LIFE TOGETHER This Week

Week of May 20, 2025 Vol 176 Real Faith For Real Life





School Supplies for All Peoples Church

We are once again donating school supplies to All Peoples Church through Winkies School Tools program. Please see page 10 to order a package(s) through Winkies.

To make sure each child has all they need, we are collecting the following at FPLC:

- NEW backpacks for K4 high school
- Scientific calculators for the HS student (Target, Amazon, Walmart—about \$15)
- Individual hand sanitizer bottles

Items are due back to FPLC by July 21. Questions? Contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org.



Post High School and College Graduate Degrees

We like to recognize our members who are receiving post high school degrees: Bachelor's,

Master's, Ph.D's, Technical School, etc. A list will run in an upcoming newsletter. Complete our form through the link below. Please fill out the information no later than Monday, June 9. If you are unable to fill out the form electronically, please call the church office at 414-352-8990.

Thank you and congratulations!

Fill Out Form

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.



Honoring Our Veterans

On Memorial Day weekend, we honor Americans who have died in all wars. We especially remember the Fox Point Lutheran Church veterans who passed away this past year:

> **Curt Claus** Jerry Hiller **US Air Force US Army**

A prayer for those currently serving in the military:

Lord, keep our servicemen and women safe, whether they serve at home or overseas. Hold them in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us.











One of our many auction items.

Don't Miss Tanzania Sunday - June 8!

Two Services: 9 am and 10:30 am

Stay after the 9 service, come early or the 10:30 service and bid on our live and silent auctions.

We will celebrate our 21-year partnership with the Meru Diocese in Tanzania. It's an impoverished area and hit hard by Covid plus a three-year drought, yet the people in our partner parishes are amazingly welcoming and positive!

Pastor Bill and his three companions will share their experiences during their visit in January, and you'll find their stories both heart-warming and inspiring. Just one of the high points—several of the 84 young people you've sent to college traveled from near and far to greet our quartet and send their thanks to all of you who have supported them!

With their needs clarified, we'll be sharing opportunities for more of you to participate in preparing them for positive, rewarding futures—not available to them before FPLC's

commitment.

This fall, we're increasing the number of college scholarships we're offering from 15 to 18 and also looking to help students in need with food, computers, and housing. It's thanks to God that they've all had great success so far while barely being able to cover their costs!

There'll be a noisy offering on June 8, so bring along ALL THOSE COINS you've been saving! Our musicians will fill our church with traditional Tanzanian music and you'll see lots of pictures of our friends.

This coming Sunday, we'll have a few of our auction items in Fellowship Hall for you to preview and start the bidding. The proceeds will help provide income for high school teachers in the Meru Diocese who have been working without pay for many, many months. You also help provide \$10,000 a year to cover tuition for children whose families can't afford it—a total of more than \$200,000 so far! Thank you!



Ouilters/Piecemakers

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, June 10
Time: 9 am – 1:30 pm
Location: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Ellen Feider: 414-435-8440 <u>efeiderwi@gmail.com</u>



Sheepshead at FPLC

May 23—Last date until September

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. Note: we are taking a summer break after this meeting and will be back in September! 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.





We Are Preparing for a Food Access Crisis

-MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary

Cuts to several food assistance programs are projected to affect 48 million Americans. MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary is located in the most extreme food desert in Wisconsin. This means there is not affordable, quality food available in the area. Stores selling food are convenience or liquor stores with highly processed food and little to no produce.

MBHS is committed to not only sustaining their food pantry supply but increasing it, knowing demand will go up. They are looking for additional food sources and will soon have produce from their large garden. Following is a report from Tom Bohmann, who has served as a volunteer coordinator of the team of drivers who pick up and deliver food to MBHS since 2014.

"Originally Feeding America didn't think there would be much impact on food availability due to the Federal cutbacks and tariffs. However in the last 2 weeks, the online food ordering system has changed dramatically. I would normally order 750 lbs of produce a week. There has been no produce available since May 1st. In addition, I would normally have 25-30 items available for me to choose from for an MBHS order. Now we sometimes see no more than 8-12 items available, and some of those are non-food items.

I called Feeding America to see if this was a one-time situation or a trend. They really have no idea what to expect in terms of who will donate what & when. There's no guarantees, but certainly the cutbacks & tariffs have dramatically affected the ability of companies to donate.

Due to the extreme shortage I am reducing the deliveries to the Sanctuary on Tuesdays by 50%. Instead of 2 carloads of food, effective 5/20 there will only be one, with no guarantees of produce."—Tom Bohmann

MBHS has several life-building programs and will add more to help people become self-sustaining, but they prioritize feeding people because the majority of the people they serve are food-scarce, hungry and undernourished.

Both MBHS and All Peoples Church have said that one of the most difficult items to get now is low-cost or donated protein. Brian Bolling, the pantry manager at All Peoples said that free items from Feeding America have dropped drastically and the items available for purchase are getting more expensive. Cross Lutheran Church's pantry has been told to anticipate food shortages shortly. They are seeing new people at the pantry, due in part to other area pantries closing.

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.



Items currently, most needed are in bold:

Protein
Sardines; canned
Chicken; canned
Tuna; canned
Beef Stew; canned
Salmon; canned
Peanut Butter

Food Items
Pancake mix and syrup
Jelly
Cereal and oatmeal
Spaghetti-O's, ravioli
Tuna Helper
Baked beans
Canned fruit

Pasta and canned pasta sauce White rice (1 lb bag or instant) Hamburger Helper Canned greens (collard, turnip) Hygiene
Shampoo; full size
Conditioner; full
size
Body wash; full size
Vaseline
Toothpaste
Deodorant
Feminine products





BLANKETS • SHEETS • SLEEPING BAGS

COLLECTION MAY 1 - 25

LAST WEEK!

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)

SIFFPING BAGS:

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

Questions? Contact Stacia Hickey: stacia@foxpointchurch.org

Help Needed: 5/25, 6/1 & 6/8 10:30 am

Coffee Hosts Needed!

Hosts make the coffee and serve the donuts on Sundays. You are still able to attend the church service!

Families are welcome to volunteer with their kids too. It's also a great Service Opportunity for our rising 8th grader Confirmation students (with an adult).

Please sign up with the link below or contact Lori Barrieau in the church office if you have any questions; <u>lori@foxpointchurch.org</u> or 414-352-8990.





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.

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.





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.





Rite of Confirmation

These persons have been instructed in the Christian Faith and completed a public affirmation of their Baptism on May 17, 2025.

Magnus Christian Albrecht

Gabriella Rose Biancuzzo

Benjamin Chad Biersach

Avery Judith Cherveny

Andre Robert Cooper

Anna Christina Cortese

Cannon Jeffrey Croatt

Samuel Edward Engelmann

Ellyson Grace Fischer

Maxwell Charles Gould

Greta Jane Haan

Maxwell Rodney Johnson

Lillian Dawn Jones

Bennett Riley Kack

Myles Piers Klug

Charles Matthew Neumann Kreitlow

Levi David Krupski

Charlotte Suzanne Leibham

Mason James Leibham

Charlie John Malle

Raegan Lyn Murray

Stephanie Wei Neely

Ava Diane Rauwald

Keelyn Patricia Schubert

Charlotte Langdon Scoby

Raymond Ward Sheehy

Elise Marie Silverson

Evan David Strande

Brock Daniel Stuck

Maya Louise Theune

Lucille Delia Vater

Kathryn Camp Wagner

Jackson James Wier

Dear Friends,

We rejoice that you made a public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.







2025 High School Senior Recognition

Congratulations and best wishes to our high school seniors. Here are the future plans of the seniors who shared their information with us.



Adyson Aranda Aidan Bendickson University of Wisconsin – Madison University of Minnesota – Twin Cities; College of Engineering



Audrey Berry

Ava Blair

Olivia Biancuzzo

Joshua Colcord Colin Corr

Daniel Elling

Benjamin Ferguson

Colton Geigler

Tyler Goode

Olivia Hartwig

Luke Johnson Tyler Klug

Charlotte Lueck

Quentin Maas Grant Merrill

Sierra Miller

Nora Ronayne

Ellison Scheuer

Jack Stuck Luka Vater

Cole Wilson

Gap Year

University of Wisconsin – Green Bay

University of Iowa; Elementary Ed. Milwaukee School of Engineering

The Ohio State University

University of Minnesota – Duluth

University of Wisconsin – Madison

Fordham University

University of York, United Kingdom

University of Wisconsin - Madison;

School of Business

University of Utah

University of Wisconsin - Madison;

School of Business

Miami of Ohio

Luther College

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

University of Wisconsin - Whitewater

Gonzaga University

Université Grenoble - Alpes, France;

Biochemistry

Concordia University - Wisconsin

University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire

Undecided, music minor

University of Tennessee



All Peoples Church Has a Garden & General Wish List—and Volunteer Needs

There is a lot of planting and gardening to do in the garden!! Help is always welcomed. Contact the office if you can help; 414-264-1616 or office@allpeoplesgathering.org.

All Peoples Church

Wish List of What Is Needed for The Garden:

2 - Large coolers

20 – La Valencia orange tomato plants Exterior bright colored paints; partially used is fine 5 gallon buckets; used is fine

Used metal or brass foot and headboards; (for fencing)

Large baskets for the Gathering table produce displays

Outdoor benches or seats; used is fine

Two large pitchforks; used is fine

Three pieces corrugated plastic approximately 3'x3'

Amazon Wish List:

All Peoples Gathering Church has an Amazon wish list. It's a terrific way to help All Peoples focus their budget where it is most needed. There are items large and small from which to choose. Click the link below to purchase an item(s) and have it sent to All Peoples.

are available for free every week at the table next to their community garden, year round.



Wish List



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: June 20; 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 angiebiersach@gmail.com.

FPLC Bird's Nest—We Have Hatchlings!

We have a bird's nest update for you:

- 1. Sometime between 8:30 am and 1 pm on Monday May 19, two birds hatched!
- 2. One white egg was pushed out of the nest into the wreath.
- 3. The cowbird egg hasn't hatched.
- 4. We aren't sure where the 4th white egg is—maybe under the babies?
- 4. They aren't mourning doves. Now that we've seen the

parents we know that, but no one in the office is a birder. Our best guess is "sparrow".

The parents are flying back and forth to feed the babies and keep them warm, so please give the nest all the space you can and no peeking!











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

members provide 3 dinners a month and share the meal and conversation. 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

- Make dinner and take it warm to the Inn by 5:45 pm (for a 6 pm start time). The men will carry your 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.
- 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.
- This is a popular SOP option for Confirmation students with their families.

How To Sign Up and Ask Questions

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.

Summer Dates Open

Click here to sign up!





Serenity Inns: 2825 W. Brown St.



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 knit or crochet 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 or knit? Join the group to work on some projects and enjoy conversation! 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 noted.)

Time: 11 am – 1 pm

Location: FPLC's Heritage Room **Contact:** Stacia Hickey with any questions; stacia@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.

For pattern information, click here and scroll to the Knitting & Crocheting Group links:

<u>Patterns</u>





DANNY GOKEY—July 31

Danny returns to Rise and Shine at a new location: Foxyard at Foxtown Station in Mequon. Stay tuned for more details! 4:30 pm Doors open 5:30-6:30 pm Opening act 7-8:30 pm Danny Gokey







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.



More Children's Ministry Summer Fun!

Summer Kids' Church(Grades P3/Age 3 through 4th grade)

Grades P3/Age 3 through 4th grade (24/25 school year) can join us for our summer preschool or elementary Kids' Church program at our 9:30 am summer service. With games, crafts, and stories, it's super casual and filled with faith and lots of fun!

Current 5th and 6th graders (for the 24/25 school year) can join their family for the worship service.

Summer Kids' Church begins on the Sunday after the Memorial Day weekend and ends on the Sunday before the Labor Day weekend. Questions? Contact Julie Schlifske; julie@foxpointchurch.org.



Fox Point Moms—Friday Mornings May 23; 9:30 - 11 am

Last meeting until September

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 20; 6:30 - 8 pm

Last meeting until September

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

School Supplies for All Peoples Church



We are partnering with Winkie's Toys and Variety! in Whitefish Bay through their School Tools program! Winkie's is offering 4 different age-specific school supply "packages" you can order directly through Winkie's. They include everything **except** the actual backpack, individual hand sanitizer and a scientific calculator. Winkie's also donates 5% of all School Tools sales to All Peoples Church!

Simply fill out this form for the package(s) of your choice and drop it off or mail it to Winkie's no later than **June 24**. We'll take care of the rest!

Winkie's School Tools for All Peoples Church

Forms must be returned by June 24.

Order forms can be returned to Winkie's Toys:

Drop off in store: 629B E Silver Spring Dr. Whitefish Bay (lower level); **Winkie's is open:** Mon – Sat 9-6; Sun 10-3 **Or Mail to Winkie's Toys:** PO Box 170650 Milwaukee, WI 53217

I would like to order the following packages:		
# of packages \$ Amount		
@ \$46.55/ea = Kindergarten		
@ \$57.74/ea = Elementary School		
@ \$80.24/ea = Middle School		
@ \$94.94/ea = High School		
Total Dollar Amount:		

Your Name:	
Telephone # (for a	ny order questions only)
Check (pay	vable to Winkie's Toys and Variety!)
or Credit Ca	rd
Card Number	
Expiration Date	



Rick Frank

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>

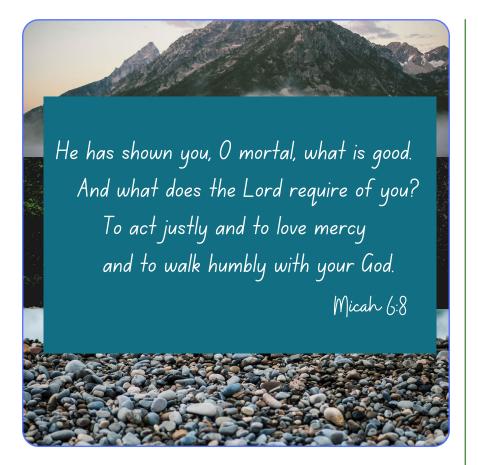
We encourage you to keep these people in your prayers during the week.

Sidnie Anthony Andrea G. Iohn Woody Barksdale Jenny G. Jon Nancy Kim Bell Ioan Gildner Donna Jordahl Curt Nash Jay Blair Gregg Randy K. Robert Palmer Shelley Burns Guy Kath Paul John Chamberlain Anna H. Kevin Rebecca Claire H Rick Cheryl Kelly Richard Choi Hetty Corrine Kraus Dave Rotter Christina Sue Hiller Pr. Jane Kunzie-Brunner Lvnn S Claire Charlotte Hughes Leslie L. Ruth Schmidt Lynn Steinke Rosie Conaway Laurie M Harlow James Steve M. Stephen Craig Pr. Dan Jane T. Janis Matt Richard E. Jenny Roger Matzke Terry Cammy Endres Jim Max Guy Theune Erin Ioan Pat Meyer Tom

Michael

Military

Alex Grant
Cooper Ian
Danny Kyan
David Matthew



Joeli

Congratulations

Wedding

Mike Umland

Best wishes to Sam Taylor and Candice Gurbatri, who were married on May 10.

Baptism

Thomas Hoswell Tanner IV, son of Thomas and Riley Tanner, was baptized May 11.

Birth

Congratulations to Lisa and Adam Hurtz on the birth of their daughter Sofia Mae Hurtz on May 15. Also welcomed by big brother Weston Hurtz and proud grandparents Lori and Andy Barrieau.



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.



Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, May 14. If you would like to receive Mary's devotion on a weekly basis, please sign up here: Weekly Devotion.

Hello!

"God does everything just right and on time, but people can never completely understand what he is doing." – Ecclesiastes 3:11

Before Keurig or Mr. Coffee there were electric percolators. The royalty of coffeepots complete with a morning sound effects show! You could hear them long before you entered the kitchen...kind of a burp, plop, clunk melody. Well-made machines that lasted forever, you could always count on them to brew consistently good, hot, flavorful coffee. Slower than today's models, so you had to have a little patience, but it was worth the wait!

"If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!" – Habakkuk 2:3

God's plans for us are worth the wait too! He loves it when we come to him in prayer as we pass the time. My picture is not next to the word "patience" in the dictionary! So, when I feel that edginess or frustration coming on, I often say a quick silent prayer. I tend to reserve longer prayers for stickier situations when I've really blown it or someone dear is struggling or I am exasperated...expressing thanks and looking for peace as well as some kind of answer.

Our Father listens no matter what our level of patience is because His level of patience is perfect! His peace comes with prayer of any kind... Peace like a huge sigh of relief... He gets us...maybe it's like when the cover on a jar is stuck and suddenly it's not...you've opened it and what was eating you up inside can now be freed up outside. I've heard it said about prayer, "Remember, you, yourself are living in the middle of answered prayers." Great reminder!

Father, thank you for always being there for us...thank you for being the God that stays... and stays. Amen.

Enjoy a wonderful week! - Mary