

## LIFE TOGETHER This Week

Week of July 2, 2024 Vol 155 Real Faith For Real Life



#### Additional School Supplies—Deadline July 14

Thank you to all who have ordered school supplies through Winkies Toys and Variety! for All Peoples Church. We are still collecting backpacks and a few other supplies so the kids are all set to start the school year! If you would like to donate these supplies, there is a cart as you walk in the first set of doors, or you can order them online and have them shipped right to FPLC!

- Sturdy, NEW backpacks for kindergarten high school students
- Individual-sized bottles of hand sanitizers
- Scientific calculators (\$10-\$15 dollars at local stores or online)
- Books—picture books through high school novels. Books with cultural diversity are especially welcome!
- Monetary donations are also welcome so we can purchase these supplies

We'll be collecting these items at FPLC through July 14. Please leave them in the cart by the main entrance labeled "school supplies". If you have any questions, contact Stacia Hickey at stacia@foxpointchurch.org.



#### Rise and Shine in The Park 2024

Join us for an afternoon of praise and fun with UNSPOKEN, a very popular contemporary Christian group. It'll be fun for the whole family. FPLC, along with many other churches from the area are supporting this awesome Christian concert. You can come straight from church! Grab your chairs, stop at the FPLC tent to say "Hi" to everybody and continue to praise and worship into the afternoon.

Date: Sunday, July 14, 2024

Time: Gates open at 11:30. Concert begins at noon with Windy Hope, followed by our headliner, Unspoken!

Location: Rotary Park, Mequon; Address: Rotary Park, 4100 Highland Rd, Mequon, WI 53092 (EAST ENTRANCE)

Cost: \$10 a ticket plus service charge and tax. (Children 12 and under receive free admission with paying adult.)

**Food:** There will be food trucks available at the park, to purchase items.

Make sure to stop by the FPLC tent for some FPLC swag, some snacks and water, and if you prefer, you can bring your own cooler with food and drink into the park. No glass or hard alcohol.

NOTE: Tickets are not available for purchase at the gate. Please buy online or pay cash or check at church.

For tickets, go to:



For more information, including parking info, visit our website:





Listen In! Sunday mornings we're

playing Unspoken's

music on the patio!







Enjoy a relaxing evening on FPLC's awesome patio! Reconnect with friends, enjoy the beautiful space and soak up summer! We'll have **live music**, pizza, wings, beer, wine, soda and our fabulous FPLC members!

Date: Thursday, August 8 Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm

Location: Fox Point Lutheran Church's patio

Age Range: 21 and older

**Should I sign up?** Yes, you should! It helps us plan for food. RSVP with this QR code, through the link below, on our website, in Fellowship Hall, or at the Welcome

Desk!





### Summer Sunday School Has Started!

Kids who will be in P4 through 4th grade in the FALL are invited to join us in Sunday School, learning through crafts, stories and games! Kids who will be in 5th grade and above in

the FALL are welcome to worship with their families during summer.

#### **VBS Kids Pack Lunches!**

Wow! What a morning! The VBS program (ages K4-3rd grade) made and packed over 150 lunches for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary.

The kids learned a little bit about MBHS and who would receive the lunches they were making. They also decorated lunch bags with pictures and well-wishes. The kids then made

bologna and cheese sandwiches and packed the bags with fruit, chips, snacks, water and all the things to make a full lunch. Great job!













#### **Spring Cleaning at Serenity Inns**

A team of worker bees from FPLC joined several of the present residents from the Buehler Alumni House to spruce up Serenity Inns on Saturday, May 18. The team shampooed carpets throughout the Inns and cleaned furnace registers, ceiling fans and left the Inns shiny and clean.

Led by project organizer Bill Buehler, volunteers Kathi Behm, Lorraine Buehler, Gayle Coleman, Jenny and Tom Kregel, Jenny Tenhaeff, and Nate Wischnewski, the job was done in 3 hours. They were joined by Kola Alayande, a member of the Board of Directors.

The residents who currently reside at the Inn were attending a weekend retreat at Christ Pond, a twice-yearly retreat that is sponsored and run by FPLC members. This is another outstanding example of the support that Fox Point Lutheran Church has given to Serenity Inns throughout its 20-year history.

Thanks to a great team who gave of their time and talent on a beautiful spring Saturday!



Bill Buehler & Tom Kregel

Jenny Tenhaeff

Gayle Coleman & Kathi Behm

Nate Wischnewski



Coming this October! FPLC's Women's Gathering, formally known as the Women's retreat. Look for more info coming in August.

### **Share Your Military Service**

Every year for Veterans Day we publish a list of our members who have or are serving in the US Military in order to honor and recognize their service.

If you have served in the military, please share your service information with us! Aren't sure if you've already shared it with us? That's ok, just fill out the Service form through the link below and we'll double check what we have.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacia Hickey at <a href="mailto:stacia@foxpointchurch.org">stacia@foxpointchurch.org</a>.

Thank you!









#### **Food Needs Rising**

The following list includes items our local food pantry partners say are the items most preferred by their guests. There is a special need for the items in bold.

"This week our Food Pantry saw 100+ families. We are doing better with our Food Pantry stock lately with help from our partners. With school getting out the need WILL become greater. Please help us out."

Brian Bolling; All Peoples Church, Food Pantry Manager The collection cart is just inside the main FPLC doors. *Please check expiration dates before donating!* 

#### **Food Needs:**

Bush's Baked Beans
Canned black eyed peas
Ensure
Dinty Moore Stew
SpaghettiOs
Canned fruit
Canned beef and chicken
Soup (not tomato)
Baby formula
Spam
Sardines

#### Tuna Salmon

Vienna sausages
Mac & cheese
Canned vegetables
16 oz oatmeal
Canned Pasta
Pasta Sauce in cans or plastic
Honey Nut Cheerios/Cereal
Hamburger Helper

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

(Regular full-sized preferred, not bulk size)

Men's deodorant Women's deodorant Body wash Toothpaste Shampoo/Conditioner Feminine Products Baby diapers Body lotion Toilet paper Lip balm Bar soap

#### What Foods Should (Not) Be Donated, Part 1?

Donating food to those in need is a caring and compassionate act. With rising costs—particularly food prices, the need for food pantries and food banks is rising.

The goal of any food pantry is to provide nutritious, quality, filling foods to those who need it.

What should you donate? The pantries we work with do a good job of communicating what foods or personal care products are most in need. These items change from time to time depending on the time of year and what they currently have in stock. Check the newsletter or our website for the latest lists. If you are donating to a different food bank or pantry, check their website or give them a call to find out what they need the most.

#### **Can Expired Food Be Donated?**

Donating expired food to those in need can endanger their health as it may contain harmful bacteria that can cause food poisoning. In addition, expired food can give the food pantry a negative reputation and make it harder for them to raise funds and acquire food donations. Most pantries receive too many donations to check every single label for expiration dates, which makes it very important for you to check the dates before dropping those donations off.

Last, but still very important, is that the recipients of the food deserve the dignity of receiving good-quality foods well within their expiration dates.

Bottom Line: If a product is expired or will likely expire before it reaches the intended recipients, throw it away. Donate with care and consideration, as your donation will impact the lives of those in need!

More tips for what to donate (or not) in future *Life Together* newsletters.





Helpers • Needed!



#### MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary's Fantastic Fridays Lunch Program

Do you enjoy cooking for others or do you prefer serving food to those in need? Either way, we have the volunteer opportunity for you!

For the second time this year, we will be providing a meal and serving lunch at MBHS's Fantastic Friday lunch program held at Hephatha Lutheran Church. There are two ways to help: **Supply Part of the Meal:** 

On the sign-up page, choose which part of the meal you'd like to supply. If you are signing up to make the sloppy joes (two more helpers needed), you will be sent a recipe to follow so we aren't combining several different recipes. We also need a couple more people to donate pickles and homemake cookies! If you would like to be reimbursed, just let Stacia Hickey know. Meal items are due to FPLC by Thursday, July 11 at noon. Sign up through the link below.

#### Serve the Meal with Other FPLC Members:

Join us on Friday, July 12 from 11 am – 2 pm to serve the meal to the guests for lunch that day. Just sign up on the SignUp Genius link below.

Contact Stacia Hickey with any questions at <a href="mailto:stacia@foxpointchurch.org">stacia@foxpointchurch.org</a>.



#### **Bayside Garden Cards**

Summer is here! What does your garden need? You'll

find everything, including pots, tools, soil, fertilizer, seeds, and plants as well as indoor plants/decor and bird feeders at Bayside Gardens.

**Friday Lunch Program** 

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 Sundays or in the church office during the week. Cards purchased at Bayside Gardens do not benefit our program.



#### **Quilters/Piecemakers — Come Join Us!**

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, July 16
Time: 9 am – 1:30 pm
Location: Fellowship Hall

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



#### **Summer Office Hours**

The FPLC office will be closed on July 4. Beginning July 5, the office will be closed on Fridays through August. Office hours will be 8:30 am – 4 pm Monday – Thursday.







Declared the official card game of Milwaukee in 1983, Sheepshead is a staple to Wisconsin 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.

We are looking forward to sharing the fun! For more information, contact Jim Schmidt at <a href="mailto:schmidtyjim@aol.com">schmidtyjim@aol.com</a>.



#### **Hospital Visits**

If you or a loved one is hospitalized and would like a visit or call from a pastor (or just for them to know you are hospitalized), please

call the church office; 414-352-8990. Due to HIPAA rules, hospitals are not allowed to share with us that you are a patient.



#### **Grief Support at Fox Point Church**

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? Do you need encouragement and support as you navigate your grief? Are you interested in

participating in a facilitated 12-session grief support group with others who are also grieving? If so, or to learn more, please reach out to Pastor Bruce by phone or by email; 414-352-8990; <a href="mailto:pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org">pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org</a>.



#### **Attention all Women & Men**

The '24 – '25 programming for Women's Club is now available in the Fellowship Hall (on the table where we normally sign up for events). This year men are invited to join us, whenever they would like. Please feel free to pick up one of these schedules, so you can mark your calendars now. If you are unable to come to church but would like a copy, please contact Gail Sommerfeld at <a href="mailto:sommerfeld56@gmail.com">sommerfeld56@gmail.com</a> or 262-395-0396, and she will get you a copy via e-mail or regular mail — whichever you prefer.

Also, if you have

received homemade cards like the one shown here, please consider donating them to a Women's Club project, "The Purposeful Purse." The card is approximately 5 1/2" wide by 4 1/4" long. The backs (with the greeting) will be cut off, and we will write on the back of the decorated portion. No holiday or birthday greeting cards please, just ones that are inspirational. Please bring the cards to church and put them in a box on or near the Welcome Desk during the month of July.

#### Attention All Women:

Do you have gently-used purses you'd like to re-home? *Please bring them to church for a collection the Women's Club is holding in July.* Leave them in the collection box near the Welcome Desk. The purses need to be large enough to hold approximately 14 travel size items.









#### **Serenity Inns Dinner Fellowship**

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

This summer, Serenity Inns is opening a brand new building! To hear about that, watch the TMJ4 news story HERE.

#### What to expect when volunteering?

We ask our volunteers to make dinner for the Inns at home & take it to the Inns on your chosen date. You should deliver it warm by 5:45 pm (for a 6 pm 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 be cooking for yourselves, the men and the innkeeper. You're usually on your way home by 7 pm.

Sign up on the website (see link below), on the sign-up in Fellowship Hall or contact FPLC member Lorraine Buehler at <a href="mailto:lcbuehler@cs.com">lcbuehler@cs.com</a>. Lorraine is happy to answer any of your questions.

Click here to sign up!





### Drink Mt. Meru Coffee at Home!

You can purchase Mt. Meru Coffee (beans, ground, regular, decaf, Seasonal Premium Mt. Meru coffee, k-cups) at church

to brew at home. We also have "Specialty 6-Packs" with smaller packages of flavored coffee blends. All of these can be found in Fellowship Hall and the Point Cafe.

Not only is the coffee delicious, but your purchase helps support the growers running small coffee farms in the Meru District of Tanzania.

Stop by the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings or in the office during the week to make your purchases.

Many Summer Dates Open!

#### **Coffee Hosts Needed!**

Hosts make the coffee and serve the donuts on Sundays. You are still able to attend the church service. Just slip in at the back as the service is starting and slip out as it's ending. Families are welcome to volunteer with their kids! It's also a great

Service Opportunity for our Confirmation students (with an adult).

9:00 am shift: (Approx 8:15 am – 10 am) Cut up the donuts, brew the coffee, and set things out.

10:30 am shift: (Approx 10 am – 11:45 am) Keep the coffee brewing, fill the donut trays as needed and clean up afterwards.

If you'd like to help with this important part of Sunday mornings, please sign up with the link below or contact Lori Barrieau in the church office if you have any questions; <a href="mailto:lori@foxpointchurch.org">lori@foxpointchurch.org</a> or 414-352-8990.



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#### Learn the Basics of Baby Massage

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

**Date:** July 19; additional sessions are on the 3rd Friday of the month. You only need to attend one class, but can come to more if you would like.

Time: 11:15 am – 12:15 pm Limit: 6 families per session

Registration: Call or email Angie Biersach, 414-207-2808 or angiebiersach@gmail.com to RSVP.





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



### Fox Point Lutheran Church BLOOD DRIVE

LOCATION 7510 N. Santa Monica Blvd: Fellowship Hall 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED
Use the QR code or the link to secure your spot.

#### Day of Donation:

Valid form of ID needed that displays date of birth. We accept drivers license, state-issued ID or donor card.



Scan the QR code, click the heart or call 877-232-4376 to register!





### Caregivers Support Group

Led by FPLC member Susan Halling, a marriage and family therapist,

this group is for caregivers dealing with changes in family dynamics. Challenges include: role reversal, juggling responsibilities, handling dementia, loss and transitions as we move into uncharted territory. The group meets Fridays at 10:30 am in FPLC's first floor Heritage Room. If you are interested in joining or learning more, please call the FPLC office at 414-352-8990.

#### HELP!

There is a significant shortage of blood products, especially type O, due to a summer decrease in donations and an increase in need!



Pr. Dan

Erin

Laura Dossett

Cammy Endres

### PRAYER LIST All in The Family

Peter Phil

Tan Popatas

Linda R.

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.

Julie Anderson Lu Farwig Leslie Woody Barksdale Frank Linda Kim Bell Rick Frank Linda Andrea G. Pr. Luke Jay Blair Brenda Steve M. Jenny G. Marla Charley Joan Gildner Bradley C Guy Matt Kathy C Anna H. Andy Meser Iohn Chamberlain Heidi Pat Meyer Cheryl Sue Hiller Michael Christine **James Isenhart** Mike Pr Gerry Miller Claire Iim Chrystal Joan Michael Miller Craig John Nancy Danielle D Curt Nash Ion Donna Jordahl Robert Palmer Iane D. Patrick Lyle Dabney Julia

Randy K.

Kath

Helen Kappmeyer

Corrine Kraus

Wendy Randazzo Rebecca Rick Robert Roger & Nancy Dave Rotter Ruth Schmidt Stephen Jane T. Terry Thad Tom Mike Umland

Nidal Wonder Cory Zamora

**Prayer Requests** 

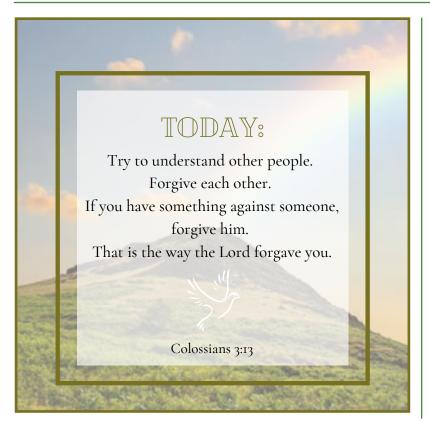
Now you can make a prayer request through our website. Click **Prayer** Requests to submit a form or submit a request through email—church@foxpointchurch.org.

**Military** 

Alex Grant Ben Ian Cooper Kyan David Matthew

You can follow Cory's cancer journey via CaringBridge: https://www.caringbridge.org/ public/coryzamora or by using this QR code:





#### **Congratulations**

#### Weddings

Congratulations and best wishes to Brock Menard and Ellen Erpenbeck, who were married June 22.

#### **Baptisms**

James Lawrence Formosa, son of Lawrence and Elizabeth Formosa, was baptized June 29.

Congratulations to Trenton and Abby Beachy, on the birth of Harlow Mae Beachy on June 19.

#### **Condolences**

Our prayers are with Karen Waterbury on the death of her sister, Christine (Chris) Natole, who passed away on June 25.





Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, June 26. If you would like to receive Mary's devotion on a weekly basis, please sign up here: Weekly Devotion.

#### Hello!

"Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name. You're mine. When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you... When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end . . . Because I am God, your personal God." – Isaiah 43: 2 The Message

Joni Eareckson Tada is a Christian author and artist. A quadriplegic since the age of 17, she paints holding a brush in her teeth. Recently asked how she achieved a certain color, she explained that she might have only one chance using watercolors, so she took a step of faith and in "...one fell swoop..." it worked! One and done! Our faith in God may or may not come to us all at once. Joni was not tentative with her creation...God is not tentative with His creations either. He is "all in"!

We draw closer to Jesus in lots of ways. Maybe you loved Vacation Bible School or enjoy singing a favorite hymn...and not just in church! Perhaps an illness caused you to reach out to Our Father for healing, or you prayed for a friend in distress. Possibly a little creature's eyes touched your heart. The smallest of steps can move us forward.

I once thought that faith had to be like a Billy Graham moment on television, and maybe it was like that for you. For me it was a thousand little taps on the shoulder, because that's what I needed from my personal God. When I was little, we'd drive up north in summer and I'd constantly ask, "Are we there yet?". Faith is like that – we often ask God, "Are we there yet?". He is our True North, our one constant through all the twists and turns, our merciful and loving God! Already and always there... and helping us to get there with Him.

"Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love."

- Ephesians 5:1 The Message

#### Together we pray-

Thank you, Lord that your strength and grace are daily—not that they're routine but they're consistently available. Every day. Every hour. Every moment. Help me to draw on them today.

— Joni Eareckson Tada

Enjoy a wonderful week! – Mary