



# Messenger

*Engaging Enthusiastic Followers of Jesus*

September 14, 2012

## **“Come to the Water of Life”**

“Small Group Opportunities”



Is your spiritual life feeling a little dry these days? Maybe you feel not entirely whole or just a little out of sorts. Our spiritual life, like a garden, needs to be tended. When things are feeling a little dry, we can provide the needed water. This fall we invite you to come to the water--the water of life. Splash around, wade in, or dive deep into the waters of God's grace and love and presence--by participating in one of our small group faith experiences. Sign up goes through September 30 in the church narthex or online at [foxpointchurch.org](http://foxpointchurch.org). (Connect & Grow, Small Groups) If you need child care, we have a list of FPLC babysitters available at a reasonable cost. A list will be available at the sign up table at church or contact the church office for more information.

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**Come on, jump in!**

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# Health Ministry

## Save a Life!

The next blood drive is Tuesday, October 9 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 beginning September 23 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 Julie Mitchell at 262-241-9449 or any questions about eligibility, call the Blood Center at 1-877-232-4376. The web site is [www.bloodcenter.com](http://www.bloodcenter.com).

## Living Healthy Is A Prayer



### Seasons of Contentment

It seems we all have seasons of content and discontent, joy and sorrow, or peace and worry. What God wants us to always have is trust in Him. He wants us to be content in all circumstances. Why is it so difficult to surrender to His peace?

All of us desperately need contentment, a state of inner peace separate from our circumstances. Paul chose to be content in the midst of terrible circumstances. He shifted his attitude by not choosing to be anxious about anything. Instead he decided to pray about everything with thanksgiving. He chose to dwell on the positives even though his life was filled with negatives. Could it be that simple?

We all have specific things that cause us to worry and become discontented. God wants us to stay focused on Him and His power rather than depending on our own strength. We need to trust that He knows what is best for us and be content in our circumstances while we wait.

Shift your attitude to one of thanksgiving. You have a choice to be content in your circumstances or focus on the negatives. Create an attitude of gratitude. Let God be the Blessed Controller in your life. Put your trust in Him alone.

***“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and thanksgiving, present your requests to God “ Phil 4:6***

Peace, health, and healing in Christ,  
Joni Ledzian

### Fight The Flu

**Clinic at FPLC in the Pine Room— Sunday, October 7, 8:30-Noon**

A flu clinic provided by Wheaton Franciscan Home Health will be held on October 7. The cost of the flu vaccine will be \$30.00 (age 10 and up). A pneumonia vaccine will also be available (16 years and older) for \$80.00. All Medicare Part B and Medicare Advantage insurances will be accepted as payment. Your card(s) must be presented at the clinic in order to bill the insurance. Otherwise, payment by cash or check made out to WFHH&H will be accepted. Each vaccine recipient will receive a receipt for the payment made, which may be used for reimbursement purposes. Sign up will begin on Sunday, September 23. For questions, please call your parish nurse, Joni, at 352-8990 x 117.

# Fellowship

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## Piecemakers Meet September 18

With the help of Janice Schwartz who did the final sewing for 10 quilts at home, we were able to pack away 19 quilts after our August meeting.

There are lots of quilt kits put together by Nola Schreiber that can be picked up and used to create at home.

Sounds like we have a good crew? You bet! We would love to have you join us when we meet again Tuesday, September 18 from 9-3.

## Holiday Boutique Soup & Cocoa Cone Workshop

The Holiday Boutique is quickly approaching! We need volunteer elves to mix, package and decorate the soup mixes and hot cocoa cones for the boutique. The workshop will be Saturday, October 13 from 9am-12pm in Fellowship Hall. Confirmation students needing service hours are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Please dress casually and come enjoy the fellowship!

### Special needs for the Boutique food and bakery section:

- Empty Bonne Maman jelly/jam/preserve jars with red checkerboard lids (available at Sendiks)
- Empty Dickinson's lemon / lime curd jars with black lids (10 ounces size)
- Empty baby food jars with lids
- Half-pint or pint size Ball canning jars with rims (NOT quart size, please)
- Someone to make jalapeno jelly (12 jars)
- Cooks/bakers to make some specialty items (recipes will be provided)

*If you are interested in volunteering for the Soup & Cocoa Cone workshop, please sign up at the Outreach Kiosk. Jars may be left at the Outreach Kiosk. If you have questions or need additional information or want to volunteer for specialty items, feel free to contact Sue Jurack at [sue@birchwoodci.net](mailto:sue@birchwoodci.net).*

## Women's Club

### The Holy Land of Yesterday and Today *A report of our FPLC members' recent trip to Israel*

Wednesday, October 10  
11:30am in Fellowship Hall

Please join us as our Israel Trip participants share their experiences of visiting the fascinating sites of Bible history. A special luncheon will be served featuring some of the typical foods served to the group during the tour.

Sign up at the Kiosk registration area.  
\$7.00 per person  
Guests are welcome.

## Holiday Elves!

Our next workshop for the holiday boutique is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18 at 9am. We will be downstairs in the Sunday School rooms. Come find us! Bring a sharp scissors.

If you have not joined us before, no special talents are necessary. It's a chance for fellowship, crafting and giving back!

We will also have things that can be done at home if you can't make it to the meetings.

## Girlfriends-Friends or Foes? Tuesday, October 23, 6:30-8:00pm Save the date!!

Moms and their daughters, grades 3-8, are invited to this program. We will explore the dynamics of healthy and unhealthy relationships. This program has been very popular in the past. Watch for more details and registration info.

# Outreach

\*\*\*URGENT!!!\*\*\*

**SIGN UP TODAY TO HELP HOST OUR GUESTS FROM TANZANIA!**

*They are arriving in just one week*—Monday, September 17. Our guests will be Pastor Ayo from Ngarenyuki and Josiah Mariki, husband of Marcy who runs the popular dairy goat program.

It's a great chance to get to know more about our friends whom you continue to support so strongly.

We need:

**Drivers**—one time trips to pick them up and drop them off.

**Friendly folks** - take them out for lunch or a light supper

**Event helpers**--people to prepare food, serve as hosts, and clean up for two events: a dinner here at church on Wednesday, September 19 and a brunch on Sunday, September 30.

Let us know what you can do to help and when you are available.

Email Jo Ann at [church@foxpointchurch.org](mailto:church@foxpointchurch.org) or call the church office at 414-352-8802.

## Forgotten Bikes?

For a number of years now, Buzz Althoen at Memorial Lutheran church in Glendale has been repairing and making "road ready" used bikes to give to inner city children. Most bikes are given through Hephatha Lutheran on 18th and Locust and Reformation Lutheran on 35th and Garfield in Milwaukee. 24", 26", 20" and 16" bikes especially are needed for the children, although all sizes are used. The larger 27" older bikes are usually given to adults or incoming foreign students at UW-M in fall. So, if you have children who have outgrown a bike, if you have a bike hanging in the garage and you do not know what to do with it, give Buzz a call at 414-228-9647 or (cell) 414-507-1526 and he can arrange to pick it up.

You will help to make a child happy!

## Adopt a Closet at Serenity Inn

To help defray the costs at Serenity Inn, the residence at 2825 W. Brown for men in recovery from alcohol and/or drug addiction, various congregations and groups are adopting a closet and donating in-kind items for the Inn. The special need at the moment is for **Personal Hygiene Products**. If you are able to help, please bring donations to the basket behind the Outreach Kiosk. Any items from this list are very much appreciated:

Shaving cream

Disposable razors

Deodorant

Liquid hand soap

Hand sanitizer (Purell, etc.)

Bar soap (large or small)

Shampoo (small bottles from hotel stays are great)

Electric alarm clocks

Wash cloths, towels (bath & hand, new, dark colors)

Twin sheets (new, white or beige only)

## Mum's the Word!

Spruce up your porch and yard for fall with glorious mums! Buy a Bayside Garden Center Debit Card and choose from their amazing selection of colors and types! It's also time to buy bulbs and seed for those drought spots in your lawn. The cards are good forever--perfect for holiday purchases, too. 15% of the cost of the card is designated for Tanzania scholarships.

## All Peoples Needs your Help!

It's the beginning of our All Peoples Wednesday Night Alive Program. Our first two serving dates are September 19 and October 24. We are looking for individuals to prepare a main dish (recipe provided and can be found at Outreach Kiosk) or a dessert; either item would have to be dropped off at the church office before 4:00 the day of the serving. We are also looking for individuals to help out at All Peoples Church. It would involve preparing and serving dinner and helping out in other areas where needed, the time commitment is from 5:15 until 8:00pm. If you can help out either way please sign up at the Outreach Kiosk.

# Outreach

## Shoreline Interfaith needs your help!!

If you are reading this and you have some free time, please consider becoming a volunteer driver with **Shoreline Interfaith – Neighborhood Outreach Program**. In the first 7 months of this year we have had **63 new clients**. With 5 months to go, we could have over **100** new clients before the year is over! Shoreline is dependent on volunteers to make our program work. The number of drivers has not kept pace with this number of new clients. If you are willing to drive a client to a doctor appointment or help with grocery shopping once a month, twice a month or more often.....please give Anne a call. We have a real *need* for your help! Thank you so much for considering joining this wonderful organization, helping older adults living in the North Shore. **Anne Bina, Director - 962-9950**

## It's Not Too Early....To Donate to Operation Christmas Child!

We have already collected hundreds of shoeboxes and lots of items for these boxes that will be sent to needy children at Christmas. Lots of what we pack may be lying forgotten around your home...small toys, notepads, stuffed animals, pencils, pens, soap, hair ornaments, toothpaste, tooth brushes.

You can leave any donations downstairs at the entrance to Sunday school. Thanks for your support of this growing outreach!



## Thank You

This is a thank you note we received from a recipient of a prayer shawl.

*Wow! What a beautiful gift! I literally felt God's arms around me. It was so thoughtful and SO appreciated. It just put a big smile on my face. Thank you. I am so blessed. Ellen*

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting and would like to be part of the prayer shawl ministry, please contact Joni, your parish nurse. Thank you to the women of this ministry, your gifts are truly making a difference.

## Help Feed Souls

Pastor Ken at Cross Lutheran has a wonderful opportunity for people who want to make a real difference for those who are facing real struggles in our community. Their Bread of Healing Empowerment Ministry helps with critical physical needs like hunger and joblessness and also restores hope and dignity for those they serve. They can use some volunteers for the following jobs:

- ◆ Assist with the Food Pantry at Cross--coordinate monthly food donations from Cross members
- ◆ Serve as hospitality ministers--greeting guests as they come through the food line for lunch on Wednesdays 1821 N. 16th street (could carpool)

For more information, contact Bunny at [brh@wi.rr.com](mailto:brh@wi.rr.com).

## Fall Into Serving

Need Outreach Service Opportunities for Confirmation? Consider the Dinner Fellowship at Serenity Inn. A real bonus is that dinner conversation inevitably delivers a powerful anti-drug/anti-alcohol message for our young people.

FPLC members take dinner to the Inn 3 evenings a month, preparing the food at home, taking it warm to the Inn at 2825 W. Brown, and sitting down for dinner and fellowship with the residents, 6-10 men in recovery from alcohol and/or drug abuse. Conversation over dinner provides a powerful anti-drug, anti-alcohol message.

Open dates in Oct. are Thurs. the 11th & Friday the 19th, in Nov., Thurs. the 8th and Wed. the 28th, and in Dec., all of our 3 assigned dates. Sign up at the Outreach Kiosk where you will also find FAQs information, with Lorraine Buehler at [lcbuehler@cs.com](mailto:lcbuehler@cs.com) 414-964-8933, or online at [volunteerwiz.com/calendar/foxpointlutheran](http://volunteerwiz.com/calendar/foxpointlutheran).

Thank you for considering this rewarding service opportunity.

# Date Night Milwaukee

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Date Night—Milwaukee

November 14

Hales Corners Lutheran Church

Featuring Dr. Gary Chapman

Author of *The 5 Love Languages*, #1 New York best-selling book

You're invited to an event that will not only be a lot of fun, but will teach you how to add more enjoyment and romance to your marriage forever.

Join us as Gary Chapman, author of *The 5 Love Languages*, shows us how to increase the fun, adventure and excitement by speaking the words your spouse longs to hear.

Imagine speaking a different language than your spouse—you speak French and he/she speaks Japanese. Can you expect to have great communication? No! And yet most couples try to communicate through a similar wall they are not skilled to penetrate. Until now.

Remember, it's not just a date. It's the date your marriage became more fun.

Tickets are \$19 in advance; \$25 at the door

FPLC will buy a block and have members sign up and pay

To learn more...[www.datenightevent.com](http://www.datenightevent.com)

The FPLC Marriage and Family Ministry Committee is promoting this event

Contact Dave Romoser @ [wdromoser@aol.com](mailto:wdromoser@aol.com) if you have any questions

## Serving

<u>September 16</u>	SERVING:	<u>September 23</u>
8:00 Dawn Braun 9:00 Jennifer Ahler 10:30 Dave Hanson	<b>Lectors</b>	8:00 Lorraine Buehler 9:00 Gary Mudra 10:30 Sarah Gilday
8:00 Klasner/Kurtz Team 9:00 Janik Team 10:30 Gebel Team	<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 Buehler Team 9:00 Keehn Team 10:30 Harland Team
9:00 Lori Barrieau, Chris Speaker 10:30 Laura Van Why, Lori Lorenz	<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	9:00 Gary & Miriam Erickson 10:30 Christie Krugler, Bunny Raasch-Hooten
Sara Hansen	<b>Welcome Kiosk</b>	TBD
9:00 Leif Erlandson, Rachel Hutson 10:30 Sam Severson, Sarah Severson	<b>Acolytes</b>	9:00 Gretchen Bechthold, TBD 10:30 Jack Brahm, Kyle Brahm
Michelle Kornitz	<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Michelle Kornitz
9:00 Jim Severin, Dolores Stops 10:30 Nancy & Paul Rosenheimer	<b>Super Greeters</b>	9:00 Dave & Gael Romoser 10:30 Eric & Lisa Nelson

# Small Group for Fall

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## Come to the Water of Life!

Our Fall small group signup (at three levels) runs through September 30 in the church narthex or online at [foxpointchurch.org](http://foxpointchurch.org). Here is a brief summary so you can get it on your calendar as some are starting early September.

### Splashing around .....

1. **Women's Coffee—Proverbs 31 ministries devotion study** at the home of Brooke Talbot on Thursday mornings during October and November from 9:30-11:00am.
2. **"The Screwtape Letters" Performance —Saturday, October 6 - 8:00pm** at the Pabst Theater. Pastor Bruce has ordered 20 tickets for this wickedly funny and deeply inspiring theatrical adaptation of C.S. Lewis' brilliant novel. Tickets will be sold on a first come, first-serve basis at the group rate of \$53.59 (these are main floor seats rows A-S which are regularly \$80 tickets). After attending the performance there will be an opportunity for those who wish to gather afterwards for refreshments and discussion.
3. **NOOMA Faith Sessions offered 5pm** in Fellowship Hall with our NOOMA DVD and then the groups will either stay at church or will venture out for a theme dinner for discussion. Theme dinners will be Mexican, Italian, Grill, and Chinese. We will have 3 different leaders for 20's and 30's, 40's and 50's, and 60 year olds on up.
  - a. **NOOMA Video 1: "Luggage"—Saturday, October 6**
  - b. **NOOMA Video 2: "Tomato"—Saturday, October 13**
  - c. **NOOMA Video 3: "Dust"—Saturday, October 20**
  - d. **NOOMA Video 4: "Noise"—Saturday, November 3**

### Wading in.....

1. **Love and Logic** parenting class offered by Tim Tahtinen at FPLC Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8:00pm on five Thursday evenings (October 4, 11, 18, and November 1 and 8)
2. **Study of a Book of the Bible** led by Gardner Friedlander and Mark Chelmowski on Tuesday mornings 6:30am – 7:30am at FPLC Fellowship Hall. New study to start October 1.

### Diving deep.....

1. **Beth Moore study on the Book of James TWO OFFERINGS:** 7-9:00pm every other Wednesday for 8 sessions led by Kathy Pederson, starting September 5 held in the Pine Room at FPLC **OR** 1-3:00pm every Wednesday beginning October 3 led by Heidi Hanson held at the home of Laura Mullins.
2. **In Depth "Verse by Verse" Bible study** every other Sunday evening starting September 9 in the Pine Room at 5:15pm for sandwiches and cookies and 5:30-6:30pm bible study led by Pastor Roger Drews and his wife, Sandy. Please contact Kathy Pederson with questions.
3. **Overcoming Life's Disappointments** led by Lorraine Buehler Monday mornings 10-11:15am in the Pine Room at FPLC. Dates: September 10, 24, and October 1, 8, 15.
4. **Study of the Apostle Paul and his epistles —Men's evening bible study** starting September 11 led by Dave Romoser on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm in the Pine Room.
5. **Dealing Gracefully with the Challenges of Aging Parents—**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. The group will meet on Tuesdays from 12 noon - 1:30pm in the Pine Room. Sessions will be held on October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and November 6, 13, and 20. 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. For more information, please contact Susan Halling, (262) 241-5197.



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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  
 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  
 Marion Pohlmann  
 Andrea  
 Lee Nelson  
 Marysa  
 Lisa Imbert  
 Ellen  
 Marcia Kaye  
 Jim Krause  
 Glenn Buzzard  
 John Burns  
 Kee Fitzgerald  
 (sister of Thor Christensen)  
 Jack DeMunck  
 Elaine Zarse

Edward  
 Ellen  
 Wayne  
 Mary Schroeder  
 Barbara Klausen  
 Jerry Schoenfeldt

Our heartfelt sympathy, thoughts and prayers be with Margaret & Rob Edmunds on the death of Margaret's mother, Marylani Shirey, who passed away last week.

### Military

Samantha  
 Ben  
 Parker  
 David

### Congratulations

Amy Young & Steve Wierschem were married September 2.

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

***Pastors' cell phone numbers  
 Pr. Knapp 414-704-7070  
 Pr. Cheever 414-573-4138***

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