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Ten

Ancient words from God—enduring values for today

Summer worship showcasing the Ten Commandments:
8:30 and 10:00 a.m. through August 30.

When we lose sight of God's guidance for us and jump on the world's bandwagon instead, we often put temporal things first before God.

Last week, the television series "20/20" did a program on the current financial and economic conditions that they called "The New Normal". Several times during the topics that were covered, they used the term, "RESET".

The show featured people who had lost their jobs or a portion of their income and thus had to reset their expectations for the kind and size of house they needed, how much to spend on eating out, how much to spend on their family cars, how much to spend on furniture, travel, etc.; essentially, resetting what is important to them. One such family found pleasure in preparing meals together and planting a garden together. Not only were they eating healthier but they were spending more time together as a family, teaching their children important lessons and learning together what really matters in life. They took the time to show each other how important they are and their love for each other grew. Rather than being stressed about things or complaining about things, they found a purer form of happiness in a simpler life, freed from the treadmill of "keeping up with the Joneses".

20/20 must have checked PMLC's website for the timing of their programming and found that Pastor Art and Pastor Paul were starting a series about getting back to the basics of faith; "The 10 Commandments". This series invites us to reset our priorities in line with God's.

This past Sunday's sermon by Pastor Paul on covetousness coincided quite well with the 20/20 presentation. When we lose sight of God's guidance for us and jump on the world's bandwagon instead, we often put temporal things first before God. We make wealth, fame and/or success our idols and forget the more important things such as setting aside time each day to read the Bible and pray. We forget to regularly worship our Creator and Redeemer. We forget to love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves and we forget to honor our children with the dual gifts of love and time.

God's plan is simple; 10 guideposts designed to show us how to live happily "in His will" with each other. Jesus also advised us to not "lay up for yourselves treasure on earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourself treasures in heaven where neither moth or rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is; there your heart will be also". (Matt 6:19-21) God needs to be first in our lives.

I hope that you will use this summer when school is out to spend time with your children, enjoying the simple things of life (picnics, nature walks, board games. etc.) and setting a good example of daily prayer, Bible reading, and regular worship. Enjoy them and let them know how much you admire them and love them.

Make God as important in your life as you are in His.

Your partner in faith
Rod Kelm



VBS: Huge Success!

A big Bayou Crocodile Dock thank you to all who made VBS a great week for all! We had **109** people dedicate their time to this ministry in many ways.

We had **168** students who had the opportunity to learn "Fearless Kids Shine God's Light!"

Thank you to Bev Williams for the wonderful pictures she took throughout the week. Watch the website for the VBS slideshow coming soon!



Pastor Paul as Bayou Bubba



GOD IS POWERFUL



GOD IS WITH US

Sunday School Ministry Teams

Do you see yourself sharing your love of Jesus with others? Why not share your faith with the youngest partners here at PMLC? What a great reward it is to see children learn and grow in their relationship with Jesus. We are in need of Sunday school ministry teams for ages 2 through the 5th grade. We need 4-6 teachers per age group/class for a rotational schedule to take place. Sign ups will be available in the atrium beginning in July. Better yet, e-mail Patty Goldhammer (patty.goldhammer@pmlc.org) and let her know where you'd like to be placed.

Atrium Greeters

Have you ever been invited to an event and not known anyone there? That's what it can be like for our first time visitors. Maybe even some of our current members. It is critical that we greet them warmly and welcome them to worship with us. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35) How does this relate to visitors? Well, why are they coming to our church? Maybe they've just moved here and are looking for a new church home. They are a *stranger and we need to welcome them*. Maybe they are reaching out to "give God a try," they are *hungry and thirsty* and ready to hear God's word. It doesn't matter what the reason is, we must welcome them to worship with us!

In order for the ministry to work smoothly we ask that you commit for 2 consecutive weeks within a month or for the entire month. A visitor's first impression takes place immediately upon entering the building. Often within the first 10 minutes they know if this is a place they'd like to call home. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Patty Goldhammer at patty.goldhammer@pmlc.org.

Summary of Council Meeting on June 8, 2009

- There is an increase in Worship attendance, Sunday School attendance and giving over last year at this time.
- The council received a report from Jerry Watts about the Youth and Family Ministry programs.
- The council reviewed the direct mailing that went out to new residences in May. The mailing highlighted the summer worship series of the 10 Commandments.
- A new voice messaging system was purchased and will allow for staff members to have individual mail boxes. This will not be on all the time and staff will still answer phone calls in the office. The voicemail boxes will be private.
- There was additional conversation about improving the counting procedures and putting together an Audit Committee.
- There will not be a July council meeting.



Blood Lines

Did you know:

- **1,100 blood donors are needed each day.**
- **The shelf life of donated red blood cells is 42 days.**
- **Carter BloodCare is the primary provider of blood components and transfusion services for approximately 300 Texas health care facilities.**
- **3 lives are saved by one pint of donated blood.**
- **60% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood—only 5% do.**

The next Blood Drive at Preston Meadow is Sunday, August 2

As the blood drive coordinator at Preston Meadow, I take pride in the giving spirit you, my fellow members, demonstrate when asked to give to any one of a number of causes that come before our congregation. One of the reasons only 5% of the population donates blood is that no one has asked them. I want to take this opportunity to ask you to donate during the next drive. The blood supply gets low during the summer months but the need does not.

The blood drive will run from 7:15am until 12:15pm or until all donors are served. Sign up sheets will be available starting Sunday, July 19. Bulletin announcements will be made the weeks before the drive and a personal appeal by me will be on Sunday, July 26.

Please consider donating blood in August. As always, you receive a free T-shirt, the undying gratitude of the recipients of your donation and a big THANK YOU from the Preston Meadow blood drive coordinator.

*Peace,
Steve Larson
PMLC Blood Drive Coordinator*

Our summer camp will start, Monday, July 6.

The 2009-2010 school year will begin Tuesday, September 8—after Labor Day.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in our program, call the KDO office at 972-208-2424. Anyone interested in substituting, please call us or send us an email at kdo@pmlc.org.

May you enjoy the summer with family and friends. Be safe.

Making a Difference,
Elizabeth Costales, KDO Director



Announcements

Attention Kroger Shoppers!

The Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Program has made a change.

All Kroger shoppers who want to give a percentage of their total Kroger shopping dollars must **re-link** their cards beginning July 1. Please pick up a form letter with a scan bar in the church's atrium on the kiosk. Read the directions and take the NEW form to Kroger and link it to your *Kroger Plus Card*.

We have been informed that all participants MUST re-link their cards for them to be valid for the 2009-2010 time period. Please call the church office if you have any questions (972) 618-2233.

OWLS' Indoor Picnic



Join the OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans, 55+) Saturday, July 25 for a Texas-style "indoor" picnic to bid farewell to Deanna & Rod Johnson who will return to Canada in early September. The event will be held at Gwen Workman's Wooden Spoon Scandinavian Shop, 1617 Avenue K in Old East Plano, beginning at 5:30pm.

After dinner—Angie Carroll, marketing coordinator for Plano's Heritage Farmstead Museum, will give us a short talk on the well-preserved farmstead and its importance in Plano's history. Bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert plus your beverage of choice; meat will be provided. Cost is \$7 per person. Sign up in the atrium by Sunday, July 19, indicating the dish you will share. Please put your check (made out to PMLC with OWLS on the memo line) or cash in the envelope next to the sign up sheet.

Call Nancy Goebel at 972-529-2781 for more information. Gwen Workman may be contacted for directions at 972-424-6867.

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New 37:4 Group Starting Friday Nights!

Claire Rosenbluth will lead a new 37:4 Group for girls on alternate Friday nights from 7-9pm for young leaders. Please contact Claire if you're interested in being a part of this exciting group!
972-562-1610

Trip Meetings

Nashville Mission Trip
Wednesday, July 15
6pm

Alabama Mission Trip
Sunday, July 12
12:15pm

Youth Stock Holders

The Youth Stock Holder Thank You & Celebration Banquet for all youth stock holders
July 26 at 11am

Sunday Night Chill— Cool High-Schoolers Integrated to Learn Life Lessons



is a new get together for youth going in to 9th grade through 12th grade this June/July. The group will meet every other Sunday starting on June 14 after the Mission Trip Training sessions. We'll meet to share how summer is going, then move into a Bible study and discussion on important aspects of teen and high school life, with prayer following, and moving into the "Chill" fun session (games and/or swimming). The group will be led by Philip Johnson, a college senior. Topics include [1] Going through the motions [2] Love [3] Wanting, and [4] Self-Confidence. We'll use DVD short videos to get our topics going. For those interested in attending, a sign up sheet is located in the atrium.

Parents and Adults- Houses are needed to host these events! If you wish to support your youth and offer to host one of the meetings, there is a sign up sheet available in the atrium. Any help is greatly appreciated. (Houses with pools preferred). For questions contact or Philip Johnson (pjohn6043@ozarks.edu) or ask for Jerry Watts (jerry.watts@pmlc.org) in the Church office 972-618-2233.

Announcements

Lutheran Social Services Day at

Rangers Ballpark in Arlington Angels vs. Rangers

Friday, July 17 at 7:05pm (Big Bang Friday Fireworks)

Lutheran Social Services invites you to enjoy a day at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington benefitting the Nelson Children's Center and LSS Foster Care and Adoption Services in the Metroplex.

Contact Dan Zieschang at 800-938-5777 for more information.

Discounted Tickets

Lower Box (Reg. \$50) \$36

Corner Box (Reg. \$33) \$24

Lower Reserved (Reg. \$25) \$20

Upper Box (Reg. \$20) \$15

To purchase tickets, contact Derek England at 817-273-5257 or dengland@texasrangers.com

Unleavened Bread Makers

We are in need of volunteers to make the unleavened bread for communion. Please contact Judy Paulson at 972-618-3049

Contact Information for Churchwide Assembly Voting Members

2009 NT-NL Synod Voting Member to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly—August 17-23, 2009.

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On the Calendar in July



Austin Mission Trip	7/5
Church Office Closed	7/6
KDO Summer Camp Begins	7/6
College Financial Peace Class Begins	7/12
Nashville Mission Trip	7/18
OWLS' Event	7/25
Kids' Word Time	7/26

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Check the website for more events.

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