

building faith forward

Construction Update!

The first week of October is in the books and we're now within the last two months of construction!

Adair Commercial Flooring is on site and will begin tiling this week in the first floor restrooms.

Cardinal Fabricating returned to rework the upper landing for the new stairwell. Badger

Railing will need to verify the new layout for fabrication. →

Cornerstone Plumbing continued work on new plumbing piping this week in the lower level restroom, work on piping insulations, and also cored floors for the last of our new pipe runs.

Crown Carpentry continued work on framing in the new restrooms, hanging drywall on existing walls in the sanctuary, and finishing drywall in the lower level.

D & L Grading assisted with the parking lots as well as prepped for our upcoming concrete work.

Design Build Fire Protection continued working throughout the project installing new sprinkler heads within the ceiling grid systems.

JC Building Systems continued "finish" carpentry work. This work consists of wood trim around doors and windows, wood base along the floor, and installing the new crown moldings. Additionally, JCBS began the structural framing of the wood blocking elements that will support the fiberglass cornice details around the new construction areas. They also assisted with construction cleaning in the lower level.

Lyons Electric made major gains as they continued their multi-directional focus around the project. This week they began preparing to shift part of their focus to the exterior.

MCS Woodworking worked off-site on new mill work additions to the project. These items include a new baptismal font and new lavatories for the lower-level restrooms.



A new staircase will be installed here.



One example of the extensive amount of wiring & cabling in the building.

MTM Painting continues to prime and paint woodwork and drywall. They turned their focus to the lower level and even sprayed the ceiling in the new Commons. Additionally, MTM began installing wall coverings on the first floor. Two of the three new unisex restrooms have been completed!

← **Newport Network Solutions** continued pulling data and security cabling this week.

Pure Mechanical continued work on the new HVAC ductwork in the sanctuary. They have now completed the work above the new Chancel ceiling. Work also continued on piping for the new air conditioning units. The bulk of this work was performed in the lower level above the new music room ceilings.

Sprinkmann Sons continued working on new ceilings this week, with their focus on the lower level. The main hallway between the Sunday School rooms is gridded out, as well as the new music room. Seeing the ceilings going in really makes these new spaces take on added life.

More pictures on the next page...

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Last week we showed the other side of this wall—where the welcome desk will be. This side will house the stained glass window that was over the chapel altar. It will be back-lit to highlight the beautiful glass. This same area will have a cozy sitting area.



Believe it or not, we've been able to save some of our Noah's Ark wall! It will be seen in the preschool and nursery areas. (You will see the entire elephant. This is just a board leaning on the wall.)



This will be a retention pond on the northwest corner of our property. There will also be one at the south end near Santa Monica. They will hold water seasonally depending on rain/snowfall.

breeze

What is Breeze?

Breeze is our online directory and it's available to you! It coincides with our office

database, also by Breeze. Breeze is an online database system for those who are part of Fox Point Lutheran Church and allows you to...

View an online church directory

- Update your family's contact info
- View your giving history
- Email or call members directly from the mobile app

Why use Breeze?

Breeze is a system that our entire staff, finance, and communications teams are using to help us stay organized; and you benefit from that as well! When you update your contact details, you help staff have

accurate information. When you give, you are able to track your giving. You also have access to our church directory right from your smartphone.

Need access?

If you already have an account through FPLC, log in through our website: [Log In](#).

If you don't already have an account, visit this link: [Sign Up](#) and click "Request a Breeze account". We'll send you your login credentials within 24 hours/Monday – Friday.

The Breeze App



Do you want to look up information from your smartphone? Go to your phone's app store and download the Breeze app!

Please do not use any Breeze database information for solicitation purposes!



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FPLC Refugee Working Group

Fox Point Lutheran Church is pleased to announce that a working group has formed to assist Lutheran Social Services (LSS) in helping settle Afghan refugees in the Milwaukee area.

"Since there will never cease to be someone in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.'" – Deuteronomy 15:11

FPLC members Lana Wiese and Cindy Bohlen will act as our liaison with LSS to coordinate FPLC's efforts to help our new friends and neighbors as they begin life here. Dialogue is underway to learn what will be most helpful. Once we have a clearer idea of what will be needed, and the timing, we will communicate with the group and begin to match offers of help to needs.

If you are moved to offer your time, talent, and/or resources to the Afghan refugees, please contact Lana, Cindy, or Stacia Hickey (in the church office) to be added to the working group. We currently have over 30 members interested in this work!

May God bless our efforts and those we aim to serve.

Lana Wiese: [lana@studiogear.net](mailto: lana@studiogear.net)

Cindy Bohlen: [cbohlen@wi.rr.com](mailto: cbohlen@wi.rr.com)

Stacia Hickey: [stacia@foxpointchurch.org](mailto: stacia@foxpointchurch.org)



Attention Thrivent Members

Thrivent members may request funds for an Action Team project! What's that? It's a fundraiser, service project or educational program. Thrivent members can request up to \$250 per project, twice a year. If you and your spouse/partner are both members, you may request funds four times a year. The \$250 is meant to be seed money for a project. Therefore, it needs to multiply either through volunteers, money or people that can spread the word.

FPLC Thrivent members have recently used the funds to support the Afghan refugee resettlement project and backpacks/school supplies for All Peoples.

The money comes from Thrivent on a pre-loaded VISA card, so any supplies, etc. must be purchased that way. It may not be passed on to others as a gift card, prize, etc.

To get started, go to thrivent.com. Log in or set up a profile. Once you are on your page, scroll down to "Membership Overview". Go to Action Teams, Learn More, then Apply to Apply Now.

On the application, you will need to put the date of your project (it does not allow you to put a range of dates, so just put in the last date that you anticipate

working on the project), a title for your project, and then there are a few questions about the "actions" that your Action Team will take and the impact that it will have on the community (It could be the church community, your local community, etc.). If many people from the same church or community all want to write Action Plans for the same project, everyone should focus on different parts of the project. For example, if you were to apply for an Action Team for helping the refugees from Afghanistan through FPLC, one person might focus on hygiene kits, while another might focus on clothing. It's always wise to check with the organizer of the project to pin-point specific needs. (To apply for funds for this program, contact Lana Wiese or Cindy Bohlen. See contact info in the article above.)

In addition, you can order up to 25 free T-shirts for your group. All receipts for purchases must be kept with your records. Once the project is completed, you will need to go back to your page on thrivent.com and report on how your project went. This must be done in order to apply for a new project.

Need some help or have questions? FPLC member, Gail Sommerfeld, has written dozens of these Action Teams over the years and has offered to help you out if you have questions. Her e-mail is [sommerfeld56@gmail.com](mailto: sommerfeld56@gmail.com) and her phone number is 262-395-0396.



Let's Talk Turkeys!

Every year members have signed up to cook turkeys for The Gathering's Thanksgiving meal and this year is no exception! We'll be in the middle of transitioning to our new space with no freezer while this is going on. Are we going to let that stop us? No way! Read on for details:



We are asking members to purchase their own turkeys this year. Not only does this alleviate the storage issue, but it helps The Gathering save funds they can use toward the rest of the meal—especially important this year!

- Sign up to cook a turkey(s) [HERE](#)
- Purchase your turkey(s)
- Once you have cooked your turkey(s), de-bone and slice the meat, pack it in gallon-sized Ziplock bags and freeze. (You have the option to freeze the juices; they will use it for gravy, but it's not required.)
- Deliver your frozen bags to our temporary FPLC office at 8050 N. Port Washington Rd.

Monday, November 22; 9 am – 12 pm.

FPLC and long-time Gathering volunteer Joe Graf will take them straight to The Gathering.

NEW Mobile App

On September 30, we switched to the new Vanco Mobile app and said goodbye to the GivePlus app.

What does this mean for you?

You'll use the same login credentials as before; all you need to do is download the new app.

Our new Vanco giving app makes giving simple and easy. Simply click the HOW TO INSTALL button below to view its simple set up instructions. We thank you for your ongoing and continued support.

[How to Install the App](#)

[Giving Instructions](#)



Fall Decor and More!

Now is a wonderful time to purchase Bayside Garden cards to decorate your home and garden for fall! Flowers, corn stalks, pumpkins, gourds . . .

Fifteen percent of every garden card sale goes to our Tanzania scholarship fund. The cards must be purchased at the church office, not Bayside Garden Center, to benefit this fund.

Bayside Garden cards make wonderful birthday, Christmas, housewarming and thank you gifts too!

Devotional Booklets

The 4th quarter devotional booklets are available in the office and during our in-person worship services. We have both large and regular print versions available.

Don't forget, if you plan to pick up a devotional book in the office, we are in our temporary space at [8050 N. Port Washington Rd.](#)



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A People of Hope: Until All Are Fed: An Online Benefit for ELCA World Hunger

You're invited to join The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop, and Rick Steves, guidebook author and travel TV host, as we celebrate World Food Day!

This online benefit for ELCA World Hunger will feature interviews hosted by Rick Steves with people on the ground who are doing the dynamic work of fighting hunger around the world. There will be other special guest speakers as well as musical performances. Join in to hear compelling stories, listen to wonderful music and gather in fellowship to invest in this life-giving work.

At this event, you will learn about the ways ELCA World Hunger is addressing both the immediate needs and root solutions to hunger around the globe. No one is better positioned and more experienced than the church in addressing hunger — both immediate needs and root solutions. We are ready, able, effective and efficient.

To watch a brief video about why Mr. Steves supports ELCA World Hunger Day, click [HERE](#).

Date: Thursday, October 14

Time: 7:30 pm (approx. 60-80 min.)

Where: Zoom webinar; Click [HERE](#) to register

Fee: No fee to attend



Piecemakers/Quilters

We continue to work on making warm quilts for the coming winter season.

We can always use help and welcome anyone willing to put in a couple of hours.

We break for lunch at 11:30 and hope you will bring your lunch and join us.

Date: Tuesday, October 19

Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Place: Memorial Lutheran Church; 7703 N. Green Bay Road, on the corner of Green Bay and Range Line Rd

Contact: Sharon Hipke at 414-352-1605 or edsharhip@gmail.com



We've Got News!

We are looking forward to beginning Confirmation in person as soon as we can gather in our wonderful new building, which will be in December.

All families with 7th and 8th grade students should have just received registration materials, the Confirmation handbook, permission slips and service opportunity/worship note forms from Pr. Bruce.

If you have any questions, or didn't receive your packet, please contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.

We look forward to seeing you all soon!



Calling All Babysitters

We're updating our babysitting list! If you are in middle school through high school and interested in babysitting for FPLC members, we're talking to you!

All you need to do is click the link below and fill out the form. We'll make up the list of sitters and have it available to those who call looking for a sitter.

If you need a sitter, stay tuned! We'll let you know when we've got the list ready to send to interested members.





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Infant Massage

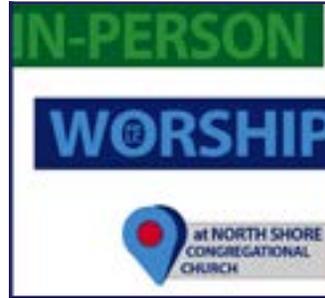
This one-hour class is a way for parents and their babies (birth to 6 months old) to connect. Be prepared to Zoom—all you need is yourself in comfy clothes, your baby(s) and a blanket.

You'll be taught the head-to-toe infant massage techniques that parents need to comfort, reduce irritability, help baby sleep faster and sleep longer, and to overall connect with baby. Please contact Angie Biersach, FPLC member, parent, and certified infant massage instructor with questions or to RSVP.

Dates: Oct 22, Nov 19, Dec 17

Time: 2 – 3 pm

Instructor: Angie Biersach, MA, CCLS, CFLE, CIMI; angiebiersach@gmail.com or 414-207-2808



In-Person Worship: October 10 & 24

There is no longer a need to pre-register for our in-person services. You are welcome to just show up for the

service! There are some guidelines to review before attending. Click the button below and scroll down the page to "On-Line Worship" to read those.

Questions? Please call the church office at 414-352-8990.



Dinner Fellowship with Serenity Inns Residents

Take a meal to the men at Serenity Inns and stay to enjoy the meal with them. They share their stories with the group while experiencing valuable social interactions which were often lost during addiction. This is a great activity to do with your middle and high school-aged youth so they can hear the anti-drug/alcohol message.

Serenity Inns provides a safe home for men in Milwaukee to recover from their addiction to drugs or alcohol. FPLC volunteers provide 3 dinners a month for the residents. You can also drop off a meal or order a meal to be delivered.

To sign up click the button to the right. Do you have questions? Lorraine Buehler, FPLC member & long-time Serenity Inns volunteer can help! Email Lorraine at lcbuehler@cs.com.

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Some of these days fill up very quickly, so book ahead! **Fridays:** November 19, December 17;

Wednesdays: December 22



Volunteer At The Gathering!

The Gathering is committed to serving their guests, even during Covid-19. They've adjusted their methods of sanitizing, preparing & distributing food to ensure safety. They need your help!

If you are healthy and willing, they'd love to have your help packaging bag lunches. This is a great opportunity for Confirmation students to give to their community. We request that an adult either volunteer with each student or that you arrange for them to join another confirmation family attending the event who can get them home or stay with them until they are picked up.

The FPLC dates fill up quickly but check for cancellations: [FPLC Volunteer Dates](#). We have dates October – December, but especially **need help Saturday, October 16**. The hours are 10 am – 1 pm.

If these dates are full, volunteer on dates that aren't specifically for FPLC by going to their website: [Community Volunteer](#).

**Needed:
3 Volunteers for THIS
Saturday!**



First, let me start by saying, *I miss you! All of you!* Seeing your children on Sunday mornings was the highlight of my week—every week.

Sunday school has always been a wonderful experience for our kids at FPLC. It

provides a chance for kids to get together in ways that they can't elsewhere to learn about God, Jesus, and each other in a safe—and often fun—way.

Nothing can truly compete with our physical connection, which is why this past year has been so difficult. As of today, with the current surge in Covid-19 and lack of safe classroom space, we are still not able to offer in-person Sunday school. The health of all our members will always be paramount in any decisions we make. It's a hard decision, but we believe it's the right and only decision we could make.

Please know that we are monitoring the situation closely and will offer in-person kids' activities or Sunday school classes as soon as it is possible.

Meanwhile, we are offering a new video series: **FPLC from A to Z**. Each week we will open our special dictionary to help us answer questions that your kids (or you!) may have always had about the church, the Bible, Jesus, or being a Christian. For example, what is a messiah, why do we use water in baptism, what is a narthex, why do churches have steeples? Check it out beginning September 12. If there are topics your children have questions about, send them in an email to me at julie@foxpointchurch.org.

Coming soon: We are also starting to build a **Parents' Corner** on our website to answer difficult questions you, as parents, may have. For example, how do I talk to my child about death and heaven, how do I recognize depression or anxiety in my child, how do I help my child through a divorce? We will include brief videos from a variety of experts—including Pastors Bill and Bruce. If you have any issues you would like us to address, please email me at julie@foxpointchurch.org.

If there is anything else I can do to help you and your children bridge the gap between now and when we can meet in-person again, please let me know!

In God's Love,
Julie Schlifske

What Do Our Partners Need?

These are items most in need:

Food Needs: Nutritional, non-perishable soups, stews, canned meats (tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages, spam), canned fruits & vegetables, cereal, boxed milk, peanut butter

Personal Care Needs: Diapers, toilet paper, soap, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, toothpaste and shaving cream

Cross Lutheran: Cross has a special request for the 4th quarter: full size deodorant, shampoo, razors (men's and women's), hand soap, toilet paper, paper towels, soap, and cleaning supplies

Food Donations Are Back at Our Temporary Office

You can drop food donations M – TH, 9 am – 3 pm. The cart will be in our offices at **8050 N. Port Washington Rd.** Please use the West door (on Port Washington Rd.) to enter our offices. There is parking on that side of the building.

If you cannot bring your donation inside, call us and we'll come out to get it!



PRAYER LIST

All in The Family

We will see you on Sunday, October 17 for a 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!

Carlynn Alt	Lu Farwig	Ludvik Krejci	Riley
Angie	Rick Frank	Barbara Kuehn	Geoff Rose
Harry Beaumont	Kathy Gebel	Lane	Mark Schmahl
Karen Berg	Harry	Pat Lawless	Jim Schmidt
Bernie	Steve Heronemus	Ken Lein	Kathy Schwartz
Doreen Bill	Elnamae Heyman	Leslie	Peter Stauber
Cameron	Dan Holtz	Alison LoCoco	Stephen
Carol	Alice Horton	Lynn	Tom
John Chamberlain	Ben Iammartino	Mary	Brenda Trier
Chris	Jan	MaryAnn	Zuza
Claire	Jim	Andy Meser	
Jane D.	Joan	Michael	Military
Pr. Dan	John	Michael	Alex
Deb	Jon	Miriam	Cooper
Sheila Dlugi	Don Jones	Monica	David
Cammy Endres	Julia	Ned	Grant
John Endres	Jim Jurack	Bill Nell	Ian
Erin	Chuck Knapp	Robert Palmer	Matthew
Jessie Etheridge	Nadene Kramer		

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.

Congratulations

Weddings

Congratulations Joseph Connor Hayes & Natalie Bennett Harland, who were married October 9.

Best wishes to Nathan "Nate" Wischnewski & Christine Schilling, who were married October 9.

Birth

Happy wishes and congratulations to Andrew & Lauren Curtis on the birth of their son Hayes Robert Curtis, born August 24.

Baptisms

Elliette Josephine Hendricks, daughter of Andrew & Kori Hendricks, was baptized October 9.

James Lawrence Mattson, son of Ryan & Emily Mattson, was baptized October 9.

Ellyson Grace Fischer & Rex Randall Fischer, children of Chad & Laura Fischer, were baptized October 10.

Parker Joseph Grunewald & Mason James Grunewald, twins of Patrick & Lisa Grunewald, were baptized October 10.

The Office Has Moved!

The FPLC offices are in our temporary space until the new building is ready. The address is: **8050 N. Port Washington Rd.** We've got signs and banner flags out front.

- We have the same phone number (414-352-8990)
- **Important: Continue to mail anything to the 7510 N. Santa Monica Blvd. 53217 address. The mail will still be delivered to our current location and picked up by staff**
- Please use the West door (on Port Washington Rd.) to enter our offices
- Food drives have resumed in this space
- Office hours are: M – Th 9 am – 3 pm; closed Friday



Our temporary space as you approach from the south

FPLC Office Hours
Monday–Thursday from 9 am–3 pm

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Fox Point Church



Hello!

How wonderful to be together as we greet the beautiful month of October!

"Cling to your faith in Christ, and keep your conscience clear. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked."

– Timothy 1:19

Between the heat and the thunderstorms, we had an intense and exciting summer! Parts of my flower garden were lovely this year and I

happen to KNOW that even the rabbits were thrilled about certain yellow blossoms. How does a human know what a bunny thinks? Here's how! I spied a cute cottontail at the corner of the porch one morning, heads down, munching like crazy. I'd seen it before, and each day I'd find spent yellow flowers in that spot—large stems with beautiful blooms still attached, having fallen on the concrete. These little creatures enjoyed the act of selecting, chewing on and then discarding their carefully chosen assortments. They find their strength...and then they decide to toss it out.

Those skillful bunnies reminded me of myself and my own faith. I depend on it and it's with me even when I sometimes abandon it. God, though, is not in the business of abandonment, but as humans, we sometimes, like those rabbits, surgically select His word, embrace the part we want, and then throw away the rest. But there is also our "full faith", the part that requires us to do more than just "opting in"; the part where God asks us to live every day as Jesus did by helping, nurturing, loving, reaching out in kindness as best we can...not half-way or half-heartedly like those rabbits, not throwing our best parts aside, not biting off a little piece and then scurrying away, but instead staying the course with Him.

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." – Romans 10:17

God knows that we are human, that we will falter and not grasp our full faith in every day that he gives us, but He also gives us a grace-filled option to turn from our own selfish discarding and turn to Him over and over again. Our Father loves us that much! He gives us the ability to select strength, embrace strength and persevere in strength...and faith.

"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong." – 1 Corinthians 16:13

Together we 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

We move forward with strength, faith, and fellowship! – Mary