



Llamas on the Lawn!

Sunday August 23

Immediately after the 9:30 am service

Join us for an after-church special petting zoo for our kids and their parents. Your kids can pet and feed a Llama and other adorable barnyard animals on the lawn! We'll also provide family-friendly food.

FPLC Volunteers Re-do Dining Area Floor at Serenity Inn

On Tuesday, July 14, 3 of our members (Bill Buehler, Tom Kregel and Mel Fuqua) worked a full day at Serenity Inn—along with Al Walters, Maintenance Manager—to replace a section of the flooring in the Dinner Fellowship dining area. New tables and chairs had been replaced earlier, and new cupboards and a counter top had been installed to better manage each evening's dinner buffet line.

The re-design of the seating replaced stools and counters that seated fewer diners and made the sight-line more difficult to see other guests. The stools also made seating less comfortable for many guests and for some of the residents. The re-do was made possible by a generous donation of \$13,000 earlier this year from the FPLC Endowment Committee, motivated by an interest in assisting Serenity Inns, a FPLC Outreach Partner since shortly after Serenity Inn opened its doors in 2004.

FPLC volunteers provide dinner three times each month—more than 600 meals over the years. Think of the number of men who have been impacted through these shared meals, and experienced encouragement, connection, and a welcoming community.

Please consider signing up to take a meal and to see the re-do of the dining area accomplished by the generous donations of time, talent, and dollars from the FPLC Endowment Committee and our members. Many volunteer opportunities for Dinner Fellowship remain this fall.

How to Volunteer

Sign ups can be done in Fellowship Hall; click the button below, or contact Lorraine Buehler; lcbuehler@cs.com or 414-630-8933. You can choose the date that works for you!

More info about volunteering
and how it works on page 2!
Take a look!



Bill Buehler



Mel Fuqua & Tom Kregel



The Finished Project!



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Dinner Volunteers at Serenity Inn

What is Serenity Inn?

Serenity Inn is a residence for men in recovery who have completed treatment and are working to maintain sobriety, find employment, and rebuild life skills. Typically, 9-12 men and an

Innkeeper live at the Inn at any given time.

What's Involved for Dinner Fellowship Volunteers?

Prepare or purchase (see ideas below) a meal and bring it warm to the Inn (2825 W Brown St, Milwaukee).

Volunteers are encouraged to stay, share the meal, and hear the residents' recovery stories, though meals may also be dropped off or delivered. One of the men will guide the evening. The residents handle setup assistance, cleanup, and carrying items to and from your car. Families with middle-school-aged children and older are welcome, and friends can team up to prepare and serve a meal together.

Why You Should Sign Up

Any number of residents at the Inn have told volunteers that they rarely, if ever, sat down for a meal with their own families growing up. Creating a "family environment" for the men in recovery at the Inn sets the program apart from any other in the area and helps the men realize "they are somebody." People care about them! Their openness and appreciation for the meal and your company is visible.

The Next Step

We only have one more August date to fill—could this be the date that works for you? Please sign up using the link to the right or in Fellowship Hall on Sunday.

For questions, contact FPLC member Lorraine Buehler at lcbuehler@cs.com or 414-630-8933.

Volunteers Needed:

August
Friday, August 21

September
Thursday, September 10
Friday, September 18
Wednesday, September 23

Click here to sign up!

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

If you are too busy to cook, it's JUST FINE to buy a good dinner and bring it to share with residents. Here are several possible suggestions, 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! Buy a meal or parts of it from the following 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
Qdoba

Piggly Wiggly
Jimmy John's
Jersey Mike's
Pick n' Save's Mequon location,
fried chicken



Women's & Men's Club 2026-2027 Programs

A new season brings new opportunities! Join us for another year of engaging presentations, outings, and fellowship. With many shared interests between our Women's and Men's Clubs, we are pleased to offer combined programs for the 2026-2027 season.

An initial program schedule is listed below. Events are generally held on the second Wednesday or third Thursday of each month. Please check the church newsletter, bulletin, or the FPLC website (click [HERE](#)) regularly for updates, changes, and additional details. Event registration and payment will be available online and in Fellowship Hall.

Planned Program Schedule:

September 17, 2026

Pantry Life & Food Justice Programs with Brian Bolling from All Peoples Church. Learn about the Isaiah 55 Food Pantry and other food justice programs supported by our partner church, All People's Gathering Church. Guest speaker Brian Bolling will provide insights into pantry life and share how their food programs help individuals and families in need throughout Milwaukee. Join us in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and fellowship, followed by the presentation. Cost: \$15 plus a nonperishable food item or monetary donation for the pantry. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or click this button to sign up and pay online.

[Sign Up](#)

October 22, 2026

Outing to Schlitz Audubon Nature Center: The Joy of Birding with guest raptor appearance!

November 19, 2026

Artificial Intelligence: Positive and Potentially Negative Consequences with Matt Kirchner.

December 9, 2026

Christmas Luncheon & Concert.

January 2027 (date TBC)

Identity Theft: Protect & Prevent.

February 18, 2027

State of the Church with Pastor Bill.

March 2027 (date TBC)

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Ozaukee County.

April 22, 2027

Katharine Wright: Those Flyboys from Dayton with Jessica Michna playing the sister of Wilbur and Orville Wright.

May 2027 – TBD

Stay tuned for more information.

Questions?

Do you have any questions about Women's & Men's Club? If so, any one of the following co-leaders will be happy to talk with you.

- Contact Carrie Doss; carried748@gmail.com, 414-840-3687
- Patty Roberts; paroberts63@yahoo.com, 262-278-7005
- Gary Mudra; garymudra@gmail.com, 414-218-2829



Grades P3/Age 3 – 4th Grade

Grades P3/Age 3 through 4th grade (25/26 school year) can join us for our summer preschool or elementary Kids' Church program at our 9:30 am summer service.

With games, crafts, and stories, it's super casual and filled with faith and lots of fun!

Summer Kids' Church has begun and ends on the Sunday before the Labor Day weekend. Questions? Contact our Director of Childrens' Ministries, Julie Schlifske.

[Email Julie](#)

Lend a Hand with FPLC's Sunday Services

We'll be returning to our 9 and 10:30 am service schedules on September 13 and we need YOU to keep things running smoothly before, during and after the services!

Communion Aides; Two Different Options

Confirmation Students (w/parent) and Older Saturday Set Up—Set up for Communion on the Saturday before a Communion Sunday, including filling the cups with wine and grape juice. It takes about an hour any time between 9 am and 4 pm on a Saturday that you choose.

Sunday Mornings—Refill the wine trays, give the servers new trays and help in the Sacristy during one of the Communion services. Sign up as the dates work for you. Confirmation students can volunteer with a parent. Time: during the church service.

Ushers

Confirmation Students (w/parent the first time) and Older

Keep church running smoothly before, during and after services. Ushers hand out bulletins, help with the offertory and direct people for communion. Have young children with you? They can help you. Join a schedule or help out as a sub or on holidays. Ushers arrive 20 minutes before the service and clean up the pews until about 10 minutes after the service.

Lectors

High School Students and Older

Deliver the readings on Sunday mornings! Lectors are



placed in a rotation for the service of their choice (9 or 10:30 am) and read roughly every few months. A schedule is made twice a year and shared so you know when you are reading. You'll need a few minutes to practice at home and a few minutes during the church service.

Coffee Hour Hosts

All Ages (children with an adult)

There are two shifts for Coffee Hour Hosts. The first shift cuts up the donuts, brews the coffee, and sets everything out. The second shift keeps the coffee brewing, fills the donut trays as needed, then cleans up and puts everything away. Each time slot is about a two hour commitment, which includes attending the service, if you choose. Confirmation students and families with young children are welcome, with a parent. Times: approx 8:15 – 10:15 am and approx 10:15 – 11:45 am.

Ask Questions and Sign Up:

For more information or to sign up, scan the QR code, click the links below, or contact Lori Barrieau; lori@foxpointchurch.org. Lori can answer any questions you have.



[Communion Aides](#)

[Lectors: Email Lori](#)

[Ushers](#)

[Coffee Hour Hosts](#)



MACCANON BROWN
HOMELESS SANCTUARY, INC.

A Crucial Food Safety Net

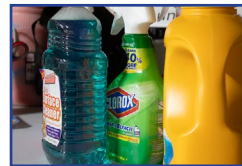
Food scarcity is a constant concern in the neighborhoods surrounding MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary; however, the situation has worsened. Not only have four nearby super-markets closed, new cuts in food stamps go into effect this month. This is why food collection drives like those done at FPLC are more important than ever.

MBHS is a crucial food resource to 200+ households and individuals per week who go to their 6-7 weekly outreach events. By donating food, we have this opportunity to feed truly food-scarce and hungry people. Nutritious food helps reverse the toxicity of lead poisoning in all ages. Lead toxicity is a very common issue in the neighborhoods served by MBHS.

Filling and culturally-appropriate foods are needed and remember to check expiration dates! Contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org with any questions.

Items Always Needed Include:

Canned Beef, Chicken and Salmon
Sardines, Spam, Vienna Sausages
Canned Collard or Mustard Greens
Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Chicken Noodle Soup, SpaghettiOs
Canned Yams, Mac & Cheese, Rice, Baked Beans
Granola Bars and other Energy Bars
Cheerios
Ensure and Infant Formula



Additional Items:

Household cleaning items
Hygiene and grooming products
Due to retailers like Walgreens closing in the area, there is little



access to these products as most of the people who go to MBHS don't have cars and/or are disabled and elderly people with mobility issues.

These items are too costly for many of their guests. To be well-groomed is so helpful to self-esteem and confidence!



Women's Book Club

September 14; 7 pm

This group meets on Mondays, approximately every 6 weeks, from 7 – 8:30 pm. They read a variety of genres depending

on interests in the group. It's an informal, fun time together. They take turns leading the discussion and have light snacks and beverages.

Questions or would you like to join? Contact Joanne Ginster; jmginster@yahoo.com or (414) 491-8939.

The first three books for this year are:

September 14: *Holy Envy* by Barbara Taylor

October 26: *Whistler* by Ann Patchett

December 7: *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn

To see a list of books and dates for the rest of the bookclub year, please click here: [BOOKS](#)



Fox Point Moms Daytime (FPM)

FPM is for moms of all ages—with children or grandchildren of all ages! This is a judgment-free time to mentor each other, vent, ask parenting or spousal

questions and be here for each other. The group 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.

Date: Kick off date is Friday, September 11; meets every 2 weeks; 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month

Time: 9 – 10:30 am

Location: FPLC, lower level in the room next to the Point Cafe

Leader: Angie Biersach & Tracy Christenson

Signup



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East Central Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Fox Valley Disaster Relief Updates

At the end of July severe storms hit the Neenah and Menasha areas and devastated many homes, businesses and infrastructure. As with all severe storms and flooding (think Milwaukee in 2025), there is no quick fix. The efforts have moved to recovery needs. This is a long process. In addition, the East Central Synod is learning on the fly, with help from many, including the Greater Milwaukee Synod, how to prepare and respond to not only this disaster, but for those yet to come.

You can read the August 11 update from the East Central Synod [HERE](#). The information below is also included there.

Give. Serve. Learn. Pray.

Give. The city of Menasha has expressed that they are at capacity for in-kind donations. Money continues to be the very best way to support recovery. There are many ways to give...

- You can give through the East Central Synod of Wisconsin's "Local Disaster Relief" fund [online](#) or by mailing a check indicating that purpose: PO Box 655 Appleton, WI 54912
- You can give to Lutheran Disaster Response using their giving [link](#).
- You can look for a local organization like [United Way Fox Cities](#) and donate directly.

Serve. The municipalities have asked people to not self-deploy.

- [Volunteer Fox Cities](#) is currently organizing and deploying volunteers where there is need.
- St. Paul Lutheran Church in Neenah invites you to help them feed the volunteers from Rapid Response America as they will be hosted by St. Paul's for 1-2 months. Here is a [link](#) with more information where you can sign up to help.

Learn. Lutheran Disaster response hosted a webinar, "Introduction to Disaster Response" on Thursday, 8/6 – a link to the recording may be found [HERE](#).

The Lutheran Disaster Response [Training and Engagement Catalog](#) shares considerable resources for individuals and congregations to engage in learning and disaster preparedness.

Pray. Entrust those who have been impacted the most into God's care. Pray for them to be sustained in the longer journey of recovery. Pray for children to find safe places to play. Pray for individuals working to find temporary housing. Pray for people experiencing trauma from this event.

Sunday, September 13 is a Big Day at FPLC

We're kicking off the beginning of fall worship, programs and Kids' Church!



Two Service Times Are Back

We return to our 9 am and 10:30 am service schedule on September 13. The two services have different musical experiences: 9 am has more traditional music with our FPLC

Chancel Choir, Joyful Noise Bell Choir and organ music. For a contemporary music service, join us at 10:30 am with our Fox Point Church Worship Team.

It's a tradition at FPLC to kick off the year with a bouncy house and the 2-story inflatable slide for the kids to play on after both services. As always, there will be a tasty treat to enjoy as well.

Contact: Julie Schlifske, julie@foxpointchurch.org.



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 of Jesus.

Registration:

Kids' Church, Confirmation & Children's Choirs

Parents of children in preschool through 8th grade, will get an email late this week with registration informa-

tion for Kids' Church, Confirmation (see below) and both of our Children's Choirs (see choirs below)! If you haven't received this information by the end of the week, contact Julie Schlifske, julie@foxpointchurch.org.



5K-6th Grades

What do we do? We learn lots of action songs, scripture songs, and songs to share in worship. We sing during worship services 4-6 times per year.

When do we practice? Sunday mornings between the worship services, from 10-10:25am. Please remember, we have just 25 minutes to sing together each week, so we need you to come every week if you can. Even if you can't be at the next performance, we will be learning other songs that you will want to know, so come and sing with us!

Location: We will rehearse in the Music Room and Movie Room in the Lower Level.

When do rehearsals begin? Rehearsals launch with a "Get to Know You" kick-off on Sunday, October 4. Weekly rehearsals generally follow the Sunday School calendar.

How do we join? You can complete the form (click below), or email Jeff Shoemaker.

[Registration](#)

[Email Jeff](#)



Confirmation Orientation

7th Graders, new 8th Graders & Parents

If your student is entering 7th grade or an 8th grader new to our Confirmation program, please join us for this brief orientation meeting to hear all about the program.

You will receive an email this week regarding the Confirmation program. If you don't, please contact Lori Barrieau (see below).

Scan the QR for the upcoming year's schedule and registration information.

Date: Wednesday, September 23

Time: 7 – 8 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

Questions: Lori Barrieau;

lori@foxpointchurch.org.





Northshore Interfaith Green Team Instrument Drive

Northshore Interfaith Green Team, of which FPLC is a member, has held electronic drives, educational programs and now is holding an instrument recycling drive with a dual purpose. Not only will it move the unused instruments out of your homes (and keep them from the landfill), the instruments will be refurbished and distributed to Milwaukee-area students in need. Exclusions: please no keyboards or song flutes.

Please drop off your instruments at FPLC on Sunday morning, October 11 . Unfortunately, FPLC cannot accept instruments before or after that date. Feel free to contact Brass Bell directly about bringing items to their store.



NORTHSHORE INTERFAITH GREEN TEAM PRESENTS:

INSTRUMENT RECYCLING DRIVE

ONE INSTRUMENT. ONE CHILD. ONE GREENER PLANET.



Do you have a gently used musical instrument that is no longer being played?

Instead of letting it collect dust - or end up in a landfill - give it a second life.

YOUR DONATED INSTRUMENT WILL BE PROFESSIONALLY REFURBISHED AT **BRASS BELL MUSIC STORE, THROUGH A PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE **KIWANIS**, AND DISTRIBUTED TO A CHILD IN NEED.**

WHEN: OCTOBER 11, 2026

WHERE: Fox Point Church, Welcome area

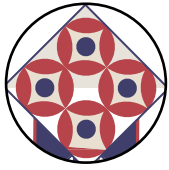
TIME: 8:45 am – Noon

WHAT: USED BRASS, WOODWINDS, STRINGS, PERCUSSION, GUITARS
PLEASE NO KEYBOARDS OR SONG FLUTES



HELP US KEEP REUSABLE INSTRUMENTS OUT OF THE LANDFILL AND SUPPORT MUSIC EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN IN NEED.

Recycle with purpose. Share the gift of music. Care for our Earth.



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, August 18

Time: 9 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

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



Sheepshhead Group at FPLC

Dates: August 14 & 28

Are you interested in joining a group of Sheepshhead 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'll keep playing over the summer. We will have "learning aids" available to help with the basics, and experienced players to guide you. We look forward to sharing the fun! Interested or would you like more information? Contact Jim Schmidt at schmidtyjim@aol.com.



MACCANON BROWN
HOMELESS SANCTUARY, INC.

MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary Friday lunches; Friday, September 11

FPLC members provide and serve lunch at MBHS's

Fantastic Fridays lunch program throughout the year. (Held at Hephatha Lutheran Church.) There are two ways to help:

Supply Part of the Meal:

On the sign-up page, choose which part of the meal you'd like to supply. The main dish recipe and sides for September will be posted shortly, but you can sign up now and they'll be sent to you.

Serve the Meal:

Join us for one or more of the Fridays below from 11 am – 1:30 pm to serve lunch to the guests at Hephatha Lutheran Church. (Corner of Locust and 18th). Just sign up on the SignUp Genius link below. Hephatha is located at 1720 W Locust St, Milwaukee. Street parking and the entrance are on 18th St.

If you have any questions, contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org.

2026 FPLC Meal Dates:

December 11

Sign Up!



FPLC Drives are Making a Big Impact!

This October, let's stand together in support of everyone impacted by breast cancer. While there are many ways to make a difference, donating blood is one simple act that helps provide lifesaving support for patients receiving treatment. Schedule your appointment and help bring hope to those who need it most.

The October 29 is our last drive for 2026. We'll be posted all of our 2027 dates soon. They are scheduled so that you can sign up for them all and still have the required space between appointments. We'd love to see you there!!

Click the sign-up link TODAY to schedule an appointment!
Thursday, October 29 at FPLC

Signup



The Basics of Baby Massage: A Parent/Infant Class

Best for babies 2 weeks to under 12 months and their parent(s)/guardian(s). Infant massage can relieve fussiness, pain and discomfort for the

baby as well as help babies fall asleep sooner and sleep more restfully. Bring your baby, a blanket and wear comfy clothes to class as we will be on the floor. Handouts will be provided.

Date: Friday, August 21 & September 18; 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.



Grief Support at Fox Point Church Tuesday, September 22; 5:30 – 7 pm

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? Do you need encouragement and support as you navigate your grief? We invite you to join us for a 12-session, facilitated support

group beginning September 22. You'll be with others who are also navigating grief. Not sure if a grief support group is right for you? Come to the first meeting to learn more, meet the group, and then decide what feels right for you.

There is no cost for the program. A book will be used during the sessions and is available for \$25, payable at the end of the first meeting.

Ready to join us? Click the link below to register.

Questions? Please reach out to Pastor Bruce; 414-352-8990; pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org.

Registration



Purchase Gift Cards at FPLC

It's planting & growing time! Do you need to get your garden spruced up with some new plants or trees? Perhaps you have some garden maintenance to do. Bayside Garden Center is the place to go for all your garden needs and you can benefit students in Tanzania!

By purchasing Bayside gift cards at church (*not* at the garden center) you help us send teens in Tanzania to high school. We retain 15% of each card's cost, which helps cover tuition. Cards can be purchased at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week.



Mt. Meru Coffee at Home

You can support the 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.



Hospital Visits

If you or a loved one is hospitalized and would like a pastor visit or call (or just to let them know you are hospitalized), call the church office; 414-352-8990. Hospitals cannot share that information.



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	Ian
Cameron	Jonah
Cooper	Kyan
Danny	Matthew
David	Wyatt
Grant	

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

Lane B.	Ruth E.	Donna Jordahl	Mary Jane	Dave Rotter
Woody Barksdale	Rick Frank	Randy K.	Matt	Roy
Kim Bell	Fredrick	Helen Kappmeyer	Michael	John S.
Ed Bill	Andrea G.	Karin	Mike	Lynn S.
Sue Birmingham	Jenny G.	Kath	Nadine	Nancy S.
Dan C.	Kathy G.	Kathy	Nancy	William Skasick
Joe Camp and Family	Joan Gildner	Charlie Kinney	Curt Nash	Stephen
Caezar Chavez	Sue Hiller	Corrine Kraus	Gary Ostrowski	Jane T.
Kristofer Chavez	Jen	Leslie L.	Scott P.	Terry
Cheryl	Jill	Lisa	Paul	Mike Umland
Richard Choi	Jim	Makenna	Bretton Pierce	Al Z.
Rosie Conaway	Joan	Robert M	Rick	Rick Zamora
Pr. Dan	Jon	Steve M.	Dotty Roth	

Congratulations

Births

Best wishes to Michael and Alexandra Hayden on the birth of their daughters Anne (Annie) Wilson Hayden and Madeline Minette Hayden on August 4. The girls are also welcomed by big brothers Teddy and George.

Best wishes to Pastor Josh and Anna Wyman on the birth of their son Shepherd Allen on Thursday, August 6. Shepherd is also welcomed by big sisters Rose and Freya.

Wedding

Congratulations and much happiness to Kelly Price and Matthew Vanden Branden, who were married August 8.

Congratulations and much happiness to Heidi Huebner and Scott Kleinschmidt, who were married August 8.

Condolences

Our condolences and prayers are with Jenny Tenhaeff on the death of her mother, Pauline Tenhaeff.



FPLC Office Hours
Monday–Thursday from 8:30 am–4 pm

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Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. The devotion was first shared on Wednesday, August 5. If you would like to receive Mary's devotion on a weekly basis, please sign up here: [Weekly Devotion](#).

Hello!

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." – 2 Corinthians 12:9

My kitchen towels are a delight for me, adding a splash of color and texture to sometimes humdrum chores. My own are rolled up in a red wire basket and there must be at least fifty! Some are estate sale finds...some hand embroidered by my grandma Nettie and some have cat images, gifts from fellow feline lovers. Many are plaids and checks...all are woven and wonderful. Loose threads, wear spots and holes are commonplace because I just can't give them up! Condition or age isn't important, because they add a touch of whimsy and joy to the day. Imperfections and weak fabric yes and yes...special and unique...for sure!

"God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong." – 1 Corinthians 1:27

God's creations are much the same...imperfect, yet special and unique. Our world is composed of people with limitations and faults. His love is not earned by perfection, rather given as a gift. He has created a mix of many textures and colors and natures and in doing so has made our lives interesting and also challenging. Our Father's world is one of strengths and weaknesses and when we accept our weaknesses it is then that His power is truly harnessed. He takes it all and blends it into a world of diversity and in that world His love is the one constant! Our God never, never ever gives up on us, offering the gift of fresh forgiveness and restoration. Perhaps a little like my much-loved kitchen towels, treasures, each one of them...and each one of us.

"Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day." – 2 Corinthians 4:16

Abba Father how blessed we are to be Your children, Your treasures. Thank You for never leaving us, for recognizing our strengths and weaknesses, our faults and our flaws and still abiding with us. Love from Your creations...Amen.

He is with us, always. – Mary