

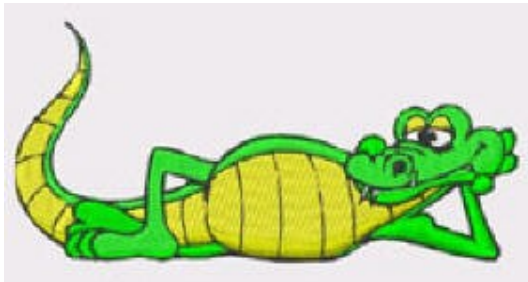


Messenger

Engaging Enthusiastic Followers of Jesus

July 1, 2012

Summer Fun and Faith Bring Old Friends....Make New Friends!



VBS

Adventure Bible Camp

July 30—August 3

9:00—noon

Entering K5—4th Grade

A Different Adventure Each Day!



Monday-Wednesday: 1:00-4:00pm

Thursday: 6pm--Friday 9:00am

Entering 5th--7th grades

**Registration forms are available at church and online.
Don't miss July 10 early bird discounts!**

See Page 5 for more information.

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Health Ministry

Living Healthy Is A Prayer



Save the Date Women of Faith Conference 2012

This year the Women of Faith Conference, "Celebrate What Matters" will be held in Milwaukee! The dates are Friday night October 5 (7-10pm) and Saturday October 6 (9am-5pm). For more information and to register go to: www.womenoffaith.com This is a great event for fellowship, renewal, and spiritual growth. Hope to see you there!



Save the date!

7th Annual Women's Retreat February 1 & 2, 2013

Stay tuned
for details



Pray and Do Not Lose Heart

Every morning I look forward to my prayer time and quietly reading devotions. This is my time to connect with God and embrace the blessings of the new day. I cherish this time alone with God.

Some days, like this morning for example, I feel anxious. Trying to plan almost my entire summer (my entire year most likely!!) in one day creates a sense of unnecessary and unwelcomed worry and stress. Why do I do this I ask? Why not just be flexible and go with the flow? I am a planner and a worrier by nature. I have worked very hard in this area and most days I am content with my thoughts and actions. Why is it so hard to "Let go and Let God"? After all, He does have a long - range plan for us. By worrying and trying to take control of all aspects of our lives, we are not honoring God and trusting Him to do what is best for us. We rely on our own insecurities and influences of other people.

What can we do to bring about more peace and tranquility in our lives? We need to pray more and ask God to give us these things. We need to be still (and know He is God) and ask for help and guidance in our every day lives. I can tell when I become more anxious; it is when I have not taken enough time in quiet prayer or spent time in His Word. Have you ever grown tired of praying for something or someone? Apostle Paul said we should devote ourselves in prayer, being watchful and thankful. Our persistence is an expression of our faith that God answers our prayers. Faith may be tested when the answers come slowly, but the delay maybe God's way of working in our lives. When you feel tired of praying, know that God is present, always listening, always answering ... not always in ways you had hoped but in ways that He knows are best.

Surround yourself with people of faith, pray regularly with thanks, and have a heart to serve. Surrender yourself to God's will, not yours. All these things will please God and bring joy and peace to your life.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Phil 4:6

Peace, health, and healing in Christ,
Joni Ledzian

Marriage Ministry

“A Suggestion from the Marriage and Family Ministry Steering Committee”

A woman once complained to her husband about his lack of communication, he never encouraged her or said those three important words *I love you*. His response to the criticism was “I told you I love you on our wedding day, if that ever changes I will let you know”. This story always raises a smile but the truth is that many of us struggle to communicate feelings and leave important things unsaid. Without reassurance of love and loyalty room is made for feelings of insecurity to develop. We really do need to spell out our feelings for each other. We communicate via our words, our actions and our attitudes. The words *I love you* can sound empty or meaningless if our actions and our attitudes don’t line up with the sentiment.

Love is a verb. You can express your love through touch, a hug, a kiss or holding each other’s hands. Love might also be expressed by helping with the dishes or making your love one a cup of coffee or tea. Don’t dismiss small things – they make all the difference!

Respect goes hand in hand with love. Saying *I love you* without treating your spouse with respect negates the statement. If you criticize your spouse, side with the kids against her/him, put her/him down in public or belittle her/his input in decision-making then you need to repent. Ask God to forgive you for your attitude and ask your spouse to do the same. Start looking for the positive things, pay compliments when she/he does something that deserves encouragement and remember to say thank you when she/he does something for you.

Don’t put conditions on your love. The “I’ll love you if ...” mentality results in a love that is conditional. This isn’t the way God loves us and shouldn’t be the way we love each other. “I’ll love you if you lose some weight”, “I’ll love you if you get your hair cut”, “I’ll love you if you stop that bad habit” will not create an environment of mutual love and trust. Withholding love as a punishment is a dangerous game to play.

Make “I love you” deposits. Don’t say “I love you” minutes before you go to bed if you haven’t invested time, energy and effort in the relationship during the day. Your motives will be obvious and the words will sound insincere. We once heard a teaching about a “love bank”. Investment in your spouse’s “love bank” is needed to make a withdrawal.

Spell it out. If you have fallen into the trap of thinking those three little words don’t mean much it’s time to “spell it out”. Don’t assume that your spouse can read your mind; you need to clearly communicate your love. *I love you*.

By Elaine Hitchman and sourced from www.2equal1.com



Outreach

A Blooming Success!!

Thank you for making it happen! This year's Garden & Bake Sale raised more than \$3500, plus 15% of Bayside Debit Cards sold brought in an additional \$642. As a result of your generosity, we are able to meet our semi-annual commitment to cover secondary school scholarships for students in our two partner parishes in Tanzania. In addition, the Tool Sale raised more than \$300 which will go toward our Habitat for Humanity pledge.

More than 90 of you helped by donating plants, digging plants, and volunteering at the sale. Dozens more contributed by purchasing annuals, perennials, and gift cards. We really appreciate your support of our fundraising efforts; without them, it would be impossible to support our Outreach partners in our community and overseas. Bless you for sharing your time and your dollars!



Outreach for Hope

Now is the time to get your bike out of storage, put air in the tires, check the chain, take a few rides, get your legs in shape....the 5th Annual Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride is coming soon.

On Sept. 8 hundreds of riders will be enjoying the Kettle Moraine beautiful scenery while helping to raise money for vital ministries in the Greater Milwaukee Synod. Don't miss this chance to join them for a great day of fun. Details and registration are at <http://ofh.milwaueesynod.org/bike-ride/>.

You aren't available on Sept 8? You can still participate - simply make a donation to Outreach for Hope. Visit the website listed above - it is amazing what we can do together!

Contact our congregation's Pacesetters for more information: Dave Romoser and George Hinkens.

The 11th FPLC Charity Golf Classic is on July 21



Whether you golf or not, you can be a part of this Outreach Fundraiser where ALL proceeds go to the many community and international ministries sponsored by Fox Point Lutheran Church!



Be a PLAYER — sign up for yourself or set up your own foursome with family/friends. Your day of fun and games includes 18 holes on a top-rated golf course, lunch before the shotgun start, a Cocktail Social at the 19th hole, and souvenirs (Extra games and prizes available on the course).



Be a SPONSOR — There are varying cash donations you can make that will make a wonderful difference – the event, specialty holes, prizes, and more.



Be a VOLUNTEER on the course — Lots of fun while keeping the golfers busy – welcome/check-in table, beer cart, ticket-taker at specialty holes, and more.



COME TO THE 19th HOLE — and join in the festivities. Party with the golfers and listen to their wins (or woes) with cocktails and appetizers – the more, the merrier!

Everyone you know is invited!
This is for Outreach so Reach Out!

Get your questions answered and/or request an eBROCHURE by sending an email to acooper1@wi.rr.com.

Summertime for Church Youth



**Don't Miss Out on All Our Fun!
Register Now!**

Little Lambs: July 30-August 3, 9:15-11:45
Ages 3 (as of July 30)-entering K4
Fun and faith with our preschool teacher, Tanya Naas

Adventure Bible Camp VBS: July 30-August 3, 9:00-noon
Entering K5-4th grade
A different adventure every day!

The Amazing VBX Race: July 30-August 3, MWF 1:00-4:00 and Th. 6pm—9am Fri.
Entering 5th-7th grades
Think *Survivor*, *Amazing Race*, *Top Chef*, and *The Apprentice* all in one!

Registration forms for all of our programs are available online or at the church office. Members and their friends are welcome. Space for all of these programs is limited, so please sign up early!

If you have any questions, contact Julie Schlifske at julie@foxpointchurch.org.

7th and 8th Grade Confirmation

Registration for the 2012-2013 Confirmation program is currently taking place. All 7th and 8th grade students should have received an email which included a registration form and a permission slip/medical information form. If you didn't receive this email or are new to the church and would like to take part in Confirmation, please contact Morgan Oldenburg at morgan@foxpointchurch.org or Linda Cole at cole@foxpointchurch.org, or call the church office at 414-352-8990. Please return all forms if you haven't already done so.



Do you have a child who will be 3 or 4 by September 1? Don't forget to register for our preschool Sunday school! Our Sunday school for preschoolers is a great way for you to introduce your child to our church, to God, and to their new church friends.

Registration forms are available at church or in the church office. Contact Julie at Julie@foxpointchurch.org if you have any questions or need more information about our program. We are looking forward to welcoming your child in the fall!

July 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 Holy Communion 9:00 & 10:30am Worship Services 9:00 & 10:30am Summer Sunday School | 2 6:30pm Yoga | 3 6:30am Small Group 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Good Grief Support | 4 4th of July Office Closed | 5 8:30am Senior Exercise | 6 5:30am Yoga 4:30pm Wedding Rehearsal | 7 3:00pm Bratt/ Camargo Wedding |
| 8 9:00 & 10:30am Worship Services 9:00 & 10:30am Summer Sunday School | 9 6:30pm Yoga | 10 6:30am Small Group 8:30am Senior Exercise 9:30am Good Grief Support | 11 5:30pm Outreach Committee | 12 8:30am Senior Exercise 10am Luther Manor Communion Service 6pm Small Group Biking Serenity Inn | 13 5:30am Yoga 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal | 14 9am Meru Meeting 2:00pm Benson/ Lau Wedding |
| 15 Holy Communion 8:30am Summer Choir 9:00 & 10:30am Worship Services 9:00 & 10:30am Summer Sunday School | 16 6:30pm Yoga | 17 6:30am Small Group 8:30am Senior Exercise 9am Piecemakers 9:30am Good Grief Support | 18 Take Me Out to the Ball Game | 19 8:30am Senior Exercise 3pm Small Group Audubon hike | 20 5:30am Yoga Serenity Inn | 21 11:30am Golf Classic |
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Fellowship

Summer ‘Lite’ Small Group Sign Up

We are getting a great response to our small group offerings as we keep our connections vibrant during the summer. Please sign up for all events you are interested in. The group leader will follow up with you closer to the date to ensure you have all of the final details. If your plans change and you cannot make it, you can just let the leader know at that time.

Sign up one of three ways: (1) online on the FPLC website (foxpointchurch.org); (2) at the signup table in the church narthex; or (3) contact the church office.

Groups 2, 3 and 4 have already taken place. A GREAT time was had by all. Try to join us for one or both of the two remaining events this summer.

- **Group 1: Tuesday mornings 6:30-7:45am “eye openers” bible study** open to men and women led by Gardner Friedlander and Mark Chelmowski.
- **Group 5: Pedal bike outing Thursday, July 12, 6 – 9pm.** Cycling enthusiasts, come bring your bike and helmet and join us for a group bike ride.
- **Group 6: Outdoor nature hike at the Schlitz Audubon Society Thursday, July 19, 3-5pm.**

We look forward to you joining us for one or all! Check the Welcome Area for more information on each event.

Save the Date!



FPLC Fox Trot Saturday, September 8

Handbell Director Search

After five wonderful years, Heide Hongsermeier has decided to step down as director of Joyful Noise. Heide will still be the organist for the 8:00 service and a frequent choir accompanist and guest organist at other worship services.

We are conducting a search for a new director. A job description can be downloaded from homepage of the church's website, under the “Announcements” section. foxpointchurch.org. We hope to have a new director in place when the bells resume rehearsals in September.

Serving

| <u>July 1</u> | SERVING: | <u>July 8</u> | <u>July 15</u> |
|--|--------------------------|---|--|
| 9:00 Mark Metzendorf 10:30 Jim Jurack | Lectors | 9:00 Dave Ellwein 10:30 Jeff Remsik | 9:00 Mark Grady 10:30 Paul Benson |
| 9:00 Plietz Team 10:30 Sullivan Davies Team | Ushers | 9:00 Quisler Team 10:30 Gepfert Team | 9:00 Janik Team 10:30 Gebel Team |
| 9:00 J. Cianciola, C. Claus 10:30 Greg & Kathy Gebel | Coffee Hour Hosts | 9:00 Karl-Eric & Sonya Benson 10:30 J. Harland, S. Kubiak-Librizzi | 9:00 Tom & Jenny Kregel 10:30 Guy & Ellen Scahefer |
| Julia DeCicco | Welcome Kiosk | Sara Hansen | Kathy Sauer |
| 9:00 D. Adix, B. Parsons 10:30 T. Hollenbeck, Zach Taebel | Acolytes | 9:00 D. Schmidt, W. Stegeman 10:30 B. Ford, A. Severin | 9:00 M. J. Larsen, L. Padgett 10:30 M. Schulz, J. Woodliff |
| Brenda Trier | Worship Assistant | Susan Janik | Judy Theune |
| 9:00 Dave & Gael Romoser 10:30 Eric & Lisa Nelson | Super Greeters | 9:00 Dan & Soon Hee Rauwald 10:30 Lori & Mark Langholz | 9:00 M. Metzendorf, D. Eggert 10:30 T. Felton, N. Wischnewski |

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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
 Melvin Sato
 Stretch Luedeman
 Sheila Dlugi
 Deb
 Deborah
 Nikki Etheridge
 Verlie Keehn
 Clarence Plagens
 Jean
 Pam Fuhry
 Sue Hansen
 Charlie Burton
 Shirlee Rosendahl
 John
 Kate
 Audrey

Julie Burger
 Holly Beard(sister of Wendy Randazzo)
 Jim
 Judy
 Herold Praefke
 Jason
 Claudine Hammarlund
 Dan Jones
 Sam & Ben Wolfert
 Anthony
 Eleanor
 Diane Richards
 Sally
 Jack
 Tatum
 Chloe Orvis
 George Kotecki
 Howard
 Marion Pohlmann
 Patti Harris
 Andrea
 Lee Nelson

Our heartfelt sympathy, thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Hal Koehler who passed away at the age of 97, Sunday, June 24 just shy of his 98th birthday, July 1. Hal was a member of FPLC for 60 years. Please keep his son Tom, daughter Kathy, granddaughter Erin and great-grandchildren Dominique and Matthew in your thoughts and prayers.

Military

Samantha
 Ben
 Parker
 David

Congratulations

Rachel Elizabeth Smith & Simon Mance were married June 16.

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

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