



Messenger

Engaging Enthusiastic Followers of Jesus

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Stewardship 2012

WE ARE FAMILY!

My wife, Diane, has a large family. Growing up with seven brothers and sisters has affected how she sees the world and how she loves. It has given her this sense that she is loved and cared for not just by one person but by nine. There were times when her mom and dad would be the only people who could care for her or comfort her. There were times when only her older sister was the perfect person to give her advice. Her brothers taught her how to play baseball and how to be self-reliant. Her younger sisters allowed her to experience childlike joy and wonder even after she had become a cynical teen. Her life in a large family has been filled with a mix of struggle and joy, but mostly love and blessing. She loves her large family and they are committed and connected in a way that when one of them is hurting, they all hurt, and when one of them needs help, they all come to the rescue.

I grew up in a small family, but in our church I feel like I live in a big family. We are committed to each other in love for our God and our Lord. We care for each other even when it stretches us or is inconvenient. We may not all agree on everything. We may EVEN be on different sides of the political spectrum! But we are COMMITTED to each other in love! When one of our brothers or sisters is in need, there is nothing that can get in our way. We are also committed to helping each other grow in our love for God. We understand that as we grow our faith, we grow in our ability to love, serve, connect, and worship. We grow all of the things that make us better people of God.

Our church family is a powerful way God’s love grows and is shared in our community and in the world. It is stewardship time, and people usually think that stewardship is all about money. It’s not! It is about how we grow our faith and take care of those in need. In the weeks ahead, please pray and consider how you can share both your time and your financial support with your church family. Where are the places you need to grow as a brother or sister in Christ? Where are the places you can help others grow? How can you help support our family so that it blesses God’s people. This year our focus will be on growing our support to reach out to those in need, planning and being prepared for the future, and making sure we can reach and touch people with God’s amazing love.

Since our theme this year is “We Are Family”, I can’t resist sharing the lyrics to the Sister Sledge 80’s hit because they are a powerful statement about the power of family and...I love the song.

*We are family, I got my brothers sisters with me
We are family, Get up ev'rybody and sing
Ev'ryone can see we're together
As we walk on by and we fly just like birds of a feather
I won't tell no lie, all of the people around us they say
Can they be that close, Just let me state for the record
We're giving love in a family dose*

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Health Ministry

Living Healthy Is A Prayer

Think Pink!

Flip your clean, pink Yoplait lids into a basket on the last kiosk behind the Welcome desk from now until December 16. Yoplait makes a donation to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation for every pink lid collected. Thank you for your support.



Faulty or Faithful Focus

Have you ever thought about what your vision would be like without necessary prescriptive glasses? Without our corrective lenses we may have blurred vision and miss out on the natural beauty of the world. Many of us are nearsighted, not in our eyesight but in our life focus. We need to have a vision that extends beyond tomorrow. Many of us without direction miss out on what life has to offer. We put our lives on hold; waiting for the right job, the right spouse, a child. Waiting for the child to grow up, waiting for retirement...waiting for something to give our lives meaning. This faulty focus makes contentment out of our reach. What do you live for? Are you simply enduring the present while waiting for the future?

This poem was written by a fourteen year old and illustrates the sadness of living without a focus. It makes me stop and take inventory of my own focus and sense of purpose in life.

*It was spring but it was summer I wanted; the warm days and the great outdoors.
It was summer but it was fall I wanted; the colorful leaves and the cool dry air.
It was fall but it was winter I wanted; the beautiful snow
and the joy of the holiday season.
It was now winter but it was spring I wanted;
the warmth and the blossoming of nature.
I was a child but it was adulthood I wanted; the freedom and respect.
I was twenty but it was thirty I wanted; to be mature and sophisticated.
I was middle-aged but it was twenty I wanted; the youth and the free spirit.
I was retired but it was middle-age that I wanted;
the presence of mind without limitations.
My life was over but I never got what I wanted.*

So, what are you waiting for? Realizing that life is short helps us use the little time we have more wisely and for eternal good. Take time to number your days by asking, "What do I want to see happen in my life before I die? What small step can I take toward that purpose today?" Put God at the center of your focus and then through prayer and reflection a new and fulfilling focus can develop.

Peace, health, and healing in Christ,
Joni Ledzian

Fellowship

Save the Date

Wednesday, November 14

Men's/Women's Clubs Joint Meeting

Lunch & Program at The Town Club, Fox Point

Speaker: Ms. Janen Najeeb of the
Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition

Away from Home Addresses

We are looking for addresses for our post-high school members. Later this fall the high school students will be putting together College Care Packages (this includes high school grads from the last 4-5 years who entered college, the work force, or the military after high school graduation). A mailing has been sent. If you haven't received one, please complete a form that can be found in the Welcome Area at church or contact Linda Cole at cole@foxpointchurch.org or 414-352-8990.

We need your information asap—no later than 10/21. We will also be asking parents of our post-high school members to donate “goodies” to these boxes.

We need a form from everyone....even if the address is the same as last year.

Advent

To prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas, Christians observe a four week period called Advent. Much as Lent serves as a penitential season prior to Easter, Advent themes of Christ's first (and second) coming invite us to a time of eager anticipation, and longing for Christ's presence.

To usher in this season, our worship experience on the first day of Advent (December 2) will be a service of lessons and carols. Scripture readings of prophecy are interspersed with choir anthems and congregational hymns, closing with communion. The advent experience is bookended on Christmas Eve, with New Testament readings that tell the Christmas story, also closing with Holy Communion.

Extra singers are welcome to join the chancel choir for the lessons and carols service. We will begin working on the music this Thursday, October 18, at 7pm. Please contact Kevin Bailey, Director of Worship and Music, at the church office, or bailey@foxpointchurch.org if you have further questions.

Girlfriends - Friends or Foes?

On Tuesday, October 23 from 6:30-8:00pm, Congregational Care and Youth Ministries of FPLC will sponsor a program on “Girlfriends – Friends or Foes?” This program has been very popular in the past. Girls in grades 3-8 and their mothers are invited to attend. Psychologist, Mary Jo Caminiti, 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. Even if you have attended this program before you may wish to come again.

Sign up in the Welcome Area. If you have any questions please contact Joni, your parish nurse at 352-8990 x 117.

Dealing Gracefully with the Challenges of Aging Parents

Led by FPLC members, 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 meets on Tuesdays from 12 noon-1:30 pm in the Pine Room. Remaining sessions will be held on October 23 and 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.

Outreach

All Peoples Needs Your Help!

Our next All Peoples serving date is Wednesday, October 24. We are looking for individuals to prepare a main dish (recipe provided and can be found at the Outreach Kiosk) or a dessert; either item would have to be dropped off at the church office before 4:00pm 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 More Chance in 2012

One date remains for the dinner fellowship this year, Friday, Dec. 21. Do you 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 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.

If you can serve on Friday, Dec. 21, sign up at the Outreach Kiosk where you will also find FAQs information, with Lorraine Buehler at 414-964-8933, or online at volunteerwiz.com/calendar/foxpointlutheran.

Thank you for considering this rewarding service opportunity.

High School Youth

High Schoolers: Don't you want to procrastinate homework on Sunday night?
COME TO YOUTH GROUP 7:00-8:30pm!
October 21 TRUST
October 28 FEAR
November 4 Service Project
November 11 Special Guest!

Oh How Great to Fill Every Crate!!



It's harvest season.....and we are so fortunate to have food to put on our tables. But many in Milwaukee are not as blessed. Many are struggling to make ends meet and buy groceries. As fall is setting in, days are getting shorter and cold is coming, do remember those in need.

Your Outreach Committee has put a stack of crates by the entryways. Let's do our best to fill them every week. Thank you for your continued donations!

When Bad Things Happen to Good People

On Sunday, October 7, in worship at FPLC we engaged the question of suffering. Facing our pain and adversity can be difficult in many ways-- physically, emotionally, and intellectually.

Rabbi Harold Kushner is the author of a very, very helpful book entitled, When Bad Things Happen to Good People. If you are interested in reading through this book with Pastor Bruce and others from our church, please contact Pastor Bruce by phone, 414-352-8990 or email cheever@foxpointchurch.org.

If there is sufficient interest, you will be contacted with more information on meeting times and dates.

Italy 2014 - Come join us!

Our Chancel Choir is traveling to Rome, Florence, and Venice in June 2014. Our trip will include a joint concert with other choirs in a performance of Vivaldi's *Gloria*, singing in a Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, and soaking in the art and architecture of Italy's great cities.

This trip is open to members of the congregation, even if you don't think you'll sing with us! Joanne Ginster has volunteered to be our trip coordinator. She can be reached at 414-540-0953. Deposits are due soon, to lock in our airfare rate. Come join us! Come sing, or just come listen!

Outreach

A FPLC Promising Young Scholar Sends a Thank You Note

The seven college students from our partner churches in Milwaukee (Cross Lutheran, All Peoples and Peace Lutheran) who received the Fox Point Lutheran Young Scholars Awards in August have all written to express their gratitude for the scholarships.

Students received \$750 to help with their college expenses and are eligible to apply a second time. Laura Bolling is a second-year recipient. Laura's home church is All Peoples, and she is a sophomore at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn. majoring in Communications and Digital Media Arts. She writes:

I am officially back in the full swing of things. The first week is already completed, and the work has begun. However, it is good to be back and everything is going well so far. Just a lot of homework on top of being involved in many things on campus and having several jobs.

I want to thank you once again for giving me the scholarship. I was able to buy my books and I even have some extra left over. I plan on using that to buy next semester's books.

God Bless!

Laura

Thanks for your Help in Stocking the Hygiene Closet at Serenity Inn!

True to form, FPLC members again gave generously to defray expenses for the hygiene closet at Serenity Inn. Your donations of razors, shaving cream, deodorant, soap, towels, sheets, paper products, alarm clocks and the like are a huge help in holding down the costs so that more of the budget can be allotted for programming for the residents, all of whom are in recovery from drug and/or alcohol abuse.

Boutique Bakers Wanted!

The annual Fox Point Holiday Boutique is just around the corner (November 9-11 and 18). We need volunteers to make cookies, bars, quick breads and other wonderful homemade baked goods at home to sell the first weekend of the event. Signup sheets and important baking/packaging instructions are available at the Outreach Kiosk. For more information, please contact Sue Jurack at 262-240-2234 or sue@birchwoodci.net.



Santa Needs Helpers

Sign up today to help with our annual Holiday Boutique! We need lots of volunteers to make it a success—cashiers and people to wrap purchases, sell baked goods, and welcome and help our guests in all areas. These are the shifts:

Public sale - Friday, Nov. 9 and Saturday, Nov. 10 - 8:30am-12:30pm and 12:15pm to 4:15pm

Sundays, November 11 and 18 - 8:30-10:30am and 10:15am-12:30pm

We also need elves to help us set up the Boutique and price items on Wednesday, November 7 and Thursday, November 8 starting at 9am both days.

We welcome any hours and any shifts you can cover. To volunteer, please sign up at the kiosk on Sunday or contact Margi Will at 262-241-9281 or Margaretwill52@gmail.com.

We also welcome your donations—crafts you've created, costume and real jewelry, and upscale, unique and special items and experiences for the silent auction. Contact brh@wi.rr.com.

All proceeds benefit our Outreach programs which provide support and help to people in our community and in Tanzania.

Operation Christmas Child

1,000 or Not... Here We Come!!

After packing 946 boxes for Operation Christmas Child last year, we are shooting for 1,000 this year! That's a lot of boxes—and a lot of the things that we pack inside! It will be wonderful if we can make our goal, but still wonderful to help whatever number of children that we can.

I am often asked what we need the most. The answer: whatever you can donate! I have been so touched by what has come our way. One little girl saw empty shoe boxes in a store, went inside, talked with the manager, and emerged with bags of shoe boxes. Two brothers in Sunday school keep a box in their room that they fill with unused items throughout the year. Another girl shops garage sales for the items we pack. Another woman donated bags and bags of items from her mother, who was downsizing. Every year, several children give up lots of their beloved stuffed animals.

Your love and generosity, as always, are overwhelming! So check your drawers, clean your basement, and shop the sales and dollar stores! Whatever you can give, we will use!

In each box, we try to pack:

One larger toy or a few smaller toys

One stuffed animal

One bar of soap, at least one toothbrush, toothpaste, and combs or hair ornaments

A box of markers or crayons

A few pencils, pens, erasers, and other assorted school supplies

Miscellaneous items (e.g., socks, mittens, jewelry)

A few pieces of candy



Collections bins are near the front door and at the entrance to Sunday school. Many thanks!

Serving

<u>October 21</u>	SERVING:	<u>October 28</u>
8:00 Kathy Braun 9:00 Bill Lind 10:30 Andy Barrieau	Lectors	8:00 Kathy Braun 9:00 Jeff Adix 10:30 Lori Langholz
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
9:00 Allen & Asli Cooper 10:30 Kevin Kosobud, Sherie Kubiak-Librizzi	Coffee Hour Hosts	9:00 Gerald & Sandra Osborne 10:30 Mark & Minna Smith
Kathy Sauer	Welcome Kiosk	TBD
9:00 Nolan Fergus, Trevor Strunk 10:30 JP Benson, Will Langholz	Acolytes	9:00 Daniel Metzendorf, Will Venable 10:30 Chase Duggan, Connor Duggan
Michelle Kornitz	Worship Assistant	Susan Janik
9:00 Cathy & Jeff Croatt 10:30 Lynn and Rick Miller	Super Greeters	9:00 Brenda & Tadd Trier 10:30 Betsy & Bruce Olson

Golf Classic Thank You

Merci

Thank You

Gracias

....to everyone who made this year's Golf Classic another success!

We had a wonderful 11th Annual Golf Classic out at Fire Ridge Golf Club on Saturday, July 21! The final tally brought us to almost \$9,000 profit to donate to our many Outreach Ministries.

We couldn't have done it without the support from so many:

VOLUNTEERS – both preparation and day of
GOLFERS (see list) – camaraderie, laughter, donations
SPONSORS – corporate and private

The Outreach Committee and the Golf Classic Committee both thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

Mark your calendar to join us again next year!

Saturday, June 22, 2013

2012 Golf Classic Participants

Colleen & Ed Ashenden	Jean Nell
Bruce Cheever	Bill Nell Jr.
Allen & Asli Cooper	Bill Nell Sr.
Rodney Craig	Steve Nord
Tom, Sandy & Michael Dunst	John Poelzer
Dave Ellwein	Dave & Gael Romoser
Gary Erickson	Kelly & Sean Ronayne
Patrick Feerick	Robert Ronayne
Joe Graf	Paul Rosenheimer
George Hinkens	George & Dotty Roth
Heide & Jayson Hongsermeier	Andrew Schroeder
Charlie James	John Schroeder
Janie & Tom Klug	Bob Schulz
Pastor Bill & Diane Knapp	Debby Schwendel
Bill Lind	Mark Smith
Eric & Lori Lorenz	Terry Stuhlmacher
Steve Meyer	Howard & Pat Wilkins
Gary Mudra	

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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
 John
 Kate
 Audrey
 Julie Burger
 Holly Beard (sister of Wendy Randazzo)
 Jim
 Judy
 Herold Praefke
 Jason
 Claudine Hammarlund
 Dan Jones
 Anthony
 Eleanor
 Diane Richards
 Sally
 Jack
 Tatum

Chloe Orvis
 Marion Pohlmann
 Andrea
 Lee Nelson
 Ellen
 Marcia Kaye
 Jim Krause
 Glenn Buzzard
 Jack DeMunck
 Elaine Zarse
 Edward
 Ellen
 Wayne
 Mary Schroeder
 John Schwendel
 Laura
 Gladys Downey
 Erik Erlandson
 Nancy Rosenheimer

May God's peace and blessings be with Kristin, Chris, Alexander and Genna Fish upon the death of Kristin's father Richard Slaby. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Our sympathy to Howard & Joyce Appleby on the unexpected death of their son Gary, Monday, October 8, during heart surgery.
 Please also keep Tom, Diane, and the entire Appleby family in your thoughts and prayers.

Military

Samantha
 Ben
 Parker
 David

Congratulations

Henry Michael Guinane, son of Joel & Christy Guinane and little brother to Reid, was born September 21.
 Proud grandparents are Jos. & Kathy Sauer.

James Patrick Ellestad, son of Patrick & Jenn Ellestad, was born September 23. Proud grandparents are Jeff & Lindy Swenson.

Sawyer Joseph Ernster, son of Nicholas & Danielle Ernster, was baptized September 30.

Carson Dean Paul, son of Ryan & Sarah Paul, was baptized October 7.

Emily Stockhausen & Kyle Runbeck were married October 12.

Maddux Michael Young, son of Andy & Megan Young, was baptized October 14.

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***