

LIFE TOGETHER This Week

Week of April 22, 2025 Vol 174 Real Faith For Real Life



5 More Helpers Needed!

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 to 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; lcbuehler@cs.com or

414-630-8933

Signup: Cleaning Day



Did You Pick Up Your Kringle(s)?

If you ordered Kringle(s) but weren't able to pick them up yet, please take them from the kitchen freezer this week or Sunday morning. There will be a sheet on the freezer for you to check off your name so we know who has up picked their Kringle.

Questions? Call the office at 414-352-8990.



Summer Help Needed: 9:30 service time!

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 rising 8th grader 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.

<u>Sign Up!</u>









Bag Lunches for MBHS April 27; 10 am

Join us to make 150 lunches for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary.

No need to sign up—come down at 10 am. This process goes very quickly! It only takes

about 20 minutes, so join us right at 10 am before or after church services.

Families are welcome and encouraged!





The Knitters are BACK! Sending Care in Every Stitch

The knitters at FPLC have made many (thousands?) of prayer shawls over the years for members experiencing difficulties of any kind. We also have members making soap sacks for bars of soap donated

to the food pantries we serve. These creative people have mostly been making them at home, but would now once again like to meet in person to work on their projects. (They met in person pre-Covid.)

Do you crochet? You are welcome to join this group too! They'll have patterns for prayer shawls and soap sacks (and we'll post them online) but you are welcome to bring any project you like and enjoy the company of others while you knit! Come when you are able, no need to sign up.

Date: Thursday, May 22 (4th Thursday of the month unless otherwise

Time: 11 am - 1 pm

Location: FPLC's Heritage Room

Contact: Stacia Hickey with any questions; stacia@foxpointchurch.org

or 414-352-8990.



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; lcbuehler@cs.com.

May Dates Available

Click here to sign up!





Serenity Inns: 2825 W. Brown St., Mke





Partner Volunteering

Our partners have far more volunteer needs than those we regularly take part in as a church. Given your time, talents and interests, there is something for everyone from kids through adults. Get involved and help build a strong community!

All Peoples: Community Garden



It's that time of year when there's so many garden jobs to get done, but honestly, the garden needs volunteers all season long! If some of these dates work for you, that's great, but if not or you're looking for more, you can schedule another time to work in the garden either as a group or individual/family.

Spring Work Days, May 17 & 18: They'll clean up the garden for spring by pulling last year's tomatoes, trimming vines, taking down old trellises and helping to install the new row tunnels. They may even be

planting seedlings in warm row tunnels.

Call Office Manager Anna Lamer to schedule a time—even an hour helps! office@allpeoplesgathering.org or 414-264-1616 x1001. Learn more about All Peoples Church on their website: https://www.allpeoplesgathering.org



FPLC is involved with MacCanon Brown in a number of ways, but they have many volunteer needs at the Sanctuary, both as front-line helpers and behind the scenes. Check out their website for more about MBHS, https://www.mbsanctuary.org/ and please consider one of these volunteer needs:

Sort and Organize: We know there are folks out there who love to do this! Volunteers are needed to make a 2-hour commitment on Saturdays (based on when you are available) to help sort and organize donated items.

Outreach Events: This is a front line volunteer opportunity to work with their guests. They need compassionate and committed volunteers on Tuesdays and Fridays, based on when you are available.

Tutors: MBHS offers adult tutoring, primarily in reading and math.

Nurses: This is a priority need. They need nurses to be part of their volunteer nurses' team!

Community Garden: Help plant, water & maintain their large garden with other volunteers from both the neighborhood and wider Milwaukee community. To volunteer, contact

John Fruncek; <u>ifruncek@gmail.com</u>.

Grant Writers: Grants fill some of their financial needs. They need help from people with grant writing experience!

Drivers: They need drivers with larger vehicles for pick-up and delivery of donated furniture. No lifting is required on the driver's part.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please send an email to: admin@maccanonbrown.org.









BLANKETS • SHEETS • SLEEPING BAGS

COLLECTION MAY 1 - 25

MACCANON BROWN HOMELESS SANCTUARY

Some of MBHS's guests are homeless or move between temporary housing situations. These items are in need all year round.

Please put your bagged donations in the cart by the Welcome Desk.

BLANKETS:

King, queen & full; new or used (clean w/o stains or tears)

SHFFTS:

King & queen, new or used (clean w/o stains or tears)

SLEEPING BAGS:

New or used (clean w/o stains or tears, w/working zippers)

Are you doing any Spring cleaning? Save these items for our May drive!



The Milwaukee Mandolin Orchestra in concert with Jugendzupforchester Baden-Württemberg

An award-winning German mandolin orchestra, making their American debut!

Tues April 22, 2025, 7pm

Best Place at the Historic Pabst Brewery 917 W Juneau Ave, Milwaukee

Thurs April 24, 2025, 7pm*

Fox Point Lutheran Church 7510 N Santa Monica Blvd, Fox Point

*Meet the German Orchestra following this concert!

Tickets: bit.ly/mmo-jzo or

scan the QR code:

The Jugendzupforchester Baden-Württemberg is a state-level youth ensemble made up of award-winning young musicians aged 15–27.

Known throughout Europe and South America for their captivating performances, this marks their first tour to the United States – and the Milwaukee Mandolin Orchestra is honored to host them here in Milwaukee!

Don't miss this rare chance to hear two mandolin orchestras in harmony showcasing the beauty and versatility of plucked string music from both sides of the Atlantic.





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











On 21 May 2015 Joanne Weinberg, Debbie Konkol and Chris Halverson visited the grave in the Jewish cemetery in Strasbourg, in which their grandmother Alice Simon is buried. The little stones that they left behind for memory, they had brought with them from their homes in USA.

Women's Club (Men welcome any time)

From Holocaust to Civil Rights

Three sisters present the story of their pilgrimage to Germany and France to retrace their grandmother's recently discovered, tragic and shocking murder during the Holocaust. The Simon sisters discuss how this history influenced their father, the Rev. Dr. Carl R. Simon, in his lifetime commitment to work for civil and human rights. They describe his trip to Alabama in 1965 to support the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Selma March.

Date: Wednesday, May 7

Times: 11:30 – Gather in Fellowship Hall; 12:00 – Lunch; 12:45 presentation

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, May 4, noon*.

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

*Next to the signup sheet in Fellowship Hall there is a volunteer list to help with this event.



Men's Club

Our guest speaker in May is Ozaukee County Supervisor, Pat Foy. He'll be speaking on the role and responsibilities of an Ozaukee County Supervisor and the issues facing the county.

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

April 25, May 9 & 23

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.







Fox Point Moms—Friday Mornings April 25, May 9 & 23; 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; diane@foxpointchurch.org.

Join the Group



Fox Point Moms—Tuesday Evening Group

May 6 & 20; 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; diane@foxpointchurch.org.

Join the Group



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: May 16; 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 angie-

biersach@gmail.com.



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.



Bayside Garden Cards

Spring is *officially* here even if it doesn't quite *feel* like it—yet. It's time to think about your garden plans. Do you need new gardening equipment, some new plants? Food for the bird feeder? Bayside Gardens has you covered! 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.





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







High School Senior Recognition Service; Sunday May 18 @ 10:30

Please join us for our High School Senior Recognition Day. We'll recognize your graduates and send them into the world with a service of Blessing and Godspeed. This day is for all high school seniors – not just those in Youth Group! Please sit together as a family. Graduates will be asked to come forward during the service. **RSVP required by Friday, May 2!**

The button below will lead you to a response form and will also ask you to list your grad's future plans. We'll include all the information we get from graduates in a future bulletin and the *Life Together* newsletter. **Can't attend?** Let us know by clicking on the link below. We would like to hear the plans of **all** high school seniors, even those who are unable to attend the 10:30 worship service on May 18.

Send a Picture of Your Grad!

Email pics to <u>diane@foxpointchurch.org</u>. We'll include them in a special slide show. The picture should represent their high school years, or a senior picture will do just fine. The deadline for pictures is also Friday, May 2. We want to include all seniors in the presentation, so please observe this deadline. Congratulations parents on your high school graduate!

RSVP link: HS Senior Recognition



Summer Help Needed: '9:30 service time!

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.





Women's Book Club May 19; 7 - 8:30 pm

The last book before a summer break is 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.



Quilters/Piecemakers—2 May Dates!

We're meeting twice this month to finish up the quilts for our HS seniors' Sending Service. 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, May 6 and 13

Time: 9 am – 1:30 pm Location: Fellowship Hall

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







Our regular workshops are finished for the year. The rest of our meetings are for those

being confirmed this spring.

April 23, 7 pm: Affirm Workshop; 8th graders only

May 7, 7 pm: Confirmation Rehearsal with 8th grade students and their parents, meet in Fellowship Hall

May 17, 2:15 pm: students arrive

3 pm: Confirmation Ceremony



Meru Coffee at Home!

Support Mt. Meru Coffee farmers by purchasing Mt. Meru Coffee (beans, ground, regular, decaf, Seasonal Premium Mt. Meru coffee, k-cups) at church to brew at home.

The coffee is delicious and 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.



Food Needs Continue to Rise

Food needs are on the rise at the pantries FPLC donates to. Most pantries get the food from individuals, churches/groups and organizations like Feeding America. Following is a note from Brian Bolling, the Food Pantry Manager at our partner, All Peoples Church, to help explain the situation:

"The pantry is averaging 94 families/week (11% higher than 2023) so far this year...We have seen our donated pantry dry goods fall by one third (about 40 pounds) and meat fall by 50% (50-75 pounds) from Just One More Ministry due to donations being down from their partners. Feeding America has fewer items

for free and we will see how the tariffs and budget cuts affect them and everyone else (mostly likely not in a positive way).

Our partner connections have been amazing though, and you have kept us open with your very generous food/monetary donations."

Last Wednesday, just a few days after Brian wrote this, their pantry served 125 families. A family can be one person, but it can also be 6 or more people. You can see from what Brian said, that the donations from FPLC and others are making a powerful difference in the lives of those served by All Peoples' food pantry. Following is a list of the items most needed by All Peoples Church at this time:

Pancake mix and syrup Peanut butter and jelly Cereal and oatmeal Canned pasta (Spaghetti-O's, ravioli) Tuna and Tuna Helper Baked beans Canned fruit Spam and canned beef stew Pasta and canned pasta sauce White rice (1 lb bag or instant) Hamburger Helper Canned greens (collard, turnip etc) Toothpaste, deodorant, feminine products

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

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





Cammy Endres

Rick Frank

Andrea G.

Erin

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 <u>Prayer Requests</u> to submit a form or submit a request through email—<u>church@foxpointchurch.org.</u>

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

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Military

Alex Grant
Cooper Ian
Danny Kyan
David Matthew



Congratulations

Birth

Congratulations Mark Schlifske and Bridget Meaney, on the birth of their son Reid John Schlifske on April 13. Proud grandparents are Julie Schlifske and Paul Ginkel.

Wedding

Best wishes to Linnea Fischer and Muhammad Usman, who were married on April 13.



Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, April 16. If you would like to receive Mary's devotion on a weekly basis, please sign up here: Weekly Devotion.

Hello!

From the pen of the Reverend Dr. Peter Marshall, former pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C. and a chaplain of the United States Senate, comes his story of the first Easter morning. The empty tomb, making our hearts burst with the elation that Mary must have felt that morning!

...Mary Magdalene, still weeping, lingered at the edge of the garden. Along with the other women, she had come to find a dead body...and had been shocked to find the grave empty. She thought it had been broken open...grave-robbers perhaps. She did not know...She could not think clearly. Only one thought seems to have absorbed her soul—the body of the Lord had been lost...she must find Him!

She ran as never before back towards the empty tomb, with the speed and unawareness of time and distance that grief or fear or love can impart...But Mary stood without at the sepulcher weeping; and as she wept, she stooped down and looked into the sepulcher...and she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

Jesus saith unto her: "Woman, who weepest thou? Whom sleekest thou?" And John tells us that she thought He was the gardener. She fell at His feet, her eyes brimming with tears—her head down—sobbing, "Sir, if thou hast taken Him, hence, tell me where thou has laid Him, and I will take Him away." To her tortured mind there was a gleam of hope that perhaps the gardener, for some reason known only to him, had moved the body...She was red-eyed...She had not slept since Friday...There had been no taste for food...She had been living on grief and bereaved love...

Jesus saith unto her... "Mary..." His voice startled her...She would have recognized it anywhere. She lifted her head with a jerk...Blinked back the tears from her eyes and looked—right into His eyes. She knew...her heart told her first and then her mind...She saw the livid marks of the nails in His hands and looking up into His face, she whispered: "Rabboni!"

The loveliest music of that first Easter dawn in the sound of those words echoing in the Garden... His gentle... "Mary" ... and her breathless... "Master!" Mary had come prepared to weep; —Now she could worship. She had come expecting to see Him lying in the tomb—She had found Him walking in the newness of resurrected life.

Rejoice! He is risen! Easter hope and blessings, my friends! – Mary