

LIFE TOGETHER This Week

Week of March 14, 2023 Vnl 124 Real Faith For Real Life

Soles for Jesus Shoe Drive Wrap Up!

Thank you! You donated over 235 pairs of shoes! Lives in Africa will never be the same because you gave.

The shoes will be sent to Sub-Saharan Africa. While we have many shoes to choose from on a given day, many people there have no shoes at all. Without shoes, children and adults risk injury and illness on a daily basis. Without shoes, they cannot get jobs or go to school, where shoes are required.

What do you do with that extra pair of shoes you no longer need now that our drive at FPLC is over? You're in luck! Soles for Jesus is a local organization and you can bring your donations



right to their door. See the information to the right for more details! Thank you again!



Donation Information

The FPLC shoe drive is over. but you can still donate your shoes directly to Soles for Jesus!

They accept donations from 8am – 5 pm Monday – Friday at their location:

8835 W. Heather Avenue in Milwaukee (between Brown Deer and Good Hope Roads)

Make donations of men's, women's and children's shoes of any style and size!

(414) 365-1392 www.solesforjesus.org



Holy Week and Easter Services Palm Sunday; April 2 9 and 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday; April 6

7 pm

Good Friday; April 7

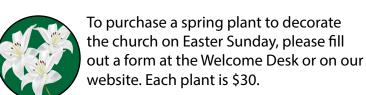
10 am Children's Service: We present the story of Holy Week and the resurrection followed by an egg hunt

Noon and 7 pm

Easter Sunday; April 9

8, 9, 10 and 11 am

There will be no Sunday school or nursery care on Easter Sunday



A list of donors will be published in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Please specify the individual that you would like to have this plant be in honor of, or in memory of, by your gift.

Firm Deadline: Monday, March 27th.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Barrieau at 414-352-8990 x7 or lori@foxpointchurch.org.

Order Form





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Piecemakers/Quilters

Join us as we assemble more quilts on Tuesday, March 21st. Bring your lunch and enjoy conversation with the other quilters. Come and go as your schedule permits.

Date: Tuesday, March 21

Time: 9 am – 1:30 pm

Location: FPLC Fellowship Hall

Contact: Sharon Hipke at 414-352-1605 or edsharhip@

gmail.com



Don't Let the Coffee Run Dry!!!

THIS Sunday (9 am slot) and April Dates available!

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.





Reserve Your Spot Today to Donate at FPLC!

Thursday, March 23; 1 - 6 pm

Sign up at: https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive-schedule/256299 or call Versiti; 877-232-4376.

Appointments are encouraged but walk-ins are also welcome as space allows. Want to double your impact? Ask about dual reds!

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

Tanzania Partnership Support

Coffee Lovers

Did you know the Mt. Meru coffee FPLC

serves Sunday mornings is available for you to brew at home? Just stop by the Welcome Desk to make your purchase. It tastes great,



and the sale helps support those running small coffee farms in the Meru District of Tanzania.

garden center 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.



We Need YOU!

We need additional ushers to help keep our services running smoothly!

Please contact Lori Barrieau; <u>lori@</u> <u>foxpointchurch.org</u> or 414-352-8990.



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Men's Club - Thurs, March 16

Milwaukee Rescue Mission

MRM's mission is sharing God's love by caring for those who are poor in body, mind and spirit, to see lives

transformed through Christ to hope, joy and lasting productivity. We'll tour their facility and stay for lunch.

Date: Thursday, March 16

Time: 11 am – Carpool from FPLC to MRM **Request:** Bring gently used or new clothing for men, women or children to donate. New socks always needed!

Contact: Jim Kimmel; jim.kimmel42@gmail.com

or (615) 519-4177



Our Next Generation Program with Congregation Shalom

FPLC has an exciting opportunity to work with Congregation Shalom (right across the street) on a program to tutor and build meaningful relationships with children living in Milwaukee.

Congregation Shalom has been involved with Our Next Generation (ONG) Outbound tutoring program for over 5 years. ONG is a nonprofit, community-based organization that provides academic support and enrichment programs for students, kindergarten through high school, in central Milwaukee. Shalom is looking for FPLC volunteers to join those from Shalom.

The goal of their Outbound program is to create lasting relationships between the students and their tutors. Research on "at risk" populations has shown that stable relationships are the number one factor that leverage success for students.

Tutoring is a one hour per week commitment. Historically Shalom's program has been on Thursdays. The tutors came at 4:15 pm, the students' bus arrived shortly thereafter, and the students/tutors worked from 4:30-5:30 on homework, reading, and other meaningful relationship building activities. Everything takes place at Congregation Shalom.

The start date is TBD until we hear from more prospective tutors, but at this point it looks like the fall of 2023. We'd love to have you join as a regular or substitute tutor! There is an option to prepare food as they provide a meal to the children as well.

Matt Honigman from Congregation Shalom is the coordinator of this program. If you are interested, or have questions, please fill out the very short interest form through the link below. Matt or someone from their team will get back to you promptly. **ONG Website**

Interest Form



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Serenity Inns Dinner Fellowship What is Serenity Inns?

SI provides a seven month transitional living program for men who choose recovery from drug and/or alcohol addictions. The goal of Serenity Inns is to provide a safe place to recover.

Dinner Fellowship at Serenity Inns

Three nights a month, every month of the year, FPLC volunteers prepare a meal for 10-13 men (and themselves), take it warm to the Inns at 2825 W. Brown St. in Milwaukee by 6 pm, and enjoy the meal and fellowship with the residents. This is a good activity for families with middle school/HS aged children as well. The anti-drug/alcohol message is great for our youth to hear. The beauty of dinner fellowship is that residents develop the socialization skills lost during their active addiction, and volunteers live the virtue of charity and put a real face to the disease of addiction. Many of the residents say the dinner fellowship aspect sets the SI program apart from others and is very valuable to their recovery.

Three Ways to Sign Up:

- 1. Sign up on the church website under <u>SERVE</u>. Click here: MEALS
- 2. Use the paper sign up in Fellowship Hall
- 3. Contact Lorraine Buehler: lcbuehler@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.

Dates:

Thursdays: May 11 (1 slot), June 8 & July 13 Fridays: April 21 (1 slot), & May 19 (1 slot)

Wednesdays: June 28, July 26



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 ori@foxpointchurch.org.





Attention all "Sheepshead Wanna-Be's"

The Friday night Sheepshead group is interested in expanding its ranks. We would love to see more players attend and enjoy the game. With that in mind, we would like to offer lessons to

anyone who is interested in learning this fun, and very "Wisconsin", game.

We play in Fellowship Hall on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. We will have "learning aids" available to help with the basics, and experienced players to guide you.

If interested, or for more information, please contact Jim Schmidt; (262) 527-1970 or schmidtyjim@aol.com.

We are looking forward to sharing the fun!



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Food Needs

As you may have seen on the news recently, extra SNAP benefits put in place during the pandemic have now expired. Food banks across the nation expect

to see an increase in the number of individuals visiting their sites. This is certainly true for MacCanon Brown Homeless Shelter, Cross Lutheran and All Peoples, where our food collections are distributed. Let's continue to help them meet this increased need.

This list includes items for all of our local food pantry 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 Baby Formula

Ensure Spam
Dinty Moore Stew Sardines
SpaghettiOs Tuna

Canned ravioli Vienna sausages Canned fruit Mac & cheese

Canned pasta sauce Honey Nut Cheerios
Canned beef and chicken Canned vegetables

Personal Care Items:

(Full-sized preferred)

Men'sDeodorantBody lotionDeodorantBody WashToilet paper

Women's Toothpaste



MBHS Registry Remains Open

Many MBHS guests live in small apartments or rooms or even cars, so they don't

have access to a kitchen. They regularly distribute crock pots, microwave ovens, toasters and toaster ovens, electric skillets and other small appliances so guests with access to electricity have a means of cooking or heating food. It is vital that their guests are able to eat with dignity.

FPLC started an online gift registry for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary in the fall of 2022. Items purchased from this registry are mailed directly to MBHS. 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 You may also purchase items listed at the store of your

choosing and bring them to the FPLC office.

Crock pots Electric skillets Blenders (for Toaster ovens Electric hot Space heaters Plates Plates Electric skillets Blenders (for those who have trouble chewing)



Women's Club - Food Security

Speaker: FPLC's Gayle Coleman

Did you know that about 12 percent of U.S. households with children were food insecure at some time in 2021? Food security is defined as having at all times, both

physical and economic access to sufficient food to meet dietary needs for a productive and healthy life.

Join us to explore the food security landscape in the U.S. and our community. We will discuss the role of food pantries and other programs and issues related to food security.

Date: Tuesday April 4, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m. – Dessert Buffet followed by presentation

Cost: Bring items for the food pantry; see list above in the *Food Needs* article.

Signup: By Sun. April 2nd (noon) – in Fellowship Hall

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



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VBS

Email Julie!

June 12-16; 9 am - noon

Join us for a mountain of games, challenges, activities, crafts, and stories from the Bible that will help us learn that we can always do more, be more, and climb higher with God. If you're entering K5 through 4th grade in the fall, bring a friend and join us! The cost is \$50 (scholarships are available).

Registration is now open!

We need volunteers to help teach VBS! If you are in middle school or older and would like to help, contact Julie Schlifske.

Little Lambs

June 12-16; 9:15 – 11:45 am

Hey, preschoolers! Join us for adventures in our faith as we sing, play games, and make crafts—all while learning more about God!

We are so fortunate that this year's Little Lambs will be led by Jenny Huizenga, a preschool teacher and a member of our church. Our little ones will be in great hands!

Our program is designed for children who turned 3 as of January 1, 2023 through those entering a K4 program in the fall of 2023.

To ensure a safe and positive environment, our class size is limited to 16 students. The cost is \$50 (scholarships are available).

To volunteer or ask questions, contact Julie Schlifske, Director of Children's Ministries.









Learn the Basics of Baby Massage

Best for babies 2 weeks to under 12 months and their parent(s)/quardian(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

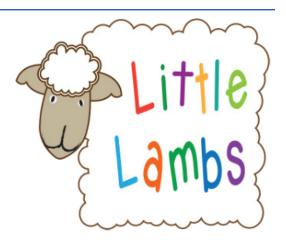
restfully. Bring your baby, wear comfy clothes and bring a blanket to class as we will be on the floor. Handouts will be provided.

When: March 17. 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.





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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 Date: March 19; 6 – 7:30 pm in The Point Cafe (downstairs)

Click for All HS Info



HS Youth Summer Trip We're going to Boston!

Current 8th-12th graders are welcome to join us on this trip to Boston July 19-25. In addition to serving those in need, we will also have a great time exploring Boston! Reserve your spot with a \$250 deposit. We have a few spots left to reach our maximum of 58 participants, so sign up now!

Registration & Waiver

Payment

Email Hannah

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: March 21

APOSTLE ISLANDS 2023











ELEMENTAL FAITH

Apostle Islands Trip July 10-14

This retreat, for current 6th and 7th graders, is a time for making friends, exploring faith, and experiencing nature. It is an opportunity to disconnect from phones, screens, and social media. This trip fills up quickly!

If you missed the parent meeting last weekend, click the link below for

information and forms. This trip isn't possible without parent chaperones to help lead. If you would like more information about the trip or chaperoning, please contact Pr. Bruce; pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org.

Info & Forms



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 A.
Verna A.
Julie Anderson
Angie
Leeann B.
Harry Beaumont
Kim Bell
Bill
Doreen Bill

Doreen Bill
Bud Bolling
Lynn Butenhoff
Jon C.
Cameron
Carol
John Chamberlain
Cheryl

Chris Christine Claire Chrystal Jane D. Lyle Dabney Pr. Dan Deb Julie Deleeuw

Sheila Dlugi Eden Sara Ehr Cammy Endres

Erin
Lu Farwig
Sue Fillinger
Rick Frank
Jenny G
Joan Gildner
Anna H.
David Halling
Charlie James

Jeff Jim Joan John Jon

Donna Jordahl Julia Jim Jurack

Randy K. Hans Kirkegaard

Nadene Kramer Corrine Kraus

Lane

Pat Lawless Leslie

Steve M. Margot Andy Meser Michael Michael

Eric Miller Nancy Curt Nash Violet (Vye) Nelson

Scott P.

Robert Palmer

Rebecca

Michael Randazzo

Reuben Rick

Geoffrey Rose
Dave Rotter
Jessica S.
Jim Schmidt
Larry Schmidt
Lisa Sommerfeld

Janelle T. Terry Tiffany Tom Brenda Trier

Brenda Trier Bob V. Brian V. **Praver 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

Ryker Vaughn Beachy and Silas Eckertt Beachy, the children of Trenton and Abigail Beachy, were baptized on March 12.





Caregivers Support Group

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

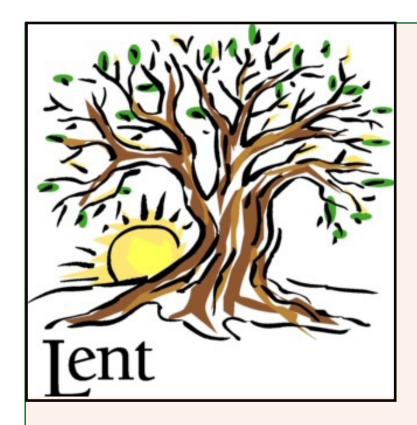
with changes in family dynamics. Common challenges include: role reversal, juggling multiple responsibilities, dealing with dementia and loss and making necessary transitions as we move into uncharted territory. New members are welcome!

Date/Time: Fridays; 10:30 am; FPLC's Heritage

Room

Contact: Susan Halling; 262-241-5197; halling@

wi.rr.com



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!

"Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today." – Luke 5:26

Have you ever considered that the word unremarkable can be quite remarkable?

The days in our weeks may seem ordinary, taken up with routines and sameness and "nothing special." God, though, does not present us with anything that is not special, for in Him, the ordinary and unremarkable are His gifts to us. Indeed, some might escape our own horizons until we see them with fresh eyes and warm hearts.

Anxiety may have consumed you as you waited for a pathology report – then it arrives with the word "unremarkable". That journey near midnight as your brother drives home after working late...no accidents, no road rage, just a safe and unremarkable ride home. Your front door is left wide open overnight, and you wake to the unlocked unremarkable door with nothing amiss. Ballet lessons, unremarkable for you as a 9-year-old, wrought a lifelong interest in a beautiful art form. All seemingly unremarkable, yet they are remarkable gifts of graciousness from God!

The witnesses to this story recorded in Luke about the cure at Capernaum, were perhaps experiencing an unremarkable day made remarkable by Jesus' miracle. God's greatest gift to us...the remarkable feat of becoming and living as a human in all humbleness – the gift of a man, a teacher, son of an earthly carpenter and an incredibly young mother, all unremarkable beginnings transformed into our remarkable Savior.

As our Lenten journey with Jesus continues, we pray –

Lord God, from darkness to light, from illness (physical or spiritual) to health, from death to life...in your eternity (if not always here), nothing is impossible. I praise you for the joy and hope you offer me. Amen. – Church of the Resurrection, Kansas City

Let's live each day with remarkable hope and joy – Mary