LIFE TOGETHER This Week

Week of June 3, 2025 Vol 177 Real Faith For Real Life



One of our many auction items.

Tanzania Sunday - Join Us On Sunday June 8 & Stay After Services!

We're celebrating our 21-year partnership with the Meru Diocese in Tanzania! It's a very, very poor area filled with beautiful people who have survived poverty, droughts and hunger and are amazingly welcome and positive. It's due to you, our members, who have given them new lives and futures filled with promise.

Your gifts so far total \$585,137!

During services, Pastor Bill and his companions will share their experiences during their visit in January, and you'll find their stories both heart-warming and inspiring. A high point—several of the 84 thankful young people you've supported through college traveled from near and far to greet them.

This fall, we're increasing the number of tuition 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.

Be Sure To Stay After Services! Bid on items in our short live auction and the silent auction. Proceeds will help provide income for high school teachers who've been working for free for many months. You have already provided \$10,000 a year to cover tuition for poor high schoolers—a total of more than \$200,000 so far!

Please see the display boards in Fellowship Hall, too. They cover all you do for our partners in addition to scholarships—goats for widows and orphans, coffee purchases which help hundreds of farmers thrive, medical care—a long list!



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 9 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 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.









Summer Volunteers Needed at FPLC

Summer is a busy time with family events and travel. It means some of our regular volunteers aren't as available on Sunday mornings as they are the rest of year. This is your chance to try something new at FPLC (or revisit something you've done before). You can sign up for one date or many. You can help just for the summer, or if it fits your schedule, stay with it during the rest of the year. You'll be keeping people happy with coffee and donuts and/or things running smoothly during the service. What a tremendous help that would be!

> Help Needed: 6/8 and beyond

> > Sign Up!

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



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 sumer! 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.

Sign Up!

Our high school seniors at the Senior

Sending Service on May 18 were not only

given a special blessing as they leave high

school, the FPLC Piecemakers group gave each

with them on their journeys. The quilt will be a

reminder of their home church and the blessing

of them a beautiful hand-made quilt to take

Thank You Quilters

they received.





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

Contact: Ellen Feider: 414-435-8440

efeiderwi@gmail.com



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Thank you to all our quilters who put hours of time, talent and care into these works of fabric art.

If you have pictures from the Senior Sending service we'd love to see them! Email them to Stacia Hickey;

stacia@foxpointchurch.org.







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.

Lotion



Items currently most needed are in bold:

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 instan

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Hamburger Helper

Canned greens (collard, turnip)

Hygiene **Deodorant** Shampoo; full size Feminine products Conditioner; full size Vaseline Lip balm Nail clippers (new) Body wash; full size Diapers size 4-6 Vaseline **Throat lozenges** Toothpaste; full size

Sundays, June 15 and June 22 we will be holding a special protein food drive. See the list above for the protein items most in need.







Blanket Drive Update

Thank you to all of you who donated blankets, sheets and sleeping bags to MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary last month! We sent them at least

three carts of these items. We've done this drive every spring for several years. You've helped provide a comfortable place to sleep for many in Milwaukee.



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.

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

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.



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!









Danny Gokey, July 31, 2025!

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!

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

7-8:30pm – Headliner, Danny Gokey's performance.

To request a free ticket, use this link https://riseandshineinthepark.org/, which takes 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 there will be food and drinks for sale at FoxTown Station.

Questions? Contact Diane Knapp, diane@foxpointchurch.org. We can't wait to see you there!



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 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 atteding 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





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.

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All Peoples Church

Wish List of What Is Needed for The Garden:

2 - Large coolers

20 – La Valencia orange tomato plantsExterior bright colored paints; partially used is fine5 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.

Wish List

All Peoples Gathering
Table—produce
and other fresh food
items are available
for free every week at
the table next to their
community garden,
year round.





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-It's a House Finch!

Sometime between 8:30 am and 1 pm on Monday May 19, one bird hatched! Three white eggs and the cowbird egg didn't hatch. They are no longer in the nest.

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

It's hard to see in this dark picture, but this little one is getting more feathers, growing and moving more but has a ways to go before it flies the nest.

Best of luck to this tiny creature of God!







Volunteers need 6/25 and beyond



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 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.



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, 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:

Patterns







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/Asge 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.

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	



Craig

Erin

Pr. Dan

Cammy Endres

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

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

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

Jenny Jim Ioan Ioeli

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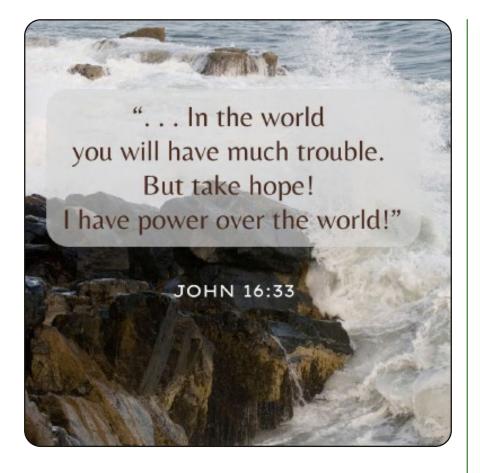
Kevin Kelly Corrine Kraus Leslie L. Steve M. Matt Roger Matzke Michael Mike Nancy

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

Curt Nash

Military

Alex Grant Cooper Ian Danny Kyan David Matthew



Congratulations

Baptism

McKinnon Jason Fechner, son of Jason and Brittany Fechner, was baptized May 25.

Condolences

Our sympathy and prayers are with Judy Theune, Eric Theune, Rachel & Josh Beam and their children Cora and Paige, Kurt and Kim Theune and their children William, Maya, and Pete on the death of their husband, father and grandfather, Guy Theune, on May 22.

Our sympathy and prayers are with the Sandy and Alan Murphy and their entire family on the death of Sandy's aunt & godmother, Vera Benson Komala, who passed away May 23.



Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, May 28. If you would like to receive Mary's devotion on a weekly basis, please sign up here: Weekly Devotion.

Hello!

"Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house." – Matthew 5:15

My husband has taught me to be frugal. From his saving of rubber bands to reheating day-old coffee to hanging on to WWII-era paper clips, it can drive me crazy! But it's also contagious. I love the glow of a beautifully scented candle in the morning. It burns so brightly, but also burns away, eventually melting way down! Trying to fit long-bladed scissors into that tall jar to snip the wick gets tough. But somehow, I just can't let that flame burn out...I keep on trying...saving it until it finally fizzles out. I need to see the light...enjoy the glow...even feel the bit of warmth it passes on to me. The light fills a dark void like nothing else I know.

"This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all." – John 1:5

What's the first thing you do when entering a dark room? Probably you reach for the light switch. If you love a fireplace, you strike a match to ignite the kindling and create the light and warmth of a blazing fire. Darkness can be troubling...we can lose our footing...lose our balance...we can lose our direction. Darkness of a different kind can paralyze us. We can even lose our hearts and souls. Light can keep us from falling and if we take a tumble, it can help to right us...and our balance. Our Heavenly Father embraces us with His gentle grace to light a little fire inside our hearts and to invite us to share that same fire of grace and love and compassion with our neighbors. Our Father's light transcends darkness and evil. God's light shows us entrances and exits...to salvation...to love...to hope!

"Father of compassion, please use me today to reach out to someone in need. Help me not to just feel hurt and pain for their situation but use me to help lighten their load. Jesus carried my cross so please grant me your compassion so I may carry the cross of another who needs your hope and encouragement." – Joni Eareckson Tada

Bless us that God's light will lift our hearts to lift other hearts this week! - Mary