

# Fox Point Church Messenger

Engaged Enthusiastic Followers of Jesus

APRIL 11, 2014

## Holy Week Worship Opportunities

### Passion/Palm Sunday--April 13 People of the Passion

**Worship – 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

In Christian churches around the world, Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the week of spiritual reflection. Join us as we worship with palms, song, and story to remind us of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and what it means for our lives. There will be Sunday School for our preschool children only.

### Maundy Thursday--April 17

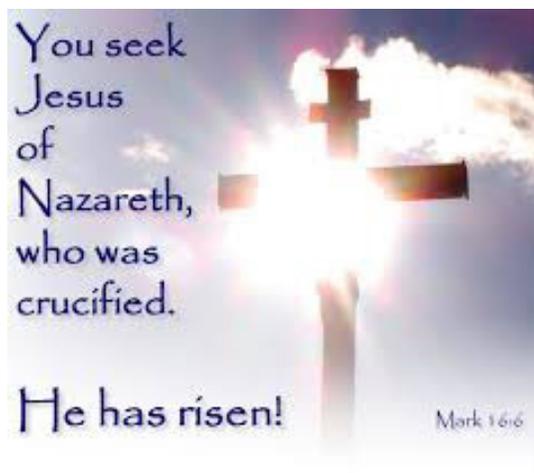
**Worship – 7:00 p.m.**

We close our Lenten journey and turn to Jesus' final days beginning with Thursday evening. This service will include Holy Communion, and close with stripping of the altar, a ceremony where we read Jesus' final words to his disciples.

### Good Friday Children's Worship--April 18

**Children – 10:00 a.m.– Fellowship Hall**

Just for kids and their families! Join Pastor Bruce and Julie Schlifske for our service which teaches kids the importance and power of Good Friday in a kid friendly



way. The theme is "Surprise". As we walk from Palm Sunday to Good Friday we see that there are surprises, good and bad, along the way. We conclude our service with a surprise Easter Egg Hunt which is a reminder of the wonderful surprise God gave all of us on Easter Sunday.

### Good Friday Worship--April 18

**Worship – Noon– Chapel**

**7:00 p.m.– Main Sanctuary**

**Noon–** Our service is The Biblical Way of the Cross, which takes us through the Passion narrative with readings, prayers, and sung responses. This simple service is a meditative way to journey with Jesus in his final moments.

**7:00 p.m.–** Following a meditation by Pastor Cheever, our choir will present *The Seven Last Words from the Cross*, with music by 17th-century composer Heinrich Schütz. This twenty minute cantata, sung in English, is derived entirely from the biblical text. Soloists take the parts of Jesus, the narrators, and the thieves crucified at Jesus' side, while the choir, accompanied by strings and organ, sets the scene.

### Easter Sunday: The Festival of the Resurrection

**Note: Important Service Time Addition!**

**7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.**

Join us as we celebrate our holiest day as followers of Jesus. We will celebrate Holy Communion at all three services. The Milwaukee Symphony Brass will be with us for the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Come early, overflow will be held in Fellowship Hall with a video feed from the main sanctuary. There will be no Sunday school or child care on this day.

### Whats Inside...

- Health Ministries ....2
- Ask the Pastor.....2
- Music Ministries.....3
- Marriage & Family ..3
- Reach Out & Serve..4
- Youth Ministries .....5
- Tanzania News .....6
- Don't Miss These.....6
- All in the Family & Service Schedule ....7

# Health Ministry

## Living Healthy Is A Prayer

### *Blessings in Disguise, Part 2*

In my last article I wrote that many times things that we pray for don't happen. It is usually later—either when a better opportunity presents itself, or we have a change of heart, or we realize the detriment that may have come as a result—that we see God worked in a way that was for our benefit. Even after the hardships in our lives, we are able to see some blessings in disguise.

A few months ago I went to a concert by Laura Story, a nationally known Christian singer. She wrote and sang a song called "Blessings" that recently won her a Grammy award. Her young husband was diagnosed with brain cancer, and his future was uncertain. She prayed for years for him to be healed and often was afraid her prayers would not be answered. Here are the lyrics, but you may want to go on YouTube or purchase this CD to hear the song.

### **Blessings**

We pray for blessings  
We pray for peace  
Comfort for our family, protection while we sleep  
We pray for healing, for prosperity  
We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering  
All the while, You hear each spoken need  
Yet love us way too much to give us lesser things  
'Cause what if Your blessings come from raindrops  
What if Your healing comes through tears  
What if a thousand sleepless nights  
Are what it takes to know You're near  
What if trials of this life are your mercies in disguise

We pray for wisdom  
Your voice to hear  
And we cry in anger when we cannot feel You near  
We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love  
As if every promise from Your word is not enough  
All the while, You hear each desperate plea  
And long that we have faith to believe

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops  
What if Your healing comes through tears  
What if a thousand sleepless nights  
Are what it takes to know You're near  
And what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise

When friends betray us  
When darkness seems to win  
We know that pain reminds this heart  
That this is not, this is not our home  
It's not our home

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops  
What if Your healing comes through tears  
And what if a thousand sleepless nights  
Are what it takes to know You're near  
What if my greatest disappointments  
Or the aching of this life  
Is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy  
And what if the trials of this life  
The rain, the storms, the hardest nights  
Are Your mercies in disguise

Peace, health, and healing in Christ,

Joni Ledzian

# Ask the Pastor

## What a GREAT Question!

One of the things I love about our church kids is that they are fearless. They love their church and they feel comfortable with their pastors. So it's not unusual that on any given Sunday morning I will have one of our kids ask me a great question about God. Questions like: Who is God's dad? Where did dinosaurs come from? Jesus said, "ask and you will receive" and so I asked for a new bike and didn't get it. Why? Did Jesus have brothers and sisters?

What I've discovered is that the parents are just as interested in the answers as the kids. So we are going to dedicate a segment in the Messenger, once a month, for the pastors to answer

questions from our kids. If your child has a question, please email it with their name, age, and school to [publications@foxpointchurch.org](mailto:publications@foxpointchurch.org) and we will choose one a month to answer. We are excited to hear what our kids will be asking



## Upcoming Concert Featuring Kevin Bailey



You have already enjoyed the extraordinary talents of our Director of Worship and Music, Kevin Bailey. Now you can hear him play magnificent large-scale works for organ in a special joint concert with the St. Mark's Brass on Sunday, April 27 at 4:00 p.m. The concert will be held at Our Lady of Divine Providence (formerly St. Casimir's) in Riverwest, an acoustically bright Milwaukee landmark.

Kevin will be performing on their historic 1901 Felgemaker organ, an instrument with a more symphonic flavor than we are used to hearing from FPLC's Baroque-inspired instrument. The program will feature music by Bach, Franck (a piece Kevin played in his first undergrad recital at Augustana 20 years ago), and Widor with Mike Keegan as French horn soloist. The concert is open to the public with a suggested free will offering of \$5.

Kevin received his Master's degree from Indiana University with a double major in Organ Performance and Church Music. A creative thinker, multi-talented musician, and highly respected organist, he has performed all over the Milwaukee area—Christmas in the Basilica with the Bel Canto chorus (of which he is also a section leader), the recital series at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, and the annual members' recital of the American Guild of

Organists at Church of the Gesu among the venues. He is an integral part of our ministry team and has rebuilt our choir into an outstanding ensemble.

Kevin's answer as to why he chose organ reflects his wry sense of humor: "My dad was a Baptist minister, and my brother and I took enough lessons so we could be part-time organists." His brother is now director of choirs at Cleveland State University.

Kevin and his wife Deb, the director of our Children's Choir, have two boys: Aaron and Isaac.

## Marriage and Family

### Home Point Center

Maybe you are dealing with an aging parent and need advice. Are you getting engaged or married in the near future? Maybe that 14 year old is driving you crazy with rebellion. Have your children left the "nest" and you are wondering what is next? Whatever your life situation might be – the Home Point Center is going to be a place you want to check out.

You may have noticed some changes in the corner of Fellowship Hall. We request No Peeking until our formal launch next month, but what we can tell you is we have partnered with Lake Pointe Church located outside Dallas, TX, to bring their HomePointe Model to our church. Home Point (we are going without the "e") was designed to make it easier and more likely for families to develop their faith at home. Home Point makes it easy by providing encouraging materials that cover many topics from getting engaged to helping aging parents and everything in between.

Home Point also makes it more likely for families to develop faith at home by launching intentional campaigns throughout the year. Be on the lookout for a sample of this on Palm Sunday. We will be providing Easter @ Home for families to reinforce the message of Easter through activities that can be

done at home during Holy Week. We also have some great take home materials geared to honor Mom when we launch the grand opening of Home Point on Mother's Day!

Offering tangible resources is just one way the Home Point Center promises to positively impact the people of Fox Point Church. We are so excited to bring this interactive, engaging and relevant resource center to you! Check out the next *Messenger* for even more information on how Home Point promises to be a true blessing to this church family.



# Reach Out and Serve

## It's Time to Order Your Flowering Plants!



Our Garden and Bake Sale is set for Saturday, May 17.

Each year, we give you the chance to order annuals in advance for pick up on that day. This year, we will be offering a smaller pre-sale selection, but will feature a wide variety of annuals and perennials at the sale. All proceeds go to our Tanzania scholarship program.

It's easy to order! Go to [foxpointchurch.org](http://foxpointchurch.org) and click on "Announcements" to get information on the sale, the pre-order selections, and an order form you can download. The forms are also available in the Welcome Area. Simply fill it out, then turn in the completed form at the Welcome Kiosk, drop it off or mail it to the church, or scan the form and email it to [cole@foxpointchurch.org](mailto:cole@foxpointchurch.org).

**Orders Due April 30!**

We will also have a gorgeous selection of 10" and 12" hanging baskets available at church on Mother's Day, May 11 as well as at the sale on May 17.

Plants you can pre-order: 4" pots of geraniums, New Guinea impatiens, non-stop begonias, calibrachoa (million bells), and flats of impatiens (48 plants). Just a few to watch for at the sale in addition to the above are coleus, bacopa, gerbera daisies and those beautiful hypnotica dahlias.

Our event also features a bake sale, so we welcome your delicious donations! Contact Sue Jurack: [sue@birchwoodci.net](mailto:sue@birchwoodci.net).

## Volunteers Needed for Annual Garden Sale!!



Our garden sale will be held on Saturday, May 17. All proceeds go to scholarships for middle school children and college students in Tanzania!

We need your help to make it a success. Sign up in the Welcome

Area! Here is the list of the many ways we can use help for this terrific fundraiser!

**Divide and Conquer**—Donate perennial plants from your garden. You can pick up pots next to the church garage starting on Sunday, April 28. Please drop off your plants no later than Thursday, May 15—potted up and labeled, please! Let us know if you need help. We'll provide the pots and flats—and the volunteers. It's a win/win—your garden is thinned out, and our church generates money for scholarships.

**Can You Dig It?**—Like working a shovel? Volunteer at a plant dig starting May 7 at a member's home and help to pot up/label the plants. Weekday or weekend opportunities!

**Mom's Day Pick Up**—For the Mother's Day hanging baskets, we need 1-2 people to sell them on Sunday, May 11 after each service.

**Set Up the Day Before, Friday, May 16**—For perennials, we need 4-5 people to make sure that all of the plants are labeled and priced (easy—we use color coded coffee stirrers!) and put on the sales tables. For annuals, we need 2-3 volunteers to organize them.

**Work the Day of the Sale, Saturday, May 17**—We need 9-10 people to work the sale for each shift—8-11 a.m. and 10:30-1:30pm—as follows: two cashiers and two people to pull price stakes and give cashiers the total; three people to help customers choose plants, two people to manage the Bake Sale, two people to act as hosts and load plants into customers' vehicles.

**Donations**—We welcome your decorative containers and can also use cardboard boxes and plastic plant flats with flat bottoms for customers' purchases.

**High School students!**—Volunteer for digging, sorting and watering the donated plants regularly after school, or working the sale and earn fundraising credits toward the summer trip!

**To volunteer:** Sign up in the Welcome area or contact Lynn Poelzer. 414-617-1054 or [lynn.poelzer@yahoo.com](mailto:lynn.poelzer@yahoo.com).

**Questions regarding the Garden Sale:** Contact Bunny Raasch-Hooten [brh@wi.rr.com](mailto:brh@wi.rr.com) or 414-403-6788.

### Volunteer and WIN!

All volunteers and people who donate plants will be eligible for a drawing for a \$50 Bayside Garden Sale Debit Card. To qualify, you must sign up to volunteer or donate plants by Monday, May 12.

## Important Service Mailing!

If you haven't already, you will be receiving a mailing about our 9th annual Service Day any day. It is set for Saturday, May 17. We're giving you lots of notice so that you can arrange your schedules to participate—you won't want to miss it!

Our pastors constantly remind us that we need to follow Christ and serve others—the least of those. This is your chance to open your hearts and do some hands-on work for one of our Outreach partners—organizations that support people in our community who really need our help.

There is a wide range of jobs for everyone—families with kids, singles, teens to seniors—from putting together snack bags for children at the Emergency Lodge for homeless people to staining the porch at Serenity Inn.

Three Easy Steps:

1. Read about the "job opportunities"
2. List your five preferences in order on the sign up sheet, number one being your first choice.
3. Drop off your sheet on Sunday, mail it to the church office, or send it to [cole@foxpointchurch.org](mailto:cole@foxpointchurch.org) by April 30.

Matching you with job openings is a complex process so it will help if you can respond quickly.

Don't forget, our Garden and Bake Sale is also set for that day.

We want to break last year's record with at least 200 volunteers!

**Contact:** Bunny Raasch-Hooten at [brh@wi.rr.com](mailto:brh@wi.rr.com) or 414-403-6788.

*Our church is committed to serving others—  
people who can't make it without our help.*

*"Whatever you do for the least of these, my people,  
you do for me." Matthew 25:40*

## Outreach Sunday, Meru Day of Prayer and World Malaria Day

On Sunday, April 27, members of our Outreach Committee will be in Fellowship Hall to tell you about our partner organizations—places right here in Milwaukee where an hour of your time can make a real difference. Please see the Service Mailing article on this page to learn more about helping on May 17 or inquire about other dates.



It is also Meru Day of Prayer. We'll be praying for the people in our partner parishes in Tanzania, and they will be praying for us. In addition, it is World Malaria Day. Your donations will help support the ELCA's international campaign: *Catch the Buzz!*

## Youth Ministry

### Get Your Pizza Here and Support Youth Group!



Look for the high school Pizza Reps on Sundays April 13, 27 and May 4. Options available are cheese, pepperoni, sausage and combo.

Pizzas will be made by Youth Group members May 10 and be ready for pick up on Sunday, May 11. All proceeds will go toward the Youth Group Summer Mission trip to Colorado!

### Still room to go to the Apostle Islands

There are a few spots open for the Confirmation Summer Trip June 23rd-27th. If you are entering 7th or 8th grade for the 2014-2015 school year and would like to learn more or join this great trip, please contact Morgan Oldenburg at [morgan@foxpointchurch.org](mailto:morgan@foxpointchurch.org).

### Vacation Bible School—July 28-August 1

VBS (Vacation Bible School) for children entering K5 to entering grade 4. Little Lambs will run the same week for 3 and 4 year olds. More information and registration to come this week!



### Vacation Bible Extreme—July 28-30

VBX (Vacation Bible Extreme) for children entering 5th grade through entering 7th grade for the 2014/2015 school year. Summer schedules fill up fast, so save these dates! Note there is an optional sleepover on the 30th. Stay tuned for more information and registration information this month!

# Tanzania News

## Tanzania Scholarship Program Expands

*Our Partnership is Paying Off!*

We have exciting news for all of you who support our efforts to serve our partner parishes in Tanzania! Our successful Scholarship Program is moving to a new level.

Since 2007, thanks to your generosity, we have provided \$5,000 a year to each of two parishes in the Diocese of Meru, Usa River and Ngarenenyuki—a total of \$10,000 annually. The program, which will continue, covers tuition payments for many secondary students who would not otherwise be able to go to school, encouraging and challenging them so they can enjoy a better future.

On April 27—Meru Day of Prayer and Outreach Sunday—we are introducing a new and exciting Scholarship Program to help students go a step further and fulfill their dreams of earning college degrees. The Usa River Scholarship Committee is working with our Scholarship Committee and recently sent us four applications from students who need help with tuition for our review and consideration.

It is our dream to match one of our members with each of these qualified students and see a relationship develop. If you are interested in supporting a candidate, please contact Jo Ann – 414-352-8990 or church@foxpointchurch.org. We are also happy to accept grants of any amount to support these deserving men and women!

Following the Partnership Covenant we signed in 2008, we stand “as brothers and sisters in Christ” and reach out to share our faith and to serve to make a difference however small as it may be. The students of Tanzania are very close to our hearts. You are giving them hope and inspiration by sharing your blessings. The Spirit is clearly at work in our partnerships!

Asante Sana! (Thank you very much!)

## Don't Miss These Opportunities

### Easter Garden—Deadline Sunday, April 13

Spring plants will decorate the church this Easter. To purchase a plant, please fill out the form in the Welcome Area. A list of donors will be published in the Easter Sunday *Bulletin*. You may specify the individual being honored or in memory of by your gift. Plants may be picked up following the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 20. Cost: \$25/plant.

### Piecemakers/Quilters' Meeting—Tuesday April 15

Learn the simple steps in assembling a quilt. Bring your lunch and come and go as your schedule permits. 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Contact Sharon Hipke, 414-352-1605; edsharhip@gmail.com

## Bayside Garden Debit Cards



Thanks to the warm weather this past week—just two days, but warm!—people were out cleaning up their gardens. Be sure to purchase your Bayside Garden Center

debit cards now so you are ready to purchase those leaf bags and tools and bird seed—and flowers and gifts for Easter!

You can only purchase them here at church, so buy one to keep in your wallet. We retain 15% of your purchase for our scholarship program in Tanzania.

## The Gift of a Chick Makes a World of Difference!

We are at 170 chicks and counting, thanks to all of our kids and you grownups!

Encourage your little ones to take home an egg and fill it with loose change, then bring it back by Easter. They can also take home a coloring page or create their own chick drawing and sign it. We'll display them all. Each dollar donated will purchase a chick for the poultry barn we built in our partner diocese in Tanzania.

Big donations welcome, too! Check at the chick desk.



# All in the Family

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

<b>Prayer List</b>	June Hoffmann	Jean Sebastian	Our heartfelt sympathy, thoughts and prayers be with Margie, Tim, Anna and Kirsten Edwards on the death of Margie's Mother, Helen Nelson. May God's peace be with all of Helen's family and friends.	
Sharon Abel	Dina Johnson	Sue		
Audrey	Judy	Susie		
Holly Beard	Karen	Brenda Trier		
<i>(Sister of Wendy Randazzo)</i>	Katherine	Art Wangerin		
Benson Family	Sue Keehn	<i>(Father of Patti Ellsworth)</i>		
Scott Borneman	Verlie Keehn	Katie Watson		
Joni Christensen	Carol Larson	Gary Willnow		
Larry Cianciola	Odelle Leonard	Sue Wolf		
Sheila Dlugi	Bob Lynch	<i>(Sister of Janet Quail)</i>		
Eckert Family	Tim Lynch	<b>Military</b>		
Jennifer Emerick Kuntz	Betty Nowicki			Ben
Nikki Etheridge	Faye Price			David
Joy Flannery	Rick			Parker
Pam Fuhry	Shirlee Rosendahl		Samantha	
Noah Gilday	Betty Samuelson			
Cowper Harley	Sawyer			
Helen	Teddy Schmahl <i>(Grandson of Terry &amp; Karen Schmahl)</i>			
Steve Heronemus	Bonnie Schulz			
<i>(Brother of L. Barrieau)</i>			Congratulations to Tim & Julie Quisler on the birth of their daughter, Camille Rose Quisler, March 14, 2014. Also welcomed by siblings Devin and Emmy and grandparents Glenn and Cindy Quisler.	

## Upcoming Serving Schedule

SERVING	APRIL 13	APRIL 20	APRIL 27
<b>Lectors</b>			9:00 Mark Fiedler 10:30 Sarah Gilday
<b>Ushers</b>	9:00 G. Quisler Team 10:30 Gepfert Team	9:00 Janik Team 10:30 Gebel Team	9:00 Keehn Team 10:30 Harland Team
<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	9:00 Gerald & Sandra Osborne 10:30 Christie Krugler & Karen Sullivan		9:00 Zamora Family 10:30 Joan Drapp & Janice Collins
<b>Welcome Kiosk</b>	Sara Hansen		Sharon Moore
<b>Acolytes</b>	9:00 McKenzie Bub & Ava Reinoffer 10:30 Sam Kendall & Benny Van Why	7:30 Sam Kendall & Liam Kelley 9:00 Avery Holmes & Noah Kirchner 10:30 Matias Dermond & Mary Grace Hissrich	9:00 Mari Anderson & Claire Trattner 10:30 Connor Duggan & Grant Taebel
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Kathi Behm	Susan Janik	Michelle Kornitz
<b>Super Greeters</b>	9:00 Dean Eggert & Mark Metzendorf 10:30 Kevin Kosobud		9:00 Dan & Soon Hee Rauwald 10:30 Lori & Mark Langholz
<b>Communion Aides</b>		Susan Janik & Lindy Swenson	

# Fox Point Church

Fox Point Ev. Lutheran Church  
7510 N. Santa Monica Blvd.  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53217

Fox Point Lutheran Messenger (USPS 207-560)  
Volume 60 Number 25 published semi-monthly, by  
Fox Point Ev. Lutheran Church, 7510 N. Santa Monica  
Blvd. , Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53217. PERIODICAL  
POSTAGE PAID AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.  
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Fox Point  
Lutheran Messenger, 7510 N. Santa Monica Blvd.  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53217. (414)352-8990.

--Dated Material--

Please deliver by Tuesday, April 1, 2014

**Next Messenger: Dated May 2; Copy Deadline: April 22**

You think you  
know the  
story. . . .



THE  
PRODIGAL  
GOD

Coming This Fall.

## Share your Time & Talents— Annual Golf Classic



**When?** Saturday, June 21, 2014

**Where?** Fire Ridge Golf Course - Grafton

**To Sign Up:** See brochure at Welcome Area or send email  
to [acooper1@wi.rr.com](mailto:acooper1@wi.rr.com)

**“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one  
another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”**

1Peter 4:10

Jesus never failed to help others, and He calls us to do  
the same. It is for this reason that God has blessed us with  
our time and our talents. In stewardship, we are called to  
help others. We need your *talents* at golfing and donating  
to help make it the best year ever. We need your *time* to  
spend together in fellowship.

**Be a PLAYER – Be a SPONSOR – Come to the 19th HOLE**

For more information, contact Allen Cooper –  
[golfclassic@foxpointchurch.org](mailto:golfclassic@foxpointchurch.org)



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

Pastors' cell phone numbers: Pr. Knapp 414-704-7070 | Pr. Cheever 414-573-4138