



Messenger

Engaging Enthusiastic Followers of Jesus

February 3, 2012



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner/Carnival



February 21

5:30 to 8pm—Come whenever you can!

Join us for a casual, buffet-style pancake dinner. We will have lots of children’s games and plenty of fun and fellowship. If you would like to help, please contact Julie Schlifske at julie@foxpointchurch.org.

Please let us know if you will be joining us by signing up at the Welcome Kiosk, or by calling the church office at 414-352-8990. We will have a free will offering.



Ash Wednesday Worship Services

February 22

Noon & 7pm

Imposition of Ashes

Holy Communion

Ash Wednesday is a day of repentance marking the beginning of Lent.

Ashes were used in ancient times, according to the Bible, to express mourning.

Dusting oneself with ashes was the penitent’s way of expressing sorrow for sins and faults.

At both services there will be the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion as we prepare ourselves spiritually for Lent, following Jesus all the way to the cross.

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Health Ministry

Living Healthy Is A Prayer



God of Comfort

My last message, ‘The Tests of our Lives’, addressed reasons why God allows suffering in our lives. As I reflect on this subject, I am discovering scriptures that support and explain God’s actions. It isn’t a coincidence that God puts people, scripture, and experiences to teach us what we need to learn.

“Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.” 1Peter 12-13. God does not guarantee us a life free of pain and strife but He does promise to always be with us. He will send His spirit to strengthen us.

“Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.”

2Cor. 1:3-7

Many people think that when God comforts us, our troubles will disappear. But if that were the case, people would turn to God only out of a desire to be relieved of pain, not out of faith or love for Him. Being comforted also means receiving strength, encouragement, love, and hope to deal with our problems. The more we suffer, the more comfort God wants to give us. Remember that every trial you endure will help you comfort others who are suffering similar problems. God will create a ministry in you that allows you to be a blessing to others.

In addition to drawing people closer to Christ, suffering can also help us grow in our faith. God uses suffering to help us to be better Christians and grow spiritually. We often depend on our own skills and abilities when life is easy, but we turn to God when we feel our troubles are getting out of hand. Depending on God is a realization of our powerlessness without Him. God is our source of power and He is available to us at all times. We need to rely on God through good times as well as difficult ones. And with all things, rejoice and give thanks.

“Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.” James 1:2-4

Peace and health 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: \$14/ea.; pay at the door
All men of the church are invited;
their guests are welcome

Thursday, February 9

"Politics & Advertising -- The Good, The Bad, The Ugly"

Jeff Remsik, fellow parishioner, is the President/CEO of the Bottom Line Marketing & Public Relations firm. He has produced political ads in the past. In the midst of a seeming current avalanche of ads, both national and state and on a variety of topics, Jeff will give us some insight as to what ads work and what don't. One question: Why do negative ads sell?

For further information and reservations (in advance, please), contact either Ron Plietz (414-353-8596) or Paul Rosenheimer (262-241-9627).

Israel Pilgrimage

May 1 – 11, 2012

Fox Point Lutheran and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa are joining together on a faith-filled journey to Israel and the Holy Lands.

If you have been thinking about a trip to the Holy Land you are in luck. There are four spots still available. Fox Point and St. Matthew's each have 14 travelers.

- You will see and experience the most holy of Biblical locations.
- See and walk the very ground that Jesus walked. Let the Bible stories come alive in you in a whole new way.

Cost of the trip, including airfare, hotels, private tour guide, breakfasts and dinners is \$3,296.

If you are interested in learning more about the itinerary please call or email Jo Ann in the church office 414-352-8990 or email church@foxpointchurch.org.

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.



Our topic for this week is: ***But How Does This Work for You? Practical Perspectives on Discipline.*** Build on the last topic of biblical principles, and discover some practical discipline suggestions.

This is a nice chance to meet other moms in the church and have some time for conversation and fellowship. No need to register; just come as you are! Childcare is provided.

Thursday, Feb 2— 9:30 - 11:30, Fellowship Hall

Contact Allison at (414) 906-1839 or Mary Beth (262) 512-0789 with questions.

Annual Meeting

February 12

In the chapel at noon

All are welcome

Annual reports are now available

Please—one per family

Outreach

All Peoples Help Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to help at All Peoples Church (5:15 to 7:45pm) by preparing a Mexican Chip Casserole (the recipe may be found at the Outreach Kiosk) or by making a dessert to serve on February 8. 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.

Silent Auction Appeal

Plans have begun for Serenity Inn's Second Annual Celebration of Recovery dinner at the Italian Community Center. The event will be held Friday, April 27, and invitations will be sent in early March.

We're hoping that some of you will be so kind as to donate items once again for our Silent Auction. Please consider donating items such as theme baskets, tickets to major athletic events, gift cards from restaurants and other places of business, an item you have made, a service you can provide, a "treasure" you have received but have not used, etc.

If you can help, please contact Deb McGregor (414-446-5330, debbie@ladastyle.com) or Lorraine Buehler (lcbuehler@cs.com, 414-964-8933) by April 1, or sooner, if possible.

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 three dates remain through July: Fridays, May 18 and June 15; and Wednesday, June 27. See the signup at the Outreach Kiosk (also a FAQ's for more information), contact Lorraine Buehler at lcbuehler@cs.com (964-8933), or sign up online at volunteerwiz.com/calendar/foxpointlutheran.

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

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 or call 414-352-8990. Or check out 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/Music Ministry

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 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!

Anderson University Chorale Concert

Friday, March 16, 7:30pm

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/>

Host Homes needed!

We need overnight hosts for the AU Chorale members on Friday, March 16. The students need to be picked up at the church following their concert, and brought back to FPLC on Saturday morning. You may sign up to host a pair (or a quad!) of students by contacting Lori Barrieau, 262-242-6534, or asbarrieau@aol.com.

Opening your homes is an important way that we can contribute to the Chorale's ministry. Please offer these young people your hospitality.

Lenten Mentors/New Member Orientation

Youth Mentors Needed for Lent

Make a difference in the faith lives of our 7th and 8th grade Confirmation students. We need 25+ adults to help with our Lenten Faith Mentoring Program. The program pairs 2-3 young people with individual adults from our congregation for a 30 minute worship service followed by a discussion about faith and life issues.

You don't need any special training or experience. We shall provide a one hour orientation session. The groups meet every Wednesday night for six weeks during Lent, February 22-March 28, from 7-8:30pm.

Sign up on the form in the Welcome Area or email Linda Cole at cole@foxpointchurch.org.

If you have any questions or to learn more about the program, please email or call Pastor Bruce at cheever@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.

New and Prospective Member Orientation

Thursday, February 2

6:30 – 8:00pm Fellowship Hall
Coffee & Dessert will be served
(Childcare is available)

If you have had the opportunity to worship with us and would like to learn more about Fox Point Lutheran please consider attending this orientation.

If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact

Pastor Bill – knapp@foxpointchurch.org
Pastor Bruce – cheever@foxpointchurch.org
or Jo Ann in the church office - 414-352-8990
church@foxpointchurch.org

Serving

<u>February 5</u>	SERVING:	<u>February 12</u>
8:00 Charlene Halbert 9:00 Charlie Holmes 10:30 Theresa Seem	Lectors	8:00 Lorraine Buehler 9:00 Leslie Davis 10:30 Bunny Raasch-Hooten
8:00 Christensen Team 9:00 Plietz Team 10:30 Davies Team	Ushers	8:00 Buehler Team 9:00 Quisler Team 10:30 Gepfert Team
9:00 Elizabeth Hellman, Curt Claus 10:30 Christie Krugler, Kevin Kosobud	Coffee Hour Hosts	9:00 Jim & Allison Severin 10:30 Karen Davies, Nancy Lewander
Julia DeCicco	Welcome Kiosk	Sara Hansen
9:00 Ann Marie Metzendorf, Stephanie Metzendorf 10:30 Grace Booth, Lane McLaughlin	Acolytes	9:00 Brad Parsons, William Stegeman 10:30 Carly Schulz, Lena Stasiak
Susan Janik	Worship Assistant	Judy Theune
9:00 Mark Metzendorf, Dean Eggert 10:30 Tanja Felton, Nathan Wischnewski	Super Greeters	9:00 Sue & Jim Jurack 10:30 Kathy Pederson

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>EVERY SUNDAY: 8, 9, & 10:30am Worship Services 9 & 10:30am Sunday School</p>			<p>1 11am YAH Planning meeting 7pm Confirmation 7pm Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>2 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Mom to Mom 6pm Joyful Noise 6:30pm New Members 7pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>3 5:30am Yoga Women's Retreat</p>	<p>4 9:45am The Gathering Women's Retreat</p>
<p>5 Holy Communion 10am Children's Choir</p>	<p>6 6:30pm Yoga</p>	<p>7 6:30am Small Group 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Good Grief Support</p>	<p>8 11:30am Women's Club 7pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Confirmation Valentine's Cookies All Peoples</p>	<p>9 8:30am Senior Exercise 10am Luther Manor Communion Service 11:45am Men's Club 6pm Joyful Noise 6:30pm DivorceCare 7pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>10 5:30am Yoga</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 10am Children's Choir Noon Annual Meeting</p>	<p>13 6:30pm Yoga</p>	<p>14 6:30am Small Group 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Good Grief Support</p>	<p>15 6pm Outreach 7pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Lenten Mentor Orientation</p>	<p>16 7am TOP 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Mom to Mom 6pm Joyful Noise 6:30pm DivorceCare 7pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>17 5:30am Yoga 7pm Date Night</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 Holy Communion 10am Children's Choir</p>	<p>20 6:30pm Yoga</p>	<p>21 6:30am Small Group 8:30am Senior Exercise 9am Piecemakers 9:30am Good Grief Support 5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 7:30pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>22 Noon and 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship Services 7pm Lenten Mentor</p>	<p>23 8:30am Senior Exercise 6pm Joyful Noise 6:30pm DivorceCare 7pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>24 5:30am Yoga</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 10am Children's Choir</p>	<p>27 6:30pm Yoga 7pm Book Club</p>	<p>28 6:30am Small Group 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Good Grief Support 7:30pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>29 7pm Worship Service 7pm Lenten Mentor</p>			

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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
 Sue Hansen
 Doris Kuhlmann
 Lance
 Charlie Burton
 Shirlee Rosendahl
 John
 Tom
 Susan Halling
 Connie Zachowski
 Rob

Kate
 Margi
 Charlie
 Audrey
 Julie Burger
 Helen
 Jack
 Claudine
 Eleanor
 Taylor

We extend our sympathy, thoughts, and prayers to the family and friends of Jim Hoots who passed away Saturday, January 21.

Military

Samantha Rablin
 Ben Halbert
 Parker Stratton

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

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