

NEWS-N-NOTES

Preston Meadow Lutheran Church

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December 18, 2011—December 24, 2011

IN ALL THINGS, WE PRAY



Remember
in
Prayer

Prayers for our Members:
Sonja Jasper, Steven Letzelter,
Pat Waldrip, Carter Fielding,
and Don Glossop.

Prayers for Family Members:

Alma Bodiford (Pat Waldrip's mother-in-law),
Bettylynn Parrish (Pat Cadigan's mother), Sue Johnson (Linda Miller's mother), Jack Kuhlmann (Bernice Covington-Stockwell's nephew), Carolyn Fuchs (Carolise Kelly's grandmother), June Hearn (Marie Bullock's mother), and Betty Folks (Donna Ericson's mother).

Sympathy: For Jeff & Tracy Kelley as they grieve the loss of Jeff's father, David Kelley, and Steve & Mimi Conner as they grieve the loss of their grandson, Conner.

Prayers for others: George Fitzgerald (friend of Russ Abercrombie), Nick Gunner (family friend of the Lindquists), John Bambarra (family friend of the Smiths) and Betsy (Jeanne Hurlbaus's friend).

Family members & Friends serving abroad in the Military: James Gillard, Christopher Bednar, Travis Cook, Zack Stewart, Blake Garner, Jordan Munk, Lynn Palake, Jacob Folks.

Praise & Thanksgiving:

We pray for the following couples who celebrate 20+ yrs. of marriage:

Lee & Mary Higdon (32 years on 12/22).



The flowers on the altar are given by:

Kirk & Kelly Schlotman in celebration of Kayla's birthday.

Rod & June Kelm in honor of the 95th birthday of June's mother, Evelyn Fricke.



Christmas Poinsettias Order Forms Due Today!

Members and friends can honor a loved one while enhancing the beauty of our Sanctuary. The cost is \$8.50 per plant and you can take yours home after the 9 pm worship service on Christmas Eve. Order forms are available on the kiosk in the Atrium and can be delivered to the church office.

Adult Fellowship: Please join us this morning in the Atrium for coffee, tea and fellowship from 9:45 to 10:45 am.

2012 Flower Calendars are now available in the Atrium. We'd like to fill January, February and March first. Placing flowers on the altar is a great way to honor a birthday, anniversary or the memory of a loved one. Each arrangement is \$48 and is yours to take home after the 11am worship service.

Please send all announcements to communications@pmlc.org by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays. Announcements received after that time will be included the following week.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



2012 Council Nominations – This coming year, we will need to fill 5 positions on our Congregational Council (3 at large spots plus the Financial Secretary and Treasurer). You may submit names of potential Council members for consideration by the Nominating Committee, which will place names of candidates before the congregation at the Annual Meeting in late January. Potential names of candidates must be active partners: they must attend worship regularly, be serving in ministry, be involved in some form of adult faith formation, and have made a financial commitment for 2011-12. A track record of leadership is desirable. Willingness to meet monthly and be actively involved between meetings is essential. Please submit names to the church office by email (linda.bland@pmlc.org) or in an envelope marked "Nominating Committee" by Sunday, January 8. You must have permission of the person whose name you submit.

2011 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

To claim a charitable contribution deduction to PMLC for 2011, donations must **be mailed and postmarked by 12/31/11**. The church office will be open 12/27 through 12/29 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. The church will make its last deposit on 12/31. Checks that are written, **mailed and post-marked** by 2011 will be deductible in 2011 even if they are received in the mail in January 2012. Please contact Bill Ostergren with any questions at 972.618.5489 or to make special deposit requests.

Family and Adult Advent Devotionals Available NOW! Advent is underway so don't forget to pick up both the sticker book and the manger scene in the Atrium. There is also an adult devotional for every day through Advent to prepare our hearts and minds to welcome Jesus at Christmas.

Ushers Needed for Christmas Eve Worship Services! Please sign up in the Atrium.



Upcoming Special Worship Events

Dec. 24, 5pm: Family Christmas Eve Worship (Childcare provided)

Dec. 24, 7 & 9pm: Carols, Communion & Candlelight Worship

Dec. 25, 10am Only: Christmas Day Worship with Communion

Jan. 1, 10am Only: New Year's Day Worship with Communion

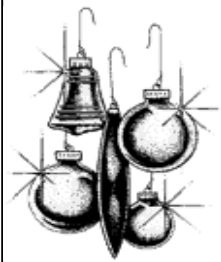
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Moving on Up!

On Christmas Eve, we'll welcome 1100 people through our doors, many of whom will be visitors.

You can help us welcome them by sitting in pews closer to the front of the sanctuary and leaving the back pews available for those who might be a little shy, or even a little late to worship.

This simple gesture will go a long way in making a big impression with our guests and friends!



PMLC Women's Luncheon & Ornament Exchange TODAY!!!

The Ornament Exchange will take place in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11am Children's Christmas Worship Service. Don't forget your ornament! We look forward to this fun, festive event and sharing time with old and new friends.

Last Day to Contribute to PMLC's Coat & Warm Clothing

Drive! Today, all items will be loaded up and distributed to Emmanuel Lutheran Church in downtown Dallas, the homeless children of Captain Hope's Kids, and Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance. Thanks to all who donated!



Sunday School for All Ages Resumes January 8th!

Pick Up Your 2012 Offering Envelopes Today! Please find your family's name on the top of the box and check your pledge information on the card at the front to make sure it reflects your giving intentions for 2012. Thank you!

Seeking Resumes for Director of Children's Ministry Position:

We are currently accepting resumes for the Director of Children's Ministry at PMLC. This position will lead, develop, coordinate, and evaluate the children's ministries of PMLC so that our children and young families grow in their faith and love of the Lord and our neighbor. This person oversees and coordinates our paid nursery staff, and also leads and executes Vacation Bible School for our church and greater community. There is an option for this position to become full-time in 2012. Interested candidates may submit their resumes to Pastor Paul (paul.mussachio@pmlc.org). Interviews will be conducted in January 2012. Please be praying about whom God will lift up to serve our children and help them grow in faith and love!

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS CONT.

Support our Mission for Haiti: In case you missed seeing the beautiful items earlier this month, Haitian metal art is on sale in the Atrium again **TODAY**. Please stop by and take a look. All proceeds will go to the Haitian Timoun Foundation, whose mission is to create a future of hope and dignity for the children of Haiti.



Fair Trade Coffee will be sold again in the Atrium on January 8th, 2012

20/30's Group Events! A group for those in their 20's/30's—kids, no kids, married, not married. **JOIN US for these upcoming events:**

Dec. 18—Women's Luncheon and Ornament Exchange; Fellowship Hall after today's 11am worship

Jan. 8—Meet and Greet Luncheon; Fellowship Hall after 11am worship

Childcare provided upon request for most events. Please e-mail Susan Mussachio at susan0726@aol.com or call 972.547.9903.



Boy Scout Troop 416 proudly invites your attendance at:

Scott Howerton's Eagle Scout Court of Honor,

Saturday, January 7, 2012

2pm Ceremony; 3pm Reception

PMLC Fellowship Hall.

Scott is Troop 416's 13th Eagle Scout. **His Eagle Leadership Service Project was the PMLC 25th Anniversary Garden, planted in Spring 2010.**

RSVP Carolann@troop416.us

Atrium Tables: If you would like to reserve a table, please e-mail communications@pmlc.org or call 972.618.2233, ext. 221 and indicate (1) table size (2) program and (3) weeks that you will need the table. Please make table requests by Thursday at noon.

"OWLS" SENIOR MINISTRY

The PMLC OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans) is a ministry for mature adults 55+. OWLS are active in fellowship, prayer, evangelism and spiritual/educational activities. For information about OWLS activities or projects at any time, contact **Joyce Baumbach**, jkbaum@verizon.net (972-618-3555).



Tell your friends about the OWLS. Information brochures about our senior ministry are on the OWLS table in the atrium and on the welcome kiosk. Please take one or two to share as you are out and about in our community.

Are you receiving OWLS emails (Prayer Chain and event notices)? If you are not, we would like to keep in touch with you – Partner or visitor, it doesn't matter. Please send your email address or phone number to Carol McGrane at cb1123@aol.com.

OWLS Prayer Chain.

Let the OWLS lift up your needs and concerns in prayer through our prayer chain. To add your family or friends to our prayer list, email **Carol McGrane** at cb1123@aol.com. Prayer requests go out to over 150 people who will add their voices to yours to ask God for grace, peace and healing. If you have submitted a prayer concern, we would welcome a follow-up message from you or a family member allowing us to rejoice and respond as necessary.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Last Da'Light High School Bible Study for 2011 TONIGHT!

Check out this awesome High School small group experience! These small groups meet every other week to hang out, Chillax, and talk about different things each week. These groups will give you a chance to learn what it means to Delight in the Lord (Ps.37:4) & figure out more of what it means to be Da' Light of the world (Matt.5:13-16). Our last Da'Light for 2011 will be on tonight in the Youth Room from 6pm to 8pm. Bring \$5 for pizza and drinks. For more info, contact Jay Walls.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY CTD.



TAKE STOCK has officially begun! **Help support our youth by Taking Stock in THEM.** Each Stock is \$20 and can either go as an Individual Stock where that money goes to an Individual's Trips, or as a Mutual Fund, where it is divided up among every one attending the Mission Trips and Choir Tours. **For more information, visit the Take Stock table in the Atrium.**

Youth - Make sure to send out your letters for individual stock to help raise money for the summer mission trips and Choir Tour. We need help to sell mutual funds after the 8:30am and 11am services on Sundays! We need at least two youth after each service. **Sign up for a time slot in the Atrium. Take stock ends at the end of December so lets get going!!!** For more information, contact Jay Walls.

SHALOM SHOW

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW IN THE ATRIUM!

Please join the Shalom Choir for their Annual Shalom Show on Saturday, Jan. 28th at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

This fun event showcases PMLC Youth performing songs from popular musicals and recording artists, as well as some entertaining and moving skits.

Admission: Adults \$8,

Children Under 12 \$4,

Families \$24, which includes 2 Adult tickets and all children's tickets.

Concessions will be available for purchase.

All proceeds go directly to the Shalom Choir's June 2012 Choir Tour and Mission Trip.

For more info, contact Jay Walls.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY CTD.



Valentino's



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH VALENTINO'S IS BACK!
Celebrating our 14th year in fine Valentine dining and entertainment
Food, fun, and love songs from your PMLC Youth family...
Tickets will be on sale January 15th!

YOUTH AND PARENTS – Approaching fast is the infamous Valentino's fundraiser! Planning has begun and **volunteers** are needed: both youth and adults! **Be sure to sign up in the Atrium to help set up, organize, work, and clean up this event!**

KIDS DAY OUT NEWS

Events in 2012:

Registration for the 2012-2013 Kids Preschool will begin Monday, January 30th, for those currently enrolled students, their siblings and all PMLC members. 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. Open registration to the community at large will take place Monday, February 6th. Share this information with your neighbors and friends.

And to all PMLC members, non-PMLC members, KDO parents, KDO Staff, PMLC Staff and so many others for your contributions to our KDO program. Whether you contribute directly or indirectly, I appreciate everyone who gives something back to our program. Our special thanks to Norm Johnson, for the many hours he has given the preschool by fixing broken toys, putting toys together and anything else that was needed to make our program run smoothly. Thanks Mr. Norm.

May GOD bless us all and bring us much health in this coming year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Safe Travels to all.

Elizabeth Costales, KDO Director

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THIS WEEK

Today:	8:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
	9:45 a.m.	High School & Middle School Sunday Mornings
	9:45 a.m.	Practical Spirituality Adult Education
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School-All Ages
	11:00 a.m.	Children's Christmas Worship Service
	12:15 p.m.	Women's Lunch & Ornament Exchange (childcare available)
	1:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 416 Boards of Review
	1:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 416 Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Shalom Choir Rehearsal/Sectionals
	6:00 p.m.	Da' Light High School Bible Study
6:15 p.m.	Sunday Evening Journey Group	
Monday:	6:30 a.m.	Monday Businessmen's Small Group
	7:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 416 Parents' Committee Meeting
Wednesday:	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministers Training
	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir/Sectionals Rehearsal
Friday:		Church Office Closed
Saturday:	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Family Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight & Carols with Holy Communion
	9:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight & Carols with Holy Communion

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.pmlc.org

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