

NEWS-N-NOTES

February 7, 2010—February 14, 2010

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Read thru the Bible in 90 Days! Today you will receive a commitment card to read thru the Bible in 90 days with the whole church. We'll start Sun, Feb 21 and end Sun, May 23. Each Wednesday, we'll gather after Lent worship (7:45-8:30) to talk about lessons learned from our readings for the week and pump each other up to stay the course. There's a sample of the readings on the back of the commitment card. Sign up today and stretch those muscles as we get ready to read the Bible in 90 Days!

Haiti Earthquake Relief Update

Many thanks to all who have donated through PMLC and online to support the work of the Haitian Timoun Foundation and Lutheran World Relief. "Over the last three weekends, \$17, 500 has been received to pass along to the HTF! Great work, partners! It's never too late to give...here's 3 ways to participate.

1. Pray. Lift up your prayers to God to send his messengers who will bring hope, comfort, and security to those who are displaced and hurting. Pray specifically for the St. Joseph's Family, led by Michael Guilenfeld, who lost their main home, had their home for disabled children significantly damaged, and had some injuries.
2. Donate to the Emergency Relief Fund created by the Haitian Timoun Foundation. 100% of donations go directly to our Haitian partners to help them find temporary shelter, meet their greatest needs now, and help them begin to rebuild in the future. Visit <http://www.htflive.org> and click on "Haiti Earthquake".
3. Make a donation to Lutheran World Relief, our largest global disaster response initiative. Visit <http://www.lwr.org/giving/> You'll be given the option to donate to "Haiti Earthquake" if you choose to do so online.

If you prefer to make a check out to PMLC to be directed to these organizations, please include which one in the memo line, and we will forward it on.

Haiti—Disaster Response and Thrivent

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has announced a challenge to its members that could result in a total of \$3 million for Lutheran World Relief.

Members who want to partner with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in responding to this disaster to make donations at www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti or by calling **800-236-3736** between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Central time, Monday through Friday. When prompted, say "directory" and enter ext. 83003. Thrivent Financial will add \$1 for every \$2 members donate for "Helping Haiti."

PRAYERS

Prayers: **Pat Appel, Donna Dawson, Mary Higdon, Ken Meyers, Jean Miller** (Kathy Leon's mother), **Gayne Ek, Wanda Haney** (Jo Ek's mother), **Sue Wodka** (John Wodka's sister-in-law), **Roger & Bess Potts** (Samantha Rowe's grandparents), **Chris Northcutt** (Deanne Gray's sister), **George Blessing** (Marshal Blessing's dad)

Hospitalized: **Ed Makowski** (Paul Makowski's dad), **Ray Herrmann** (friend of Nettie Schwarz' family)

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:

Dale & Teresa Daniels (34 years on 2/14)

We celebrate the birth of **Hallie Brooke Siegfried**, #5 granddaughter of David & Lucile Wohlgemuth.

The flowers on the altar are given by:

Lou Williams & Family in celebration of Bev's birthday.

Sympathy: David & Ginny Summer and family on the death of their cousin, Patty Buck. Mike & Linda Miller and family whose aunt, Elaine Rhodes, died 2/3.

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.

VALENTINOS

Valentinos: NEEDED: We need families to donate loaves of French bread and Bottles of sparkling cider for Valentino's. Sign up sheet in the atrium. Also youth AND **parents** sign up in the atrium to work a shift before (3-5), during (5-8), and/or after (8-9) Valentino's February 14th.

Fair Trade Coffee Sales Today in the Atrium

Sermon Notes

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS from 9:45 am-10:45 am

FOCUS on 5. These three adult faith formation classes begin today

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

***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?

***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.

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

- * 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!

WEDNESDAYS, 7p-8p

The Letter of James: Join others as they make their way through the letter of James. Participate as your schedule allows; no need to study ahead of time. Led by Pastor Art and John Wodka, and meets in Agape Room.

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

MOSAIC Heart & Soul Gala, Feb 13, 6:30-10p, Doubletree Hotel – Richardson. PMLC has been named MOSAIC's congregational partner for the year! It is a great honor that we'll receive at the Gala event. Join us to support the work of Mosaic, and have fun at the Biggest Lutheran Party in the Metroplex! Two ticket options: #1) pay \$75 per ticket which includes dinner/drinks/donation, or #2) pay \$44 per ticket for dinner/drinks only. Live and Silent auctions, along with lots of laughter. Speak to Pastor Paul to find out more today!

Indonesian-Lutheran Ministry is meeting at PMLC. A group of Indonesian Lutherans from the area will share our Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoons (4-6p). Join us in welcoming them as they grow their fellowship and passion for Jesus. Questions? See Pr. Paul.

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!

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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!

25 @ 25 Planning Meeting: This Thursday, February 11th, at 7:00 pm there will be a project leader's information meeting held in the Conference Room. This meeting is for everyone who has committed to being a project site leader. If you are interested in becoming a site leader but have not committed, please feel free to attend this meeting.

Questions: Pastor Paul Mussachio paul.mussachio@pmlc.org or Patty Goldhammer jhammer33@tx.rr.com

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 . . .” Sunday, February 21st will be “Scout Sunday” at Preston Meadow. All Scouts and Scout Leaders are invited to wear their uniforms, bring their unit flag for display in the Atrium (please bring your own flag stand), and invite members of your unit to worship with us that Sunday. Anyone wishing to assist the ushers, at the 8:30am or 11:00am service, or who has questions, please call Carol Ann Kiner at 214.335.9847.

Order Your Spring Mulch – SUPPORT PMLC’s TROOP 416 Preston Meadow Lutheran Church’s own Boy Scout Troop 416 continues to sell competitively priced, top-quality, 2-cubic foot bags, of shredded cedar or hardwood mulch. 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.

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.

Spring Softball signups: Our two mens' softball teams will resume play in March. If the women want to have a Co-Ed team we need your commitment to play. Please sign-up for the Spring season in the Narthex. Both mens' team won their leagues in the Fall season. If you have questions, please see or call Jim Fawcett or Roger Toney.

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.

KDO NEWS

2010-2011 KDO Preschool Kindergarten is now holding open enrollment for anyone in the community. If you would like some additional information about our program, please come by the KDO office for a tour. Also, visit our website for more detailed information, www.kdo.pmlc.org.

Spread the word about the BEST Preschool in Collin County.

Elizabeth Costales, KDO Director



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. Kids 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 3-4: Luke 19:1-4 During the entire month of February, we are learning about Zacchaeus. Today we learned that Jesus wants us to love him. If it warms up, try going outside and looking up into a tree and imagining that Zacchaeus is up there. If you can't go outside, perhaps your child can draw a picture of him in a tree. Discuss ways Zacchaeus showed his love for Jesus

Pre-K and Kindergarten: Matthew 18:1-5; 19:13-15 Today we learned that Jesus is with us all the time. If you have a clock that chimes, thank Jesus for being with you every time it chimes. If not, you can set a timer for each hour one evening. You might also make a new welcome mat. You can sometimes get free carpet squares from home stores. Along with that you can use acrylic paints and make a new mat to remind children that Jesus always welcomes us.

Grades 1-2: Mark 6:35-44 Today we learned that Jesus wants us to be kind to others. They looked at a variety of ways that they can express kindness. Memorize Ephesians 4:32a "Be kind to each other." Start a penny jar. Every time someone has extra change, put it in the jar and when it is full, take it to the local pet shelter and donate it for food for the dogs and cats that live there.

Grades 3-4: Luke 19:1-10 Today we learned that Jesus sticks up for his friends. Kids, ask your parents about the friends they had when they were young. Ask who their best friends were and what they did to stick up for them. Find out if, when and why they helped their friends through any bad times.

Grade 5: Ezekiel 36:26-27 Today we learned who the Holy Spirit is, and that he is here for kids as well as adults. Take time to share with one another how you've seen or felt the Holy Spirit at work in your life. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving for what the Holy Spirit is doing in your lives.

Kindergarten students and their parents- This February we invite you to join your child in Sunday school for a special two week course on learning how to pray the Lord's Prayer. It will also include activities for parents and students to share together in the home designed by and led by our own PMLC partner Dr. Sara Hall.

The class is scheduled to take place as listed in the Fellowship Hall:

Sunday, February 14 th	student and parent class
Sunday, February 21 st	student and parent class
Sunday, February 21 st	11:00 worship-students and their families will receive acknowledgement during worship, in which they will lead the congregation in the Lord's Prayer

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

6-12th Grade Youth Super Bowl Party: February 7

This year's Youth Super Bowl Party will be hosted at the Daniels' home! Please bring an appetizer or beverage item to share. We will also be collecting canned food for the Souper Bowl of Caring food drive. The Daniels' home is in Dallas; those who would like to carpool in the church van should meet at the church at 4:30pm.

~~Guys Da'Light Group~~: The guys small group will meet this Wednesday at 7:30 til 8:45 at Chris Nolden's house. 8-12th grade guys welcome! Come for some discussion, food, bible, fun!

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!

****February 13th IMPACT Service Event!****

Sign up to join IMPACT Saturday February 13th to lead a Children's Chapel (Sunday school like class) for homeless children at the Dallas Women & Children Union Rescue Mission. Sign up forms are available in the Atrium. Don't miss out on this powerful ministry! We meet at 5:30 in the youth room and get back that evening at 8:45pm.

Save the Date:

2/14: Valentinos

3/5-7: Pine Cove retreat!

3/10: Chilli Cook-off

3/21: Mission Trip Mtg.



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