

LIFE TOGETHER This Week

Week of June 20, 2025 Vol 178 Real Faith For Real Life





Yarn-Art Group

Do you crochet or knit? Join this group to work on some projects and enjoy conversation! You're welcome

to bring any project you're working on. We also have patterns for prayer shawls and soap sacks online through the link below if you'd like to make those to donate. Come when you are able, no need to sign up.

Date: Thursday, June 26 (4th Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted.)

Time: 11 am – 1 pm

Location: FPLC's Heritage Room

Contact: Stacia Hickey with any questions; <u>stacia@foxpointchurch.org</u> or 414-352-8990. For pattern information, click here and scroll to the Knitting & Crocheting Group links:

<u>Patterns</u>



School Supplies for All Peoples Church

We are once again donating school supplies to All Peoples Church through Winkie's School Tools program. Please see page 2 to order a package(s) through Winkie's.

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

- NEW backpacks for K4 high school kids
- 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.



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, July 15
Time: 9 am – 1:30 pm
Location: Fellowship Hall

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

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



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 any o	order questions only)
Check (payable	e to Winkie's Toys and Variety!)
or Credit Card	
Card Number	
Expiration Date	_







Danny Gokey Thursday, July 31!

We're thrilled to announce that Danny Gokey will be playing at the FoxYard at FoxTown Station in Mequon! Come see the brand new pavilion and the inspirational, engaging concert with Danny Gokey!

5:30-6:30 pm – Opening act, Life Church Music; for info: https://www.lifechurchmsc.com/

7-8:30 pm – Headliner, Danny Gokey; for info: https://www.dannygokey.com/

To request free tickets, click the link, which will take you to the Rise and Shine website. Look for the "Get tickets" on the Rise and Shine's homepage. This will help them plan for the number of people attending.

Heads up! No carry-ins allowed, but food and drinks will be for sale at FoxTown Station. Questions? Contact Diane Knapp.

Rise & Shine Website

Tickets

Email Diane

Community Volunteer Opportunity at Rise and Shine; Thursday, July 31

- √ Help Load in/Load out for bands (need some strong bodies for this!)
- ✓ Help with registration, runners, merchandise tents
- ✓ Times vary depending on assignment, mostly 2 hour shifts (or more if you want!) between 2 and 9 pm
- √ High school students welcome!

Perks:

✓ Volunteers get beverage/food coupon (up to \$20 value!) and community hours (for high school students etc.)

✓ Stay and enjoy the concert!

Interested in Volunteering?

Click the link below. Once there, click the "Get Involved" tab. Questions? Contact FPLC member, Lori Lorenz.

<u>Volunteer</u>

Email Lori



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.



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.





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. Some of the organizations supplying food pantries are federally funded. What this means for the pantries:

- Less free food and less food variety is available
- Food the pantries purchase for these organizations is getting more expensive

Complicating things, pantries are closing because they can't access enough food; at the same time the need is going up due to grocery costs.

FPLC donates to three food pantries:

- Cross Lutheran Church
- MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary
- All Peoples Gathering Church

They are looking for additional food sources, seeing an increase in guests, finding it harder to get items like protein and have been told to expect food shortages.

If you are able to donate, our pantries would prefer items from the list below—especially the items listed in bold.

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:

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Protein	Food Items
Sardines; canned	Pancake mix and syrup
Chicken; canned	Jelly
Tuna; canned	Cereal and oatmeal
Beef Stew; canned	Tuna Helper
Salmon; canned	Baked beans
Peanut Butter	Canned fruit
Meatball Spaghetti-O's	Pasta and canned pasta sauce
Canned pastas w/meat	White rice (1 lb bag or instant)

Hamburger Helper

Canned greens (collard, turnip)

Hygiene
Shampoo; full size
Conditioner; full size
Lip balm
Body wash; full size
Vaseline
Toothpaste; full size
Lotion

Deodorant Feminine products Vaseline Nail clippers (new) Diapers size 4-6 Throat lozenges

Sunday, June 22 we're asking people to bring in protein for the food pantries!

See the list above for the protein items most in need.





Tanzania Sunday Results

Thank you all for your wonderful support on Tanzania Sunday! Pastor Bill and all the members of our Tanzania team are thrilled with your positive response to our special service. Our travelers shared their experiences and brought the joy of the Tanzanian people to life in spite of their poverty and hardships. They are seniors, parents and children who are so grateful.

Your generosity during and after the services is an incredible gift for the district's teachers who have gone without pay for so many months. We'll have more details to come; but for now the noisy offering alone raised \$897.60!

We welcome your ongoing support and will share our college applicants with you this summer!

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our partnership in Tanzania, contact Bunny Raasch-Hooten; bunnyraasch@gmail.com.

Two Additional Ways to Help Our Friends in Tanzania



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

It's time to work in our yards and gardens. Do you need new gardening equipment or 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.







Post High School Degrees

Congratulations and best wishes to those receiving post-high school degrees!

Lily Bauer University of Wisconsin-Madison, Elementary Education

Bachelor of Science-Education, with Distinction

Kate Harms Masters of Science in Education at Concordia University Wisconsin

Masters Degree in Cross-Categorical Special Education

Johnathan Hellman University of Notre Dame

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Isabella Huycke University of Minnesota, Health and Wellbeing Science

Callahan Lieungh USC – Thornton School of Music, Masters in Bassoon Performance

Eliana Lieungh University of Florida, Bachelors in Advertising, Minor in Spanish

Patrick Muth Colorado State University, Finance



FPLC July Blood Drive

When the temperature goes up, the blood supply tends to go down. Schools are closed, families are on vacation, but local patients are still in need. Blood on the shelves *today* saves lives *tomorrow*.

Type O blood is especially in demand, as it can be given to trauma patients, premature babies and others of all blood types.

Scan the QR code or use the link below to register. Walk-ins are accepted if there is space available.

Date: Tuesday, July 22 **Time:** 1:00 – 6:00 pm

Location: FPLC Fellowship Hall

Sign-up Link: July Drive Registration



Women's Book Club: Summer Meeting

Book Talk • Conversation • Food & Beverages

Join us this June as we choose our fall and winter reading list! There will also be plenty of time to enjoy a potluck meal and casual conversation.

Bring a book if you'd like to recommend one and be ready to share a brief oral and written description to submit for voting. If you can't attend, please send your book recommendations with a short description to Alice before the meeting.

A complete list along with the descriptions (you can copy from the internet) will be compiled and emailed to you. Each of you will then be asked to vote for 7 of the recommended books that will make up our reading list for 2025/26.

Alice will send those attending an email signup for the potluck items.

Date: Monday, June 23 **Time:** 6:00-8:30 pm

Location: FPLC Fellowship Hall

RSVP: Alice Horton; alicehorton427@gmail.com





A Few Summer Dates Left!

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; lori@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.

Sign Up!

June 22 and many dates throughout summer!



Summer Usher Help Needed at the 9:30 service time!

Ushers are vital to keep our Sunday services running smoothly. We'd love to have you be one of our fantastic FPLC ushers, even if it's only for the summer! Fill in when you can (there will be folks there to show you the ropes). Simply pick

some dates on our SignupGenius form through the QR code or link below. Who can usher? Confirmation students with a parent, and high school kids through adults. If you have questions, please contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org.

<u>Sign Up!</u>





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: July 18; 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.

The Bird Has Flown!

From nest building to egg sitting to baby feeding, we've gotten a little glimpse into the world of a house finch. Last week "our" little bird flew the nest to join the great big world.

It may not have been the most convenient spot to raise a family (for the bird or for the church) but it provided a safe spot for this little bird to grow and thrive.

House finches: this is the kind of bird who made her nest and raised her baby in the wreath on FPLC's front door.









Serenity Inns Dinner Fellowship

Volunteers needed for July and Beyond!

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 the 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.



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.



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.

Woody Barksdale Rick Frank Kim Bell Andrea G. Jay Blair Jenny G. Shelley Burns Joan Gildner Kathy C. Gregg John Chamberlain Anna H. Claire H. Cheryl Richard Choi Hetty Christina Sue Hiller Claire **Iack** Rosie Conaway Harlow James

Janis Craig Pr. Dan Jenny Cammy Endres Iim Erin Ioan Fleming Family Ioeli

Iohn Jon Donna Iordahl Randy K. Kath Kevin Kelly Corrine Kraus Leslie L. Steve M. Matt

Roger Matzke

Michael

Mike

Nancy

Robert Palmer Paul Rebecca Rick Dave Rotter Lynn S. Ruth Schmidt Lvnn Steinke Stephen Jane T. Terry Tom Mike Umland

Curt Nash

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 Ian Cooper Ionah Danny Kyan David Matthew Grant



FPLC Office Hours

Congratulations

Baptism

Hudson David Fritz, son of Colin and Grace Fritz was baptized on June 8.

Anniversary

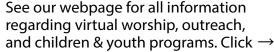
Congratulations and blessings to John and Beryl Mulhern, who are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on June 18!

Condolences

Our sympathy and prayers are with Tom Fleming, Wes & Liz Fleming and their children Wesley and Ava on the death of their wife, mother and grandmother, Weslyn Fleming. Funeral services will be held on Monday, July 7; 3:30 – 5 pm visitation; 5:00 pm service at Fox Point Church.

Funeral services for Guy Theune, who passed away May 22, will be held Thursday, June 26; 10am – 12pm visitation; 12pm service.









Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, June 11. If you would like to receive Mary's devotion on a weekly basis, please sign up here: Weekly Devotion.

Hello!

"Be still and know that I am God." - Psalm 46:10

I awoke near midnight and saw two beautiful green eyes staring into my own. Our cat, Ivy, had plopped down on top of me. At just seven pounds, she is so fluffy that I didn't even sense her presence until I blinked. Was she seeking warmth or comfort, maybe a little soft spot to settle in or perhaps she was just afraid. I wondered what motivated her to jump up on our bed. Did she just want to be near me? I became her "audience of one."

Moments with Our Father are like that...we become His "audience of one." We receive special attention from the servant that Jesus Christ became for us here on earth. Like quiet coffee with a good friend, or maybe it's more like a JOLT—Just One Little Thing, that gains our attention. However we become aware of His presence, it becomes a Eureka moment; His love and grace are suddenly with us, and He has captured our hearts and souls.

"When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, your consolations delight my soul."

- Psalm 94:19

How do you describe what it feels like to have God's presence surround your days? For me, it is a kind of assurance, like having a hand to hold on an icy sidewalk, or a calming slow breath when you struggle to catch a breath or having an attentive waiter in a fine restaurant. When we need Him most and notice Him least...that is when He softly seeks us out and welcomes us to the table of love and mercy. Not a disturbance... not a distraction... but a devotion.

We pray-

"Lord, our prayer this week is a simple one; help us to notice you. Help us to quieten our loud minds and centre our distracted hearts. Don't let us miss what you're up to in our lives. Amen."

— The Church of England

Blessings for a wonderful week! - Mary