

LIFE TOGETHER This Week

Week of September 3, 2024 Vol 158 Real Faith For Real Life



Introducing Kids' Church!

We're excited to announce our new Sunday morning program for your kids: **Kids' Church!** Our new program will include everything your kids love about Sunday School–fun games, crafts, and kid-appropriate videos—with the new addition of **specially screened and trained teaching staff**. Changes in insurance requirements and the growing size of our children's programming have made consistent, screened staff the best option for



Sunday, Sept. 8 The bouncy house and giant slide are back after services THIS Sunday!

We look forward to seeing you all as we kick off the beginning of fall worship, programs and Kids' Church (see article this page)!

educating our kids. We'll hold Kids' Church during both our 9 and 10:30 services. The format and material will be the same at both times. Take a deep breath, sit back, and enjoy worship-your kids are in great hands downstairs!



Our Preschool friends-Little Foxes-will continue to meet in the Preschool Room downstairs.



Our younger elementary friends (K5–3rd grades)–our Faith Explorers–will meet in the Movie Room in the Sunday School hallway. We will use a variety of rooms in this area, based on our different activities each Sunday.



Our older elementary kids (4th-6th grades)-our Faith Builders-will now meet in the Café area, which gives them the space they need to build their faith and community in new and varied ways.

If you have questions, contact Julie Schlifske, Director of Children's Ministries; julie@foxpointchurch.org. Of course, you are welcome to come downstairs on any Sunday to meet our new teachers and see our programs in action.

What do you need to do? Just click the appropriate button below to fill out the registration form ASAP so that we can anticipate our class sizes and supply needs.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

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

REGISTER BELOW

PRESCHOOL

ELEMENTARY REGISTRATION

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

REGISTER BELOW





Bayside Garden Cards

Before you know it we'll be preparing for fall plants and bulbs and to winter over our gardens until spring. What supplies might you need for these projects? Whatever you need, you can find it at Bayside Gardens. You can purchase Bayside Garden gift cards at FPLC.

The sales of the cards *at church* help 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.







A new year of



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our program (7th graders or new 8th graders) please attend the

Orientation for New Students and Parents on Wed., Sept. 25; 7-8 pm.

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

<u>CONFIRMATION</u>. You'll find our Confirmation Handbook, Registration Forms, Permission Slips, payment information and the calendar for the year. You'll also find information on Service Opportunities for Confirmation students and worship note forms.

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

FPLC Youth Serve in Minneapolis

It can be easy to dismiss high school kids as shallow and selfish, but the high school youth from FPLC demonstrated the power and love of youth inspired by faith.

This summer 40 high school youth and 5 adults from FPLC spent a week in Minneapolis serving those in need. They helped people shop at a local food pantry. They cooked and served food to women and children in a shelter. They helped clean and protect critical wetlands. They worked construction and painting jobs to rehab homes for low income folks. The week was filled with fun, faith and the power of serving!

Place after place told us how hard our kids worked and how kindness radiated from their souls. Thanks to Bridget Grams, Matt Corr and Carrie Doss, our adult chaperones who made the trip possible and productive. Big thanks to Hannah Knapp, our Youth Minister whose hard work and dedication made this trip a HUGE success.

Coming soon: Information about the first High School Youth Group meeting of the fall!









Welcome Rachel Beam and Understanding You

In September we are excited to welcome Rachel Beam to FPLC.

Rachel is a member and a licensed professional counselor whose office is now at FPLC. Her specialty is working with middle and high school youth.

Here is what Rachel says about her practice...

"As a long-standing member of the church, I understand and experience the unique challenges and strengths within this community. I am committed to offering a safe, supportive space where members can explore their concerns and work toward healing and personal growth. All information shared in sessions is confidential and not shared without your express written permission.

I have a special passion for working with middle schoolers and high schoolers. As a teenager, I was very active in the confirmation program and the high school youth group. I loved it so much I applied to be an intern for Pastor Bill's inaugural summer of the College Intern Program and was chosen by the church council to fill that position. It was during that summer that I got a backstage pass to the passion and purpose that goes into our youth programming.

With over 35 years of membership in our church community, I am honored and elated to bring my therapy practice home. I am a licensed therapist with over 15 years of experience. I have built a reputation for providing compassionate, evidenced-based counseling to individuals, couples, and families. I specialize in anxiety, depression, life transitions, acute trauma, and chronic childhood trauma."

If you are interested in learning more about Rachel or her practice, you can get more information or book an appointment at www.understandingyoullc.com.



Acts Housing Home Tour

You're invited to the Acts Housing Tour of Homes! Some of you may remember FPLC and Congregation Shalom participated in a joint tour with Acts Housing in 2019. You'll be uplifted by the amazing impact Acts is having on Milwaukee's city neighborhoods by

empowering home ownership!

The 2-hour bus tour starts at Indeed Brewing (Walker's Point), travels to a city foreclosure property, visits with an Acts alumni family at their recently rehabbed home, and returns to Indeed for lunch and community conversation. It's your chance to see first-hand the impact that homeownership has on our community. We'd love for you to join us!

Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Time: 11:00 am – 1 pm

Location: Indeed Brewing Company 530 S 2nd St, Milwaukee, WI 53204

Save Your Seat On The Bus HERE





Music Ministries

Chancel Choir

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

Practices begin Thursday, September 5 at 7 pm.

Email Tony

Joyful Noise Handbell Choir

New members welcome—previous experience is NOT required! Handbell Choir is a wonderful way to share your talents with the church in a new, unique way. We practice Thursdays from 6 – 7 pm 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.

Practices begin Thursday, September 12 at 6 pm.

Email Jana



Children's Choirs

K5-6th Grades

Children's Choir begins September 15 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 10 am-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



Delivery Drivers Needed

We make 150 bag lunches for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary every month. We need volunteers to deliver the lunches to MacCanon Brown on specific Tuesdays starting in September. You pick the month that works for you. They need to be delivered between 10:15 and 10:45 am. It's easy! Drive up to the FPLC doors and we'll load the lunches in your car. Then drive to MBHS at 23rd and Center to drop them off. You pull up to the front of their building and volunteers unload the lunches for you.

It does help to have a larger car/SUV, but using the front seat, back seats and trunk of smaller vehicles can work too. Click below to see the available dates and all the details. If you have any questions, please contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.

Sign Up!





Volunteers needed: September October

Serenity Inns Dinner Fellowship

Serenity Inns is a residence for men in recovery from alcohol and/or drug abuse in Milwaukee. We have a long volunteer relationship with SI. What to expect when volunteering?

We ask our volunteers to make dinner 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 lcbuehler@cs.com. Lorraine is happy to answer any of your questions.

Have a buddy? Feel free to sign up with another person/family to prepare the meal and go to dinner together!

Click here to sign up!

<u>Sign Up!</u>

Serenity Inns Celebration of Recovery

SI has restored hope and rebuilt lives for over 690 men since 2004.



To help celebrate the success of the program, please consider attending the Celebration of Recovery on Thursday, September 12 at the Italian Community Center in the Third Ward.

The Evening:

5 pm: Gathering time for conversation, a silent auction and a raffle

6:30 pm: Dinner and program

There is much to celebrate this year, including the new Treatment Center, which allows them to help almost twice as many men. (See the story link below.)

Tickets are \$125. Sponsorships are available!

Register online or contact FPLC member Lorraine Buehler through the links below.

Email Lorraine

Attend and/or Sponsor the Dinner

New Treatment Center

This summer, Serenity Inns is opening a brand new building (while still using the original, where these meals are served)! To hear about that, watch the TMJ4 news story <u>HERE</u>.



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.

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 stacia@foxpointchurch.org.

Thank you!









Attention Women's Club!

Thanks for all the donations of beautiful purses and greeting cards! The Purposeful Purse project beneficiary will be Fresh Start Learning, Inc. It is a faith-based, non-profit organization founded by Nancy Yarbrough. It is an Outreach and Advocacy for female victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, and other struggles,

located in Milwaukee.

Our Purposeful Purse project will provide 50 women with purses filled with personal care items and notes of encouragement to offer hope for their futures. This program provides AODA treatment, legal and medical services, life and job skill training, employment opportunities, and support groups.

Participants at the FPLC Women's Gathering, this fall, will fill the donated purses with personal items. We thank the following businesses for their generous donations:

Winkies, Riverside Dental, Michael Kim and Melissa Lentz, DDS, and Landmark Credit Union. However, we still need more items, so we have set up a Registry with Amazon, which is open now through October 4th.

Here's how to find the Registry:

Go to Amazon.com, then Registry followed by Custom Gift List. Registrant name is Gail Sommerfeld, Location – WI, event from Aug. 24 – October 4 – Search. It is under FPLC – Purse. You may put the item(s) in your cart and pay for it and then have it sent directly to FPLC.

In January, Nancy Yarbrough will speak and tell us more about Fresh Start Learning, Inc. at the Women's Club meeting, held at FPLC. At that time she will collect all the filled purses.

If you have any questions, please contact Gail Sommerfeld; sommerfeld56@gmail.com or 262-395-0396.

Women's Club; Men also Invited!

Cheesecake Factory & Tour of The Salvation Army Emergency Lodge

It's difficult to believe that summer is quickly fading away and information for our September meeting is ready to share! Please join us for our opening meeting of the season. We will meet at church and carpool to The Cheesecake Factory at Bayshore Town Center. After lunch, we'll carpool to the Salvation Army Emergency Lodge for a tour.

Date: Wednesday, September 11

Location: Cheesecake Factory (Bayshore) and

Salvation Army Emergency Lodge (1730 N. 7th St., Milwaukee)

Time: 10:40 am – Meet in church parking lot to carpool

11:00 am - Lunch at Cheesecake Factory

1:00 pm - Salvation Army Lodge

Cost: Pay for your own lunch

Sign up: In Fellowship Hall or through the link to the right by Sun., Sept. 8 at noon

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

2024/2025 Dates and Programs

October 9 | 10:00 am

Tour St. Paul's Episcopal church, Lunch at The Knick

November 13 | 11:30 am

Jessica Michca as Eleanor Roosevelt

December 18 | 11:30 am

Special Christmas Music by Cool Beans Quartet

January 8 | 11:30 am

The Purposeful Purse Project

February 12 | 11:30 am

From Holocaust to Civil Rights

March 12 | 11:30 am

Collage Keepsakes by Judy (Collage Quilting)

April 9 | 11:30am

Fashion Show from TLC Casuals

May 7 | 11:00am

Beer Caves at Fox Town Brewing (Lunch & Tour)





Sign Up Here!







Women's Book Club

This casual and fun book club starts back up September 9. If you like to meet fun people, read good books, have tasty snacks and have interesting chats about books, this is the group for you! They meet every 6 weeks from 7 pm – 8:30 pm (approx) and take turns leading the discussion and bringing snacks. Here are the dates and books they'll be reading this year. Don't worry, if you haven't finished the book (or maybe even

started it?) join in anyway! If you have any questions or would like to join (even if you can't make every date), email or call Joanne Ginster; jmginster@yahoo.com or (414) 491-8939.

First Book/Date:

September 9: *The Women* by Kristin Hannah

Additional Dates:

October 21, December 2, January 13, February 24, April 7 and May 19

Books (Dates for each book TBD)

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon
The Art Thief by Michael Finkel
Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman
While You Were Out by Meg Kissinger
The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters



Men's Club: Guest Speaker, Tim O'Driscoll

The Life and Times of an Official Scorer in Major League Baseball

Join us to hear Mr. O'Driscoll share his wonderful stories, complete with trivia and

interesting facts.

Date: Thursday, September 19

Time: 11:30 am

Fee: \$10, includes lunch Location: Fellowship Hall

Sign up: Signup sheet is in Fellowship Hall

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



Quilters/Piecemakers — 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, September 17 **Time:** 9 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Ellen Feider; 414-435-8440;

efeiderwi@gmail.com



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.







Coming this October 18 & 19!

FPLC's Women's Gathering, formally known as the Women's Retreat.



Guest speaker, Pastor Lisa Bates-Froiland, from Redeemer Lutheran Church in downtown Milwaukee, will focus on how your faith can support your everyday life, and:

Build stronger connections Embrace ourselves
Nurture healthy relationships Live with a purpose

This will be a great chance to escape the busyness of life and connect with God and community. We'll learn how our faith can support us during our everyday lives. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet other FPLC women.

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL MIXER

*Open to all FPLC women, regardless of whether they are attending the Women's Retreat on 10/19.

Date: October 18th (at The Bavarian Bierhaus)

Time: Time to come

Cost: \$10 pay when registering

Location: The Bavarian Bierhaus, 700 W. Lexington

Blvd., Glendale, WI 53217

Sign up: Through the QR code above or <u>HERE</u>

SATURDAY PROGRAM AT FPLC

We'll be having morning and afternoon sessions for this day of learning and faith.

The morning topic will cover self-care in a noisy and busy world.

Our afternoon topic will cover healthy relationships: communication, listening and using your faith to navigate conflict.

Date: October 19th Time: Times to come Location: FPLC

Sign up: Through the QR code above or <u>HERE</u>

Stay tuned for more details coming soon!







Our Next Generation Tutoring with Congregation Shalom

We partner with Congregation Shalom to tutor Milwaukee children through a group called Our Next Generation (see their website through the link below). Tutoring is on Thursdays at either Shalom or FPLC from 4:14-5:30. Be a weekly tutor or a substitute to go over home-

work, reading, and other meaningful relationship-building activities. We begin in October (with an orientation meeting beforehand) and continue into May. Contact Stacia Hickey with questions; stacia@foxpointchurch.org, or use the link below to fill out the interest survey.







Restock the Pantries

Your generous donations make it possible for FPLC to provide food and personal care products to a continually-increasing number of visitors to the three pantries we serve in Milwaukee. We continue to donate nutritious, filling and culturally-appropriate food to our partners.

All Peoples Church sees over 90 guests at their pantry and MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary serves 200 + households and individuals weekly. It's easy for their supplies to dwindle each week, so it's important we help them restock on a regular basis.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org.

Please check labels: We cannot accept any expired foods!

Food Needs: Baked Beans

Sardines

Canned black-eyed peas
Ensure Infant Formula
Dinty Moore Stew
SpaghettiOs
Canned fruit
Canned beef and chicken
Soup (not tomato)
Baby formula
Spam

Canned Yams
Chicken Noodle Soup
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
Toilet paper
Toothpaste
Shampoo/Conditioner
Feminine products
Razors
Diapers sized 4-6
Body lotion
Body lotion
Toilet paper
Lip balm
Bar soap
Vaseline
Dish soap









Sheepshead Group at FPLC We'll be meeting this summer! Dates: Fridays, September 13 & 27

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 schmidtyjim@aol.com.



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.



Help Needed:

September and

Many additional

dates!

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;

pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org.



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 - 10:15 am) Cut up the donuts, brew the coffee, and set things out.

10:30 am shift: (Approx 10:15 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; lori@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.

Sign Up & Info



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: September 20; 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: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Limit: 6 families per session

Registration: Call or email Angie Biersach,

414-207-2808 or angiebiersach@gmail.com to RSVP.



PRAYER LIST All in The Family

Mike

Nancy

Patrick

Mary R.

Peter

Curt Nash

Michael Miller

Robert Palmer

Tan Popatas

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.

Woody Barksdale Rick Frank Linda Kim Bell Andrea G. Pr. Luke Jay Blair Jenny G. Ian M. Steve M. Brenda Joan Gildner Charley Marla Guy Kathy C MaryEllen Anna H. John Chamberlain Heidi Matt Christine Sue Hiller John McGregor **James Isenhart** Claire Andy Meser Chrystal Pat Meyer Iim Michael Colin Ioan

Craig John Danielle D Ion Jane D. Donna Jordahl

Lyle Dabney Iulia Pr. Dan Randy K. Laura Dossett

Cammy Endres

Erin Corrine Kraus Frank Leslie

Helen Kappmeyer Kath

Rebecca Rick Robert Dave Rotter Mark Selander Stephen Jane T. Terry Thad Tom Mike Umland

> Cory Zamora You can follow Cory's cancer

journey via CaringBridge:

https://www.caringbridge. org/public/ coryzamora or by using this QR code:



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



Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with Gary and Miriam Erickson on the death of Gary's mother, Marion, on August 16 at the age of 100. A private service was held on August 22.



Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, August 28. If you would like to receive Mary's devotion on a weekly basis, please sign up here: Weekly Devotion.

Hello!

"Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God treats everyone the same," he said. He accepts people from every nation. He accepts anyone who has respect for Him and does what is right." – Acts 10:34-35

Margins. On paper, we scribble in them noting things for later. On the computer, we widen or narrow them, depending on the text. In life, we might dwell in them, on the outside, waiting on the edge for something or someone. We even cast out our own family members and friends to the margins and exclude people different from ourselves. Remember the song from South Pacific, "You've got to be Carefully Taught"? Once exiled to the margins, can we ever feel welcome?

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." – Galatians 3:28

Years ago, during a divorce, I was living in the margins. I couldn't seem to wipe away the gray cloud that hovered over me. One Sunday, I visited a church alone...the next Sunday, I attended an afternoon potluck at the same church, alone. Something kept drawing me back to this special community. Our Father reached out to me, leading me from the outside...to the center point... to the heart. It was the heart of Fox Point Lutheran, and I was never truly alone again.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; He has appointed me to preach Good News to the poor; He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted and to announce that captives shall be released, and the blind shall see, that the downtrodden shall be freed from their oppressors and God is ready to give blessings to all who come to Him." – Luke 4: 18-19

God erases all the margins for us! If you're living in the margins...or you think you might be...or you feel stuck there...remember that Our Father is constantly reaching out to you, encouraging you to take a bold step away from the edge. You are never alone...you are always welcome...with Him.

We pray-

Father, thank you for the gifts of this day. Please help us to keep peace within ourselves this week and to be followers and proclaimers of Jesus' welcoming and loving protection and grace. Amen.

Be encouraged and feel welcome. - Mary