

LIFE TOGETHER This Week

Week of March 26, 2025 Vol 172 Real Faith For Real Life





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. Contact Stacia Hickey with any questions at <u>stacia@foxpointchurch.org</u>. 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 signup 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 to the right.

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 with the SignUp Genius link to the right.

Friday Lunch Program

FPLC '25 Blood Drives

Thurs March 27 1 – 6 pm	Despite 65% of the popula- tion 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!!
Thurs May 22 1 – 6 pm	
Tues July 22 1 – 6 pm	FPLC's 2025 Blood Drives are open to all, so invite a friend to donate with you! To sign up: Click HERE
Thurs October 30 1 – 6 pm	



Women's Club Planning Meeting All Are Welcome

Join us to 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. Several women are willing to take part of the leadership role, but the more who share opinions, the more we can meet 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

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Road Construction Season is Here—Yippee!

WIS 32 (Lake Drive) will be closed to through traffic between School and Dean roads in Fox Point now until late summer while crews replace water mains, upgrade storm sewers and rehabilitate the pavement. If you take Lake Drive to church, you will need to find alternate routes using Santa Monica, Port Washington or the route of your choice through Fox Point. Just think how smooth the ride will be when construction is over!



FPLC Office Hours Monday–Thursday from 8:30 am–4 pm See our webpage for all information regarding virtual worship, outreach, and children & youth programs. Click \rightarrow











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.











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 signup in Fellowship Hall.

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

April Dates & Beyond!

Click here to sign up!





Serenity Inns: 2825 W. Brown St., Mke



Serenity Inns FPLC Service Day—Saturday, May 3

Every year we join the staff and residents of Serenity Inns for a day of spring cleaning at the Inn. We shampoo the rugs, clean the light fixtures, fans and baseboards and whatever else may

be needed to sweep winter out the door and usher in the warm weather! We need about 7 folks to help with this important task. SI has a new maintenance person too—it's a good time meet him and get acquainted!

Date: Saturday, May 3

Time: 9 am – noon (approximately—we stay until the work is finished) **Location:** Serenity Inns; 2825 W. Brown St., Mke **Contact:** Lorraine Buehler; <u>lcbuehler@cs.com</u> or 414-630-8933

Click here to 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, April 15 Time: 9 am – 1:30 pm Location: Fellowship Hall Contact: Ellen Feider; 414-435-8440; efeiderwi@gmail.com





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

το γοιι 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.



Help Needed:







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, with the link below or on our website under Life @ FPLC, Connecting Events, Women's Club, by Sunday, April 6, noon*.
Contact: Gail Sommerfeld at <u>sommerfeld56@gmail.com</u> or 262-395-0396.
*Next to the sign up sheet in Fellowship, there is a volunteer list to help with this event.

Upcoming Dates: April 8 | 9 – 11am

Women's Club

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

Men's Club has been canceled for April—we realized we had scheduled it on Maundy Thursday and our speaker isn't available the next week. We hope to have him speak another time.

Our next Men's club will be:

Date: Thursday, May 15 Time: 11:30 am Location: FPLC Cost: \$10, includes lunch Signup: In Fellowship Hall Contact: Call the church office, 414-352-8990



Sheepshead at FPLC

March 28, April 11 & 25

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 <u>schmidtyjim@aol.com</u>.



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.







Fox Point Moms—Friday Mornings Mar. 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. If you have any questions, contact Diane Knapp; diangeformeintchurch are

diane@foxpointchurch.org.





Fox Point Moms—Tuesday Evening Group April 1 & 15; 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 the 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. If you have any questions, contact Diane Knapp; <u>diane@</u> 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 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: <u>hannah@foxpointchurch.org</u> or the church office; <u>church@foxpointchurch.org</u> 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!





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.



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: April 11; Classes are on the 3rd Friday of the month. It's a one-session class, but come more if you would like!

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Limit: 6 families per session Registration: Contact Angie Biersach to RSVP, 414-207-2808 or <u>angiebiersach@gmail.com</u>.





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?



Elementary Registration:

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





Vacation Bible School

Are you currently in K4-3rd grade? Then bring lots of friends and join us for this fun and faithfilled 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 <u>HERE</u> 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 <u>HERE</u> 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.









High School Youth Group—March 30; 5:30 pm, Meet at Church to Drive Together Escape Room: How to Get Out of Tight Places!

We will meet at church at 5:30pm to drive to the escape rooms.

These are the escape rooms we'll work our way out of: **Dig:** Venture deep into the jungle to recover a stolen golden idol, decode ancient symbols, and escape to safety.



Agency: Join forces with Bond to uncover a double agent within the Agency's ranks. **Apartment:** This may seem like a regular studio apartment, but the landlord set up a lot of hidden puzzles.

The Rec Room: This is an 80s-themed room where you have to find a way out and not get stuck in this decade.

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

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; <u>hannah@foxpointchurch.org.</u>



Youth Mission Trip Fundraising

RSVP Required

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 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.

<u>Registration Form</u>









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.



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.





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; <u>stacia@foxpointchurch.org</u>.

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



PRAYER LIST All in The Family

Join us on Sunday, for the virtual service. If you or your family need anything we can help you with, call the office at 414-352-8990 or email church@ foxpointchurch.org!

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

Sidnie Anthony Woody Barksdale Kim Bell Jav Blair Shelley Burns John Chamberlain Cheryl Richard Choi Christine Chrvstal Claire Rosie Conaway Craig Lyle Dabney Pr. Dan Cammy Endres Erin

Frank **Rick Frank** Andrea G. Jenny G. Eden Gilday Joan Gildner Gregg Guy Anna H. Claire H. Heidi Sue Hiller Harlow James Iim Ioan Iohn Jon

Donna Jordahl Julia Randv K. Karen Kath Corrine Kraus Pr. Jane Kunzie-Brunner Leslie Linda Laurie M. Steve M. MaryEllen Matt Pat Meyer Michael Mike Nancy

Curt Nash Robert Palmer Patrick Peter Tan Popatas Rebecca Rick Robert Dave Rotter Stephen Jane T. Terry Thad Tom Mike Umland

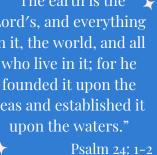
Prayer Requests

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 Cooper Ian Danny Kyan David Matthew

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. the world. and all who live in it: for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters."





Condolences

Our sympathy and prayers are with Ron Bloomquist on the death of his wife Mary Ellen Resenhoeft-Bloomquist, who passed away on March 13.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Don and Rhonda Fischer, Chad and Laura Fischer and their children Ellyson and Rex and Dr. Linnea (Dr. Muhammad Usman) Fischer on the death of Don's mother and Chad and Linnea's grandmother, Janice Fischer on March 16.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Jan Seidell, Kelli and Mike LaValle and their children Nicholas and Jack on the death of Bob Seidell, Jan's husband and Kelli's father, March 18. A celebration of life will take place at FPLC on April 4 at 1:00 pm with a reception to follow at the Town Club.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Ben and Peg Young on the death of Ben's mother, Mildred Young on March 21.

FPLC Office Hours Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am-4 pm See our webpage for all information regarding virtual worship, outreach, and children & youth programs. Click \rightarrow





Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, March 19. If you would like to receive Mary's devotion on a weekly basis, please sign up here: Weekly Devotion.

Hello!

"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want I can do all this through Him who gives me strength." – Philippians 4:12-13

My husband called to me from the kitchen..." did you order margarine?" ...there's only one here, and we're into it. I yelled back..."no, I didn't and there's plenty". Plenty...I suppose it's all relative depending on our upbringing, grocery shopping habits and our vision...the half full, half empty thing. For Paul, in Philippians, to use the word plenty instead, is the mark of a truly contented individual. Plenty is indicative of an abundance. Enough is judged as adequate. Paul knew the great secret of His own contentment—he knew and lived in Jesus Christ.

Plenty...clothing, money, jewelry, cars, food...the things that we bring into our lives to make them seem more satisfying. What about having plenty for our souls? Paul's letter to the church of Philippi not only speaks of his own love for Jesus, but also of the incredible faith in the future of the church, even in times of turmoil and his own imprisonment. With Jesus, we too have plenty; more than enough love, grace, blessings, protection, and understanding—the best of everything given to us by the perfect example of love. Jesus never stopped giving His followers His utmost attention, sending joy and peace despite the circumstances that loomed ahead of Him. Just as our Savior remained grounded in His faith with the Father, so we can do the same, living a life of plenty.

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. – 1 Timothy 6-8

Blessings for this morning-

The peace of God be in your heart... The grace of God be in your words... The love of God be in your hands... The joy of God be in your soul and in the song that your life sings.

Let the majesty of the Father be the light by which you walk, the compassion of the Son be the love by which you walk, the presence of the Spirit be the power by which you walk.

- The Anglican Church

We walk together on this Lenten journey. - Mary