

NEWS-N-NOTES

January 24, 2010—January 31, 2010

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Annual Congregational Meeting and Reports

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Please pick up your copy of the 2009 Annual Report that you will need for the Annual Congregation Meeting to be held on Sunday, January 31 at 12:15 p.m. Also available is the 2010 Church Directory and the 2009 Financial Statements which are available in the Atrium.

New Partner Meet & Greet - Today, January 24 at 9:45 a.m. If you have been visiting Preston Meadow and are interested in learning how to become a "Partner in Ministry" (a.k.a. members) please join Pastor Paul and others who have been visiting our church for coffee, juice, bagels and fruit and get to know us a little better. We will meet in the Fellowship hall next to the kitchen, just follow the signs!

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. Last weekend (1/17), \$14,000 was received to pass along to the HTF! Great work, partners! The need continues to increase as we receive word from our partners in Jacmel. They need medical supplies and doctors, and the HTF is working with agencies in the Dominican Republic to respond to this need. 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, ELCA Disaster Response, LCMS World Relief/Human Care and the WELS Committee on Relief to support those who have been affected by this week's earthquake in Haiti.

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." Members may choose which of the four relief agencies they want their contribution to support, with Thrivent Financial adding up to \$250 per member contribution.

We expect that this response will result in more than \$3 million to support the earthquake survivors: \$2 million donated by members and an additional \$1 million from Thrivent Financial.

1 Word Prayer for Haiti – In the atrium you can post a "1-Word Prayer" for Haiti. Write your 1 word on a post-it, then post it on the prayer board with all the other prayer words. What 1 word would you like to give to God on behalf to the people of Haiti?

Haiti Art available – We still have Haitian Metal Art available for your home, office, or as gifts. This metal art is made from recycled oil barrels by Haitian artisans. All proceeds will benefit Earthquake relief through the Haitian Timoun Foundation. Visit the table in the atrium to see the colorful artwork.

PRAYERS

Prayers: **Pat Appel, Jean Miller** (Kathy Leon's mother)

Hospitalized: **Mary Higdon, Gayne Ek, Wanda Haney** (Jo Ek's mother)

Sympathy: Kenneth Tucker and family on the death of Vivian Tucker, died 1/15.

Peggy Stone and family whose sister, Dorothy Wilcox, died 1/14.

Family members serving abroad in the Military: **Wyatt Hansen, Elliott Michael Reagan,**

Jordan Miculka, Brittany Hutchinson, Jamie Gillard, John Henning

The flowers on the altar are given by:

Don & Cynthia Hansen in Thanks to God for the blessing of our grandchildren Cayden & Kylie.

Fran Falco & Children in celebration of Brian's birthday.

Praise & Thanksgiving:

We pray for the following couple who celebrates 20+ yrs. of marriage:

Gayne & Jo Ek (39 years on 1/29)

Sermon Notes

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS, 9:45a -10:45a

BibleTrack: "*The Best Chapter in the Bible*" led by Pr. Art. Meets in Rooms 27/28. If your friend lay dying in a hospital room, where would you turn in Scripture to provide comfort and hope? If you had 10 hours left to live, what Scripture would you surround yourself with? Many places stand out, but one chapter in particular shines brightly. Join Pr. Art to discover the richness stored in Romans 8.

FOCUS on 5 Track: Sunday morning small group opportunities to focus on the realities of your life and one of the 5 ways God grows faith in us.

Let the Bible Be Your Spiritual Tool – led by Lisa Kern. Learn how to use the Bible to speak to the ups and downs of your daily life. Meets in Agape Room.

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!

Do you have a special talent or service that can be donated to the Mosaic Gala for their auction? One of the highlights of the Heart and Soul Gala on Feb 13 is a silent and live auction that helps them raise funds for specific initiatives for the coming year. They depend upon the donations of people with talents or services that others may bid on. Do you make special jewelry? Fancy quilts? Designer cakes? Offer handyman services? Carpentry or wood-working? Contact Pastor Paul to get in touch with Beth Sabella from Mosaic to work something out.

Family Place Service Opportunity: On January 30 from 9-1, a group of PMLC people will be helping the Family Place Women's Shelter sort through donations and clean up their facilities. If you're interested in going along, contact Steve Holland or Pastor Paul. A carpool will leave the church at 8 and return around 2.

Indonesian-Lutheran Ministry to begin meeting at PMLC. Starting in February, 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)

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Baptism Seminar: If you are considering baptism for your child, you must attend one of our Baptism seminars led by the Pastors. Meets in Pastor Paul's office in the staff offices on January 31, from 9:45-10:45. Contact Linda Bland for more information and to RSVP.

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.

Bible Dedication: A pew bible was dedicated in memory of Sue Johnsen’s father, James Hamilton, by the Women in the Word group.

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.

This month the Literary Ladies will be meeting at the home of Adella Fremstad; 6006 Green Oaks Drive; Plano, TX 75023 on Monday, January 25 at 7 p.m. We are reading The Lost Symbol by Dan Brown. Please RSVP to adellafremstad@yahoo.com or (972) 333-1129 if you'd like to join us!

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

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Tickets are on sale now! Come join us on Sunday, February 14 for an evening of food, fun and amoré. Bring your sweetheart while we transform the Fellowship hall into an Italian village celebrating Valentine's Day. Dine on a catered meal of your choice served by PMLC youth. Listen to stage performances by star gazing PMLC troubadours. \$25 per person (Proceeds support youth on summer missions) 125 reservations accepted. Bambino care provided. Contact Jerry Watts in the church office or by email jerry.watts@pmlc.org with questions.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ACTIVITY BAGS: Today we have introduced a children's "bulletin" tied to this week's sermon text. Our hope is to equip you with a tool for a teachable moment from the sermon. There are books and hand-on activities especially designed for children under 5 to assist them during worship. Please help your child return the bag to the rack following each worship service.

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 3-4: Mark 10:46-52. Today I learned that Jesus can do anything. Fill the sink or a dishpan with water and drop in some gummy fish or (gummy worms if necessary) and let your child "fish" them out with a colander. While fishing ask your child to explain how Jesus filled the disciples nets. Then just enjoy the gummy fish.

Pre-K and K: Matt 3:13-17. Today I learned about Jesus being baptized by John. Using sugar cookie dough make some dove shaped cookies. Throughout the week when your child does something right and you are pleased, give them some dove cookies. Affirm for them that they are living right as Jesus did.

Grades 1-2: Luke 4:1-13. Today I learned about the power of God's word. Every evening before bed choose a favorite Bible story to tell. Take turns telling the story to each other. Then ask why you think God put that particular story in the Bible. Finish up by thanking God for the gift of His word.

Grades 3-4: Luke 9:28-36. Today I learned that Jesus' power come from God. Take a family "power walk" around the house. Count up all the electrical outlets, light switches, lamps, gas appliances, etc. For one evening try living without any power. How would that be like living without God's power in your lives?

Grade 5: Mark 5:22-24a, 35b-43. Today I learned that parents are people too. Make an early Valentine! Cut some hearts out of construction paper and on the top half of the heart have your child write down things they like about you. On the bottom half, you write down things you like about your child. You can decorate your hearts if you like.

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

****Jr/Sr Mission Trip meeting TODAYYYY!** 12:15 in the youth room. Learn more about this great opportunity to serve and ways to fundraise for the trip.

Life Track for Teens: 180 Degrees: We'll talk about how God's Word gives us a perspective that is a 180 degree shift from the world's perspective on sex and relationships. The 2 week course begins TODAY and ends next Sunday @ 9:45 am. This class is open for 6th-12th graders and their parents who would like to attend. Our guest speakers are Rich and Jennifer Shelton from Real Options. More info at www.my180degrees.org

Those youth from 6-8th grade who do not attend can meet in room 26 for Sunday school. The youth in 9-12th grade who do not attend can meet in the conference room with the Wired Word.

~Da'Light Group is back!~ Da'Light Groups resume this Wednesday January 27 for the guys group at 7:30pm at Chris Nolden's house. All guys from 9-12th grade are welcome! Sunday January 31st we will resume our other Da'Light group at 6:15 in the youth room. All students 8th-12th grade are welcome to attend Sunday (bring a couple bucks b/c we might go to Starbucks or Ice Cream!). Any questions email josh.fortney@pmlc.org

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!

Immediate Staff Opening Facilities assistant – Part time 20 hours/week

We are looking to fill this position immediately. Primary responsibilities will be:

Assists in maintaining buildings and grounds of Preston Meadow Lutheran Church with a focus on:

1. Maintaining and servicing all aspects of the property
2. Performs Event setups as required
3. Performs routine scheduled maintenance
4. Responsible for closing and securing the facilities
5. Assists in maintaining the value of the assets entrusted to the staff by the members of PMLC.

The hours are Sunday (3pm-8pm); Wednesday (2pm-10pm); Friday (11am-6pm).

If you know of anyone interested in the position please contact me at

bob.ahnemann@pmlc.org or call the church office 972-618-2233 ext 241 for more details.



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