



Messenger

Engaging Enthusiastic Followers of Jesus

December 2, 2011



DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Sunday, December 11 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Worship Services at 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30am
Christmas Cantata, *Gloria*, by Antonio Vivaldi at 9:00 & 10:30am
Sunday School at 9:00 & 10:30am

Sunday, December 18 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Worship Services at 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30am
Christmas Pageant in a Bag at 9:00 & 10:30am
No Sunday School will be held.

CHRISTMAS EVE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

10:00am – Communion Service
4:00pm – Children’s Service
5:30pm – Communion Service
*(Due to large numbers attending the 5:30pm service,
when maximum seating capacity is reached in the main sanctuary
extra seating will be provided in Fellowship Hall)*
7:30 & 11:00pm
Candlelight Communion Services

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Holy Communion
One Worship Service
9:00am
No Sunday School will be held.
No Nursery childcare will be provided.

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Health Ministry

Living Healthy Is A Prayer



“Cherishing the Gift of Relationship”

FPLC Women's Retreat
February 3 & 4

AED Refresher Time for Ushers Sunday, December 11

Before the holidays is a good time to brush up on the AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). Dr. Mark Chelmowski and I invite you to come for a brief explanation and use of the AED. Please join us in the Pine Room on Sunday, December 11 at 10am or 11:40. For further questions contact Joni, your parish nurse, at 414-352-8990 X 117.

Our Women's Retreat will be held at the beautiful Grand Geneva Resort on Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4, 2012. Please join us for our 5th annual women's retreat and experience the joy and peace you will find within yourself. Ladies! It's retreat time! Time to get away and connect with God and each other!

Susan Marshall will be our speaker this year. Susan is an author, speaker, and President of Executive Advisor, LLC, an independent consulting firm founded in 1997 that specializes in leadership development and executive effectiveness. She is a joyful member of St. Matthews Church in Oconomowoc. She celebrates the gifts she has been given and enjoys encouraging others to discover and share their blessings too.

Flip Your Lids...

Clean, pink Yoplait lids that is - into the basket on the Welcome Kiosk from now until December 18. For every pink lid from Yoplait yogurt, Yoplait will make a donation to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Help support this breast cancer cause.



This year we're going to focus on **Cherishing the Gift of Relationship**. How often do we recognize our relationships as gifts? Most of us take them for granted, never truly valuing them until they are threatened by argument, illness, or death. Yet each relationship is a gift in several respects. Relationship offers connection, a means of discovering ourselves in the responses of others, and a way to extend our best qualities to people we care about. During our time together we will examine some of the myths of relationships, the commitment we bring to them (or wish others would), what they say about us as individuals and how we can learn to truly cherish our relationships and in doing so, find their deepest joy.

Registration begins on Sunday, December 11. The cost of this retreat is just \$190.00/double and \$260.00 for a single room, (sorry, no refunds). Each person is responsible for finding her own roommate. This price includes a reception Friday night and a dinner (alcoholic drinks extra), breakfast and lunch on Saturday. If you are able to join us on Saturday only, the cost for the day is just \$50.00. The WELL Spa and Salon will offer a 15% discount on any spa service (please schedule yourself). Feel free to invite a friend.

Husbands, are you looking for that special Christmas or Valentine's gift that says, "I Love You"? We can help you to surprise your loved one with this fabulous Get Away! We will help you make all the arrangements and package it in a festive bag. What woman wouldn't enjoy this experience and a little pampering!

Reservations will be taken in the Welcome area. Final registration will be Sunday, January 15. For questions or scholarship inquiries, please contact Joni, your parish nurse at 414-352-8990 X 117 or stop by the registration table and talk with a volunteer. Joni Ledzian joni@foxpointchurch.org

Fellowship

Hark!



**The Fox Point Carolers (YOU!) sing again!
Saturday, December 3, 3:30**

We had a wonderful time last year caroling to some of our home-bound members and to residents at Seven Oaks. We are looking for families, children, youth, choir members, those who can't carry a note—anyone and everyone--to join us again this year for this heartwarming way to share the real gift of the season with others.

Please meet in Fellowship Hall at 3:30. We will carol for about an hour and then meet back in Fellowship Hall for cookies and hot chocolate.

Questions? Please contact Julie Schlifske at julie@foxpointchurch.org or at 262-238-1682.

Gingerbread House Decorating



Sign up in the Welcome Area or call the church office for this special event! There will be two shifts—one at 9am and one at 9:45am. It's open to everyone—parents, grandparents, singles, and kids of all ages.

Decorate your gingerbread house with all kinds of treats and meet Santa, too. He'll be there from 9:45 to 10:15am.

Get in the holiday spirit with Christmas carols, hot chocolate, hot cider, and coffee. Fun and fellowship for all!

Women's Club

Annual Festive Christmas Luncheon & Program

"The Colors of Christmas"

Wednesday, December 14
11:30am
Fellowship Hall

Our theme this year is "The Colors of Christmas" as we emphasize the significance of our Christmas traditions as expressions of our faith.

All women of the church are invited to attend and enjoy the program, a delicious luncheon and the wonderful fellowship of the Women's Club.

Please sign up at the registration table in the Welcome area. The cost is \$8.00 per person and guests are welcome.

Cookie Exchange

Monday, December 19
7:00pm - Fellowship Hall



Now is the time to select your favorite Christmas cookie recipe and plan to join in the fun (and time-saving experience) of sharing with fellow FPLC members.

Just prepare 6 dozen of your best holiday cookies to exchange. Bring them and your own container, if you'd like. Containers will also be available at the exchange. (See flyer with guidelines available at sign-up.)

All interested men and women are invited to participate. Refreshments will be served.

Please sign up at the notice in Fellowship Hall.

Please note: This is not the same as the cookie sale at the Holiday Boutique where a variety of cookies were sold by the pound. At the Cookie Exchange, you will share equally with those who participate and you will go home with a beautiful assortment of cookies ready to serve your family and guests at Christmas. Questions? Email Barbara Froemming at BFroemm@aol.com or call her at 414-352-7890.

Music Ministry/Operation Christmas Child

Gloria by Antonio Vivaldi

946!

On Sunday, December 11, during the 9:00 and 10:30 services, our choir will present Vivaldi's masterpiece, *Gloria*. With words taken from traditional Christian liturgy, this beautiful cantata expresses the joy of the Christmas season and the miracle of Jesus, our Emmanuel.

In addition to the chorus, soloists Lane Mudra, Heidi Boyd, and Sandi Lash are featured on several movements. The orchestra features strings, trumpet, oboe, and our very own harpsichord, newly renovated and re-strung. We will also take a special offering that morning for our Fine Arts fund, which helps us to produce special events such as *Gloria* on a regular basis.

The worship services will also include our advent wreath lighting and a meditation from Pastor Bill. Soloists and orchestra will join forces with our Chancel Choir for this special presentation during the 9:00 and 10:30 services on December 11. Don't miss this exciting event!

Calling Kids!

For our 4:00pm Christmas Eve service, the pre-worship music will consist of a mini-recital by our youngest members. Debra Bailey, Children's Choir director, will coordinate pianists, strings and wind players who would like to play a solo piece as part of this special celebration. If you are taking private lessons, please ask your teacher for something Christmas-appropriate. Non-Christmas pieces are welcome as well. If you need help finding a piece, Debra can help you select one from our church's music library. All skill levels are welcome. Play your best! Please contact Mrs. Bailey at deb@foxpointchurch.org.

Instrumentalists!

Do you or someone in your family play an instrument, and the music staff of the church doesn't know it? Besides regular and ongoing opportunities for solo instrumentalists, we routinely need musicians for brass ensembles, orchestras, and pianists.

If your instrument has been in its case in a closet since you last played in high school, that's okay! Some of our regular solo performers had not played for many years until they "began anew" here at FPLC. And Christians are all about beginning anew.

If you did not fill out the recent Talents/Skills and Interests Survey with your information, please contact Kevin Bailey, Director of Worship and Music, at bailey@foxpointchurch.org. There is an opportunity for you and your musical gifts.

946 hurting children will receive a Christmas gift of love and hope because of your incredible generosity. The bad news is that I can't individually thank each one of you who contributed to Operation Christmas Child. The good news is that I can't thank each of you because there are simply too, too many of you!

Thanks to our Sunday school children who creatively decorated hundreds of shoe boxes and to our Women's Club who beautifully wrapped hundreds more. I am so grateful to all of you who donated the thousands of items that went into each box, and to the adult and child volunteers who counted and sorted over and over again. I am amazed that our Confirmation kids were able to fill our 946 boxes in just over one hour! Thanks also to the 7 drivers who artfully packed the boxes into their cars to transport them to their first drop-off point. We couldn't have done any of this without the help of the chairs of this project, Amber Morgan and Tammy Enea, who each year help us to raise the bar just a little bit higher—ok, a lot higher!

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of the entire church and is touching evidence of the power of love. **Thank you.** And for those of you who have already suggested next year's goal: ssshhhhhh—don't even say it yet!

(Actually, we accept donations throughout the year downstairs at the entrance to Sunday school.)

FPLC Preschool Open House

Classes for 2012-2013 now forming

Fox Point Lutheran Preschool is now taking applications for the 2012-2013 school year. Please join us at our Open House where you can see our classroom, meet our staff and learn more about our wonderful program.

Open Houses:

When? Sunday, December 11 from 10–10:30am
or Monday, January 9 from 5:30–7:00pm

Where? Fox Point Lutheran Church -
7510 N. Santa Monica Blvd. in the preschool room
(enter on the south side of the building by the
playground).

Questions? - call Heather Klug 414-431-6042
**Classes fill quickly, so we recommend
registering early.**

Outreach

Adopt-A-Family



Christmas is right around the corner! Once again we will be helping those in need this holiday season. Look for the Adopt-A-Family tree in Fellowship Hall. On the tree you will find tags, and each tag represents a gift for someone who could use our help this Christmas season. Through this program we provide individuals with a shirt, a pair of pants, and an extra gift. Come take a tag off the tree to purchase a gift for someone who needs your help. All gifts are due back to church, wrapped, by December 11. We are also in need of people interested in shopping for groceries and delivering them, along with the gifts, to a family. If you are interested in that you can also sign up by the tree. If you have any questions please contact Danielle Ernster at witt0723@sbcglobal.net or 262-389-0897.

Buy an Ornament... Support a Scholarship

With the holiday season upon us, we are again selling ornaments from Tanzania, the profits of which support the scholarships we give to approximately 70 students from our two sister parishes in Tanzania, (Usa River and Ngarenanyuki). These scholarships are often the deciding factor as to whether students can stay in school or not. We send \$5000 each year to each parish, and scholarship committees there accept applications from many more than the 70 recipients. Scholarships are awarded based mostly on need and grades--with orphans receiving first consideration.

Ornament "prices" begin at \$10, \$25, and \$50 and from there go to \$100, \$200, \$250, \$500 and all the way to \$1000. Check out the ornament display board to consider the options.

Your Tanzania Outreach Partnership (TOP) Committee thanks you for considering this opportunity to help students in Tanzania stay in school.

Thank You from Jasmine, FPLC Promising Scholar

You may recall that your Outreach Committee gave 8 scholarships over the summer to college students from three Central City churches: Peace, All Peoples, and Cross Lutheran. In October, we followed up with "Care Packages" donated by the parents of our Beyond High School students. Our confirmation students assembled the packages which included two cards/letters from these 7th and 8th graders as well as a letter from the pastors. Here is a response from one of the recipients. Jasmine's home church is Cross Lutheran; she is attending Columbia College of Chicago, majoring in graphic design and business. Her \$750 scholarship helped her pay for tuition and supplies.

How are things going at Fox Point, and how are you? I have received the great package, and I am truly grateful and appreciative. I've read the church letter and both greeting cards from Ally and Bethany (I will be writing to them soon). Getting used to things here have been rocky so far but as things go on they are becoming better and better. I love the city of Chicago but the wind is a killer and its getting really cold as I'm sure it is back home. Again I just want to say thank you, and I hope that things are going well.

*Hope to hear from you soon, and God Bless,
Jasmine*

Can We Bank on You to Help the Hungry?

With Thanksgiving and the Christmas season upon us, it's tougher for many Milwaukee area families to make ends meet. Sadly some have to further cut back on their grocery purchases to pay utility bills, buy winter clothes, spend on a few gifts, etc. Indeed there is a big hunger problem in the city and our four Lutheran church partners (All Peoples, Cross, Peace and Kuji) are in need of more help than ever.

Your Outreach Committee is asking that you generously contribute to our ongoing Food Bank efforts. Deposits can be made in the bank boxes by each entry way. Indeed there is needand let's be in deed !!

December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Mom to Mom 6pm Joyful Noise 7pm Chancel Choir	2 5:30am Yoga 11:30am YAH Christmas Luncheon	3 3:30pm Caroling
4 Holy Communion Blood Pressure Screening 8, 9, & 10:30am Worship Services 9 & 10:30am Sunday School 10am Children's Choir	5 8:30am Yoga 6:30pm Yoga 7pm Congregational Care	6 6:30am Eye-Opener Bible Study 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Good Grief Support	7 7am Outreach 8:30am Yoga 7pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Confirmation	8 8:30am Senior Exercise 10am Luther Manor Communion Service 11:45am Men's Club 6pm Joyful Noise 6:30pm Tanzania Medical Meeting 7pm Chancel Choir Serenity Inn	9 5:30am Yoga	10 9am or 9:45am Gingerbread houses 10am Cantata rehearsal
11 8, 9, & 10:30am Worship Services 9 & 10:30am Sunday School 9 & 10:30am Christmas Cantata 10am Children's Choir 10am or 11:40am AED refresher for ushers 10am Preschool Open House 11:45am Lueck Baptism Noon Schultz Baptism 12:15pm Torgersen Baptism	12 8:30am Yoga 6:30pm Yoga	13 6:30am Eye-Opener Bible Study 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Good Grief Support 7pm KnitWits	14 8:30am Yoga 11:30am Women's Club 7pm Women's Bible Study	15 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Mom to Mom	16 5:30am Yoga Serenity Inn	17
18 8, 9, & 10:30am Worship Services NO Sunday School 10am Children's Choir 11:45am Adam Baptism	19 8:30am Yoga 6:30pm Yoga 7pm Christmas Cookie Exchange	20 6:30am Eye-Opener Bible Study 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Good Grief Support	21 8:30am Yoga	22 8:30am Senior Exercise	23	24 Worship Services: 10am, 4pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm, 11pm
25 Holy Communion Worship Service: 9:00am ONLY NO Sunday School	26 Office Closed	27 6:30am Eye-Opener Bible Study 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Good Grief Support	28 Serenity Inn	29 8:30am Senior Exercise	30 5pm Wedding Rehearsal	31 5pm Figgatt/Marx Wedding

Poinsettia Garden/Serving

Christmas Poinsettia Garden

Once again poinsettia plants will be used to decorate the church this Christmas season.
 If you would like to participate in this part of the Christmas celebration at FPLC,
 please fill out the form below and mail it along with a check to the church office,
 7510 N. Santa Monica Blvd. Fox Point, 53217



Cost: \$20.00 per plant Firm Deadline – December 18, 2011

A list of donors will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletin.
 If you wish, you may specify the person being honored or memorialized by your gift.
 Plants may be picked up at the church starting Tuesday, December 27, 2011.

Write name as you would like it to appear in the bulletin:

Name _____ Telephone _____

Person(s) In Honor or Memory of: (Please circle in honor or memory)

Serving

<u>December 4</u>	SERVING:	<u>December 11</u>
8:00 Charlene Halbert 9:00 Tom Klug 10:30 Jeff Remsik	Lectors	
8:00 Christensen Team 9:00 Plietz Team 10:30 Sullivan Davies Team	Ushers	8:00 Buehler Team 9:00 Quisler Team 10:30 Gepfert Team
9:00 Stephen & Marilee Nord 10:30 Guy & Ellen Schaefer	Coffee Hour Hosts	9:00 Jos. & Kathy Sauer; Steve & Sue Umland 10:30 Dave & Kim Westfahl
Julia DeCicco	Welcome Kiosk	Sara Hansen
9:00 Gretchen Bechthold, Jimmy Oates 10:30 Julia Veitinger, Kai Veitinger	Acolytes	9:00 Rachel Hudson, Maddie Schaefer 10:30 Will Alt, Leithen Crider
Susan Janik	Worship Assistant	Judy Theune
9:00 Sue & Jim Jurack 10:30 Bruce & Betsy Olson	Super Greeters	9:00 Charlie & Ginny Phillips 10:30 Bill Krugler, Alan Murphy

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All in the Family



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

Prayer List

Steve Heronemus (brother of L. Barrieau)
 Sue Wolf (sister of Janet Quail)
 Jan Bergin
 Joel Villnow
 Fran Riley
 Anne
 Bob Lynch
 Kim
 Melvin Sato
 Paula Sandoval
 Don Hiller
 Stretch Luedeman
 Betty Arpe
 Sheila Dlugi
 Deb
 Carol Soik
 Danny Johnson
 (great-grandson of Lloyd Johnson)
 Lloyd Johnson
 Deborah
 Janine Kolinski
 Ellie Fredericksen
 Marilyn Mechanic
 Ginny Muenta (mother of Marilee Nord)

Olga Best
 Nikki Etheridge
 Gary
 Sue Lottes
 Verlie Keehn
 Clarence Plagens
 David
 Erin Voll
 Elys Kettling-Law
 Jean
 Deb
 Virginia Kettling

Military

Samantha Rablin
 Ben Halbert
 Parker Stratton

Congratulations

Lane Benjamin Ahrens & Sarah
 Elizabeth Ashenden were married
 November 26.

Josiah Edward Ruble, son of Edward
 & Lisa Ruble, was baptized
 November 27.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Lisa, Kristina, and Elizabeth Norgard on the death of their husband and father, Pastor Eric Norgard, Wednesday, November 16. Please keep the Norgard family in your thoughts and prayers. Pastor Eric served our congregation as an associate pastor from 1991-1998.

Lisa Norgard
 Kristina and Elizabeth
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