



Messenger

Engaging Enthusiastic Followers of Jesus

January 4, 2013

Warming up Your Winter with Small Groups



One day, shortly after the death of Jesus, some of his disciples were traveling along the road toward the village of Emmaus. Luke's Gospel tells us that, "As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:28-32).

Christ, raised from death, dwells among us along the roads of our lives, in the ordinary places of each day. When we Christians gather together to break bread, read scriptures, or offer prayers, we begin to see him more strongly and clearly, our hearts are warmed, and our lives are blessed. Please consider one of our "heart-warming" small groups this winter.

*Find information on the winter small group offerings on pgs. 5 & 6.
Signup for the small groups will be available through January 20 in the church narthex or
online at foxpointchurch.org.*

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Health Ministry

Save These Dates To Save a Life!

The 2013 blood drive dates are : February 12, April 30, June 25, August 20, October 22, and December 30! Please put them on your calendar!



Women's Retreat

Our Women's Retreat will be held at the beautiful Grand Geneva Resort on Friday, February 1 and Saturday February 2, 2013. Please join us for our 6th 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! At our retreat, called, "The Power of Prayer", we will talk about what prayer is, why prayer matters, and what we can practically do to make prayer a bigger part of our daily lives. Reservations are being taken in the Welcome Area. Final registration will be Sunday, January 13. For questions, please contact Joni, your parish nurse at 352-8990, X 117 (joni@foxpointchurch.org) or stop at the registration table and talk to a volunteer. Hotel rooms are limited so early sign up is encouraged. Payment must be made when you register.

Living Healthy Is A Prayer



The Heart of a Child

Another Christmas has passed, and I pray everyone experienced the joy and love of Christ. I hope the true meaning of Christmas was felt in your hearts and homes. May these feelings of joy and good will be with us throughout the year.

A few weeks before Christmas, I babysat for a lovely, young family with three adorable children. One night before bedtime, Olivia, the oldest at nine years old, asked me if she could write a letter to Santa before she went to bed. "Do you think he understands cursive?" she wondered. I assured her that he does. The following letter depicts the innocence and sweetness of a young soul. I'm sure we all have youthful memories of Santa. The beliefs we passed on to our children are precious and unforgettable. This letter demonstrates Olivia's concern and love for other people. Our church does an amazing job of teaching our young members the importance of sharing and giving back. From the Junior sermons given each week by our Pastors to Julie Schlifske's Sunday School program and Operation Christmas Child, our young friends are learning that kindness and empathy are what being a Christian is all about. These lessons are available for all of us, but so often as we grow older, we lose sight of our blessings and often become more concerned about our own happiness than the happiness of others. "Teach your children well" as the song says, and we will all be blessed beyond our imaginations.

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

Dear Santa,

Sorry if this is a long note. Could you give the people in Hurricane Sandy tents, clothes and food. I would really love that. Our church raised more than 1,000 boxes which was our goal. I hope you have a happy Christmas. I would like McKenna's bunk bed, McKenna's DS Games, the book Whatever After If the shoe fits, legos sets, A to Z mysteries, Iphone, and some surprises.

*Love,
Olivia*

May you all have a blessed and happy new year.

Peace, health, and healing in Christ,
Joni Ledzian

Fellowship

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: \$15/ea.; pay at the door
All men of the Church are invited;
their guests are welcome

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

"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 2012 (programs, financial, pastoral) and then discuss our vision for 2013 -- 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](tel:414-354-8596)) or Paul Rosenheimer ([262-241-9627](tel:262-241-9627)).

First Communion

If you have a current 5th grader and have not received a letter about First Communion instruction, please contact the church office.

We will hold our First Communion workshop on Saturday, January 12, with our 5th graders' First Communion on Sunday, January 13.

Please contact Julie Schlifske at Julie@foxpointchurch.org with any questions.

FPLC Preschool Open House

Come meet the teachers and see our preschool rooms at Fox Point Lutheran Preschool on Thursday, January 10 from 6:00-7:00pm. Registration for the 2013-2014 school year begins on January 7. Call Tanya Naas, the Preschool Director, at 414-352-8990 ext. 116 for more information.

Women's Club Luncheon

Wednesday, January 9
11:30am in Fellowship Hall

Ellen Blathers Special Guest

Ellen Blathers is the executive director of Serenity Inns, Inc., a transitional living facility in Milwaukee for men in recovery from drug and alcohol abuse. As part of the recovery process, individuals from churches and other organizations bring dinner each night to the men in residence and their innkeeper. Fox Point participates in "Dinner Fellowship" three times a month. Our members who sign up take a prepared meal and dine with the men. FPLC member Lorraine Buehler is on the board, and is our Dinner Fellowship coordinator. Other FPLC members who are currently on the board, or have been on the board, include Dave Romoser, Ralph McClure, Bill Krugler, and Dick Kinney. Debbie McGregor assists with their grant writing projects. Ellen will speak to us about the process of recovery for the men in residence and for those who graduate from its program.

Please bring a contribution of personal hygiene items for the men at Serenity Inn, e.g., soap, shaving cream, razors, deodorant, toenail clippers, q-tips, etc.

You may sign up at the kiosk registration area.

\$7.00 per person — Guests are welcome.

Piecemakers Meet January 15

After taking a break, the Piecemakers will be meeting again. We look forward to creating quilts with all the wonderful fabric donations we have received. As always, our most needed donations are flannel sheets and flat sheets.

Like to sew and create? We would love to have you join us Tuesday, January 15, from 9-3.

HS Youth Group

Celebrate the new year with **FPLC Youth Group!**

All high schoolers are welcome!

January dates: 6, 13, 20, 27

7-8:30 on Sunday nights

Outreach/Serving

Dinner Fellowship, 2013

Feed a Mind

The signup for the first half of 2013 is ready.... For those new to the idea, Serenity Inn is a residence at 2825 W. Brown in Milwaukee for men in recovery from alcohol and/or drug abuse; FPLC members take a warm meal to the 5-10 residents three nights a month, the second Thursday, the third Friday and the fourth Wednesday. Over dinner, the men share their stories, and guests may participate by listening and/or sharing their stories as well. The anti-drug, anti-alcohol message is especially appropriate for our young people.

Sign up at the Outreach Kiosk on Sundays, by contacting Lorraine Buehler at cs.com/414-964-8933 or online at volunteerwiz.com/calendar/foxpointlutheran.

Open dates are Feb. 14, 15, March 14, 15, May 9, 17, 22, and June 13, 21, 26.

Thanks for considering this worthwhile opportunity to reach out to the community!

Young inner city students are reaping the benefits of the tutoring program set up by Betty Amuzu at Cross Lutheran Church. Our members are helping them with all sorts of subjects each Tuesday and Thursday evening. The kids think better when they've eaten, and sharing a meal with the tutors is a great opportunity for fellowship—getting to know each other and strengthening their faith.

We are looking for a team of people each willing to prepare a meal for 8-10 people on a rotational basis during the rest of the school year. It can be your choice—your favorite casserole, fried chicken, chili—plus perhaps a salad or some fruit and a dessert.

The sign up sheet is available in the Welcome area or contact Chris Scotton at baysidedogs@gmail.com or 414-333-9429. Thanks on behalf of kids and adults who are giving their hearts to a good outcome!

Serving

<u>January 6</u>	SERVING:	<u>January 13</u>
8:00 Jayson Hongsermeier 9:00 Odelle Leonard 10:30 Bunny Raasch-Hooten	Lectors	8:00 Lorraine Buehler 9:00 Charlie Holmes 10:30 Theresa Seem
8:00 Christensen Team 9:00 Harms Team 10:30 Davies Team	Ushers	8:00 Buehler Team 9:00 Quisler Team 10:30 Gepfert Team
9:00 Tom & Sandy Dunst 10:30 Jan Harland, Sherie Kubiak-Librizzi	Coffee Hour Hosts	9:00 Arthur & Judy Simpson 10:30 Mark & Terri Chelmowski
Julia DeCicco	Welcome Kiosk	Sara Hansen
9:00 Allison Parsons, Amanda Parsons 10:30 Jessie Etheridge, Alexandra Jorndt	Acolytes	9:00 Peter Seem, William Stegeman 10:30 Caroline Birmingham, Nicole Steinmetz
Brenda Trier	Worship Assistant	Lori Barrieau
9:00 Mary & Tom Klatt 10:30 Lynn & Rick Miller	Super Greeters	9:00 Sandy Dunst, Sarah Summ 10:30 Bill Krugler, Alan Murphy

Winter Small Groups

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Our winter small groups will be starting up this January, 2013. Signup will be available from January 2 through January 20 in the church narthex or online at foxpointchurch.org. Below are some of the offerings.



SUNDAYS

1. **In Depth “Verse by Verse” Bible study** every other Sunday evening starting January 6 in the Pine Room at 5:15 pm for sandwiches and cookies and 5:30-6:30 bible study led by Pastor Roger Drews and his wife, Sandy. Contact person: Kathy Pederson.

MONDAYS

2. **“First Light” Book Study** led by Lorraine Buehler Monday mornings 10am – 11:15am beginning January 21 in the Pine Room at FPLC for 5 sessions (Jan 21, 28, Feb 18, 25 and Mar 4). If you have read “The Secret Life of Bees”, you know Sue Monk Kidd as a novelist and an excellent prose stylist. This small group will focus on a collection of her earlier essays and reflections, many of which appeared in Guideposts Magazine. Arranged around 13 spiritual motifs, her reflections are very accessible and provide good talking points. The book was published in 2006 and is readily available in libraries or online.

TUESDAYS

3. **Study of the Book of Exodus** led by Gardner Friedlander and Mark Chelmowski on Tuesday mornings 6:30am – 7:30am at FPLC Fellowship Hall. Continuation of the study starts January 8 and new members are welcome at any time.
4. **Dealing Gracefully with the Challenges of Aging Parents** Tuesdays from 12 noon - 1:30pm in the Pine Room led by Susan Halling and Ann Star, two licensed marriage and family therapists. This weekly support group will provide guidance, information, and support to families who are caring for an aging family member. Common challenges include: role reversal, juggling multiple responsibilities, dealing with dementia and making necessary transitions. Sessions will begin January 8. Come to all the sessions or only the ones you can. If you are unable to attend these times, but are in need of just such support and empowerment, please contact the church office. This group is sponsored by your FPLC Congregational Care Team.
5. **40 Days of Love—We Were Made for Relationships**—7pm – 8:30pm Tuesday evenings beginning January 22 for six sessions led by Eric and Lori Lorenz in their home in Mequon. Learning to love God and others is to be our highest goal. In this video based study taught by Pastor Rick Warren, we will discover that the more we learn how to love authentically, the more we become like Jesus. To maximize the impact of the study, it is recommended to also read “The Relationship Principle of Jesus” by Tom Holladay, teaching pastor. Study guides and the book will be available for purchase at the first session.
6. **Men’s evening bible study** starting in February on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm in the Pine Room led by Dave Romoser. Topic is still being determined.

WEDNESDAYS

7. **The Law of Love: Deuteronomy** 1:00-2:30pm every Wednesday beginning January 23 led by Heidi Hanson held at the home of Laura Mullins in Mequon. Are you stuck? Wandering? Looking for the promised land? Asking “What’s the Point”? He brought us out... that He might bring us in. Come join us as we journey together through Beth Moore’s DVD and bible study on the book of Deuteronomy.
8. **“Opening the Bible...” Book discussion** Wednesdays from 5:30pm -6:30pm in the Pine Room at FPLC led by Pastor Bruce, starting February 20 thru March 20, based on the book “Opening the Bible: What It Is, Where It Came From, What It Means for You”. Copies of the book will be provided by Pastor Bruce, as the book is out of print.
9. **Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent** 7:00-9:00pm every other Wednesday beginning Wed, January 23 in the Pine Room (taking a break during Lent and resuming after Easter). This study will explore the major feasts of Israel and journey with Beth Moore through 7 sessions. Themes of unity, joy, gratitude, redemption, repentance, the power of blessings, facing ridicule, and more are explored in detail. Modern-day believers in Jesus Christ can learn much from these treasured Psalms in their journey toward greater intimacy with God. Contact Person: Kathy Pederson.

Winter Small Groups



Warming up Your Winter with Small Groups continued...

THURSDAYS

- 8. Mom to Mom group 9:30-11:30 first and third Thursday of the month** starting up again January 3 in FPLC Fellowship Hall. Mom to Mom is a biblical based ministry rooted in God's directive for experienced women to teach and train younger women (as noted in Titus 2: 3-4 NIV). It is based on the Mom to Mom video lecture series written by Linda Anderson, an experienced Christian mom herself. The group provides a place to gather as mothers, women, and friends. It is a place to explore the purposes and promises that God gives to parents. Childcare is provided free of charge. No formal registration is required and you may attend any or all of the meetings, since a new topic is discussed each meeting. Contact Mary Beth Scalise at marybethandboys@yahoo.com or 262-512-0789.
- 9. Bring Your Own Brown Bag Lunch Book Circle** Thursdays from 11:30am -12:30pm in the Pine Room at FPLC led by Pastor Bruce, starting February 21 thru March 21, based on the book "Opening the Bible: What It Is, Where It Came From, What It Means for You." Copies of the book will be provided by Pastor Bruce, as the book is out of print.

SATURDAYS

- 10. Made to Crave DVD and Bible Study**, Saturday mornings 9am – 10am in the Pine Room at FPLC starting January 26 through March 9. Has food become more about frustration than fulfillment? The New York Times bestselling book Made to Crave is the missing link between a woman's desire to be healthy and the spiritual empowerment necessary to make that happen. Author, Lysa TerKeurst, personally understands the battle that women face and helps you satisfy your deepest desire with God, not food.

DAYS TO BE DETERMINED

- 11. The 5 Love Languages Small Group for 20 and 30+ year old couples led by Pastor Bill and his wife, Diane.** Date and time in February to be set by members after sign up. What if you could say or do just the right thing guaranteed to make that special someone feel loved? The secret is learning the right love language! Millions of couples have learned the simple way to express their feelings and bring joy back into marriage.
- 12. The 5 Love Languages Small Group for 40+ year old couples led by a leader from Marriage Ministry.** Date and time in February to be set by members after sign up. What if you could say or do just the right thing guaranteed to make that special someone feel loved? The secret is learning the right love language! Millions of couples have learned the simple way to express their feelings and bring joy back into marriage.

Signup for the above small groups will be available through January 20 in the church narthex or online at foxpointchurch.org.

January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday: Worship Services: 8, 9, & 10:30am Sunday School: 9 & 10:30am		1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 7pm Confirmation Guide Meeting	3 9:30am Mom to Mom 7pm Chancel Choir	4 5:30am Yoga	5 9:45am The Gathering 10am Children's Choir
6 Holy Communion Blood Pressure Screening 5:15pm Bible Study 7pm HS Youth Group	7 6:30pm Yoga	8 6:30am Eye-opener Small Group 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Good Grief Support Noon Aging Parents Seminar	9 7am Outreach 11:30am Women's Club 5:30pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Confirmation	10 8:30am Senior Exercise 10am Luther Manor Communion Service 11:45am Men's Club 6pm Preschool Open House 6:15pm Joyful Noise Serenity Inn	11 5:30am Yoga	12 9:00am First Communion Workshop
13 Holy Communion First Communion for 5th grade students 10am Children's Choir 11:45am Hereth Baptism 7pm HS Youth Group	14 Noon Finance 6:30pm Yoga 7pm Book Club	15 6:30am Eye-opener Small Group 8:30am Senior Exercise 9am Piecemakers 9:30am Good Grief Support Noon Aging Parents Seminar 1pm AAUW	16 7pm Confirmation	17 7am TOP 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Mom to Mom 6pm Joyful Noise 7pm Chancel Choir	18 5:30am Yoga Serenity Inn	19
20 10am Children's Choir 5:15pm Bible Study 7pm HS Youth Group	21 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Yoga	22 6:30am Eye-opener Small Group 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Good Grief Support Noon Aging Parents Seminar 7pm Church Council 7pm 40 Days of Love	23 7pm Confirmation 7pm Women's Bible Study Serenity Inn	24 8:30am Senior Exercise 6pm Joyful Noise 7pm Chancel Choir	25 5:30am Yoga	26 7th Grade Prayer Retreat 9am Bible Study
27 10am Children's Choir 10am Prayer Retreat Ends 7pm HS Youth Group	28 6:30pm Yoga	29 6:30am Eye-opener Small Group 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Good Grief Support Noon Aging Parents Seminar	30 All Peoples	31 8:30am Senior Exercise 6pm Joyful Noise 7pm Chancel Choir		

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All in the Family



*We encourage you to keep these people in your prayers during the week.
 Please contact the church office to add or remove a loved one's name from the prayer list.*

Prayer List

Steve Heronemus (brother of L. Barrieau)
 Anne
 Bob Lynch
 Kim
 Stretch Luedeman
 Sheila Dlugi
 Deb
 Deborah
 Nikki Etheridge
 Verlie Keehn
 Clarence Plagens
 Pam Fuhry
 Sue Hansen
 Charlie Burton
 John
 Kate
 Audrey
 Julie Burger
 Holly Beard (sister of Wendy Randazzo)
 Jim
 Judy
 Herold Praefke
 Jason
 Dan Jones
 Anthony
 Eleanor
 Sally
 Jack
 Tatum
 Chloe Orvis
 Marion Pohlmann
 Andrea
 Lee Nelson
 Ellen
 Marcia Kaye

Jim Krause
 Jack DeMunck
 Elaine Zarse
 Edward
 Ellen
 Wayne
 Erik Erlandson
 Randall Pack
 Shirlee Rosendahl
 Laura
 Donald Maloney
 Bette Poelzer
 Lucia Byal
 Odelle Leonard
 Susie
 Kathy Dietrle
 Art Baumgarten
 Terri
 Carol Larson
 Helen
 Sue Keehn

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sandy Lind and family, Bill, Melissa (Brian) and Chad, on the recent death of Sandy's brother, Jim.

Our sympathy, thoughts, and prayers be with Joyce Appleby and family on the death of Howard, husband, father, and grandfather. Howard and Joyce joined FPLC in 1954 serving their God and church faithfully for 58 years. God's care be with all the Applebys and their families.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy, thoughts, and prayers to the family and

friends of Glenn Buzzard who passed away Christmas Eve afternoon. Glenn served his God and church in many capacities during the past 55 years as a member of FPLC, including his service as a member of the Church Council and Endowment Board. Please keep the family in your prayers.

God's peace be with John, Nancy, Anna, Victoria & John II Dickens upon the death of John's father, John H. Dickens.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to Betty Plank on the death of her beloved nephew Bruce who passed away recently.

Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers to Nadene, Dean (Jenny), Lisa (Jack) Strelbel and friends on the death of David Kramer, husband, father, and grandfather.

Military

Samantha
 Ben
 Parker
 David

Congratulations

Everett Daniel Van Engel, son of Ryan & Sable Van Engel, was baptized December 23.

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

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