



# Messenger

*Engaging Enthusiastic Followers of Jesus*

September 16, 2011

## **Sign up for the Fall Small Groups Program**

Signups are now being accepted for the Fall Small Groups Program and will continue through Sunday September 25. After just the first two signup weekends groups are filling. Because the groups are limited in the number of members, we encourage you to sign up soon.

You can sign up by filling out a card provided in the pews and turning it in during the offering or at a table in the Welcome Area. You can also sign up on line by going to [www.foxpointchurch.org](http://www.foxpointchurch.org), selecting the *Connect & Grow* tab and then selecting *Small Groups* from the drop down.

To mark your calendar, the kickoff Fall 2011 semester will be six weeks long and will be based on common topics from the sermons ("Behave as You Believe") given on October 2, 9, 16, and 23, and November 6 and 13. Small groups will then meet during the week following each sermon.

JOIN US in reconnecting with fellow parishioners and welcoming new members to our faith-centered community.

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# Health Ministry

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## Living Healthy Is A Prayer

### Girlfriends – Friends or Foes Save The Date!!



### God is with You

On Tuesday, October 11 from 6:30 - 8:00pm, Congregational Care and Children's Ministries of Fox Point Lutheran Church will sponsor a program on "Girlfriends – Friends or Foes." This program has been very popular in the past. Girls in grades 4-8 and their mothers are invited to attend. Psychologists will help us explore and identify the complex dynamics that make healthy and unhealthy relationships...often affecting women in adulthood.

As Christians, we strive to lead lives that exemplify God's love for us...kindness, honesty, trust, and service to others. Are our relationships with our friends the best they can be? Please attend and learn more about this fascinating topic that so often causes heartache in the lives of our children. Learn how, as a mother, you can help.

Sign-up will begin on September 25 in the Welcome Area. This program will be open to the community so please ask a friend to come. Please contact Joni, your parish nurse, [joni@foxpointchurch.com](mailto:joni@foxpointchurch.com) or Julie Schlifske, [julie@foxpointchurch.com](mailto:julie@foxpointchurch.com) with questions.

Have you ever read something and felt that it was meant just for you; that it expresses exactly what you are feeling? I am always amazed when this happens to me and I feel a true God connection. Pastor Dan sent me this poem and I think it is worth sharing with you. When you feel discouraged and alone these words may speak to you. God wants us to feel his love and encouragement in so many different ways...this may be one way He speaks to you. Take time for devotion and pray regularly; this may help increase your awareness of God's presence, as well as your sense of what God is saying to you.

*When I'm  
Weary and exhausted  
You're not.  
When I'm  
Confused and discouraged  
You're not.  
When I'm  
Fickle and unfaithful  
You're not.  
When I'm  
Doubtful and disheartened  
You're not.  
When I'm  
Fearful and anxious  
You're not.  
When I'm  
Short-sighted and fearful  
You're not.  
When I'm  
Tired and about to quit  
You're not.  
When I'm  
Lacking in hope and love  
You're not.*

*When I'm  
Shocked and surprised  
You're not.  
When I'm  
Angrily withholding grace  
You're not.  
When I'm  
Unfaithful to what I've promised  
You're not.  
When I'm  
Selfish and disloyal  
You're not.  
Oh, Lord of  
Faithfulness and grace  
I am so thankful  
That  
In those moments  
When I'm  
Losing my way  
You're not.*

By Paul David Tripp

Peace and health in Christ,  
Joni Ledzian

# Fellowship

## New Members

Please welcome these new members!

ED & COLLEEN ASHENDEN

NED & HELEN BECHTHOLD

STEPHANE & SAMANTHA DERMOND

Nicolas

Sophi

Matias

Josephine

SHELIA DLUGI

KATIE FIGGATT

SCOTT MARX

JODY & DEBORAH LUTZ

Erin

Carter

Chase

ADAM & JILL SCHEUER

Ellie

Claire

TRACY SKOTARZAK

Caroline

SCOTT & EMILY SILVERSON

Elise

ART & JUDY SIMPSON

DOLORES STOPS

## Children's Choirs Begin September 18

FPLC's two children's choirs rehearse at 10am each Sunday. The choirs, divided by age, learn action songs, scripture songs, and songs to share in worship. More information and a sign-up form are available downstairs on the Sunday School info table.

For more information, contact Debra Bailey, [deb@foxpointchurch.org](mailto:deb@foxpointchurch.org). We accept (and embrace!) all skill levels....you just have to be excited to sing!

## Women's Club

Wednesday -- October 12

*A Visit to the "Joy to the World" Nativity Collection  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church—Menomonee Falls*

It may seem a little strange to be thinking about the Nativity in October, but we have the wonderful opportunity to visit this very special collection of over 200 Nativities, from more than 30 different countries which have been collected by members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church (ELCA). All women of the church are welcome to join in this special adventure.

We will begin with lunch at O'Brady's Irish Pub and Grill (on Main Street in Menomonee Falls ) at 11:30 am. followed by the tour at 1:00pm.

Please see the sign-up sheet for more details about the lunch cost and menu selections.

We will meet at our church at 11:00am for those who wish to car pool.

## Blessing of Pets

Sunday, October 2 at 2:00pm

As autumn arrives, our neighbors in Fox Point may notice something surprising. A procession of animals will be parading into the Fox Point Church parking lot for a special ceremony called the *Blessing of Pets*.

Our blessing takes place in conjunction with the celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis on October 4. St. Francis of Assisi is known for his compassion for all creatures. He loved the larks flying about his hilltop town. He and his fellow monks, staying in a small hovel, allowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey. He wrote *Canticle of the Creatures* as an ode to God's living things; "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures."

A pet can be a true companion. Many of us arrive home from work to find a furry friend overjoyed at our return, or experience serenity by petting a purring cat curled up in our lap. The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship. Person and pet are both creatures of love.

No wonder people enjoy this opportunity to bring their animal companions to church for a special blessing. Church is the place where the bond of creation is celebrated. Pastor Bill and Pastor Bruce will offer a special blessing as we give thanks to God for our pets.

Join in the celebration. No sign-up is necessary. Just come with your pet on a leash or in a cage.

# Fellowship

## Young at Heart

*Oktoberfest*  
Thursday, September 29  
Fellowship Rathskeller  
*Gemuetlichkeit* Time - 11:30am  
Essen - 12:15pm  
Cost - \$8.00

It's a hearty *willkommen* to every *Herr und Dame* as we celebrate with food, entertainment and maybe a *Bier* or two. The special professional entertainer is Tom Stanfield, since 1980 the resident pianoman at the Abbey Resort in Lake Geneva who plays the keyboard and trumpet and sings. Expect lots of your favorite *Liede* such as waltzes, the "Beer Barrel Polka" plus seasonal favorites such as "Autumn Leaves", "Harvest Moon", "September Song" and more.

*Geschmack Gut* Menu

*Beef Rouladen, Spaetzels mitt Brot  
Krume, Sauerkraut, Rot Kraut, Schwarzwalt Kuchen  
mitt Schlagsahne*

Sign up deadline, September 25, please.

Guests and newcomers welcome as is anyone 55 and over. Let's have a good turnout for this first event of the 2011-2012 YAH season. Wearing *your Lederhosen, Dirndl* or *Alpine Hut* would be appropriate.

*Auf wedersehen und Prosit!*

*Frau* Donna Loose 414-355-3046  
*Frau* Gloria Mitchelson 262-387-1953

## Friends of Luther Manor

Friends of Luther Manor (*formerly known as Luther Manor Auxiliary*) cordially invites men and women of all ages to attend its annual Fall Meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 starting at 10:00am in Luther Manor's Lippold Faith and Education Center. Enter at the north driveway one block south of Hampton, 4545 N. 92<sup>nd</sup> St. Our meeting will conclude with lunch. Cost of lunch is \$7.00 payable at the luncheon. This meeting will also serve as the "Love Lights" fundraising and event kickoff!

Please make luncheon reservations by calling Janet Quail, 414-967-7942, no later than Monday, September 26, 2011. Friends' members from Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa will serve as hosts for the meeting.



Mom to Mom is a biblically-based parenting program designed around the Titus 2:4 concept of older women teaching and encouraging younger women in their relationship with their husbands and children.

Through the video teachings of Linda Anderson and small group interaction led by "Titus 2" leaders, growth occurs not only in our parenting skills, but also in our wholeness as women--intellectually, relationally, and spiritually.

**When: 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am**

**Where: Fellowship Hall**

**Why: To gather as women, mothers, friends and rejoice in the gifts that God has given us.**

This is a casual group, allowing you to come when your schedule allows without having to register or buy materials. We understand that lives get hectic and it isn't always possible to come, but we want to encourage moms to attend whenever they can!

There is no need to sign-up or register. As in past years, we will have childcare available. More information is available at the Welcome Kiosk.

Please contact Allison Schwab at (414) 906-1839 or [apschwab@sbcglobal.net](mailto:apschwab@sbcglobal.net) with any questions you may have.

**\*\* Our first gathering will be on September 22nd\*\***

## Piecemakers Will Deliver

Early in October the Piecemakers will take boxes of quilts to the Lutheran World Relief box cars. We only have more meeting before then and hope to create lots more quilts to send all over the world where many people are in great need.

Come join us on Tuesday, September 20 from 9-3 and help us meet our goal.

# Outreach

## Back to School

As our students head back to school in this country, we remember students in the Meru Diocese of Tanzania who are able to stay in school only because they received a scholarship from FPLC. Here's a letter from one of them:

*I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ. I hope that you are doing well in your daily activities. ....For myself, I am 15 years old and am in Form IV class at Ngarenanyuki Secondary School in Arusha region in Tanzania. When I will finish this class I wish that I will continue with my further study harder and harder so as one day to become someone who is well educated.*

*The aim of this letter is to thank you for all your support of school fees I got from you....God Bless You in all things you do and everywhere you walk. Always believe in almighty God because he promises he will keep us in safety.*

*Frank Charles Pallangyo*

Frank is one of approximately 70 students from our two sister parishes in Tanzania, Usa River and Ngarenanyuki, who received a scholarship to help him stay in school. FPLC sends \$5000 each year to each parish, wiring it in installments to correspond with the dates that school fees are due there.

A scholarship committee in each parish accepts applications from many more than the 70 recipients, and scholarships are awarded based mostly on need and grades. Orphans receive first consideration as AIDS has decimated so many families, and those who have lost both parents go to the top of the list.

The current drought in Tanzania has increased dramatically the number of students whose families cannot afford the school fees. The need for help for these students has never been greater.

When we get into the holiday season, Christmas ornaments from Tanzania will again be available for purchase, the profits of which support the scholarship fund. But if your heart is touched by stories like Frank's, perhaps you will be moved to write a Back to School check at this time to support this outreach ministry.

Your Tanzania Outreach Partnership Committee thanks you for considering this opportunity to help a student in Tanzania stay in school.

## Golf Charity

### Have Fun and Serve the Lord All-In-One

**How?** Annual Outreach Fundraiser – Golf Outing & Auction

**When?** Golf Outing: Saturday 9/24  
Silent Auction: Sunday 9/18 & Sunday 9/25

### How YOU Can Use Your Gifts & Talents:

Sponsor (\$\$) one of our many specialty holes  
Donate or solicit an item for the silent auction  
Sign up to golf (If you don't have a foursome, we'll fix you up!)

Volunteer to help on 9/24 at Fire Ridge Golf Course

*Bonus: Pastor Brian is going to join us again at golf this year!*

**Remember: ALL proceeds go directly to the Outreach Ministry**

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Vicki Lewis (Auction) - [fplcgolf@gmail.com](mailto:fplcgolf@gmail.com)

MORE INFO: [foxpointchurch.org](http://foxpointchurch.org) – Check under “Announcements”

Brochures available in the Welcome Area at church

### It's Coming Soon! Save Your Pennies!

The Silent Auction is humming along and we will be displaying the items for your bidding pleasure on Sunday, September 18 and Sunday, September 25.

We have gifts for everyone you know or just for you – kids, adults, health, and entertainment! Don't miss this great event and know that your contribution will go toward our greatest Outreach ministries!

# Outreach

## Who's Thirsty?

*A pessimist, they say, sees a glass of water as being half empty; an optimist sees the same glass as half full. But a giving person sees a glass of water and starts looking for someone who might be thirsty.*

G. Thomas Gale

Please consider volunteering for the dinner fellowship at Serenity Inn, a residence at 2825 W. Brown in Milwaukee for men in recovery from alcohol and/or drug abuse. Only 2 open dates remain through 2011: Wednesdays, Nov. 23 & Dec. 28.

The commitment involves making dinner at home for 5-10 residents, taking it warm to the Inn at 6pm, and sharing the meal and fellowship with the residents. You are most often on your way home by 7pm, and the anti-drug/alcohol message from the residents is especially appropriate for the young people among us.

If you are interested in signing up or would like more information, stop at the Outreach Kiosk where you will find the sign up folder and a FAQs handout, contact Lorraine Buehler at 414-964-8933 or [lcbuehler@cs.com](mailto:lcbuehler@cs.com), OR sign up online at [volunteerwiz.com/calendar/foxpointlutheran](http://volunteerwiz.com/calendar/foxpointlutheran). The password is **fplc**.

Thanks so much for considering this important giving opportunity.

## A Simple and Convenient Way to Give

This fall, consider signing up for electronic giving. Fox Point Lutheran Church relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis.

To give electronically, visit

[www.foxpointchurch.org](http://www.foxpointchurch.org)

click on "Discover Fox Point Church" and locate the link to the electronic giving form, or for more details call Jo Ann in the church office

414-352-8990.

## Calling All Elves!

It's hard to believe, but it's time to start working on our annual Holiday Boutique! We need new people and new ideas to help make it a success. All of the proceeds are used for outreach to improve lives for people in our community and for inreach—helping members of our own congregation.

Welcome back to those who have helped before, and old and new members, this is a great way to dip your toe into serving others—as little or as much time as you can spare!

We invite you to join us! We need women and men and kids who can:

- *Help coordinate all aspects of the Boutique*
- *Come up with ideas for craft projects—candles to woodworking. Share your ideas!*
- *Shop for materials for craft projects and soups and other food gifts*
- *Attend our workshops—a way to meet your fellow members*
- *Work on craft projects at home—your own ideas or helping us complete others*
- *Put soup mixes and hot cocoa cones together (one weekday or weekend morning)*
- *Sew—mostly very simple projects*
- *Put together gift baskets with a creative touch*
- *Help set up for the sale the week of November 7*
- *Donate: Baked goods, good costume jewelry for a special sales area, an antique or piece of jewelry or other special item for the auction*
- *Work the sale—Saturday and Sunday, November 12 & 13 and Sunday, November 20*

To sign up or for more information, contact: BunnyRaasch-Hooten, [brh@wi.rr.com](mailto:brh@wi.rr.com) or 414-352-8802.

**Our first workshop for interested crafters will be Tuesday, September 20 at 9am. We will meet in one of the Sunday School rooms in the lower level. Please bring any ideas you might have to create for the Boutique. Stay as long as you can. We are generally finished about 11:30.**

# Operation Christmas Child/Serving

## Is it that time already? Yes, it's that time!

In 2000, we proudly shipped 50 shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child, an international relief project that provides shoe boxes filled with small gifts, personal hygiene items, school supplies, and stories about Jesus to children in the most desperate areas of the US and the rest of the world.

Every year since 2000, we have managed to help even more children in need with our boxes. Last year, we managed to pack 751 boxes! I think we may have hit some sort of ceiling, but who knows? Our generous members have already donated close to 400 shoeboxes. And we have an entire room in Sunday school—our Outreach Room—that is already starting to fill with items for these boxes. We collect shoe boxes and items to fill them with through mid-November. Our Sunday school kids decorate our boxes, and our Confirmation students fill them in one evening—this year, November 16.

If you'd like to help us hit the 800 mark, here's what we need:

More shoe boxes!

Boxes of crayons, pencils, markers, erasers, small notepads, stickers

Small stuffed animals, small toys (very gently used or new—no war-related toys)

Toothpaste/toothbrushes, soap

Combs, small brushes, hair ornaments

Candy (no chocolate or anything else that could melt)



Use your imagination! There is so much that these children would treasure.

Collection bins will be downstairs at the entrance to Sunday school and upstairs near the kiosks.

Thanks to the outpouring of support of this congregation, we have become one of the largest contributors to this project in southeast Wisconsin. **Thank you as always!**

## Serving

<u>September 18</u>	SERVING:	<u>September 25</u>
8:00 Mike Istwan 9:00 Mike Karegeannes 10:30 Sarah Gilday	<b>Lectors</b>	8:00 Lorraine Buehler 9:00 Kathi Behm 10:30 Dave Hanson
8:00 Klasner/Kurtz Team 9:00 Janik Team 10:30 Gebel Team	<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 McClure Team 9:00 Keehn Team 10:30 Harland Team
9:00 Jim Severin, Allison Severin 10:30 Dave & Kim Westfahl	<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	9:00 Elizabeth Hellman, Sigi & Julie Veitinger 10:30 Janice Collins, Guy & Ellen Schaefer
Susan Rotter, Kathy Sauer	<b>Welcome Kiosk</b>	TBD
9:00 Alexandra Heth, Alexandra Meyers 10:30 Linnea Fischer, TBD	<b>Acolytes</b>	9:00 Avery Kornitz, Morgan Kornitz 10:30 Garrett Badalich, Brenna Grych
Susan Janik	<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Michelle Kornitz

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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  
 Angie Gemignani  
 Joel Villnow  
 Verlie Keehn  
 Fran Riley  
 Jack Davis  
 Jeff Ring  
 Anne  
 Bob Lynch  
 Kim  
 Melvin Sato  
 Paula Sandoval  
 Don Hiller

Max  
 Stretch Luedeman  
 Betty Arpe  
 Sheila Dlugi  
 Deb  
 Carol Soik  
 Danny Johnson  
 (great-grandson of Lloyd Johnson)  
 Lloyd Johnson  
 Virginia Gurneau  
 Virginia Kettling  
 Wally Exner  
 Deborah  
 Janine Kolinski  
 Ellie Fredericksen  
 Greg Wardeberg

Our sympathy to Pastor Michael McAllister on the recent death of his step-father. Please keep Pastor Michael and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

### Military

Samantha Rablin  
 Ben Halbert  
 Parker Stratton

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