

LIFE TOGETHER This Week

Week of September 2, 2025 Vol 183 Real Faith For Real Life



September 7 at FPLC—This Sunday!

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 schedules 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 a 2-story inflatable slide for the kids after both services. As always, there will be a tasty treat to enjoy as well. See page 5 for information on Kids' Church and registration links.

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



Our Next Generation Tutoring with Congregation Shalom: 7 More Tutors Needed!

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 grades from October through early May on Thursdays. 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 on Thursdays at 4:30 pm, just before the students arrive and wrap up at 5:45. Ideally 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. We have a great list of subs but need 7 more weekly tutors! If you are interested or have friends, significant others or family members who are interested, please contact Stacia Hickey_stacia@foxpointchurch.org. We also need volunteers to pick up pizza at the Bayshore Rocky Rococos every week and bring it to Shalom. This could be shared with multiple volunteers. (Paid for by Shalom.) Thank you!







Help Needed! People to Supply: The Main Dish (recipe provided), cookies, and/or Serve the Meal—Friday, September 12



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 to the right.

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.



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.







Volunteers Needed:

September 19 October 17 & 22 Signup sheets have dates through Dec., 2025

Serenity Inns: 2825 W. Brown St.

Serenity Inns Dinner FellowshipWhy 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 or purchase (see info below) 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.
- Any cookware you bring will be washed by the men.

- You receive an email a week before your date with the number of residents; now the number is between 9 and 12. You cook 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 for Confirmation students (with their parent(s)).

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!

Cooking for a crowd: Stressful? Time-consuming? Not your thing? That's okay! By FPLC Member Barbara Frank

If you are too busy to cook, it's JUST FINE to buy a good dinner and bring it to share with residents. Several possibilities are suggested below, but you can pick your own! Two of the residents' faves are KY Fried Chicken and Mac & Cheese. You can just add salad and dessert!

My children have talked for years about the deep impression serving dinner to those less fortunate made on them. Help your family develop empathy and understanding of others by serving dinner at Serenity Inns.

Consider buying a meal or parts of it from the following:

Out & Out Catering (Cedarburg) Sendik's

Bunzel's Meat Market Karl's Country Market

Kentucky Fried Chicken Qdoba

Glorioso's Italian Market Piggly Wiggly

Metro Mart Deli Jimmy John's

Woodman's Jersey Mike's







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 <u>abryant@serenityinns.org</u> or 414-873-5474.

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



Help Make Sundays Special—Volunteer with Us

With 2 services starting again on September 7 we would like to add more Coffee Hour Hosts and Ushers to our schedules or as subs.

Try something new this fall!



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, 21 and 28. You can sign up now for dates through the end of 2025!



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.

Postponed: Monday Morning & Wednesday Evening Study Groups

The Monday morning (10 am) and Wednesday evening women's (6:30 pm) study groups are postponed for the time being. We'll let you know when they begin again.

Questions? Contact the church office at 414-352-8990.







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 ASAP.

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.







Music Ministries



Chancel Choir—Come Sing with Us!

Our choir is open to all! We rehearse Thursdays from 7 – 8:15 pm beginning September 4 in the music room. We sing primarily at the 9 am Sunday services, arriving at 8:30 am to warm

up, but also during special services throughout the year. Contact Tony Mudra for more information.

Email Tony



Joyful Noise Handbell Choir—Join Us!

New members welcome—previous experience is NOT required! Handbell Choir is a wonderful way to share your talents with the church in a new, unique way. We practice Thursdays from 6 – 7 pm begin-

ning September 18. We play at least one Sunday a month and attend occasional workshops and festivals as a group. We have members that have played for decades and some that had never held a bell before! All are welcome! Contact Jana Larson for more information.

Email Jana



Children's Choirs

K5-6th Grades

Children's Choir begins September 14 and will generally follow the Sunday School calendar. Our two amazing directors, Anne Earnhart and Paul Corrao, will hold rehearsals Sunday mornings between the worship services, from 10 am-10:25 am.

What to Expect

Children will learn songs that they will perform in worship 4-6 times per year. Click the button below to complete the registration. More details provided on the form. If you have questions, Jeff Shoemaker, our Director of Music and Technology will be happy to help you.

Registration

Email Jeff







Women's Club & Men's Clubs: Outing to FoxTown Brewing & Beer Cave Tour

We kick off our season with a tour of the FoxTown Brewing Beer Caves. Enjoy lunch at FoxTown Brewing in Mequon, followed by a guided tour of their beer caves. See below for times and locations. Please note there are steps leading to the caves.

Date: Wednesday, September 10

Time: 11:30 am at church to carpool (drivers needed!)

12:00 pm lunch at FoxTown

2 pm tour

Price: pay your own lunch; \$10 for Beer Cave tour

Location: FoxTown Brewery: 6411 W. Mequon Rd., Mequon; 262-292-5700

Registration: Click <u>HERE</u> or sign up in Fellowship Hall

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



Women's Book Club

This casual and fun book club starts back up September 8. They meet every 6 weeks from 7 pm – 8:30 pm (approx) and take turns leading the discussion and bringing snacks. Here is the books they'll be reading this year. 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 Guncle* by Steven Rowley We'll sign up for discussion leaders and snacks at this meeting.

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. We'll publish those books once we have a final tally!



Sheepshead Group at FPLC Is Back!

Dates: Friday, September 12

Declared the official card game of Milwaukee in 1983, Sheepshead is a staple to Wisconsin card players. Are you interested in joining a group of Sheepshead players to meet at church for some friendly competition? We play in Fellowship Hall, on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. We will have "learning aids" available to help with the basics, and experienced players to guide you.

We are looking forward to sharing the fun! Interested or would you like more information? Contact Jim Schmidt at schmidtyjim@aol.com.







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.

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 Info

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.

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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.

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; 3:00 pm Rite of Confirmation Ceremony



Promising Young Scholars Scholarship Awarded at All Peoples Church

On Sunday, August 31, Mark Smith and Lorraine Buehler presented the Promising Young Scholars \$1,000 Award to Tara Holty at All Peoples Gathering Church. Tara is a junior at UWM majoring in Animation for Video Game Development with a minor in Japanese. Her interests include music—she plays the violin and cello—and sports, especially tennis and swimming. According to Pr. Even McVann at All Peoples, Tara also has a heart for service, working in the congregation's garden and food ministries. In her application, Tara says the garden "has not only taught me practical know-how but shown me the power of constant, hands-on ministry to create actual and deep change in my neighborhood." We are happy to assist Tara on her path to create stories through the artistic



Lorraine Buehler, Mark Smith & Tara Holty

animation of video games, and we are grateful to FPLC's Sharon Byrne for her support of this scholarship.









Fox Point Moms—2 Groups!

Tuesday Evenings

This adult group offers a safe, open space to support moms of any age. This will be a time to mentor and support each other and discuss parenting and family issues—learning realistic and supportive faith-based advice for today's busy moms. Spread the word, this will be a great group!

Leaders: Mary Beth Scalise and Meghan Langlois

Dates: September's kick-off meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 9, followed by Sept. 23. Regular

sessions are the first and third Tuesday evenings of most months.

Time: 6:30 – 8:00pm

Location: Heritage Room (main level)

Signup: Use the QR code or click <u>HERE</u>. No need to RSVP for each session.

Friday Mornings

This group is open to all moms of any age and provides a safe, supportive environment. We will focus on a devotional and discuss it at each session. Whether you are a mom or not, please help us spread the word by sharing this opportunity to get together.

Leaders: Angie Biersach & Tracy Christenson

Date: Kick off is Sept. 12 with the second meeting Sept. 26! We meet every 2 wks.; 2nd

and 4th Fridays of the month

Time: 9:30 – 11:00 am

Location: FPLC, next to the Point Cafe; lower level in the room next to the Cafe. **Signup:** Use the QR code or click <u>HERE</u>. No need to RSVP for each session.





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.

Hygiene

Lip balm

Vaseline

Lotion

Deodorant

Vaseline

Shampoo; full size

Conditioner; full size

Body wash; full size

Toothpaste; full size

Feminine products

Nail clippers (new)

Diapers size 4-6

Throat lozenges

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)



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 12; 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

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!

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

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

Nancy

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



Dan C.

Dawn

Hospital Visits

Joan

Iohn

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.





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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.



Donate Blood at FPLC October

Some patients with breast cancer need blood transfusions to recover from chemotherapy, while others need transfusions during surgery.

Click Here to Sign Up!

Donate October 30



Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, August 27. If you would like to receive Mary's devotion on a weekly basis, please sign up here: Weekly Devotion.

Hello!

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." – Romans 8:38-39

My favorite ground coffee comes tightly sealed in a blue paper sack and the rich aroma when it bursts open is incredibly inviting. So much so that I keep the empty bag of Seattle's Best for a few days to relive that feeling of first coffee in the morning. It's rich and delicious and just a whiff gives me pause.... stops me...redirects me... takes me to a warm and welcoming place and I want to take that feeling along with me!

It can be a wonderful thing to take something that makes you feel good along with you into your day – a word, something sweet or savory, perhaps some little treasure, maybe something from Our Father. One little treasure I take along is the scripture from my Thrivent desk calendar – a new word from the Lord every morning. A holy take-away to carry me forward because I know that whatever comes up, I can turn to that writing to recharge or comfort me – I can turn to the Lord Jesus. His words and ideas are like that – simply amazing. From Henri Nouwen – "Jesus breaks right through our normal logic. He is moving all of reality to the kingdom."

"Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life." - Psalm 54:4

So, no matter what else you take along with you today, take God along too...you'll never have a better day than this one with Him!

Let's pray-

Remind me, Lord, to take many pauses throughout the day to think about you, pray to you, share a verse of scripture with a friend, or sing a hymn even if no one's around. Carry me from strength to strength. Amen. – Joni Eareckson Tada

Savor this day that God has made for us! – Mary