

# LIFE TOGETHER This Week

Week of July 22, 2025 Vol 180 Real Faith For Real Life



#### Pizza & Live Music on the Patio!

#### Thurs., August 7; 7 pm - 9 pm

Come to FPLC's wonderful back patio where there will be music and pizza, wings, soda, beer and wine. There will be live music by Jeff Shoemaker and friends! It is a perfect way to relax and to get to know our FPLC members. Adults age 21+ only.

RSVP by scanning the QR code, in Fellowship Hall or by

clicking here: PIZZA

**Date:** Thursday, August 7 **Time:** 7 pm – 9 pm

**Location:** FPLC back patio

Fee: Free!



August 3 and 31 Help Needed-9 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; <a href="mailto:lori@foxpointchurch.org">lori@foxpointchurch.org</a> or 414-352-8990.

Sign Up!

Starting September 7 we are back to 9 and 10:30 services and we'll need coffee hour hosts at both.

You can sign up now for dates through the end of 2025!

#### **Food Needs Continue to Rise**

Cuts to several food assistance programs are projected to affect 48 million Americans. Some of the organizations supplying food to pantries we serve are federally funded, and they have less food to share with the pantries.

If you are able to donate, our pantries prefer items from this list—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; <a href="mailto:stacia@foxpointchurch.org">stacia@foxpointchurch.org</a>.

Items currently most needed are in bold:

#### **Protein**

Sardines; canned Chicken; canned Tuna; canned Beef Stew; canned Salmon; canned Meatball Spaghetti-O's Canned pastas w/meat

#### **Food Items**

Canned corn Baked beans Cereal

Pancake mix and syrup

Jelly

Peanut Butter

Oatmeal

Tuna Helper

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

Lip balm

Body wash; full size

Vaseline

Toothpaste; full size

Lotion Deodorant

Feminine products

Vaseline

Nail clippers (new)

Diapers size 4-6

Throat lozenges







Serenity Inns: 2825 W. Brown St.

#### Volunteers Needed:

Fri, August 15 Wed, August 27

Signup sheets have dates through December, 2025

Click here to sign up!



#### **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

and share a meal and conversation. This 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 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.



#### 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 continues through August 31. Questions? Contact Julie Schlifske; julie@foxpointchurch.org.



#### **One Service for Summer**

Now through August 31, we will all be worshiping together at 9:30 am!

It's been a great experience to interact with members who usually attend a different service time than you do and you'll hear both traditional and contemporary music!



#### **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; <a href="mailto:halling@wi.rr.com">halling@wi.rr.com</a>.







#### Patio Garden Is in Full Bloom!

If you haven't been on the back patio lately, take a look! The perennials planted last year are blooming. In addition to looking beautiful, they help our pollinators and provide other benefits. Here is a list of what has been planted:

*Gray stonecrop/Rhodiola pachyclado:* attracts bees, butterflies and other insects. Drought-tolerant and minimal maintenance

Cheddar pink/Dianthus gratianopolitanus: attracts bees, moths and butterflies

Catnip Nepeta faasseni: attracts bees and butterflies

White sagebrush/Artemesia ludoviciana: provides a food source for insects and birds

Woodland sage/Salvia nemorosa: it's good for insects, bees and butterflies for pollen and nectar and they have a long bloom time

*Purple Coneflower/Echinacea purpurea:* it's native to Wisconsin, attracts, bees and other insects, butterflies and birds *Mosquito Plant/Agastache cana:* it's not known as a pollinator, but for repelling mosquitoes

*Showy stonecrop/Hylotelephium spectabile*: a good source for late summer and fall for pollinators when other flowers are finished; they are very hardy for our winters and drought-tolerant.

#### Two 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.



#### **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.







"Transforming Lives Through Jesus Christ!"

#### **Become a Mentor and Save a Life!**

Fox Point Lutheran member David Romoser is inviting interested men to learn about GoldenOpps and its mentoring program. Dave is a former board member of Serenity Inns and now one of its Ambassadors.

GoldenOpps is deeply passionate about addressing the growing need for providing supportive services for men completing residential treatment. They are a bridge to help promote change by matching Christian men to serve as mentors. They instill a sense of self-worth, self-accountability, and self-respect in our initial mentoring sessions.

The environment of learning extends to Biblical knowledge and discipleship. The men experience life transformation in Jesus Christ and learn how to live long-term transformed lives with victory over their addiction.

There will be a to-be-scheduled meeting for men interested in knowing more about the program. The role of the mentor will be shared and an explanation of the training a volunteer mentor will receive will be explained.

It is well-documented that the relapse rate of men graduating from a recovery program is high. Data also shows that a Christ-centered post-graduation mentoring program reduces the relapse rate. By walking alongside and in partnership with the graduate, the mentor will share life skills and Biblically-based spiritual nurturing.

For more info, please contact Dave Romoser; 414-881-4136 or <a href="wdromoser@gmail.com">wdromoser@gmail.com</a>.



#### **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, August 19 **Time:** 9 am – 1:30 pm **Location:** Fellowship Hall

Contact: Ellen Feider: 414-435-8440

efeiderwi@gmail.com



### The Basics of Baby Massage: A Parent/Infant Class

Best for babies 2 weeks to under 12 months and their parent(s)/guardian(s). Infant massage can relieve fussiness, pain and discomfort for the baby as well

as help babies fall asleep sooner and sleep more restfully. Bring your baby, a blanket and wear comfy clothes to class as we will be on the floor. Handouts will be provided.

Date: Friday, August 22; 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 <a href="mailto:angiebiersach@gmail.com">angiebiersach@gmail.com</a>.

August 31 & September 7 Help Needed



#### **Usher Help Needed**

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>







#### MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary's Fantastic Fridays Lunch

The lunch program is a great way to serve hands-on with MBHS leadership, staff and volunteers and see the immediate impact

of serving others a meal in an inclusive and welcoming space. We need FPLC members to provide the meal components and serve lunch at the Fantastic Fridays lunch program held at Hephatha Lutheran Church. There are two ways to help:

#### If Cooking or a Little Grocery Shopping is for You:

On the sign-up page, choose which part of the meal you'd like to supply. Usually there are 2-3 sides, the main course and homemade cookies. If you are signing up to make the main course, you will be sent a recipe to use about 3 weeks beforehand. Sides will be chosen at the same time. If you would like to be reimbursed, just let Stacia Hickey know. Meal items are due to FPLC by Thursday, September 11 at noon. Sign up through the link below.

#### Serve the Meal and Experience the Day First Hand:

Join us on Friday, September 12 from 11 am – 1:30 pm to serve lunch to the guests. Not only do you serve the meal, chat with guests, staff and volunteers, you join the prayer and sharing circle—a low stress, prayerful and enlightening time to fill your heart.

#### Sign Me Up!

Sign up for both options through this link, on the "Serve in the Community" page of our website or through the QR code at the signup table on Sunday mornings.

#### **Questions?**

Contact Stacia Hickey with any questions; 414-352-8990 or <a href="mailto:stacia@foxpointchurch.org">stacia@foxpointchurch.org</a>.





#### **Voices of Strength**

### Opera Night: A fundraising Concert for Milwaukee's Breast Cancer Warriors

Enjoy an evening of beautiful music while supporting the Susan G. Komen Foundation and Team Phoenix. All of the musicians are breast cancer survivors themselves or have been directly affected by the disease. 100% of the proceeds will benefit Milwaukee's breast cancer community programs for research and survivorship though the organizations mentioned above. There is a free-will offering at the door or you may use this QR code to donate now!

Date: Friday, August 22

**Time:** 7:30 pm

Place: Fox Point Lutheran Church

**Price:** Free will offering





Cammy Endres

Fleming Family

### 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 <a href="mailto:church@foxpointchurch.org">church@foxpointchurch.org</a>!

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. Grant John Chamberlain Gregg Cheryl Anna H. Richard Choi Claire H Sue Hiller Christina Claire Harlow James Rosie Conaway Janis Dale Jenny Pr. Dan Jim

Ioan

Iohn Jon Curt Nash Donna Iordahl Robert Palmer Randy K. Paul Kath Rebecca Kevin Rick Corrine Kraus Dave Rotter Leslie L. Sue Sommer Makenna M. Lynn Steinke Steve M. Stephen Jane T. Matt Roger Matzke Terry Michael Tom Mike Umland Mike

Prayer Requests
Now you can make
a prayer request
through our website. Click Prayer
Requests to submit
a form or submit
a request through
email—church@foxpointchurch.org.

#### **Military**

Alex Grant
Cameron Ian
Cooper Jonah
Danny Kyan
David Matthew



#### **Condolences**

Our sympathy and prayers are with Alan and Karen Vesey on the death of their son Matthew on July 3.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Mark and Terri Chelmowski and their family on the loss of Mark's sister Kathy Turner on July 10.



#### 150 Lunches—July 27 MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary

Stop downstairs on Sunday, July 27 to make 150 brown bag lunches for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary.



No need to sign up—come down between services. Families/people of all ages are encouraged, but come right after the 9:30 am service because it only takes about 20 minutes!



#### Hello!

"How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings." – Psalm 36:7

Do you remember your own first love or a member of your family's first sweetheart? That little boy in kindergarten who pulled on your pigtails, or the little girl who was over the moon about your brother at his piano recital, or maybe it was much later in your life. A high school sweetheart that captured your own heart might have been THE one. It was for me...his name was Karl, he had lettered in track ...oh, but maybe it was Phil and then there was Tom. Our first loves can be fickle by nature as we come to know ourselves and what we desire in our companions. First love...true love...or just flirtations?

"We love because He first loved us." - 1 John 4:19

Where does this love of others come from...how do we even learn to love? It is as close as our own heartbeat...it is the nearness of the Holy One...it is the precious love of God for us. Unlike our own first loves, God doesn't dabble in love, he doesn't flirt with us, He is a rock and a rockstar...in Jesus – His love made visible. Our Father's love is at the heart of all inspired human relationships. His is the first love...our first love...our true love!

"This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you." – John 15:12 Father, thank you for teaching us the way to love one another...neighbors, family members, friends, those who are challenging to love, even our enemies, if it is possible. Please soften and open our sometimes-hardened hearts and let your tender mercies and infinite love fill us. Help us to pay it all forward with your guiding spirit. Amen.

Let His love encourage us!

- Mary

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