

NEWS-N-NOTES

February 28, 2010—March 8, 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. Don't forget to make plans to join Pastor Paul or Pastor Art on Wednesday nights, 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. 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. 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. 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: **Kathy Leon, Jo Ek, 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), **Linda Hodge** (Sonja Jasper's friend), **Dr. Robert Bondy, Jr.** (Ed Jasper's friend), **Sammy** (Gwen Workman's grandson), **Stella Holland** (Steve Holland's mom)

Hospitalized: **Wendy Haney** (Jo Ek's mom)

Sympathy: Drew & Heather Caudell and family on the death of his father **Ed Caudell**, died 2/24.†

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:

Edward & Evi Miculka (26 years on 3/3)

The flowers on the altar are given by:

David & Jennifer Krull in honor of Grace's 12th & Brendan's 6th birthdays.

Dave & Lynn Thompson in honor of Kenzie's 18th birthday.

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

***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.

FOCUS on 5.

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?

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!

Beginning next week (Mar 7), the Bibletrack focuses on the Holy Spirit and Scripture led by Paul Rosenbluth. The Focus on 5 track is Money, Money, Money guided by Tracy Letzelter.

MISSIONS

25@25, May 8th Anniversary Mission Day: *A day of giving to others, as God has given to us!*

Make sure you have marked your calendars to be a part of this rewarding mission day! The projects are in the process of being planned to allow PMLC partners of **all ages** to participate. Projects will take place throughout the day to fit your busy schedule. Our mission partners will be Emanuel Lutheran, Habitat for Humanity, MOSAIC, Journey of Hope, IMPACT, Clifton Sunset Home, The Family Place, Frisco Family Services, PMLC Military Packages, The Samaritan Inn, Food Drives, Plano Park Cleanup and many more to come! Sign up for the projects will begin in the middle of March.

25@ 25 Project Planners: We need project planners who are willing to be the key person for the following projects: The Samaritan Inn, Plano Park Cleanup, Firefighters Appreciation, Plano Children's Clinic, PMLC onsite projects and Food Drive. You will work closely with your specific mission partner on working out the details of the project that will take place. Pastor Paul and Patty will then communicate all details to the congregation. If you have any questions, please talk to Patty Goldhammer (jhammer33@tx.rr.com) or Pastor Paul (paul.mussachio@pmlc.org).

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!

Journey of Hope Dinner: The Journey of Hope Grief Support Center helps families come to terms with grief following the death of a family member through free support groups and guided therapy sessions. PMLC's next opportunity to help is Thursday, March 25th. We need volunteers to prepare salads, the easy entrée, dessert, and supply bread, rolls, and butter. Volunteers are also needed to help serve dinner from the kitchen at First United Methodist Church in Plano. The JOH sign-up folder is in the atrium. See Cindy Olson or Marianne Ostergren if you have any questions. Your help is appreciated!

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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.

Calling all Dessert Makers and Bakers! We plan to host a 'dessert bar' for our Fifth graders who will be celebrating their First Communion Milestone on April 1 during Maundy Thursday worship. To make their night special, we'd like to 'treat' them to some tasty creations afterward. If you would like to make a scrumptious snack to add to the mix, please contact Pastor Paul. We're looking for bite-sized creations fit for all imaginations! Sign up in the Atrium today!

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!

Cold and Flu Prevention: In an effort to reduce the spread of the cold and flu virus this season, twelve hand-sanitizing stations have been installed throughout the building. The new sanitizer is a foamy, non-alcohol based solution that is easy on your hands, doesn't leave hands feeling sticky or dry and is "kid-friendly". These stations will replace the individual bottles of hand sanitizers that are currently being used throughout the building. You can find out more information regarding the sanitizing agents on the kiosk located in the Atrium.

Spring Softball- The season starts tomorrow, snow permitting. We will have Spring Training this afternoon at 1 PM at the BallPark at PMLC. Please see Jim Fawcett or Roger Toney. Since only one woman signed up for a Co-Ed team, we were unable to field a team this season.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

KID'S WORD TIME

Age 3 through 5th grade: Please continue reading your Jonah devotionals with your children. If you don't have the devotionals and timeline centerpieces, there are still some available in the narthex.

Take-home activities:

Age 3 through 5th grade: Please continue reading your Jonah devotionals with your children. If you don't have the devotionals and timeline centerpieces, there are still some 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

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~~ Both Da'Light groups will be meeting every Wednesday during lent from 6-7 at the soup suppers. We will have our own table talk discussion with some delicious **free** soup! Come at 5:45 if you want to head to 7-11 before and get a Slurpee and then we'll meet back up in the fellowship hall at 6! Look for the youth table...the one with Josh.

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 Sign Ups! Families of youth sign up in the atrium to help with the annual chili cook off on March 10th! This is a great chance to provide something special during the Lenten Soup Suppers and to raise funds for this summers mission trips. Sign up to help with set-up, clean-up, and other contest details (like counting ballots and helping Josh win!).



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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