

LIFE TOGETHER This Week

Week of November 11, 2025 Vnl 187 Real Faith For Real Life



Gratitude Sunday Sunday Morning Pie Social Sunday, November 23

Who doesn't love a piece of pie?! Come and enjoy; all are welcome!

This is a special day of gratitude and we look forward to enjoying some pie after each service.

If you'd like to donate a pie(s) for this event, our pie social could use your sweet treats! We would love help serving the pies that day too. Simply click the pie below to indicate that you'd like to donate a pie, or help serve pie on Sunday, November 23.

Times: After the 9 am & 10:30 am services!

Location: FPLC Fellowship Hall **Questions:** Email Diane Knapp; diane@foxpointchurch.org



Thanksgiving for All Peoples Church

Did you sign up to purchase a food bag, hygiene bag or a frozen turkey/turkey breast/chicken for All Peoples Church? Or, are you a Confirmation family who signed up to donate frozen pies? If so, thank you!! This is your reminder that everything is due to FPLC Wednesday, November 12 by 4 pm.

IMPORTANT Delivery Instructions

Place all your items in one bag. Clearly label it either FOOD or HYGIENE and put your last name on the bag so we can make sure we have all the bags. Deliver it to the church office.

If you are buying a turkey, turkey breast or chicken, please put it in the freezer in the kitchen pantry and check your name on the list provided on the freezer door.

All items are due back by November 12 at 4 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacia Hickey; 414-352-8990 or stacia@foxpointchurch.org.











MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary's Fantastic Fridays Lunch

Every Friday, MBHS serves over 100 meals to neighbors experiencing food insecurity. The need is growing, with more guests visiting meal sites and food pantries each week.

But this ministry is about more than just a warm meal—it's about community. It's a place where everyone is welcomed to the table, where there's a short devotional time, and where guests can find encouragement and resources.

We'd love your help providing portions of the meal! Our serving spots are full for this date, but stay tuned—more opportunities are coming in 2026!

Providing Meal Components

(Cooking or Grocery Shopping)

- On the signup page, choose a meal item you'd like to provide (main course, side, or homemade cookies). Our December menu is on the signup sheet.
- Main course volunteers: We are making a simple Mexican pasta casserole. You will find the recipe under "related files" on the signup sheet so you can download it.
- Reimbursement available—just let Stacia Hickey know.
- Drop off food in FPLC's kitchen by Thursday, December 11 at noon.

Sign Up to Provide Meal Items:

There are three ways you can get to the signup sheet:

- 1. Click the button below.
- 2. Visit the "Serve in the Community" page on our website.
- 3. Scan the QR code at the signup table on Sundays.

Questions?

Contact Stacia Hickey — 414-352-8990; <u>stacia@foxpointchurch.org</u>



Men's Club—Women Invited FPLC's Tanzania Partnership

Come hear about FPLC's 21-year Outreach Partnership with three Lutheran parishes in Tanzania's Meru Diocese. We'll share how this long-standing relationship has supported more than 80 college students and many secondary school scholars, the lasting impact of medical mission trips in 2010 and 2012, and reflections from the team's visit this past January. All men

and women are Karibu

(welcome)!

Date: Thursday, Nov. 20

Time: 11:30 am

Cost: \$15

Location: Fellowship Hall

Sign up: Sign up in Fellowship Hall **Contact:** Jim Kimmel; jim.kimmel42@gmail.com





Women's & Men's Clubs Christmas Concert

Get in the Christmas spirit with our annual Christmas luncheon and music. Gather in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 am for fellowship

and then lunch. Program to follow.

Date: Wednesday, December 10

Time: 11:30 am

Cost: \$15

Location: Fellowship Hall

Sign up: Sign up in Fellowship Hall

Contact: Patty Roberts; paroberts63@yahoo.com

or Carrie Doss; carried748@gmail.com

Honoring our Military Family

We honor America's veterans for their patriotism, their love of country, their willingness to serve and their sacrifices for the common good. Fox Point Lutheran Church has a number of veterans in our congregation who have served our country.

We salute you and thank you for your service!

Bill Buehler US Air Force

Served 1966-1970 (Vietnam era) 460th field maintenance; jet engine mechanic, awarded 2 USAF commendation medals.

Charles Buscher US Army

Served 1962-1968 (Vietnam era); Engineering Reserves unit; company clerk/design work.

Bruce C. Cole US Army

Served 1968-1970 (Vietnam era); Air Defense Command unit-Germany; personnel.

Michael Dropp US Marines

Served 1999 - 2003- Active Duty in the US Marines then 2003 - 2007 in WI National Guard. Two combat tours in Iraq with the WIARNG and then with the Georgia NG.

John Endres US Army

Served 1945-1947 (Post WWII era-Germany); 11th Constabulary Regiment; Infantry; Rifleman.

William W. Erickson US Army

Veteran US Army/WI National Guard.

Richard W. Frank US Air Force

Served 1967 – 1970; Captain; One year in Vietnam.

Michael J. Ginster US Air Force

Served 1966 – 1970; Sargent; airman.

Mike Grebe US Army

West Point Graduate 1962; Served 1962 - 1968; 82nd Airborne Division; 1 year tour in Vietnam.

Ben Halbert US Army (active)

Served 2009-Present (Operation Haiti Recovery, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom); 82nd Airborne unit.

Frank Johnson US Army

Served 1966-1994.

James Jurack US Army

Served 1968-1974 (Vietnam era); 257th Artillery brigade/32nd division WI National Guard; forward observer.

Jason Jurack US Army

Served 1997-2010 (Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom); Army Reserves AZ and WI; combat medic/civil affairs; awarded Bronze Star.

Dick Kinney US Air Force

Served 1968-1972 (Vietnam); 15th Aerial Port Squadron (C-130's), loadmaster.

Paul Knapp US Air Force

Served 1987 to 2024 (Operation Northern Watch, Operation Southern Watch, Operation Allied Force, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa); 3,000+ flight hours –

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including 681 combat hours and 262 combat sorties. Awarded the Legion of Merit and Distinguished Flying Cross. Wisconsin Adjutant General.

John Kosma US Air Force

Served 1954 - 58; Post Korean War; Served in Turkey.

James T. Locke US Army

Served 1954-1956 (Korean War era); 64th Field Artillery/25th Infantry division; finance records clerk.

Roger Matzke US Air Force

Served from 1958 - 1962.

Jeff McLean US Air Force Reserves

Served 2000 - 2018 US Navy 2018 - Present - US Air Force Reserves, Colonel. Flew F-18 fighters on three deployments on aircraft carriers (Afghanistan, South China Sea).

Christine McLean US Air Force Reserves

2005 - 2017 - Active Duty 2017 - Present - Reserves Air Force KC-135 Pilot, Diplomat, Liaison to Congress, USAF Academy Liaison Flew reconnaissance over Russia in compliance with the Open Skies Treaty.

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John Mulhern US Army

Served 1952-1955 (Korean War); 8th Army, Artillery unit; artillery specialist.

Bryan Mullins U.S. Army

Served 2006-2011 Operation Iraqi Freedom; 101st Airborne Division, 326th Engineers Battalion.

Robert Palmer US Navy

Served 1962-1982; Cuban Missile Crisis and Vietnam; Navy aviator.

Charlie Phillips US Army

Served from 1966-1972 (Vietnam era); Troop E; 105th Armored Cavalry; tank commander.

John Poelzer US Army

Served 1969-1970 (Vietnam); HHD 22nd Replacement Battalion; Personnel action/ management clerk.

Bob Schreiber US Army

Served 1970-1976 (Vietnam Era) Judge Advocate General Corps.

Mark Smith US Navy

Served 1974-1977 (Cold War era); Judge Advocate General Corps, attorney.

George Solveson US Army

Served in the Signal Core 1964-1966 after 4 years of ROTC; then served in the Army Reserves.

Terry Stuhlmacher US Army

Served 1970-1976 (Vietnam era) 84th Division Reserves.

Richard Todd US Army

Served 1967-1973 (Vietnam); 11th Armored Cavalry; scout helicopter pilot.

Bob Wiese US Army

Served 1961-1964; Missile Battalion.

We remember our Fox Point Lutheran Church Veterans who passed away this year:

Curt Claus, US Air Force Paul Erickson, US Air Force



We have done our best to include all members who are active or retired military. If you know of someone we are missing, please fill out our form at this link: <u>Veterans</u>. Or contact Stacia Hickey; <u>stacia@foxpointchurch.org</u>, 414-352-8990. Thank you!





New dates through March!

What's It Like to Volunteer at Serenity Inns?

By Stacia Hickey

For years, I encouraged others to sign up for Dinner Fellowship at Serenity Inns through my work in the FPLC office. And yet—I had never gone myself. Why not? I had plenty of excuses, but at the heart of it, I think I felt intimidated. Not every volunteer opportunity feels like a natural fit, and that's okay. But I believed deeply in this program, and it was time to experience it firsthand. So my husband and I teamed up with another couple who were also first-timers, and off we went.

The Experience

From the moment you arrive, you're welcomed with warmth. The residents greet you at your car and carry in your meal. The evening flows smoothly: introductions, a prayer, then dinner served buffet-style with the men assisting every step of the way.

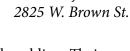
While everyone eats, conversation begins. The resident in charge of the evening's "program" will have come up with questions (OK'd by the innkeeper). He asks the residents two questions; the guests receive two different ones. You take turns responding as the meal continues, creating the space for meaningful connection without pressure.

Afterward, there's more time to talk. The men handle cleanup—yes, all of it—help you pack up, and then you head home. It's simple, organized, and truly enjoyable.

The Heart of It

What makes the night unforgettable isn't the schedule—it's the stories.

Each resident bravely shares what they are overcoming: the roots of their addiction, the setbacks they've faced, the choices they're



Serenity Inns:

fighting to change. Their honesty is humbling. Their determination is inspiring.

What stood out to me most was the hope—real, palpable hope. These men are working incredibly hard to rebuild their futures. At Serenity Inns, they find structure, support, and a brotherhood of people who understand the journey. They dream of restored relationships, steady jobs, and the confidence that comes from living a healthy, sober life.

They are rewriting their stories.

Volunteering at Serenity Inns isn't just about bringing dinner. It's about showing up—bearing witness to resilience, offering encouragement, and seeing the power of hope in action. And for us, that first visit won't be the last.

Click here to sign up!

Cooking for a crowd: Stressful? Time-consuming? Not your thing? That's okay!

When you go to Serenity Inns, you make or purchase (see suggestions below) dinner and take it warm to the Inn by 5:45 pm (for a 6 pm start time). You receive an email the week before with the number of people you'll be serving. We served about 15, including our group of 4. The men will carry your items inside, help you set up and they clean up. You're usually on your way by 7 pm.

If you are too busy to cook, it's JUST FINE to buy a good dinner and bring it to share with residents. Buy a meal or parts of it from the following suggestions or a place of your choosing:

Costco
Out & Out Catering;
Cedarburg
Bunzel's Meat Market
Kentucky Fried
Chicken

Metro Mart Deli Woodman's Sendik's Karl's Country Market Odoba

Piggly Wiggly Jimmy John's Jersey Mike's







Do you play an instrument and love Christmas music? Come play in the Santa Hat Ensemble Sunday, Dec. 14, after each service! Contact Jeff Shoemaker for information and the music; jeff@foxpointchurch.org.

All instruments and skill levels are welcome, provided you have some basic music reading knowledge. A rehearsal/read-through will be Sunday, Dec. 7 at 11:45 am in the sanctuary.

Don't play an instrument?
Enjoy the music after services on December 14
while you have coffee and donuts!!



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:

New December date! We needed to change the date, it is now:

December 8: *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



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'll be gathering in new and fun ways, and we are adding some incredible leaders to our team. 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 November 16Spread the Joy Scavenger Hunt!

- Time: 6 8 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 days. 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!

Scavenger Hunt RSVP





I50 LUNCHES
FOR MBHS

Bag Lunches for MBHS November 23; 10 am

Join us to make 150 lunches for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary.

No need to sign up—come down at 10 am. It only takes about 20 minutes, so you can still attend 10:30 service. Families are welcome and encouraged! We work quickly, so to participate, come downstairs right after the church services.

Piecemakers Silent Quilt Auction—November 16

Quilting is a gift of love that takes patience, time and money. This year, our silent auction will feature eight of the group's most special quilts. The money raised from the auction will be used to purchase materials needed to keep our Ministry going!

The quilts will be available to bid on Sunday, November 16. The bidding will close at noon that day. You may pick up your quilts at that time (checks or cash, please) or if you are not available at that time, arrangements can be made to pick them up at the church office. These quilts will make great gifts for special occasions or the holidays!

The Poinsettia Garden

Poinsettia plants will be used to decorate the church during the Christmas season. If you would like to participate in this part of the Christmas celebration, please fill out this form and mail it or drop it at the Welcome Desk on Sunday morning along with a check. Or, you may fill out a form and pay through this link: Poinsettia or through this QR code. The firm deadline for submission is Sunday, December 14.



Christmas Poinsettia Garden

Poinsettia plants will be used to decorate the church during the Christmas season.

If you would like to participate in this part of the Christmas celebration, please fill out this form and mail it or drop it at the Welcome Desk on Sunday morning along with a check. You may also sign up through the link on our website under Events.

Cost: \$25 per plant Firm Deadline: Sunday, December 14

A list of donors and those they are honoring will be published in the Christmas Eve *Bulletin*.

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Who are the flowers from? Write the names as you'd like them to appear in the Bulletin:		
Who are they honoring? Write the names as you'd like them to appear in the Bulletin:		
How many Poinsettias would you like? One Two Other		
In case we have questions, list your contact name/phone #:		









CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 6; 9 am - Noon

Mark your calendars for this very special event! There will be gingerbread houses to decorate, reindeer games to be played, gifts to be purchased for humans and pets, and Santa will share the true meaning of Christmas.

Gingerbread House Decorating

Decorate a pre-made gingerbread house. Register to reserve and pay for your house. There is a 2-house limit per family. Register here: <u>HOUSE</u>

Find FPLC's own real Elf on the Shelf

He may be shy and a bit hard to find, but our Elf on the Shelf will make your hunt worthwhile—we promise!

Play games on Reindeer Way

Swing by this street to find silly reindeer games and win prizes with the rest of the herd! It's a great chance to meet some of Santa's reindeer!

Hear the sounds of Christmas at Jingle Bell Rock

Jeff Shoemaker and His Elves will sing and perform Christmas songs and instrumentals throughout the morning!

Kids: Shop for your family at Santa's Secret Gift Shop

Make sure to stop by Santa's Secret Gift Shop where kids can shop for \$2 gifts for their family members. Special elves will even wrap their selected gifts for them.

See Santa at the North Pole!!!

And, of course, be sure to make your way to the North Pole to visit our favorite resident of FPLC's Christmas Village—SANTA CLAUS! Learn about the true meaning of Christmas and the real star of Christmas—Jesus!

Help others at the Elf Stop

Where can your sweet tooth help others? At our new Elf Stop! Our youth group elves are selling yummy Seroogy's chocolate bars to raise money for their summer outreach trip; fun pet toys and treats will help our other outreach events. Stop by our Tanzania table to buy coffee packages and goats to benefit our Tanzania scholarship fund. Don't forget to grab a cup of hot chocolate while you are there!

Walk in the steps of the Wise Men on Nativity Road

Follow the star to Bethlehem! A special light show will guide your way!

Looking for a backdrop for a quick family portrait?

Say cheese at Photo Booth Boulevard. Our Photo Booth will give you a chance to let your family shine!

Questions? Contact Julie Schlifske; julie@foxointchurch.org.











The leaves have barely fallen, but the office is already in full swing planning Thanksgiving and Christmas at FPLC. This newsletter is full of services and events to help us realize the joys and meaning of the holidays. There are also many ways you can serve your neighbors in need.

We have a few Christmas-related volunteer spots that we hope you consider to help keep our services running smoothly!

Christmas Service Ushers Needed

Help us make our busy services warm and welcoming by signing up to usher. Regular ushers and newcomers alike are welcome! Scan the QR code or click the link. Just scroll to Dec. 24 to sign up! You can access the Usher Guide there as well.

Questions? Contact Lori Barrieau at lori@foxpointchurch.org.





Communion Servers

Are you a past or present Council member who would like to serve Communion on Christmas Eve (at any service other than the Pageant in a Bag)? Contact Lori Barrieau: lori@foxpointchurch.org.

Pageant in a Bag Helpers

Would you like to help at our Pageant in a Bag 3:00 pm service? We need adult helpers to make this touching and fun service come to life (literally). We also need adults to play wise men/women (These are non-speaking roles). To volunteer, please contact Julie Schlifske: julie@foxpointchurch.org.

Christmas Eve Service Times:

We've updated some of our service times and added a service based on past attendance. Check the times and what is offered at each!

9 am: Communion Service

10:30 am: Communion Service

3 pm: Children's Pageant in a Bag Service

4:30 pm: Candlelight Service, No Communion

6 pm: Communion & Candlelight Service

9 pm: Communion & Candlelight Service





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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 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.



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, November 21; 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.



* Sign Up Today! *

Would you like to purchase a gift for someone in need this Christmas? We have the sign-up for you! **Children**

We're providing gifts to 35 children at Next Door. Once you sign up, Emily Silverson will email you the child's name, present options (choose 1 of the 3 gifts under \$25 on their list), and the gift tag number. Names and wish lists will be sent to you in November.

Adults

Every year we provide gifts to the men at Serenity Inns. Each man receives a few items suggested by the staff. You will be sent an email with which items to purchase in November.

Please choose a slot under Next Door and/or Serenity Inns on the signup sheet and Emily will email you the next step. Emily can be reached best through email at esilverson@gmail.com.



Click here to Sign up! →

Sign Up







Sheepshead Group at FPLC!

Dates: November 14 & 28

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.



Bayside Garden Cards

You'll find everything you need for holiday decorating and gift-giving at Bayside

Garden Center—poinsettias, wreaths, centerpieces, ornaments, trees, bird feeders and more!

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.





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; halling@wi.rr.com.



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.



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. And don't forget to stop by and see (and bid on?) our quilts at the Quilt Auction in November (see story on page 7).

Date: Tuesday, November 18 **Time:** 9 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Ellen Feider: 414-435-8440 efeiderwi@gmail.com







Welcome To Kids' Church!

We are so happy to have your child join us for a 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. 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.

Questions? Contact our Director of Childrens' Ministries, Julie Schlifske.

Email Julie

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

First Communion Workshop—Save the Date! 2026 Registration Coming Soon

Our First Communion Workshop will be the morning of Saturday, January 10; 8:45 am -12:15 pm. The First Communion service is on Sunday, January 11 during both services. First Communion instruction provides a wonderful way for the 5th graders to explore their faith more deeply and to get to know one another!

Have questions? Email Julie Schlifske, our Director of Children's Ministries, julie@ foxpointchurch.org.



Meru Coffee at Home! Support Mt. 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.





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:** Nov. 18 and Dec. 9. We'll take a break for the holidays and resume regular sessions on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday evenings of most months.

January 6 is our first meeting of 2026!

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

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. Join any time!

Leaders: Angie Biersach & Tracy Christenson

Date: November 28 and Dec. 12. 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 Point Cafe.

Signup: Use the QR code or click <u>HERE</u>.

No need to RSVP for each session.





CONFIRMATION

Confirmation SOP

Frozen Pies Due Wednesday!

If you haven't already, bring pies **FROZEN** to the FPLC kitchen freezer by 4 pm Wednesday, November 12. Check your name on the sheet on the freezer door.

Info and Workshops

Our website is the place to go for all things confirmation! Use the link below to find everything you need. If you have any questions, contact Lori Barrieau; lori@toxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.

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. To see the dates for the entire year, please see our website.

November 19

December

November 19 December 3

December 17

Confirmation Service Night

Important Details and Preparation Needed

Last week Confirmation families were sent an email regarding The Confirmation Service Night on Wednesday, December 3. All the information is here AND in the link below.

- We have several meaningful service projects planned for the evening, including:
- Providing gifts for under-served children
- Preparing lunches for those in need
- Assembling meal kits for families with few resources
- Sharing Christmas joy through cookies
- Helping with Christmas preparations at FPLC

Please read the linked information for details on what you and your student need to purchase or prepare ahead of time.

Note: Some items are due November 19, and the rest are due on Service Night—December 3.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacia Hickey, Outreach Coordinator, at Stacia@foxpointchurch.org.

Thank you for living out your faith through service!

Service Night Information







Food Needs Continue to Rise

Even before the government shut down, cuts to food assistance programs were projected to affect 48 million Americans. Delays and uncertainties with Wisconsin's FoodShare payments (SNAP) and the overall price increases in food and hygiene products are causing more and more people to visit food pantries and meal programs. Food pantries are doing their best to keep up with the demand but they continue to need help!

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:

Hygiene

Shampoo; full size Conditioner; full size

Lip balm

Body wash; full size

Vaseline

Toothpaste; full size

Lotion

Deodorant

Feminine products

Nail clippers (new)

Diapers size 4-6

Throat lozenges

Razors

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Dish soap

General Food Items

Canned corn

Canned yams

Granola or energy bars

Cheerios

Ensure

Infant Formula

Baked beans

Cereal

Pancake mix and syrup

Jelly/Jam

Pinto Beans; bagged

Soup (not tomato)

Oatmeal

Tuna Helper

Canned fruit

Pasta and canned pasta sauce

White rice (1 lb bag or instant)

Hamburger Helper

Canned greens (collard, turnip

& mustard)

Protein

Sardines; canned Chicken; canned

Tuna; canned

runa; canned

Beef Stew; canned Salmon; canned

Meatball Spaghetti-O's

Canned pastas w/meat Dinty Moore Beef

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Stews

Vienna Sausages

Chicken Noodle soup

Peanut Butter



Coat Drive Update

Thank you to all who participated in our Winter Wear Drive! Last Thursday about 15 people met to sort all the donations between four different organizations: All Peoples Church, MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary, Salvation Army Emergency Shelter, and United Community Center. We estimate over 150 coats and several hundreds of hats, scarves, mittens, gloves and scarves were shared with those in need.

After the items were sorted and packaged for delivery, we enjoyed a chili lunch and conversation in Fellowship Hall. Thank you to our sorters and those delivering everything to our partners!



Jenny G.

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.

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Alex	Kathy G.	
Anna	Joan Gildner	
Woody Barksdale	Gillian	
Kim Bell	Grace	
Jay Blair	Grant	
Candee	Gregg	
Cheryl	Sue Hiller	
Richard Choi	Harlow James	
Rosie Conaway	Jerry	
Pr. Dan	Jim	
Dan C.	Joan	
Rick Frank	John	
Freeze Family	Jon	
Fredrick	Donna Jordahl	
Andrea G.	Randy K.	

Kath

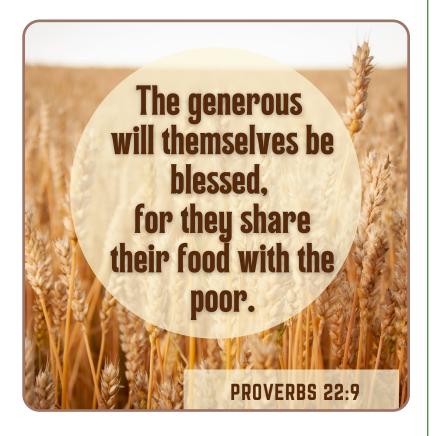
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Corrine Kraus	Robert Palmer
Bonnie L. &	Rebecca
Family	Rick
Leslie L.	Dave Rotter
Bob Lick	Kathy S.
Makenna M.	Lynn S.
Steve M.	Ruth Schmidt
Matt	Jerry Schoenik
Roger Matzke	Stephen
Michael	Sweet Family
Mike	Jane T.
Carol Jane	Terry
Murphy	Mike Umland
Nadine	Wayne
Nancy	Bob Wiese
Curt Nash	Al Z.

Prayer Requests

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

Military

Alex	Grant
Cameron	Ian
Cooper	Jonah
Danny	Kyan
David	Matthew



Congratulations

Wedding

Congratulations and best wishes to Ava Flemming and Anderson Ernst, who were married on November 1.

Baptisms

Elle Marie and Fredrik Barrett Bloomquist, children of Nicholas Bloomquist and Megan Ropiak, were baptized on October 30.

Nolan Thomas Cashion, son of Kali and Garrett Cashion, was baptized on November 8.

Oscar David Olstinski, son of Kenneth and Amanda Olstinski, was baptized on November 9.

Office Closed Nov. 27 and 28

The office will be closed Thursday and Friday November 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Should you need pastoral care, call the office and follow the message instructions; 414-352-8990.





Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, November 5. If you would like to receive Mary's devotion on a weekly basis, please sign up here: Weekly Devotion.

Hello!

"Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, He said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." – Mark 6:31

They are called median dividers and curb extensions, and they look a little like plungers, but they are known as calming tools. We encountered a slew of them recently, lined up like little soldiers at attention, carefully defining space from the curb into the street—a warning for drivers to slow down and approach the area with caution ... two schools within two blocks is why. Drivers, cyclists, joggers and walkers can get so busy with their own thoughts that they may veer into someone else's territory. Calming devices can alert us and remind us to slow down.

How much God would appreciate us slowing down! When we rush through our days, without giving Our Father a thought, it's easy to lose direction. Did the verse from Mark remind you of one of your own days? I know what it's like to be "...coming and going..." and eating on the fly, or perhaps not at all. Eventually our bodies wear down. Jesus recognized it too... His followers were overtired and would become overwrought...needing rest...physical and spiritual rest. The kind of rest that our bodies and our spiritual selves require to function well...to be of service to God and our neighbors. It is an invitation from Jesus to his disciples...from Jesus to us...to rest.

The author of Hebrews casts a beautiful light on how we can keep our eyes on Jesus—focusing on Him to guide us away from dangerous situations and toward safety, as we "right" ourselves on the journey. Keep our eyes wide open...move away from life's noise as much as possible...study...pause...rest...and stay the course...with Him.

"Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how He did it. Because He never lost sight of where He was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—He could put up with anything along the way." – Hebrews 12:2 The Message

Father, help us to respond to your invitation to spend some quiet time with you this week. Thank you for offering us rest in your protective arms. Amen.

Be encouraged. – Mary