

NEWS-N-NOTES

February 21, 2010—February 28, 2010

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LENT 2010

THE SIGN OF JONAH

Soup Supper at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall

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Worship at 7:00 in the Sanctuary

Each week we will worship in a different musical style—
choral, Celtic, jazz, rock, folk, gospel.

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B:90 meets in Room 27/28, right after worship,
for those who wish to discuss what they have been reading
as they make their way through the whole Bible in 90 days.

Read thru the Bible in 90 Days! The reading outline for **Bible:90** is available on the kiosk in the Atrium. Please pick up a brochure and start the reading plan with over 125 fellow PMLC partners on Sunday, February 21st. If you took the week to decide to make the commitment to read the Bible in 90 days there are commitment cards also available on the kiosk. Fill out a commitment card and place it in the offering plate this morning, or leave it on Linda's desk in the church office. Don't forget to make plans to join Pastor Paul or Pastor Art on Wednesday nights, beginning February 24, at 7:45 pm (after Lent worship) for **Bible:90** in room 27/28 to talk about the previous week's readings, lessons learned, and be encouraged to stay the course.

Haiti Earthquake Relief Efforts Update: Many thanks to everyone who has donated to the Haitian Timoun Foundation, Lutheran World Relief, or an agency of your choosing. Over the last month, PMLC has raised at least \$18,000 to put to immediate work in the Jacmel area of Haiti under the leadership of Jean-Julien Verbo, our partner there. The situation in Jacmel is improving. We can see a day when they will transition from "emergency" to "recovery," and there will be enough work for us for a lifetime to aid our friends and partners. Today, our entire Synod of Lutheran congregations will specifically lift Haiti in prayer. Continue to pray; continue to give as you are able; and continue to witness to others about the tremendous hope and faith of our Haitian partners. As we learn more in the coming weeks and months about what is needed from us to help specifically, you'll hear more. Contact Pastor Paul with any questions, or visit the HTF website at www.htflive.org to follow weekly updates.

PRAYERS

Prayers: **Donna Dawson, Jean Miller** (Kathy Leon's mother), **Sue Wodka** (John Wodka's sister-in-law), **Chris Northcutt** (Deanne Gray's sister), **Dawn Jackson** (Wendy Crook's mother), **Ed Caudell** (Drew Caudell's father), **Linda Hodge** (Sonja Jasper's friend), **Dr. Robert Bondy, Jr.** (Ed Jasper's friend)

Hospitalized: **Stella Holland** (Steve Holland's mom), **Cheri Rizer** (Gayne & Jo Ek's daughter)

Sympathy: Rod & June Kelm and family on the death of June's aunt **Ruth Fricke**, died 2/18.†
Andrew Shrick, McKinney Boyd Student, friend of Danny Grim, died 2/14/10.†

Family members serving abroad in the Military: **Wyatt Hansen, Elliott Michael Reagan, Jordan Miculka, Brittany Hutchinson, Jamie Gillard, John Henning**

Praise & Thanksgiving:

We pray for the following couple who celebrates 20+ yrs. of marriage:
Jim & Ruth Blomquist (50 years on 2/27)

The flowers on the altar are given by:

Jim & Ruth Blomquist in celebration of their 50th Anniversary.
Chadwick & Christina Stelzl in memory of Janet Bergman.

Sermon Notes

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Stephen Ministry: A Stephen Minister is available to you for as long as you wish. Call **Peggy Stone at (214)728-8219 or Kathy Miller at (214) 491-0502** for more information and to set up an appointment.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS from 9:45 am-10:45 am

FOCUS on 5.

PMLC's month-long small group experiences focused on the 5 ways God promises to grow our faith.

***BIBLETRACK:** Join Lisa Casimir in Room 28 for a look at an Old Testament story of love, loyalty, and faith through the Book of Ruth.

***PARTNERSHIP TRACK:** Anyone interested in finding out how to become a "Partner" (Member) of Preston Meadow is welcome to attend the Partnership Class.

Join Pastor Art in room 27 and others who have been visiting the church and find out the Biblical background of what being a "Partner" really means. This class does not oblige you to join the church, but it is a requirement for becoming a "Partner" of Preston Meadow.

***PRAYER:** Join Rod Kelm, beginning today, in the Agape Room to look at your relationship with God through prayer. God wants to hear what is on your heart and guide you in life. Are you praying?

THE JOURNEY of MARRIAGE: THREE Sundays—BEGINNING February 14, 21, and 28.

February 7-14 is NATIONAL Marriages Week. Celebrate and FOCUS by joining Pastor Paul and Nancy Going in Pastor Art's office.

- * Explore your marriage as an expression of your relationship with God.
- * Practice protecting your marriage.
- * Develop and celebrate leading by serving

AND you can attend and reap the benefits even if your spouse can't join you!

EVERYDAY: Be in the Word; Be in Prayer. God is speaking; are you listening? Log on to the PMLC website to find a link to readings for the Bible in a Year. www.pmlc.org

MISSIONS

Mark Your Calendars!

Plan on being a part of the exciting 25@ 25 Mission Event Day! **May 8th** is the date that ALL partners will have an opportunity to-***“Give to others as God has given to us!”*** Questions: Pastor Paul Mussachio (paul.mussachio@pmlc.org) or Patty Goldhammer (jhammer33@tx.rr.com)

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF - School Kits Project: Throughout February, Jenny Connelly, one of our confirmands, will be collecting supplies for school kits that will be distributed by Lutheran World Relief to many countries in need. She has picked this project to earn her Girl Scout Silver Award. Needed items include pencils, sharpeners, erasers, and much more. Visit her table in the atrium and pick up the list to get the exact specifics!

Build with Habitat of North Collin County- Saturday, Feb 27! Join us for our next build day to give a McKinney family an affordable home through Habitat of Humanity. Visit the Habitat table in the atrium to sign up. If this is your first build with the North Collin County chapter, you will need to go through a short orientation before the build. Hammering starts promptly at 7:30 - 8am. Builders must be ages 18 for this build. Contact Nick Hultgren, Marshall Blessing, Carol Otterstad or Mark Prill for more information.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

50th Anniversary Reception Today

The Wednesday Morning Journey group invites friends of Ruth and Jim Blomquist to join us as we honor them on their 50th anniversary with a cake and punch reception in the atrium immediately following the early service this morning. Please stop by to extend your congratulations!

Journey of Hope Dinner: The next Journey of Hope dinner that PMLC will provide is Thursday, March 25. We need volunteers to make the easy chicken casserole (recipe is in the sign-up folder), salad, dessert, and bring rolls, bread and butter. Five people are needed to help serve the meal from the kitchen at First United Methodist Church. This is a great way to be involved with a local mission right here in Plano. See Cindy Olson or Marianne Ostergren if you have any questions. The sign-up folder will be in the atrium. Your help is so appreciated!

Literary Ladies Bookclub:- we will be discussing THE HELP by Kathryn Stockett Monday evening Feb. 22nd at 7:00pm at my house 2333 Havard Oak Drive Plano, Texas 75074. New members welcome!! We will be deciding what book to read next!! Please contact Kelly Lund @ kellylund@tx.rr.com.

20/30 Group First Sunday Lunch Out: Join a group of folks in their 20's and 30's –kids, no kids, married, not married – who go out to lunch the first Sunday of each month after the 11:00 worship for fellowship and fun. This month we'll head to Tin Star in Allen (McDermott just west of Hwy 75). Contact Pastor Paul to find out more about this group and other related events. Find us on Facebook too!

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS ARE HERE! **Adults** – please pick up a copy of “The Sign of Jonah” for your family. **Children** (age 3 through 5th grade) if you missed Sunday School, please pick up your sticker book and centerpiece.

Women in the Word: Join us Tuesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:00, in room 27, for “Covenant: God’s Enduring Promise” by Kay Arthur. When we don’t know about covenant, a vital element is missing from our lives. We miss the security, the intimacy, the peace, the assurance that comes from being in covenant with God.

Scout Sunday

“On my honor I will do my duty to God . . .” Today is Scout Sunday at Preston Meadow. Along with congregations throughout the world, we pause to give thanks to God for the contributions of Girl and Boy Scouts, and their leaders, for the work they have done, over the past 100 years, to build character, citizenship, and leadership skills through a program of outdoor adventure and community service. We particularly congratulate the youth and family ministries of PMLC’s Boy Scout Troop 416, Troop 1999, Venture Crew 416, and Pack 754—now over 100 Scouts strong!

FINAL DAY TO ORDER MULCH – SUPPORT PMLC’S TROOP 416-This is the last Sunday Preston Meadow Lutheran Church’s own Boy Scout Troop 416 will be selling competitively priced, top-quality, 2-cubic foot bags, of shredded cedar or hardwood mulch for the 2010 season. Scouts are standing by to take your order today for delivery to your driveway, or for your pick up at the church parking lot, Saturday morning, March 6th. They have order tables in the Atrium.

Proceeds, from what is an annual spring mulch sale, will be used to purchase much needed equipment for our rapidly growing Troop and to provide assistance to Scouts for their summer camping experiences.

Calling All Quilters & Those who like a free lunch with friends!

On February 27th at 10AM Teresa Daniels (seamstress & teacher extraordinaire) will guide us in a fun morning of assembling the quilts to bless our High School graduates. If you can iron, pin cloth, sew, or eat a free lunch with friends then this is for you! Please join us as we prepare to surround our High School Graduates with blessings and have fun along the way.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

KID'S WORD TIME

Children age 4 to 3rd grade are invited to join us for a sermon designed just for them. Kid’s get a chance to engage the Scripture with stories and methods just for them. Children will be invited to follow the cross out to the kid’s word time center during the sermon time and will rejoin their families in the pew shortly thereafter.

Take-home activities:

Age 3 through 5th grade: Please continue reading your Jonah devotionals with your children. If you missed last week, the devotionals and timeline centerpieces are available in the narthex.

This devotional replaces the weekly take-home activities. Those will resume right after Easter.

Easter Celebration – Saturday, April 3, 9:30-11am

It will be here before you know it. Easter, the greatest of all Christian celebrations!!!! Children age 2 through 1st grade gather for a time of worship, crafts and the ever favorite – egg hunt. Your opportunity to volunteer your time, talent and/or goodies is simple but essential. Please partner with us to make this a fabulous time for your entire family by adding your name to the volunteer and donation sheets in the atrium following worship today. Older siblings (teens) are also invited to be helpers. Finally, *stay tuned* for information about the “mission moment” that will be part of this year’s activities.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

THANK YOU For everyone who helped support the youth and helped with Valentinos 2010! It was a huge success and we thank all who supported our sold out event! The musicians, Russ Abercrombie, The Lindquists, and the many kitchen helpers were a huge blessing. Thanks for supporting the mission trip and choir tour with your time and donations!!!

Jr/Sr High Connection TONIGHT! It’s time for the 2010 Olympic Games! Tonight at 6:15 all youth 6th-12th grade are invited to participate in the games. Our youth will compete in challenges such as winter shot put and javelin throw, Snow shirt competition, logsledding, curling, snowman building competition, and many more!!! Bring \$5 for food and represent your country!!

Mission Trip!! It’s not too late to sign up for the Jr/Sr high mission trip to Parsons, KS this summer and the Family mission trip to Alabama! Sign up sheet and registration forms are in the Atrium! Sign up today!! **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** The commitment dates on the flyer only refers to how much you are committed to if you need to back out at that date. THE ONLY MONEY DUE NOW is the \$50 deposit, no other monies are due until fundraisers are completed.

Chili Cook Off is March 10th

Don’t let it happen again! Pastor Paul is already planning his comeback after a devastating defeat in last year’s cook off. Who will be this year’s champion? Join us before worship for the Lenten soup supper hour for a delicious and competitive chili cook off MARCH 10th! The trophy is real, the chili tastes great, and the proceeds from the evening donations go towards defraying the costs of youth summer mission trips!

Pine Cove Youth Retreat! All 6-12th grade youth are invited to come zipline, relax, play, and worship at the beautiful Pine Cove Shores camp off of Lake Palestine for the weekend of March 5-7th. The cost is \$89 for the weekend of fun and fellowship. Sign up in the atrium today!

~~Da’Light Groups~~ All 8th-12th grade students are invited to stay after Lent Services for some further discussion and fellowship in the youth room! We will talk more about the Lent services and play some pretty cool games as well. Fun, Food, and Free! What more could you need! Questions?

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Save the Date:

2/21: Connection Olympics Night; 3/5-7: Pine Cove retreat!; 3/10: Chilli Cook-off; 3/21: Mission Trip Mtg.



You asked For It! Extended Care Hours beginning in August 2010

PMLC Church members and visitors,

Preston Meadow KDO Preschool has made a decision regarding extending our hours of operation. We wanted you to know should you be considering going back to work full-time or even a part-time job. Please pass this on to friends, neighbors, co-workers, and so on. Once all the details have been worked out, we will let you know and the registration process will begin. Here is an overview of what will be added, details are still being worked out:

1. Months of operation—Following the PISD teacher calendar (Mid August 2010 — Mid June 2011) Specific dates will be confirmed when PISD publishes next year's school calendar
2. PISD Teacher Calendar means when PISD students have a holiday but PISD teachers do not, we will be open.
3. Closed Mid June thru Mid August — no summer camp
4. Hours of operation : 7 am to 5:30 pm (hours not set in stone yet)
5. If you are enrolled in our program for next year and do not need extended care in the morning or afternoon, you do not need to do anything. Our core program will stay the same. The additional hours are being provided as a service which has been requested.
6. 7 am to 9 am Parents who have enrolled in the morning extended care program may drop their children at our facility. Staff will be set in place at this time.
 9 am to 2 pm KDO Preschool—Kindergarten will be in session. Students in the morning extended care program, will be taken to their appropriate class.
 2pm to 5:30 pm Students enrolled in the afternoon extended care program, will be taken to the after school staff. Stay N' Play will not be available next school year.

The above information is simply an overview of what we are planning. We wanted you to know what the plans were, as many will start making arrangements for the summer and maybe are considering to work outside the home, already work outside the home, or simply could use some extra hours in your day. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email them to me. I will answer them the best I can. Elizabeth Costales, Director. 972-208-2424 ext. 236—kdo@pmlc.org



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