



Messenger

Engaging Enthusiastic Followers of Jesus

May 13, 2011

**Rain or shine—it’s almost summertime!
And while we can’t promise sun, we can guarantee fun!**



What will your children be doing this summer? Give them the opportunity to learn more about themselves, their faith, and each other.

Vacation Bible School: July 25-29 (9-noon) presented by Sports Life Camps for kids entering K5-5th grades. More days, reduced fee, new games! Enjoy traditional VBS fun and faith while sharing your love of either basketball/street hockey **or** art **or** dance/cheerleading **or**--new this year--backyard games! Sign up before June 1 to qualify for our early-bird discount.

Little Lambs: July 25-29 (9:15-11:45). If you have a child age 3 (as of Jan. 1, 2011) through entering K4, consider this special preschool VBS taught by Tricia Mandella, Amy Anderson, and Sarah Vant Hul.

Summer Fun is another summer option for our preschoolers. This new program, led by preschool teachers Tricia Mandella and Lissa Nygren, will run from June 20-July 8 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. Kids can look forward to lots of games, crafts, and music.

And, of course, **summer Sunday school!** We hold Sunday school for our preschoolers—entering K4 through K5—and for elementary kids entering 1st through 4th grades. Summer Sunday school will begin on June 5 and will be held at both the 9:00 and 10:30 services. Julie Schlifske and our summer intern will teach our older kids; we will have parents sign-up (please!) for our preschool class.

Additional information and all registration forms are at the Welcome Kiosk and on the tables outside of our Sunday school areas. If you have any questions, please contact Julie at julie@foxpointchurch.org.

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Health Ministry

Luther Manor Volunteers

Dear Rev. Knapp and
Rev. Cheever:

The volunteers who serve at Luther Manor contribute much to the physical, emotional and spiritual well being of the residents, Adult Day Service participants, and Rehabilitation Clients. We are extremely grateful to the men, women, families and students who give their love, time and talents to the older adults we serve.

The Luther Manor "Golden Volunteer Jubilee" held April 14 provided us with an opportunity to express our appreciation to the volunteers. We are pleased to inform you that the following members of your congregation are volunteers at Luther Manor:

*Charles Barney
Elinor Frederickson
Maurice Klasner
Janice Pennington
Kathy Sauer*

We greatly appreciate this caring support which enables us to enhance our ministry to the older adults we serve.

In Christian service,

*Cheryl Schmitz
Director of Volunteer Services*

Living Healthy Is A Prayer



The Garden Within

Summer is upon us and we are starting to plan our outdoor gardens. Have you realized that we have a garden within us that also needs to be tended to and needs to be nurtured? We often have heard that talking to our plants helps them grow and stay healthy; the same is true for our souls.

We get so busy in our daily lives that we often miss the quiet times that dwell within us; we miss our "God-connection." Daily discernment is essential for our well-being. Ask yourself, "What can I do today to tend to my garden, what can I do to help it grow?" We may need to separate things in our garden and re-design it so it is pleasing to God.

Planting seeds is part of having a garden and we all have enormous potential, no matter how young or old we are because we have God's seeds within us. What ultimately grows doesn't always look like the seed that started, yet it has bloomed into something beautiful. A seed is a symbol of hope and all of us have the seed of Divine within us. The gestation time for seeds varies so we need to tend to our inner garden with patience and appreciation. We all have our own spirituality and our own journey in life. We need to trust the journey that God has planned for us.

As in life, all gardens have seasons. We sometimes get uncomfortable when we are not blooming, but we need to realize that we have to allow the garden to be fallow so it can be fruitful. We need to embrace all the seasons in order to grow and thrive as God intends. This awareness is essential to our spiritual growth. A garden grows in a cycle of unity and connectedness. We need the grace of God and the love and support, and guidance of others to grow...we can't do this alone. Open your hearts and tend to the inner garden so God's design for you can grow to its full and glorious potential.

"A garden must first be prepared in the soul, or else it will not flourish."

English Proverb

Peace and health in Christ,
Joni Ledzian

Fellowship

Young at Heart

Wild West Potluck Picnic

Friday June 3

11:30am to stake your claim

Fellowship Corral

Cost: \$7.00 (check preferred)



Hey, Pardners, mosey over to Fellowship Corral for a rip roarin' time and sum potluck grub. Chuckwagon will supply burgers, brats, buns, condeements, beer and soda. Cowpoke singles/ couples supply a dish to shayer such as Texas Caviar, On the Trail Appetizer, Cactus Slaw, Frontier Salad, Pioneer Pasta, Covered Wagon Beans, Homestead Dessert, you get our drift. Indicate choice at sign up which is ongoing until May 29. (Remember that's Memorial Day weekend if you're away.) Wear your favorite jeans, boots, cowboy hat and bandana scarf and you'll fit raht in with ussins. The Wild West Comedy Team should be a hoot and maybe y'all be singin' along on "Don't Fence Me In" and "Home on the Range". Thar even may be the back-by-popular-demand indoor scavenger hunt. Y'all be there, ya hear! But leave your horse at the stable. Questions? Call either "Lovely Lips" Loose 414-352-3046 or "Moonshine" Mitchelson 262-387-1953.



Youth to Youth Tanzania

Want to feel a connection to the youth in Tanzania even if you aren't able to be going on the trip? We are collecting gently used soccer jerseys, shorts and shoes as well as **new** soccer socks to take along this summer when some of our youth travel to Tanzania.

Look for the barrel in the Welcome Area to place your soccer gear!

Thanks in advance for your contributions! Moms will appreciate drawers and closets being cleaned out as well!

"Take Me Out To The Ballgame VII"

Wednesday, July 6, 1:10pm Miller Park

Arizona Diamondbacks at Milwaukee Brewers



The Men's, Women's, and Young At Heart Club members jointly are sponsoring the seventh annual Brewers baseball outing at Miller Park. For our group (adults only, please), we will receive: a guaranteed block of seats at our preferred location (Loge Infield Boxes, first base side); recognition of our group on the new multi-million dollar scoreboard; and personal service from the Brewers Group Sales Staff.

We have reserved 40 tickets from the Brewers, and a school bus from Lamers Bus Lines. We plan to meet in the church parking lot at 11:15 on game day, depart at 11:30 for lunch and the game at the park, and return by about 5:15pm.

Signup can be done on the sheets in Fellowship Hall, or by calling the church office at 414-352-8990, for reservations. The cost of the outing -- game ticket (Seniors rate of one-half price, also for "pre-seniors"), bus rental, and bus parking, is \$27.00/ea., same as for the last three years. Please pay at time of signup, preferably by check (for verification purposes) made payable to "Fox Point Lutheran Church", with the notation "Brewers" in the memo section; "first come, first served"; guests are welcome. If more than 40 sign up, those names go on a waiting list.

For food, drink, program, souvenirs, etc., "you're on your own". Carry-ins are permitted, except for cans of any kind, and alcohol.

If you have any questions, please contact either Paul Rosenheimer (262-241-9627) or the church office.

Spring Cleaning?

Remember the Piecemakers!

Even though the weather has not been true spring, many of us have begun putting away winter items. The Piecemakers are in need of flannel sheets, our favorite fillers for quilts. So think of us when you begin your spring cleaning.

We will meet again on Tuesday May 17 from 9-3. We'd love to have you join us.

Outreach

Looking for a new way to put your faith into action?

FPLC is partnering with Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity (“MHFH”) to construct a new home in Milwaukee’s central city not far from our partner congregation at Cross Lutheran Church. As part of our “sponsorship” of this home, FPLC has committed to donate \$30,000 towards the cost of construction and to supply needed volunteers to help with the construction of the home.

MHFH is the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a non-profit, ecumenical Christian organization that was founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, decent place to live in dignity and safety. Habitat provides an opportunity for people to put their faith and love into action, bringing diverse groups of people together to make affordable housing and better communities a reality for everyone.

How can you help? Members of FPLC can get involved in two ways:

Make a financial contribution. We need to raise \$30,000 over the next two years to meet our financial commitment to MHFH. Watch for the upcoming fundraising campaign for more details on how to contribute.

Volunteer your time. We will need a significant number of volunteers to help with the construction of the home beginning in July of this year. “Blitz Build Week” will be July 11-15, 2011. We will need 10 to 15 volunteers each day this week to rough frame the house. There will be an additional 10 volunteer days (mostly Saturdays) throughout the remainder of the year to complete the home. **Volunteering requires no prior construction experience.** MHFH “regulars” will teach you everything you need to know on site. Volunteering is a fun and rewarding experience where you will work side by side with the homeowner family as they complete their required “sweat equity” hours.

Volunteer days are generally from 8:30am to 4pm.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bill Krugler at wkrugler@gmail.com or sign up at the Outreach Kiosk.

Urgent!!!

**We need your help for Service Day
May 21 9am-noon**



We have 140 positions to fill with ten churches and agencies serving those in need.

If you haven’t already signed up there are still great jobs available. Let Linda know in the office (414-352-8990 or cole@foxpointchurch.org) if you are interested. Signup forms are also available in the Welcome Area. We really do need your help!

Thanks in advance!!

Summer/Fall Dinner Fellowship Sign up

My sincere thanks to the 18 families or groups who have taken dinner to Serenity Inn in the last 6 months. Your contribution to the Serenity Inn mission is invaluable. The Summer/Fall signups are now available, your opportunity to continue to serve.

For those new to FPLC, you will want to know that we take dinner 3 nights every month to Serenity Inn, a residence at 2825 W. Brown in Milwaukee for men in recovery from alcohol and/or drug abuse. The commitment involves making dinner at home and taking it warm to the Inn at 6pm and sharing the meal and fellowship with the residents. You are most often on your way home by 7pm and the anti-drug/alcohol message from the residents is especially appropriate for the young people among us.

If you are interested in signing up or would like more information, stop at the Outreach Kiosk to find the sign up folder or a FAQs handout or contact Lorraine Buehler at 414-964-8933 or lcbuehler@cs.com. Our dinner fellowship nights are the 2nd Thurs., the 3rd Friday, and the 4th Wed. of each month, beginning with June 22, July 14, 15, 27, August 11, 19, 24, etc.

Thanks so much for considering this important outreach opportunity!

Tanzania Update

Fox Point Lutheran Church Tanzania Partners Usa River Parish Ngarenanyuki Parish

Our partnership with the Usa River and Ngarenanyuki Parishes of the Meru Diocese in Tanzania continues to grow stronger, deeper, more personal, and faith expanding. The individual and collective participation by members of FPLC occurs in many forms, including, for example, prayers, monetary gifts that support hunger, education, and various life-sustaining projects, and being a member of a Mission Trip Delegation. Our opportunities to partner are without limit, but for now we are focusing on the following:

Completing the Preschool in Ngarenanyuki, which will offer 30-40 young children an academic head-start in a safe, nurturing, healthy environment.

Building "Dairy Goat Structures" for the goats that will be given to widows, providing them with a sustainable and manageable way to help care for their families. Through generous donations from members and friends, FPLC has already gifted a total of 70 dairy goats. The gift of a goat can supply a family with up to several quarts of nutritious, extremely rich, high-fat milk a day, providing a tremendous source of protein for malnourished children, HIV victims, AIDS orphans, and the elderly, who need extra nutrition. Families also learn to use goat manure to fertilize their gardens to increase the amount of vegetables grown for their own food supply and for market.

Purchasing baby chicks for the new "Hen House" built last year with your generous donations. Baby chicks become chickens, providing eggs – a reliable source of protein (especially for the children) and income for the family.

Secondary School Scholarships for students in both of our partner parishes. Education is their future...with God's grace and our help, we give them hope.

Tree Nursery Project – Planting 40,000 tree seedlings, coffee trees, etc., to be distributed next year in and around the Diocese area, including the Mt. Meru Coffee Project.

The needs are great, and FPLC is richly blessed with the talents and assets to do God's work with "our hands".

TANZANIA YOUTH/ADULT MISSION TRIP DELEGATION

JUNE 17 – JULY 2, 2011

Patti Ellsworth	David Gebel	Pastor Bill Knapp	Alex Kubiak
Jake Ellsworth	Sarah Gebel	Hannah Knapp	Anne Noyes
Lauren Gambill	Chrissy Joachim	Bill Krugler	Elena Noyes
Tristan Garland	Jo Ann Berdelman	Andy Krugler	Rachel Theune

Mungu aba bariki – God bless you!

Music Ministry/Youth Ministry

Sabbatical – Rest and Renewal

As was announced at the annual meeting in February, I will be going on sabbatical this summer. My final Sunday before departing is May 15, and I will return to FPLC in mid-August. The catchphrase, “Sunday is never more than six days away” has been a constant companion during my years here, often bringing knowing chuckles from myself and the pastoral staff, yet always serving to remind us that opportunities for true rest and renewal are rare. This coming time away is such an opportunity for me, and I am looking forward to it.

Debra and Aaron will join me on a trip to Holden Village, a Lutheran retreat center in central Washington. We’ll board a plane, then a train, and then a ferry, to arrive at our destination. During our time there, we will enjoy the peace and quiet of the wilderness, and also participate in daily worship and fellowship in a Christian community which will include many other pastors, musicians, and writers.

My study pursuits this summer include two, one-week conferences at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, focusing on choral conducting, rehearsal preparation, and technique. The conferences are taught by Westminster faculty and other well-known choral conductors from across the country.

Remaining weeks will be spent visiting other churches in the area, to meet with the music and worship staff and see what we may learn from each other. Worship preparation, beyond the nuts and bolts, often requires some deeper exploration and thought about “why we do what we do” than is usually possible, since “Sunday is never more than six days away.” (There’s that catchphrase again.)

Since I began preparing my plans for this time away this past fall, support from the pastoral staff and the church council has been overwhelmingly positive. I am very grateful for this opportunity.

Thank you and God bless!

Sincerely,

Kevin Bailey

Sunday School News



A gentle reminder:

The sign-up board for teaching Sunday school for the 2011-2012 is downstairs at the entrance to Sunday school. We really need **all** parents to sign up for either one 4-week rotation or 3 or 4 individual, “Special Sundays.”

Thanks to everyone who gives so much to our kids’ faith!



As I am finally seeing more green outside my window, I am reminded about something else that is very green...**Operation Christmas Child!**

As I have said before, one of the many, many things I love about Operation Christmas Child is that it is so green! This project gives all of us the opportunity to recycle a variety of items that have virtually no value to us but may be cherished by another child somewhere else in the world.

Since January, some very generous “soles” have donated dozens and dozens of shoe boxes. Last week, I think I counted over 200 boxes stacked in our new outreach room. We have also received donations of stuffed animals, soap, shoes, jewelry, small toys, and wrapping paper. Thank you!!! You can leave donations at the Welcome Kiosk, at the entrance to Sunday school, or in the church office.

Summer Schedule

Beginning May 29

Services will be held at 9:00 & 10:30

No 8:00 service

Graduation Information



High School Seniors

June 5, 2011 - 10:30am Service

Please mark your calendars with this date for the Senior Recognition Service. Letters with more information were to be mailed the week of May 9. Please contact the office if you do not receive one.

Post High School Degrees

In addition to recognizing our high school seniors on Sunday, June 5, we would also like to print a list of members who are receiving post high school degrees: Bachelor's, Master's, Ph.D's, Technical School, etc.

We need to gather information by having you respond to this article. Please list:

- ▶ The person's name
- ▶ Degree and the school from which the student is graduating
- ▶ Where person will be living

Forms for giving us this information are available at the Welcome Kiosk. Please fill out a form and mail the information requested to the office or email it to moore@foxpointchurch.org no later than Sunday May 29.

It was a Noisy Sunday!

Thank you for your generous response to our
NOISY OFFERING
FOR TANZANIA OUTREACH
SUNDAY, MAY 8

\$420 in coins was collected that will be designated to help support projects & programs for the children in Tanzania.

We also appreciate the generosity of our congregation for the additional donations received on Sunday:

- \$775 that will help fund this years Youth/Adult Mission Trip projects in Usa River and Ngarenanyuki.
- \$75 to purchase lumber for the construction of a few "Dairy Goat Structures".
- \$125 to purchase baby chicks for the new "Hen House" at Makumira Farm.

Our FPLC family has sincerely been a strengthening source of hope for our brothers and sisters in Tanzania.

The Tanzania Outreach Partnership Committee and the 2011 Youth/Adult Trip Delegation thank you for your prayers and support.

Serving

<u>May 15</u>	SERVING:	<u>May 22</u>
8:00 Charlene Halbert 9:00 Jean Nell 10:30 Lori Langholz	Lectors	8:00 Kathy Braun 9:00 Matt Kirchner 10:30 Bette Drought
8:00 Christensen Team 9:00 Janik Team 10:30 Gebel Team	Ushers	8:00 McClure Team 9:00 Keehn Team 10:30 Harland Team
9:00 Gerald & Sandra Osborne 10:30 Mark & Terri Chelmowski	Coffee Hour Hosts	9:00 Chris & Alex Speaker 10:30 Kurt & Carlynn Alt
Susan Rotter, Kathy Sauer	Welcome Kiosk	TBD
9:00 Alexandra Meyers, Katelyn Zachowski 10:30 Logan Badalich, Michael Schulz	Acolytes	9:00 Katy Blaser, Michael Blaser 10:30 Sydney Benson, Grace Booth
Susan Janik	Worship	Michelle Kornitz

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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
 Paul
 Jan Bergin
 Angie Gemignani
 Joel Villnow
 George Kolak (father of D. Metzendorf)
 Nancy Sylke
 Rich Bartlein (brother of Deb Schmidt)
 Fred Muenta (father of Marilee Nord)
 Virginia
 Verlie Keehn
 Fran Riley
 Jack Davis
 Jeff Ring
 Mike
 Anne
 Bob Lynch
 Jeanne Stenzel

Kim
 Marion Livingstone
 Deb

Elys Law (sister of Gynne Benson)
 Family of Rachael Salmon
 John Schwendel
 Maurice Klasner

Our sympathy to the Zamora Family on the death of Trish Zamora's uncle, Glenn Frank.

Our sympathy, thoughts, and prayers are with Ken and Nancy Salmon on the death of their daughter Rachael Helene Salmon, best friend and sister of Holley.

Our sympathy to Dave and Stacy Schulz and their children, Aubree and Alec, on the recent death of Dave's father, Walter Schulz.

Military

Samantha Rablin
 Christine Todd McLean

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Gary Erickson and Miriam Toll who were married April 23. We wish them a lifetime of love and happiness.

Chloe Elizabeth Keehn, daughter of Doug and Jamie Keehn, was baptized May 1.

Congratulations to Herold and Lois Praefke who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 6, 2011.

Dylan Michael Stolze, son of Michael & Jaclyn Stolze, was baptized May 6.

In case of urgent pastoral care, call the church office at 414-352-8990.

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