

Week of September 26, 2023 Vol 137 Real Faith For Real Life

Progressive Dinner SAT, NOV 4 PM- 10PM

YOU ARE INVITED

Join in on one of FPLC's most popular events. It's a wonderful evening of dining & socializing with your fellow Fox Point Lutheran Church Members. It's an opportunity to reconnect with old friends and say hello to new ones.

WHAT'S A PROGRESSIVE DINNER?

We'll all start out at FPLC for appetizers, then you will "progress" to one of several FPLC member's homes for the rest of the meal!

COST

\$25 per person in addition to bringing an appetizer or dessert.



During this time, you will receive the name of your dinner host and directions to their home. DINNER & DESSERT

7:30 - 10:00 DESIGNATED HOST HOME

Dinner & dessert will be served at the individual host homes.

Please indicate any dietary restrictions on the sign-up form. We will do our best to accommodate your needs.

FOR PARENTS WITH KIDS UNDER AGE 4, WE OFFER 2 OPTIONS:

Please indicate on sign-up which option best suits your needs for this evening.

Option 1: Stay for a longer appetizer time with childcare provided at church - Ideal for parents who prefer to stay near their child instead of going offsite. Parents remain at church enjoying apps, drinks & music w/ the opportunity to meet other parents w/ younger kids. *Childcare ends at 7:30 pm.*

Option 2: Dine at a host's home: No childcare provided at church or host home - For parents who decide to go offsite to dine at one of our host homes.

COORDINATORS

Karen Sullivan (414.510.9341, ksullivan2410@gmail.com) & Gretchen Menard (414.659.1023, rmenard@wi.rr.com)





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Footsteps of Paul

GREECE, TURKEY, ITALY

You are invited to join Pastor Bill and Diane Knapp for a FPLC Pilgrimage, *In the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul*.

DETAILS

When: Thurs, April 4 – Mon, April 15, 2024 (12 days / 11 nights)

Who: All members/friends of FPLC. Fitness level - light walking tour - accessible to all.

Cost: TBD - approximately \$5,500 per person (all inclusive - air, hotel, most meals, most tours)

Our Travel Guide: AMI Travel (the same outstanding team that has led FPLC pilgrimages to Israel!)

High Level Itinerary:

- ★Stanley Hotel (nights 1-3) Visit Athens & Corinth
- ★Celestial Cruise (nights 4-7) Visit Mykonos, Kusadasi (Ephesus), Rhodes, Patmos, Crete, Santorini ★Starhotel Michelangelo (nights 8-10) - Visit Rome

Deposit: \$450 (you may buy insurance in case of need to cancel and to cover medical) - by November 19, 2023.



If Interested: Please scan this QR code to indicate your interest on form. (No commitment on this form!)

Ready to Reserve? To secure your spot, a deposit of \$450 is needed on this AMI registration form. Scan this QR code to make a deposit.









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QUESTIONS?

Mark Metzendorf 414-530-9480 mark@foxpointchurch.org

Women's Club — "Road to the Little House"

Generations of children worldwide have been fascinated by the stories and books of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Her "Little House" series was the basis for a successful television series. But how did her life really evolve? What motivated her to put her experiences to paper? Guest presenter, Jessica Michna, will introduce you to Wilder, older, wiser and reflecting back on her life. She will tell you her life story and how she came to produce her literary works.

Date: Wed., Oct. 11

Location: Fellowship Hall **Time:** 11:30 a.m. – Arrival and fellowship **Noon** – luncheon followed by the program

Cost: \$10.00

Sign up: In Fellowship Hall or through the church website by Sun. Oct. 8th – noon; there

is also a sheet at church to sign up to volunteer the day of the presentation **Contact:** Gail Sommerfeld at sommerfeld56@gmail.com or 262-395-0396





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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.

October Sundays:

10/8: Fore 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!



Confirmation season is fast upon us! We can't wait to see you!

If you are a new student to our program (7th graders or new 8th graders) and did not attend the orientation meeting/haven't registered yet, please contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.

You'll find our Confirmation Handbook, registration forms, permission slips, payment information and the calendar for the year on our website here: <u>CONFIRMATION</u>. You'll

also find information on our summer trip, service opportunities for Confirmation students and worship note forms. Have questions? Please call Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.

Confirmation meets on Wednesdays 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



Calling All Babysitters!

If you're at least 11 years old and interested in babysitting for FPLC members, add your contact information to our Sitter List! Even if you have signed up in the past, please fill out our form as we update it every year. You can use the QR code here or this link: <u>SITTER LIST</u>.

Your info will be shared with FPLC parents needing babysitters.

If you would like a copy of the Sitter List, call the church office; 414-352-8990.







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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 Pr. Bruce at this inaugural meeting.

Date: Thursday, October 12

Time: 11 am

Place: FPLC's Heritage Room

Contact: Pr. Bruce; pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org;

414-352-8990



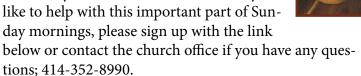
Help Needed!

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.

Don't Let the Coffee Run Dry!!! **Hosts Needed in October 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



Bring the family; kids are welcome to help too!

Click here to sign up!

Sign Up!



Food Needs Rising

Our partners are seeing many more guests at their weekly food pantries. This list includes items our local food pantry partners say are the items most pre-

ferred 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 Body lotion Women's Deodorant Toilet paper Lip Balm **Body Wash** Toothpaste 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 has begun! 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.

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 of you! 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 sign up your students for Sunday School or to register to teach Sunday School, just click this link: <u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> and click the appropriate links on that page.

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!



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!!



Scream Free Parenting; Friday, October 6; 7-9 pm

You are invited to a night with other parents to learn the Power of Scream Free Parenting with Hal Runkel. Hal Runkel, MS, MMFT, LMFT, is a world-renowned expert on helping people and organizations courageously face their conflict and create the kinds of relationships they've always craved.

Scream Free gives you the tools to stay cool during life's challenging moments. When you respond more, and react less, you can learn to handle any moment, in the moment. This gives you the momentum to create great relationships. And when people create at least one great relationship, at least two lives are changed. And wherever you have changed lives, you have transformed communities. And transformed communities help heal the world. It all starts with one Scream Free moment. One Pause. One Person. You.

The Night Will Go Like This...

7:00-7:30 pm—Arrive and connect with other parents including drinks and appetizers

7:30-8:30 pm—Hal Runkel, on the power of Scream Free Parenting

8:30-9:00 pm—Q and A, more connection time, free books for all participants plus a 1 year free Scream Free online license

Child Care Info

Child Care (ages 3-5th grade): We will be having pizza and 3 different age-appropriate movies for kids during the event. Please register for childcare when you sign up. Cost: Free-will offering appreciated.

Click here to sign up! Scream Free Parenting



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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; lebuehler@cs.com.

Click here to sign up!



Men's Club—Speaker, Tim O'Driscoll

Sign Upil

Join us as we listen to our guest, Tim O'Driscoll, share his wonderful stories stemming from his time as an official scorer in Major League Baseball.

Date: Thurs, October 19

Time: 11:30 am

Place: FPLC Lower Level Fee: \$10 includes lunch

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

weekly support group is for caregivers dealing with changes in family dynamics. Challenges include: role reversal, juggling responsi-

welcome!

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

bilities, handling dementia and loss and the transitions as we move into uncharted territory. New members are

Caregivers Support Group

Led by FPLC member Susan Halling,

a marriage and family therapist, this

Heritage Room

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

wi.rr.com



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, October 17 **Time:** 9 am – 1:30 pm **Location:** Fellowship Hall

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

gmail.com



Bayside Garden Cards

You'll find everything you need from trees and shrubs, exciting pots, tools, soil, indoor and out-

door 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.



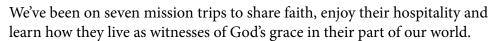


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Join Us On A Memorable Trip To Tanzania!

Following each of our services on October 8, take time to visit with members of our church who have visited our partnership friends in Tanzania. They will share their interesting and heart-warming experiences with you, explaining what you'll see and do in Usa River, Momella and Ngarenanyuki....and tell you all about the wonderful people and what a difference our partnership has made!



Our friends in the villages will welcome you warmly and share their lives with you. They are positive and happy and outgoing in spite of being very poor—an inspiration to everyone who's met them!

One of our very best trips even included a number of our teenage members, including Pastor Bill's and Diane's daughter, Hannah, who'll be there on the 8th. Her memories are inspiring! Join us yourself or bring your family — even a friend or a neighbor!

Please take home our updated brochure and learn more details about the trip, about Tanzania, and details of what our



church has done and is doing to be of service in Tanzania to improve our friends' lives. Since we began, our members have contributed more than \$500,000 to help them, to ease their challenges and provide hope for a more positive future!

Your little ones attending Sunday School will also be bringing home a handout—have fun going through it with them.

See the impact of our faith and support! Learn more about our trip on October 8th!

It may also include a SAFARI!



The Point Cafe—Lower Level

Did you know our lower level Point Cafe is now open on Sunday mornings? Grab

a donut, coffee or a specialty coffee after services. It's a great place to catch up with friends after church. The cafe is staffed by our high schoolers. There's no charge for the coffees, but they accept "trip tips". Tips collected help offset the cost of the '24 Mission Trip!



Coat Drive

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.



Talking Turkey

We will be supplying The Gathering with 25 cooked Turkeys again this year for their Thanksgiving Dinner. Sign-ups will begin shortly so watch the grocery sales for turkeys!





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

Damianus Aditya **Julie Anderson Rob Bartlelt** Kim Bell Beth Anne Doreen Bill **Bud Bolling** Brenda Lvnn Butenhoff Cameron John Chamberlain Charlie Cheryl Chris

Jenny G. Anna H. Christine Claire Iim Chrystal Ioan Craig John Jane D. Ion Lyle Dabney

Pr. Dan Sheila Dlugi Lorrie Drobny Eden **Cammy Endres** Erin Lu Farwig Sue Fillinger Rick Frank Andrea G. Joan Gildner David Halling Sue Hiller

Donna Iordahl Iulia Jim Jurack Randy K. Kath Nadene Kramer Corrine Kraus Lane Pat Lawless Leslie Linda Steve M. Margot Andy Meser Michael Michael Nancy

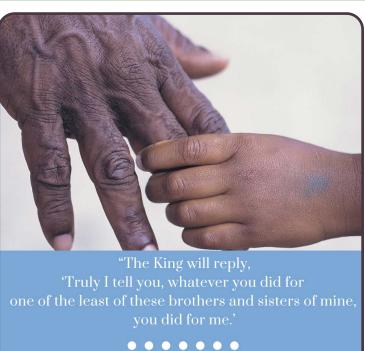
Rick Robert Geoffrey Rose Dr. H. Roshan Dave Rotter Jessica S. Sam Jim Schmidt Stephen Katy Strande Jane T. Terry Guy Theune Tom Brenda Trier Curt Nash Mike Umland Robert Palmer

Prayer Requests Rebecca Chris Randazzo

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 Ian Ben Kvan Cooper Matthew David



Congratulations **Baptisms**

Parker William Dowling and Olivia Frances Dowling, children of Colin and Allison Dowling, were baptized September 23.

Wedding

Congratulations and best wishes to Elise Weber and Luke Miller, who were married on September 30.

Condolences

Our sympathy and prayers are with Gary, Tony (Katharine), and Ben (Tracy) on the death of Gary's wife, their mother, Lane Mudra. A service will be held on Saturday, October 21 at 3 pm at Fox Point Church. Visitation is from 1-3 pm.



Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, September 20. If you would like to receive Mary's devotions on a weekly basis, please sign up here: <u>Weekly Devotion</u>

Hello!

"And he answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.""

– Luke 10:27

He called him Tramp. Roaming in the back woods of my cousin David's property, the big dog was homeless. Tramp looked rough and carried a scent that would make you cringe. Assertive without being aggressive, he wandered near human neighbors, but never among them until he met my cousin, David...a friendly human neighbor with a good heart who reached out with love and care to one of God's sweet innocents. With all of Tramp's foibles, flaws and wildness, it took David months before the dog would permit a collar. When he played joyfully near him, David would shout to the dog, "Good Boy!" The name stuck and so did the love between them. Tramp has transformed with great kindness into Good Boy. He has a new name, and is surrounded by big, generous care and friendship from one of God's good neighbors.

"For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all of the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine." – Psalm 50: 10-11

So often, I do not take the first steps of making a new friend, or even greeting a stranger with "hello" or "good morning." Opportunities abound on Sundays with so many wonderful new members in our church family. A greeting or the sharing of coffee and a sweet roll can be such a good beginning. We don't always know when our reaching out to someone could be life-changing or give someone a much-needed moment of hope. When our hearts are open, we are all creatures just ripe for God's transformative powers!

Father, thank you for finding us in the turmoil that can seep into our very souls. Open up our ears and unclutter our minds to harvest truth, to sooth our hearts and direct us to a shared peace that we find in togetherness. Amen.

Have a great week...have an open heart...be transformed. – Mary