



Messenger

Engaging Enthusiastic Followers of Jesus

March 15, 2013

Palm/Passion Sunday

Worship 8:00am, 9:00am, and 10:30am



Come and watch the passion and love of Jesus come alive in Readers Theater of "THE RAGMAN" You will see, feel and understand the power of the passion of Jesus in a whole new way. Pastor Bill will then unpack what the passion of Jesus means as we live out our faith in the world today. There is Sunday School for grades P3 through 3rd grade.

The 4-6th grades will stay in church.

Maundy Thursday

Worship at 7:00pm in the Main Church

Come and witness the "Living Last Supper"

This evening of drama will include hymns, special music, and close with Holy Communion



GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday Children's Worship

10:00am in Fellowship Hall

Just for kids and their families! Join Pastor Bill and Julie for our Children's Service, "The Sounds of Holy Week". Learn about Holy Week by making and hearing some of the sounds and noises that Jesus and His followers may have heard during that week. We will conclude our service with a surprise Easter egg hunt (sshhh!).

Good Friday Worship

12:00pm (noon) in Chapel

7:00pm in Main Sanctuary

THE NAILS of the CRUCIFIXION

Spend an hour in worship as we walk through all of the emotions and struggle as Jesus is nailed to the cross.

Pastor Bruce's message will remind us why we come each Good Friday and how powerful it is for what happens to us spiritually Easter morning.



Easter Sunday: the Festival of the Resurrection

NOTE IMPORTANT SERVICE TIME CHANGE

7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am Main Sanctuary

Celebrate our great holy day as we experience together the joy and the power of the resurrection. Holy Communion will be celebrated at all services with Chancel Choir and Symphony Brass performing at the 9:00 and 10:30am services.

There will be no nursery care and no Sunday School.

Health Ministry

Living Healthy Is A Prayer



Great Speaker!

Save the Date!

Joyce Meyer, one of my favorite Christian motivational speakers, is coming to Milwaukee! She will be speaking at the BMO Harris Bradley Center April 11-13. Admission is free. For more information, go to the Joyce Meyer website or contact Joni Ledzian, your parish nurse, at joni@foxpointchurch.org.

Pray Without Ceasing

Lent is a time for reflection and growth. It is a time to invite God into our daily lives and to let our thoughts and prayers become intentional. The most common problems in prayer are: not asking, asking for the wrong things, and asking for the wrong reasons. Do you talk to God? When you do, what do you talk about? Do you ask for things that will only satisfy your desires? Do you ask God for His approval on things you already plan to do? Your prayers will become more powerful when you allow God to change your heart and your desires so they can align with His will and perfect plan for you.

Jesus tells us to persist in pursuing God and to pray without ceasing. People often give up after a few halfhearted attempts to reach God and conclude that He is nowhere to be found. But knowing God takes faith, focus, and follow-through. He is hoping that we stay the course and assures us that we will be rewarded. Continue your efforts to seek God and ask Him for knowledge, patience, wisdom, love, and understanding. He will give them to you. Sue Monk Kidd in her book, *FirstLight*, writes, “Sometimes when we pray for a certain virtue-like patience-God does not necessarily send it to us in a package ready for instant use. We are much more likely to be put in a situation where we are given the opportunity to develop that virtue”.

To persist in prayer and not give up does not mean we engage in endless repetition or painfully long prayer sessions. Always praying means keeping our requests constantly before God and believing He will answer. He may delay answering, but His delays always have good reasons. His answer may not be the same as the one we have in mind. When we live by faith, we should not give up but remain hopeful of God’s promise. As we persist in prayer we grow in character, faith, and hope. Order your life around God’s desires and teachings so that your life becomes a prayer. The Lenten season is a time of preparation and promise. Start today, make your prayers known to God and then let go and listen for His answers. God often speaks to us in whispers, so we will need to move closer to hear. Be still and don’t miss what He wants to put in your heart.

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.” Eph 6:18

Have a blessed and happy Easter.

Peace, health, and healing in Christ,
Joni Ledzian

Fellowship

Piecemakers Need Help

We'd love to have more participants in our project. At this time our greatest need is for people to do the finish sewing on assembled quilts. Even if you can only spend a few hours it would help.

We continue to assemble many quilts at each meeting. And we are so blessed with all the wonderful donations we have received.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 19, from 9-3. Consider joining us.

Save the Date

Take Me Out to the Ball Game IX



Wednesday, July 10

Cincinnati Reds at Milwaukee Brewers

1:10pm—Miller Park

Watch for further details and sign-up in May

Special Music Sundays for Spring

On Mother's Day, May 12, during the 9:00 and 10:30 services, our children's choir will present the musical *Journey of Praise*. A collection of songs celebrating praise, discipleship, and prayer, this short program also includes scripture verses, and a proclamation of the Good News. Debra Bailey and the children's choir have been working for several months on this special program. Come celebrate our God with them!

On June 2, for both worship services, our chancel choir will present Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*. Our orchestra consists of local professional players and several FPLC members, and our choir has over forty singers, including soloists Rachel Stuen and Ian Joyal.

Both of these special events were originally scheduled for Lent, but they have been rescheduled as the Baileys will be in China (see next article)!

Women's Club

Wednesday, April 10

Fellowship Hall—11:00am (note time)

“Greeting Card Workshop”



Diane Chianelli, a greeting card specialist, who teaches card making classes in her studio will instruct us in making two greeting cards—each so unique you will not want to give them away! (See sample at sign up desk.)

Following the workshop a refreshing spring lunch will be served.

Sign up in the Welcome Area beginning Sunday, March 17. Space is limited. The cost which covers workshop, supplies and lunch is \$12.00 per person.

Contact Sharon Hipke at edsharhip@gmail.com if you have any questions.

From Kevin & Deb Bailey

Dear FPLC members and friends,
As many of you recall, we have been on an “adoption road” for some time now. In November we were matched with a son, Isaac, who is still in China and ready for us to come get him. After some final paperwork, we are now about to take the last steps on this journey. We will be in China March 16-28, visiting the cities of Zhengzhou and Guangzhou, to complete Isaac's adoption. Please continue to pray for safe travels and smooth proceedings for all of us.

Outreach

What Do You Really Know about the Annual Golf Classic?

Who can play?

- A. It's by special invitation only
- B. Must be the firstborn male heir
- C. Don't be silly – ANYONE is encouraged to jump right in!

What does the entrance fee include?

- A. Green fees, lunch, cocktail hour, hors d'oeuvres, and prizes
- B. Fun, laughter, friendship, competition
- C. ALL of the above

Why do we promote Sponsorship?

- A. A sponsorship goes right into the Outreach funds raised
- B. You advertise your business while giving to the community
- C. ALL of the above

What is the true purpose of the Golf Classic?

- A. A major fundraiser for our many Outreach Ministries
- B. A day of fellowship
- C. ALL of the above

Starting to “C” a pattern here?

Then SAVE THE DATE:

2013 FPLC 12th Annual Golf Classic
June 22, 2013 @ Fire Ridge Golf Course,
Grafton



Can Do Beef Stew?!



We've made a nice dent in our 'Soup' It Up Lenten Food Drive. To date we've received almost **1,500** canned meals. Your generous donation of stews and soups makes a huge difference for our local food pantries. On Sunday or Wednesday services during Lent, please bring cans of hearty and ready-to-eat meals and be a blessing to others in need. Our goal is 5,000 cans during Lent—we can do this with everyone's help! This is a tremendous opportunity to live our faith as we count our blessings one can at a time!

Celebrating Serenity Inns, A Path to Recovery

The third annual fundraiser, Celebrating Serenity Inns, will be held on Friday, April 26 at the Italian Community Center in downtown Milwaukee.

There are several opportunities for you to participate in this event:

1. You can plan to attend the dinner on April 26.
2. You can buy dinner for a resident or a graduate.
3. You can donate an item for the Silent Auction.

If you have an item for the Silent Auction please contact DebbieMcGregor at mrs.debbie.mcgregor@gmail.com or Lorraine Buehler at lcbuehler@cs.com if you are interested in attending or underwriting the event.

Still Have Your Christmas Cards?

If you still have your Christmas cards, Polly Reed will be collecting them through March 31. They will be given to the Salvation Army where they will be recycled and reused!

Youth Ministry

Mark your calendar!

2013 Adventure Bible Camp

August 5-9

9:00-noon

For all kids entering K5—4th grade

Little Lambs, our preschool camp for 3 and 4 year-olds, will also be held August 5-9.

Watch for more details.



High Schoolers and Parents

If you would like to get information on FPLC High School Youth Group, service opportunities, summer trip and other fun activities in our High School Ministry, please send an email to Morgan Oldenburg morgan@foxpointchurch.org and say that you would like to be added to the high school list!

Youth Group

March 17—10:30-11:30am

March 24, 31, April 7—NO Youth Group

April 14—7:00-8:30pm

Youth Summer Trips Info

Youth Group Summer Mission Trip

July 20 - July 27 Ocean City, NJ

Finishing 8th - finishing 12th grades

Exclusive FPLC member registration

*ends March 15 - register online now!

Hurricane Sandy Relief - Jersey Shore

fplcyouthgroup.weebly.com

Apostle Islands Trip

July 29 - August 2

Finishing 6th & finishing 7th grades

fplconfirmation.weebly.com

FYI

Two Important Youth Announcements

There are only a few spots left for the High School Summer Youth Mission Trip! Register online and send in your \$200 deposit before March 15, when registration opens beyond FPLC members.

Time Change!

Confirmation Service will take place on Saturday, May 11 at 5:00pm.

Retirement/Thrivent

Thinking about Retirement? Or Retired and Surprised by Perplexing Questions?

Prepared or apprehensive of what retirement holds for you, your spouse, your life-style? Responding to questions about retirement, Fox Point Lutheran Church and Club Alexian are sponsoring five evening sessions highlighting a variety of topics on preparing for retirement.

What I know, and don't know about myself in retirement.

Managing money when the expenses are uncertain.

Living in the sunset years, but where?

Making sense of Medicare.

What to do with my time? (*Finding significance with time and talent*)

Each evening session will begin with a light meal, followed by a presentation and an opportunity for discussion. All sessions will be held at Alexian Village in the Clubhouse, located on the ground floor of the Health and Rehab Center, 9255 N 76th St., Milwaukee on Wednesdays: 6:00-8:00pm – April 24, May 1, 8, 15, & 22.

Please register by April 22 by calling the church office. Cost: \$25.00 per person or \$30.00 per couple for the entire series. Recommended reading: *When Every Day is Saturday (The Retirement Guide for Boomers.)* – Richard E Grace.

Questions—contact Pastor Dan Thurmer at ddthurmer@yahoo.com or Joni Ledzian at joni@foxpointchurch.org

Attention Thrivent Members

It is not often that you are presented with the chance to make a financial contribution to Fox Point Lutheran Church (FPLC) at absolutely no out-of-pocket cost to you! But that is exactly the opportunity you currently have.

Every year, eligible Thrivent Financial members are offered the opportunity to donate “Thrivent Choice[®]” dollars to an organization they select. The deadline for your decision is March 31, 2013.

Informing Thrivent of your choice to bless Fox Point Lutheran Church with your Choice Dollars is easy. If you want the designated funds allocated to you to go to FPLC's outreach programs, you can elect to direct them to us by phone or online.

- ◆ **By Phone:** Just call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and say “Thrivent Choice.”
- ◆ **Online:** Just visit <https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice>, log in and follow the directions and click on the red “**Direct Choice Dollars**” button (hint – in their data base, Fox Point Lutheran Church is located in Milwaukee, WI, not Fox Point)

If you have any questions, you may call our congregation's advocate, Jim Jurack at 262-240-2234 or email him at Jim@birchwoodci.net.

Easter Garden



Once again spring plants will be used to decorate the church this Easter season. If you would like to participate in this part of the Easter celebration at Fox Point Lutheran Church, please fill out the form below and return it with your check, payable to Fox Point Lutheran Church, to the church office.

Cost \$25.00 per plant Deadline: Sunday, March 24, 2013

A list of donors will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin. If you wish, you may specify the individual being honored or in memory of by your gift. Plants may be picked up following the 10:30am service on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013.

Your name (as it will appear in the bulletin) _____

Email/Phone Number _____

Given in memory/honor of (circle one) _____

Serving

<u>March 17</u>	SERVING:	<u>March 24</u>	<u>March 31</u>
8:00 Jayson Hongsermeier 9:00 Jennifer Ahler 10:30 Dave Hanson	Lectors	8:00 Dawn Braun 9:00 No lector needed 10:30 No lector needed	7:30 No lector needed 9:00 No lector needed 10:30 No lector needed
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	7:30 TBD 9:00 Poelzer Team 10:30 Moore Team
9:00 E. Katona, D. Metzendorf 10:30 Janice Collins, Karen Davies	Coffee Hour Hosts	9:00 Tom & Sue Weickardt 10:30 L. Lorenz, B. Raasch-Hooten	<i>Happy Easter</i>
Kathy Sauer	Welcome Kiosk	TBD	Peg Young
9:00 D. Metzendorf, S. Metzendorf 10:30 C. Donovan, A. Mullins	Acolytes	9:00 H. Smallpage, J. Smallpage 10:30 M. Giles, W. Langholz	7:30 TBD 9:00 Ellen Barney, Peter Barney 10:30 J. VanRyneveld, K Veitinger
Susan Janik	Worship Assistant	Michelle Kornitz	Joanne Ginster
9:00 Mary & Tom Klatt 10:30 Kathy Pederson, Paula Taebel	Super Greeters	9:00 Cath & Jeff Croatt 10:30 Lynn & Rick Miller	9:00 No super greeters needed 10:30 No super greeters needed

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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
Stretch Luedeman
Sheila Dlugi
Nikki Etheridge
Verlie Keehn
Pam Fuhry
Audrey
Holly Beard
(sister of Wendy Randazzo)
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Gary
Brian
Laura
Jan
Arlyn Dieck
Andrew Mitnacht
Al Szopinski
Terry Woibick, Logan & Katherine

Military

Samantha
Ben
Parker
David

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bill & Marilyn Haker on the birth of their first grandchild, Camille Marie, born February 25. We pray God's blessings be with Pam and Tony Pecoraro on the birth of their daughter.

Clayton Adams Kinney, son of Ben & Megan Kinney, was born February 26. Proud grandfather is Dick Kinney.

On Saturday, March 9, our own Patrick O'Malley had his Eagle Court of Honor here at Fox Point Church. For his final project he designed and built a new outdoor fire pit at ChristPond Retreat Center. We congratulate Patrick on earning Boy Scouts' highest honor.

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

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