

# NEWS-N-NOTES

September 5, 2010- September 12, 2010

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Sept. 12: Sunday School for all ages begins—9:45 am

## PRAYERS

**Prayers:** **Marc Fry, Ron Wiemann, Don Lee** (brother-in-law of Barb Otteson), **Hunter Boone** (great nephew of Bill & Denise Lindquist) and **Kenny Ahnemann** and **Samantha Rowe** on their upcoming marriage on Sept. 12.

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

**Sympathy:** **Michael Costales** (cousin of Tony & Elizabeth Costales) who died on August 30th. †

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

**Sandy Mellone** in memory of Frank Mellone.

**Jon & Cindy Olson** in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary.

**Praise & Thanksgiving:**

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

**Jon & Cindy Olson** (30 years on 9/6)

**Mike & Linda Miller** (21 years on 9/9)

**Kathy & Paul Miller** (27 years on 9/10)

**Dave & Lynn Thompson** (33 years on 9/10)

**George & Gay Kapplinger** (45 years on 9/11)

**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), **Roger & Lois Halverson** (mom & dad of Mary Higdon), **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.

The Church Office will be closed on  
Monday, Sept. 6th  
In Observance of Labor Day

## 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 Laupus, 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.

### **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.

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### **Flip Flops & Flapjacks**

Thanks to Boy Scout Troop #416 for serving up the flapjacks this morning.

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

This is a "MILESTONE EVENT" and will take place at both worship services today. Children will receive a blessing and a clip that hangs on their backpack to remind them that God loves them and is with them at school - everyday.

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## 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.

## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Back To School Night: THE YOUTH CONNECTION tonight @4:58pm (Middle School & High School)  
Meet us in the youth room at 4:58 or join us at Main Event in Frisco near Main Street & the Toll way at 5:30pm for an evening of PIZZA, BOWLING, LASER TAG, & GAMES. The festivities at Main Event will wrap up at 8:30pm and be back to church by 9pm. Parents & Youth are invited. RSVP in the Atrium this morning!

Da'Light Groups our high school home bible studies will be meeting on September 15 & 19. Save the dates!

Wednesday@theWell (confirmation for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders) will start this Wednesday on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Summer & 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 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

**See Jerry Watts to register for either retreat.**

## MISSIONS

Journey of Hope Meal! Sign-ups continue in the Atrium for volunteers to prepare food and serve dinner on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Cindy Olson or Marianne Ostergren with any questions. Your help is appreciated!

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

**The 20/30's Group** will be going to lunch at Abuelo's in WEST Plano today after 11:00 service. Please see Susan Mussachio, Christina Stelzl or Kyla Ahnemann for more information.

**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 - **two**; November 21 - **one**; November 24 (Thanksgiving Eve) - **two**; November 28 - **two**; December 19 - **two**.

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.

**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.

**Green Team #8** led by Steve Erickson will meet next Saturday, September 11th

**Fall Softball**—September 13th @7:00 pm BallBusters vs. PMLC to be held at the Heritage Yards of Plano (2).

**The Thursday night men's softball team** is looking for players. If you are interested, please contact Jim Fawcett @ jfawcett57@hotmail.com or mobile 469-865-4391. Thursday's game is at 8pm, Sept. 9 on field 2 at Heritage Yards of Plano.

**Women in the Word** – Want to know God intimately and join Him in His work. Come each Tuesday morning from 9:30 – 11:00 to study “Experiencing God” by Richard and Henry Blackaby. See you in room 27 starting September 7th. Please email Connie Prill for additional information at connie.prill@gmail.com.

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS, CONT.

**A special Thank You** for all the cards, calls and 50 Anniversary wishes we received from our PMLC friends. It is truly a blessing to be associated with so many kindhearted folks.

~Ken and Joleen Schwarz

### **Tables of Eight:**

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](http://www.luthersem.edu/godpause) and click the Sign Up button.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

"THE SPARK" FOR GRADES 1-5 STARTS NEXT WEEK! 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

**Sermon Notes**

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

**OWLS  
OLDER, WISER LUTHERANS 55+**

NOTE: INFORMATION & SIGNUP SHEETS MOVED TO OWLS ATRIUM TABLE

***You don't have to "sign up" to be an OWL (Older, Wiser Lutheran)! If you're 55 or over, you belong! Check out the new OWLS table in the atrium to sign up for all upcoming events:***

**Monthly Meeting and Pot Luck Salad Supper. We'd like to know how many are coming, so a signup sheet has been provided. Please stop by and sign up so we know you plan to come:**

**Thursday evening, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM in PMLC Fellowship Hall.** There is no cost. Please 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, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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



*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***



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