



September 7 at FPLC

Sunday, September 7 is a big day for FPLC! We are kicking off the beginning of fall worship, programs and Kids' Church!

Two Service Times Are Back

We return to the 9 am and 10:30 am service schedule on September 7. Our two services have different musical experiences: the 9 am service has more traditional music with our FPLC Chancel Choir, Joyful Noise Bell Choir and organ music. For a contemporary music service, join us at the 10:30 service with our Fox Point Church Worship Team.

Kids' Church!

We're beginning a new school year of Kids' Church with age-appropriate art projects, videos and games to allow your children to explore the most important stories in the Bible and the teachings and messages of Jesus. It's a tradition at FPLC to kick off the year with a bouncy house and the 2-story inflatable slide for the kids to play on after both services. As always, there will be a tasty treat to enjoy as well.

We look forward to seeing you all as we kick off a great new season!



School Supply Update

Thank you for the wonderful response we've had to the school supply drive for All Peoples Church. They have over 250 children registered to receive a backpack filled with school supplies.

FPLC has given 4k – high school students:

- 45 complete school supply sets
- 34 backpacks
- hand sanitizers
- books
- notebooks
- scientific calculators
- loose leaf paper

With 2 services again starting September 7 we would like to add more Lectors, Coffee Hour Hosts and Ushers to our schedules or as subs. Try something new this fall!



Share Your Voice — Be a Sunday Lector!

We're inviting additional voices to join our lector rotation or to serve as a substitute when needed. Readings are provided several days in advance, along with a pronunciation guide, so you'll have plenty of time to prepare. Contact Lori Barrieau at lori@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990 to learn more or sign up.



Usher Help Needed

Ushers are vital to keep our Sunday services running smoothly. We'd love to have you be one of our FPLC ushers! Ideally you'd choose to be part of a regular rotation, but we also need subs. Who can usher? Confirmation students (with a parent), high school students and all adults. Contact Lori Barrieau at lori@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990 to learn more or 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.

We still need a Coffee Hour Host at 10:30 am on September 7 and 14. You can sign up now for dates through the end of 2025!

Sign Up!



Congratulations to Serenity Inns!

Twenty-three years ago, the leaders of a group of Lutheran churches, including our two partners, All Peoples the

Gathering Church and Cross Lutheran Church, founded Serenity Inns. Since then, more than 600 men have found new lives by taking part in Serenity's residential treatment program to free themselves from substance abuse.

Its growth has been miraculous, from one residential treatment house to the purchase of an apartment building where graduates can live while they build futures, to the construction of the new, 14-bed Treatment Center last year. The latest achievement is the opening of a new drop-in center at Redeemer Lutheran Church next to Marquette University.



The Treatment Center

On August 14, Serenity won an important award and a \$1,000 grant for its success from Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment. AHW is a statewide health philanthropy established by the Medical College of Wisconsin and supported by a generous gift from Blue Cross & Blue Shield. The recognition took place at the annual MANDI dinner which celebrates the people, organizations, and projects that are working to revitalize neighborhoods, help residents, and strengthen the community.

FPLC has been involved with supporting Serenity Inns since its start through the dedication of several of our members. Tom Dunst is an Ambassador—a retired member of the board. Lorraine Buehler, also an Ambassador, is committed to Dinner Fellowship and is passionate about including all of you in this rewarding program. You bring the dinner, share the meal, you and the men share your experiences and stories with each other. Your middle school students (and older) are

welcome to join you—it's a great service opportunity for Confirmation students. We have three slots every month—see page 3 to sign up.



The Buehler Alumni House

FPLC member Dave Romoser was key in finding the building that is now called the Buehler Alumni House in honor of Lorraine and her husband Bill. Alumni House has 7 apartments for 14 men to live independently. The project took 4 years with the help of over 100 volunteers, mostly from FPLC. Bill has devoted years of daily work caring for the Inn and renovating the apartment building. He has received several awards but the one, Inspire By Example in 2017 from the Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee, was for leading the renovation of the apartment building.

We hope you'll join our congregation in supporting Milwaukee's break-through program, helping men who are determined to recover from substance abuse.

How to get involved

Dinner Fellowship

A terrific way to have a direct impact on the success of the men in the program is through Dinner Fellowship. Graduates of the program often list Dinner Fellowship as one of the things that has helped them most with recovery. They receive caring support and interaction with community members through a meal!

Celebration of Recovery

SI's Celebration of Recovery is September 18. By attending, you'll support their mission, learn more about the program and hear directly from the men how Serenity Inns has transformed their lives. It's a moving, inspirational evening!

See page 3 for more details on both!



Volunteers Needed:

**September
11, 19 & 24**

Signup sheets have dates
through Dec., 2025

Serenity Inns: 2825 W. Brown St.

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.

Click here to sign up!

Sign Up!



Serenity Inns' Celebration of Recovery

Whether you have volunteered at Serenity Inns in the past or not, we invite you to join Serenity Inns' Celebration of Recovery on September 18, 2025 at the Italian Community Center (ICC). This is an inspiring evening dedicated to honoring the strength and transformation of those on the journey to recovery. As part of the event, we'll be hosting a silent auction, and we're currently seeking donated items to help make it a success. Whether it's a gift basket, artwork, tickets, or unique experiences, your contribution will directly support the life-changing programs at Serenity Inns.

To donate to the silent auction, contact Serenity Inns at abryant@serenityinns.org or 414-873-5474.

For more Celebration of Recovery details or to register call the number above or click the graphic below!



Thank you for your support!



Welcome To Another Year of Kids' Church!

We are so happy to have your child join us for a new year of games, crafts, special outreach projects, and kid-appropriate videos—all designed to help your child learn about the Bible and grow their relationship with God and Jesus.

Kids' Church is held during our regular worship services at 9:00 and 10:30. Our kids are taught by specially screened and trained teaching staff so that you can sit back and enjoy worship!

Please take a minute to register for Kids' Church even if you have enrolled in previous years. Please register by September 1.

Nursery

(birth to 3 years)

Drop your little one off any time before the service in our nursery, which is located in the lower level. Relax and enjoy worship. We can text you during the service if we need you!

**Nursery
Registration**

Preschool

(age 3 by Sept 1 – 4K)

A special name tag is available for registered kids at our preschool table just inside the front entrance to the church. Grab a name tag and bring your child down to our preschool classroom when kids are released to Kids' Church after the pastor's Junior Sermon. The preschool classroom is in our lower level near the main staircase on the south side of the building. Please pick up your child after worship concludes.

**Preschool
Registration**

Faith Builders

(5K – 6th grades)

Our elementary kids meet in the lower level in the far north hallway. Just turn left at the bottom of the main staircase.

**Faith Builder
Registration**

Why register?

Visitors and guests are always welcome to join Kids' Church and our nursery. If you are a member or more than an occasional visitor, we ask that you register so that we can plan for our class sizes and teacher and supply needs. If you are registered, you will also be able to receive emails that will keep you informed about current kids' (and church) events and programs.

Not sure whether you're a 9 or a 10:30 am family?

That's ok! We know some families change their minds about service times or switch back and forth throughout the year. Just make your best guess about your most likely service time so that we can make our best guess about average class sizes!

Questions?

Contact our Director of Childrens' Ministries, Julie Schlifske.

**Email
Julie**



MACCANON BROWN
HOMELESS SANCTUARY, INC.

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/either option through the link below, 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 stacia@foxpointchurch.org.

Sign Up!



Our Next Generation Tutoring with Congregation Shalom

Do you enjoy spending time with children? Do you have just one hour a week to share? If so,

we invite you to become a volunteer in our after-school partnership with Congregation Shalom and Our Next Generation. Help make a lasting difference in the lives of young students.

We are currently looking for caring, enthusiastic individuals to work with students in 1st through 4th grade from October through early May. As a volunteer, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Read one-on-one with children
- Play fun, educational games that support learning
- Help with homework and reinforce classroom concepts
- Build meaningful relationships with students who will look forward to seeing you each week

The children come from Our Next Generation in Milwaukee, an organization dedicated to supporting academic success and personal growth.

Volunteers from Congregation Shalom and FPLC work together to create a warm, supportive environment and we'd love for you to be a part of it! No experience necessary!

We meet at Congregation Shalom at 4:30 pm, just before the students arrive and wrap up at 5:45. The ideal is that you are paired with the same student each week but due to absences and group changes, that may not always be possible.

There will be an orientation meeting in the fall. If you are interested, or have questions, please contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org.



Two Ways to Help Our Friends in Tanzania



MOUNT MERU COFFEE
PREMIUM TANZANIAN COFFEE

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.



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 through 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



EVELYN POLLOCK,
SOPRANO



ANNE EARNHEART,
SOPRANO



MARGARET HAGEDORN,
PIANO



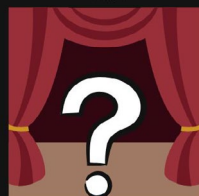
TERESA DREWS,
PIANO



DEREK TAYLOR,
TENOR



SANDI LASH,
MEZZO-SOPRANO



AND SURPRISE
GUESTS!





See our webpage for all information regarding virtual worship, outreach, and children & youth programs. Click →



Fox Point Church

Women's Club 2025-2026 Programming

Men Are Welcome to Join in Anytime!

We are excited for this season's programming, full of informative and entertaining presentations, outings, and fellowship! We are also collaborating with Men's Club on several of the programs.

Our planned outings include Foxtown Brewing beer cave tour, Holy Hill tour, Congregation Shalom tour, and MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary tour. Our guest speakers include Rabbi Noah Chertkoff (Congregation Shalom), Pastor Bill (State of the Church), Ben Mudra (Uphaven) and Jessica Michna (as Golda Meir).

We are still confirming some of the programs (below), so make sure to check the church newsletter, bulletin, or Women's Club website regularly for any program updates, changes and/or details. Events are scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month. You may sign up and pay for events in Fellowship Hall or online via the FPLC Women's Club webpage.

Any questions, please contact Carrie Doss; carried748@gmail.com; 414-840-3687 or Patty Roberts; paroberts63@yahoo.com, 262-278-7005.

Planned Program Schedule:

September 10, 2025

Foxtown Brewing & Beer Cave Tour—Men Invited

(see our website for the full description)

Carpool from FPLC at 11:30 am

Lunch at noon (pay on your own)

Cave Tour at 2 pm (additional \$10)

Contact: Patty Roberts; paroberts63@yahoo.com or 262-278-7005

Registration: In Fellowship Hall or online at: [Women's Club](#)

October 8, 2025

Outing: Holy Hill Tour Basilica & Shrine

November 12, 2025

Congregation Shalom Overview & Tour

December 10, 2025

Women's & Men's Clubs Christmas Concert

January 14, 2026

Downsizing Your Home & Moving

February 11, 2026

State of the Church (Collaboration with Men's Club)

March 11, 2026

Uphaven Overview (Collaboration with Men's Club)

April 8, 2026

Jessica Michna as Golda Meir

May 13, 2026

Outing: MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary



Women's Book Club

This casual and fun book club starts back up September 8. If you like to meet fun people, read good books, have tasty snacks and have interesting chats about books, this is the group for you!

They meet every 6 weeks from 7 pm – 8:30 pm (approx) and take turns leading the discussion

and bringing snacks. Here are the books they'll be reading this year. Don't worry, if you haven't finished the book (or maybe even started it?) join in anyway! If you have any questions or would like to join (even if you can't make every date), email or call Joanne Ginster; jmginster@yahoo.com or (414) 491-8939.

First Book/Date:

September 8: *The Gunkle* by Steven Rowley

We'll sign up for discussion leaders and snacks at this meeting as well as pick our final two books.

Additional Dates:

October 20

December 1

January 12

February 23

April 6

May 18

Books (Dates for each book TBD)

Boat Baby by Vicky Nguyen

Every Note Played by Lisa Genova

The Best Minds by Jonathan Rosen

Theo of Golden by Allen Levi

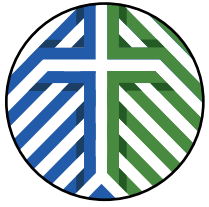
There was a 4-way tie for the last two spots. They'll vote on which two of these four will be included in book club:

Absolution by Alice McDermott

More or Less Maddy by Lisa Genova

The Measure by Nikki Erick

The Wedding People by Allison Escape



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation—7th & 8th Graders

What is Confirmation?

FPLC's 2-year Confirmation program is a time for both faith formation and spiritual exploration for the student and the whole family. The hope is that all involved will grow in their love of God, become familiar with the essential teaching of the Christian faith and form authentic, affirming friendships with one another and with Christian mentors.

The Confirmation program is to inspire "Real Faith, for Real Life". The program starts them on a process of growing their faith, not just through 7th and 8th grades, but continuing their whole lives.

Wednesday Workshops

Our workshops take place on Wednesdays from 7 – 8:30 pm. Any schedule changes due to weather or any other reason will be communicated to parents. This is our schedule for the entire year and is also on our website.

October

October 1
October 15

November

November 5
November 19

December

December 3
December 17

January

January 7
January 21

February

February 4
February 18 *No workshop due to Ash Wednesday service.

Orientation for New Students and Parents

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 7 – 8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

We'll go over "all things Confirmation" at this meeting for new students and their parents. It's a good way to meet staff, mentors and other parents and students involved in the program. You'll get the basics of everything you need to know as you head into Confirmation.

Where Do I Find Information, Schedules, and Registration Forms and Permission Slips?

Whether you are new or returning to the Confirmation program, our website is the place to go for all of these things! Use the link below to find everything you need. If you have any questions, contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.

Confirmation Information

March

March 4
March 18

April

April 8
April 22 – 8th Graders Only, Affirmation Workshop

May

Wednesday, May 6; 7:00-8:00 pm
Confirmation Rehearsal for both 8th graders and their parents.

Sunday, May 17; 3:00pm
Rite of Confirmation Ceremony

It's Time For College In Tanzania!

As many of you learned on Tanzania Sunday, every August we have the chance to provide a future for a number of young people in our partner parishes in Tanzania. We have the chance to enable them to realize their educational dreams.

College wasn't an option for these students before we started our program in 2014. Since then, our members have provided scholarships to send 84 of them to college. They come from the villages that Pastor Bill visited in January; the depth of the poverty they witnessed is oppressive, but the people remain happy and positive for the future.

This year, because of your generosity, we have decided to support 18 students instead of 15. Their applications just arrived after being screened by the education committee in Tanzania. Our team will go over each one carefully, too, including those from the ten returning students. If history is any guide, some sponsors will want to continue their support, but it's possible we'll be looking for new sponsors as well.

Sponsorship can be by an individual, a couple, or a small group (church, friends, family). Of the 18, here's the breakdown, by cost (tuition, books, and university fees for a full year) for what the students need:

\$1000 – \$1544

4 students

\$500 – \$888

8 Students

Under \$500

6 Students

Because several students have written about hunger and living expenses in their applications, we are also looking into other ways that we might help. Depending on the town/city:

Rent

Hostels: \$60-\$200/month

Single room/year: \$500-\$1,000

Food

\$100-\$150 month

Computers

New: \$600 US

Used: \$200 US



Pr. Bill's team visiting Tanzania in January of 2025.

For information about sponsorship or providing funds for living expenses, please contact Bunny Raasch-Hooten; bunnyraasch@gmail.com.

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; stacia@foxpointchurch.org.

Items currently most needed are in bold:

Protein

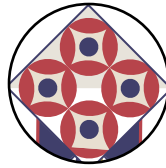
Sardines; canned
Chicken; canned
Tuna; canned
Beef Stew; canned
Salmon; canned
Meatball Spaghetti-O's
Canned pastas w/meat
Peanut Butter

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



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, September 16

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, September 19; 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.

Monday Evening Bible Study Open

The Monday Evening Bible Study has finished their summer topic and will be starting a new—to be determined—topic in September.

This is the perfect time to join, new members are always welcome! The group meets every Monday from 7 – 8:30 pm.

Contact Lori Barrieau for more information or to join the group; lori@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!

Prayer Requests

Now you can make a prayer request through our web-site. 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

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

Anna	Fleming Family	John	Nancy
Woody Barksdale	Rick Frank	Jon	Curt Nash
Kim Bell	Andrea G.	Donna Jordahl	Robert Palmer
Jay Blair	Jenny G.	Randy K.	Paul
Shelley Burns	Kathy G.	Kath	Rebecca
Kathy C.	Joan Gildner	Corrine Kraus	Rick
John Chamberlain	Gillian	Bonnie L. & Family	Dave Rotter
Cheryl	Grant	Leslie L.	Sue Sommer
Richard Choi	Gregg	Makenna M.	Stephen
Claire	Anna H.	Steve M.	Jane T.
Rosie Conaway	Sue Hiller	Matt	Terry
Dale	Harlow James	Roger Matzke	Tom
Pr. Dan	Jim	Michael	Mike Umland
Dan C	Joan	Mike	Wayne
Cammy Endres			

Congratulations

Baptisms

Sofia Mae Hurtz, daughter of Lisa and Adam Hurtz, was baptized August 10.

Luka Orion Stefanich, son of Alisa and Joseph Stefanich, was baptized August 10.

Wedding

Congratulations and best wishes to Julie Deleeuw and Dennis Krings, who were married on August 16.

Condolences

Our prayers and condolences are with Dr. Mike Anderson and his children Sean, Megan and Blake on the death of Mike's mother Charlotte M. Anderson.



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.



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.

"My little children
let us not love in
word, neither in
tongue, but in
deed and in truth."

- 1 John 3:18

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 →



Fox Point Church



Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, August 13. If you would like to receive Mary's devotion on a weekly basis, please sign up here: [Weekly Devotion](#).

Hello!

"... He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ...Simon answered,... "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets."... when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking...they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink." – Luke 5: 4-7

Casting a line for walleye on Little Twin Lake was a summertime family tradition. Unlike Jesus' disciples, our catch did not include the tilapia or catfish caught in the Sea of Galilee. Yucky leaches clung to the bottom of our boat, but mostly I remember the hot sun shimmering over the water and lacy dragonflies hovering nearby. With three kids bathed in Coppertone and Dad in his fishing hat, we'd sit for hours watching the red and white bobbers. We trusted Dad as he divulged fishing secrets while we hoped for a walleye... that was usually a sunfish!

Jesus' goal was loving and building His dear ones from fishermen into fishers of men, to gather the hearts and souls of His followers into the love of God's kingdom. Transforming the new believers to mentor other newbies and what an amazing sight it must have been that day ...so many fish that the nets overflowed, and the boats almost sank! What an amazing blessing it must have been that day ...to foster such trust in these men and the promises of God! Jesus knew and taught all the worthy attributes of a good fisherman... to be patient and observant...to be a little fearless... to be faithful to the task and determined...to love our helpers, and maybe even be a bit adventurous! Requirements for Jesus' recruits...and we are also Jesus' recruits.

"So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything that I have told you. You can be sure that I will be with you always. I will continue with you until the end of the world." – Matthew 28:19-20

Father, please shower us in the love and joy of brotherhood as we follow Jesus and keep our eyes on Him. In our world, as in His world thousands of years ago, we ask that you teach us to cast our own nets...with abandon. Amen.

Be refreshed! – Mary