



Messenger

Engaging Enthusiastic Followers of Jesus

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Operation Christmas Child Update



Just 1 Week to Go and Almost There! Can you Help us?

We currently have more than 1,100 empty shoe boxes downstairs! We are hoping to fill these--and even more!--on November 20. Operation Christmas Child brings shoe boxes filled with small gifts, school supplies, and toiletries to those children in over 130 countries who are most in need of tangible evidence of God's love.

We are hoping to beat our goal last year of 1,254 boxes! Can you help?

Here is what we have collected so far. Your generosity, as always, has been amazing! Wonder what a collection of 919 stuffed animals looks like? Feel free to visit our Outreach Room downstairs to see our growing mountain of donations.

- 919 stuffed animals
- 906 small toys
- 836 toothbrushes
- 208 tubes of toothpaste
- 897 bars of soap
- 525 boxes of crayons
- 1,953 pencils (!)
- 1,200 candy packets
- 615 pens

We are also grateful for anything else that you can donate: more shoe boxes, note pads, socks, hair ornaments, combs, brushes, children's jewelry...anything to share our love with these hurting children.

PLEASE BRING IN ALL DONATIONS BY THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17. Thank you!

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Health Ministry

Living Healthy Is A Prayer



The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they are comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure at heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called the sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Thanksgiving is approaching and it is a great reminder to give God thanks for all of our blessings. We are all blessed in different ways. Each beatitude tells us how to be blessed. “Blessed” means more than happiness. It implies the fortunate state of those who are in God’s kingdom. The Beatitudes don’t promise an easy life, pleasure, or earthly prosperity. To Jesus, “blessed” means the experience of hope and joy, independent of outward circumstances. To find hope and joy, the deepest form of happiness, we need to follow Jesus no matter what the cost. In the kingdom of heaven wealth and power and authority are unimportant. Kingdom people seek different blessings and they have different attitudes. What do your attitudes reflect about you? Are you living your life to glorify God and live out His purpose for you? It is easy to envy what blessings other people have and not appreciate your own. Let this Thanksgiving be a time of gratitude for all God has given you. Share with your loved ones at the dinner table what you are most thankful for. Don’t take your blessings for granted. Look for ways to use the gifts God has blessed you with to be a blessing to others. Reflect on these beatitudes and pray for wisdom and strength... and remember to count your blessings.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving.
Peace, health, and healing in Christ,
Joni Ledzian

SAVE the Date for an Exciting FPLC Women’s Retreat!

Fueling Your Faith in Unexpected Places

Plan on joining the women of Fox Point Church for a fun-filled, journey to discover surprising new ways to grow your faith. You will be inspired by the wonderful stories, sharing, and activities designed to open your mind and heart to exploring nontraditional faith builders—while building bonds and friendships with the extraordinary women in our community.

When: Saturday, February 1, 2014

Time: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Location: Fox Point Lutheran Church

Cost: \$20.00 (lunch is included)

Deb Schmidt, professional speaker, trainer, author, and member of FPLC, will be the facilitator.

Fellowship

Upcoming Concert



SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 17 • 2:30 pm
All Saints' Cathedral | 818 East Juneau Avenue | Milwaukee
• FREE ADMISSION •

Kevin Bailey is at the organ and soprano Rachel Stuen is a featured soloist on this upcoming concert celebrating two English composers of choral music: Henry Purcell, from the 17th century, and Benjamin Britten, from the 20th. Come enjoy this wonderful and free program of sacred choral works.

Gingerbread House Decorating

Saturday, December 7

Two Shifts: 9:30am and 11:00am
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
Kids, Parents, Teens, Seniors...and
Everyone in Between

Sign up in the Welcome Area to build the house of your dreams!

Enjoy a long-time family Christmas tradition and create a spectacular gingerbread house. Exciting for the children and an opportunity for adults to rekindle a little magic.

The interest in the Gingerbread House Event is high, so at this time due to a limited number of gingerbread houses, we are encouraging only one or two gingerbread houses per family. Adult supervision is required for those children under age 11. Please be aware that each house takes about an hour to decorate.

Cost per house is \$5.00 – includes gingerbread house and decorations.

Enjoy the magic that comes with families working together. There's nothing like it for getting "visions of sugar-plums dancing around in your head".

Get in the Christmas spirit with carols and a visit from Santa...fun and fellowship for all!

Cookie Exchange

Wednesday, December 18

7:00PM

Fellowship Hall

Now is the time to select your favorite Christmas Cookie recipe and plan to join in the fun (and time-saving experience) of sharing with fellow FPLC members.

Just prepare **6 dozen** of your best holiday cookies to exchange. Bring them and your own container, if you'd like. Containers will also be available at the exchange. (See flyer with guidelines available at sign-up.)

All interested men and women are invited to participate. Refreshments will be served.

Please sign up at the notice in the Kiosk Area beginning November 24.

Please note: This is not the same as the cookie sale at the Holiday Boutique where a variety of cookies were sold by the pound. At the Cookie Exchange, you will share equally with those who participate and you will go home with a beautiful assortment of cookies ready to serve your family and guests at Christmas. Questions? Email Barbara Froemming at BFroemm@aol.com or call her at 414-352-7890.

Women's Club

Festive Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 11

11:30am in Fellowship Hall

All women of the church are invited to attend this fun and festive celebration of Christmas. Guests are also welcome.

There will be a special Christmas program and a delicious luncheon will be served.

Please sign up at the notice in the Kiosk Area beginning November 17.

The cost is \$8.00 per person. Please pay at sign up.



New Heart, New Church

**Just a reminder....
please return your pledge cards!**

Fellowship/Outreach

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service



Please join us for services
Wednesday, November 27 at 7:00pm
as we give thanks for all of our blessings.

Pie Social to follow the service.

Bring along your favorite **unsliced** pie to the kitchen
before the service to share following the service.

Young at Heart Christmas

Join us at Taylor & Dunn's for a wonderful lunch
and Christmas music, "Let There be Light",
performed by David Drake. The popular Christmas
prizes are always fun, thanks to Paul and Nancy
Rosenheimer. There are two delicious lunch choices.
Sign up early in the Welcome Area.

Friday, December 6, with social time at 11:30 and
lunch at noon, followed by music and prizes.

\$17.00 per person (checks preferred)

All Peoples

Our next All Peoples serving date is Wednesday,
November 20. We are looking for individuals to
prepare a main dish (recipe provided and can be
found at Outreach Kiosk) or a dessert. We have been
serving over 100 people so the need is great for
volunteers to make the main dish. 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.

Stop and Shop... Last Day of Boutique

Beautiful gift baskets, children's gifts, jewelry, tasty
treats—you'll find them all in Fellowship Hall!

Your purchases support our Outreach programs...
those in need in our community who are helped by
our partners like Cross Lutheran Church, Serenity
Inns, Alice's Garden, and others...as well Joni's
Congregational Care programs which provide
support for our own members who need help.

Put Tanzania at the Top of your List

This Christmas, be sure to support our scholarship
program for secondary students in our partner
parishes in Usa River and Ngarenanyuki. Our next
gift of \$5000 is due January first.

As their photos on our display board show, our
friends radiate happiness in spite of living in a
poverty stricken country. There are several ways you
can help—getting both concrete gifts and the joy of
helping others in return! You can purchase:

- A charming miniature nativity scene created by
African artisans from the fiber of banana palms—
perfect as gifts or for your home. Each includes
figure of Mary, Joseph, the baby Jesus, three
shepherds, three wise men and two animals. All
fit into the small stable for easy storing. \$40
- Beautiful handcrafted ornaments from Tanzania.
Various prices.
- Bayside Garden Center Debit Cards. Use them
for all your holiday purchases or as Christmas
gifts. We retain 15% of the value of the card.
- Goats - To help widows who are caring for
orphaned children, you can also purchase a goat
for \$150. It will provide nourishment for the
adopting family, and its kids will be given to
others in need.

Outreach

Winners All Around

We are delighted to bring you the long-delayed results from September's Interfaith Fox Trot 5K Fun Run/Walk! Dozens of adults and kids took part in the event—a fun time for all. The winner of the 5K was Andrew Hartinger.

The other beneficiaries are people in our community who are victims of family violence. The proceeds from the Fox Trot co-sponsored by our church and North Shore Congregational—*more than \$900*—will go to our Outreach partner, Sojourner Family Peace Center.

We are grateful to our Presenting Sponsors, Cornerstone Community Bank/Fox Point Branch and A. S. Korpi Communications and our other sponsors, Winkie's, underwriter of our bibs, and Performance Running Outfitters.

Thanks are also due to all of our volunteers including Rich Moore, finish line coordinator, Brueggers Fox Point and Masters Wholesale for post race snacks, and our raffle donors: Otto's of Bayside, Centennial Bar & Grille, the Barnums & Quivvers, Jeff and Mary Beth Duggan, Janet Reinhoffer, Jennifer Nickens, Mark and Minna Smith, Steve and Nancy Jackson of Fashion Angel, and quilter Judy Miller.

Help Change a Child's Life!

...with just two hours of your time! FPLC member Dr. Betty Amuzu has a critical need for substitutes for our tutoring program at Cross Lutheran Church. The number of students seeking help is now up to 8, and others are waiting until we can provide more volunteers.

Chris Scotton writes:

What's so great about the tutoring sessions? It's the simple joy of knowing we are all in this together -- the students and the tutors -- sharing a meal and the week's experiences with each other, and then doing homework together, studying together. Exploring the pitfalls of adolescence together. Keeping each other in our thoughts and prayers. It feels like grace to me.

Join Chris and our other volunteers! No teaching experience necessary.

Subs and tutors needed Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8PM

Contact: Dr. Betty Amuzu 262-957-6680 or betty.amuzu@aurora.org

Chili Champs Chosen

More than 130 grownups and kids chowed down on a variety of delicious dishes at the first annual FPLC Chili Throwdown and Fall Festival on Sunday, November 3. It was a fun-filled—and stomach-filling—event!

Milwaukee's top chef and caterer Scott Shully judged the 15 entries with his wife and partner Beth at his side. The selections ranged from traditional but spruced and spiced up beef chilies to white chicken chili and vegetarian offerings for the gastronome.

Scott's choice for first place was *OK Corral* created by Renee Knapp and her father-in-law Rod Ostrowski. Be sure to check out the Holiday Boutique Auction; Renee is offering to prepare their award winning chili for a dinner for eight! Attendees gave the *People's Choice Award* to Renee's and Rod's *OK Corral* with *Texas Roadhouse* chili by Pastor Bill and Susan Janik coming in second.

The crowd selected Andy Barrieau's *Chili Today, Hot Tamale* as the most creative concept, and—you guessed it! Rene and Rod took second place in this competitive category. We hope to put together a recipe booklet in the future.

Coordinator Pat Wilkins did an amazing job of coordinating the event and making the night run smoothly. In her words, "It was an event that attracted all demographics of our congregation--young families, singles, empty nesters—a great mix of people. The timing of Sunday early evening was a big draw. I also think people love to cook and love to eat!"

Brenda Trier helped with the set up, and Amy Beno oversaw the kids' activities. The table decorations were a gift from Bayside Garden Center. Everyone in attendance is ready for a repeat performance!

In addition to donating their time, the Shullys provided the winners with gift certificates as did the Nine's Restaurant at the River Club and the Highland House. Be sure to thank Scott and Beth when you see them! Shully's caters weddings and events throughout the area and has a new beautiful, huge room for social and corporate events called the Watermark at their place in Thiensville. Their Thien Room is perfect for smaller groups, and their ever-popular Chef's Table is a rare, dining experience, with Scott preparing a multi-course menu paired with wines and serving it to you at your specially-reserved table in the kitchen.

Honoring Veterans/All Saints Day

Honoring Our Military Family

We honor America's veterans for their patriotism, their love of country, their willingness to serve and their sacrifices for the common good. Fox Point Lutheran Church has a number of veterans in our congregation who have served our country. We salute you and thank you for your service!

Bob Adams	US Air Force	Paul Knapp	US Air Force (active)
Dawn Braun	US Army	Bart Libal	US Army
Bill Buehler	US Air Force	James T. Locke	US Army
Charles Buscher	US Army	Chris Martin	US Marines
Thor Christensen	US Army	Phil McGoohan	US Army
Larry Cianciola	US Air Force	Jeff McLean	US Navy (active)
Curt Claus	US Air Force	Christine McLean	US Air Force (active)
Bruce C. Cole	US Army	Joseph Metzendorf	US Navy
Mark Crider	US Navy	John Mulhern	US Army
Tom Drought	US Army	Armin C. Ondrejka	US Army
John Endres	US Army	Jerry Osborne	US Navy
Paul Erickson	US Air Force	Charlie Phillips	US Army
Walter Exner	US Navy/Army	Ron Plietz	US Army
Bill Haker	US Army	John Poelzer	US Army
Ben Halbert	US Army (active)	Herold Praefke	US Navy
Wayne Hansen	US Army	Frank J. Reed	US Marines
Richard Heyer	US Army	R. Paul Rosenheimer	US Navy
Jerry Hiller	US Army	Bob Schreiber	US Army
Sean Huolihan	US Army	Mark Smith	US Navy
John G. Imse	US Army	George Solveson	US Army
James Jurack	US Army	C. Edward Stevens	US Army
Jason Jurack	US Army	Terry Stuhlmacher	US Army
Jerry Keehn	US Army	Warren R. Stumpe	US Army
Dick Kinney	US Air Force	Al Swientek	US Army
Maurice Klasner	US Army	Richard Todd	US Army
		Ken Wolf	US Army

All Saints Day 2013

We remember the members of our church family who have gone to their heavenly home in the past year.

Our heartfelt sympathy to all those who have lost loved ones.

Earl L. Shaw, Jr.

Eva M. Taylor

Howard S. Appleby

Eleanor L. Stevens

Glenn W. Buzzard

Betty R. Hoffman

David W. Kramer

Dorothy E. Imse

James W. Krause

William R. "Bill" Oates, Jr.

Lorraine M. Rosenberg

Edith R. Shaw

Emil H. Kark

Joanne N. Hiller

Harold J. "Stretch" Luedeman

Poinsettia Garden

Christmas Poinsettia Garden

Once again poinsettia plants will be used to decorate the church this Christmas season.

If you would like to participate in this part of the Christmas celebration at FPLC, please fill out the form below and mail it along with a check to the church office, 7510 N. Santa Monica Blvd. Fox Point, 53217



Cost: \$20.00 per plant **Firm Deadline – December 8, 2013**

A list of donors will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletin.
If you wish, you may specify the person being honored or memorialized by your gift.

Write name as you would like it to appear in the bulletin:

Name _____

Person(s) In Honor or Memory of: (Please circle in honor or memory)

Email/Telephone _____

Serving

<u>November 17</u>	SERVING:	<u>November 24</u>
8:00 Kathy Braun 9:00 Charlie Holmes 10:30 Bunny Raasch-Hooten	Lectors	8:00 Ralph McClure 9:00 Michelle Kornitz 10:30 Morgan Oldenburg
8:00 Christensen/Kurtz Team 9:00 Janik Team 10:30 Gebel Team	Ushers	8:00 McClure Team 9:00 Quisler Team 10:30 Harland Team
9:00 Jim Severin, Allison Severin 10:30 Joe & Joanne Graf	Coffee Hour Hosts	9:00 Art & Judy Simpson 10:30 Kevin Kosobud, Laura Van Why
Kathy Sauer	Welcome Kiosk	TBD
9:00 Kate Cheever, Rachel Heinrich 10:30 Ashley Heitz, Alexandra Morgan	Acolytes	9:00 Stephanie Metzendorf, Ava Reinoffer 10:30 Dylan Benson, Anthony Scotton
Brenda Trier	Worship Assistant	Michelle Kornitz
9:00 Dan & Soon Hee Rauwald 10:30 Lori & Mark Langholz	Super Greeters	9:00 Lynn & Rick Miller 10:30 Tanja Felton, Paula Taebel

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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)
Marcia Kaye
Shirlee Rosendahl
Odelle Leonard
Susie
Carol Larson
Helen
Sue Keehn
Dan Jones
Tim Lynch
Gary
Jan
Andrew Mitnacht
Logan & Katherine
Lance

Joni Christensen

Rick
Sharon Abel
Sue Wolf (sister of Janet Quail)
Cowper Harley
Jean Sebastian
Katie Watson
Dina Johnson
June Hoffmann
Howard Welty
Wayne
Dana
Jennifer Emerick Kuntz
Brynlee
Elys Ketting
Gary Villnow
Jessica & Chad, Wilson, Kai,
Cale and Cash Agamaite
Katherine
Karen
Johnnie Luedeman
Betty Poelzer
Donna
Patty Werner

Teddy Schmahl (grandson of
Terry & Karen Schmahl)
Gregg

Our sympathy and prayers be with the family and friends of June Wilke who recently passed away.

God's care and peace be with Kurt, & Carlynn Alt on the death of Kurt's father Robert, grandfather of Ava, Isabelle, Justin, & Will.

Military

Samantha
Ben
Parker
David
Eric

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

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