



# Messenger

*Engaging Enthusiastic Followers of Jesus*

October 18, 2013

## **New Heart, New Church! Stewardship 2013**



*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36:26*

We have so many new people joining our church family that I realized many people may not know what “stewardship” means. It’s a churchy word. It’s an old idea, but in its definition is the future of our congregation and church family. Stewardship is a yearly campaign where we ask the congregation to pledge an amount they will contribute to fund what we do as Fox Point Lutheran Church. It is as simple as that.

What I don’t think people understand is the scope and depth of what our giving accomplishes. Here are a few examples of what your contributions support...

- A church home, that is not only beautiful, but also up-to-date with technology
- Worship, music, and adult and children’s choirs that engage and inspire
- A wonderful staff who give their hearts and lives to this church
- Sunday school for over 200 children and education, trips, and retreats for 155 middle school and high school youth
- Regular hospital visits and care for shut-ins, the sick, the grieving, and the forgotten
- Adult and youth mission trips that nurture a deeper connection to God and others
- Pastoral care for those struggling with their marriages, illness, or faith
- Numerous small groups that study, support one another, knit prayer shawls, tutor inner city youth, and provide meals for those in need.

I could go on, but you get the point. This **ONLY** scratches the surface!

All of this is possible because of the generous giving by the members of this congregation. We give not because we have to give. We give not because we think it earns us a spot in heaven. We give not to make us look good to other church members. We give because we love this church and its people! We give because there is energy in this place and an excitement about faith that is hard to find these days. We give because we want other people to find what we have and join us in the thrill of what is happening in this congregation.

In two weeks, you will receive a letter. It will be the only letter about giving to our budget and ministry you will receive this year. Please read it! Please respond to it! This year we will look to grow our ministry to marriages and families. We will develop ways to more effectively communicate to the whole church through web, media, and print. We will also continue to care for our church home and plan for the future. Please look for the letter the week of October 27, take time to read and respond.

Pastor Bill Knapp  
Lead Pastor

# Health Ministry

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## Living Healthy Is A Prayer



## Finding Joy

*“We’re depending on God; he’s everything we need. What’s more, our hearts brim with joy since we’ve taken for our own His holy name. Love us God, with all you have; that’s what we’re depending on.” Psalm 33:20-22*

Finding joy can be a challenge sometimes. Many people define joy as feeling good all the time and seeing the glass half full instead of half empty. It is impossible though to feel “this” joy all of the time...even if you are naturally upbeat and optimistic. There are many definitions of joy and we need to start somewhere realistic and close to scripture. Rick Warren writes that “Joy is the settled assurance that God is in control of all the details of my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything is going to be alright, and the determined choice to praise God in every situation”. There is nothing in this definition about happy feelings, because, as we know, happiness is fleeting and temporary. God does not promise a life full of joy in earthly things but does promise that we will always be filled with His joy. Every day of our lives, wonderful, good things happen that bring us pleasure, beauty, and contentment. At the exact same time, painful things happen to us or those we love that disappoint us, hurt us, and fill us with sorrow. Both joy and sorrow are present in our lives every day but Jesus states “your joy is complete in me”. We do not need to look any further than Him because nothing else is constant and dependable. What is your definition of joy? The day we meet Jesus Christ in person and see the brightness of who He is, it will all make sense to us. In the meantime, study His word and maybe your definition of joy will match what the Bible says.

Peace, health, and healing in Christ,  
Joni Ledzian

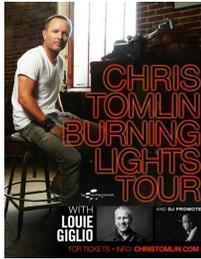
## “The Time to Fight the Flu is Before you Get it!”

The time to fight the flu is before you get it. A flu clinic will be held at FPLC on Sunday, October 20 in the Pine Room from 8:30-12 noon. The cost of the flu vaccine will be \$30.00. The cost of the pneumonia vaccine will be \$80.00. The 2013 seasonal flu vaccine will contain the H1N1 virus as well as 2 seasonal strains, and so only one vaccination will be necessary for both seasonal and H1N1 flu viruses. The Medicare Part B and most 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 across from the kiosks. Please call Julia Kashou at 262-243-9444 with questions or to volunteer to help with registration on the morning of the clinic.

# Fellowship/Youth Ministry

## "Chris Tomlin Burning Lights Tour with Louie Giglio"

Saturday, Oct. 26 – 7:30pm  
Milwaukee Theater



Tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis at the group rate of \$41. The church has ordered a block of 20 tickets for this event but if the response is high will try to purchase additional. After attending the performance there will be an opportunity for those who wish to gather afterwards for refreshments and discussion. Sign up at church or online in the small groups link.

### Save the Date!

Thursday, November 14

Men's/Women's/Young At Heart Clubs  
Joint Meeting  
The Town Club, Fox Point

Noon Luncheon and Program  
"Issues at End of Life: Getting it Right"

Watch for further details soon

### Youth Invited!

Are you in grades 4th-8th? Do you like music? Do you like to have fun? I hope so! We have an opportunity for you to learn to play handbells. Handbells are a very easy instrument to learn and when you have the basics you can do some pretty incredible things. We meet on Sundays from 10-10:30am in the Youth Room off of the green room. Join us TODAY for a fun, new musical experience and bring your friends, the more the merrier! Questions? Email me!  
[larrison@foxpointchurch.org](mailto:larrison@foxpointchurch.org)

## High School Youth Group!

Sunday, October 20—11:30 - 2:00pm  
Apple Picking! Meet after the 10:30 service in the Youth Room.

Sunday, October 27—7:00 - 8:30pm  
Costume Party!

Tuesday, October 29—6:30-8:00pm  
Putting together College Care Boxes!

### Save the Date!

High School Youth Group

Summer Mission Trip

July 19 - July 26

More info coming soon!

## Away from Home Addresses for Care Packages

We are looking for addresses for our post-high school members. Later this fall the high school Youth Group will be putting together College Care Packages (this includes high school grads from the last 4 years who entered college, the workforce, or the military after high school graduation). A mailing will be sent to each family. If you don't receive a form, please complete one that can be found in the Welcome Area at church or contact Morgan Oldenburg at 414-352-8990 or [morgan@foxpointchurch.org](mailto:morgan@foxpointchurch.org). We need a form from everyone in order to send a care package, even if your address is the same as last year. We will also be asking parents of our post-high school members to donate "goodies" to these boxes. We hope to brighten this sometimes stressful part of the year for our "Beyond High School" young adults.

Return your form by Sunday, October 20!

## Make a Joyful Noise!

If you've ever thought about joining handbells, now is the time! We will soon start learning music to play throughout the Christmas season. Join us to play some beautiful music in church and participate in a handbell festival in December. This is a great opportunity to learn a new skill or pick up where you left off and it's a fun, challenging, and fulfilling way to serve our church. If you have reservations or concerns, talk to a current ringer! They will calm your fears and tell you how much fun we have. Feel free to email me with questions at [larrison@foxpointchurch.org](mailto:larrison@foxpointchurch.org). All experience levels are welcome to come to rehearsals on Thursdays from 6-7pm. I hope to see you there!

# Outreach

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## All Peoples

At our first All Peoples serving date on September 25 we had a large turnout serving approximately 90 adults and children. Our second serving date is Wednesday, October 23 and 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. If you can help out by either preparing the main dish or a dessert please sign-up at the Outreach Kiosk.

## One Evening of your Time Can Make a Real Difference

Our tutoring team at Cross Lutheran Church needs volunteers. You can tutor every week or serve as substitute—no experience necessary. FPLC member Dr. Betty Amuzu who set up the program will provide you with personal guidance and printed materials. Being a volunteer tutor is really rewarding...and impacts inner city children in an amazingly positive way. Betty is passionate about the program.

*Tutoring central city kids was a calling that came to me a few years ago. The idea come back repeatedly, keeping me up at night until I decided to pursue it. I raised 3 children and helped with 2 others so I believed I had something to offer. The absolute joy of working in this program – as you get past some of the bravado to realize they are truly kids at heart and thrive on attention and praise – took me by surprise. Their pride as they learn a new skill, their surprise as they learn that learning can be fun, and their senses of humor were truly wonderful! I don't know where else one can accomplish so much and get so much back by giving such a little—just a couple of hours a week. We saw them grow academically and personally and begin to trust in the greater world around them – just by being there and showing that we care.*

Sign up today in the Welcome Area to:

- Tutor most Tuesdays or Thursdays
- Substitute periodically
- Provide a simple meal for 12 people—students and tutors—once a month.

Betty can put you in touch with tutors and answer any questions! Contact her at 262-957-6680 or [betty.amuzu@aurora.org](mailto:betty.amuzu@aurora.org).

## The Gathering

We are very fortunate to have all the volunteers we need for the next serving at The Gathering on November 2. You can still help by providing cookies, milk and coffee. Items need to be dropped off in the church office by 4pm on Thursday, October 31.

## Donate Life

Tuesday, October 22— 2pm to 6pm  
Fellowship Hall

There are many good reasons to donate blood: FPLC's next Blood Drive will be your opportunity to help children and adults undergoing cancer treatment, organ transplants, or any kind of surgery. They may need blood transfusions in order to survive.

Severe burn victims need plasma and platelets. Patients receiving bone marrow transplants may require platelets and red cells. Accident and other blood loss victims may require blood transfusions of 20 units of blood. People with sickle cell anemia may need transfusions to avoid complications such as stroke, blindness or other organ damage.

These are some of the reasons to give an hour of your time and a pint of your blood. Consider this vital gift, sign-up, come to Fellowship Hall and talk with the Blood Center staff about the donation process. Many people will THANK YOU!

Sign-up Sunday morning at church, call the church office or go online to the Blood Center of WI.

Contact person is Kathy Sauer 414-964-2617.

## Our Members Do It Again...

Reading the appeal in the October 6 Welcome about the wash machine at Serenity Inn wearing out, a generous FPLC family purchased a new machine this week for the Inn! And the children in the family participated in the purchase by adding the money they had saved in their banks as well as their allowance money for the month.

The residents at Serenity are often amazed by the lovely meals the dinner fellowship volunteers bring every night. This “gift” can be added to the list of generous actions that touch them.

Thank you, FPLC, for the many ways you give and you make a difference in the community!

# Outreach

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## Operation Christmas Child Update



Many of you have asked what you can find or buy to help with our shoe boxes this year. It's an easy answer—we **need and can use anything and everything!**

Our goal this year is 1,255 boxes. Here is what we have managed to collect so far:

- 496 toothbrushes
- 481 stuffed animals
- 419 bars of soap
- 335 pencils
- 191 small toys
- 50 pens
- 49 boxes of crayons

Of course, we have also collected LOTS of other items, including hair ornaments, socks, children's jewelry, and McDonald's toys.

Thank you for your continuing generosity. We can accept donations until **Nov. 17**. Our kids are so excited to see what we can do, and there will be lots of children all over the world who will experience our love for them and for our God.



# Outreach

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## Only Three Weeks until our Holiday Boutique!

*And we are counting on your help!*

The event will be open to the public on Friday, November 8 and Saturday, November 9 and on Sundays, November 10 and 17.

We still have several needs:

- People to help with the set up and the sale itself
- Special crafts that you create—i.e., hand-knit scarves, candles, toys
- Baked goods –sign up sheet in Welcome area
- Truvia plastic jars with green lids
- High quality crafts and gift items—new ones or items you would like to “re-gift.”

**We cannot accept used or outdated items!**

- Fine jewelry and vintage costume jewelry

Please drop off your contributions at the Welcome Kiosk on Sundays or bring them to the church office. By donating and/or signing up, you are also helping people in need. All of the proceeds directly benefit our local Outreach partners, our Inreach program which helps our own members who need support, and the Tanzania scholarship fund.

*On Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup> and both Sundays, children can buy gifts for family members and friends in our Secret Santa Shop for just \$1 each! Email your friends, family and neighbors and invite them to shop!*

Contact person: Bunny Raasch-Hooten  
[brh@wi.rr.com](mailto:brh@wi.rr.com) or 414-403-6788

## Make a Difference Day Saturday, November 2 Volunteers Needed!

The Interfaith Neighborhood Outreach Program needs volunteers to help older adults prepare their homes for winter. Volunteers are needed to help rake leaves, clean windows, pull gardens, put up storm windows, etc. Last year over 1,100 volunteers helped over 350 older adults get their homes ready for winter. The Make a Difference Day is November 2 from 9am-1pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please call The Volunteer Center at 273-7887.

## Clarifying the Bayside Garden Center Debit Cards!

A wonderful comment from a member who purchased a card this week:

*“I am always going in there for something, and by getting a debit card at church, and using it just like cash at the garden center, I’m helping kids in Tanzania, too!”* You can do the same!

- Purchase a card **at church** in the amount of \$25, \$50 or \$100 and keep it in your wallet. You cannot purchase them at the Garden Center!
- Use your card for the supplies you need to get your garden ready for winter, for plants, for Halloween decorations, for Christmas trees, for holiday gifts. They are good forever!
- Give them as gifts for your family, friends, and members of your staff!
- Sleep well knowing that you are helping kids in Tanzania. Our church keeps 15% of what you pay for the card and uses the proceeds for our Tanzania scholarship program. We thank our friends at Bayside Garden Center for making this possible!

Don’t find yourself in the same boat that many of us do...shopping at the garden center and suddenly remembering you should have purchased one.

**Get your card at the Welcome Desk or in the church office.**

## Bikes Needed

Do you have a bike that you no longer use? Is it hanging in the garage? There are inner city children who would love to have it. Buzz Althoen of Memorial Lutheran Church in Glendale has been refurbishing these bikes for a long time and would love to have it. The bicycles are given primarily to children in the Hephatha Lutheran Church area of 18th and Locust and Reformation Lutheran Church on 35th Street just south of North Avenue. 26” and 24” mountain bikes are the most popular but any size bike is welcome.

Please call Buzz at 414-228-9647 and he will be glad to pick up your bike. Thank you!!!

# One of our Members—103 Years Old? Amazing!!

The oldest member of our church family recently reached her 103rd birthday. Her name?

**PEARL FLEMING**

Let's celebrate her presence among us.

The Fleming family joined FPLC in 1957, one year after the completion of the main sanctuary. One of the three Fleming daughters, Sharon Hipke, also remains a member today along with her husband, Ed. Pearl became an active member early on and volunteered in the office for many years. We didn't have high tech equipment in those years and each Thursday afternoon Pearl had the major task of assembling hundreds of the next Sunday's church bulletins. Soon she spent Sunday mornings as a greeter and host at the Welcome Desk. Luther Manor became her home in 1990. Once she was "settled in", she didn't mind the drive to FPLC and continued to serve in many capacities, whenever she was needed, until she could no longer drive. The country then was filled with many changes, as it is today. William Howard Taft was president when Pearl was born in 1910. She has lived to see 18 presidents in office. The Model T Ford was already on the market for two years and sold for \$950.00. A pound of coffee sold for \$.05 and bedsheets sold for \$.65 each. In 1910 the U.S. population was 91.9 million people. Today it is approximately 350 million people. In 1920 when Pearl was ten years old, women got the right to vote. That same year, Prohibition began and 1,092 breweries were closed and 177,790 "saloons" went out of business. Today Pearl is confined to a wheelchair and can no longer remember many of the things that happened in her lifetime. She enjoys long naps and the other day admitted to "being bored". Yes, she always did have a good sense of humor. She never complains about her ability to "keep up" and has found that special inner peace to which we all would aspire. This 103 year old fellow member remains, as always, content, sweet and pleasant. Above all, she knows the true peace that comes from Jesus Christ.

*"Cheers" and God's richest blessings to you in your 103rd year and always Pearl!*

## Serving

<u>October 20</u>	SERVING:	<u>October 27</u>
8:00 Kathy Braun 9:00 Mark Fiedler 10:30 Karen Tait	<b>Lectors</b>	8:00 Ralph McClure 9:00 Jeff Adix 10:30 Jeff Remsik
8:00 Christensen Team 9:00 Janik Team 10:30 Keehn Team	<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 McClure Team 9:00 Gebel Team 10:30 Harland Team
9:00 Ben & Peg Young 10:30 Mark & Minna Smith	<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	9:00 Gary & Miriam Erickson 10:30 Guy & Ellen Schaefer
Kathy Sauer	<b>Welcome Kiosk</b>	TBD
Sara Hansen Christie Krugler	<b>Comm. Aides</b>	
Michelle Kornitz	<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Michelle Kornitz
9:00 Jim Severin, Dolores Stops 10:30 Paul & Nancy Rosenheimer	<b>Super Greeters</b>	9:00 June Bell, George Hinkens 10:30 Andy & Lori Barrieau

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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  
Sheila Dlugi  
Nikki Etheridge  
Verlie Keehn  
Pam Fuhry  
Audrey  
Holly Beard  
(sister of Wendy Randazzo)  
Marion Pohlmann  
Marcia Kaye  
Shirlee Rosendahl  
Odelle Leonard  
Susie  
Carol Larson  
Helen  
Sue Keehn  
Michael  
Dan Jones  
Tim Lynch  
Gary  
Jan  
Andrew Mittnacht  
Al Szopinski

Logan & Katherine  
Lance  
Joni Christensen  
Rick  
Sharon Abel  
Sue Wolf (sister of Janet Quail)  
Cowper Harley  
Jean Sebastian  
Gary Wischnewski  
Katie Watson  
Dina Johnson  
June Hoffmann  
June Wilke  
Howard Welty  
Dana  
Jennifer Emerick Kuntz  
Brynlee  
Louise Erbach (mother of Chris Adam)  
George Kettling  
Elys Kettling  
Gary Villnow  
Jessica & Chad, Kai,  
Cale and Cash Agamaite  
Wayne  
Katherine

### Military

Samantha  
Ben  
Parker  
David  
Eric

### Congratulations

Jamie Rinehart & Jami Gardebrecht  
were married October 5.

Carter Douglas Keehn, son of  
Douglas & Jamie Keehn, was baptized  
October 6.

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

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Pr. Cheever 414-573-4138***