

# NEWS-N-NOTES

August 22, 2010—August 29, 2010

FOR WEEKLY CALENDAR, SERMON MP3'S, AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS, GO TO  
[www.pmlc.org](http://www.pmlc.org)

Sept. 5: Return to Normal Worship Hours-8:30 & 11:00  
Sept. 12: Sunday School for all ages begins—9:45 am

## PRAYERS

**Prayers:** **Ruth Holland** (Steve's mom), **Don Lee** (brother-in-law of Barb Otteson), **Hunter Boone** (great nephew of Bill & Denise Lindquist)

**Sympathy:**

**Gary Casadonte** (Brother-in-law of Debbie Ganoe), **Basil Schaif** (friend of the Fortney's),  
**Joe Del Principe** (Laura Grim's father) who died on 8/15. †

**Family members serving abroad in the Military:** Jordan Miculka, Jamie Gillard

**The flowers on the altar are given by:**

**Brian & Fran Falco** in celebration of John's 5th birthday.

**Praise & Thanksgiving:**

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

**Loren & Nancy Anderson** (36 years on 8/24)

**Diane & Gary Kirwan** (37 years on 8/25)

**Andy & Patty Alverson** (31 years on 8/25)

**Jo Ann & Lonny Danchik** (38 years on 8/26)

**Irl & Beverly German** (39 years on 8/25)

**Byron & Jeanne Stahla** (44 years on 8/27)

**Eugene & Kathryn Menze** (46 years on 8/29)

**Congratulations:**

**David & Kate Daniels** on the birth of their son *Kinsey Naumes Daniels* (Grandson of Dale & Teresa) born on 8/16.

**Erik & Nui Christensen** on the birth of their son *Dean Natawatt Christensen* (Grandson of Larry & Susan) born on 8/16.

**We continue praying for:** **Ben Raef** (Andrea Sample's husband), **Delbert Geirstorf** (brother-in-law of Joleen Schwarz), **Wanda Haney** (Jo Ek's mother), **Donna Dawson**, **Jean Miller** (Kathy Leon's mother), **Kelly Burwell** (Eric Anderson's sister), **Ray Herrmann** (friend of Nettie Schwarz), **Lillian Mathisen** (Ruth Blomquist's mom), **Andrew Small** (nephew of Kirsten Bradshaw), **Roger & Lois Halverson** (mom & dad of Mary Higdon), **Isabel Thon** (Becky Shuman's mom), **Betty Claude** (Cindy Olson's mom)

## 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.

## JOURNEY WITH US

**CALL PROCESS UPDATE– TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION!**

The Church Council is preparing itself to receive names from interested persons in the congregation who would like to serve on the Call Committee. A form is available today on the Transition Team table in the atrium. This form will allow the Council to better understand candidates for the Committee as it makes its decision on whom to invite to serve on this Committee. The Church Council will meet this week to identify individuals to serve. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Interested in joining membership at PMLC?** Come to our next New Partners Information Session on August 29 following the 10am worship service. We'll meet in the fellowship hall for some conversation with one another and to hear about the process in September for officially joining Preston Meadow Lutheran Church. Contact Linda Bland in the office to RSVP ([linda.bland@pmlc.org](mailto:linda.bland@pmlc.org)). Can't make the meeting on Aug 29? Contact Linda to be included on our mailings for further information.

## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

### Youth & Family Ministry Preview Night

Wednesday, September 1 at 7:30pm. Parents, students, and families come join us for a 67 minute gathering as we preview Wednesday @theWell (confirmation), Boy Scouts, The Connection, Youth 37:4 Groups, Fall & Spring retreats, Impact events, Shalom Choir, and all of our Fall Youth and Family Ministry opportunities including Life Teams-our centerpiece family and mentoring partnership ministry with youth! **CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE IN THE ATRIUM.**

### Sundays

**MS Grapple** An interactive class grapples with faith for middle school youth.

**HS Demolition** Coffee house style study of God's Word for high school youth.

**The Wired Word** Dynamic Bible study discussion for college students and high school seniors.

**The Connection: Youth Fellowship Night** Monthly evening events.

### Weekdays

**Wednesday@theWell/Life Teams** Mentors and relationship on Wednesdays.

**High School Youth Da'light Groups** A student leader, adult coach, and in-home study/hang out time.

**IMPACT** Youth impact for Christ at a homeless shelter, MOSAIC birthdays, and Kids' Word time.

## Homecoming Sunday

SEPTEMBER 5



**Blessing of the Backpacks ~ Blackberries ~  
Briefcases**



**Return to Normal Worship Hours  
8:30 & 11:00**

**Flip Flops & Flapjacks served from  
9:00—11:00 by Boy Scout Troop 416  
in the Fellowship Hall**



## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

**STORING UP GOD'S WORD 16 verses in 16 weeks:** The Bible calls us to store up God's Word in our hearts, to meditate upon it day and night, and to have it close to our lips. Through the Fall and early Winter, we'll have just the chance to memorize Scripture together as a congregation. We'll take a verse each week beginning after Labor Day and ending at Christmas. You can contribute to the verses we'll memorize by visiting the white board in the atrium and listing your favorite verses of scripture. See Pr. Paul for more details.

### **Wall of Remembrance**

The south wall in the Prayer Garden has been designated as the site for the PMLC Memorial Wall of Remembrance. Brass plaques may be placed on the wall (around a base plaque containing scripture) to memorialize current and former partners, and those who have had a significant presence in our mission, who have passed away. A brochure containing complete details for this project, along with a participation form are available on the revolving oak literature rack next to the Welcome kiosk in the Narthex. Contacts: Roger Toney (214) 383-0250 or Alex Booras (972) 608-9730.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE**

We are really excited about continuing the adventure! Keep watching for those God Sightings. You may begin registering your children this week. Forms are in the atrium and online.

Make sure you put the following dates are on your calendars!

**Teacher training – TODAY** immediately following the 10am service (lunch/childcare included)  
It's not too late to sign up to teach! Sign ups are in the atrium.

### **Homecoming Sunday – September 5**

Pancake Breakfast – 9:00 – 11am

Blessings of Backpacks – Both worship services

### **Sunday School begins - September 12 @9:45 am**

Any questions? Give us a call.

Youth Ministries

Jerry Watts 972-618-2233 Ext 226

Children's Ministries

Corky Geist 972-618-2233 Ext 222

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS, CONT.

**Green Team #6** led by Byron Stahla will meet next Saturday, August 28th

**Fall Softball Season will start August 30<sup>th</sup>**. We will have two Men's teams, Monday and Thursday. We have previously had a Co-Ed team but this will be contingent on enough (12) women signing up and committing to a team. Men and Women, please sign up in the Atrium at the Softball table. If you have questions, please see or call Jim Fawcett or Roger Toney. Opportunity abounds!

**The Thursday night men's softball team** is looking for players. Games start September 2nd. If you are interested, please contact Jim Fawcett @ [jfawcett57@hotmail.com](mailto:jfawcett57@hotmail.com) or mobile 469-865-4391.

### **Tables of Eight:**

Sign-ups begin this morning in the Atrium for PMLC's "Tables of Eight".

Couples sign up and are put into groups of eight (4-couples). One couple is the lead couple and gets the process started.

You meet 4 times (once per month) at each home and have dinner.

It can be fancy - china, backyard BBQ, you can even meet at a restaurant. It's all up to your group. We provide a few ice breaker questions to get the conversations started and then off you go... start making new friends, meeting new people, getting a night away from the kids, having adult conversation. Watch out! Tables of Eight can become habit forming.

Please contact Eugene McCalvey at (972) 618-2277 for more information.

**Sermon Notes**

## KDO NEWS



*By the time you read this, KDO has crossed another milestone, its 18<sup>th</sup> year. After one week of school, we encountered some tears for those unfamiliar to our program but much more excitement making connections with friends from last year and new ones this year.*

*Another milestone is the addition of the extended care program in the AM and PM. The program is helping many parents remain at work with the peace of mind that their children are safe and in a great environment.*

*What an amazing year we will have!*



*Looking for a part-time job..... college students or any one needing to make some extra money? KDO is looking for part-time help for our extended care program. The hours would be 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Anyone interested should contact Elizabeth Costales, 972-208-2424.*



***Date is set.....Mark Your Calendars  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual Preston Meadow Gift Fair  
Benefitting the KDO Preschool  
Friday, October 22 & Saturday, October 23***



**OWLS**  
**OLDER, WISER LUTHERANS 55+**

***PMLC Partners 55+ are invited to the OWLS Monthly Meeting and Pot Luck Salad Supper:*** Thursday evening, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM in PMLC Fellowship Hall. No need to sign up. Just come and bring a salad to share. Dessert, bread and beverages will be provided. Diane Williams, LCSW, a social worker at the Geriatric Wellness Center of Collin County (a 30-year old, non-profit agency) will speak to us and answer questions about the services of this remarkable agency available to senior citizens of Collin County. If you're concerned about care-giving, relocating, downsizing, or home health issues, the counseling and other resources of the Wellness Center are available to you at no (or low) cost. Of course, devotions and time to visit with friends are important features of every OWLS activity.

**Don't miss it!**

OWLS annual Oktoberfest. Saturday evening, September 25, at the home of Susan and Larry Christensen. Detailed flyer and signup sheet are on the kiosk in the atrium today.  
OWLS annual Christmas dine-around. Saturday evening, December 4.

**Signups Continue for the Branson Motor Coach Trip December 6-10.** If you haven't made up your mind to join the tour, there is still time! Brochures with complete details and a signup sheet are on the kiosk in the atrium. You're welcome to invite your senior friends outside PMLC to join us. Pick up a brochure for them too. Just think of it...Transportation, 4 night hotel, 8 meals, 7 fabulous shows, fun, faith and fellowship. Only \$459 (double occupancy). For information: Jane Booras, 972-608-9730 or [janeb2u@tx.rr.com](mailto:janeb2u@tx.rr.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 Kathy Leon at [kksleon@aol.com](mailto:kksleon@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.

# MISSIONS

## **OPERATION BUILDING BRIDGES**

Thank you to all who donated school supplies, shipping cost and their time to box all these items. We were able to ship 36 boxes to Basra, Iraq for our troops to help out an orphanage there.

## **Special Volunteer Positions with Journey of Hope!**

Journey of Hope is a local organization that holds grief support groups for children and their families dealing with loss. In previous years, we've helped with providing meals for the gatherings. They are currently looking for volunteers to help out more fully in a couple of key positions. Pray about the opportunity to help this great organization! For each position, call Carla at 972-964-1600.

- 1) **Kitchen Host:** role of the host is to welcome volunteers preparing evening meals, help them find what they need at the kitchens of First United Methodist – Plano, help with operations, and assist in cleaning up after the meal. Availability needed 4 nights a month from 6-8pm.
- 2) **Facilitators** –these are individuals who facilitate the grief support groups for children, teens, and adults. Training will be provided for a \$35 fee. You co-facilitate with others before leading groups on your own. This hands-on training will equip you to lead others as they process their grief. While JOH deals with the most raw of human emotions, they bring children and families together in an atmosphere of compassion, understanding, and love—which in turn allows for laughter and joy.

## **SUMMARY OF JULY COUNCIL MEETING**

Praise reports recognized:

Facilities Assistant Keath Payne and appreciation for his can do attitude.

Growth of the OWLs from 100 to 188 over four years.

Elizabeth Costales for hiring a strong advocate in Patty Goldhammer.

Bible reflection centered on Psalm 46.

Finances continue to track well – less than 2% off from budget.

Reviewed the frequently asked questions from the transition team.

Discussion around how to address the ELCA funding in the fall.

Discussion on the call committee nomination process. Decided on dates to take applications – August 8<sup>th</sup> and lasting two weeks.

Passed a motion to approve the nomination of Judy Paulson to the Audit Committee.

### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Rod Kelm, President**

**Steve Holland, Vice-President**

**Christine Hassell, Secretary**

**Bill Lindquist, Treasurer**

**Bill Ostergren, Financial Secretary**

**Larry Christensen**

**Barb Kiernan**

**Connie Prill**

**Kelly Schlotman**

**Matt Wixon**

## SUMMARY OF AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING

Praise reports included thankfulness for the successful and encouraging mission trips. The trips are impacting all members of our congregation and we will look to build on this momentum. We are thankful for Jerry, Dale and Philip in leading the youth mission trips.

Bible study centered on Luke 11:1-4.

Pastor Jane Mar, representative of the Bishop's office, was in attendance and further clarified the call process.

Giving is still tracking well – only down less than 2% for the year.

New partners will be received on October 10<sup>th</sup> and the process will begin August 29<sup>th</sup> with an information session.

Discussed changes to council make-up, term of council and term limits. Will re-visit in September to decide how to move forward as any changes will require changes to the by-laws.

Passed a motion approving replacement of an air conditioning unit.

Passed a motion extending Philip Johnson's position as Ministry Apprentice through the end of 2010. We are encouraged by his development and benefit to the Youth Ministry.

Passed a motion to update certain fees associated with weddings at PMLC.

# MUSIC



“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord”. Psalm 150

## Singing Choirs

Choir	Age/Grade	Day	Time	Room	Begins
Sanctuary	Adult	Wednesday	7:30-9:00 pm	Choir	Now
Shalom	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Sunday	5:00-6:00 pm	Sanctuary	8/22
Chapel	2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Sunday	4:00-4:50 pm	Choir	9/12
Cherub	K-1 <sup>st</sup> grade	Sunday	5:00-5:45 pm	28	9/12
Joy	3-4 yrs. old	Sunday	5:00-5:45 pm	7	9/12

## Ringling Choirs



Jubellation	Adult	Wednesday	6:15-7:30 pm	26	9/1
Acabella	4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Sunday	5:00-5:45 pm	26	9/19



## Instrumental Ensembles

PMLC Orchestra	9 <sup>th</sup> grade-Adult	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	11am-12pm	Sanctuary	9/11
Youth Orchestra	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Specialty Scheduled	Sanctuary		

Pick up a registration form in the Atrium or you may go online to our website ([www.pmlc.org](http://www.pmlc.org)) to download the form.

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