

FPLC '25 Blood Drives

Thurs
March 27
1 – 6 pm

Thurs
May 22
1 – 6 pm

Tues
July 22
1 – 6 pm

Thurs
October 30
1 – 6 pm

Despite 65% of the population being eligible, only 3% of Americans currently donate blood. Be a hero and donate blood to help save lives! Thank you for donating. Never donated before? Become a first-time donor!!

FPLC's 2025 Blood Drives are open to all, so invite a friend to donate with you!

To sign up: Click [HERE](#)



Special Women's Club Planning Meeting

All Are Welcome

Join us to help plan the future of Women's Club. Since Gail Sommerfeld will be moving in May, it's an important time to

consider all our options moving forward. There are several women willing to take part of the leadership role, but the more women who share opinions, the more we can cater to a variety of interests. Snacks will be provided. See information about our regular April meeting on page 6.

Date: Tuesday, April 8

Time: 9 am – 11 am

Location: Fellowship Hall

RSVP: An RSVP isn't necessary but appreciated.

Contact: Gail Sommerfeld; text/call 262-395-0396, or sommerfeld56@gmail.com

Serenity Inns Hygiene Kits

Sometimes when you ask for help, you receive that help in a very different, but wonderful, way than you anticipated!

Serenity Inns was highlighted during church services in February, including information on hygiene kits for the men, who often arrive with little to nothing. Three days later we received an email from Camille Grant:

"I'm wondering if my family and I could purchase items and put together 30 kits?It would be a good thing for our family to do together."

While having a family put together 30 complete kits wasn't our initial intent, it was wonderful to receive that offer! The kits include a waterproof caddy and 11 different personal care items. As the Treatment Center can help about 56 men a year, these 30 kits are a big help!

Jason Dobson, SI's Director of Operations was happy to have the donation, saying:

"Everything was fantastic. The hygiene kits have everything plus some. The carriers are large . . . With everything she put in the kits, she needed the large carrier."

Camille wrote that,

"It was a meaningful family activity that we all got to contribute to, from selecting products to opening boxes and assembling kits."

Thank you to Camille, her husband Jared and children Naomi and Jude!!



Supplies for 30 kits



Naomi, 7 & Jude 4.5

Do you see a new way to help one of our partners or possess a skill or talent you'd like to put to good use but aren't sure where? Let us know! Contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org.

Be a friend of LUTHER MANOR

Friends of Luther Manor Annual Fundraising Campaign

For 60 years, Luther Manor's not-for-profit, faith-based community has served older adults of all faiths. It has

independent living, a range of health services, including rehabilitation therapies, supportive living, assisted living, skilled nursing, and hospice care. You may not know that FPLC was instrumental in the founding of Luther Manor. In 1960 a committee studied the needs of the area's older adults and how to meet them. They recommended building a care center to serve the greater Milwaukee area. A non-profit, faith-based organization was formed and things took off from there. Now Luther Manor has nearly 400 residents with 400 employees and 300 volunteers!

Who Are Friends of Luther Manor?

The Friends of Luther Manor, which has been in existence in various forms since 1961, helps grow the Resident Support Fund, for those who have outlived their savings. There is a gap between Medicaid and the actual cost of care for older adults. Medicaid only covers about 50% of the cost of care. By becoming a Friend, your gift will help bridge that gap.

Ways to Become a Friend

If you have donated as a member in the past, you should have received a letter in the mail with directions for renewing with your remittance card. Whether you are a continuing or new Friend, you can support them online with the link below or scan this QR code.

In person . . . On March 16 and 23, FPLC and Friends member Janet Quail will have a table set up in Fellowship Hall after services. Stop by the Luther Manor table to talk with Janet and learn all they provide for the residents. You can also pick up a remittance card. If you are already a Friend of Luther Manor, stop by to say hello too!

Many thanks for your continued or new support of this important resource in Milwaukee.

[Join the Friends](#)



Sheepshead at FPLC

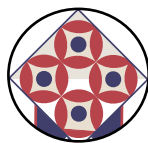
Dates: March 14 & 28

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.



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, March 18

Time: 9 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

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



The Basics of Baby Massage: A Parent Infant Class

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, a blanket and wear comfy clothes to class as we will be on the floor. Handouts will be provided.

Date: March 14; Classes run the 3rd Friday of the month. It's a one-session class, but you 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 to RSVP, 414-207-2808 or angiebiersach@gmail.com.



Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday—April 17
7 pm: Communion Service

Good Friday—April 18
10 am **Children's Service:** We present the story of Holy Week and the Resurrection followed by an egg hunt.
Noon: In person
7 pm: In person and live-streamed on our website

Easter Sunday—April 20
8:00 am
9:00 am
10:00 am (Also live-streamed on our website)
11:00 am
There will be no Sunday School, nursery care nor coffee hour on Easter Sunday.



FPLC Easter Garden

Spring plants will be used to decorate the church during our Easter services. If you would like to purchase a plant to add to the decorations on that Sunday, please fill out an Easter Garden form. You may scan the QR code or click the link below to fill out the form and enter your payment. If you prefer a paper copy of the form, they are available in Fellowship Hall.

A list of donors will be published in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Please specify the individual who you would like to have this plant be in honor of, or in memory of. Plants may be picked up following the 11am service on Easter Sunday, April 20, or on Tuesday, April 22. The office will be closed on Monday, April 21.

Each plant is \$30. There is a firm deadline of Sunday, April 6, for the forms and payment. Questions? Contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org.

[Order Form](#)





Serenity Inns Dinner Fellowship

Why is Dinner Fellowship So Necessary?

Serenity Inns is a residence for men in recovery from alcohol and/or drug abuse in Milwaukee. FPLC has a long history of members providing 3 dinners a month and sharing the meal and conversation with the men. Our volunteers know that providing and sharing a meal with the residents enables the men to share their stories with others, feel the compassion of a caring community and build their communication skills that have suffered during their times of isolation and addiction.

What to Expect When Volunteering

Volunteers make dinner and take it warm to the Inn by 5:45 pm (for a 6 pm start time). The men meet you at your car to carry items inside. Prepare the meal in your cookware (vs buying aluminum pans) if you like because the men will wash it and carry it to the car at the end of the meal. As the number of residents varies, you'll receive an email a week before your date with the number of residents; right now the number is between 9 and 12. You'll be cooking for yourselves, the men and the innkeeper. You're usually on your way home by 7 pm. Two families, friends, small group members etc. are welcome to volunteer together to share the meal prep and dining experience.

How To Sign Up and Ask Questions

Why not volunteer for this important and meaningful opportunity? This is a wonderful and popular SOP option for your student that you can do as a family.

Sign up on the website (with link below) or on the sign up in Fellowship Hall.

Do you have questions? FPLC member, and long-time SI volunteer, Lorraine Buehler is happy to answer any of your questions; lbuehler@cs.com.

April Dates & Beyond!

Click here to sign up!

Sign Up!



*Serenity Inns:
2825 W. Brown St., Mke*



MACCANON BROWN
HOMELESS SANCTUARY, INC.

MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary's Fantastic Fridays Lunch Program

Do you enjoy cooking for others or serving food to those in need? We have the volunteer opportunity for you! FPLC members will be providing a meal and serving lunch at MBHS's Fantastic Fridays 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. We'll provide the recipe shortly on the sign up form and email anyone who has already signed up. We all use the same recipe so our portions can be combined. If you would like to be reimbursed, just let Stacia Hickey know. Meal items are due to FPLC by Thursday, April 10 at noon. Sign up through the link below.

Serve the Meal with FPLC Members:

Join us on Friday, April 11 from 11 am – 1:30 pm to serve lunch to the guests. Just sign up on the SignUp Genius link below.

Contact Stacia Hickey with any questions at stacia@foxpointchurch.org.

Friday Lunch Program

Interfaith Green Team's Electronic Recycling Drive—Donate Your E-waste!

FPLC has joined the Interfaith Green Team, a diverse group of faith-based organizations. Formed about a year ago, their mission states:

“United by our shared religious values, we celebrate and actively care for all creation. We assist the Earth in its healing through conservation, education, and advocacy to achieve environmental equity for all.”

While there is more to come, the group's first project is an electronics recycling drive. Save your e-waste from the landfill and bring it to one of these sites for safe recycling. Don't forget those cords in your junk drawer—you know the ones, no one in the house knows what they belong to! Questions? Contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org.

Electronics Recycling Initiative

Do you have old appliances, devices and other electronics with cords or batteries laying around the house? To dispose of this e-waste responsibly, please participate in the Interfaith Green Team's recycling drive. Our Northshore congregations are partnering with Elite Energy Distribution, a Milwaukee-based recycling company, to get Spring Cleaning off to a great start.

No air conditioners, humidifiers or refrigerators can be accepted.

Saturday, April 26:

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
1619 Washington St, Grafton
3:30 – 6:00 PM

Sunday, April 27:

Congregation Shalom
7630 N Santa Monica Blvd
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

St Joseph's Catholic Church
1619 Washington St, Grafton
7:30 am – 12:30 pm

Co-Sponsors:

Lumen Christi Catholic Church
Fox Point Lutheran Church
Christ Church Episcopal Whitefish Bay
Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid
Faith in Place
Congregation Shalom
St Joseph Catholic Church



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 – 10:15 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!

**Help Needed:
March & Beyond!**



Women's Club *(Men welcome any time)*

Please join us for a Spring Fashion Show featuring fashions from TLC Casuals. Linda Short will be our host for this special event. Models from FPLC will be featured, showing off this year's new spring fashions. Items modeled will be available for purchase both before and after the show.

Date: Wednesday, April 9

Times: 11:30 – Gather in Fellowship Hall for fellowship; 12:00 – Lunch; 12:45 Fashion Show

Location: Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10, includes lunch

Sign up: In Fellowship Hall or on our website under Life @ FPLC, Connecting Events, Women's Club, by Sunday, April 6, noon*

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

***Next to the sign up sheet in Fellowship, there is a volunteer list to help with this event.**

Women's Club Upcoming Dates:

April 8 | 9 – 11am
Special Women's Club Planning Meeting (See page 1 of this newsletter.)

May 7 | 11:00am
From Holocaust to Civil Rights (This is the program canceled earlier this year due to the snowstorm.)

Men's Club

We'll be visiting our neighbor across the street for a tour of Congregation Shalom! Sign up in Fellowship Hall!

Date: Thursday, March 20

Time: 11:30 am

Location: Congregation Shalom

Cost: \$10, includes lunch

Signup: In Fellowship Hall

Contact: Call the church office, 414-352-8990



Women's Book Club

April 7; 7 – 8:30 pm

We take a break in March. The last two books before a summer

break are: April 7, *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters; May 19, *While You Were Out* by Meg Kissinger. We meet in the lower level in the Meeting Space (next to the lower level Cafe). Questions: contact Joanne Ginster; jmginster@yahoo.com or (414) 491-8939.



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.



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Fox Point Moms—Friday Mornings

Mar. 14 & 28; 9:30 – 11 am

Meet in the lower level

This is for moms of all ages with children or grandchildren of all ages! We'll support each other on mom

and family issues and discuss a short devotional at each meeting.

We're creating a judgment-free time to mentor each other, vent, ask parenting, family or spousal questions and be a support to each other. We meet twice a month. Haven't joined us before? No problem, join any time. Thanks!

If you have any questions, contact Diane Knapp; diane@foxpointchurch.org.

Join the Group



Fox Point Moms—Tuesday Evening Group

March 18; 6:30 – 8 pm

Meet in the Heritage Room

This adult group offers a safe, open space to support moms

of any age. We will begin with a podcast (Revived Motherhood) by Becky Thompson, who offers realistic and supportive faith-based advice for today's busy moms. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. This will be a time to mentor and support each other and discuss parenting and family issues. Please RSVP so we know how many people to expect. Thanks!

If you have any questions, contact Diane Knapp; diane@foxpointchurch.org.

Join the Group



Who Would Like a Kringle??

We are excited to announce that our high school students will be traveling to Salt Lake City for the Youth Group mission trip! To help ensure

all who are interested can attend, we will be selling Kringle in March and April to raise funds. By helping with this fundraiser, not only will you satisfy your sweet tooth, but you will also contribute directly to our mission efforts.

Kringle will be sold Sundays, March 23, March 30, April 6 after both services (or online at any time). Pickup will be on Easter Sunday after each church service. If you're unable to pick up on Easter, please inform Hannah Knapp at: hannah@foxpointchurch.org or the church office; church@foxpointchurch.org or (414) 352-8990, to set up a convenient pickup time for you. We kindly ask that all Kringle be picked up by May 4, 2025.

Pricing is: \$20 for 1 Kringle, \$35 for 2 Kringles or \$15 each for 3 or more Kringles!

Buy Kringle (s)



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 contact Susan Halling; halling@wi.rr.com.

Missing Something?

Has your coat disappeared, or your favorite gloves or sunglasses? We have quite a collection of coats, water bottles, sunglasses . . . stop by the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings and they will show you our lost and found. Or you can come into the office during the week to claim your items. **Any items not claimed by the end of each month will be donated.**





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Kids' Church!

Our new Sunday morning program for kids, **Kids' Church**, has started! If your children are participating in Kid's Church and haven't been registered yet, click the appropriate button below to fill out the registration form ASAP.



 **Our preschool friends–Little Foxes**–will continue to meet in the lower-level Preschool Room.

 **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.

Preschool Registration:

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

PRECHOOL

Elementary Registration:

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

ELEMENTARY



Vacation Bible School

Are you currently in K4-3rd grade? Then bring lots of friends and join us for this fun and faith-filled week!

We Have a SUPER God Who Asks Us to Be SUPER Friends!

Join us for lots of games, crafts, Bible stories and a secret super hero who will help us learn more about our super God and how to be a super friend to others!

Date: June 16-20

Time: 9 am – noon

Registration: Click [HERE](#)

Fee: \$75 per child

*Scholarships available, contact the church office.



Little Lambs

Little Lambs is designed for children who have turned age 3 by January 1, 2025, through those currently in a P3 program.

Join us as we sing, play games, make crafts and investigate how to follow Jesus.

Date: June 16-20

Time: 9:15 am – 11:45 am

Registration: Click [HERE](#)

Fee: \$75 per child

*Scholarships available, contact the church office.

Helpers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers for VBS and Little Lambs. If you can help for a few hours or every day, please contact Julie Schlifske; julie@foxpointchurch.org.



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High School Youth Group--It's BACK!!!

Pr. Bill is going to be with you this Sunday to talk about life and faith. He'll let you know about his journey these last several weeks and how his church, his friends and Tik Tok helped him through it.



We'll talk about the spiritual side of TikTok... We'll watch videos that will make you laugh, cry and think. He'd love it if you would send him your favorites! His TikTok is (@billknapp0)

It will be good to be together!

We have re-scheduled the Escape Room for March 30. We will meet at church at 5:30pm to drive to the escape rooms.

If you have any questions about Youth Group, please contact Hannah Knapp; hannah@foxpointchurch.org.

High School Summer Trip!

8th Graders through Graduating HS Seniors

Sun, July 20 – Sat, July 26, 2025

We've got an incredible opportunity lined up for you. We're heading to Salt Lake City, a place of incredible natural beauty, fantastic cultural spots and amazing cuisine. But the city has its problems too—individuals experiencing homelessness, families struggling to make ends meet, communities facing resource limitations, and children in need of support during the summer months.

We have the opportunity to help "the least of these" on our trip and make great friends. Important lessons and memories will stick with these kids for a lifetime!

When both the Registration Form (see link below) and deposit (\$600) are submitted, a spot will be secured for your student, provided there is space available (**limited to 54 spots for the trip**). Cost of the trip is \$1200. The deposit of \$600 is refundable until May 1.

For more details and to register for the trip, please click the link below. Questions? Contact Hannah Knapp; hannah@foxpointchurch.org.



SALT LAKE CITY

Youth Mission Trip Fundraising

Our Goal is to raise \$10,000 to help with this trip. By participating in a minimum of 2 fundraiser dates it will help drop the price by \$200!! Please consider signing up for at least two.

Our main fundraiser will be selling Kringle. Sales will take place after each

Church Service on the dates noted below.

Sell Kringles on These Dates (indicate which shift you are signing up for on the form, after the 9 am service or after the 10:30 service):

Sunday, March 23rd

Sunday, March 30th

Sunday, April 6th

Hand Out Kringle Orders on Sun, April 20; Easter Sunday

(indicate on the form which shift):

8:40am

9:40 am

10:40 am

11:40 am

Click the link to sign up to help at one (or more) of the fundraiser dates.

[Registration Form](#)

[Volunteer Signup](#)



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Meru Coffee at Home!

Support Mt. Meru Coffee Farmers and Drink Delicious Coffee at Home!

You can purchase Mt. Meru Coffee (beans, ground, regular, decaf, sample flavor packs, Seasonal Premium Mt. Meru coffee, k-cups) at church to brew at home.

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.



Bayside Garden Cards

Keep the birds well fed by purchasing feeders or seed at Bayside Garden Center. They also have beautiful indoor plants from tiny to large to keep your home feeling cozy during the winter months. 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.



Food Needs Continue to Rise

Your donations allow FPLC to continue donating nutritious, filling and culturally-appropriate food to our partners. Each of the 3 pantries we support receives at least one delivery of food & personal care products a month.

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

Note: We cannot accept any expired foods; check labels. We are looking for filling and culturally-appropriate foods, not specialty items.

Food Needs:

- Baked Beans
- Canned black-eyed peas
- Ensure Infant Formula
- Dinty Moore Stew
- Canned fruit
- Canned beef and chicken
- Soup (not tomato)
- Baby formula
- Spam
- Sardines
- Peanut butter
- 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
- Jelly

Personal Care Items:

(Regular full-sized preferred, not bulk size)

- Men's deodorant
- Women's deodorant
- Body wash
- Toothpaste**
- Shampoo

- Conditioner
- Feminine products**
- Razors
- Diapers sized 4-6**
- Body lotion

- Toilet paper**
- Lip balm**
- Vaseline**
- Dish soap



Ushers Needed!

Would you like to join our usher team? It's open to Confirmation students with a parent, and high school kids through adults. Sign up

with the QR code or contact

Lori Barrieau;

lori@foxpointchurch.org.





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!

Prayer Requests

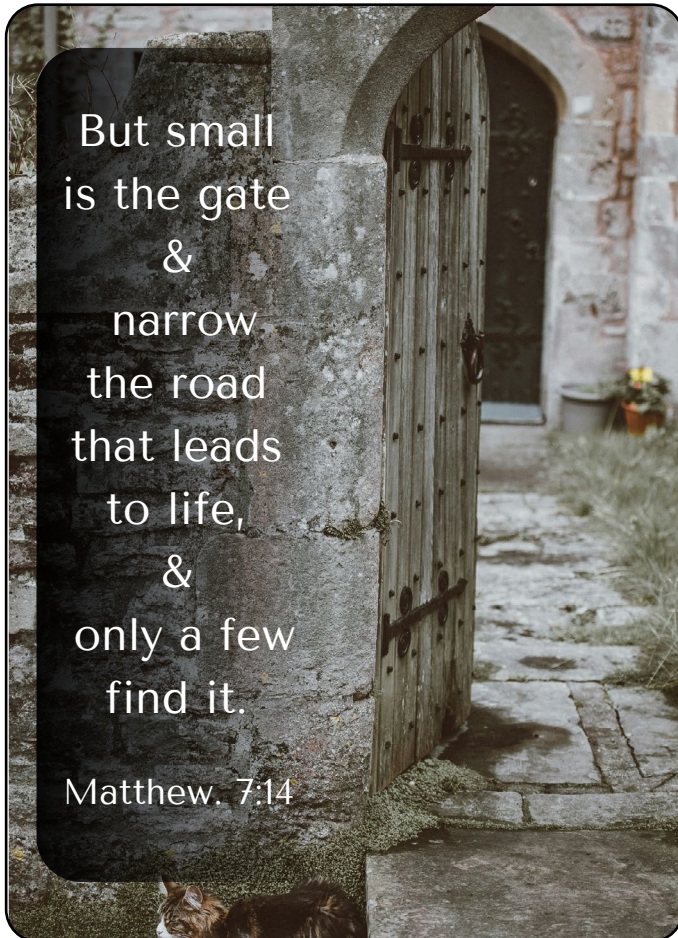
Now you can make a prayer request through our website. Click [Prayer Requests](#) to submit a form or submit a request through email—church@foxpointchurch.org.

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

Woody Barksdale	Rick Frank	Julia	Robert Palmer
Kim Bell	Andrea G.	Randy K.	Patrick
Jay Blair	Jenny G.	Karen	Peter
Shelley Burns	Eden Gilday	Kath	Tan Popatas
John Chamberlain	Joan Gildner	Corrine Kraus	Rebecca
Cheryl	Gregg	Pr. Jane Kunzie-Brunner	Mary Ellen Resenhoeft-Bloomquist
Richard Choi	Guy	Leslie	Rick
Christine	Anna H.	Linda	Robert
Chrystal	Claire H.	Laurie M.	Dave Rotter
Claire	Heidi	Steve M.	Stephen
Rosie Conaway	Sue Hiller	MaryEllen	Jane T.
Craig	Harlow James	Matt	Terry
Lyle Dabney	Jim	Pat Meyer	Thad
Pr. Dan	Joan	Michael	Tom
Cammy Endres	John	Mike	Mike Umland
Erin	Jon	Nancy	
Frank	Donna Jordahl	Curt Nash	

Military

Alex	Grant
Cooper	Ian
Danny	Kyan
David	Matthew



But small
is the gate
&
narrow
the road
that leads
to life,
&
only a few
find it.

Matthew. 7:14

Congratulations

Baptism

Archie John Lorenz, son of Randall and Jenna Lorenz, was baptized on March 9.

Condolences

Our sympathy and prayers are with the friends and family of Louise Dieck, who passed away on February 22.

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

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Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, March 5. If you would like to receive Mary's devotion on a weekly basis, please sign up here: [Weekly Devotion](#).

Hello!

"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious

and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and He relents from sending calamity." – Joel 2: 12-13

AT&T put out a popular ad campaign some years ago called "Reach Out and Touch Someone." Designed as an encouragement for customers to use their long-distance service and connect with each other, the clever commercial was hugely successful. It also evoked widespread goodwill among the general public about rekindling relationships. Long story short...the customer base increased. Customers returned.

On Shrove Tuesday, we reached out to one another just prior to beginning our Lenten journey with Jesus. We ate delicious pancakes with all the fixings ...sweet syrup, rich butter, savory sausages, hot coffee and fruit...I'm getting hungry just writing about it! A point of departure for us, a last indulgence to remember that we are readying ourselves for 40 days of thoughtful reflection beginning with Ash Wednesday.

We are turning and returning to the Lord. As we receive ashes touched to our foreheads, we know that this sign of the cross and the words, "dust to dust" mark us as being human and being humble, reminding us of our own mortality, a willingness to die to our old self and be raised to new life in Christ. Repenting...turning around...changing direction to God. We begin our trek to Easter Sunday.

Father, thank you for reaching into our very souls, making us truly thankful for our being and our lives in your incredible world. Thank you for reminding us that it is because of your son that those same souls love and thrive and bask in your light here and in eternity. Turn us...Return us...to you. Amen.

Together as church, we mark the beginning of Lent. – Mary