

# LIFE TOGETHER This Week

### Week of May 23, 2023 Vol 129 **Real Faith For Real Life**



# **Service Day Update**

Last Saturday from 9 am - noon two groups from FPLC set out to work along with two of our longtime partners. Eight members, led by Bill and Lorraine Buehler, went to Serenity Inns to do

indoor spring cleaning. Another 12 members, led by Mark Smith, went to All Peoples Church for outdoor spring cleaning in their community garden.

#### Serenity Inns

Assisted by a group of Alumni from the Buehler Alumni House and Executive Director/CEO Ken Ginlack, the FPLC team moved furniture, vacuumed and shampooed the rugs in the living area as well as in the 3 offices on the first floor and in the 5 bedrooms on the second



Eden Gilday

floor—all in 3 hours! The ceiling fans were also washed and the heating vents cleaned as were the blinds in the living room.

The Spring Cleaning Spirit was evident, and we left the Inn enjoying the fresh scent of CLEAN.



Matt Goode & daughter Lauren

# **All Peoples Church**

Led by Mark Smith, the FPLC team worked with the All Peoples staff, volunteers and members to get the garden in shape for the growing season. They weeded, hauled in fresh dirt, rebuilt large composting containers and built/rebuilt raised garden beds-raised beds

yield much higher crop output! As those tasks were completed, people planted several of the beds with vegetables that had been started earlier this spring indoors.

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**FPLC Office Hours** Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am-4 pm Why Purchase Mt. Meru **Coffee at FPLC?** 

In addition to being delicious coffee, Mt. Meru coffee purchased at FPLC helps farmers in Tanzania support their families and improve the guality of their lives. The article below is from the Mt. Meru Coffee Project's May newsletter.

# Meet A Mt. Meru Farmer

Ndekesio Nasari, a widow with four children, has been coffee





farming for three years. She farms about 100 plants on a one acre farm she owns at 5,400 ft. elevation on Mt. Meru.

The higher prices for coffee cherries she receives by participating in the project allows Ndekesio to send her children to college and improve the condition of her home.

Ndekesio is pictured with one of her daughters who performed so well in secondary school that she received a full college scholarship and will graduate next semester. Sadly, almost 70 percent of Tanzanian children aged 14-17 years are not enrolled in secondary education according to UNICEF. And, fewer than 30% of Tanzanian students enroll in college-level education, according to the World Bank, so the accomplishment of a college degree by a student from a rural area is remarkable.

Ndekesio took advantage of the training offered by the Mt. Meru Coffee Project cooperative, and learned about new higher-guality varieties, how to manage the farm, and how to spray and fertilize for high quality and output. She hopes to continue to add more coffee plants, obtaining high quality ones through the cooperative.

#### How to Purchase the Coffee

Stop by the Welcome Desk to make your purchase on Sunday mornings or in the office during the week. It tastes great, and the sale helps support those running small coffee farms in the Meru District of Tanzania.

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





Thank you to our 20 volunteers who gave their time and





Kathi Behm & Angie Biersach



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Gayle Coleman



Nate Wischnewski



Angie Biersach



Rebuilt bed with trellis



Abby Saunders & Pam Maersch

Newly planted bed



Sarah Gilday

## Time To Get Growing!

Each spring, Memorial Day marks the start of serious gardening in Milwaukee. This year, it's a season of surprises at Bayside Garden Center with new two-story plant benches brimming with exciting varieties of beautiful annuals and perennials, native plants, vegetables and herbs, and hanging baskets. You'll find everything you need from trees and shrubs, exciting pots, tools, soil, bird feeders (the orioles welcome slices of oranges!). Gifts galore, too!

We've worked with Bayside Gardens for many years to beautify our church for the holidays. They also help us send teens in Tanzania to high school—an FLPC commitment of \$10,000 a year. All you have to do is purchase Bayside gift cards at church (NOT at the garden center). We retain 15% of each card's value, which helps us keep our promise to our partner dioceses in Tanzania.

Here are your gardening jobs for the coming week!

- Clean up—Cut grasses and other stems back to the ground.
- Check your tools and get them sharpened.
- Replant any plants with exposed roots. •
- Prepare your soil. Cultivate the beds and add compost, milorganite or peat moss.
- Nourish trees and shrubs with good fertilizer. •
- Buy veggie and herb plants or start them from seed.

Be aware—this season, it may take a little extra time to get to Bayside due to road construction. Just navigate to the corner of Lake Drive and Brown Deer Road and turn west!



# Rite of Confirmation

# We present the candidates:

These persons have been instructed in the Christian Faith and made a public affirmation of their Baptism on May 21, 2023.

Sydney Johanna Ansay Brady Michael Bendickson Cameron Daniel Bostrack Caleb Daniel Geigler Eden Taylor Gilday Avyn Alexandria Ginster Lauren Helen Goode Roman Francisco Grunbaum Charles Wendell Haan Cade Scott Brolin Johnson Emma Annabelle Jonas Silas 'Ofa Kalonihea Isabella Genève Klug William Christian Larsen Anders Christian Mason Jack Wayne Merk Emma Cecelia Mies Priya Rakhra Schaefer Claire Amelia Scheuer Lukas Eric Strande

Dear Friends,

We rejoice that you have made a public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.





# 2023 High School Senior Recognition

Congratulations and best wishes to our high school seniors. Here are the future plans of the seniors who shared their information with us.

Jason Adix Karinna Andersen Haley Anderson Amelia Ansay Zoe Behrendt John Beno Michael Birmingham Tess Bruett Creed Grams Gabriella Hartwig April Hellman **Emily Hokanson** Ava Karegeannes Will Karegeannes Connor Knapp Spencer Maas Emma Maertz Andrew Noack Anna Ouehl Andrew Reindl Luke Scalise Graham Schaefer Holden Smith Laine Sperry Elizabeth Stern Jacob Turner Liesl Vorlop **Taylor Wilson** 

University of Wisconsin Miami University – Ohio University of Minnesota – Twin Cities University of Minnesota University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill University of Tennessee – Knoxville **Boston Junior Terriers Hockey** Dartmouth College Concordia University University of Wisconsin – Madison University of Wisconsin – Madison University of Wisconsin – Madison St. Thomas University, St. Paul University of Denver University of Arizona Edgewood College Worcester Polytechnic Institute St. Norbert College University of Denver University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee University of Kansas Undecided University of Wisconsin – Madison Lake Forest College Marquette University **Concordia University** University of Wisconsin - Madison St. Norbert College





## New, Newer & Prospective Member Extravaganza Friday, June 9; Fellowship Hall/Patio; 7 - 8:30 pm

Are You New to Fox Point Lutheran? Ready to learn a bit more about our church?

Join the pastors to hear the vision of FPLC, meet new people, make new friends, learn more about the church and meet our staff.

You can ask any questions you may have, all while enjoying some tasty desserts!

This is an important part of connecting with your church family, so we hope you will attend!

Please RSVP and include any needs for childcare with the link here:





#### **Quilters/Piecemakers**

Join us as we make quilts for those in need. We'll replenish our quilt supply after last Sunday's Senior Recognition Service. Bring your lunch and enjoy a break with other

quilters. Come and go as your schedule permits. **Date:** Tuesday, June 20 **Time:** 9 am – 1:30 pm **Location:** Fellowship Hall **Contact:** Sharon Hipke; edsharhip@gmail.com or (414) 352-1605

#### **Senior Recognition**

Congratulations to the FPLC graduating high school seniors! A special thank you goes to our Piecemakers group who provided the beautiful quilts to our seniors for the Senior Recognition Service on Sunday, May 21.

# BLANKET & SHEET SET DRIVE

MACCANON BROWN HOMELESS SANCTUARY We are collecting queen and king sheet sets and queen and king blankets for MBHS. (No smaller sizes at this time.)

Many of their guests are homeless or staying in underheated or unheated living spaces. Their only bed may be a blanket, so donations are needed year-round.

We are accepting new or gently used (washed) items. Please make sure they are in a closed bag so they stay clean and organized while being delivered.

Leave your donations in the marked cart in the FPLC entryway on Sundays or during office hours. Thank you!



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QUESTIONS? CONTACT STACIA HICKEY; STACIA@FOXPOINTCHURCH.ORG











# School Supply Donations!

School is still in session this year but shipping delays continue to cause the need for early ordering of school supplies. Many Milwaukee schools have early start dates, the first week in August, so our school supply drive is ON!

Let's help the kids in the All Peoples neighborhood begin their school year with the supplies they need! Last year we donated over 100 complete school supply sets.

#### Supply Packages—Deadline June 1.

We are partnering with Winkies Toys and Variety! again this year. Thanks to Winkies' owners and FPLC members Terry and Beth Stuhlmacher, this is a great way to order supplies through their School Tools Program! They are offering 4 different age-specific school supply "packages" you can order directly through Winkies. Winkies also donates 5% of all School Tools sales to All Peoples Church! You simply order them and you are finished— Winkies and the FPLC staff will take over from there! Questions? Contact Stacia at <u>stacia@foxpointchurch.org</u>.

We will be collecting backpacks, masks, books, hand sanitizers (individual sized) and scientific calculators in June, so watch the sales now if you would like to donate those items!

# Winkie's School Tools for All Peoples Church Forms must be returned by Thursday, June 1.

#### Order forms can be returned to Winkie's Toys:

Drop off in store: 629B E Silver Spring Dr. Whitefish Bay (lower level); Winkie's is open: Mon – Sat 9-6; Sun 10-3 Or Mail to Winkie's Toys: PO Box 170650 Milwaukee, WI 53217

I would like to order the following packages:
# of packages \$ Amount
@ \$43.85/ea = Kindergarten
@ \$53.85/ea = Elementary School
@ \$76.55/ea = Middle School
@ \$88.45/ea = High School
Total Dollar Amount:

Your Name: Telephone # (for any order questions only) \_\_\_\_\_Check (payable to Winkie's Toys and Variety!) or \_\_\_\_\_Credit Card Card Number

**Expiration Date** 



# Fox Point Church

# FPLC will have a tent and lawn space reserved at this event!



#### 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. Many of the residents say the dinner fellowship aspect sets the SI program apart from others and is very valuable to their recovery.

#### Ways to Sign Up:

- 1. Sign up on the church website: MEALS
- 2. Use the paper sign up in Fellowship Hall

#### **Questions?**

Contact Lorraine Buehler: <u>lcbuehler@cs.com</u>; (414-630-8933). 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: July 13 Wednesdays: June 28, July 26



#### Don't Let the Coffee Run Dry!!! June Dates Still 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 above or contact the church office

if you have any questions.

Bring the family, kids welcome!

Click here!

Sign Up!







#### **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 BeansEEnsureSDinty Moore StewSSpaghettiOsTCanned ravioliNCanned fruitNCanned pasta sauceHCanned beef and chickenO

Baby Formula Spam Sardines Tuna Vienna sausages Mac & cheese Honey Nut Cheerios Canned vegetables

#### **Personal Care Items:**

(Full-sized preferred) Men's [ Deodorant [ Women's ]

Body lotion Toilet paper



## VBS

#### 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 a current K4 through 3rd grader, 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.

Email Julie!

Deodorant

**Body Wash** 

Toothpaste

Register Herel

## **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 age 3 by January 1, 2023 through current grade P3.

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

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









# 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!

#### We encourage you to keep these people in your prayers during the week

Abbv Damianus Aditya Julie Anderson Angie Algernon John Baptiste Harry Beaumont Kim Bell Beth Anne Doreen Bill **Bud Bolling** Brenda Lynn Butenhoff Cameron John Chamberlain Cheryl Chris Christine Claire

Chrystal Jane D. Lyle Dabney Pr. Dan Sheila Dlugi Lorrie Drobny Eden Sara Ehr Cammy Endres Erin Lu Farwig Sue Fillinger **Rick Frank** Jenny G Joan Gildner Anna H. **David Halling Charlie James** Jim

Joan John Jon Donna Jordahl Julia Jim Jurack Randv K. Nadene Kramer **Corrine Kraus** Lane Pat Lawless Leslie Linda Steve M. Margot Andy Meser Michael Michael **Eric Miller** 

Nancv Curt Nash **Robert Palmer** Rebecca Chris Randazzo Rick Robert **Geoffrey Rose Dave Rotter** Jessica S. Sam Jim Schmidt Larry Schmidt Katy Strande Terry Tom **Brenda** Trier **Mike Umland** 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	lan
Cooper David	Kyan Matthew



#### Condolences

Our sympathy and prayers are with Marlene and Ralph McClure on the death of Marlene's brother, Eldor Clemons Quandt Jr., Wednesday, April 26.

Our prayers and support are with Gail and Kurt Sommerfeld on the death of Gail's sister-in-law, Lisa Sommerfeld, May 16.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Linda, Jenna and Mitchell Drozdowicz on the death of Linda's husband and their father, Tom Drozdowicz. A celebration of his life will be Saturday, July 8 at FPLC.



#### **Summer Sunday School**

Summer Sunday School begins THIS Sunday! Join us at 9 am or 10:30 am as we learn through crafts, stories and games!



All kids who are currently in P3 through 3rd grade are invited to join us in Sunday School. Kids currently in 4th grade and older are welcome to worship with their families during the summer.

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





Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, May 17. If you would like to receive Mary's devotions on a weekly basis, please sign up here: <u>Weekly Devotion</u>

## Hello!

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, sure and strong. It enters behind the curtain in the Most Holy Place in Heaven, where Jesus has gone ahead of us and for us." – Hebrews 6: 19-20

Every summer, two weeks at Peterman's cottage on Little Twin Lake was like Heaven! My father and brothers, with me in tow, would untie the motorboat, pull up the anchor, and off we'd go, looking for a lucky fishing spot. The Evinrude outboard revved up to five miles per hour and our cane poles with red and white bobbers were primed with worms. Dad would yell "this is the one!" and he'd drop the anchor. It stabilized the boat and kept us close to those walleyes that usually turned out to be sunfish! As a little girl, I knew what an anchor did, but not what it meant to have one...or perhaps to be one.

The world can sometimes be a heavy place and an anchor may be the only way of balancing ourselves. Anchors hold objects solidly, offering dependability and wonderful support. On the NBC Nightly News, Lester Holt is called "The Anchor for America." He is smart and articulate, but news anchors come and go. Our God is not a replacement God. He is the original and best anchor. He keeps right on course with His mission of love, grace and salvation!

"Throw wide the gates so good and true people can enter. People with their minds set on you, you keep completely whole, Steady on their feet, because they keep at it and don't quit. Depend on God and keep at it because in the Lord God you have a sure thing."

## – Isaiah 26:3, The Message

Our Heavenly Father embodies the very meaning of love! A mainstay, like that on a boat, reaching out to us from our first awakenings to the last breaths of our earthly lives in the world that He alone created just for us. We were never meant to carry this world on our modest shoulders; rather we can look to God. He will help us not to fail...but rather to learn! He is our anchor, holding us steady!

Today's prayer is from the hymn, "Christ Be All Around Me": As I rise, Strength of God, Go Before, Lift me up As I wake, Eyes of God, Look Upon, Be My Sight, Above and below me, Before and behind me, In every eye that sees me, Christ be all around me. – Michael W. Smith

Let's be someone's anchor this week! - Mary