

Fall Small Groups Are Starting!

September is here! There's Sunday School offered during both services, Confirmation Classes on Wednesdays and a variety of adult study groups too.

Our website lists our Small Group offerings under the Life @FPLC tab. Select Small Groups from the drop down menu. Or click here to be taken directly to the page: [SMALL GROUPS](#).

Following our two of our small groups just beginning new topics. See the link above for more options!

Monday Morning Group

One of the studies offered meets every other week on Monday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30 at FPLC. This fall the group will use the book, *Questions God Asks*. For nine Mondays, the group will take a closer look at a part of scripture in which God asks a question. We will also share how we might answer that same question if God would ask us today.

Wednesday Evening Women's Group

Starting September 6th, the Wednesday Evening Women's Group will also meet every other week from 6:30 – 8 pm. We will discuss *How the Bible was Built*. Using some extra material, written by Phillip Yancy, the study will help participants to see what books were chosen to be in the Bible and why, what books were not, how the order was chosen and by whom, and how each part is very important to God's story.

Both of these groups would love to welcome some new voices to their group. If you have any questions or want to sign up for one of these studies, please contact Ruth Schmidt at (262) 424-3344 or at schmidtyruth@aol.com. Contact information for any of our other small groups is listed on our website.

What a great year to get more deeply involved through small groups!

If you in starting a small group of your own, give the office a call at 414-352-8990. We have lots of study ideas!

Grief Support Group Gathering

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one?

Grief can be one of the most painful and persistent forms of sorrow, impacting our lives in all sorts of ways. When we're grieving the death of someone we love, we humans need the support of others who understand what we are experiencing and a place to gather together to offer care and encouragement to one another. Please join one or both of our pastors at this inaugural meeting.

Date: Thursday, October 12, 11 am

Time: 11 am

Place: FPLC's Heritage Room

Contact: Pr. Bruce; pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org;
414-352-8990



Progressive Dinner Save the Date!

This is a wonderful evening of dining and socializing with fellow Fox Point Lutheran Church members! It's a lovely time to reconnect with old friends and say hello to new ones.

Sign ups will begin shortly!



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High School Youth Group

Come hang out with friends, make new friends and have fun while learning about your faith. The group meets on Sundays from 6-7:30. Contact Hannah Knapp with any questions; hannah@foxpointchurch.org.

September Sundays:

9/17: Upperclassman Rendezvous (6-7)

9/24: FPLCYG Bucket List BASH!

October Sundays:

10/8: For the Love of God, let's play some golf!

10/22: Pumpkin Palooza: Carve, Create, Celebrate!

November Sundays:

11/12: Faith, Feast, Friendsgiving!

11/26: Service Opp: pack lunches for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary!

December Sundays:

12/10: FPLCYG Christmas Party and White Elephant!

Sunday 9/24: Upperclassmen Rendezvous 6:00-7:00

This year, I will be working with the Juniors and Seniors to help with a couple key parts of our Youth Group! We will be meeting for a devotion, dinner, and to talk through some important plans for our year.

So Attention Upperclassmen!

I need your help to set the tone for this year! Your enthusiasm and leadership are crucial in creating a welcoming atmosphere. This is our space to learn, grow, and connect, so let's make the most of it! ALSO, this year Pastor Bill has decided to allow the upperclassman to weigh in on the 2024 Summer Mission Trip Location. Let's talk about what that will look like!!

Sunday 9/24: FPLCYG Bucket List BASH! 6:00-7:30

For our first Youth Group, we are going to be checking some things off our bucket list! I've got everything on our list. We will be spraying water from a firetruck, learning to run inside a Zorb Ball, and throwing water balloons off the church balcony! Dinner will be included, but be prepared to try some exotic meat and interesting pizza (don't worry we will also have normal dinner options, if needed).



Orientation For New Students and Parents
Wednesday, Sept. 13; 7-8pm—TOMORROW!
Fellowship Hall

Confirmation season is fast upon us! If you are a new student to our program (7th graders or new 8th graders) please attend the Orientation tomorrow, September 13 (see above.)

All the information you'll need can be found on our website here:

[CONFIRMATION.](#)

You'll find our Confirmation Handbook, Registration Forms, Permission Slips, payment information and the calendar for the year. You'll also find information on our Apostle Islands trip, Service Opportunities for Confirmation students, worship note forms.

If you have questions regarding confirmation, please contact Lori Barrieau in the FPLC office; lori@foxpointchurch.org; 414-352-8990.

Confirmation meets on Wednesday from 7 pm – 8:30 in Fellowship Hall. Our schedule for the next three months is as follows: (These dates and those going into 2024 are also on our website through the above link.)

October: 4, 11, 18

November: 1, 8, 15

December: 6, 13

MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary is Collecting Fans!

The 200+ impoverished and homeless individuals and households served by MBHS weekly already cope with numerous hardships. It's not hard to understand how the cooling breeze of a fan supports one's health and one's ability to cope. Many of their guests suffer from chronic medical conditions which are exacerbated by the heat. New or working portable fans can be donated at church or purchased through our MBHS gift registry on Amazon and the items will be sent directly to MBHS. There are other items on the registry, such as small cooking appliances and space heaters. (They are gearing up for winter and those living in unheated spaces).

Click Here:

[**MBHS**](#)



Men's Club — Business Tour of Felins

Felins has a new manufacturing facility! Tour the company and hear about their innovative packaging solutions from FPLC's Andrew Barrieau and his team.

Date: Thursday, September 21

Time: 11 am; meet in the FPLC parking lot to carpool

Fee: \$10 includes lunch

Contact: Jim Kimmel at 615-519-4177.



Help Needed!

Ushers keep the church running smoothly before, during and after services. We welcome women, men and high school students for ushering!

To sign up to Usher and/or to read the Usher Guide, please click [HERE](#). Thank you for considering this much needed position.



Food Needs Rising

Our partners are seeing many more guests at their weekly food pantries. All Peoples had 104 people at their July 19 pantry. Each of those people had an average

family size of 3-4 people to feed. When the year began, All Peoples was seeing an average of 40 people at their Wednesday pantry. The numbers were rising slowly, with a big jump in July.

This list includes items our local food pantry partners say are the items most preferred by their guests. The collection cart is just inside the main FPLC doors. The red items are of particular need.

Food Needs:

Bush's Baked Beans

Canned Black Eyed Peas

Ensure

Dinty Moore Stew

SpaghettiOs

Canned ravioli

Canned fruit

Canned pasta sauce

Canned beef and chicken

Soup (not tomato)

Baby Formula

Spam

Sardines

Tuna

Vienna sausages

Mac & cheese

Honey Nut Cheerios

Canned vegetables

16 oz Oatmeal

Personal Care Items:

(Regular full-sized preferred, not bulk size)

Men's Deodorant

Women's Deodorant

Body Wash

Toothpaste

Body lotion

Toilet paper

Lip Balm

Bar Soap



Purchase Mt. Meru Coffee

You can purchase the same Mt. Meru coffee we serve on Sunday mornings to enjoy at

home. 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. It makes a great gift too!



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Our new year of Sunday school begins on September 10 with Celebration Sunday. A bounce house, 30 ft. inflatable slide, donuts, coffee, treats from Kona Ice, and hopefully beautiful fall weather, will give us and our kids the opportunity to reconnect with old friends, make new friends, and get ready for a new year of Sunday school!

If you are new to Sunday school, welcome! We offer our classes during the worship service for kids from age 3 through 6th grade. With lots of crafts, games, Bible stories, and video clips, we promise to nurture your child's relationship with God, the church, and each other.

To register for Sunday school, 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, Children's Choir, and our other children's programs.

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



[Preschool
Sunday School Registration](#)

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



[Elementary
Sunday School Registration](#)

We Really, Really Need ALL Parents' Help!

We are so fortunate to have a strong, parent cooperative 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 2023-2024 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](#)

Do you have a child who is in K5 – 6th grade this fall? Sign up to teach here



[Teach Elementary
Sunday School](#)

First Communion Save the Date

Our First Communion Workshop for 5th graders will be on Sat., Jan. 6 with the First Communion service on Sun., Jan. 7. Stay tuned for more information, but mark the date on your calendars!!



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Serenity Inns Residents Talk About Dinner Fellowship

The question for residents at a recent Dinner Fellowship:

"What is your experience of Dinner Fellowship and how does it impact your recovery?"

Responses were varied but a common refrain came through:

Dinner fellowship is the first time in their lives that a meal has been the setting for respectful conversation. Not in their families, not among their friends, not in their workplace. Getting together to argue and to show off is not uncommon to them. Civility while breaking bread is.

There was no less amazement expressed by the men speaking about the amazing guests. They wondered:

"Why would anyone pay attention to us, addicts, often ignored?"

We would each have our own responses but the fact that we do it is more important than figuring out *why*. May it be enough to say, *"It's one way to be a neighbor who cares."*

Please consider being a neighbor who cares: All 2023 dates are open (except one) to take dinner to Serenity Inns on the 2nd Thursday, 3rd Friday, or 4th Wednesday of August through December. Take a warm meal to the Inns for the 12 residents and the innkeeper at 2825 W. Brown St. Sign up on the website under SERVE (see link below), on the sign-up in Fellowship Hall or contact FPLC member Lorraine Buehler; lcbuehler@cs.com.



Click here to sign up! →

Sign Up!

Don't Let the Coffee Run Dry!!!

Hosts Needed in September and Beyond!

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; 414-352-8990.

Bring the family; kids are welcome to help too!



Click here to sign up! →

Sign Up!

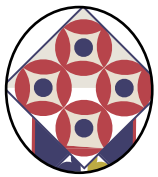


Baby Massage — Sept 15; 11 am - noon

Best for babies 2 weeks to under 12 months

Connect with baby, relieve fussiness, pain and discomfort and aid sleep.

Bring your baby, a blanket and wear comfy clothes. Handouts will be provided. To sign up, contact Angie Biersach, angiebiersach@gmail.com or 414-207-2808.



Quilters/Piecemakers

Join us as we make quilts for those in need. New members are always welcome and we'll teach you what to do. Bring your lunch and enjoy a break with other quilters. Come and go as your schedule permits.

Date: Tuesday, September 19

Time: 9 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Ellen Feider; 414-435-8440 or efeiderwi@gmail.com

Coat Drive In October

As the weather starts to cool we begin pulling our winter coats out or thinking about purchasing new ones. FPLC will be holding our winter coat drive during October; collecting new or gently used/clean winter coats for children and adults.

Please don't bring them in before the drive starts in October—we have limited storage for the coats.

Thank you!



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Music Ministries

Chancel Choir

Join us in Chancel Choir! Our choir is open to all! We rehearse Thursdays from 7 – 8:15pm and sing primarily at the 9 am Sunday services but also during special services throughout the year. Contact Tony Mudra for more information.

Email Tony

Handbell Choir

New members welcome—previous experience is NOT required! Handbells is a wonderful way to share your talents with the church in a new, unique way. We practice Thursdays from 6 – 7pm and play at least one Sunday a month. We attend occasional workshops and festivals as a group. We have members that have played for decades and some that had never held a bell before! All are welcome! Contact Jana Larson for more information.

Email Jana

[Informational Video](#)



Children's Choirs

K5-6th Grades

Children's Choir begins September 17 and will generally follow the Sunday School calendar. Our two amazing directors, Anne Earnhart and Paul Corrao, will hold rehearsals Sunday mornings between the worship services, from 10am-10:25 am.

What to Expect

Children will learn songs that they will perform in worship 4-6 times per year. Click the button below to complete the registration. More details provided on the form. If you have questions, Jeff Shoemaker, our Director of Music and Technology will be happy to help you.

Registration

Email Jeff



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150 Lunches for MacCanon Brown Homeless Shelter

It's true what they say, "many hands make light work"! Thank you to all who made and packed 100 lunches for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary on August 6. We finished so fast that we are making 150 lunches for the rest of our fall dates to ensure each guest can take a nutritious bag lunch home with them.

Each person comes to MBHS with a different story, yet each one receives food, compassion, love and a helping hand. When they arrive at the food pantry on Tuesdays, they also receive a bag lunch for that day. Be a helping hand! After the 9 am service on September 24, we're asking for anyone who is able to help us make 150 bag lunches for MBHS—no need to sign up, just join us! This is a great service opportunity for Confirmation students too. It's a short project to help our neighbors before you continue with the rest of your day!

Contact Stacia Hickey with any questions: stacia@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.



WHY is blood donation important?

Cancer patients, burn victims, trauma patients, and others require blood to **HELP HEAL!**



FOX POINT LUTHERAN CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE!

Thursday
September

28

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm



LOCATION: Fox Point Lutheran Fellowship Hall | 7510 N Santa Monica Blvd

DONATE & RECEIVE: Receive \$3.00 off general admission to China Lights Lantern Wonderland, sent to you via email post-attempted donation.

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT: Appointments are highly encouraged. Secure your spot by visiting the link below, scanning the QR code, or calling 877.232.4376:

bit.ly/fpl92823



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. Challenges include: role reversal, juggling responsibilities, handling dementia and loss and the transitions as we move into uncharted territory. New members are welcome!

Date/Time: Weekly on Fridays at 10:30 am; FPLC's Heritage Room

Contact: Susan Halling; 262-241-5197; or hallings@wi.rr.com



Bayside Garden Cards

You'll find everything you need from trees and shrubs, exciting pots, tools, soil, indoor and outdoor plants, bird feeders and gifts at Bayside Gardens.

Bayside Gardens helps us send teens in Tanzania to high school—an FPLC 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 cost, which helps us keep our promise to our partner dioceses in Tanzania.

*Knowledge is the light that leads to every wonder.
– Swahili proverb*

Our Gratitude for Your Giving Hearts!

In two weeks, 38 of our generous members answered our call and are providing college scholarships for 15 young people from our partner parishes in Tanzania! It's an impoverished country, and without this support, the students' futures would be very limited. Our donors' gifts will cover a year of tuition and help ensure a brighter future for the students, their families, and, we believe, the county itself.

Our scholarship program is now in its 10th year and, so far, our members have provided a college education for 77 young people. It's under the umbrella of our Jo Ann Berdelman Education Fund, named in honor of our long-time FPLC staff leader who joined Pastor Bill on their first trip to Tanzania in 2004 cementing our partnership. Jo Ann cherished the people in the Meru District and taught us about their love for life and for God, sharing stories and pictures from her many visits. In spite of their poverty, the people greet everyone with smiles. They love their families and their church and find joy in their lives even while working from dawn to dusk raising small crops, their income even more meager now due to recent droughts.

Most of all, they want a better future for their kids, and JoAnn inspired us to make sure that their children can have the education we take for granted. Early on, we built a preschool, then progressed to providing \$5,000 twice a year to cover students' high school tuition which continues along with the college support. You make high school possible by purchasing Bayside Garden Center debit cards and supporting our fundraisers. Grants also welcome!



On Sunday, October 8, hear more about our partnership and a proposed 2024 Delegation Trip to Tanzania (our 7th trip)! After services you'll have a chance to talk with members of our Tanzania Outreach Partnership Team about the trip.

The trip will include meeting our friends in the three villages in the Meru District—grownups and children—and learning more about their lives. They may also have some projects that can benefit from our help...and there may even be a chance to go on Safari!

On October 8, our Sunday School students will receive a take-home sheet about Tanzania, including pictures and fun facts. Enjoy sharing it with them!

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

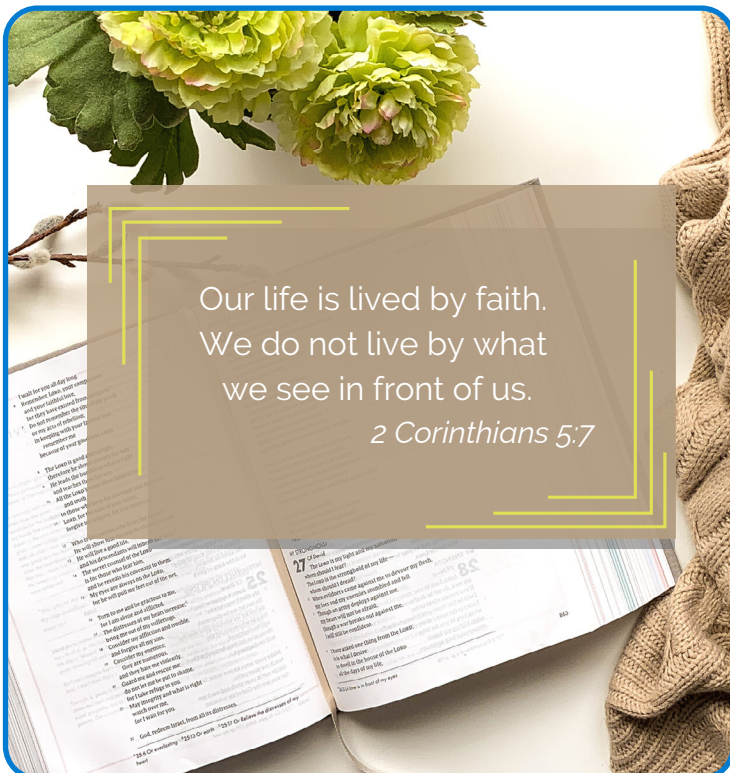
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Lyle Dabney			

Prayer Requests

Now you can make a prayer request through our web-site. 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

Congratulations and best wishes to Grace Clemons and Colin Fritz, who were married on September 9.

Condolences

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Charles "Charlie" V. James, who passed away on August 31. A service honoring Charlie's life will take place Thurs. October 19 at 3 pm at FPLC with a reception immediately following at Milwaukee Country Club.

Our sympathy and prayers are with June Libal and family on the death of her husband, Bart Libal, on September 9.


Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Lisa Berdelman, who passed away on September 10. A service honoring Lisa's life will be September 23 at FPLC. Details to come.

FPLC Office Hours
Monday–Thursday from 8:30 am–4 pm

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Kind words are like
honey — sweet to the
taste and good for your
health.
Proverbs 16:24

Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher.
This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, September 6. If you would like to receive Mary's devotions on a weekly basis, please sign up here: [Weekly Devotion](#)

Hello!

*"So as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."
– Colossians 3:12*

On my own... words that little kids love to throw at us... I'll do it "on my own!" I've heard it a few times on Sunday mornings, as children are called up for the junior sermon. Determination, bravado, the beginnings of independence, it's

similar as we get older, with the Holy Spirit taking us to places we might never have discovered "on our own." I doubt that I would have found Sarah any other way.

"Who are the people who have respect for the Lord? God will teach them the ways they should choose." – Psalm 25:12

Just this morning, as I poured my first cup of coffee, I smiled an "ah ha" smile of appreciation and gratefulness as I read the words on my new mug: Be Kind and Make Good Choices. I am the beneficiary of an online vlogger named Sarah, who always signed off with those words. Fighting a battle with an illness that she ultimately lost, she knew how to convey the message of love, kindness and goodness even with her last breaths.

Positivity and hope in the middle of hardship and hard times... kindness and good choices... I couldn't help but think that this is the way Our Father wants us to live. He sent the gift of Sarah to me and countless others to get His message across through a sweet loving spirit. How does Our Father want us to live? Like this:

*"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."
– Ephesians 4:32*

"The Lord has told you what is good. He has told you what he wants from you: Do what is right to other people. Love being kind to others. And live humbly, trusting your God." – Micah 6:8

"And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it." – Colossians 3:14

Father, help our words to speak kindness, even in the face of adversity. Open our hearts so that we do not overlook kindness, but instead might actually overuse kindness. Thank you for always encouraging us to comfort, inspire and guide others in the direction of kindness and love... in your direction. Amen.

Let's not overlook being kind and seeing kind this week! - Mary