



Fall has just begun, but in the FPLC office, plans for Thanksgiving and Christmas are well underway. A glance through today's newsletter will show you that there are many ways you can serve our neighbors during the holidays. We also have our Gratitude Sunday and Christmas Eve services to help us realize the joys and meaning of the holidays.

We are altering the Christmas Eve service times this year to best match when members seemed to enjoy coming most.

Christmas Eve Service Times:

- 9 am:** Communion Service
- 10:30 am:** Communion Service
- 3:30 pm:** Children's Pageant in a Bag Service
- 5:30 pm:** Communion & Candlelight Service
- 9 pm:** Communion & Candlelight Service

Help Needed!

With so many services and people coming to church on Christmas Eve, we need extra ushers to keep the Christmas services running smoothly. If you can usher for one of these services (or others throughout the year), please click the link below to sign up!

We welcome women, men and high school students for ushering! Thank you for considering this much needed position!

To sign up and access the Usher Guide, please click →

Usher

Pageant Help Needed!

If you would like to help at the Pageant in a Bag Service on Christmas Eve (3:30), please contact Julie Schlifske; julie@foxpointchurch.org. It takes volunteers to make this happen!



Santa Hat Ensemble

Do you play an instrument and have fun? Then, come play in the Santa Hat Ensemble on Dec 17, after each service! Contact Jeff Shoemaker for information and the music; jeff@foxpointchurch.org. All instruments and skill levels are welcome, provided you have some basic music reading knowledge.

Don't play an instrument?
Enjoy the music after services on December 17 while you have coffee and donuts!!



Turkeys & Hams for All Peoples Church

All Peoples needs frozen turkeys and hams to go with the Christmas Meal Kits they supply in December. Our FPLC

Confirmation students are supplying more than 30 of the 100 bag sets they give to their guests. Can you help All Peoples complete those bags with a turkey or ham?

What to Do

- Sign up to purchase a frozen Turkey (8-12 lbs) or ham (5-10 lbs). No need to say which you are purchasing.
- Bring your purchase to FPLC no later than **Thursday, December 14 by 4 pm.**
- Put them in the freezer in the kitchen right off Fellowship Hall.

If you have questions, email Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org. Sign up with this QR code or click the link below:



Turkeys/Hams





SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9; 9 AM – NOON

Join us for a fun morning full of Christmas Spirit at FPLC. Whether you are a tiny tot or a full-grown elf, there is a little something for everyone at this event.

GINGERBREAD STREET

Decorate your very own pre-made gingerbread house while visiting Gingerbread Street! Be sure to register online to reserve and pay for your house. There is a 2-house limit per family. \$15/house. We may have a very limited number of houses for walk-ins. Register in Fellowship Hall or here: [HOUSE](#)

JINGLE BELL WAY

Jeff Shoemaker and His Elves will sing and perform Christmas songs and instrumentals throughout the morning!

REINDEER WAY

Swing by Reindeer Way to play silly reindeer games & win silly prizes with the rest of the herd! School-aged kids as well as your little elf-lets are welcome!

COCOA COURT

Head to the corner of Cocoa Court where you can enjoy a specialty coffee and hot chocolate. Also visit Angel Alcove to purchase Christmas Coffee Packages and even goats to benefit our Tanzania scholarship fund.

ELF AVENUE

Make sure to stop by Santa's Secret Gift Shop where kids can shop for \$2 gifts for their family members. (Special elves will wrap their selected gifts for them!) All are invited to shop for small gifts for your furry friends at the Pet Shoppe.

NORTH POLE

And, of course, be sure to make your way to the North Pole to visit our favorite resident of FPLC's Christmas Village—SANTA CLAUS! Be sure to visit Santa— and learn about the true meaning of Christmas at the same time!





Christmas Angel Tree

Thank you to all who are purchasing gifts for children at Next Door and the men at Serenity Inns. All the gifts have been "adopted".

Gifts for Serenity Inns are due to FPLC by Sunday, December 17.

Gifts for Next Door were due to church by due to church December 3.



Women's Book Club

This group meets approx. every 6 weeks and reads a variety of genre depending on interests in the group. It's

an informal, fun time together. We take turns leading the discussion. November: *West with Giraffes* by Linda Rutledge.

Date: Monday, January 8

Time: 7 pm

Location: FPLC

Contact: Joanne Ginster; jmginster@yahoo.com

Don't Let the Coffee Run Dry!!!

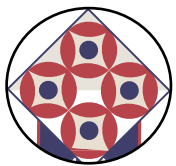
A host is needed Dec. 17 at 9 am

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!



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, December 19

Time: 9 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

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



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



Attention Fox Point Moms!

We are starting a new moms group called Fox Point Moms (FPM)! This is for moms of all ages with children and grandchildren of all ages! This is a judgment-free time to mentor each other, vent, ask parenting or spousal questions and be here for each other.

We will also focus on a devotional and discuss it each week. We will send out a brief survey to see how many of you are interested in being part of this amazing and spiritual group and to find what days and times would work best for the majority of you. If you have any questions or would like to help with the group please contact Tracy Christenson, 414-899-7410 or tchristenson@firstweber.com.



Women's Club with a Special Invitation for Men's Club to Join Us! Christmas Celebration

Please join us for a wonderful early celebration of Christmas with eating, fellowship, and music! Author, songwriter, and pastoral coach at Sun Day Creations, Frank Janzow will be our entertainment for this event. Frank will not only perform some Christmas faith-based and secular music familiar to us all, he will also treat us with some sing-along tunes and other fun while he spreads some cheer. The event promises to be a great way to get into the Christmas spirit!



Frank Janzow

Date: Wednesday, December 13

Location: Fellowship Hall

Time: 11:30 am – Arrival & Fellowship

Noon – Announcements & Lunch

12:45 pm – approx. 1:30 – Entertainment

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Sign up: In Fellowship Hall or through this link: [Christmas Program](#) by Sunday, December 10 at noon

Contact: Gail Sommerfeld at sommerfeld56@gmail.com or 262-395-0396.

***NOTE:** Please also consider volunteering to help with this event by signing up on the form next to the regular Women's Club sign up in Fellowship Hall.



Men's Club—FBI Overview

We'll have guest speaker Leonard Peace, Public Affairs Officer, FBI Milwaukee Division joining us. Mr. Peace will share an overview of the FBI, its

structure, capabilities, priorities and challenges. It's sure to be an interesting and insightful presentation!

Date: Thursday, December 21

Location: Fellowship Hall

Time: 11:30 am

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Sign up: In Fellowship Hall

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



Click below to access the registry!



MBHS REGISTRY

Help the guests of MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary stay warm and well-fed this winter.

- Go to our registry (click the Amazon button below 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

OR

Purchase items where you like and deliver to FPLC by November 30.

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

QUESTIONS?

✉ stacia@foxpointchurch.org

The Poinsettia Garden

Poinsettia plants will be used to decorate the church during the Christmas season. If you would like to participate in this part of the Christmas celebration, please fill out this form and mail it along with a check to the church office, or leave it at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings. You may also sign up through this link: [Poinsettia](#) or through this QR code. The firm deadline for submission is Monday, December 11.



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Cost: \$25 per plant Firm Deadline: Monday, December 11

A list of donors will be published in the Christmas Eve *Bulletin*. If you wish, you may specify the person being honored or memorialized by your gift.

Please write the name as you would like it to appear in the Bulletin.

Name: _____

Person(s) In Honor or Memory of: (Please circle one)

_____ In Honor or Memory of
 _____ In Honor or Memory of
 _____ In Honor or Memory of

Email/Telephone: _____

Looking for Good Gifts This Year?

Shop ELCA Good Gifts and choose from more than 50 unique, charitable gifts to give in honor of friends and family. They'll get a card to let them know about what you've done, and you'll get the joy that comes with making the world a better place. Click the button below for more information.

God's love is a gift, given through Christ. This Christmas, let us celebrate that gift by sharing God's love with others.



ELCA Good Gifts

Do You Speak Spanish?

Do you speak Spanish or Mandarin or feel comfortable using Google Translate? All Peoples Church is seeing a larger number of Spanish and Mandarin speaking guests at the food pantry. It would be helpful to have a person walk through the food pantry one-on-one to help them through the process.

The pantry is open every Wednesday from 11 am – 1 pm. Even once a month would be helpful!

For more information, or to schedule a date to assist, please contact Anna Lamer, All Peoples' office manager; 414-264-1616 or anna@allpeoplesgathering.org.

Buy a Goat

Our members have provided more than 270 goats (and goat food!) for Mama Mariki's program. It's now expanded and called the Hope Seed Initiative.

Each goat goes to a widow raising an orphan or to individuals and groups of people who are very poor. The milk provides food, and when the goat has a kid, it goes to another family.

If you would like to purchase goat food or a goat as a gift, you have your choice of:

Food for 4 months – \$25 **Food for a year** – \$75
Food for 8 months – \$50 ***Goat & food for 4 months** - \$150

*If you choose this option, you can pick up a custom certificate from the church office to give as a gift.

Pick up a brochure at church or purchase here: **GOATS**



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.

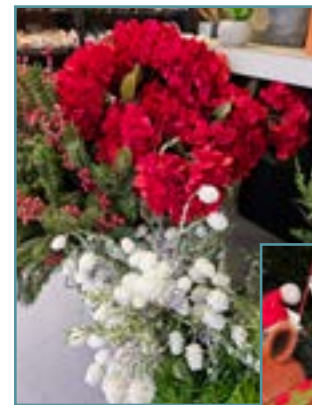
Cards can be purchased at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week.



PREMIUM COFFEE
FOR COFFEE LOVERS ON YOUR LIST
CHRISTMAS PACKAGES

AVAILABLE NOW AT FPLC!

It tastes great, and your purchase helps support those running small coffee farms in the Meru District.



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



Confirmation meets on Wednesdays from 7 – 8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Our schedule through January is as follows:

December: 6, 13 **January:** 10, 17, 24

****There are things you need to prepare prior to the December 6 workshop. For details and instructions, click here: [DEC 6](#)*

All confirmation-related dates are also on our website through the link below.

You'll find all things Confirmation on our website here: [CONFIRMATION](#). Have questions? Please call Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.



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 pm. Contact Hannah

Knapp with any questions; hannah@foxpointchurch.org.

December Sundays:

12/10: FPLCYG Christmas Party and White Elephant!

FIRST COMMUNION

5th Grade WORKSHOP



WORKSHOP
Sat, Jan. 6
8:45 – 12:15

FIRST COMMUNION SERVICES
Sun, Jan. 7
9:00 or 10:30

REGISTRATION
Please use the link or QR code to the left.

FPLC First Communion Workshop Registration

Register with this QR code or the link above.



Serenity Inns Dinner Fellowship

What is Serenity Inns? It's a residence for men in recovery from alcohol and/or drug abuse in Milwaukee. FPLC has had a long volunteer relationship with SI.

What to expect when volunteering? You will make dinner for the Inns at home & take it to the Inns on your chosen date. You deliver it warm by 5:45pm (for a 6pm start time) and join them for dinner and conversation. Because the number of residents is around 8-12, two families may want to volunteer together. You will cook for yourselves, the men and the innkeeper. You're usually on your way home by 7 pm.

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. Lorraine is happy to answer any questions you may have.



**Dates Available As Soon As
January 24!**

Click here to sign up!

Sign Up!



Christmas Singing Opportunity! Sunday, Dec. 10

It's the moment you've been waiting for, a no obligations Christmas singing opportunity! Everyone – no matter their musical background or experience – is welcome to join the Chancel Choir for a special music performance on Sunday, December 10 at both the 9 and 10:30 am services. We will be singing a combination of 7-8 classic Christmas carols and original/contemporary Christmas songs as well.

There is a short Rehearsal Schedule:

Thursdays: Nov. 30, Dec. 7; 7-8:30 pm

Questions: contact Tony Mudra:

tony@foxpointchurch.org



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 preferred by their guests. The collection cart is just inside the main FPLC doors.

Food Needs:

Bush's Baked Beans	Baby Formula
Canned Black Eyed Peas	Spam
Ensure	Sardines
Dinty Moore Stew	Tuna
SpaghettiOs	Vienna sausages
Canned ravioli	Mac & cheese
Canned fruit	Honey Nut Cheerios
Canned pasta sauce	Canned vegetables
Canned beef and chicken	16 oz Oatmeal
Soup (not tomato)	

Personal Care Items:

(Regular full-sized preferred, not bulk size)

Men's Deodorant	Conditioner
Women's Deodorant	Body lotion
Body Wash	Toilet paper
Toothpaste	Lip Balm
Shampoo	Bar Soap



Songs of the Season Music Series

We're taking a year off from presenting Songs of the Season each day in December this year, but you can still listen to songs from years past! Brought to you by Director of Music Jeff Shoemaker, Songs of the Season is a playlist of fun and beautiful Holiday music, both sacred and secular. You can find the direct link here: [YouTube 2022](#) and [YouTube 2020](#).

They will also be available on our website: [FPLC](#) on the main page and under Events. We hope this series can bring joy and comfort to your day as we celebrate Advent and prepare the way with light, peace, and joy.



Year-End Reminder

Year-End Contributions for 2023 tax purposes are due on or before December 31. Any contributions given in the offering plate or dropped off by NOON at the welcome desk on Sunday December 31st will be counted for 2023. The church office will be closed on Monday, December 25th, Sunday, December 31 at NOON and Monday, January 1st for Christmas Day and New Year's Eve/Day. The Church office will be open regular office hours during the week. All contributions that are sent in the mail, must be postmarked by December 31, 2023.

Enjoy the convenience of electronic giving!

- We offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. You can set up automatic withdrawals using your checking or savings account, or a credit or debit card.
- Here is the link to set up an automatic donation giving plan, or make a one-time donation to your designated fund of choice; <https://secure.myvanco.com/YJFG/home>
- Additionally, authorization forms for online giving and additional information are available from the Church office.

Any questions? Please contact Kelly, 414-352-8990 or kelly@foxpointchurch.org.

Are you considering donating gifts of stock to the church?

Giving long-term, appreciated, publicly-traded stocks/securities is a tax-efficient way for members to make gifts to their congregation.

Transferring securities from your existing brokerage accounts to Fox Point Lutheran Church is easy!

1. Fox Point Lutheran Church currently has an established account set up with LPL Financial. Call Kelly to obtain the transfer information needed to complete the donation of stock.
2. Notify the church office of the incoming stock gift so we can credit your account with the donation.

Please contact Kelly in the church office, 414-352-8990 or kelly@foxpointchurch.org if you have any questions or to assist you with making a gift of stock.



Kitchen Angels

Kitchen Angels are a dedicated group of women who assist in keeping the Fellowship Hall Pantry in good, working condition.

Each "Angel" chooses one month during which she checks the kitchen supplies and launders the

towels. They meet once a year as a group to give the kitchen a thorough cleaning.

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall, where you will be able to choose which month you would like. There will be a list of instructions next to the sign up.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Gepfert at (414) 351-0374.



The Point Cafe— Lower Level

Did you know our lower level Point Cafe is open most 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!



FPLC Blood Drives

Did you know that every ONE blood donation goes on to help THREE patients in need? Isn't it amazing how generosity multiplies?

Mark your calendars and reserve your spot for

our January drive now!

January 17; 1-6 pm

July 23; 1-6 pm

March 21; 1-6 pm

September 24; 1-6 pm

May 23; 1-6

November 26; 1-6 pm

**Click the heart to register
for the January 17 date!**



Learn the basics of Baby Massage

For babies 2 weeks to under 12 months.

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 and wear comfy clothes!

When: Friday, December 15

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



Sheepshead Group at FPLC All Are Welcome!!

Declared as the official card game of Milwaukee in 1983, Sheepshead is a staple to Wis-

consin card players.

Are you interested in joining a group of Sheepshead players to meet at church for some friendly competition?

We play in Fellowship Hall, on the 2nd and 4th Fridays 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.

Looking forward to sharing the fun!

For more information, contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org or call: 414-352-8990.

**Upcoming Sheepshead dates are Fridays,
December 8 and 22**



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@fox-pointchurch.org!

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

Teddy A.	Sheila Dlugi	Karan	Curt Nash
Julie Anderson	Eden	Kath	Nita
Artie	Cammy Endres	Dave Kaye	Robert Palmer
Tina B.	Erin	Kaylynn	Peter
Kim Bell	Lu Farwig	Charlotte Kinney	Rachel
Gabby Biancuzzo	Rick Frank	Jennifer Kramer	Chris Randazzo
Bud Bolling	Andrea G.	Nadene Kramer	Rebecca
Brenda	Jenny G.	Corrine Kraus	Rick
John Chamberlain	Joan Gildner	Pat Lawless	Robert
Cheryl	Guy	Leslie	Geoffrey Rose
Chris	Anna H.	Linda	Dave Rotter
Chris	David Halling	Steve M.	Jim Schmidt
Christine	Sue Hiller	Mary Clare	Stephen
Christine	Jayne	Andy Meser	Katy Strande
Claire	Jim	Pat Meyer	Jane T.
Chrystal	Joan	Peter	Terry
Craig	John	Michael	Tom
Jane D.	Jon	Mike	Mike Umland
Lyle Dabney	Donna Jordahl	Dr. Mark Mitchell	Cory Zamora
Dan	Julia	Nancy	
Pr. Dan	Randy K.		

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@fox-pointchurch.org.

Military

Alex	Grant
Ben	Ian
Cooper	Kyan
David	Matthew

Be completely humble
and gentle. be patient.
bearing with one
another in love.

—
Ephesians 4:2

Congratulations

Madeline Eve Hoffman, daughter of Christopher and Patricia Hoffman, was baptized Sunday, December 3.

Condolences

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Lynn Butenhoff, who passed away Tuesday, November 21.

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

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Fox Point Church



Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, November 29. If you would like to receive Mary's devotions on a weekly basis, please sign up here: [Weekly Devotion](#)

Hello!

"To enjoy your work and to accept our lot in life-that is indeed a gift from God. The person who does that will not need to look back with sorrow on his past, for God gives him joy."

– Ecclesiastes 5:20

My morning punch list begins with a prayer of thanks, reading scripture and having a cup of hot coffee. But did you know that the next steps might include a YouTube video of Penny the Talking Cat, or the Blue Anchor railroad station in Britain? The daily news used to be my eye opener when I logged on to the computer in the morning. It's now been demoted.

"There's an opportune time to do things, a right time for everything on the earth." – Ecclesiastes 3:1

First things first. My choice is to seek and find joy and light in the beautiful places, people, animals, music, and dance in God's world. His works include everything from hummingbird caretakers to the wild beauty of South Africa, to snowcapped mountains in Finse, Norway. Hearing and seeing our Heavenly Father's creations makes me feel alive and well in a world that sometimes acts out like an awkward and angry child...catawampus, Pr. Bruce might say. Created by God with us in mind, God's plan for His world is for us to live in harmony. Once I experience His presence in joy, I have just a little more strength and courage to face the gift of the day.

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." – Jeremiah 29:13

There must also be a time to pray over and bless those in our lives and our world that cry out for kindness and justice, and for those facing the challenges of illness. But because of Our Lord we can take the good with the bad and tragedy offset with joy. He holds us...helps us...hovers over us...humbles us...puts his hand out to us. We cannot deny the darkness, but we can live with it, through it and come out into His love and light.

Let's pray this morning-

"Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armor of light. Amen." – The Church of England, a prayer for Advent

As we move toward the first Sunday in Advent...we can be confident that the light is coming into the world for all of us!

– Mary