



**Keryx Prison Ministry**  
**555 Riverside Road**  
**Marquette, MI 49855**

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

Fall 2016

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 16, if you come to the closing OR mail or bring to Prince of Peace Church on M-28 in Harvey before Saturday, October 15.**

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## Thank you Chaplain Tom Prisk

We are grateful for all Chaplain Tom does to make the Keryx weekend happen. We know he is busy and know the Keryx weekend is in addition to his usual busy schedule. Thank you, Chaplain Tom, for all the time and energy you give to the weekend.

Chaplain Tom wants to remind any new volunteers that they need to have their paperwork in to him as soon as possible so that the administration has time to review and approve your application as well as clear your LEIN form. This process needs to be completed before he can add your name to the list for volunteer training /orientation which is scheduled for October 13th from 2:30-4:30pm.

## Note from Keryx 45 Rector

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
I am writing this letter one week removed from the conclusion of the Keryx 45 weekend. As we have witnessed, our commitment to serve was greatly appreciated, not only by the candidates, but by our Lord and Savior, as he sent His Holy Spirit to be with us. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we touched these men's lives to depths we may never know. I find it humbling that I can be used in such a simple way to make our world a better place. Keryx is the most rewarding event I have been involved with in my entire life. To be in the company of strong Christians and feel the Holy Spirit working among, through, and with us is pure joy that renews my spirit. I was not without tears during the serenade...Thank you to everyone involved with Keryx 45, you made my duty as rector fun!  
It is my hope that I will be able to both sing and answer His call for a long time: "Whom shall I send? Here am I Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart."  
Grace, Peace, and God's Blessings to all,  
Gary

## 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 thank Lake Superior Christian Church, a faithful, regular contributor to the Keryx ministry. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church supports us in many ways. They generously allow us to hold team meeting in their church and provide space for the team to gather during the Keryx weekend. 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 Keryx, 555 Riverside Road, Marquette, MI, 49855. Please note this change of address.** As of January 2017, we will no longer receive mail at the P.O. Box. **Your donation is a tax-deductible contribution under IRS tax code 501 (c)(3). Thank you.**

## Sample Palanca

Dear Brother-in-Christ,  
My prayers are with you as you continue your 4<sup>th</sup> 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

## Letter from a Former Keryx Participant:

During my Keryx Weekend twenty-one years ago eight of us candidates were seated at the Table of Joshua with an outside volunteer. It was Devine Intervention as to why I was seated at this Table for over many years I had built up Walls to hide behind. As with Joshua, these Walls came tumbling down as we prayed, sang, and learned about our Savior, Jesus Christ. I spent the remaining ten years in prison participating as an inside volunteer in Keryx Weekends and attending Mass weekly. During one weekend as an inside volunteer while praying at the Altar a Bible was open to Jeremiah 29. Verses 11-14 leapt off the page which immediately caused me to break down and sob uncontrollably. God was talking to me but I didn't realize the impact this would have in my life.

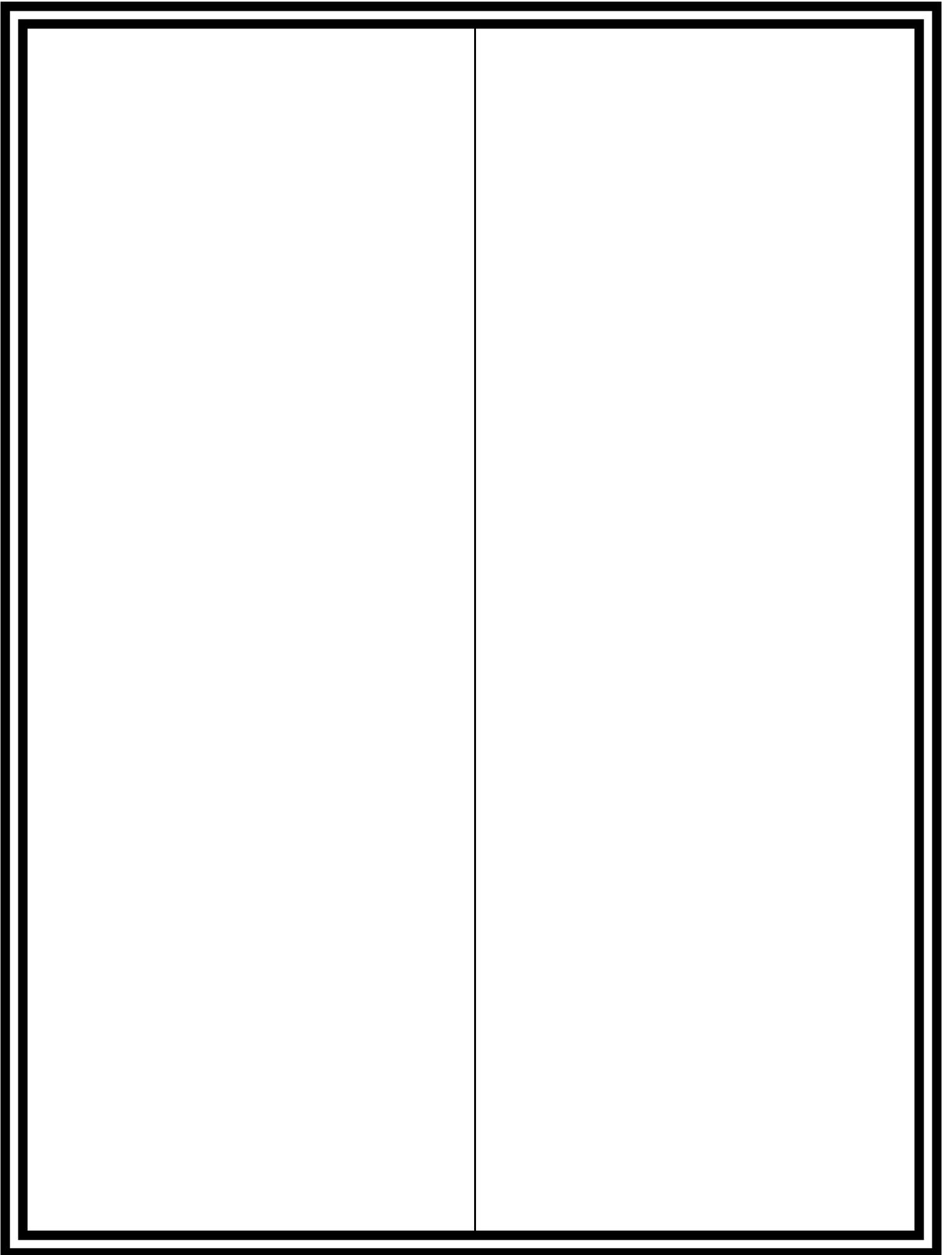
When released I continued my Fourth Day Walk by attending a Cursillo Prayer and Share Group weekly for the last eleven years. There was a time while incarcerated I thought I would not be able to find a church that would accept me in the free world. God had plans for me and provided not just one but two churches enabling me to go to Mass five days a week and have Christian fellowship, guidance and direction. Jeremiah 29:11-14 had come true in my life proving nothing, absolutely nothing happens in God's world by mistake. Prior to prison and Keryx my life was spiraling downward, after prison and having a spiritual awakening as a result of Keryx Prison Ministry the direction has been changed to upward.

Today, whenever songs are sung in Mass that were sung at a Keryx Weekend I think of the men I met. Two of us from the Table of Joshua have remained good friends for 21 years. We E-Mail each other weekly, meet annually for a picnic lunch and encourage each other to continue to Walk the Talk.

Your Brother in Christ,  
John

## 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 [marthaannahayward@gmail.com](mailto:marthaannahayward@gmail.com)



## 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 Keryx weekend is October 13-16**

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 Serenade and Closing** for Keryx 46, please bring your driver’s license or other official picture ID with you to the front desk on **Saturday, October 15 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, October 19 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.

**Volunteers are responsible for keeping track of their status. All you need to do to keep your status current is fill out a new LEIN every March or April. If you forget and let it lapse, your ID is shredded and you will have to go through the whole application process again. In the past reminders were sent out but that does not happen anymore. If your contact information has changed, please email or call Tom Prisk so he can update your information.**

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 Martha Hayward at 906-475-7582 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 13 or 14 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!**