



Messenger

Engaging Enthusiastic Followers of Jesus

January 1, 2012

Our New Youth Ministry

It has been a long process as we have looked for a new person to do ministry with our youth. We have been looking for over two years, interviewed many candidates, and made several offers with no success. In October, we went back to the drawing board to develop a new strategy that would accomplish our goal of developing youth into engaged and enthusiastic followers of Jesus. We are ready to unveil our new strategy--and our new youth minister!

Our strategy is to develop a Youth Ministry Fellowship. Our fellowship is a four-year program that will take talented people and unleash their potential for ministry. This program will take post-college young adults who have a passion for youth ministry and train them to become excellent youth ministers. The program will include training in all areas of youth ministry, mentoring by the pastors, and intense training with the Lutheran Youth and Family Ministry Certification School.

At the beginning of year three, we hope to hire a second person, a junior fellow, who will be trained by the senior fellow, the certification school, and the pastoral staff. This will allow our youth to have a youth minister they know and love and who will be able to follow them through their middle school and high school years.

At the end of the four years, the Youth Fellow will leave with glowing letters of recommendation and training that they could receive nowhere else. We also will have trained a youth minister who can translate their experience into full-time, part-time, or volunteer youth ministry. Countless churches and youth will be blessed by the Fellow and the program.

We are excited to introduce to you our first Youth Ministry Fellow, who was unanimously recommended by the call committee to the church council—**Morgan Oldenburg**. Morgan grew up in River Hills and attended University School and Tufts College. She is an artist with her own studio in the Third Ward, a successful field hockey coach, and an active member of our church. Morgan will start January 1, followed by the kickoff of the new high school program on February 12. She will also join Pastor Bruce in confirmation ministry in January.

We would like to thank Matt Kammerait, Rachel Theune, the Youth Ministry Call Committee, and all who have helped during our transition. Your gifts and time have blessed many people.

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Health Ministry

Living Healthy Is A Prayer



Women's Ministry Creating A Healthy You

Join us as we explore how self-esteem affects your life as a woman. We will learn about the elements in a healthy self-esteem and discover ways to build self-esteem by learning how past patterns of unhealthy messages can translate into new experiences that promote healthy self-esteem. Psychologist Mary Jo Caminiti (speaker at the Mean Girls program) will lead our session on Tuesday, January 17 at 7pm in Fellowship Hall. Register by: emailing Joni, your parish nurse, at joni@foxpointchurch.org, calling the church office at 352-8990, or by signing up in the Welcome Area beginning Sunday, January 1 and ending Sunday, January 15. Create a healthy vision for your life and learn how to feel good about choices and possibilities that can be yours.

This program is free and open to the community. Invite your friends.



Our Women's Retreat will be held at the beautiful Grand Geneva Resort on Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4, 2012. Please join us for our 5th annual Women's Retreat and experience the joy and peace you will find within yourself. Ladies! It's retreat time!

Time to get away and connect with God and each other!

Reservations are being taken in the Welcome Area. Please pay amount in full when you sign up. Final registration will be Sunday, January 15. For questions or scholarship inquiries, please call Joni, your parish nurse, at 414-352-8990, X117 (joni@foxpointchurch.org) or stop by the registration table and talk with a volunteer.

Reflections and Visions

As the year 2012 begins, take a moment to reflect on your spiritual journey during this past year; where did it lead you? Now ask yourself, where do I want to go from here? Do you have a vision that will foster health and wellness in your life? Will you seek and find the balance of mind, body, and spirit that is integral to your happiness or will you settle for less? I have often heard that if you fail to plan...you plan to fail. Granted, all the planning in the world will not guarantee a happy and easy life because ultimately it is God who is in charge. Creating a vision for our life is important and will take some thinking. As Christians, our vision includes the ability to see God's presence, to perceive God's power, and to focus on God's plan for our lives. Can you identify changes that will improve your health and wellness and allow you to enjoy your blessings every day? What do you want your life to look like in this coming year? Can you see it? Vision is the ability to see your life plan. The process of creating a vision will motivate you to think more clearly and make it happen. Striving and maintaining a God-centered vision for our lives will enhance all aspects of our health and well-being; spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional and social. So, head into the New Year with your own personal vision for health. Create it, think it, practice it and pray about it. It is the healthy thing to do.

Health is defined as a ground state, a state of wholeness which excludes nothing; it is lodged in the spirit, it is subsumed by spirit. And the knowledge of health is made possible by spiritual awareness. Dossey

May the joy of Christ's birth burn brightly within your heart...
bringing light, warmth and peace to you all year long.

Peace and health in Christ,
Joni Ledzian

Women's Retreat

Fellowship

Women's Club

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

11:00am in Fellowship Hall
(Please note earlier starting time)

"The Tests of Our Lives"

Karen Lippert, Presenter

Life is hard. In this message, Karen will discuss the reality of the difficulties of life. More importantly, she'll give Biblical examples of those who have passed difficult tests in their lives. Finally, she'll discuss the purposes that these tests have in our lives as Christian women. Each woman will receive strength and encouragement for the days ahead.

Karen spoke to our FPLC women at a recent Women's Retreat and was so well received, we have invited her back to share with us once again. To accommodate her schedule, we will serve lunch at the earlier time.

Please sign up at the notice in the Welcome Area. The luncheon cost is \$7.00 a person. 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.

Men's Club Meeting

Second Thursday of the Month

11:45-1:15 Program & Lunch
The Town Club

7950 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Fox Point

Cost: \$14/ea.; pay at the door

All men of the church are invited;
their guests are welcome

Thursday, January 12

"The State of the Church"

Senior Pastor Bill Knapp will present his annual message to our club. Also, this will be a "sneak preview" of some of his comments likely to be made at the annual meeting of the congregation in February. He will look back briefly at 2011 (programs, financial, pastoral) and then discuss our vision for 2012 -- goals, objectives, and plans (e.g., staffing, financial/pledges, new programs).

For further information and reservations (in advance, please), contact either Ron Plietz (414-354-8596) or Paul Rosenheimer (262-241-9627).

New Yoga Session

Have you set a goal of physical fitness for the New Year? We will be starting a new yoga session at FPLC beginning the first week of January. Classes will be held in Fellowship Hall on Monday evenings at 6:30 and for all of you early birds we offer a class on Friday mornings at 5:30. You can attend any or all classes by purchasing either a 5 pack for \$60.00, 10 pack for \$100.00, or 20 pack for \$190.00. A drop-in rate for each class is \$13.00.

I started doing yoga 9 years ago and now can't imagine life without my yoga practice! It has made me physically stronger, more flexible, and I have fewer aches and pains. It has also been very beneficial for my spiritual well-being. The meditative and calming aspect has promoted an inner peace and acceptance that I treasure. The word yoga means to "unite" all aspects of our being...mind, body, and spirit. Do something that nourishes your whole being. Start the year off with a new practice of yoga.

Bring a friend...if you are new to yoga at FPLC your first class is free. For more information contact Joni, your parish nurse, at 352-8990 X 117.

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.

Open dates include Thursdays, Jan. 12, March 8, April 12, & May 10; Fridays April 20, May 18, & June 15; and Wednesdays May 23, 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 (964-8933), or signup online at volunteerwiz.com/calendar/foxpointlutheran. Thanks for considering this rewarding use of your time and talent.

All Peoples Help

We are in need of volunteers to prepare Chicken Nugget Casserole (the recipe may be found at the Outreach Kiosk) or to make a dessert for our All Peoples serving on January 11. You can sign up at the Outreach Kiosk or online. The item must be dropped off at the church office by 4:00 the day of the event. If you have any questions please contact Jean Nell at jmnell@sbcglobal.net.

The Mt. Meru Coffee Project

It's About Doing Justice, Providing Security, and Doing Ministry

The **Mt. Meru Coffee Project** is not a "project of the month" or a "project of the year". It is a project for life – for the life of the farmer and the life of the congregation. Once it is started, it is essential that it be sustained or the people we are trying to help will fall back into the hole of injustice and poverty.

The Project IS about doing justice. In Tanzania, justice is done by paying farmers a fair price for their coffee, offering them a "hand up" and enabling them to help themselves.

Over 10 years ago, the Project was a "life line" to the small farmers in the Meru Diocese. It encouraged them to grow coffee because they would receive a fair price for it. Over time, other buyers raised the price they paid farmers for coffee.

Today, the market for coffee is strong, and farmers who kept growing coffee are reaping the rewards for their perseverance. Today, the Project is a "safety net" for the farmers. When/if market prices fall, the Project will ensure that farmers will continue to receive a fair price for their coffee.

Locally, justice is done by making a change in our coffee buying patterns and routines. It is about buying and serving Mt. Meru Coffee instead of super market or convenience coffee. Buying and serving Mt. Meru Coffee should be considered a ministry rather than an expense. Mt. Meru Coffee may cost more than super market coffee, but it is a high quality coffee, and paying a premium is part of doing ministry and pursuing and achieving justice.

The Mt. Meru Coffee Project - doing justice, providing security, doing ministry - and **DOING JUSTICE NEVER TASTED SO GOOD!**

Mt. MERU
COFFEE PROJECT

Christmas Cards

Remember to save the Christmas cards you receive and bring them to church. Polly Reed collects them and takes them to the Salvation Army to be repurposed!

If you happen to still have cards from last year, she will gladly take those too! Drop them off at the Welcome Kiosk!

New Year – New Opportunity for Second Semester Small Groups!

GROUP # 1

Day: Monday morning, 10:00AM
Leader: Lorraine Buehler
Location: Fox Point Lutheran Church
Topic: The Reason for God – Timothy Keller

DESCRIPTION

Why does God allow suffering in the world? How could a loving God send people to Hell? Why isn't Christianity more inclusive? Why have wars been fought in the name of God? Author and Pastor Timothy Keller has compiled a DVD from live and unscripted discussions with a group of people to address these and other frequently voiced "doubts" skeptics bring to his church as well as the most important reasons for faith. The group will meet six weeks, view the DVD and then discuss related questions from Keller which explores the Christian faith using literature, philosophy, real-life experiences and the Bible.

GROUP # 2

Day: Tuesday morning, 6:30AM
Leader: Gardner Friedlander
Location: Fox Point Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
Topic: The Screwtape Letters--
C.S. Lewis

We will study C.S. Lewis's 1941 classic, The Screwtape Letters, a fictitious collection of letters from an uncle (Uncle Screwtape) to his nephew (Temptster Wormwood), in which the uncle coaches the nephew on how to win a man's soul. Lewis's brilliant twist is that the uncle and nephew are spirits, working on their "patient" as agents of the devil, trying not to "lose" the patient to "the Enemy," who is Jesus Christ. Through this reversal of perspective, which is both serious and light, Lewis reveals when and where we Christians are most vulnerable, and thus also teaches how we can be strong.

GROUP # 3

Day: Tuesday evening, 7:00PM
Leader: Eric and Lori Lorenz
Location: 9801 N. Hilltop Lane, Mequon
Topic: The Reason for God--Timothy Keller

See Group #1 description

GROUP # 4

Day: Wednesday afternoon, 1:00PM
Leader: Laura Mullins & Heidi Hanson
Location: Mequon
Topic: The Reason for God--Timothy Keller

See Group #1 description

GROUP # 5

Day: Wednesday evening, 6:30PM
Leader: Paula & Scott Taebel
Location: 10427 N. River Lake Drive, Mequon
Topic: Gospel in Life, Grace Changes Everything—Timothy Keller

Gospel in Life is an eight-session course on the gospel and how to live it in all facets of our life. Session 1 opens the course with the theme of the city, our home now, the world that is. Session 8 closes the course with the theme of the eternal city, our heavenly home, the world that is to come. In between, we will look at how the gospel changes our hearts and changes how we choose to live in the world.

GROUP # 6

Day: Thursday--Women's Group, 1:00PM
Leader: Brooke Talbot
Location: 5477 N. Lake Drive, Whitefish Bay
Topic: "Whole"—Lisa Whittle

In *Whole*, Lisa calls you to take an honest look at the holes in your life, discover how to fill them with God's presence, and get to a real and vibrant place of wholeness instead. In her trademark bold, yet compassionate, and relatable voice, Lisa takes you on a transformational journey of understanding who you really are . . . and what you were born to be and do.

Sign up between January 8-29, 2012 for any of these small groups in the church welcome area at the Sunday Kiosk or online at www.foxpointchurch.org.

Groups begin the week of January 29, 2012

Youth Info/Serving

Preparation for First Communion for 5th Graders - Sunday, January 8



We will be holding a special bread-baking Communion workshop on Saturday, January 7.

Letters with more information about the workshop and communion were recently mailed. Once you receive them, please return your response cards as soon as possible.

If you have a child 6th grade and older who has not had communion instruction, please contact the church office at 414-352-8990.

Church Office.....414-352-8990
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 Friday.....closed
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FPLC Preschool Open House

Classes for 2012-2013 now forming

Fox Point Lutheran Preschool is now taking applications for the 2012-2013 school year. Please join us at our Open House where you can see our classroom, meet our staff and learn more about our wonderful program.

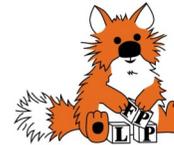
Open House:

When? Monday, January 9 from 5:30–7:00pm

Where? Fox Point Lutheran Church -
 7510 N. Santa Monica Blvd. in the preschool room
 (enter on the south side of the building by the
 playground).

Questions? - call Heather Klug 414-431-6042

***Classes fill quickly, so we recommend
 registering early.***



Serving

<u>January 8</u>	SERVING:	<u>January 15</u>
8:00 Kathy Braun 9:00 Mark Metzendorf 10:30 Paul Benson	Lectors	8:00 Mike Istwan 9:00 Mark Fiedler 10:30 Karen Tait
8:00 Jim Kurtz 9:00 Quisler Team 10:30 Gepfert Team	Ushers	8:00 Buehler Team 9:00 Janik Team 10:30 Gebel Team
9:00 Ben & Peg Young, Connie Zachowski 10:30 Janice Collins, Sherie Kubiak-Librizzi	Coffee Hour Hosts	9:00 Gary & Miriam Erickson 10:30 Joan Drapp, Helen Nelson
Sara Hansen	Welcome Kiosk	Kathy Sauer
9:00 Cooper Fergus, Andy Trattner 10:30 Allison Severin, Julia Simenz	Acolytes	9:00 Hannah Behnken, Heather Smallpage 10:30 Kyle Brahm, Nick Hollenbeck
Judy Theune	Worship Assistant	Susan Janik
9:00 Deb & Larry Schmidt 10:30 Andy & Lori Barrieau	Super Greeters	9:00 James & MJ Severin 10:30 Paul & Nancy Rosenheimer

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Holy Communion 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Malle Baptism No Sunday School	2 Office Closed	3 6:30am Eye-Opener Bible Study 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Good Grief Support 7:30pm Men's Bible Study	4 7pm Women's Bible Study	5 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Mom to Mom	6 5:30am Yoga	7 8:30am First Communion Workshop 9:45am The Gathering
8 Holy Communion First Communion for 5th grade class 8, 9, & 10:30am Worship Services 9 & 10:30am Sunday School 6pm Marriage Ministry Steering Committee	9 7am Endowment Committee 5:30-7pm Preschool Open House 6:30pm Yoga	10 6:30am Eye-Opener Bible Study 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Good Grief Support 7pm KnitWits 7:30pm Men's Bible Study	11 11am Women's Club 5:15pm All Peoples "Wednesday Night Alive" 7pm Confirmation 7pm Women's Bible Study	12 8:30am Senior Exercise 10am Luther Manor Communion Service 11:45am Men's Club 6pm Joyful Noise Serenity Inn	13 5:30am Yoga	14
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-- Dated Material --

Please deliver by Monday, January 2, 2012

Next Messenger: dated Jan. 20; deadline Jan. 12



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

Herold Praefke

Sue Hansen

Doris Kuhlmann

Charlie Burton

John

Our prayers are with Larry, Deb, Dave, and the rest of the Schmidt family who are mourning the loss of Larry's mother, Marie Schmidt.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Marilee, Steve, Peter, Erica and Michael Nord upon the death of Marilee's mother, Virginia (Ginny) Muenta Christmas

Day. Please keep Marilee's father and family in your thoughts and prayers.

God's peace and care be with Alice Horton, John Horton, Rob, Karn, Lily & Ryan Cronwell, on the death of Medora Horton, mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother.

Military

Samantha Rablin

Ben Halbert

Parker Stratton

Congratulations

Parker Christine Adam, daughter of Brent & Megan Adam and granddaughter of Helmut & Chris Adam, was baptized December 18.

Cannon Jeffrey Croatt, son of Andrew & Dana Croatt, was baptized December 20.

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

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