

LIFE TOGETHER This Week

Week of August 5, 2025 Vol 181 Real Faith For Real Life



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

Location: FPLC back patio

Fee: Free!

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



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.







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Asante Sana! Thank You With All Of Our Hearts! Tanzania Sunday Recap and Future Steps

All of you—our pastors and staff, our congregation, our choir and musicians, our volunteers—are the most giving, caring people! We know our Tanzania partnership is new to many of you, yet you responded from your hearts.

Tanzania Sunday was an amazing success! Your auction bids, purchases, and financial gifts raised a record \$17,714.38!! The noisy offering alone brought in \$897.60—keep saving those coins! The proceeds will help teachers who have been working without pay at the three private high schools in our partner diocese for many months—they are a dedicated team.

Hearing Pastor Bill and John and Jos. share the challenges that our friends in the Meru District face every day made it clear—it's an impoverished area, but the people are positive and hopeful and smile their way through challenges. Your generosity makes an incredible difference!

We've been partners with Meru since Pastor Bill's first trip in the early 2000's. One of our major commitments is making sure that kids can attend high school, private and public. Your gifts, Sunday offerings, and focused donations, enable us to send \$10,000 a year to our partners to help cover high school tuition and other costs.

In 2014, we made another important decision—to help their students get a college education. So far, our members—individuals, couples, and groups—have provided scholarships for 84 students and graduates, covering their tuition and fees. Most of the yearly grants have ranged from \$300 to \$1000, with just a few above that. We are increasing the number of scholarships from 15 to 18 a year. We'll be sharing the student's stories and dreams with you in the near future.

Another wonderful opportunity to give! The students' families provide what they can to help, but, again, they are all extremely poor. We've learned that some students have faced painful challenges—doing without computers, housing, even food while attending school. We hope you will help us find creative ways to provide those things for students in need.

Your FPLC Tanzania Committee

Below are some of the average prices for things students pay for in addition to their tuition. Depending on the needs of the individual student, these are the kinds of things we hope to help with going forward. Not included in this list are computers, which we will also try to help with.

Accommodations

Rent for a one-bedroom apartment in a city such as Dar es Salaam or Mwanza can range from \$50 to \$300 per month (in US dollars), while outside the city, rent can be even lower.

Cost of Accommodations per year: Single room \$500 – \$1,000 Double room \$500 Four-person room \$300 Six-person room \$200 Eight-person room \$150

Food

A meal at a local restaurant can cost anywhere from \$1 to \$10, depending on the type of food and the location. Basic staple foods are rice, beans, and maize.

Transportation

Public transportation in Mwanza, such as buses and taxis, is relatively cheap, with fares starting at around \$0.50.

Utilities

Basic utilities such as water, electricity, and internet cost about \$20 to \$100 per month, depending on usage.

Miscellaneous

Other everyday expenses, such as clothing, entertainment, and personal items, can vary widely depending on individual preferences and needs.



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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.



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





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Serenity Inns: 2825 W. Brown St.

Volunteer Needed:

Friday, August 15

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.

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.

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!





Share Your Voice — Be a Sunday Lector!

We're inviting new 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. Interested? Contact Lori Barrieau at lori@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990 to learn more or sign up.



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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.

Vaseline

Nail clippers (new)

Diapers size 4-6

Throat lozenges

Items currently most needed are in bold:

Protein

Hygiene Sardines; canned Shampoo; full size Chicken: canned Conditioner; full size Tuna: canned Lip balm Beef Stew; canned Body wash; full size Vaseline Salmon; canned Toothpaste; full size Meatball Spaghetti-O's Canned pastas w/meat Lotion Peanut Butter **Deodorant** Feminine products

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)

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, 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 angiebiersach@gmail.com.

> 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.

Sign Up!



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 Andrea G. Kath Kim Bell Jenny G. Corrine Kraus Dave Rotter Jay Blair Kathy G. Leslie L. Sue Sommer Makenna M. Shelley Burns Ioan Gildner Stephen Kathy C. Steve M. Jane T. Grant John Chamberlain Matt Terry Gregg Roger Matzke Cheryl Anna H. Tom Mike Umland Richard Choi Sue Hiller Michael

Claire Harlow James Mike
Rosie Conaway Jim Nancy
Dale Joan Curt Nash
Pr. Dan John Robert Palmer
Cammy Endres Jon Paul

Fleming Family Donna Jordahl Rick Frank Randy K.

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>.

Military

Alex Grant
Cameron Ian
Cooper Jonah
Danny Kyan
David Matthew

Congratulations

Genevieve Lillian Brunn, daughter of Victoria and Cory Brunn, was baptized August 3.

Rebecca

Condolences

Our sympathy and prayers are with Peter and Heather Klug and their children Tyler, Myles and Bella on the death of Peter's father Tom Klug on July 28.



HOSPITAL

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.

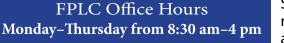


Caregivers Support Group

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.



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Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, July 30. If you would like to receive Mary's devotion on a weekly basis, please sign up here: Weekly Devotion.

Hello!

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

– 1 Thessalonians 5:11

The little dish caught my eye, and I realized I had never once taken my estate sale "find" off the shelf in the dining room cupboard! The back stamp, "Lofton hand painted" had a tell-tale serial number. Turns out that it is called a "This and That" dish...I love that term! Our lives with God are a bit of this and that, a mix of the Holy Spirit's guidance, our being propelled in the world by a caring God, reaching out to our neighbors, Sunday worship and all that accompanies our spiritual life.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." – Hebrews 10:24-25

Maybe you've noticed that when you forward something on Facebook, two words follow your forward...it says, "See More." Just like that dish, our spiritual lives can sit on a shelf too, and the "see more", well, what's beyond those words anyway? Will it reveal a pattern of service, reaching out, worship, prayer, loving on people or will it reveal that we can do a little better? Maybe you can call or email someone you know who is struggling, or change up a word to encourage, rather than dishearten. Maybe you can "get your feet wet" in faith by being a cheerleader for someone or offering to grab a cup of coffee for a new member on Sunday morning. Or study and learn more about Jesus' life, the one He gave up just for you! We can shine our own light, by embracing His invitation to join Him...the welcome mat is out for all of us!

Dear God, soften our hearts and help us pull up a chair for one another. May we view one another with compassion and remember that we all have a seat at the table. Amen.

- Maria Schriver

Be encouraged and spread the word! - Mary