



Messenger

Engaging Enthusiastic Followers of Jesus

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Worship in July—There’s an APP for that!



We live in a world of “smart phones” filled with smart applications that claim to make life better. The truth is that they only make life, at best, easier. Through the next several weeks Pastor Bill and Pastor Bruce take us through powerful stories in the Gospel of John that help us to see that God has given us an app that allows us to deal with our life struggles. We see how, in Jesus, we have an app that helps us face brokenness, the dark, death, and spiritual hunger.

There’s an App for that! In the Dark, July 17 Pastor Bill

Into a world that lives in fear of the mysterious, big and scary gods, Jesus came. God came wrapped in human flesh to let us know that there is one God, and that God is love. He healed the sick, exorcised the demon-possessed, strengthened the legs of the lame, and restored sight to the blind. And in the greatest of all acts of love, he willingly gave his life away for the sake of the world. Now those of us who are his disciples, who long to take up our cross and follow him with our lives, are called to be living proclamations of God’s love in a world that still lives in fear that the gods are angry.

There’s an App for that! Dead? July 24 Pastor Bill

The Lazarus story gives us a new life, a second chance, one more shot, a do-over. This story gives us an opportunity to die more than once – to die to self, as the Apostle Paul put it – to put behind our old life and awaken to a new one filled with new adventures, renewed relationships and ultimate purpose. Simply put, it gives us more “I love you’s,” more “I’m sorry’s,” more “I’m listening’s,” more “I am fully living!”

There’s an App for that! Hungry? July 31 Pastor Bruce

No matter who you are, no matter what your stage of life, no matter what your vocation, no matter what gifts or experiences you have or don’t have, God has a purpose for your life. Whenever and however you live out God’s call to love God and love your neighbor with all of your heart, mind, soul and strength, you are living out God’s purpose. You may never see the seeds you plant grow in this life, but don’t you ever let that convince you that the investment of your life does not have real purpose and real meaning. God is at work in you. The miraculous catch of fish is John’s way of telling us that, if we’ll cast the net of God’s unconditional love into the waters of this world, wherever we live, work or play, by God’s grace, people will be caught up in the good news of God’s Kingdom.

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Health Ministry

Living Healthy Is A Prayer



Wrestling with Worry

Anxiety springs from the desire that things should happen as we wish rather than as God wills.—Anonymous

I hate to admit it to everyone, but I am a worrier. I believe part of the reason is because my mother worried. It makes sense that children can either inherit this trait or experience it as a learned behavior. Worry is so pervasive that many counselors refer to it as the “common cold” of emotions. So if you struggle with worry and anxiety, you are not alone. Statistics show that one out of four Americans will be diagnosed with an anxiety disorder in his or her lifetime.

Worry and anxiety are especially difficult when you are battling a serious illness, going through a divorce, or dealing with the aftermath of a tragedy. The bottom line is that most things we worry about do not happen, and if they do, we have no control over them.

Occasionally I would wake up in the middle of the night worried about the possibility of something going wrong with my family or a decision that I needed to make. When you come down to it, I was afraid of the future and what it could possibly hold. I was afraid that things would not turn out the way that I wanted them to, so I did everything in my power to control it. If I could not control it, well, I was at least going to be prepared for it!

I have since learned a few things along the way. In order for me to stop worrying, the first thing I need to do is to place my trust where it belongs – in God’s loving, faithful hands rather than in my own. I needed to stop focusing on “what if’s” and focus on the promises of God in His Word.

Knowing that He will lead us and guide us until we meet Him is such a comforting thought. Our fears and worries will never separate us from His love. I need to rest assured that His faithfulness and mercies will never cease. God longs to have a relationship with us. Seek Him with your whole heart, and you will find Him. Share with Him all of your worries and anxieties and then ask for direction and guidance. God has all the answers. He loves you and wants you to be at peace...all you need to do is pray, and God will do the rest. Trust and surrender to His will-- not yours.

Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you. 1 Peter 5:7

Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you. Psalm 55:22

Peace and health in Christ,
Joni Ledzian

Outreach

A Service Opportunity at Serenity Inn

"Mission for Miles"

Our High School youth need your help!

Please consider signing up to take dinner 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 where you will find the sign up folder and a FAQs handout. Or contact Lorraine Buehler at 414-964-8933 or lcbuehler@cs.com.

Remaining dinner fellowship dates are the 2nd Thurs., the 3rd Friday, and the 4th Wed. of each month, beginning with July 15, August 19, Sept. 28 and into the fall/winter.

Thanks so much for considering this important outreach opportunity!

Our High School youth group is traveling to South Dakota this summer. We will depart early on July 29 and return August 5. Throughout this journey, we will grow in faith as well as make an impact on the community at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. We have 1700 miles to travel. With the continued increase in gas prices, we need our fellow church members to help us make our way to South Dakota and back.

Please consider sponsoring a gallon of gas or more for our trip. Your generous donations will allow us to complete our trip and make a difference in South Dakota. Each gallon for "Mission for Miles" is a free -will offering. Every "Mission for Miles" donation will be greatly appreciated and will help fund our travel to and from South Dakota.

As a donor, you will receive a postcard from one of our trip-goers. Upon our safe return we will share our various experiences with you during the following Sunday service. Look for our table next to the Welcome Kiosk following the 9:00 and 10:30am services.

You simply need to fill out your name and address on a "Mission Miles Donation Slip" and attach a check or cash. Thank you for your support of the South Dakota Mission Trip!



Meru Coffee

Since the inception of the Mt. Meru Coffee Project over 10 years ago the overall impact on the coffee farmers in the Meru Diocese in Tanzania has been enormous. Thanks to everyone who enjoys and purchases Mt. Meru coffee.

Due to the worldwide coffee market the price of the coffee has increased. The new price will be \$10 for a 12 oz. package. You may continue to purchase regular or decaf coffee in either the drip or bean variety.



Summer Opportunities for Youth

Last chance to sign up for these great summer programs for your children!

VBS Sportslife Camp

All who are entering K5--5th grade are invited to join us for a week of having fun while building faith. Camp meets July 25 – July 29 from 9am to noon.

We have lots of group activities and games and then your child can select to spend extra time in a specific activity of their choice--Basketball/Street Hockey or Yard Games or Cheerleading/Dance or Art.

This year's theme is "Bring It!" Taking a lifelong journey with Jesus requires every part of the body that God has given us. Come and explore, with the help of the Bible and our special activities, exactly what this means!



Little Lambs VBS

Do you have a preschool child—ages 3 through entering K4? Then consider signing up for a week of fun and faith specifically designed for this age group. Little Lambs meets July 25-29 from 9:15am until 11:45am and is taught by our preschool teachers and volunteers.



Registration forms for both of these programs are available at the kiosks, church office, or online. If you have any questions or need more information, please call Julie Schlifske at 262-238-1682, or email her at julie@foxpointchurch.org.

Hope to see you soon!

Miscellaneous FYI

7th and 8th Grade Confirmation

Registration for the 2011-2012 Confirmation program is currently taking place. All 7th and 8th grade students should have received an informational mailing which included a registration form. If you didn't receive this mailing or are new to the church and would like to take part in Confirmation, please contact Linda Cole at cole@foxpointchurch.org or call the church office (352-8990). Please return your registration form if you haven't already done so.

Do You Need a Babysitter?

The church now has a list of individuals who have told us they babysit. Those on this list are in middle school or high school, as well as one who is in college. If you need to hire a babysitter, please pick up a list from the church office, the Welcome Kiosk on Sunday mornings, or email Linda Cole at cole@foxpointchurch.org and she will get one to you.

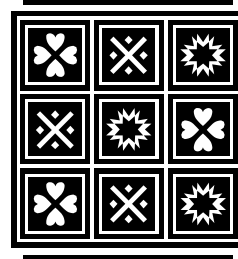
Babysitters – if you'd like your name added to or removed from this list, please contact Linda Cole.

Online Volunteer Scheduling

We are very happy to introduce a web based volunteer management system which will allow you to more easily sign up for Fox Point Church service opportunities. If you would like to sign up online, please visit: volunteerwiz.com/calendar/foxpointlutheran Enter the password: **fplc**

Once you sign up, you will receive an email asking you to confirm your volunteer commitment. Please click on the link and confirm your assignment.

Sixteen Quilts Travel to Tanzania



The Piecemakers are honored that the high school youth took sixteen of our quilts to Tanzania. We look forward to hearing the stories!

Many more donations have come our way. Polly Reed and Joyce Appleby keep finding supplies to bring us. Thanks to all of you who have brought things.

We will meet again on Tuesday, July 19, from 9-3. We'd love to have you join us.

Outreach/Serving

Bread of Healing Health Clinic Outreach Opportunity

The outreach committee has identified another exciting opportunity for members of Fox Point Lutheran Church to help serve in our community in conjunction with one of our partner churches.

Bread of Healing Clinic serves walk-in patients by providing high quality health care to those who are working but who have no health care coverage. Clinics are held several days of the week and are staffed by medical and non medical volunteers.

The Bread of Healing Free Health Clinic is located in the basement of Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church.
1821 North 16th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53205

breadofhealingclinic.org

We can provide vital assistance small groups or as individuals. Some of the identified needs are to:

- Register patients at the clinic.
- Sort medications at the clinic.
- Collect diabetic supplies (and empty pill bottles) for the clinic.
- Help with special projects. (at the clinic or at home)
- Hold a fundraiser or make a donation to help financially

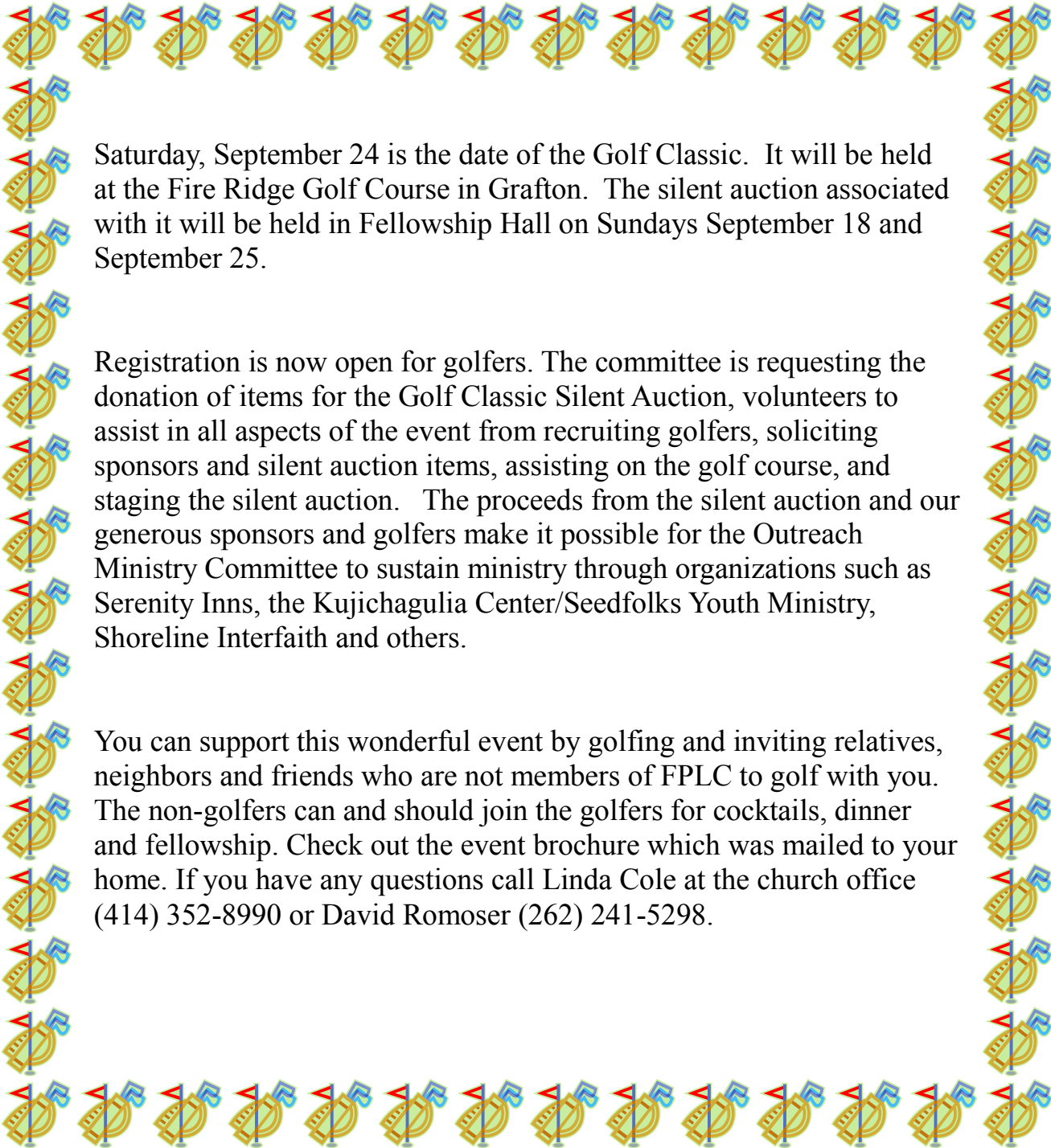
Those with medical, nursing, physical, occupational or speech therapy training can also volunteer their time as their schedule allows to help see patients.

If you would like to learn more, contact Pastor Bruce Cheever brucecheever@me.com, Joni Ledzian joni@foxpointchurch.org or Dr. Mark Chelmowski mchelm@ah.com

Serving

<u>July 17</u>	SERVING:	<u>July 24</u>
9:00 Mark Metzendorf 10:30 Karen Tait	Lectors	9:00 Mark Fiedler 10:30 Mark Smith
9:00 Janik Team 10:30 Gebel Team	Ushers	9:00 Keehn Team 10:30 Harland Team
9:00 Curt Claus, Elizabeth Katona 10:30 Dave & Kim Westfahl	Coffee Hour Hosts	9:00 Gary & Lane Mudra 10:30 Janice Collins, Laura Van Why
Susan Rotter, Kathy Sauer	Welcome Kiosk	TBD
9:00 Ben Binversie, Brad Zachowski 10:30 Blake Anderson, Andy Krugler	Acolytes	9:00 Hilary Merline, Morgan Kornitz 10:30 Jake Ellsworth, Patrick O'Malley
Susan Janik	Worship Assistant	Michelle Kornitz

Outreach/Charity Golf Classic



Saturday, September 24 is the date of the Golf Classic. It will be held at the Fire Ridge Golf Course in Grafton. The silent auction associated with it will be held in Fellowship Hall on Sundays September 18 and September 25.

Registration is now open for golfers. The committee is requesting the donation of items for the Golf Classic Silent Auction, volunteers to assist in all aspects of the event from recruiting golfers, soliciting sponsors and silent auction items, assisting on the golf course, and staging the silent auction. The proceeds from the silent auction and our generous sponsors and golfers make it possible for the Outreach Ministry Committee to sustain ministry through organizations such as Serenity Inns, the Kujichagulia Center/Seedfolks Youth Ministry, Shoreline Interfaith and others.

You can support this wonderful event by golfing and inviting relatives, neighbors and friends who are not members of FPLC to golf with you. The non-golfers can and should join the golfers for cocktails, dinner and fellowship. Check out the event brochure which was mailed to your home. If you have any questions call Linda Cole at the church office (414) 352-8990 or David Romoser (262) 241-5298.

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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
 Jan Bergin
 Angie Gemignani
 Joel Villnow
 George Kolak (father of D. Metzendorf)
 Nancy Sylke
 Fred Muenta (father of Marilee Nord)
 Verlie Keehn
 Fran Riley
 Jack Davis
 Jeff Ring
 Anne
 Bob Lynch
 Kim
 Elys Law (sister of Gynne Benson)
 Melvin Sato
 Paula Sandoval
 Don Hiller

Max
 Stretch Luedeman
 Marge Ondrejka
 Betty Arpe
 Sheila Dlugi
 Deb
 Carol Soik
 Beryl Mulhern

Our sympathy and prayers to June Wilke and family on the passing of June's daughter, Barbara Tobin.

God's blessings and our heartfelt sympathy be with Jennifer West on the death of her husband, Paul, and to their sons Colin, Erick and Parker. Please keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers.

Military

Samantha Rablin
 Ben Halbert

Congratulations

Stella Kate Seidemann, daughter of Thomas & Megan Seidemann, was baptized July 3.

Bennett Riley Kack, son of Devin & Erica Kack, was baptized July 10.

Andy Wiegman & Eva Beyer were married July 10.

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

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