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LIFE TOGETHER
This Week

November 19, 2026
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Real Faith For Real Life



* 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 40 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.

Adults

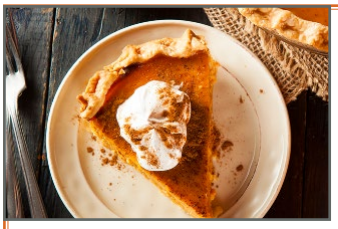
Every year we provide gifts to the men at Serenity Inns. Each man receives a few items suggested by the staff. You will be sent an email identifying items to purchase. We are providing 26 gifts this year.

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.

Gifts are due to FPLC by December 13. Please wrap the gift, no gift bags.



Click here to Sign up! ➔ Sign Up



Gratitude Sunday Morning Pie Social

Sunday, November 22

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.

Help Serve

We still need a few volunteers after the 10:30 service. If you're able to help serve pie on Sunday, Nov 22 after the 10:30 service, please contact Diane Knapp; diane@foxpointchurch.com.

Times: After the 9 am & 10:30 am services!
Location: FPLC Fellowship Hall
Questions: Email Diane Knapp; diane@foxpointchurch.org

We're almost there! A few slots left.

MACCANON BROWN HOMELESS SANCTUARY, INC.

MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary Friday lunches; Friday, December 11

FPLC members provide and serve lunch at MBHS's Fantastic Fridays lunch program throughout the year. (Held at Hephatha Lutheran Church.)

Supply Part of the Meal:

On the sign-up page, choose which part of the meal you'd like to supply. The main dish is baked ziti (recipe provided), bagged romaine lettuce and homemade cookies. Sign up below.

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

Sign Up!

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Our Season of Gratitude and Giving Is Here!

It's Time to Count Our Blessings and Share Them

We're all thankful for our wonderful church and our member's commitment to helping those less fortunate, providing food for the hungry, warm winter coats and mittens and scarves, and toys for children whose parents are struggling.

We're also grateful for your incredible support of our three partner Lutheran congregations in Tanzania. Our relationship has been alive since Pastor Bill's first visit in 2004, and after his visit last year, he'll confirm that our friends are eternally positive and grateful for your help as they struggle to survive.

So far, ten delegations from our church have visited them, and you support them by buying Mt. Meru coffee and purchasing more than 350 goats so far to feed widows and orphans led by Mama Mariki.

Your biggest gift has been sending their young people from very poor families to college—an opportunity only 5% of the young people in their country experience. So far, 84 students have earned their degrees with more on the way this year thanks to our members who supported them, paying their tuition, books and fees.

They've earned degrees from education to law to medicine. Their scholarships for a year ranging from $620 to the high teens at top colleges and universities.

Our recipients are so grateful and humble. We never knew they were facing serious challenges, things our students can take for granted. They need help with housing, meals, transportation and computers. You'll be astonished at how inexpensive it is to students earn that degree.

Watch for our Help Tree for Tanzania College Students starting the first Sunday in Advent (November 29).

Dear Tanzania Committee,



Thank you so much for the opportunity you gave me of sponsorship. I am really happy and grateful for your help and support.

I will be communicating with you about different fuel works, school works and different updates from time to time about my progress in my studies and life as a whole.

Currently, we are in a one month holiday, in which when we resume I will be a third year student.

Again thank you so much and please pass my thankful greetings to all the people who supported me through this and made it possible.

Blessings,

Victoria.

Buy a Goat

Our members have provided more than 350 goats (and goat food!) for Mama Mariki's program. It's now expanded and called the Hope Seed Initiative.

Each goat goes to a widow raising an orphan or to individuals and groups of people who are very poor. The milk provides food, and when the goat has a kid, it goes to another family.

If you would like to purchase goat food or a goat as a gift, you have your choice of:

Food for 4 months – $25
Food for 8 months – $50
Food for a year – $75
Half a goat – $75

***1 whole Goat & food for 4 months - $150**

*If you choose this option, you can pick up a custom certificate from the church office to give as a gift.

To make a purchase, click: **GOATS**

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Santa Hat Ensemble

Do you play an instrument and love Christmas music? Come play in the Santa Hat Ensemble on Dec. 20, 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. There will be a rehearsal/read-through on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 11:45 am in the sanctuary.

Don't play an instrument?
Enjoy the music after services on December 20 while you have coffee and donuts!!



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: Fri, November 27; it's a one-session class, but come more if you would like! Additional dates: December 18 and January 15.
Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location: FPLC lower level Commons area
Limit: 6 families per session
Registration: Contact Angie Biersach to RSVP, 414-207-2808 or angiebiersach@gmail.com.



Bayside garden center



Bayside Garden Cards

You'll find everything you need from Christmas trees and wreaths, exciting pots, indoor plants, bird feeders and gifts at Bayside Gardens. Bayside Gardens helps us send teens in Tanzania to high school. 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.



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All Saints Day
November 1, 2026

Roger Roland Matzke
December 1, 2025

Betty L. Plank
January 20, 2026

John Stratton McGregor
March 7, 2026

Robert "Bob" William Peterson
March 15, 2026

James T. Locke
March 26, 2026

Robert "Bob" Palmer
April 23, 2026

Sue Ann Jurack
June 1, 2026

Howard Wilkins, Jr.
June 13, 2026

Douglas James Eiring
June 21, 2026

Bonnie Louise Lund
July 1, 2026

Sharon Lynn Herber Kasik
August 15, 2026

Donna Jean Jordahl
August 18, 2026

Cheryl Rausch
August 18, 2026

Gary Ostrowski
September 8, 2026

Jeffrey Remsik
September 15, 2026

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Food Pantries: Crucial Food Safety Nets

Food scarcity is a constant concern for many in Milwaukee. New cuts in food stamps went 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. All Peoples Church's food pantry is seeing about 100 people a week. 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! *We cannot accept items which have expired or are nearly expired!* 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

Canned Fruit

Granola Bars and other Energy Bars

Cheerios & other cereals (12-18 oz)

Syrup

Ensure and Infant Formula



Additional Items:

Household cleaning items



Hygiene and grooming products

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



Coat Drive Update

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

Thank you to our sorters and those delivering everything to our partners!



Before You Donate, Please Check With Us!



We have a generous church, for which we are very thankful! We all have items we'd like to re-home from time to time. FPLC would like to help you locate the best place for them if possible. Please don't drop them at church before checking with staff. We are limited on storage, may need to research where items go and have limited ability to transport the items.

Do you have questions about donations? Please contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org.

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FPLC 2027 Blood Drives

For many years now FPLC has been holding regular Blood Drives. They are spaced out so you can have the required time needed between donation dates. It only takes about an hour. What could be easier? Sign up online, come to a place you already know, spend an hour and get a snack before you head home.

Oh! And you also have the added benefit of knowing you have helped save up to three lives!!

Fact or Fiction

1. Actually, while 37% of the US population is qualified to donate blood, only about 4% actually do so. If just 1% more of Americans donated blood, it is estimated that all blood supply shortages would disappear for the foreseeable future.

2. While all cases are different, many medications don't prevent individuals from donating. People with chronic health conditions are concerned they may not be able to donate blood! Common diseases like diabetes, asthma and Lyme disease do not exempt people from donating blood.

Blood Drive Schedule

January 26, Tuesday; 1 – 6 pm

March 30, Tuesday; 1 – 6 pm

May 25, Tuesday; 1 – 6 pm

July 21, Wednesday; 1 – 6 pm

October 28, Thursday; 1 – 6 pm

January 26

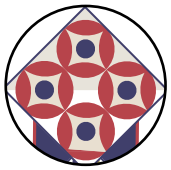
Appointments:

Signup

Fact or Fiction?

1. "Other people are donating blood, so I don't need to."

2. "I probably cannot donate blood due to my medication or chronic health condition."



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, December 15
Time: 9 am – 1:30 pm
Location: Fellowship Hall
Contact: Ellen Feider: 414-435-8440; efeiderwi@gmail.com



Sheepshead Group at FPLC

Dates: November 27, December 11 then off until January 8

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

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Programs for Children—Register Now!

During the school year our Kids' Church is held in our lower level during our regular Sunday morning worship services at 9:00 and 10:30. We offer three different programs depending on the age of your children. If you haven't already, please register your children for these programs as it helps us plan class sizes and curriculum.

Nursery
Birth – under 3 years old

Our nursery cares for our youngest members—those under 3 years old—so that their parents may fully participate in and enjoy worship.

Nursery Registration

Preschool Kids' Church
P3/4K this school year

Our preschool Kids' Church program is a fun, lively, and loving introduction to God and our church. If your child is nervous about coming to church, no worries! They will soon be having a great time and making lots of new friends. We write our own curriculum to make sure it exactly fits the needs of our kids.

Preschool Registration

Kid's Church
Grades 5K-6th

Through age-appropriate art projects, videos and games, your child will explore the most important stories in the Bible and the teachings and message of Jesus.

5K - 6th Registration

For More Information

To read more about our Children's Ministry programs, please see our website by clicking the button below.

Children's Ministry

Have questions?

Be sure to email Julie Schlifske, our Director of Children's Ministries, julie@foxpointchurch.org.

Save the Summer Dates! June 14 - 18

VBS, Little Lambs and Vacation Bible Extreme!

FPLC has three fun, faith-filled programs for kids this summer. What they sign up for depends on their ages:

Little Lambs; 9:15 – 11:45 am

(Turned age 3 by Jan. 1, 2027, through those currently in a P3 program)

VBS; 9 am – noon

(For students currently in grades K4– 3)

Vacation Bible Extreme (VBX); 1 – 4 pm

(For students currently in grades 4-6)

New This Year!

Save the dates on your calendar for these popular programs. More details and registration will be coming in the new year.

First Communion Workshop Save the Date!

Registration Coming Soon

Our First Communion Workshop will be the morning of Saturday, January 9; 8:45 am – 12:15 pm. The First Communion service is on Sunday, January 10 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.

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

OPEN HOUSE

SAT, DEC 5 | 9am – Noon

Join us for a morning full of bright Christmas Spirit at FPLC. Whether you are a tiny tot or a full-grown elf, there is a little something for everyone at this event.

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: HOUSE A very limited number may be available for walk-ins, so advance reservations are strongly recommended.

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 the Road To Bethlehem

Swing by this road to find fun games that follow the Christmas story and win prizes along the way! It's a great chance to celebrate the joy of the first Christmas!

Hear the sounds of Christmas at Jingle Bell Rock

Jeff Shoemaker & His Elves will 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. Cash payments are preferred, but not required. Thanks!

See Santa at the North Pole

Find 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!

Pop into the Cocoa Café

Enjoy a cozy cup of hot cocoa (on us!) and a few fun surprises!

Share the joy of giving Around The World

Stop by our Tanzania table to shop for gifts that support our Tanzania Scholarship Fund. Don't forget, there will be a toy raffle too!

Walk in the steps of the Wise Men on Nativity Road

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



Say CHEESE at Photo Booth Boulevard

Looking for a backdrop for a quick family portrait? Our Photo Booth will give you a chance to let your family shine!

Questions? Contact Julie Schlifske; julie@foxpointchurch.org



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Confirmation Service Night Important Information!

Important Details and Preparation Needed

Confirmation families were sent emails regarding The Confirmation Service Night on Wednesday, December 2. All the information is in the link below.

Please read the linked information for details on what you and your student need to purchase or prepare for the December 2 workshop. If you have any questions, please contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org.

Service Night Information

SOP Reminders & Ideas

Confirmation students are asked to take part in 3 Service Projects for the church and 3 in the greater community each year. Here are some suggestions. Information on all of these can be found in this newsletter:

- Dinner Fellowship at Serenity Inns
- Make a main dish for MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary's Friday lunch Dec 11
- Ushering (with an adult the first time)
- Coffee Hour Host (with an adult)
- Communion Aides (with an adult)
- Confirmation Service Night (info was sent to your email and is also on the Confirmation page on our website)
- Soles for Jesus Confirmation (February)Event; scan the QR code to register

Soles for Jesus Registration

High School News

Looking for connection, great conversations, and opportunities to grow in faith? Join us for two ongoing ministries that meet throughout the school year! Students are welcome to come every week or whenever their schedules allow, and friends are always welcome.

Questions? Contact Pastor Josh; pastorjosh@foxpointchurch.org



First Light High School Bible Study

Every Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 am
Stone Creek Coffee, Glendale

Yes, it's early. Coffee helps!

High School students are invited to join us for First Light, our new Thursday morning Bible study at Stone Creek Coffee in Glendale!

We'll meet from **6:00–7:00 am** on Thursdays to spend time in Scripture, ask honest questions, and explore how the Bible connects with faith and everyday life. We're kicking things off with a five-week series on *How to Read the Bible*.

Grab some coffee or breakfast and pull up a chair! No registration is needed, and friends are always welcome.



Weekly High School Youth Group

Sundays

High School students have another opportunity to connect this fall with weekly Sunday Youth Group!

We'll start by attending **10:30 am** worship together, grab some donuts during fellowship, and then head downstairs for Youth Group from **11:45 am – 12:45 pm**.

Each week we'll spend time playing games, building friendships, exploring Scripture, and talking about faith and life together. It's a chance for students to have a consistent place to connect, grow, and have fun.

Come every week or whenever you can! No registration needed, and friends are welcome.

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Join the Chancel Choir!

The Chancel Choir at Fox Point Lutheran Church invites you to be part of a welcoming, faith-centered community that enriches worship through music and builds meaningful connections along the way.

Our choir leads hymns, shares anthems that complement the weekly message, and offers music for special services and occasions. Just as importantly, we enjoy the fellowship that comes from singing, serving, and sharing life together. From weekly rehearsals to seasonal gatherings and shared meals, the choir is a close-knit group that supports one another in faith and friendship.

Now is a great time to join us as we prepare for our annual Christmas performance on Sunday, December 13, during both the 9:00 and 10:30 am worship services. We hope to add more voices as we share the music and message of the Christmas season with our congregation.

Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Music Room in the lower level of the church.

Simply stop by, or contact Tony Mudra or Jana Larson with questions. We hope you'll join us!

Email Tony Email Jana

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 13

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

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 #: _____

_____

The Poinsettia Garden

You may also fill out a form and pay through this link: Poinsettia or through this QR code. The firm deadline for submission is Sunday, December 13.

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Women's Book Club

December 7, 7 pm

We're reading *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn.

January 18; 7 pm

Join us to discuss *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick.

See our website for the full list of books. Questions? We'd love to have you join us! Contact Joanne Ginster; jmginster@yahoo.com or (414) 491-8939.



Women's & Men's Club—December 9

Get in the Christmas spirit with our annual Christmas luncheon and music!

Date: Wednesday, December 9
Time: 11:30 am: Lunch and Fellowship, followed by the program
Location: FPLC Fellowship Hall
Fee: $15; includes lunch
Contact: Patty Roberts; paroberts63@yahoo.com; 262-278-7005
Registration: Register in Fellowship Hall, on our website, or through the link below.

RSVP

Women's & Men's Club—January 13

Identity Theft: Protect & Prevent

Identity theft continues to be the fastest growing crime in the US. The more you learn about it, the less vulnerable you are. The Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection will explain the different types of identity theft, how to recognize it and how to prevent it. Receive tips for safe-guarding personal information and how to recover from identity theft.

Date: Wednesday, January 13
Time: 11:30 am: Lunch and Fellowship, followed by the program
Location: FPLC Fellowship Hall
Fee: $15; includes lunch
Contact: Patty Roberts; paroberts63@yahoo.com; 262-278-7005
Registration: Registration to come



Fox Point Moms—Two Groups

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 groups provide a safe, supportive environment. They each focus on a devotional and discuss it at each session. Please help us spread the word by sharing this opportunity.

Friday Morning Group:
Date: Fridays, November 27 and December 11 then resumes after Christmas on January 8; meets every 2 weeks; 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month
Time: 9 – 10:30 am
Location: FPLC, lower level Point Cafe
Leaders: Angie Biersach; angiebiersach@gmail.com

Friday: Signup

Tuesday Evening Group:
Date: We're taking a break for December and will resume January 5; meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month.
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: FPLC, lower level Point Cafe
Leaders: Meghan Langlois; melanglois87@gmail.com and Mary Beth Scalise

Tuesday: Signup

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 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; Sergeant; 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.

Joseph Hoffman II **US Air Force**
Served 1961 -1967.

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 – 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.

Jeff McLean **US Air Force Active Duty**
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.

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.

Charlie Phillips **US Army**
Served from 1966-1972 (Vietnam era); Troop E; 105th Armored Calvary; 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.

Kevin Witt **US Air Force**
Served 1974-1978.

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

James T. Locke **US Army**
Roger Matzke **US Air Force**
Robert Palmer **US Navy**



We have done our best to include all members who are active or retired military.
If you know of someone we are missing, please submit this form:
Military
Include their name, branch of military, years served and service information. Thank you!

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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.

Usher

Communion Servers

Are you a past or present Council member who would like to serve Communion on Christmas Eve at 9 and 10:30 am and 9 pm? 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 need adults to play wise men/women and a boy in K5-6th to play Joseph. (These are non-speaking roles).
To volunteer, please contact Julie Schlifske: julie@foxpointchurch.org

Christmas Eve Service Times:

Check the times and what is offered at each to see which service you'd like to attend.

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:	Candlelight Service, No Communion
9 pm:	Candlelight Service with Communion

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Lend a Hand with FPLC's Sunday 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 for the dates that work for you. Confirmation students can volunteer with a parent. Time: during the church service.

Ushers

Confirmation Students (w/parent the first time they usher) 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. Clean up the pews after the service, which takes about 10 minutes.

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

Coffee Hour Hosts

Ushers

You Helped Feed Many for Thanksgiving!!

We really tested the limits of our freezers this month! Thank your for your kindness and generosity to those in need. Thank you also to the people who helped sort the food, kept the freezers organized and delivered items to our partners!

FPLC Donated to All Peoples Church:

- 21 Hygiene bags
- 20 Thanksgiving meal kits
- 25+ Frozen turkeys, chickens and hams



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.

Office Closed Nov. 26 and 27

The office will be closed Thursday and Friday November 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Should you need pastoral care, call the office and follow the message instructions; 414-352-8990.

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Prayer List
All in The Family

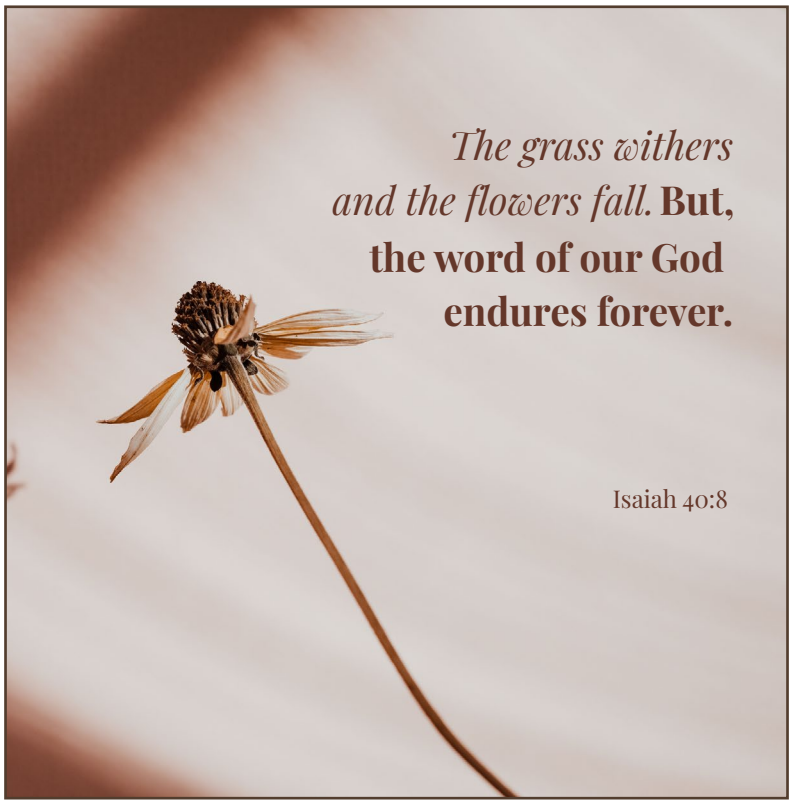
Join us on Sunday, for the virtual service. If you or your family need anything we can help you with, call the office at 414-352-8990 or email church@foxpointchurch.org!

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

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

Andrew
Woody Barksdale
Harry Beaumont
Kim Bell
Ed Bill
Dan C.
Caezar Chavez
Kristofer Chavez
Richard Choi
Rosie Conaway
Pr. Dan
Rick Frank
Fredrick
Freeze Family
Andrea G.
Courtney G
Jenny G.
Kathy G.
Tommy G.
George
Joan Gildner
Roy Glocke
Kelly Grebe
Haraway Family
Sue Hiller
Jim
Joan
Jon
Jim Jurack
Randy K.
Helen Kappmeyer
Karin
Kath
Jim Kimmel
Charlie Kinney
Corrine Kraus
Kirsten
Leslie L.
Luisa
Makenna
Robert M
Steve M.
Mary Jane
Matt
Michael
Joannie Morris
Nadine
Curt Nash
Scott P.
Dave Rotter
John S.
Lynn S.
Kim Salceda
William Skasick
Stephen
Sara Strunk & Family
Sweet Family
Jane T.
Terry
Sue Welty
Al Z.
Rick Zamora

Military
AJ
Alex
Cameron
Danny
David
Grant
Ian
Jeff
Jonah
Kyan
Matthew
Wyatt



Congratulations
Baptisms

Dempsey Conway Garland, son of Graham and Madison Garland, was baptized October 18.

Epsen Lee Colette Claus, daughter of Connor and Anna Claus, was baptized October 25.

Avery Francis Kreinz, daughter of Austin and Anjoli Kreinz was baptized on November 1.

Bennett Charles Hayes, son of Natalie and Joseph Hayes, was baptized November 8.

Anne Wilson Hayden and Madeline Minette Hayden, daughters of Alexandra and Michael Hayden, were baptized November 15.

Wedding

Congratulations and best wishes to Dan Umland and Danielle Peterson, who were married October 17.

Condolences
Our condolences and prayers are with Carrie and Jennifer Doss, Ben Doss, Emma, Jerimiah, Sophia, Yari and Yulitza Jonas and Landohn and Logahn Williams on the passing of Carrie's mother, Lois Doss, on November 1.

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, November 18. If you would like to receive Mary's devotion on a weekly basis, please sign up here: Weekly Devotion

Hello!

"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

– Colossians 3:13

I'm a stickler about turning on the heat for the first time when the temps drop in autumn. My rule of thumb? When the thermostat hits 67 in the morning…then and only then may I turn it up to 70. Some rule. What I finally learned this year is that when I get up, it's damp and chilly in our older home…and I feel it and it's not real pleasant. Why did I ever take that tack? Honestly, I almost gloated about it. Being that rigid made me feel powerful, to not use the furnace until…until what…until I was even more chilly and uncomfortable?

It got me thinking that forgiveness is something like that…we wait and wait until… until what? When someone's wronged you for whatever reason, or you feel self-guilt, how does it benefit you to let anger take over? How does rigidity help you…what's the payoff for you or the other guy? Who's the real victim? Our Father invites us into the garden of forgiveness. Truth be told, I need to visit that sometimes-dormant garden frequently, to keep me out of prison of unforgiveness.

"But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander and filthy language from your lips."

– Colossians 3:8

Today's scriptures, the letters from Paul, are often referred to as The Prison Epistles, because it is believed that Paul wrote them to the early Christians at Ephesus and Colossae while imprisoned in Rome. Prison…a lack of forgiveness can feel like a prison, self-contained and finite but infinite too…held in … kept out…rigid and hardened…lonely and angry…hurt and hurting…powerful and powerless. Read and know God's mercy… feel the veil of clouds lift. Feel freedom in His forgiveness, so that we can impart forgiveness to others. Dormant gardens are meant to bloom again.

"In your anger do not sin; Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold."

– Ephesians 4:26-27

Father, on this day we thank you for always holding us in love and mercy and strengthening us in compassion and joy. Amen.

Blessings for a wonderful week. – Mary