



Keryx Prison Ministry
P.O. Box 1042
Marquette, MI 49855

*Matthew 25:36
"I was in prison
and you visited me."*

Fall 2014

KERYX of MARQUETTE

*Keryx is a Greek word meaning "herald". In the ancient world, a herald was one sent by his master to proclaim in public the master's message. He dared not change the announcement because it was not his own. His responsibility was only to proclaim it accurately. That is how Paul understood his gospel ministry.
We, in Keryx, as Paul, are mere servants proclaiming our Master's Good News.*



AGAPE/PALANCA LETTER WRITING INSTRUCTIONS

Please note that all agape/palanca must be written expressions on paper, only, and with **NO stickers of any kind** on them. Please address your letters, "Dear Brother in Christ," and write of your support and God's love for the candidates. Palanca will NOT be received by the candidates until **AFTER** the Keryx.

Do not include any identifying information such as your last name, address, phone number, etc. Use only your first name - no exceptions.

All agape for each individual prisoner will be placed in one large envelope and mailed at the end of the weekend. Therefore, do NOT put your letters in envelopes. All letters are read by our volunteers for acceptability and are again screened by Department of Corrections personnel after their arrival at the prison via U.S. Mail.

Please bring your letters by Sunday, October 19, if you come to the closing OR mail or bring to Prince of Peace Church on M-28 in Harvey before Saturday, October 18.

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Thank you Chaplain Tom Prisk

We spoke with Chaplain Tom this week about the upcoming weekend, Keryx #42. He recently received approval from the prison administration and is now completing the necessary paper work. There will be a new volunteer training on October 16, the first day of the Keryx #42 weekend. We are so grateful for all Tom Prisk does to make the Keryx weekends possible. While we are aware of the dedication from team members, we often don't think about the amount of energy and commitment required from the Chaplain.

Thank you, Tom, for all you do to make the weekend flow smoothly.

Note from Keryx 41 Rector

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

I just want to extend my grateful thanks for serving on Keryx #41. It was a truly AWESOME experience leading as your Rector for the weekend. When I was asked to be the Rector for #41 I had said, "No." Well, little did I know how the Holy Spirit works. It is truly amazing! The next day in my daily devotion I read something like this: **If you truly love Christ you will not say no to Christ.** That same day I called Bob Matchett and said, "Yes, sign me up."

It has truly been a blessing to serve in this capacity which is way beyond my comfort zone. I received so much helpful information from former Keryx Rectors and Keryx members. Thank you for all the help and most important, THANK YOU JESUS.

I witnessed hearts and lives changed. I'm blessed to be a part of the Keryx ministry. I'm looking forward to Keryx #42 and working with all of you again.

Thank you and God's Blessings to all,
Joe

Sample Palanca

Dear Brother-in-Christ,

My prayers are with you as you continue your 4th day journey, walking humbly with Christ. May you remember the feeling of God's loving presence throughout the Keryx and may you bring that to others as well. I remember how powerful my own weekend experience was. Since then, I've found that regular grouping, daily prayer and devotions, and consistent examination of conscience practices keep me faithful in my walk. I hope that you will also walk forward, confident as a child of God and desiring to serve as you are called, where you are called.

Your sister/brother-in-Christ,
First name

Help save postage

Thank you to those who have agreed to receive the Keryx Newsletter electronically. It's not too late! If you are willing to get your newsletter on line, email Martha Hayward at marthaannhayward@gmail.com

MANY THANKS!

Thank you to all those churches and individuals who have so generously supported the Marquette Area Keryx Prison Ministry, financially and through your prayers. We would especially like to recognize the Diocese of Marquette through St. Peter's Cathedral, Faith Lutheran Church of Ishpeming, ELCA Northern Great Lakes Synod, Lake Superior Christian Church, and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. We also want to thank our many donors and especially the team members who contribute so generously by giving both time and money. We thank God for your faithfulness as you help us bring the Good News to those incarcerated at Marquette Branch Prison. If you or your church family would like to help defray the costs of putting on a weekend or the costs to print or mail the newsletter, please send a check made payable to "Keryx Prison Ministry", and mail to P.O. Box 1042, Marquette, MI, 49855. Your donation is a tax-deductible contribution under IRS tax code 501 (c)(3). Thank you.

Letter received in our Keryx post office box

We received the following hand made card from the candidates of Keryx #41

Dear Keryx Staff:

Thank you for the sacrifice of your time to come here for us. Special thanks to the "Angels singing" and all the people who prayed for us around the clock. This was a life changing event for us and we will never forget your kindness.

Signed by every candidate from Keryx #41

Keryx Website

The Keryx website has been updated. Check it out: MarquetteKeryx.org. You can read the current newsletter, past newsletters, team meetings, volunteer opportunities, and more. We welcome suggestions for what should be included in the website.

Keryx Commitment

It is important that team members participate in the Keryx maintenance program by attending one Monday night "Prayer and Share" each month and by attending a "Third Saturday Reunion" at least once every 6 months. Some candidates have questioned why they never get to see their sponsor after the weekend. We understand that some team members travel from as far as Houghton, Iron Mountain, Escanaba and that traveling that distance, especially in the winter, is difficult. However, a team member who signs up for the fifth Monday is committing to attend only every third month. Your presence on Monday and Saturday events is important to the Keryx candidates. Team member commitment to Prayer and Share and 3rd Saturday Reunion is a critical part of the Keryx program.

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DO YOU HEAR GOD CALLING?

Is God calling you to visit and serve Him by bearing Christ as a committed volunteer to inmates in the Keryx Prison Ministry at Marquette Branch Prison?

If so, we invite you to join the “active” Keryx Prison Ministry faith community, which holds Keryx weekends and weekly and monthly reunions in the Trustee Chapel at Marquette Branch Prison (more info. below). For more information about this opportunity to serve, call one of the board members.

**Please answer God’s call!
The next Keryx weekend is April 16-19, 2015**

If you are already a **certified volunteer** (have been through the volunteer training program and have participated in a volunteer activity within the past 12 months and have filled out a volunteer application within the past year), have made a 3-day Weekend on the outside and wish to participate in the **Keryx #43 Serenade and Closing**, please bring your driver’s license or other official picture ID with you to the front desk on **Saturday, April 18th, at 3:30 p.m. (no earlier as you will be asked to drive out off the prison property)** for the 4:00 p.m. Serenade, and on **Sunday, April 19th, at 12:30 p.m. (no earlier for the same reason)** for the closing. If you are a certified volunteer, it is still necessary for you to reapply as a volunteer each year. There are two forms that must be filled out and submitted to the prison front desk at least a month prior to the date you plan to attend a prison program. If you have not filled out these forms in the past year, you should call the front desk to check the date on the back of your card. Just a reminder that a handshake is the only contact allowed.

Anyone who is not a certified volunteer but feels God’s calling to become one, please contact one of the board members listed in this newsletter. It is necessary for volunteers to be active to keep their volunteer status current by either serving on Keryx weekend teams and attending a minimum of one Monday night Prayer & Share session per month, and/or by attending Serenades, Closings, and occasional third Saturday afternoon reunions. If you are not certain your volunteer status is current, please call the prison and check before coming.

There are many ways to support the Keryx Team. Consider getting your volunteer card and attending Serenades and Closings, pray for the team and prisoners attending the weekend, provide and/or help serve food for the evening and (early) morning meetings at Prince of Peace Church (please call Paula Matchett at 906-458-2035 to sign up for food options).

PLEASE NOTE: ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the Monday evening (7:00 p.m.) Keryx Alumni Prayer & Share, and the Third Saturday (1:30 p.m.) Alumni Reunion, there are several opportunities to volunteer at Marquette Branch Prison in the Trustee Division (either male or female welcome): Saturday services are held at 5:35 p.m. (Protestant) and 7:15 p.m. (Catholic) and Sunday services are at 5:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. (Protestant). Ichthos Fellowship is on Tuesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. Volunteers should be **at the front desk** 20 minutes prior.

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Donations of **home-baked** cookies are gratefully accepted for Keryx weekends. We would like to bring as many dozen cookies as possible into the prison as a gift to the corrections officers who go out of their way to allow us to come into the prison on these weekends. Please help us out by dropping off your cookies (in disposable packaging please) on Thursday or Friday, October 16 or 17 at Prince of Peace Church in Harvey. Thank you for your generosity!

If you have any comments, suggestions or item contributions for this newsletter, please let me know: Judy Fladung at 249-3052 or Martha Hayward at 475-7582.



Prayer coverage is a vital part of the weekend. Please make a concerted effort to circulate and return (by email is fine) the prayer vigil enclosed in this newsletter.

This is something that EVERYONE can do!

Hearts are softened and God's power works through your prayers!