



# Messenger

*Engaging Enthusiastic Followers of Jesus*

January 20, 2012

## Winter/Spring Semester Small Groups—Sign up now!

Our Semester Small Group Program is a great way to reconnect with established members and meet new members of Fox Point Lutheran Church while enriching your faith. **Signups for our Winter/Spring small groups are in progress now through Sunday, January 29.** Sign up either online at [www.foxpointchurch.org](http://www.foxpointchurch.org) or at church. A maximum of 12-15 people will be in each group. Following is a listing of the groups and topics that will begin meeting during the week of January 30.

**Group 1 --FILLED** --Monday morning, 10:00am led by Lorraine Buehler at Fox Point Lutheran Church discussing “The Reason for God” by Timothy Keller

**Group 2--** Tuesday morning, 6:30am led by Gardner Friedlander at Fox Point Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall discussing “The Screwtape Letters” by C.S. Lewis

**Group 3--** Tuesday evening, 7:00pm led by Eric and Lori Lorenz at their home in Mequon discussing “The Reason for God” by Timothy Keller

**Group 4--** Wednesday afternoon, 1:00pm led by Laura Mullins & Heidi Hanson in Mequon discussing “The Reason for God” by Timothy Keller

**Group 5--** Wednesday evening, 6:30pm led by Paula & Scott Taebel at their home in Mequon discussing “The Reason for God” by Timothy Keller

**Group 6—**Thursday Women’s Group, 1:00pm led by Brooke Talbot at her home in Whitefish Bay discussing “Whole” by Lisa Whittle

For more detailed descriptions of each of these topics, please go to [http://foxpointchurch.org/connect.html?mdl=small\\_groups.mdl](http://foxpointchurch.org/connect.html?mdl=small_groups.mdl) or look in the Sunday bulletin. We look forward to you joining us in the Christian fellowship of small groups.

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# Health Ministry

## Living Healthy Is A Prayer The Tests of our Lives



### Save a Life!

The next blood drive is Tuesday, January 31 from 2-6pm at FPLC. We will have a dual red machine for anyone who wants to donate double red cells. You can sign up on Sundays in church or call the office during the week.

This year we are partnering with North Shore Congregational Church so we would really appreciate you taking the time to sign up (even if you can't specify a time) so we make certain there is enough blood team staff to help with all the donors. Hopefully our numbers will be increased due to the partnership this time around.

Again, to donate you have to be at least 17 years old and 16 year olds can donate with permission of a parent. Permission slips can be found on the Blood Center of Southeastern Wisconsin website or you can fill one out at the actual drive. Each donor's blood can help save up to 3 lives! Any questions about donating, call Julie Mitchell at 262-241-9449 or any questions about eligibility, call the Blood Center at 1-877-232-4376. The web site is [www.bloodcenter.com](http://www.bloodcenter.com).

On January 11 Karen Lippert presented this program at the Women's Club luncheon. Her message was so powerful and meaningful that I want to share it with you.

She started out by saying that "tests are a part of life." This is explained in 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:12 "*Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering as though something strange were happening to you.*" When something unpleasant happens to us we often ask God, "Why me? This scripture implies that we may need to ask "Why not me?"

Tests come at varying lengths of time and in degrees of difficulty. We may experience anything from a job loss, divorce, a brief, non-threatening illness, a chronic, more serious health issue or even the death of a loved one. How do you respond to a test? The good news is that God wants us to pass the test. Karen cited that Abraham was tested by God when he was ordered to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. Just as Abraham was about to kill Isaac, God stopped him. Abraham's faith in God was tested and he passed. Sometimes if we do not pass the test the first time, God often gives us a retest. He hopes that we have learned something from the first test that helps us pass a similar test in the future.

She also explained that tests can only be passed with help. John 15:4 -5 reads: "*Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*" God delights in us and wants us to always remain in Him. How do we do that? The answer is through reading His word, through prayer, and spending time with Him. God wants our prayers when life is easy and when life is hard.

Another key point on this subject is that tests happen for a reason. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:6-7 "*In this you greatly rejoice, though for a little while you have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.*" Struggles test our faith and prove our faith in God. We need to praise Him as we struggle not just at the end of our struggles.

Some other things struggles give us is found in Romans 5:3-5 "*Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us.*" Perseverance, character, and hope are all wonderful attributes that we can be proud of.

Lastly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 1:3-5 says "*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.*" God allows us to go through struggles so we can help and comfort others. It may be hard, for example, for someone who has never been divorced, widowed, or had a diagnosis of cancer, to truly understand the grief someone experiences because of these struggles. Sometimes God uses us and our struggles to comfort and encourage others because we have experienced the same pain. God may start a ministry in you that brings joy from pain.

Take time to reflect on your past struggles and discern what God may have been trying to teach you. The one promise we can count on is that God is always with us through any struggle. We need to trust Him and put all our faith in Him.

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

Peace and health in Christ,  
Joni Ledzian

### Retreat Deadline!

**Remember the deadline to sign up for Women's Retreat is January 22!**

# Fellowship

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## Women's Club

Wednesday, February 8, 11:30am  
Fellowship Hall

*"Love and Peace in an Angry World"*

Presented by Philip Chard

If you have ever read Philip Chard's column in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, "Out of My Mind," you know this very popular psychologist has some excellent suggestions for coping in a troubled world.

Come and hear him in person at our Women's Club gathering and you are sure to go home with some new faith-based strategies to apply in your own life.

A delicious luncheon will be served.

Please sign up in the Kiosk Area. The cost is \$7.00 per person and guests are welcome.

## Cookies for Luther Manor

January is the month that FPLC is scheduled to provide 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. Take them to the church office anytime by January 22.

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.

Thank you for your support of Luther Manor through your dues to Friends of Luther Manor and Love Lights fund raiser. The money will be used to purchase automated doors and raised garden beds for the Health Care Center.

## Thank you, Deb Schmidt!

For the last two years, Deb Schmidt, one of our members and owner of Loyalty Leader ([www.loyaltyleader.com](http://www.loyaltyleader.com)), has been consulting and leading the restructuring of the way we recruit and engage volunteers. She has helped Fox Point Lutheran Church set a new direction for volunteerism, structured a new member data base, created a plan for engaging new members, and created and trained our Super Greeters. She has also remade our website, making it possible to recruit volunteers online. She has been our volunteer guru and faithful cheerleader. Her special project for us is now complete and she is returning to her extensive volunteer life at church. The pastors, staff, and Church Council would like to thank Deb for the hours and love she has poured into our volunteer system and for the promise that she will be there when we need her. We are certainly a better church because of her hard work, love, and devotion!

## Young at Heart

Brainstorming for Future Events

Wednesday, February 1—11:00am

We need your help with discussing ideas.... or do you have suggestions for programs/speakers/menus/themes, whatever is needed for four YAH gatherings in 2012? We look forward to a continued exciting future of events that hopefully will appeal to congregational members and guests 55 and older (We don't check IDs!)

Who says there's no such thing as a free lunch? Supplied: sandwiches, chips, pickles, dessert and coffee. Bring your own beverage, if you wish.

Please sign up in the Welcome Area if you plan to attend so we know how much food and paper products to supply.

Church Office.....	414-352-8990
Monday-Thursday.....	8:00am - 4:00pm
Friday.....	closed
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Email.....	<a href="mailto:church@foxpointchurch.org">church@foxpointchurch.org</a>

# Outreach

## Tis the Season...to Help Others!



Older adults right on your block need help with snow removal. If you have a snow blower, shovel, extra time and a BIG HEART, please take the time to help your neighbor.

We have a “core team” of snow shovelers from Shoreline Interfaith Neighborhood Outreach Program who are matched with older adults who already have requested help from Interfaith. Join the “snow team” by calling Mary at our Central Office 414-220-8650.

## Looking for Service Hours?

The Dinner Fellowship at Serenity Inn is a wonderful opportunity to fulfill an obligation and to enjoy a meal with the residents who share their stories in their recovery from alcohol and/or drug abuse.

FPLC members prepare a meal and take it warm to the Inn at 2825 W. Brown by 6pm three times a month. The dinner conversation delivers a powerful anti-drug/alcohol message--especially appropriate for our young people.

Just seven dates remain: Thursdays March 8, April 12, and May 10; Fridays May 18 and June 15; and Wednesdays June 27 and July 25.

See the signup at the Outreach Kiosk (also a FAQ's for more information), contact Lorraine Buehler at [lcbuehler@cs.com](mailto:lcbuehler@cs.com) (964-8933), or signup online at [volunteerwiz.com/calendar/foxpointlutheran](http://volunteerwiz.com/calendar/foxpointlutheran).

Thanks for considering this rewarding use of your time and talent.

## Christmas Cards

Please bring Christmas cards you have received to church to be collected by Polly Reed and taken to the Salvation Army where the cards will be re-purposed. It's even better than recycling!

## Service Opportunity at The Gathering

We have agreed to once again provide 15-20 volunteers to serve at The Gathering, St. James site at 833 West Wisconsin Ave. on Saturday, February 4. Volunteers should arrive at the serving site at 9:45am to help with preparations, and plan to stay through final clean up (around 1:30pm).

We also need the following donations for the meal program: coffee, cookies, and fresh milk. Please bring any donations to the church office by Thursday, February 2. Please sign up for this opportunity at the Outreach Kiosk or online.

The Gathering staff thanks us for our support of their ministry and for helping to create a very special community.



There is a lot of pain and confusion centered around separation and divorce. *“What am I going to do?”* *“How do I deal with my kids now that we’re no longer a family?”* *“What do I do with the guilt and/or sadness?”* *“How will we make ends meet with two households?”*

If you’re feeling the myriad of emotions or you have a friend or family member who may be feeling it, **Fox Point Lutheran Church and Memorial Lutheran Church** are teaming up again beginning in February.

Please join us for a 13-week Biblically-based teaching and interactive group on Thursdays at 6:30pm beginning with our informative orientation on February 9 in the Fox Point Church Pine Room, 7510 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Fox Point. RSVP your interest or questions to [fpmdivorcecare@gmail.com](mailto:fpmdivorcecare@gmail.com) or call 414-352-8990. Or check out [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org) for much more. The cost for the entire program is \$20 which includes videos, discussions, workbook and light refreshments.

Park in the back and come in the door facing the railroad tracks. You may arrive after 6:15 and we will begin the session at 6:30. We welcome you to the orientation and we’ll show you how you can feel His gifts within your circumstances.

# Marriage Ministry

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## Couples' Date Night

Hosted by the Marriage Ministry Steering Committee

Friday, February 17

7:00 – 10:00pm

Fellowship Hall – Fox Point Lutheran Church

Sometimes life seems to travel at warp speed. We spend so much time with work and home busyness that our marriages get the remainder of our time and effort – which means that they are usually neglected. The problem is that God tells us that our marriages should be fed and nurtured before everything. If we have strong marriages then we will be a blessing to our families and our world.

### What will happen at Date Night?

You will spend some quality/fun time with your spouse or significant other!

Maybe even learn things that you never knew!

You will meet and connect with other wonderful couples!

You will enjoy all this quality, inexpensive time with your spouse or significant other AND spend time with other fun couples.

### What do I need to bring?

All we ask is that you bring a bottle of your favorite wine, or a 6-pack of your favorite beer, or if you prefer soda, bring soda. That's ALL!

The Steering Committee will provide cheese, crackers, fruit appetizers and other good stuff.

Free babysitting will be provided in the nursery for children to age 3. Contact Julie Schlifske in the church office to make a reservation. If you need help finding a babysitter we have a limited number of babysitters from our high school youth group. Contact Linda Cole in the church office for the list.

Please sign-up for this event by emailing [church@foxpointchurch.org](mailto:church@foxpointchurch.org) or leaving a voicemail message at 414-352-8990 in the general voice mail.

**Deadline to sign up is February 13.**

Please join us for a GREAT DATE!

# Thank You!

## A Note from our Rev. Dan Thurmer, Pastoral Care Fox Point Lutheran

Dear Pastor Bill,

**I think all of the home-bound have been seen before Christmas and poinsettias have been delivered!** It has been an inspirational experience. Everyone who receives one and reads the card: **Merry Christmas from ..... FOX POINT CHURCH FAMILY** ....is touched. Time and again I am asked, *'please convey my appreciation'*.

Well, I say to myself, 'who do I tell?' Certainly you, but it is more than you, too.

They appreciate their church family. The 'people of faith' with whom they have been nurtured over the years. They appreciate the feeling (as they fight back tears) of 'belonging to one another' and feel the presence of their heavenly FATHER pulling them into that one communion they have experienced time and again in church and now at home or at their bedside and ponder all that the years have given them. And, they have given. It is a sacred moment.

I am privileged to be 'the one' - at this time and fortunately in 'this place' - to bring the word, the sacrament and the plant. Thanks for the privilege!!!

And with all the folks who have asked me to say, thanks, please pass on MY thanks, too, as you say it to WHOMEVER. We are all grateful to be part of the body of Christ. It is good. So maybe there isn't A SOMEONE to thank, maybe we just fold our hands, bow our heads and say, THANK YOU LORD. AMEN. And as we pray that prayer, we realize, 'yes, the Savior is BORN!' Anew, each day. Now. At this time. In this fellowship. With these people of faith.

Pastor Dan Thurmer

## Serving

<u>January 22</u>	SERVING:	<u>January 29</u>
8:00 Amy Korpi 9:00 Mark Grady 10:30 Bob Menard	<b>Lectors</b>	8:00 Lorraine Buehler 9:00 Dave Ellwein 10:30 Mike Scalise
8:00 McClure Team 9:00 Keehn Team 10:30 Harland Team	<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 Christensen Team 9:00 Poelzer Team 10:30 Moore Team
9:00 Lori Barrieau, Chris Speaker 10:30 Tom & Jenny Kregel	<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	9:00 John & Lori Heinrich 10:30 Mark & Minna Smith
TBD	<b>Welcome Kiosk</b>	Pat Berge, Peg Young
9:00 Lucas Benson, Michael Muth 10:30 Callie Donavan, Ellie Van Why	<b>Acolytes</b>	9:00 Jaya Larsen, Carley Schwendel 10:30 Jake Knox, Zack Taebel
Michelle Kornitz	<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Joanne Ginster
9:00 Dave & Gael Romoser 10:30 Eric & Lisa Nelson	<b>Super Greeters</b>	9:00 Dave & Soon Hee Rauwald 10:30 Mark & Lori Langholz

# First Communion/Music Ministry

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Congratulations to our 5th grade students who received their First Communion on January 8

Ava Alt	Alexandra Morgan
Marisa Anderson	Elizabeth Muth
Grace Baden	Joseph Nelson
Dylan Benson	Elissa Olson
Nick Berkel	Margaret O'Malley
Katherine Cheever	Jack Riebau
Annabelle Crowley	John Scalise
Ava Fleming	Natalie Schwab
Mia Hickey	Audrey Simenz
Avery Holmes	Benjamin Van Why
Liam Kelley	Frederic Vorlop
Ashley Kreutzinger	Katherine Waterbury
Emma Lloyd	Kristina Waterbury

## Save the Dates for These Spring Music Events !

FPLC is hosting two special concerts this spring, and presenting a third off-site. Please mark your calendar for these musical events:

### **Friday, March 16, 7:30pm**

#### **Anderson University Chorale Concert**

From Anderson, Indiana, this 48-member mixed choir will present a program of sacred and secular choral music. They last visited FPLC in 2004, and Kevin Bailey was their accompanist before he came to FPLC. A free-will offering will be collected to assist in their touring expenses. For more on the AU Chorale, visit <http://www.anderson.edu/academics/music/chorale/>

### **Saturday, April 14, 7:30pm**

#### **Milwaukee Choral Artists, "Eastern Voyages"**

MCA is one of Milwaukee's finest choirs, and one of very few professional women's ensembles in the country. Sharon Hansen, founder and UWM professor, conducts this group which includes FPLC soloists Heidi Boyd, Meaghan Reider, and Sandi Lash. Their final concert of the 2011-2012 season takes in the haunting sounds of Eastern Europe, India, and Asia, with folk and classical music from the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, China, India, Japan, and more. The Milwaukee Choral Artists will be your guide as you take in a rare side trip to hear Igor Stravinsky's Four Russian Peasant Songs in his arrangement for women's voices and four horns. A pre-concert lecture will take place at 7:00pm.

### **Sunday, April 29, 3:00pm**

#### **Kevin Bailey, organ recital**

United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay, 819 E. Silver Spring Dr., Whitefish Bay

Why isn't this concert at FPLC? Each pipe organ is different, and the organ at UMCWFB offers a more symphonic palette of voices than FPLC's organ. Better suited for modern literature, their organ is also located at the front of the sanctuary, enabling the audience to see everything that goes on during an organ performance (he uses his feet?!) Kevin will be joined by local flautist Mary Levar and assisted by Neil Bubke, UMCWFB's music director, on some unusual music written for four-hand organ. Featured composers include Bach, Libby Larsen, Franck, and P.D.Q. Bach.

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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  
 Danny Johnson  
 (great-grandson of Lloyd Johnson)  
 Lloyd Johnson  
 Deborah  
 Janine Kolinski  
 Ellie Fredericksen  
 Marilyn Mechanic  
 Nikki Etheridge  
 Sue Lottes

Verlie Keehn  
 Clarence Plagens  
 Erin Voll  
 Elys Kettling-Law  
 Jean  
 Deb  
 Virginia Kettling  
 George Kettling  
 Pam Fuhry  
 Marion Roepe  
 Sue Hansen  
 Doris Kuhlmann  
 Lance  
 Charlie Burton  
 Shirlee Rosendahl  
 John  
 Tom  
 Susan Halling  
 Connie Zachowski  
 Rob  
 Kate

Our prayers are with the family and friends of Jean Sass who passed away this past week.

Our sympathy, thoughts, and prayers are with Mark and Lori Langholz upon the death of Mark's mother, Carrie Langholz, grandmother to Andrew & William.

### Military

Samantha Rablin  
 Ben Halbert  
 Parker Stratton

### Congratulations

Katherine Figgatt & Scott Marx were married December 31.  
 Charlie John Malle, son of Kenneth & Livy Malle, was baptized January 1.  
 Brogan James Krukar, son of Matthew & Paula Krukar, was baptized January 15.

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

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