

NEWS-N-NOTES

September 12, 2010—September 19, 2010

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Sunday School for all ages begins today!—9:45 am

PRAYERS

Prayers: Ron Jansen, Marge Glossop, Marc Fry (cousin of Kathy Leon), Don Lee (brother-in-law of Barb Otteson), Hunter Boone (great nephew of Bill & Denise Lindquist), Steve Riedl (neighbor of Mike & Linda Miller)

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

The flowers on the altar are given by:

George & Gay Kapplinger in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

Chris Nolden in celebration of Forrest's 16th birthday.

Praise & Thanksgiving:

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

Ron & Charlotte Wiemann (51 years on 9/12)

Larry & Bernhild Katzung (48 years on 9/16)

Douglas & Camilla Swenson (52 years on 9/19)

Congratulations to Kenny Ahnemann & Samantha Rowe who will be married later today (9/12).

We continue praying for: Ben Raef (Andrea Sample's husband), 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), Isabel Thon (Becky Shuman's mom), Betty Claude (Cindy Olson's mom). Please let us know how your family & friends are doing and if there are any changes.

We still have openings on the church Flower chart for 2010.

Flowers may be designated for wedding anniversaries, birthdays, in memory of, etc.. The cost is \$48.00 per arrangement. You may take the arrangement home with you after late Worship.

The following dates have openings: October 10 - **one**; October 31 - **one**; November 21 - **one**; November 24 (Thanksgiving Eve) - **two**; November 28 - **one**; December 19 - **one**.

Please call Linda in the church office at (972) 618-2233 ext 224 if you would like to donate flowers in the chancel area for any of these dates.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Call Committee Formed

The Council met on August 23rd to choose a Call Committee to begin the next step in the Call process for our church. Fourteen Call Committee applications were turned in, and the following members were chosen by the Council to sit on this committee: Russ Abercrombie, Walt Bader, Sarah Kriesel-Hall, Bill Laopus, Susan Larson, Roger Toney & Mardi Woodling. They will be installed on Sept 12 during worship. They will also meet soon with Pr. Jane Mar from the Synod for their orientation and begin their work. Please keep them in your prayers.

Starting TODAY—September Adult Faith Formation: Living Lutheran 101

Sept. 12, 19 & 26 at 9:45 a.m. in rooms 27/28

How does being Lutheran impact our daily walk with Christ? Join with Pastor Paul as we explore the richness of our Lutheran heritage and its approach to the Christian faith. We'll see what the Lutheran witness offers to daily Christian life. We will look at the Scripture behind the principles and discuss in small groups about their influence on our life today. All adults are welcome! This class is a pre-requisite for those who wish to become Partners of Preston Meadow.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

WHAT'S NEW IN CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL??????

“THE SPARK” FOR GRADES 1-5 STARTS TODAY! 9:45 am Fellowship Hall

MOMS, DADS AND GRANDPARENTS....You are invited to join your children at THE SPARK. At 9:45 we will begin our Sunday school in fellowship hall with some fun music, God Sightings, Bible points, and a children's offering. The kids will sit with their classes, and you are welcome to come with your coffee, sit at the round tables and get a bird's-eye-view of their opening activities. In fact, we would love to hear your singing too!

There will be an offering moment. Children may bring one of three things

Their offering envelope with “cash”

A canned food item for Emanuel Dallas

A “Get Well” card or a “We Missed You” card that can be sent to missing classmates.

At 10am they will be dismissed to their classrooms, assisted by their teachers and some shepherds. 2'S through Kinder will continue to start their morning in their classrooms.

Any questions or want to be a shepherd? Call Corky Geist @ 972-618-2233 ext. 222

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



Da'Light Groups will be back in session starting September 15th! These small group meetings are designed for High School students to take a break from the pressures of school and other activities to concentrate on God. There will be group discussion over highs and lows for the week, some snacks, a Bible passage, and prayer requests. Don't forget about seeing your friends too. Sign Ups are in the atrium waiting to be filled with your names! Adults this includes you too! If you would like to help out and be an Adult Coach for the small groups or if you would prefer to host there is a separate sign up sheet for you as well.

Wednesday@theWell (confirmation for 7th & 8th graders) will meet this Wednesday on Sept. 15th.

Upcoming Weekend Retreats

High School MISSION TYLER Nov. 12-14

We will join Youth groups from all over Texas and beyond who can bring as many kids as they can fit in a bus (or several buses for that matter!) for a fun-packed, worshipful weekend. The weekend includes mission projects all over Tyler, TX, lodging at Pine Cove, a speaker who can relate to students through a powerful message, and we have energetic and intimate worship provided by the Pine Cove praise team. \$99

Middle School YOUTH CONFERENCE Nov. 12-14

Junior high conferences are an incredible experience for both kids and leaders. Campers will get an opportunity to play games, ride horses, fly down the zip line, jump around at club, listen to amazing speakers, laugh at skits, and so much more! Leaders will have an opportunity to really hang out with their students. Our goal is for leaders and kids to have a fun, worry-free weekend so that they can build a deeper relationship with each other and with Christ. \$99

STORING UP GOD'S WORD, 16 verses * 16 weeks: Today, we start our 16 week journey of taking God's Word to heart. Don't forget to pick up your memorization cards from the ushers on your way out from worship today. Please try to share each set between the members of your family. Each week during worship, we'll have an opportunity to say our memorized verse together and look forward to the next one. Memorize. Scripture. Together.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Fair Trade Coffee Today in the Atrium stop by the table to stock up for the month!

NEW 37:4 Bible Study Group: Jeff and Patty Goldhammer will be starting an adult couples 37:4 Bible study group at their home in McKinney. If you are interested in being a part of this group please contact them at: jhammer33@tx.rr.com or 972-562-8962.

Did you know... Lifestyle Stewardship: Hope for a Healthy Future:

This brief seminar presented by the NT-NL Public Witness Team offers hope for those who want to make healthy food choices for themselves and their families. The seminar will also explore how our food choices relate to hunger here and abroad. The event will be held Saturday, September 18; Advent Lutheran Church, 3232 S. Cooper, Arlington; 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon. A brochure with registration form is available in the church office and online at www.ntnl.org (under "upcoming events"). This event is sponsored by DiscipleLife committee on Public Witness for peace and Justice, and is partially funded by a grant from Lutheran World Relief.

Green Team #9 led by Doug Hillrich will meet next Saturday, September 18th

Fall Softball—September 20 @8:00 pm PMLC vs Achievers Prestoncrest to be held at the Heritage Yards of Plano (2)

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

Tables of Eight:

Last day to sign-up this morning in the Atrium for PMLC's "Tables of Eight".

Couples or singles sign up and are put into groups of eight. Lead host will be designated to get the process started.

You meet 4 times at each home for dinner. It can be fancy - china, backyard BBQ, or you can agree to meet at a restaurant. It's all up to your group. We will 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 out, having adult conversation. Watch out! Tables of Eight can become habit forming.

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

Mark your calendar- During the week of September 20-26, **Pastor Harvey Anderson** will be a featured writer for God Pause devotions, a free, daily e-mail devotional, published by Luther Seminary alumni/ae. To read Pastor Anderson's devotions go to www.luthersem.edu/godpause and click the Sign Up button.

Sermon Notes

NEW PARTNER CLASSES BEGIN TODAY with Living Lutheran 101! Contact Linda Bland in the Church office if you'd like to learn more about becoming a new partner with Preston Meadow Lutheran Church.

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.

MISSION

Journey of Hope Meal! Sign-ups continue in the Atrium for volunteers to prepare food and serve dinner on Thursday, September 23rd at First United Methodist Church in Plano . This is our last opportunity to help for this year. We need volunteers to prepare salads, the easy entrée (recipe is in the sign-up folder), dessert, bread, rolls, and butter. Volunteers are also needed to help serve dinner from the kitchen at First United Methodist Church in Plano. Food should be delivered to PMLC by 4:30 pm on Thursday, Sept. 23rd. Contact Cindy Olson or Marianne Ostergren with any questions. Your help is appreciated!

**OWLS
OLDER, WISER LUTHERANS 55+**

**LOOK FOR INFORMATION & SIGNUP SHEETS
ON THE OWLS ATRIUM TABLE**

Stop by the OWLS table and pick up your survey questionnaire. The Steering Committee needs YOUR OPINION about possible new events, meetings, activities and service projects. Leave completed questionnaires in envelope provided. Thank you for participating!

Check out the new OWLS table in the atrium to sign up for all upcoming events:

OWLS Annual Oktoberfest Saturday evening, September 25, 5:00 PM at the home of Susan and Larry Christensen. Cost, \$6.00 per person. Wisconsin brats and genuine German sauerkraut provided. Bring your beverage of choice, a lawn chair and a food contribution. If your last name begins with A-H, bring a dessert; I through M, bring a side dish; N through Z, bring an appetizer. Do you need transportation or can you provide a table? Let us know on the signup sheet. We're going to learn the Chicken Dance!

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.

Mark your calendar now to save the date of Saturday evening, December 4, for the OWLS Annual Christmas Dine-around.

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. **Kathy will be on vacation from September 2-15. During that time, email prayer requests to Jane Booras at janeb2u@tx.rr.com.** Prayer requests go out to over 150 people who will add their voices to yours to ask God for grace, peace and healing.





KDO NEWS



Call all Vendors: We are looking to fill our booths spaces for the craft fair. If you know of anyone interested in participating, have them contact Elizabeth at kdo@pmlc.org.

Be on the look for our Craft table in the atrium. We will sample some of the items our vendors will sell during the fair. Mark your calendars: Support our vendors, which include PMLC members and your KDO Preschool Program as well.

Mark Your Calendars

**7th Annual Preston Meadow Gift Fair
Benefitting the KDO Preschool
Friday, October 22 & Saturday, October 23
10 am to 4 pm (both days)**



Before you know it the holidays will soon be here. Need a little extra money for your holiday purchases. Well...

Now that fall is here and winter is right around the corner, this usually means colds and illnesses become more prevalent. If you are interested in becoming a substitute for our program, email me at kdo@pmlc.org. If you have turned in your application, I will be contacting you shortly.

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 10th and the process will begin August 29th 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.

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