



The Calling of Pastor Joshua Wyman

The Church Council of Fox Point Lutheran Church is calling a congregational meeting on October 12 following the 9 am and 10:30 am worship services with the one and only item being the calling of Pastor Joshua Wyman as a pastor.

Pastor Josh's primary responsibility will be Youth and Young Adult Ministry. We will be sending an executive summary of Pastor Josh's qualifications next week by email. There will be an opportunity to hear from Pastor Josh by video after each worship service. If you have any questions please email Pastor Bill, pastorbill@foxpointchurch.org.



Carrie Doss, Kathleen Joynt, Mary Jo (MBHS volunteer), Jenny Tenhaeff, Ellen Benson, Stacia Hickey, Sr. MacCanon Brown and Patty Witt (MBHS volunteer meal coordinator), Not shown: Bunny Raasch-Hooten

MBHS Fantastic Friday Lunch Crew

Although 6 FPLC volunteers served and packed 100 lunches at MBHS's meal program on September 12, there were 11 other FPLC members who provided the meal, from cookies to casseroles! Thank you to all who made this meal a filling and enjoyable experience for all. We are providing and serving lunch again on December 12. To serve lunch or provide part of the meal, sign up by clicking the button. Questions? Contact Stacia Hickey:

[Email Stacia](#)

[Sign Up](#)

Create YOUR OWN MEMORIAL SERVICE W/ PASTOR BILL

Plan the Celebration of Your Life (literally!) Think of this workshop as planning the best party you'll never attend. It is for anyone but especially for 50 years on up. We'll laugh, we'll share stories, and we'll actually get some important stuff done:

- Pick your favorite songs and scriptures for your memorial service
- Write your "greatest hits" obituary
- Organize your passwords (yes, even Netflix!)
- Record a message that will make your kids laugh and cry
- Dream up a legacy gift that will live on



Date: Sunday, October 5

Time: 3 – 5 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

Registration: Click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code

Because leaving your family peace of mind
is the best mic-drop moment of all.

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Donate Blood at FPLC October 30; 1 - 5:30 pm

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

Date: Thursday, October 30

Time: 1 pm – 5:30 pm

Location: FPLC's Fellowship Hall

Registration: Click Sign Up: [Donate October 30](#)



Bayside Garden Cards

As fall approaches, it's about time for garden cleanup and fall florals, perhaps seed or a new feeder for the birds too!

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.



FOXPOINT
LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

HEY KIDS!
Sign up &
Join now!



Children's Choirs

K5-6th Grades

Children's Choir has just begun, so join now! We 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 are 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 & Men's Clubs: Holy Hill Tour—Basilica and Shrine

Enjoy the fall colors with an outing to Holy Hill. We'll meet at church to carpool (we'll need drivers) and have lunch at the Holy Hill Cafe. After lunch, tour the Basilica and Shrine at your own pace. Wear comfortable shoes—there are steps.

Date: Wednesday, October 8

Time: 10:30 am at church to carpool (drivers needed!)

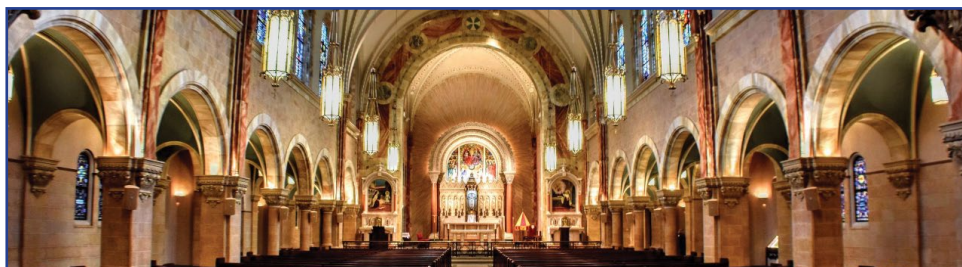
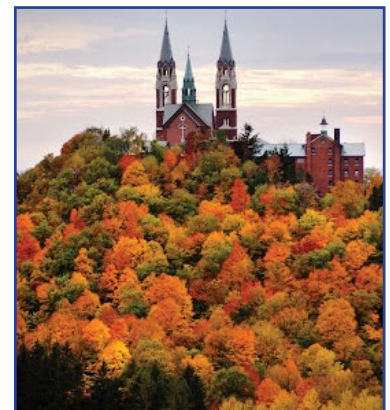
11:45 am lunch at Holy Hill Cafe

Tour the site after lunch

Price: Pay for your own lunch; no tour cost

Registration: Click [HERE](#) or sign up in Fellowship Hall

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





Serenity Inns: 2825 W. Brown St.

**Volunteers Needed:
October, November and
December!**

Signup sheets have dates
through Dec., 2025

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 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 provide food 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:

Costco
Out & Out Catering (Cedarburg)
Bunzel's Meat Market
Kentucky Fried Chicken
Glorioso's Italian Market
Metro Mart Deli
Woodman's
Sendik's
Karl's Country Market
Qdoba
Piggly Wiggly
Jimmy John's
Jersey Mike's



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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.



Sheepshead Group at FPLC Is Back!

October Dates: 10 and 24

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.



Funeral Reception Help

Would you like to help with light setup and cleanup for funeral receptions? No cooking or baking—just simple tasks like coffee, cookies, and tablecloths. To volunteer or learn more, contact Kelly Price at 414-352-8990 or kelly@foxpointchurch.org.



Women's Book Club

This casual and fun book club meets every 6 weeks on a Monday 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. 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.

Dates and Books:

October 20: *Boat Baby* by Vicky Nguyen

December 1: *Absolution* by Alice McDermott

January 12: *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

February 23: *The Best Minds* by Jonathan Rosen

April 6: *Every Note Played* by Lisa Genova

May 18: *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick



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 every Friday at 10:30 am in FPLC's first floor Heritage Room. If you are interested in joining or learning more, please contact Susan Halling; hallings@wi.rr.com.



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.

**Email
Julie**



Help Make Sundays Special—Volunteer with Us

Now that we're back to 2 service times, we need 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.

You can sign up now for dates through 2025!



Usher Help Needed

Especially Needed at 10:30 Services

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.



WINTER ❄️ GEAR DRIVE

Through November 2

**Hats, Gloves
Scarves, Mittens
& Warm Socks**
(New only)
Infant - Adult

Winter Coats:
(New or like new)
Infant - Adult



Questions? Contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org



High School Youth Group!

At Youth Group, our vision is to create an atmosphere for high schoolers to grow, connect, worship and serve. We welcome all! Whether you go to church every Sunday, or have never stepped foot inside FPLC, if you're interested in exploring your faith, fellowship and having some fun—come join us! The group is for those who are currently in 9th-12th grades.

We're so excited to kick off another amazing year! We'll be gathering in new and fun ways, and we are adding some incredible leaders to our team. More on that later!

Here's a peek at some of the 2025 events we have scheduled so far, so mark your calendars! RSVP links will be provided before each event. More information is provided below, but please do not hesitate to reach out to the team if you have additional questions.

Jake Brewster

Youth Group Coordinator
Jake@foxpointchurch.org

Hannah Knapp

Youth Group Director
Hannah@foxpointchurch.org

Pastor Bill

Senior Pastor
Pastorbill@foxpointchurch.org

SUNDAY October 12

Bucket List Night!

- Time: 6:00-8:00 pm
- Location: FPLC

Let's kick off our year with activities you never thought you'd try! From Bocce Ball off the FPLC steeple to Zorb Ball races (and much more)! You're definitely going to cross some things off your bucket list this night. Dinner will be provided.

How do I sign up?

To RSVP, hit the signup button below to fill out a simple form. That's it! Letting us know if you can attend helps us plan accordingly, but if you forget you are still always welcome!

[Bucket List](#)
[RSVP](#)

SUNDAY November 16

Spread the Joy Scavenger Hunt!

- Time: 6:00-8:00 pm
- Location: FPLC and around town (Drivers Needed)

Our scavenger hunt is more than just a game; it's an opportunity to make a positive impact on our community and brighten people's day. Armed with enthusiasm and kindness, we'll be setting out on a mission to spread joy.

SUNDAY December 21

FPLCYG Christmas Party!

- Time: 6 – 8 pm
- FPLC

Come celebrate this special time of year and connect with your FPLC friends and family. We will have a feast, gift exchanges, ugly sweater contest, and so much more fun!



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.

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](#)

Wednesday Workshops: Our workshops take place on Wednesdays from 7 – 8:30 pm. 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.

March

March 4
March 18

April

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

May

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

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! Join us any time!



Leaders: Mary Beth Scalise and Meghan Langlois
Dates: Oct. 7 & 21. Regular sessions are the first and third Tuesday evenings of most months.
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Location: Heritage Room (main level)
Signup: Use the QR code or click [HERE](#). No need to RSVP for each session.

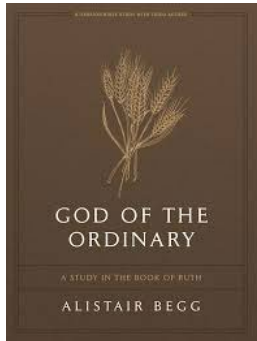


Friday Mornings

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. Join any time!



Leaders: Angie Biersach & Tracy Christenson
Date: October 10 & 24. We meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month.
Time: 9:30 – 11:00 am
Location: FPLC, lower level in the room next to the Pointe Cafe.
Signup: Use the QR code or click [HERE](#). No need to RSVP for each session.



Come Grow With Us: Monday Evening Bible Study Begins a New Topic

This is the perfect time to join this ongoing group, but new members are always welcome! Against the backdrop of strife and chaos, Ruth is a story of ordinary people in Bethlehem making the most of their bad situation—and finding God in the midst of it. In *God of the Ordinary*, Alistair Begg reminds us that no matter how dark or dramatic our days may seem, God still protects His people and accomplishes His purposes. Within life's humdrum and routine events, we discover His loving hand at work.

Date: Monday, October 6; meets weekly

Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: TBD

Contact: If you would like to join the group or have questions, please contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.

Wednesday Afternoon Women's Study; 1-2 pm

Luke in the Land, A Woman's Bible Study

by Kristi McLelland

Follow Kristi McLelland through Israel as we study snapshots from the Gospel of Luke to see where the stories of the Bible took place.

Over the sessions, challenge the way you read the accounts of Jesus through teaching videos that take you to locations in Israel like Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Jerusalem, and the road to Emmaus. Along the way, you'll see how Jesus, the Messiah, brought His kingdom to earth for everybody.

The group is part-way through this study but new members are always welcome. We meet in the Commons (lower level) of FPLC and take turns facilitating and leading. Are you interested in joining? Contact Laura Mullins; lauramullins718@gmail.com or Heidi Hanson; hvhanson@wi.rr.com

Tuesday (early) Morning Study; 6:30 – 7:30 am

The Old Testament's Book of Daniel

Daniel's experiences provide hope and assurance for the day that God will confront evil and deliver his people. This timeless book holds relevance for every generation, imparting a message of hope that serves as a catalyst for unwavering faithfulness.

The group is part-way through this study but new members are always welcome. We meet at FPLC. Are you interested in joining? Contact Mark Chelmowski; mchelm81@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

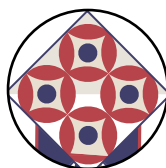
Sardines; canned
Chicken; canned
Tuna; canned
Beef Stew; canned
Salmon; canned
Meatball Spaghetti-O's
Canned pastas w/meat
Peanut Butter

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, October 21

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, October 17; 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.

Crossroads Women's Retreat

Crossroads is offering a ladies retreat featuring a simulcast with Beth Moore on Friday evening October 24 and Saturday morning October 25. Proceeds benefit Milwaukee's Cathedral Center Women's Shelter.

Use this link to sign up: [Retreat](#)



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.

Alex	Jenny G.	Kath	Robert Palmer
Anna	Kathy G.	Corrine Kraus	Rebecca
Woody Barksdale	Joan Gildner	Bonnie L. & Family	Rick
Kim Bell	Gillian	Leslie L.	Dave Rotter
Jay Blair	Grant	Bob Lick	Kathy S.
Candee	Gregg	Makenna M.	Lynn S.
Cheryl	Sue Hiller	Steve M.	Ruth Schmidt
Richard Choi	Harlow James	Matt	Jerry Schoenike
Rosie Conaway	Jim	Roger Matzke	Stephen
Pr. Dan	Joan	Michael	Jane T.
Dan C.	John	Mike	Terry
Dawn	Jon	Nadine	Mike Umland
Rick Frank	Donna Jordahl	Nancy	Wayne
Andrea G.	Randy K.	Curt Nash	Al Z.

FOR THE SPIRIT GOD
GAVE US DOES NOT
MAKE US TIMID, BUT
GIVES US POWER, LOVE
AND SELF-DISCIPLINE.

2 Timothy 1:7

Congratulations

Baptisms

Wyatt Timothy Palkovic & Rhett Michael Palkovic, sons of Thomas and Allison Palkovic were baptized September 27.

Elliot James Batzner, son of Philip and Meredith Batzner was baptized September 28.

Wedding

Congratulations and best wishes to Stephanie Metzendorf and Dane Newman, who were married September 20.

Congratulations and best wishes to Lauren Murphy and Bennett Harris, who were married on September 27.

Condolences

Our condolences and prayers are with Eric Roecker and sons Cole and Mason, on the passing of Kelly Roecker, wife and mother, on September 19. Services will be held Saturday, October 4 at Schmidt & Bartelt Funeral Home in Mequon. Visitation is at 1 pm until the time of service at 4 pm.

Our condolences and prayers are with Jessica Lawless and daughters Kaelyn and Mackenzie, on the passing of Patrick Lawless, husband and father, on September 21. Services will be held Saturday, October 11 at FPLC. Visitation is at 10:30 am until the service at 1 pm.

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Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, September 24. If you would like to receive Mary's devotion on a weekly basis, please sign up here: [Weekly Devotion](#).

Hello!

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." – James 1:2-3

Learning to drive used to be a rite of passage and my brothers both had their licenses as teenagers. For me, it was much later, taking my road test when I was thirty-two! Later than most and even then, it took me two tries to achieve a "pass" from the examiner. I felt sunk after I failed the first time, so I parallel parked over and over, kept negotiating left turns, drove around the test area and finally did it! It took energy that I didn't have and perseverance that I lacked. Someone "upstairs" was sure helping me!

Fast forward and that sinking feeling sometimes pulls me in these days too. The current politics feel like an anchor, not the kind that steadies you, rather the kind that weighs you down. Back then and now, I look for some kind of power, just a little "oomph" to give me courage and strength...to give me life lessons and perseverance. I find it in the most familiar, wonderful and alive place ...the Bible! The rich and powerful stories, adventures with whales and lions and the energy of Jesus and His incredible followers engage me! Adventures with "teeth" to show us how we can harness our own spiritual life and faith and pass it along to others. How much we need that energy! Thank you, God, for teaching us to stick with it, for giving us tenacity to persevere and grow our faith!

"And now we look back on all this and thank God, a geyser of thanks! When you got the Message of God we preached, you didn't pass it off as just one more human opinion, but you took it to heart as God's true word to you, which it is, God himself at work in you believers!" – 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Father, thank you for continually working in us and through us in this life you have given us. Please renew us with your energy and transform our days with light and life and vitality – nourish our faith. Amen.

Be encouraged! – Mary