



Messenger

Engaging Enthusiastic Followers of Jesus

February 1, 2014

Couples Enrichment Workshop

Join the crowd! Nineteen couples have already signed up for the exciting event coming up in a few weeks.

We have a fun-filled day planned that includes a warm up and workshop with Pastor Bill along with lunch and a newlywed game! There is also an option to join the group at North Star Bistro for dinner following the workshop at 5:15p.

Saturday, February 22

9:30a – 4p

Held at the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center

Childcare provided at the church from 9a – 4:30p by the Youth Group as a fundraiser for their summer mission trip.



Sign up online at www.foxpointchurch.org or in the Welcome Area on Sunday.

Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 23, 2014

Noon in the chapel

Health Ministry

Living Healthy Is A Prayer



The Peace of God

I awakened early this morning not in a peaceful state but rather in a fretful one. As I lay in bed, my thoughts were of petty things. I decided the best thing I could do was to get up and spend time in God's word. This always helps put things in perspective for me and directs my focus back on what is most important to me--my relationship with God.

Today's devotional readings were about the peace of God, the peace that only He can provide. In Thessalonians, Paul writes, "May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through." This means that God must be involved in every aspect of our lives. We cannot separate our spiritual life but we must allow God control of our entire being.

One of my favorite scriptures was included in my devotion. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians) Imagine never being anxious about anything! It seems impossible because we all have worries on the job, in our homes, at school. But Paul's advice is to turn our worries into prayers. Do you want to worry less? Then pray more! Whenever you start to worry, pray more.

God's peace is different than the world's peace. It comes from knowing that God is in control of everything. It isn't easy to surrender our will to God. Ask Him to help you focus your mind on what is good and pure.

As much as I love to start each day reading the Bible and meditating on His Word, it is not enough. We must also put it into practice. How easy it is to listen to a sermon and shortly after forget what the minister's message was. How easy it is to read the Bible and not discern how to live differently. It is easy to debate what a passage means and not live out that meaning. Exposure to God's word is not enough. It must lead to obedience.

The insignificant things I was concerned with this morning have lost their hold on me. I still have some of the same feelings but God has helped me deal with them and give them less importance. When I pray and ask for God's help and put my focus on Him, my life is much more peaceful. God will supply all our needs, but in a way that He knows best. Saturate your soul in His love and glory and you will find peace...the peace that surpasses all understanding.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."
Col. 4:15

Peace, health, and healing in Christ,
Joni Ledzian

DivorceCare

If you are suffering from the pain of separation or divorce, this Spring's NorthShore DivorceCare support group is meeting on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm. at Eastbrook Church. Eastbrook is located at 5385 N. Green Bay Avenue, between Silver Spring and Hampton.

DivorceCare is a Christian based program that provides support for individuals thinking about divorce or separation, currently involved in divorce proceedings, and those divorced for sometime but still struggling with emotional pain.

For information, call Linda [414-213-3045](tel:414-213-3045).

Thank You! **Dinner Dates at Serenity Filled**

All slots for spring are now taken, not surprising given our church's ongoing commitment to the men living at Serenity who are recovering from alcohol and/or drug abuse. Our coordinator Lorraine Buehler is very grateful to the 26 families plus the Tuesday morning Bible study group for signing up to prepare, serve and share meals with the guys and hear their courageous stories—a very personal anti-drug message.

Tutoring Program Needs You!

If you read the news, you know that kids in our inner city need help to succeed in school. Well, this is your chance to change the course of one of those young people's lives.

Our program is now desperately in need of tutors on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 pm. No experience necessary!

Contact FPLC member Dr. Betty Amuzu at 262-957-6680 or betty.amuzu@aurora.org

Holiday Boutique a Winner!

The figures are in, and our 2013 Holiday Boutique set another record! Our sales came in at an amazing \$17,086!

After expenses, our net profit was \$11,459. More than \$10,000 is now in our Outreach Fund, earmarked to help people in our community who are struggling, people served by our Outreach partners.

The remaining \$1400 went to Inreach, money that enables our Parish Nurse, Joni Ledzian and her team to support members of our own church who need our help.

Thanks to each and every one of you who made the Boutique a success...team members, volunteers, donors, our staff, and all of you shoppers! We welcome your ideas for 2014!

A Belated Thank You...

To Dotty Roth, the fourth member of the First Communion bread-making team since its beginning!



People are loving our new Online Pictorial Directory!

Enter your information today! Log into the directory at our website: www.foxpointchurch.org. Then, under *Announcements*, click on the "Online Directory Instructions" to learn how to update your user name and password. You can also upload a picture of you and your family.

If you have any questions or need help, contact Amy Beno beno@foxpointchurch.org

Give the Hungry Hope!

Help fill the bins in the hallway by donating non-perishable food items every Sunday! FPLC members Bruce Cole and the Dave Hansen, Jim Lynch and Bohlen families deliver the food to our inner city partners—Cross, Peace, and All People's churches

High School Youth Group

- ◇ Sunday, February 2: Summer Trip Meeting
10:00—10:30am
Mission Trip to Colorado
July 19-26
Current 8—12th Grade Students
- ◇ Friday, February 7 - Saturday, February 8 Ski Trip



Drink in the Good News!

It just keeps coming! First we learned that thanks to your support—including one major gift from a FPLC member—the Tanzania water survey will be done shortly. Then on Friday, Pam Schaeffer let us know that the team has received a \$95,000 grant from our Synod to drill a well that will serve those four

villages in the Meru Synod—people desperately in need of clean drinking water. They are hoping that the drilling will be done this coming autumn.

If you want to know more about the project and the massive need, contact Pam at pshscaef@wi.rr.com or 414-588-0052. She'll be happy to meet with individuals and groups in person as well.

Lunch and Learn

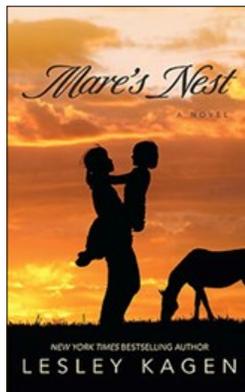
Meet a Best-Selling Author! Women's Club

Wednesday, February 12: 11:30am

Join us for a delicious lunch and a delightful program! Our guest is Lesley Kagen, mother of two, actress, former Fox Point restaurateur, accomplished equestrian, and engaging public speaker.

Her first book, *Whistling in the Dark*, was set in Milwaukee and made the *New York Times* best seller list. She has written four more novels, all dealing with significant losses but laced with humor and hope.

Sign up in the Welcome Area



Garden Club is a Go!

It's a great way to beat the winter blahs! Join us for a fun-filled spring of learning...from each other and hopefully from some experts. We'll be meeting on Tuesday, February 11 at 10am in Fellowship Hall.

Bring your catalogues, gardening magazines, books and ideas for topics. We'll also set up a few Saturday events. If you can't join us on Tuesdays, we hope you'll consider going on those outings!

Help in Time of Trauma Men's Club

Thursday, February 13: 11:45am
Town Club (7950 N. Santa Monica)

All men of our church and their guests are invited to hear Philip Chard once again, this time discussing psychological first aid. Philip is President and CEO of Empathia, Inc., a nationwide behavior services firm that provides health, safety and productivity solutions for more than 320 organizations. He'll be explaining that first responders treat victims of trauma in a variety of ways—there is no cookie cutter approach. Philip is a practicing psychotherapist who writes an award-winning column for the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel.



Please reserve today. Call Ron Plietz at 414-354-8596 or Paul Rosenheimer at 262-241-9627.



Follow in the Footsteps of Jesus Pilgrimage to Israel

Just a few spots left for this incredible journey led by Pastor Bill and his wife, Diane.

April 27—May 7

Itineraries at Welcome kiosk. Contact Jo Ann for more information. 414-352-8990 or church@foxpointchurch.org

Meet Your Fellow Parishioners

We hope that sharing their stories and showing their faces will help you feel more connected!

Recipe for a Rich Life



Lane and Gary Mudra have all the ingredients down pat – love, family, faith, friends, a full plate of activities and just having fun. They met at UW Superior where Gary, a Canadian, majored in business and Lane in speech communications. After graduating they spent five years in Thunder Bay, Ontario, then migrated to the States and settled in Bayside. One Sunday, over 30 years ago, Lane decided to visit our church. The choir performed Vivaldi's Gloria, and Lane, who is passionate about her music, was hooked. The Mudras have been active members ever since.

Gary is an institutional fixed income specialist with BMO Capital Markets, and Lane was a medical assistant and worked as a surgical coordinator for an orthopedic practice. She is retired now and fills her days with the things she enjoys. She sings in our choir and with the Master Singers of Milwaukee, exercises regularly, paints, and is belongs to two book clubs, one at FPLC. Gary loves to cook and grills year round (he has two smokers, three grills and runs a rib cook off with the family each year; the trophy a traveling pig). He plays tennis all year and is in a golf group, many of them church members.

They enjoy doing things together as well: cooking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, attending theatre performances and symphony concerts. They've travelled to several countries in Europe, (including 4 choir tours). They also share a commitment to serving our church. Many years ago Gary helped coordinate Sunday school; he was on church council and is a lector. Lane was co-director of our Children's Choir when her kids were young and volunteered for Vacation Bible School and the Altar Guild. They've helped out with new member brunches, served on the high school youth committee and as coffee hour hosts for many years. Currently, Lane is a mentor in the Moms to Moms group, and she and Gary are both in the bell choir and on the Marriage and Family Ministry committee.

Meeting with their small group is a priority. It's a perfect example of what these groups are meant to achieve. They've been together since the first series and are now fast friends. They meet and socialize regularly, which usually includes dinner, sharing their experiences and supporting and praying for each other. During their discussions they take turns leading the group.

The Mudras love spending time with their twin sons, Tony and Ben; daughter-in-law Katharine, and their 4 month old granddaughter Else.

Save the Date!

**Take Me Out to the
Ball Game X**



**Brewers vs Cincinnati Reds
Wednesday, July 23, 2014**

Sign up in May

February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday: Worship Services: 9 & 10:30am	Sunday School: 9 & 10:30am					1 8:30am Women's Retreat
2 Holy Communion 10am Children's Choir 10am HS Youth Group Trip Meeting	3 10am Book Study 6:30pm Yoga	4 6:30am Eye-opener Small Group 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Good Grief Support Noon Aging Parents Seminar 7pm Church Council	5 5:30pm Book Study 7pm Confirmation 7pm Women's Bible Study	6 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Mom to Mom 6pm Joyful Noise 7pm Chancel Choir	7 7:00am Yoga	8 9am Meru Meeting
					HS Youth Group Ski Trip	
9 10am Children's Choir 10:30am Wiegman Baptism	10 6:30pm Yoga	11 6:30am Eye-opener Small Group 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Good Grief Support 10am Garden Club Noon Aging Parents Seminar 7pm Wii Bowling 7pm KnitWits	12 11:30am Women's Club 5:30pm Book Study 7pm Confirmation	13 8:30am Senior Exercise 10am Luther Manor Communion Service 11:45am Men's Club 6pm Joyful Noise 7pm Chancel Choir Serenity Inn	14 7:00am Yoga	15
16 Holy Communion 10am Children's Choir 11:45am Huizenga Baptisms 4pm Israel & You 4pm HS Youth Group 7pm "Killing Jesus" Book Study	17 6:30pm Yoga	18 6:30am Eye-opener Small Group 8:30am Senior Exercise 9am Piecemakers 9:30am Good Grief Support Noon Aging Parents Seminar 7pm Wii Bowling	19 5:30pm Book Study 7pm Women's Bible Study All Peoples	20 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Mom to Mom 6pm Joyful Noise 7pm Chancel Choir	21 7:00am Yoga Serenity Inn	22 9am Couples Enrichment Workshop
23 9am to noon HS Youth Group Chili Dump 10am Children's Choir Noon Annual Meeting 4pm Israel Then & Now	24 6:30pm Yoga 7pm Book Club	25 6:30am Eye-opener Small Group 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Good Grief Support Noon Aging Parents Seminar 7pm Wii Bowling	26 5:30pm Book Study 7pm Lenten Mentor Orientation Serenity Inn	27 8:30am Senior Exercise 6pm Joyful Noise 7pm Chancel Choir	28 7:00am Yoga	

ChristPond/Serving



ChristPond Winter Festival

Fun and Fellowship await you!
N1599 Hwy 57, Random Lake

Saturday, February 15
1pm until the full moon rises and the fun ends

On a “chili” day, come warm your hearts at ChristPond. Join us for a day of winter fun the whole family can enjoy.
Invite friends!

Bring your favorite winter equipment to cross country ski or snowshoe along wooded trails, ice skate or ice fish on our ponds. Roast marshmallows and hot dogs by the bonfire. Feast on chili, sloppy joes, hot chocolate, hot apple cider, brownies, and s’mores.

A good will donation of \$10 per adult/\$5 per child appreciated.

To let us know how many will attend, call 414-228-8050 and leave a message.

Learn more about us at www.christpond.org

Serving

<u>February 2</u>	SERVING:	<u>February 9</u>
9:00 Lori Langholz 10:30 Peter Klug	Lectors	9:00 Mike Karegeannes 10:30 Jim Jurack
9:00 Harms Team 10:30 Sullivan Team	Ushers	9:00 Quisler Team 10:30 Gepfert Team
9:00 Tom & Sue Weickardt 10:30 Joe & Joanne Graf	Coffee Hour Hosts	9:00 Mark & Donna Metzendorf 10:30 Jan Harland, Sherie Kubiak-Librizzi
Julia DeCicco	Welcome Kiosk	Sara Hansen
9:00 Ethan Padgett, William Stegeman 10:30 Annie Ricigliano, Greta Ricigliano	Acolytes	9:00 Grace Baden, Gretchen Bechthold 10:30 Nick Berkel, Grant Booth
Brenda Trier	Worship Assistant	Kathi Behm, Lori Barrieau
9:00 Dean Eggert, Mark Metzendorf 10:30 Kevin Kosobud	Super Greeters	9:00 Rick & Lynn Miller 10:30 Tanja Felton, Paula Taebel
Pat Berge, Karn Cronwell, Barb Ellwein, Donna Olsen	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
 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 Lane & Gary
 Mudra on the death of Lane's brother,
 Gregg Meser.

Military

Samantha
 Ben
 Parker
 David

Congratulations

Verlie Keehn celebrated her 99th
 birthday on January 19.

Muriel, Colin and Audrey, children of
 Chad & Mary Jo Parrott were baptized
 on January 26.

God's blessings be with Kevin & Alisa
 Bendickson on the birth of their fourth
 child, Mason James born January 10.
 Proud siblings, Aidan, Brady &
 Ashlyn.

*In case of urgent pastoral care, call the
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