharing the teaching with others, you allow your child to see your commitment to your faith, and you make it possible for other parents to be able to worship upstairs.

To register to teach Sunday school, just click on the appropriate link below and choose your preferred teaching dates. If you have a preschool child, we ask that you ONLY teach in our preschool Sunday school program—even if you also have older children. Please contact Julie Schlifske at julie@foxpointchurch.org if you have any questions. Thank you so much! We are so grateful for your support!







High School Youth Trip—Nashville, TN

Our high school kids and chaperones spent nearly a week in Nashville, TN. While they did some exciting things like zip-lining, they certainly went out of their comfort zones, worked hard and served God's people on this trip.



school youth group is already planning great things for fall! Watch your email for details coming soon!!



Fox Point Church

Afghan Resettlement Committee Update

We haven't had an update in a little while, but so much was going on behind the scenes! Our committee members and both the families have had busy summers!

Driving

The committee has found two cars (from FPLC members), one for each family. They will be acquired through a combination of donation and payment. One of the young women has passed her driver's test! The car will transition to her once insurance is secured. In the meantime, she and the rest of her family have become very proficient on the bus system, which they will continue to use as there are 6 family members and only one driver!

The gentleman in the other family continues to work to learn the rules of the road to pass the written driving test. While his conversational English is very good, he doesn't read, having never attended school, which has made it more difficult. We have found a Dari interpreter who also has obtained his license here. The interpreter is able to help him better understand what the questions are asking in Dari, enabling him to answer correctly. We are hoping he will pass the test soon so he can begin practice driving, which should come more easily for him, as he drove in Afghanistan.

Our volunteer drivers have still been busy this summer with errands, school, appointments, work etc. The families are so appreciative as all of these things help them acclimate to their new home and gain independence.

School/Tutoring

One of the girls starts high school this fall. She attended a two-day program at the high school last week and is very excited!

The younger girls have been in summer school and are quickly picking up English. They seem to enjoy having conversations in English with their visitors!

Members of our committee are tutoring the family members regularly. Everyone's English is vastly improving!

Work

Both gentlemen are working and doing well. They currently are both working at the same place. One of the older girls is working in food service and one woman is working as a seamstress for a Bridal store three days a week. The store manager has been driving her to and from work. To reciprocate that kindness, the woman's husband assisted with painting the house of the store manager's father!

Dental Work

The dental work continued this summer with one family member! We are so grateful to have the assistance of an FPLC member for this work!

With fall approaching, there will be more transitions due to school starting, work schedules adjusting, fall and winter clothes needed, etc. If you would like to help outfit the family for winter—especially the quickly growing children—we welcome donations of gift cards to Walmart, Target, Kohls and Jo Ann Fabrics. You can bring them to the church office.

Thank you to all who have helped these families in any way! They are truly grateful to all of you for your help and prayers over these many months!

Some languages are easier to learn than others. It helps if the new language has some similarities to yours in root words, verb conjugation, etc. And of course some people have the gift of being able to pick up languages more easily.

Dari to English is tricky! Here are a few words:

zard = yellow	kerem= hot
sek= dog	bale= yes
An easy one—Stop translates to Stop !	



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!

Jackie Adam
Julie Anderson
Angie
Barb
Kim Bell
Doreen Bill
Susie Blake
Bob
Bud Bolling
Lynn Butenhoff
Cameron
Carol
John Chamberlain
Cheryl
Chris
Crystal
Jane D.
Lyle Dabney
Pr. Dan

Deb Sheila Dlugi Sara Ehr Cammy Endres Erin Lu Farwig Sue Fillinger **Rick Frank** Jane Jenny G Jerry O. Kathy Gebel **Steve Heronemus** Alice Horton Ben lammartino Jan Jeff Jim Joan

John Jon Don Jones Julia Randy K. Nadene Kramer Krista Rae Lane Laura Pat Lawless I eslie Alison LoCoco Margo Mark MaryAnn Joanne Massey Andv Meser Michael

Michael Mike Nancy Curt Nash Ned **Robert Palmer** PJ Ray Rebecca Richard Rick **Geoff Rose Dave Rotter** Walter Schoenfeld Linda Solveson Steve M. Terrv Tom **Brenda** Trier

Prayer Requests

Now you can make a prayer request through our website. Click <u>Prayer</u> <u>Requests</u> to submit a form or submit a request through email—church@ foxpointchurch.org.

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Congratulations

Births

It is with great joy that Mark and Minna Smith announce the July 19 arrival of grand twins Finn and Greta, children of their daughter Sarah and her husband Chris, in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. The twins have a 21/2 year-old-brother, Anders.

Baptisms

Patrick Harlan Driscoll, son of Sam and Emily Driscoll, was baptized August, 7.

Hudson Bernard Roberts, son of Christopher and Anna Roberts, was baptized August, 7.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of Birgit Marrianne Segerdahl, who passed away July 1, 2021. Birgit is survived by her son Johan (Jane) and her grandsons Andy, David (Rachel), Charlie, and Craig Tomlinson, as well as two great grandchildren, Everett and Greta. A private service was recently held.

> Sept. 4, 9 am Help Needed!

Quote of the Week

1 John 3:17–18

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

Coffee Hour Hosts

Who makes the coffee and donuts possible on Sundays? The Coffee Hour hosts! If you'd like to help with this important part of Sunday mornings, please sign up with the link below or contact the church office if you have any questions.



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Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher, & emailed Wed., August 3. If you would like to receive Mary's devotions on a weekly basis, please sign up here: <u>Weekly Devotion</u>

Hello!

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze." – Isaiah 43:2

The Southern Airways DC-9 landed hard on a hot September evening, the final stop on a flight to Panama City Beach, our first duty station. From above, the terrain was peppered with spikes of the tallest pine trees I'd ever seen. We picked up our '63 Chevy and drove to the house in pitch black northwest Florida darkness. Insects were humming, and I was positive I'd be bitten by a snake when I stepped out of the car! Married just two days to a newly commissioned Naval officer, I was exhausted from the wedding, overwhelmed, disillusioned, and homesick. I needed help! Where was my Lutheran upbringing hiding? Where was my faith when I needed it? Where was God and what in the world was He waiting for?

"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." – 2 Corinthians 12:9

The next morning, sights and sounds just outside the window took my breath away. Shades of green I'd never seen before, piney woods so dense that I had to squint to see the sky, and a thick carpet of pine needles in the gravel driveway. I found an old rocking chair on the front stoop, where I could sit in the quiet hearing only the wind whispering in the pines and the smell of the Gulf of Mexico, a short walk down the road. It looked like paradise to me. I remember smiling and feeling like I was home.

"Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn. He will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth." – Hosea 6:3

I'd forgotten to pray that first night, but, thankfully, God had not forgotten me, not even for a minute. He somehow heard me in my silence and comforted me in my weakness. My perspective had changed overnight – from darkness to light. Our Heavenly Father had opened my eyes to the future he had laid out before me in His light. He was there all the time.

"Hallelujah! You who serve God, praise God! Just to speak his name is praise! Just to remember God is a blessing-now and tomorrow and always. From east to west, from dawn to dusk, keep lifting all your praises to God." – Psalm 113: 1-3 The Message

Holy One, how we need you every moment. Even in our own silence your presence overshadows any doubts that may engage our little souls. You abide with us from the glorious rising of the sun to the restful twilight of each day. Thank you, Father, for the beautiful daily reminders of your love. Amen.

Praise God for each new day! – Mary