



Messenger

Engaging Enthusiastic Followers of Jesus

January 17, 2014

Online Pictorial Directory

Welcome to the year of **Communication** at Fox Point Church!
The very first step is getting better connected to each other.
The long awaited online directory is here and it is **FABULOUS!**

Top FIVE Highlights of the Online Directory

1. Easy to use
2. Extremely accessible – available on a phone or tablet App!
3. Updating is a cinch **AND** instantaneous
4. PICTURES, PICTURES, PICTURES! – Have you been wondering who that person is that you see EVERY week at church? Have you heard the same name multiple times but just have no idea who it is?
5. You can print individual information or the entire directory!



You will be receiving an email and also a letter this week with more detailed explanations of exactly how to login in and then update your username and password, and information in your family's profile. There is an option to upload a recent picture of the family AND each individual (kids, too!).

Please help us make this the best it can be! Take a few moments to update your information and help us all get connected in 2014.

If you have questions or issues with your login or updating, please email or call Amy Beno at aebeno@gmail.com or 414.702.4771.

Health Ministry

Living Healthy Is A Prayer Finding Peace



I don't know about you, but I often find myself struggling for inner peace. This peace, I believe, can only come from one source – God. It is from living a Christ-centered life that we can be free from regret, anxiety, and fear. The God who controls all things, who is present in your life, whether you acknowledge Him or not, is the God of Peace. He most certainly has a plan for each and every one of us. If only we would listen and try to honor His will (not ours), we would be more at peace with ourselves, God, and the rest of the world.

Peace is an inner quality that flows out of a right relationship with God. Often, one of the causes of our anxiety is a desire to control all things to our benefit, including things over which we truly have no power. This desire for power could spring from a lack of trust in God, who alone can control every aspect of our lives. God does not want us to live a life of anxiety and stress, so why is it so hard for us to give up “control”? The more we trust God to meet our inner needs, the more our faith will grow, and the quicker we will be able to trust God in all situations.

- I encourage you to...
- Refuse to allow anxiety to become a “state of being” in your life.
- Believe God when He says you are worthy of His constant care.
- Surrender total control of every area of your life to God.
- Refuse to be caught up in what others think of you.
- Get your priorities in line with God's priorities for you.
- Choose to live in today, not tomorrow.

Take time with these thoughts and you will find yourself living with a growing deep inner peace...the peace that God wants for all of His children. Start out this New Year with renewed faith and hope. God has great plans for you... believe in His power and love.

“My peace I give to you, not as the world gives” John 14:27

Peace, health, and healing in Christ,
Joni Ledzian

Changing It Up! New Yoga in the New Year!

Please join us as we welcome our new yoga instructor, Sandy Byrne. She brings with her a passion for teaching and new approaches to yoga. Why not start the New Year with a pledge to get in better shape and lower your stress level...yoga does both and much, much more. We will continue our classes on Mondays at 6:30 pm and introduce a new class on Friday mornings at 7 am. Classes are held in Fellowship Hall. Our new schedule will begin on Monday, January 6 and Friday, January 10. The classes are open to the community so bring a friend! For more information, please contact Joni, your parish nurse, at joni@foxpointchurch.org or 352-8990 X117. I know there are a lot of opportunities to take yoga classes in the community. If we do not have enough participants we will have to discontinue classes at FPLC...please consider taking yoga classes with us!

FPLC Women's Retreat! Fueling Your Faith in Unexpected Places

Plan on joining the women of Fox Point Church for a fun-filled journey to discover surprising new ways to grow your faith. You will be inspired by the wonderful stories, sharing, and activities designed to open your mind and heart to exploring nontraditional faith builders—while building bonds and friendships with the extraordinary women in our community.

When: Saturday, February 1, 2014

Time: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Location: Fox Point Lutheran Church

Cost: \$20.00 (lunch is included)

Deb Schmidt, professional speaker, trainer, author, and member of FPLC, will be the facilitator.

Sign up at the church on Sunday, or contact Joni:
joni@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990 X117
Registration Ends January 26.

Fellowship

Women's Club Luncheon

Wednesday February 12, 2014, 11:30 a.m.

Special Guest: Lesley Kagen, *Milwaukee Novelist*

Lesley Kagen is a Milwaukee native and national bestselling novelist. She began her career as a novelist at age 57 after experiences as a radio DJ, writing, producing and voicing commercials, and acting, including an episode of *Laverne and Shirley*. Her first book, *Whistling in the Dark*, 2007, which takes place in a Milwaukee neighborhood, made the New York Times Best Seller list. Her novels are written from the viewpoints of children or young narrators, capturing the "kids' honesty, their unique way of viewing the world, their direct way of talking, [and] their enthusiasm." Common themes in her stories, which are set in the 1950s and 1960s, include: dealing with loss, family, and mystery, discovering the truth, inner-workings of a community, sibling bonds, childlike perception, innocence and corruption. "Whistling in the Dark" is described as a "coming-of-age" thriller set in Milwaukee during the summer of 1959.

Publisher's Weekly described Kagen's second novel, *Land of a Hundred Wonders*, 2008, as a "winsome" story that "offers laughter and bittersweet sighs." And her next novel, *Tomorrow River*, 2010, was reviewed as "stellar" and "spellbinding" by *Publisher's Weekly*.

Her fourth novel, *Good Graces*, published in 2011, is a sequel to the *New York Times* Best Seller *Whistling in the Dark*. It was reviewed to be a "spot-on sequel" and claimed "readers who enjoyed the first book are in for a treat."

Kagen draws upon her experiences in her writing. She has said, "Some writers can set their work in a place without having to experience it, but it's very important to me to feel grounded in a story."

In her novels, Kagen explores themes of loss and heartbreak, while mixing in hope and humor because, she says, "all of us deal with loss in one way or another in our lives. We lose our loved ones, our jobs, and our health. Humor and hope for a better day are the only things I know that transcend pain".

For a delicious lunch and delightful program, sign up in the Kiosk Area by February 9. Cost is \$8.00 per person. (Please pay at sign up.) Guests are welcome.

Piecemakers/Quilters Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

9:00am - 2:00pm

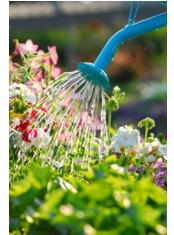
Fellowship Hall

Beat the winter blahs!! Join the Piecemakers and enjoy making beautiful quilts from colorful scraps of fabric.

No experience is necessary. Make new friends. Leave when you must with the satisfaction of having helped those in need. Bring your lunch and enjoy a break with us.

Questions? Contact Sharon Hipke: edsharhip@gmail.com

How Does Your Garden Grow?



Better with more information and new ideas!

Do you love to play in the dirt? Let us know, we are considering starting a garden club that would be open to everyone—men, women, teens to seniors—a chance to meet once a month to share ideas and plans, to learn about plants and how to solve problems.

We can also invite some experts to answer your questions. Possible subjects: gardening in the shade, new perennials, native plants, vegetable gardening, eco-friendly designs, or whatever strikes your fancy. Another idea: joining Pastor Bill and Diane for an outing at a garden center in April to pre-plant your containers!

One Saturday in May, we are hoping to shop at Klehm's Song Sparrow, a wholesale nursery in Avalon which specializes in rare and heirloom peonies, daylilies, clematis, hostas, shrubs, and perennials. This is the only day they open their doors to the public--members of special horticultural groups (normally you can only purchase their plants online). We can talk about summer later—possible garden tours, trips to special places, and visits to people's homes to see the beautiful environments they have created.

The only way this will work is if we can find a day of the week and a time that is convenient for a batch of you gardeners. If you are interested, please list your availability on the sheet in the Welcome area. Any questions? Contact Bunny at brh@wi.rr.com.

Outreach

Read with Me...Please!

Reading with young children is a most rewarding experience. This gratifying activity is not only fun, but boosts children's pre-reading skills.

Our FPLC Outreach partner, Next Door Foundation, has reading opportunities available for the 2014 Winter-Spring semester. Volunteer readers read in small groups of children ages 2-5 on Tuesdays 9 to 11 a.m., Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. Next Door Foundation is located at 2545 N. 29th Street (just south of Center Street).

This program is flexible, so you can sign up for one session or 18. Come alone, with a friend or recruit a small group. Flyers with the available dates / contact information are located on the Outreach Kiosk. To sign up, please also pick up a volunteer application, confidentiality policy form and background check form (required by the state of Wisconsin). These are also available next to the flyers.

Questions? Contact Sue Jurack 262-240-2234 or sue@birchwoodci.net.

Cookies for Luther Manor

January is the month that FPLC is scheduled to provide cookies for Luther Manor Health Care Center residents. Softer cookies without nuts or seeds help to comply with the dietary needs of many of our residents. Please include the type of cookie, the approximate number (dozen) and date donated. Take them to the church office anytime by January 24, 2014.

Each weekday Luther Manor volunteers staff coffee carts to serve cookies, coffee and tea to our Health Care Center residents. The volunteers travel door to door offering cookies, friendly greetings and a bit of news to more than 200 residents who are a part of the Luther Manor family.

If you need someone to pick up the cookies, please call Janet Quail, 414-967-7942.

2014 Dinner Dates at Serenity Inn

FPLC will continue to serve dinner at Serenity Inn 3 nights a month. Sign up at the Outreach Kiosk, by contacting Lorraine Buehler (lcbuehler@cs.com), or online at foxpointchurch.org

Open dates are these:

Fridays - April 18th, and June 20th;

Thursdays - May 8, June 12;

Wednesdays - March 26, May 28, and June 25th.

Sign up early and get the date that works best for you and your family!

Members prepare a meal at home and take it warm to the Inn, a residence for men in recovery from alcohol and/or drug abuse, at 2825 W. Brown. The residents share their stories over dinner, and the anti-drug message is especially appropriate for our young people. We are asked to arrive a few minutes before 6 p.m., and volunteers are usually on their way home by 7 p.m.

Because the number of residents is now most often 9-11 residents, 2 families may want to volunteer together.

Want more information? Contact Lorraine Buehler at 414-964-8933.

Help Give the Hungry Hope!

Until the day comes when Milwaukee's homeless and poor get decent jobs, the greater church community is a big part of their lifeline. A recent article in the Journal-Sentinel indicated that 34,000 people in Milwaukee County visited a food pantry every month last year.

So these folks can have hope for a better future, they first need to deal with hunger. Help us help them. Your continuing food donations are deeply appreciated. (And sincere thanks to Bruce Cole and the Dave Hanson, Jim Lynch and Mike Bohlen families for making regular deliveries to our inner city partners.)

Your FPLC OUTREACH Committee

A Thank You from Alice's Garden

One of our Outreach partners is Alice's Garden, a two acre urban community garden at 21st and Locust.



Last week, its director Venice Williams spoke at our Women's Club, thanking our church for your generosity and our much-needed gifts last year. One was a Port-O-Potty. The others were distillers now being used to create herbal products to raise revenue for the garden. This summer, Alice's is running a CSA program to provide fresh herbs, herbal recipes, and herbal products to subscribers 12 times from June through October. Contact Venice if you are interested or want to know how to purchase their herbal bath salts, lip balms and other products directly. venicewb@msn.com

Growth Groups – Winter/Spring 2014

Beat Pastor Bill at Wii Bowling!



Deal Gracefully with Aging Parents



Learn from Bible Characters How to be a Better Parent.



These are just 3 of our 13 GREAT Growth Groups starting soon!

You are sure to find one or more that fit your interests, needs, and schedule! Subjects range from caring for aging parents to a fascinating series on Israel and a God-centered study for singles.

Pick up a brochure at the church and sign up online (www.foxpointchurch.org) or in Fellowship Hall!

We Are Growing... And we want to include you!

We're holding a gathering for new and prospective members on Sunday, January 19 in Fellowship Hall from 4 – 5:30 PM.

Learn about our church and all of the exciting programs we offer. We'll have light refreshments and have arranged for child care.

Please RSVP, and let us know if you'll be bringing the kids. Call the office: 414-352-8990 or email church@foxpointchurch.org.

We Take It For Granted....

...but thousands of our friends in the Meru Diocese in Tanzania have no access to clean, safe drinking water. The Diocese has asked our Synod to help four villages which currently only get water two times a week from a cistern that is often empty and contains foul water.



FPLC member, Pam Schaefer, heads the committee trying to help them. The committee has asked for a grant from our Synod to pay for a deep well to serve the villages, but they also have an *immediate* need of \$4000 to do a ground-penetrating survey to locate water before the March rainy season starts.



\$1500 has already been pledged, and they are asking us and all of the churches in our Synod to help cover the rest. For information on how to make even a small donation, contact Jo Ann 414-352-8990 or email her:

church@foxpointchurch.org or call Pam at 414-588-0052. You can also put your pennies in the jug near the Welcome Kiosk!

Marriage and Family Ministry 1st Ever... Couples Enrichment

February 22, 2014
9:30am to 4:00pm
Optional dinner from 5 to 8pm
Schlitz Audubon Nature Center

What: A 6-hour workshop focused on strengthening committed relationships

Who: All adult couples in committed relationships

Cost: \$30 per couple
(Includes continental breakfast and lunch)

This exciting, enriching day will include a Warm Up and Workshop with Pastor Bill, a Newlywed Game, Lunch, Cocktails, and Dinner.

(Dinner cost will be split among attendees)

Childcare will be provided at the church.

Pilgrimage to Israel 2014

Pastor Bill and Diane are hosting a
Holy Land Pilgrimage next year
April 27 – May 7, 2014

Bible stories come alive in you in a whole new way!

We have a few remaining spaces available for this trip of a lifetime. If interested a trip itinerary is available at the Welcome Kiosk.

For additional information please call or email JoAnn at the church office, 414-352-8990 or church@foxpointchurch.org.

Confirmation & Youth Group News

7th Grade Confirmation Prayer Retreat

January 25 8:00am to January 26 10:00am
Pick up and drop off at FPLC

High School Youth Group

- * Sunday, January 19: 7:00—8:30pm
Study Break: Slowing Down is Key.
- * Sunday, January 26: 7:00—8:30pm
- * Sunday, February 2: **10:00—11:30am**

YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS ANNOUNCED!

Save the Dates!!

Confirmation Apostle Islands Trip
June 23-27
Current 6th & 7th Grade students

High School Youth Group Mission Trip to Colorado
July 19-26
Current 8—12th Grade Students

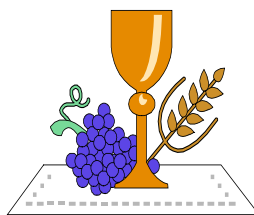
Upcoming Hymn Festival!

In March the musicians of FPLC will be presenting a hymn festival to celebrate the much anticipated coming of spring. You may not be familiar with the term 'hymn festival', it is like a themed concert at which hymns are celebrated and sung. Ours will be a handbell hymn festival and the theme is The 7 Days of Creation.

Please set aside the afternoon of March 30th at 3pm to come and enjoy some beautiful music, sing some new and classic hymns, and ring in the spring with us! More information to come!

Congratulations to our students who received First Communion, Jan. 12

Jack Anderson
Claire Baden
Andrew Bechthold
Connor Birmingham
Thomas Buchanan
Lily Carlson
Lilli Cesarini
Jack Cohen
Josephine Dermond
Ryan Dingle



Joseph Donovan
Nicholas Enea
Philip Lewander
Patrick Muth
Jack Olson
Emily Padgett
Michael Vogel
Margaret Vorlop
Samantha Zeilinger

Preschool/Serving



Exciting Opportunities for Preschoolers and their families!

Fox Point Lutheran Preschool has begun enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year.

Applications can be found in the preschool room, by the nursery or on the church website.

Church members have priority registration until January 19. Classes fill quickly!

Fox Point Preschool offers:

- *45 years of serving preschool families
- *Engaging programming for children ages 2 ½-4 years old
- *State licensed, experienced and credentialed teachers
- *Spacious classroom, gross motor room and playground
- *Warm, caring environment where your child can thrive
- *Curriculum rich in language, math, science, art and music
- *Great foundation for 4K

Free Concert

You and your preschooler are invited to a free concert featuring renowned children's musician, Dana McCarthy from Jump Up! Family Music on January 23 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Following the concert, you are welcome to stay for our Preschool Open House from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to meet our teachers and to learn more about our wonderful school!



Contact Tanya Naas, Preschool Director, at 414-352-8990, ext. 116 for more information.

Serving

<u>January 19</u>	SERVING:	<u>January 26</u>
9:00 Mark Metzendorf 10:30 Paul Benson	Lectors	9:00 Colleen Ashenden 10:30 Theresa Seem
9:00 Janik Team 10:30 Gebel Team	Ushers	9:00 Keehn Team 10:30 Harland Team
9:00 Sara, Katie, Ryan & Trevor Strunk 10:30 Guy & Ellen Schaefer	Coffee Hour Hosts	9:00 Elizabeth & Chris Hellman 10:30 Tom & Jenny Kregel
Kathy Sauer	Welcome Kiosk	
9:00 Kate Cheever, Maddie Schaefer 10:30 Nina Enea, Russell Enea	Acolytes	9:00 Allison Parsons, Amanda Parsons 10:30 Michael McLaughlin, Grant Taebel
Susan Janik	Worship Assistant	Michelle Kornitz
9:00 Dave & Gael Romoser 10:30 Eric & Lisa Nelson	Super Greeters	9:00 10:30 Lori & Mark Langholz
	Communion Aides	

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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)
 Bob Lynch
 Sheila Dlugi
 Nikki Etheridge
 Verlie Keehn
 Pam Fuhry
 Audrey
 Holly Beard
 (sister of Wendy Randazzo)
 Shirlee Rosendahl
 Odelle Leonard
 Susie
 Carol Larson
 Helen
 Sue Keehn
 Tim Lynch
 Joni Christensen
 Rick
 Sharon Abel
 Sue Wolf (sister of Janet Quail)
 Cowper Harley
 Jean Sebastian
 Katie Watson
 Dina Johnson
 Gregg

June Hoffmann
 Jennifer Emerick Kuntz
 Gary Villnow
 Katherine
 Karen
 Teddy Schmahl (grandson of
 Terry & Karen Schmahl)
 Betty Poelzer
 Patty Werner
 Steve Mattson
 Elmer Benson
 Bob Wagner
 Jacob
 Judy

Our deepest sympathy to Peter Quehl
 and his family on the death of his
 father.

Our deepest sympathy to Elizabeth
 Katona on the death of her sister.

Our deepest sympathy to the family
 and friends of Paul Stenzel, who
 passed away on January 8.

Our heartfelt sympathy, thoughts and
 prayers be with Karen, Katherine, and
 Sarah Ethington in the death of John
 Ethington, beloved husband and
 father. John passed away
 unexpectedly, Monday, January 6.
 A Memorial Service in celebration of
 John's life will be held at Fox Point
 Lutheran Church . Saturday,
 January 18, 11:00 a.m.
 Visitation: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Military

Samantha
 Ben
 Parker
 David

Congratulations

Owen David Berge, son of Jonas & Ali
 Berge was born on January 4. Proud
 Grandma is Pat Berge.

Sabine Kaethe Hongsermeier, daughter
 of Heide & Jayson Hongsermeier, was
 born on January 3.

*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*