

LIFE TOGETHER This Week

Week of September 12, 2022 Vol 111 Real Faith For Real Life



New Date for Tanzania Sunday - October 23, 2022

Join us for a special day honoring our ongoing partnership with the Meru Diocese in Tanzania. We are also renaming our efforts to help young people from impoverished families attend high school and college in honor of our leader and inspiration who was devoted to the people she met there and loved. It is now the Jo Ann Berdelman Tanzania Education Fund.

The celebration on October 23 will feature messages from a few of our many members who have visited there, a traditional noisy offering (bring all your loose change...bills welcome, too!) for the education fund, and special music. Be sure to stay after both services for our Live Auction and Silent Auction of the treasures Jo Ann brought back from her many trips to Tanzania and gifts from her fellow travelers.



One of our trips to Tanzania, this one with FPLC youth.

We are also in the midst of our annual TANZANIA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP campaign. In the last 8 years, your generosity has made it possible for 53 young men and women from very poor families get college degrees.

Right now, we are actively raising funds to cover tuition for the 15 selected candidates. Most of the scholarships range from \$475 to \$900 for the entire year. We welcome your contributions, however small, as well as your ability to offer a full scholarship. If you're interested in sponsoring a student, please contact bunnyraasch@gmail.com.

Options for the whole family!





Outreach for Hope Bike/Run/Walk—September 24!

Note Location: Petrifying Springs Park (Site #3), Kenosha

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. All Peoples is one of our partner parishes and they are a recipient of grant money from OFH. You have your choice of:

- · A 25-mile road ride for experienced bikers
- A 13-mile family-friendly trail ride (North Shore Bike 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 for outdoor eating afterward. Gather your friends and family or come solo! All are welcome! For more detailed information and to register, visit the registration page: Registration.

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







Good for middle school students and older!



Dinner Fellowship

Oct- Dec 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. (Yes! This is a Confirmation service opportunity!)

Open Dates:

Thursdays – Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8 Fridays – Oct. 21, Dec. 16 Wednesdays – Oct. 26, Nov. 23, Dec. 28

Sign up:

To take a meal, sign up on our website (under Serve) or in Fellowship Hall (paper version) or contact FPLC member Lorraine Buehler at lcbuehler@cs.com 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. If you have questions, please contact Lorraine.

Good for middle school students and older!



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 from middle school-aged students (with a parent) through adults to give to their community.

FPLC dates are October 15 and November 12 from 10 am – 1 pm. Click the button below to sign up or through our website under "Serve in the Community".



Food Donations

Our partners still would like personal care items, but now the need for food is increasing. While the need for donated food was lower due to Covid relief programs, those have mostly ended. Couple increased need with lower donations because food is more expensive, and some pantries are running low. (All Peoples alone is seeing an increase of 30-40% in the number of people coming to their Wednesday food program.)

Keep in mind that filling meals are what will do the most good, not snacks and sweets:

Canned beef and chicken Spam Sardines Tuna

Vienna sausages Baked beans SpaghettiOs Canned yams

Mac & cheese Honey Nut Cheerios
Dinty Moore Stew Canned vegetables

Our food collection cart is just inside the main entrance. Please—no clothing donations at this time.

2 opportunities at church! Instruction provided!



Piecemakers/Quilters

Join us in Fellowship Hall as we sew warm quilts in anticipation of the coming winter weather. Come and go as

you can. Bring your lunch and enjoy a fun break.

Date: Tuesday, September 20 Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Place: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Sharon Hipke at edsharhip@gmail.com or

414-352-1605



Communion Aides

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday, Fox Point Church has communion at both the 9 am and 10:30 am services. To assure that this portion of the service

proceeds smoothly, we need volunteers to help with communion set-up on Saturdays (the time is up to you); and then two more people to refill the trays and to help in the Sacristy during the 9 and 10:30 am services. Sign up on our website. If you have any questions, contact Lori Barrieau at lori@foxpointchurch.org.







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; halling@wi.rr.com



Come learn the basics of Baby Massage

Best for babies 6 months and younger and their parent(s)/guardian(s)

This is a great way to connect and bond with baby! Infant massage can relieve fussiness, pain and discomfort for the baby as well as help babies fall asleep sooner and sleep more restfully.

When: 1st Fridays of the month; October 7, or

November 4 or, December 2. You only need to attend one

class, but can come to more if you would like.

Time: 11 am - 12 noon

Place: Fox Point Lutheran Church

Registration: Please call or email Angie Biersach, 414-207-2808 or angiebiersach@gmail.com to RSVP or with

any questions.



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.



Notes from Music Ministries Handbell Choir

Come ring with us! Our Handbell choir is looking for new members, could it

be you? If you have ever watched the bells and thought they looked fun, you are *right*! Even if you have never held a bell or played an instrument, we welcome you to give handbells a try, no experience required. We rehearse on Thursday nights at 6pm for one hour and we generally play once a month in church. Please contact Jana Larson at larson@foxpointchurch.com for more information. We hope to see you!

Chancel Choir:

Join us in Chancel Choir! Our choir is open to all! No previous experience is required. We rehearse Thursdays from 7 – 8:15 pm and sing primarily at the 9 am Sunday services but also during special services throughout the year. Contact Tony Mudra at tony@foxpointchurch.org for more information.

And YES, you can be in both choirs if you'd like because we have back to back rehearsals!





Women's Club Finding, Buying and Running a Small Business with Amy Osborne



Amy was born and raised in St. Louis, MO. She met her husband, Chris Osborne (son of Jerry and Sandra Osborne, who are long-time members of Fox Point Lutheran Church) while attending a study abroad program in Grantham, England. After graduating from

Trinity University with a BA in Mathematics and Secondary Education, she married Chris and moved to Nashville, so he could attend Vanderbilt Law School. There she taught high school math and coached high school cross country, basketball, and softball for 3 years. Upon his graduation, they moved to Dallas where she continued to teach and coach for 3 more years before starting their family. Chris's job moved them back to Nashville, then to Massachusetts and finally in 2004 to Wisconsin. They have 6 children and just celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary. Since moving to Wisconsin, she has bred golden doodles and golden retrievers for 10 years. She coached a high school mountain bike team for 7 years, was a math interventionist at Nicolet HS and Bayside MS for 5 years, and now owns and runs the Rosati's Pizzeria in Fox Point.

Date: Tuesday, October 4

Time: 5:30 pm – Arrival and social time

5:45 pm – Eat tasty Rosati's pizza & fixings

6:30 pm – Speaker, Amy Osborne

Fee: \$10:00

Location: Fellowship Hall

Signup: Fellowship Hall, by Sunday, September 25

Contact: Gail Sommerfeld; sommerfeld56@gmail.com or

262-395-0396

Note: Due to a conflict in a speaker's schedule; please save the following dates for Women's Club, rather than the previously published dates:

March 14th will be the Old Abe – Civil War presentation, Men's Club will be invited for this event and it will include a noon meal.

April 4th will be Gayle Coleman's presentation on the Food Pantry & Food Security for an afternoon dessert buffet.

CONFIRMATION



Parent Orientation Night is Wednesday, September 21 @ 7 pm for 7th grade parents and new-to

the-program 8th grade parents. There will be food, door prizes and the information you need! For more information, see our website or reach out to Pastor Bruce or Lori Barrieau in the church office; 414-352-8990 or lori@foxpointchurch; pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org.



Remembrance Marker

Maybe you saw this marker among the birch trees by our old east entrance and

wondered about it. Kevin Cole was a member of Fox Point Church along with his parents, Bruce and Linda, and two younger brothers, Brian and Andy. At age 4 Kevin was diagnosed with Leukemia, an illness he fought for the next 12 years. Kevin had a very positive outlook and kept involved in many activities. Kevin died from the illness in 1993.

One of his interests was the Alleluia Academy here at Fox Point Church. The program was run by a volunteer staff of parents on Wednesday afternoons and included grades K4 through 6th grade. Arts and crafts, games, stories, and music were the main activities. There were about 70 children each year in various choirs that performed at church services throughout the years. Kevin looked forward to participating in all those events and volunteered when he was no longer within the age range of the program. The staff was impressed with Kevin's participation and involvement; and dedicated a stone marker in remembrance.

The marker will now be placed in our new patio area, after being carefully stored during our renovation.







Men's Club—Thurs.; Sep 15; 11:30 am Come join Men's Club THIS Thursday! Special guest, Tim O'Driscoll, MLB official scorer, will be returning! Come to hear his wonderful stories of MLB trivia. We'll be having lunch as well.

Date: Thursday, September 15

Time: 11:30 am

Cost: \$10

Signup: Call the church office at 414-352-8990

Contact: Jim Kimmel at jim.kimmel42@gmail.com or

615-519-4177

116 Kids Have the Supplies They Need!

Thanks to our many members who purchased backpacks and school supplies, 116 kids started the year with a new backpack loaded with all the school supplies they need to start the year!

For the second year in a row we partnered with Winkies Toys & Variety! for FPLC members to purchase school supplies. A small group of confirmation kids packed up each of your donated backpacks with a supply package.

In addition, we were able to donate 60 books. All Peoples likes to give each child who comes in for a backpack/supplies with an age-appropriate book for them to take.

All Peoples has families sign up to receive the bags. Their numbers were up this year! They gave out over 300 backpacks with school supplies, which is a new record. Kids in their congregation and kids in the area served by All Peoples all benefited.

Two Opportunities for Happiness

Does God want you to be happy? Is it possible that God commands you to be happy? Was Jesus happy when he lived on earth? What kind of humor did Jesus like? When God looks at this world today, can God be happy?

Come explore the answers to these questions and so many more in Randy Alcorn's book, Happiness.

Here are the two opportunities for Happiness:

Wednesday Evening Women's Study Group: Every other Wednesday, beginning Sept. 7; 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

Monday Morning Study Group: Every other Monday, beginning Sept. 12; 10:00 – 11:30am.

Questions? Deacon Ruth Schmidt; phone or text 262-424-3344 or schmidtyruth@aol

Although the groups have had their first meeting on this book, please feel free to join in!

FPLC COAT DRIVE

We will be collecting cold-weather coats, gloves and scarves October 2 - 23!

Coats: No light or rain jackets—just warm winter coats please. If not new, they must be clean and lightly worn.

Accessories: Hats, mittens, gloves and scarves should be new.

Coats will be sorted and given to our partner churches as well as other organizations in Milwaukee.



All Peoples shared some comments from parents:

"You have no idea what a blessing this is. I am just gonna cry. I could never give my kids these things. You are a blessing."

"I would use my whole paycheck to get my kids their things if I had to." (From a single dad who brought in his paycheck to show us he was working.)



for filling

This is HALF of the backpacks!







Blood Drives are Back at FPLC!!

After a break due to Covid and the construction, we are now able

to schedule blood drives again right here at FPLC in Fellowship Hall!

We will have 7 drives throughout the next 12 months—approximately every 9 weeks, so you can donate at each one or whichever dates best fit your schedule.

Our first will be **Monday, September 26 from 1 – 6 pm**. You can sign up through the link in the graphic below.

Volunteers Needed:

We would like to have one volunteer at each date to help keep things running smoothly. Some things you may do are: direct the Versiti staff to the right area, welcome donors, staff the cookie and juice cafe and lock the building up afterwards. If you are interested in the September date, please contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.



MONDAY September

26

1:00 PM -6:00 PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of



FOX POINT LUTHERAN CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

LOCATION: FELLOWSHIP HALL 7510 N SANTA MONICA BLVD FOX POINT WI 53217

> To sign up, click: VERSITI Sign Up Page or call 877-232-4376

Rush in to donate and be entered for a chance to win 2 tickets and a VIP experience to your favorite hometown football team. Official sweepstakes terms & conditions at www.versiti.org/rush-in-donate-sweepstakes.

DURCH. NEC. U.S. res., 18+. Ends 9/30/22. 10 sep. drawings (IN, IL, MI, WI) through 9/30/22. Enter by blood donation or mail. See Official Rules www.versiti.org/rush-in-donate-sweepstakes. Sponsor: Versiti, Inc., 638 N. St. Milwayidae WI 5/233





Let's Do Some Painting!

Saturday, October 22; 8 am - 3 pm

Grab a paintbrush and help make a house a home for a new homeowner in Milwaukee!

FPLC has signed up to bring a crew of 6 to paint a new home in the Harambee neighborhood near Keefe and Holton. We'd love to have you on our team. We'll be there with two teams from other churches, the homeowner and a few Habitat staff members to get the work completed.

Click the link below to sign up. Please read the instructions carefully:

Online sign-up for each team member:

- Team members start by going to: http://groups.mkehabitat.volunteerhub.com/events/index
- Use the join code "FPLC" when prompted.
- Please note that each volunteer will both "create an account" as a user (or sign in if the system has been used previously) AND register for an event.
- Volunteers will receive one email about creating an account.
- During the registration process volunteers will have the opportunity to receive an email with confirmation materials.
- A reminder email with the same information is also sent 2 days ahead of the event.
- By having each individual's contact information it allows us to be in contact in case of changes in the day or bad weather.
- Volunteers can contact Beth at <u>bvangorp@</u> <u>milwaukeehabitat.org</u> if they have any problems with the system.

Lunches Needed!

We are also providing lunches for the whole group on October 22. Whether or not you're painting that day, if you would like to provided lunches for the 20 people (you can team up with another person), please contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.







Sunday School Has Started!!

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.

Do you have a child who will be 3 as of
September 1through 4 years old? Register here

Do you have a child who is in K5 – 6th grade
this fall? Register here

Elementary
Sunday School Registration

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!

Do you have a child who will be 3 as of
September 1 through 4 years old? Sign up to
teach here.

Teach Preschool

Teach Preschool

Teach Elementary
Sunday School

First Communion Save the Date

We will be having our First Communion Workshop for 5th graders on Saturday, January 7 with the First Communion service on Sunday, January 8th. Stay tuned for more information, but mark the date on your calendars!!



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!

Robbie Abernathy Jackie Adam Allan Julie Anderson Angie Barb Harry Beaumont Kim Bell

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Carol John Chamberlain Charles Cheryl Chris Claire Jane D. Lyle Dabney Pr. Dan David Deb Sheila Dlugi Sara Ehr **Cammy Endres** Erin Lu Farwig Sue Fillinger Rick Frank Jenny G Kathy Gebel Gordon **Sherry Husting** Ben lammartino Jan Jane Jeff

Joan John Jon Julia Randy K. Nadene Krame Lane

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Mike

Chris Moertl

Nancy
Curt Nash
Ned
Jerry O.
Scott P.
Robert Palmer
PJ
Rebecca
Richard

Rick
Geoff Rose
Dave Rotter
Walter Schoenfeld
Kathy Schwartz
Linda Solveson
Steve M.
Terry
Tom
Brenda Trier
Mike Wilder

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.

Military

Alex Grant
Ben lan
Cooper Kyan
David Matthew

Congratulations

Chrystal

Our heartfelt sympathy, thoughts and prayers be with Lori and Andy Barrieau and their daughters Gina and Lisa on the death of Lori's brother Steve Heronemus.

Quote of the Week

Jim

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ 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? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

- 1 John 3:16-18

Ushers

How do we keep the church running smoothly before, during and after services? That's easy: we have great ushers! We welcome women, men and high school students for this opportunity! Please call Lori Barrieau at 414-352-8990 or email her at lori@foxpointchurch.org.



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





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

Hello!

"Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

- Hebrews 12:2

Roller Coasters! The anticipation of riding on them is thrilling! The speed and flash and today's technology just increase the excitement. Now, I dislike heights and motion, so I've never been on one. But I am obsessed with watching them on YouTube. There are so many types...the scariest...the kind that spin and roll...the highest...the oldest wooden ones...the biggest drop ones...the fastest...the Iron Gwazi at Busch Gardens Tampa...never have I ever!

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." - Colossians 3:2

Turns out, that focus is everything! If I follow the dizzying array of twists and turns, even online, the coasters play tricks with my eyes, and I get a little dizzy. But if I focus on one seat as they fly around the track, I am able to maintain my head balance. Our focus on Jesus is like that too. If we can just concentrate on Him, we are able to maintain our everything. Life's a lot like the coasters...up and down, hills and valleys, straightaways...speed and flash, momentum, and the quiet parts too. The quiet is where we are grateful for everything, and we can fix our eyes on Jesus. I love this scripture from Luke-he seems to be lifting up the lowly and saying if you just focus on Jesus and believe, the kingdom is yours!

"But seek his kingdom and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." – Luke 12:31-32, 34

I wondered how often if ever do I fix my eyes on Jesus with this intensity? How often does He demand it from me? How often am I willing to surrender my very heart and soul to Him? If I veer away from my focus on that YouTube coaster, it shows. If I deviate my focus from Jesus, I certainly end up being out of balance. Have you ever noticed how simple the words we say at the communion rail resound? We are focused on the bread and the wine and the simple words. Given for you...shed for you. Our eyes, our hearts our very souls at that little moment are lovingly focused...on Jesus.

Father, we pray that you would help us become less anxious. Help this little flock to focus on your gifts, especially the gift of your son, Jesus; we ask that you remind us to follow His light, to read, pray, seek, reach out, and minister to our neighbors. Let His focus become our focus. Amen.

This week let's fix our eyes on Him. – Mary