



Outpost Natural Foods goes to Dinner Fellowship

Diana Schmidt, in a review for the Outpost publication GRAZE, offers this observation after her first dinner fellowship at Serenity Inns:

"I left the table with a deeper understanding of humility and an appreciation for the choices we all make daily, witnessing first-hand the impact that breaking bread together has with being present. Conversations around the table focused on recovery, casual but attentive, it felt like dinner with family should feel. I was humbled by how welcome I was made to hold space with one another around the table together."

Ms. Schmidt goes on:

"The stigma of addiction has plagued the men throughout their lives. Sitting down to break bread with volunteers levels the playing field."

How Can You Participate?

FPLC provides dinner and fellowship 3 nights a month, every month of the year. We have 14 open dates so far in 2023 just waiting for you and your family! When you sign up, you are to prepare a meal and take it warm to Serenity Inns (2825 W. Brown St.) at 6 pm and join them for dinner.

Dates:

Thursdays: Feb. 9, March 9, April 13 (1 slot), May 11, & June 8

Fridays: Feb. 17, April 21 (1 slot), & May 19 (1 slot)

Wednesdays: Jan., 25 Feb. 22, March 22, May 24, & June 28



Serenity Inns building; 2825 W. Brown St.

Choose one of three ways to sign up:

1. Sign up on the church website under SERVE. Click here: [MEALS](#)
2. Use the paper sign up in Fellowship Hall
3. Contact Lorraine Buehler: lbuehler@cs.com; (414-630-8933).

Questions?

Contact Lorraine. She will send a FAQ's handout for those new to Dinner Fellowship, and/or Lorraine and her husband Bill will be happy to accompany you on a first visit.

Pair Up:

The signup allows for 2 families to share the evening. Consider signing up with friends! As this is a great opportunity for our Confirmation families, why not sign up with another Confirmation family? If you would rather do the meal alone, please sign up in both slots.





All Families with Young Children.....

Fairy Tale Tea Party

You are invited to attend an Adult/Child Disney Tea Party sponsored by the Women's Club!



Meet Cinderella in our enchanted Fellowship Hall for a tea party (with apple juice and light refreshments). This program is ideally designed for children ages 3 – 10. Entertainment will include a lesson on manners, interactive story telling, and an opportunity to take photos with Cinderella. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Children may dress up in any type of costume or outfit that they would like. However, adults must not dress up in any costumes, according to our contract with the company that is helping us with this event. There are 80 chairs available for children and adults, so sign up early to reserve your spot!

Date: Saturday, February 11

Time: 10:00 am arrival; we plan to be finished at approximately 11:30 am

Cost: \$10.00 per person (please pay when signing up)

Sign up: By noon on Sunday, February 5 in Fellowship Hall

Contact: Gail Sommerfeld at sommerfeld56@gmail.com or 262-395-0396 with any questions or concerns.

Note: Women's Club members: If you would like to help prepare food for this event, please see the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall! Thank you!



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

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 by clicking the

button below or contact the church office, 414-352-8990, if you have any questions. **January and February dates available!** It's a great service opportunity for our Confirmation students and their families as well.

Click here! →

Sign Up!

Men's Club—Thurs, January 19

Looking Back & Looking Forward In Wisconsin Politics with guest speaker, Charles Franklin



Nationally recognized government scholar and pollster Charles Franklin has been director of the Marquette Law School Poll since its inception in 2012 and became a full-time member of the faculty in 2013.

Under Franklin's direction, the poll became the largest independent polling project in state history. It accurately captured voter attitudes before every major election in 2012, including the gubernatorial recall, U.S. Senate and presidential races.

Date: Thursday, January 19

Time: 11:30 am

Fee: \$10 (includes lunch)

Location: FPLC Fellowship Hall

Contact: Jim Kimmel; jim.kimmel42@gmail.com or (615) 519-4177



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 am and 10:30 am services. Sign up with the link below for as many (or as few) dates as you would like! If you have any questions, contact Lori Barrieau at lori@foxpointchurch.org.

Click here! →

Sign Up!

Pilgrimage to Israel 2023

Pastor Bill and Diane are hosting a Holy Land Pilgrimage from April 22 to May 2, 2023.

You are invited to join them and other members of FPLC for an opportunity of a lifetime to tour Israel and the Holy Land.

The familiar Bible stories will come alive for you in a whole new way! You will see and walk the very ground that Jesus walked.

Details:

Package price per person is \$3,735 plus departure tax. Reservations are highly recommended as space is limited...a deposit of \$450 per person will secure your trip reservation. Sign up to go: [TRIP](#).

If interested, a trip itinerary and sign-up sheet is available at the Welcome Kiosk.

Please join Pastor Bill and Diane on this "moving and powerful, unforgettable journey" that will impact your life forever!

Call or email Diane Knapp; 414-352-8990 or Diane@foxpointchurch.org if you have questions or would like more information.

Shalom



FPLC's 8th Annual CHILI THROWDOWN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4
5 - 7pm

CONTESTANTS BRING THE HEAT!

Have a killer recipe you want to try out? Sign up to enter and serve your favorite chili recipe

Hot Prizes for:
Chef's Choice
Runner Up
Most Creative Display

[Enter the Contest](#)

ATTENDEES YOU ^{BE} THE JUDGE!

Sample tasty, homemade chili. Rate your favorites and help determine the winning chefs

Free Admission
Sample The Recipes
Beer Tasting
Hot dogs for the kids

[RSUP to Attend](#)



Tanzania Partnership Support

Coffee Lovers

Our members enjoy Mt. Meru coffee every Sunday during coffee hour! It's available for purchase on Sunday mornings at the Welcome Desk. It tastes great, and your purchase helps support those running small coffee farms in the Meru District of Tanzania.

Home Decor and Garden Supplies

Buy a Bayside Garden Center debit card at church and use it to pay for home decor, gifts, live plants and garden supplies. **The cards are only available at church!** Pick them up on Sunday mornings or during the week in the office. Fifteen percent of each garden card sale goes to our Tanzania scholarship fund.

Why The Need for Donated Food Is On The Rise

In 2020, due to the pandemic, anyone enrolled in FoodShare received additional benefits. 700,000 Wisconsin residents are still receiving these funds, but that program will end in February. Per Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin, that is an average loss of \$221 a month per family.

Seniors and people with disabilities are two groups to be impacted by this change. Prior to the pandemic, they often received the minimum benefits. Without the added benefits they will go back to receiving only \$23 per month. With inflation and steeply rising food costs also affecting these families, food pantries are seeing, and will continue to see, the number of guests rising.

This list of items has been supplied by our partners, as they are the items preferred by their guests. The collection cart is just inside the main FPLC entrance.

Food Needs:	Bush's Baked Beans	Canned fruit	Tuna
	Ensure	Canned pasta sauce	Vienna sausages
	Dinty Moore Stew	Canned beef and chicken	Mac & cheese
	SpaghettiOs	Spam	Honey Nut Cheerios
	Canned ravioli	Sardines	Canned vegetables
Personal Care Items: (Full-sized preferred)	Men's Deodorant	Body Wash	Body lotion
	Women's Deodorant	Toothpaste	



We Need YOU!

We need additional ushers to help keep our services running smoothly! Please contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org

or 414-352-8990.



Caregivers Support Group

Led by FPLC member Susan Halling, a marriage and family therapist, this weekly support group is 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

Cookies for Luther Manor

January is the month that FPLC is scheduled to provide cookies for the 200 plus Luther Manor Health Care Center residents. The cookie drive is a way to reach out and make the day brighter

for the residents during challenging times. Due to Covid 19 Luther Manor is requesting store-bought packaged cookies rather than homemade. Softer purchased cookies without nuts or seeds comply with the dietary needs of many of the residents. Please deliver them directly to the church office by noon, Friday, January 20.

If you need someone to pick up the cookies, please call Janet Quail, 414-967-7942.

Thank you for your Friends of Luther Manor dues/donations and Love Lights fund raiser donations. We are pleased to share that over \$31,000 has been raised this year.

Your donations will supply the Resident Support Fund, ensuring Luther Manor's ability to help residents in need.



FPLC '23 Blood Drives

Tues
Jan 17
1 – 6 pm

Thurs
March 23
1 – 6 pm

Tues
May 23
1 – 6 pm

Wed
July 26
1 – 6 pm

Thurs
September 28
1 – 6 pm

Versiti had to cancel our January drive but offered this alternate location as an option for you:

January 25; 1:00 – 6:00pm;
Harry & Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center;
6255 N Santa Monica Blvd., Whitefish Bay
Registration: [January 25](#), or call Versiti Blood Center at 877-232-4376. Appointments are encouraged, and walk-ins are also welcome (as space allows).

Helpful tip: Make sure you eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating!



MACCANON BROWN
HOMELESS SANCTUARY, INC.

MBHS Registry Remains Open

Last fall we started a small appliance gift registry for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary. You provided

over 40 items to help the guests of MBHS stay warm and well fed this winter.

As we still have people accessing the registry, we are keeping it open indefinitely and will update it as their needs change.

- Go to our registry (click the Amazon link here or search Amazon's custom gift registries for MBHS)
- Select and pay for the items you choose
- They will be sent directly to MBHS's delivery address

amazon

You may also purchase items listed at the store of your choosing and bring them to the FPLC office.

Crock pots

Toaster ovens

Space heaters

Electric skillets

Electric hot plates

Blenders (for those who have trouble chewing)



Learn the Basics of Baby Massage

Best for babies 2 weeks to under 12 months 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. Bring your baby, wear comfy clothes and bring a blanket to class as we will be on the floor. Handouts will be provided.

When: January 20. Additional sessions are the 3rd Friday of the month. *You only need to attend one class, but can come to more if you would like. Limit of 6 families per session.*

Time: 11 am – 12 noon

Place: Fox Point Lutheran Church

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



Christmas Card Donations

Save your Christmas cards! We'll be collecting the cards in January to give to the Salvation Army, which re-purposes them into gift tags for next year.



*Congratulations to All Our Students Who Received Their
First Communion on Sunday, January 8*

Parker Adam	Oliver Jones	Avery Ploszaj
Steven Balistreri III	Bennett Kack	Yari Sanders- Adorno
Elijah Burns	Brogan Krukar	Abigail Saunders
Avery Cherveney	Miles Krupski	Harper Schroeder
Stuart Dickerson	Ali Levek	William Sifuentes
Theodore Dickerson	Paxton Levek	Isaac Silverson
Jack Egan	Charlie Malle	Evan Strande
Kendall Elling	Elsa Mason	Ciara Tompa
Sawyer Ernster	Keegan McGivern	Lillian Tyk
Anders Gustafson	Haydn Mies	Maddux Young
Jakob Johnson	Nick Pavicich	



High School Youth Group

We are kicking off 2023 with a new series – Faith and Relationships! Through some games and parties, we will learn how to build deeper connections and how we can welcome faith into those relationships.

Then, the series will end with a (mock) YOUTH GROUP WEDDING (!!!) to help us understand what marriage means to us as Christians!

This month we will also go over the dates and details for the 2023 BOSTON SUMMER MISSION TRIP!

Upcoming Dates: All at 6 pm in The Point Cafe (downstairs)

January 22, February 5 and February 19



HS Youth Summer Trip Meeting is January 22

We're going to Boston!

Right after the 10:30 service on Jan. 22,

parents and youth (current 8th-12th graders) will meet in The Point Cafe (downstairs) to go over the trip details. We'll be talking through the timing, itinerary, cost expectations and fundraising opportunities.

Meeting RSVP

HS Snack & Study

The Point Cafe will be open from 6:00-7:30 for snacks, studying, and socializing. Feel free to drop in whenever!

Upcoming Dates:

January 24, February 7 & February 21



SUMMER FUN—VBS

The dates are set for VBS this summer; June 12-16! VBS is for students entering K5 – 4th grades.

More information and registration will be coming shortly, so mark these dates on your calendar!!

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

Julie Anderson	Lyle Dabney	Joan	Nancy
Angie	Pr. Dan	John	Curt Nash
Leeann B.	Deb	Jon	Violet (Vye) Nelson
Barb	Sheila Dlugi	Donna Jordahl	Jerry O.
Harry Beaumont	Eden	Julia	Scott P.
Kim Bell	Sara Ehr	Jim Jurack	Robert Palmer
Doreen Bill	Cammy Endres	Randy K.	PJ
Susie Blake	Erin	Nadene Kramer	Rebecca
Bud Bolling	Lu Farwig	Corrine Kraus	Michael Randazzo
Lynn Butenhoff	Sue Fillinger	Lane	Richard
Cameron	Rick Frank	Pat Lawless	Rick
Carol	Jenny G	Leslie	Geoffrey Rose
John Chamberlain	Joan Gildner	Alison LoCoco	Dave Rotter
Cheryl	Anna H.	Steve M.	Jessica S.
Chris	David Halling	Margo	Larry Schmidt
Christine	KathySue Halsted	MaryAnn	Walter Schoenfeld
Claire	Ben Iammartino	Andy Meser	Terry
Chrystal	Charlie James	Michael	Tom
Jennifer Cupery	Jeff	Michael	Brenda Trier
Jane D.	Jim	Mike	Bob V.

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	Ian
Cooper	Kyan
David	Matthew

Congratulations Baptism

Oliver Smith Lorenz, son of Randy and Jenna Lorenz, was baptized January 15.



FPLC Organ Dedication Concert

World-renowned organist, Maestro Hector Olivera will perform on FPLC's Custom Allen – Hector Olivera HO-85 Designer Series organ. Join us for this special musical event!



Mr. Olivera is a passionate, gifted, and unique musician, whose personal interpretations of both classical and popular music have amazed and delighted audiences around the world. A child prodigy, Mr. Olivera has become one of the most sought-after and revered international concert organists of the present time. Mr. Olivera has performed solo concerts throughout the USA, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, Central and Latin America and as guest soloist with prominent symphony orchestras worldwide.

Date/Time: Sunday, February 5; 2 pm

Price: Free!

Location: FPLC Sanctuary

Contact: Jeff Shoemaker, jeff@foxpointchurch.org or (414) 352-8990 x2



Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. If you would like to receive Mary's devotions on a weekly basis, please sign up here: [Weekly Devotion](#)

Hello!

"Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ

loved us. His love was not cautious, but extravagant." – Ephesians 5:1

School zones in the morning resemble obstacle courses. Car doors flying open, kids on bikes, children running to meet friends, vehicles jockeying for parking spaces, little ones with backpacks in tow and musical instruments in hand – it surely requires careful driving! A foot on the brake plus watching and listening with caution is a necessity! Crossing guards try to keep things safe for the children, but it's really up to we larger humans to move gingerly using both skill and kindness with these special folks.

How careful we are when there are small ones...they are so vulnerable and can let go of a parent's grasp in just a moment. Not unlike them, we too, can let go of our Heavenly Father's grasp, sometimes out of carelessness, anger, or simple weariness. But be assured, He never lets go of their hands...or our own.

"Be easy on people; you'll find life a lot easier. Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessings. Giving, not getting is the way. Generosity begets generosity." – Luke 6:38

God continually showers us with His amazing grace. If only we were always this sensitive in how we treated our neighbors; offering mercy and compassion and treading lightly when behaviors differ from our own or turn away from God's teachings. The crossing guards have decisions to make at the intersections of the road... as do we who enter the other intersections...the intersections with our life partners, friends, and brothers and sisters on our own roadways.

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above ourselves." – Romans 12: 9-10

We pray together-

"Our little lives, our big problems – these we place upon Your altar! Pour out upon us whatever our spirits need of shock, of life, of release. That we may find strength for these days – courage and hope for tomorrow. In confidence we rest in Your sustaining grace, which makes possible triumph in defeat, gain in loss, and love in hate. We rejoice this day to say: our little lives, our big problems – these we place upon Your altar!" – from *Our Little Lives*, a prayer by Howard Thurman

Let's watch with love as God transforms our lives this week. – Mary