



Messenger

Engaging Enthusiastic Followers of Jesus

January 18, 2013

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Bring your friends and family to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner!

Easter is early this year, which means the Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner is right around the corner. Join your friends and neighbors for a festive evening of food, fun and fellowship on February 12, the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

If you're wondering what shrove means you're not alone. Shrove is the past tense of the word shrive, which is a rarely-used word for obtaining absolution for sins by confessing and doing penance.

Pancakes are the traditional food for this day to use up rich ingredients before the Lenten fast. For this reason the day is also called Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras (which is Fat Tuesday in French).

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner is a Fox Point Lutheran tradition that brings together people of all ages. Plenty of pancakes and all the extras will be served between 5:30 and 7:30pm. Children of all ages will enjoy a Mardi Gras carnival with fun, games and lots of prizes. There is no charge for the evening and a free-will offering will be available. So put on your Mardi Gras beads and plan to come to the party!

Please see page 5 for information on how you can help make this night a success!

Start the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday services, February 13 at noon and 7pm. You can also plan to prepare your heart for celebrating Easter by participating in Lenten services, Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

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Health Ministry

Living Healthy Is A Prayer

Thank You



I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Julie Mitchell. Julie has done a tremendous job as the coordinator for FPLC blood drives over the past eight years. Julie is leaving this position to pursue other passions and opportunities. We will all miss her friendly face, caring manner, and of course her baked cookies!

Our new coordinator will be Kathy Sauer. Kathy will begin her new role at the February 12 blood drive.

Thank you Julie and Welcome Kathy!

Joni Ledzian, Parish Nurse

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!

A New Year... Every Day is a Gift

“Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” Psalm 90:12

Happy New Year! I'm sure all of us feel grateful to see another year come to pass and a new year begin. Hopefully none of us have many regrets but if we do, now is the time to reflect and bring about a change in our lives. Sometimes our lives can be so busy that we forget how fragile life is. It can be easy to allow insignificant things to creep in and steal our joy and peace. Someone might say something that upsets you, the grocery line you pick ends up to be the longest one, and the traffic is moving too slow... whatever it is, it may cause us to lose our focus if we let it. We need to remember that each day is a gift and we can choose how we want to respond to it. If we choose to focus on what's wrong in our lives, we will miss the beauty that each day has to offer. Don't let the precious moments of life pass you by. Don't wait for the holidays or special occasions to show people that you care. Remember that each day is unique and irreplaceable. We have each been given time that can be invested or wasted; used or misused. The wise psalmist prayed to God, “Teach us to number our days.” He was saying, “Teach us to value every moment we've been given.” As you discern God's plan for you and gain a perspective of your life, you will gain a heart of wisdom. You will draw closer to God and feel a sense of security and promise. Take time to let God speak to you and you will experience the blessings that He has for you each and every day.

*“This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.”
Psalm 118:24*

Peace, health, and healing in Christ,
Joni Ledzian

Fellowship

Warming up your Winter with Small Groups



Sign up has begun for small groups for winter. Look for information in the Welcome Area or sign up online at foxpointchurch.org. There is a goldenrod brochure with detailed information on all of the groups as well as more details online. Sign up continues through January 20 though some groups will begin prior to that date.

Attention High Schoolers! Upcoming gathering

SUNDAY MORNING January 20—10:30am
Come take a study break
and relax in the *new*
FPLC Youth Café (Youth Room)
coffee, hot chocolate and donuts!

Do you want to develop a Better Marriage?

5 Love Languages - 2 Session Small Groups
led by Pastor Bill and Diane Knapp

Marriage should be based on love, right? But does it seem as though you and your spouse are speaking two different languages? *New York Times* bestselling author Dr. Gary Chapman guides FPLC couples in identifying, understanding, and speaking their spouse's primary love language--quality time, words of affirmation, gifts, acts of service, or physical touch. You can build a lasting, loving marriage together.

This small group is DVD based with time for couples to interact with each other and other couples. We will develop at least 2 groups, one group with 20 and 30+ couples and one group of 40+ couples. The sessions will include free babysitting, and will be held on a week-night and a weekend night with an option for dinner together afterwards. The meeting dates will be determined by the couples after they sign up.

Sign up at the Main Screen Kiosk at church or sign up online under the tab Connect & Grow/Small Group at www.foxpointchurch.org. More detailed information is available at both of these places as well.

Space is limited for each group!

Youth Mentors needed for Lent

Make a difference in the lives of our 7th and 8th grade confirmands! We need adults to mentor 3-4 young people for the 6 Wednesdays in Lent February 13 - March 20 from 7:00-8:30pm. You don't need any special training - we will provide an orientation on February 6. The program includes worship service and guided discussion on life and faith issues each week. Please consider being a Lenten Mentor! Email Morgan Oldenburg morgan@foxpointchurch.org.

Women's Club Brunch

Ash Wednesday, February 13
10:00am
Fellowship Hall

"The Power of Prayer"

Elizabeth Murphy, Special Guest

Prayer is often considered the cornerstone of our Christian faith. We all have different ways of praying and individual means of connecting to God through prayer. We will talk about what prayer is, why prayer matters, and what we can do to make prayer a bigger part of our daily lives.

Our speaker is Elizabeth Murphy. She is an enthusiastic encourager of women, a gifted storyteller, and possesses a fun - loving spirit.

She has been married to her pastor husband Mike for 28 years, is the mother of four sons, an author and an active conference and retreat speaker. Her first book, *A Rollercoaster, A Roundabout, and A Road Trip-Three Exciting Rides That Will Change Your Life*, was released in December 2011.

Join us as we listen to ways to enhance our prayer life and empower us as women of God.

Note the change in time of our gathering. We will begin with brunch at 10:00am followed by Elizabeth's presentation. We will be finished in time for us to attend the noon Ash Wednesday Service.

Please sign up at the kiosk area by February 10. The cost is \$7.00 per person. Guests are welcome.

Outreach

Shoe Drive for Soles for Jesus.

Donate new and gently used shoes to change lives in Africa.

Two Sundays only: January 20 and 27

Shoes. They are a basic luxury that we take for granted every day, as we choose our favorite pair from our closet floor. Many of us are unaware that millions of people across our globe live barefoot lives. It is estimated that over one billion pairs of unworn shoes are taking up space in U.S. basements and closets. Some are outdated or outgrown, but many of them are in good condition and considered a treasure in a developing country.

Please bring new and gently used shoes sizes Toddler through Adult 12. Tennis shoes, casual shoes, sandals, mary janes, flats, loafers and cros are all great shoes to donate. (Only new flip flops, please. And snow boots are not needed.)

Can you imagine the impact that your forgotten shoes will have when given to someone who has none? Shoes will be gifted to children and adults, Toddler to Adult Size 12.

Soles For Jesus is "Changing lives two by two!"

www.solesforjesus.org



Top Coat Still Missing

If you or someone you know attended either the 8:00 or 9:00am service on Sunday, December 9 and wore a tan Glen Eagles all-weather lined topcoat size 44R, the coat is still here. Instead a light tan London Fog all-weather topcoat size 44L or 46 L with a pair of black leather gloves in the pocket was mistakenly taken. Please check your closet at home, and if you have the wrong coat, call the church office, 414-352-8990. This would be greatly appreciated.

Chefs for Tutors/Students Needed!

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.

This is a chance to reach out and serve others from the comfort of your own kitchen. We need cooks to prepare meals for 8-10 FPLC tutors and students. Our goal is getting enough of you to sign up so that you will only have to do it once a month until the end 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!

Save a Life!

The next blood drive is Tuesday, February 12 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 or call the office during the week.

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.

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 Kathy Sauer at 414-964-2617 or any questions about eligibility, call the Blood Center at 1-877-232-4376. The web site is www.bloodcenter.com.

Important note—blood drive will be downstairs in the green room just this time. Elevator available inside east door.

Outreach

Dinner Fellowship 2013

Only 5 chances remain to take dinner to Serenity Inn between now and July!

A residence at 2825 W. Brown in Milwaukee for men in recovery from alcohol and/or drug abuse, Serenity Inn welcomes volunteers every night of the year to bring a meal and share fellowship with the residents. FPLC members take a warm meal to the 5-10 residents three nights a month. 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 and 15, May 17, and June 13 and 26.

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

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. Take them to the church office anytime by January 30.

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 supporting Luther Manor residents through Friends of Luther Manor dues, Love Lights fund raiser and your delicious cookie donations.

All People's Serving January 30



January is taco night at All Peoples Church. We are looking for volunteers to make 2 lbs. of taco seasoned meat for the All Peoples serving on January 30. The sign-up sheet can be found at the Outreach Kiosk. We are also looking for individuals to make a dessert (cookies, bars, or cupcakes work great). Please bring items to the church office in disposal containers.

If you can help the item needs to be dropped off at the church office by 4:00pm the day of the event. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jean Nell – jnnell@sbcglobal.net.

Save Your Christmas Cards

Polly Reed will once again be collecting the Christmas cards you all have received this holiday season. Please drop them off and she will take them to the Salvation Army where they will be repurposed and given again! Cards can be brought to the Welcome Kiosk or the church office.

Pancake Supper Help needed!



We are looking for cooks, hosts, and other volunteers to help cook, organize games, or clean up that evening. The first shift for set up and food prep will run from 4:45 to 6:30pm. The second, including cooking and clean-up will run from 6:30 to 8:15pm. We also need six high schoolers to entertain younger kids with games during the buffet. You'll have plenty of time to enjoy the buffet and fellowship.

One other need: electric pancake griddles! Let us know if you have an appliance we can borrow.

If you can help or will be joining us for supper, please sign up at the Welcome Desk or contact Bunny at brh@wi.rr.com.

Music Ministry

Calling All Singers!

High school age youth and adults are invited to join the Chancel Choir as we begin rehearsals on Fauré's Requiem this Thursday, January 17, at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. We will rehearse each Thursday at 7pm, and be joined by the orchestra at a dress rehearsal on Saturday, March 23, at 10am.

Scores and CDs are available in the choir room TODAY to help you get started on the music. The CDs feature a recording of the piece, plus a special version where the voice parts are re-mixed so that you can hear YOUR part more clearly. We have found this helps us learn larger works quickly and easily.

We will present the Requiem in worship on Palm Sunday, March 24, at the 9:00 and 10:30 services. Fauré, a Parisian organist and composer, wrote his *Requiem* in 1893, shortly after the death of both of his parents. He said, "I see death...as a joyful deliverance, an aspiration toward a happiness beyond the grave, rather than as a painful experience".

This message comes across in the music, and its beauty and transcendence have helped to make it a mainstay of choral literature. Come sing! Contact Kevin Bailey at the church office if you have any questions.

Christmas Eve Thanks!

Five Christmas Eve services is a major undertaking for a congregation. I wanted to acknowledge all of our volunteer and staff musicians who helped to make it possible through their contributions of singing and playing.

Barbara Kollath	Will Kammerait
Kathy Parsons	Mark Smith
Scott Pullen	D.W. Knapp
Patrick O'Malley	Jim Crowley
Miah Bohlen	Eun-Joo Kwak
Julia Bohlen	Annabelle Crowley
Youth Handbell Choir	Jim Schoenike
Children's Choir	Joe De Lia
Jana Larson	Lane Mudra
Sandi Lash	Tony Mudra
Brenda Hinkens	Ben Mudra
Avery Kornitz	Michael Dunst

And Chancel Choir, which also included some visitors and returning college students

Thank you for contributing your time and gifts to your FPLC family to make our Christmas celebration an amazingly special experience!

Sincerely,
Kevin Bailey

What was that Song? Epiphany edition

At the 8:00 and 9:00 services on Epiphany, January 6, we sang "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright", a hymn especially appropriate for the day, and usually sung by our congregation at some point during the Epiphany season. Both the words and the music were written by Philip Nicolai in the late 1500's, just decades after Martin Luther began the Reformation. Nicolai also wrote "Wake, awake, for Night is Flying". Both chorales (Lutheran hymns are usually known as chorales) remained popular throughout the early centuries of the German Lutheran church, and became known as "the king and queen of chorales". The rhythm, often feeling unusual to our modern ears, has a dance-like quality that moves from a 4/4 to a 3/4 time signature, which is its original form.

The choir anthem last week was a Wisconsin premiere. In an online discussion about music written for choir, piano, and french horn, California composer (and horn player) Brian Holmes offered his piece, "The Riding of the Kings". The text was written by Eleanor Farjeon, who also wrote the hymn texts "People Look East" and "Morning Has Broken". I contacted Mr. Holmes, and he agreed to send FPLC his music. The piece is unpublished, and it has only been performed at two other churches, both of which are in California. Special thanks to our horn player, Michael Nelson, for such a lovely job, and to our Chancel Choir, for tackling new music.

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First Communion

Congratulations to our students who received their
First Communion January 13

Julia Baldwin
Gray Barnum
Ben Birmingham
Grace Blunck
Miah Bohlen
Sydney Bub
Lily Cronwell
Russell Enea
Ben Erickson
Payton Giles
Anna Gould
JT Harms
Madison Heitz
Cody Hollenbeck



Joey Jurack
Sarah Kirchner
Andrew Langholz
Ben Lynch
Kitty Nelson
Parker Schaefer
Annika Seem
Robert Stegeman
Mira Stephens
Ely Talbot
Pierre van Ryneveld
Kayla Weickardt
Ben Westfahl

Serving

<u>January 20</u>	SERVING:	<u>January 27</u>
8:00 Kathy Braun 9:00 Mark Grady 10:30 Paul Benson	Lectors	8:00 Dawn Braun 9:00 Deb Schwendel 10:30 Mike Scalise
8:00 Klasner/Kurtz Team 9:00 Janik Team 10:30 Gebel Team	Ushers	8:00 McClure Team 9:00 Keehn Team 10:30 Harland Team
9:00 Elizabeth Hellman, Connie Zachowski 10:30 Mark & Minna Smith	Coffee Hour Hosts	9:00 Gerald & Sanrda Osborne 10:30 Guy & Ellen Schaefer
Kathy Sauer	Welcome Kiosk	TBD
9:00 Land Barnum, Zack Turner 10:30 Luke Hutson, Simon Witkowski	Acolytes	9:00 Jenna Davis, Allison Reinhoffer 10:30 Nina Enea, Sophia Enea
Susan Janik	Worship Assistant	Michelle Kornitz
9:00 Brenda & Tadd Trier 10:30 Betsy & Bruce Olson	Super Greeters	9:00 Tim Callen, Connie Zachowski 10:30 Anne & Chris Noyes

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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)
 Bob Lynch
 Stretch Luedeman
 Sheila Dlugi
 Nikki Etheridge
 Verlie Keehn
 Pam Fuhry
 Audrey
 Julie Burger
 Holly Beard (sister of Wendy Randazzo)
 Eleanor
 Marion Pohlmann
 Andrea
 Lee Nelson
 Ellen
 Marcia Kaye
 Jim Krause
 Elaine Zarse

Edward
 Ellen
 Wayne
 Shirlee Rosendahl
 Laura
 Donald Maloney
 Bette Poelzer
 Lucia Byal
 Odelle Leonard
 Susie
 Kathy Dietrle
 Art Baumgarten
 Terri
 Carol Larson
 Helen
 Sue Keehn
 Andy
 Michael

Military

Samantha
 Ben
 Parker
 David

Congratulations

Proud grandparents, Ralph & Marlene McClure, welcome their new granddaughter, Romanie Marie Mallas, daughter of Laura & Jared Mallas. She was born on December 21.

Julia Baldwin, daughter of Nancy Nygaard and Steve Baldwin, was baptized January 12.

Parker Daniel Hereth, son of Daniel & Cynthia Hereth, was baptized January 13.

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

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