

NEWS-N-NOTES

March 7, 2010—March 14, 2010

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LENT 2010

THE SIGN OF JONAH

Soup Supper at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall

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Worship at 7:00 in the Sanctuary

Each week we will worship in a different musical style—
choral, Celtic, jazz, rock, folk, gospel.

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B:90 meets in Room 27/28, right after worship,
for those who wish to discuss what they have been reading
as they make their way through the whole Bible in 90 days.

Read thru the Bible in 90 Days! The reading outline for **Bible:90** is available on the kiosk in the Atrium. Don't forget to make plans to join Pastor Paul or Pastor Art on Wednesday nights, at 7:45 pm (after Lent worship) for **Bible:90** in room 27/28 to talk about the previous week's readings, lessons learned, and be encouraged to stay the course.

Lutheran Disaster Response in Chile and Haiti: Powerful earthquake strikes Chile suddenly. ELCA church partners are helping with the early assessment. To contribute to their work, visit: www.elca.org/disaster **HAITI: And then came the rain...** Last week, Haiti's capital experienced its heaviest rainfall since the earthquake, a soaking downpour that lasted for several hours. The storm foreshadows things to come when the rainy season sets in next month. Visit www.htflive.org for continued updates on our partners or to make contributions. Also visit <http://blogs.elca.org/disasterresponse/haiti> to see what Lutheran partners are accomplishing there.

PRAYERS

Prayers: **Jo Ek, Donna Dawson, Jean Miller** (Kathy Leon's mother), **Chris Northcutt** (Deanne Gray's sister), **Dawn Jackson** (Wendy Crook's mother), **Linda Hodge** (Sonja Jasper's friend), **Dr. Robert Bondy, Jr.** (The Jasper's family friend), **Sammy** (Gwen Workman's grandson), **Stella Holland** (Steve Holland's mom), **Wanda Haney** (Jo Ek's mom), **Isobel Thon** (Becky Shuman's mother)

Hospitalized: **Del Covington**

Sympathy: Steve and Christa Holland and family on the death of Christa's grandmother **Marie Schille**, died 2/27. †

Bob and Lynne Goetz and family on the death of Lynne's brother **John Osner**. †

Family members serving abroad in the Military: **Wyatt Hansen, Elliott Michael Reagan, Jordan Miculka, Brittany Hutchinson**

Praise & Thanksgiving:

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

Dave & Jenny Hoch (32 years on 3/4)

David & Barbara Otteson (54 years on 3/10)

Don & Cynthia Hansen (32 years on 3/11)

The flowers on the altar are given by:

Mike & Margaret Reagan in honor of Rebecca's 17th birthday.

Brian & Fran Falco in honor of Ben's 11th birthday.

Thank You—Dear PMLC Members, Jim and I would like to thank the Wednesday Morning Journey Group for the wonderful reception they gave us in honor of our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We would also like to thank everyone for their cards and good wishes. It is truly a blessing for us to be part of PMLC, the Pastors, Staff and members all hold a special place in our hearts. **God Bless all of you, Jim & Ruth Blomquist**

Sermon Notes

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS from 9:45 am-10:45 am

***BIBLETRACK:**

Keeping Up With the Holy Spirit in Scripture

As Lutheran Christians we may not always place as much focus on the Holy Spirit as we should, yet the Holy Spirit perhaps plays the most critical role in our ability to be effective followers of Jesus. It's time to get reacquainted with the Great Comforter and embark on a more Spirit-filled journey with Christ. Join Paul Rosenbluth for a four week in-depth look at the Holy Spirit. Topics covered will include: the Deity of the Holy Spirit, Sins against the Holy Spirit, the Work of the Holy Spirit, and the Fruit of the Holy Spirit. Bring your Bible for this Scripturally intensive series. Will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

FOCUS on 5 Track:

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

Join Tracy Letzelter for a four-week much-needed look at what you do with what God has given you. Tracy will be using the principles of Dave Ramsey to help you focus your life with \$\$\$\$. Will meet in Room 28.

Focus on 5 is PMLC's Sunday morning month-long small group experiences focused on the 5 ways God promises to grow our faith.

*** PRAYING * GIVING * SERVING * CONNECTING * INVITING ***

***PARTNERSHIP TRACK:** Anyone interested in finding out how to become a "Partner" (Member) of Preston Meadow is welcome to attend the Partnership Class.

Join Pastor Art in room 27 and others who have been visiting the church and find out the Biblical background of what being a "Partner" really means. This class does not oblige you to join the church, but it is a requirement for becoming a "Partner" of Preston Meadow.

Fair Trade Coffee Sales Today in the Atrium

Haiti Art— We just received some new Haiti Art. Drop by the table to see the new collection.

MISSIONS

25@25, May 8th Anniversary Mission Day: *A day of giving to others, as God has given to us!*

Make sure you have marked your calendars to be a part of this rewarding mission day! The projects are in the process of being planned to allow PMLC partners of **all ages** to participate. Projects will take place throughout the day to fit your busy schedule. Our mission partners will be Emanuel Lutheran, Habitat for Humanity, MOSAIC, Journey of Hope, IMPACT, Clifton Sunset Home, The Family Place, Frisco Family Services, PMLC Military Packages, The Samaritan Inn, Food Drives, Plano Park Cleanup and many more to come! Sign up for the projects will begin in the middle of March.

25@ 25 Project Planners: We need project planners who are willing to be the key person for the following projects: The Samaritan Inn, Plano Park Cleanup, Firefighters Appreciation, Plano Children's Clinic, PMLC onsite projects and Food Drive. You will work closely with your specific mission partner on working out the details of the project that will take place. Pastor Paul and Patty will then communicate all details to the congregation. If you have any questions, please talk to Patty Goldhammer (jhammer33@tx.rr.com) or Pastor Paul (paul.mussachio@pmlc.org).

Journey of Hope Dinner: Please consider making part of a meal for the March 25th dinner, or helping serve dinner at First United Methodist Church in Plano. Additional information is in the sign-up folder in the atrium. Questions? Contact Cindy Olson or Marianne Ostergren. Your help is appreciated by so many!

Housing Needed: Texas Lutheran University Choir in Concert, Thursday, March 25, 7:30 p.m. Housing is needed for this group. If you could host some singers, please contact Steve Larson @ salarson@jcpenny.com

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS ARE HERE! **Adults** – please pick up a copy of “The Sign of Jonah” for your family. **Children** (age 3 through 5th grade) if you missed Sunday School, please pick up your sticker book and centerpiece.

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.

Calling all Dessert Makers and Bakers! We plan to host a ‘dessert bar’ for our Fifth graders who will be celebrating their First Communion Milestone on April 1 during Maundy Thursday worship. To make their night special, we'd like to ‘treat’ them to some tasty creations afterward. If you would like to make a scrumptious snack to add to the mix, please contact Pastor Paul. We're looking for bite-sized creations fit for all imaginations! Sign up in the Atrium today!

Ethics of Food Seminar: The NT-NL Synod's DiscipleLife Public Witness Team will present an "Ethics of Food" seminar at Walnut Hill Lutheran Church, Saturday, March 20, 9:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. The seminar will explore how public policy impacts the market place and those who are impoverished. It will help participants examine how personal choices and public engagement can lead to Beneficial results. Brochures are available in the church office and on line at: <http://www.ntnl.org/index.php/download-document/273-EthicsofFood2.html>. To register send \$20.00 registration fee to Tyna Oslie, NT-NL Synod, 1230 River Bend, Suite 105, Dallas, Tx 75247-4916; make check available to "NT-NL Synod" with Ethics of Food Seminar noted. *Students Scholarships are available.*

Chili Cook Off is March 10th

Don't let it happen again! Pastor Paul is already planning his comeback after a devastating defeat in last year's cook off. Who will be this year's champion? Join us before worship for the Lenten soup supper hour for a delicious and competitive chili cook off MARCH 10th! The trophy is real, the chili tastes great, and the proceeds from the evening donations go towards defraying the costs of youth summer mission trips!

Cold and Flu Prevention: In an effort to reduce the spread of the cold and flu virus this season, twelve hand-sanitizing stations have been installed throughout the building. The new sanitizer is a foamy, non-alcohol based solution that is easy on your hands, doesn't leave hands feeling sticky or dry and is "kid-friendly". These stations will replace the individual bottles of hand sanitizers that are currently being used throughout the building. You can find out more information regarding the sanitizing agents on the kiosk located in the Atrium.

THANK YOU—From Boy Scout Troop 416

A heartfelt "Thank You" from Boy Scout Troop 416, to all members of Preston Meadow Lutheran Church, for your tremendous support of our fourth annual mulch sale! Your purchases will help 55 Scouts attend June Summer Camp at Camp Constantin, on Possum Kingdom Lake, participate in the July high adventure backpacking/climbing/kayaking trek, or attend the 100th Anniversary National Jamboree, in Virginia. In addition, the funds raised will be used to purchase much needed tents and equipment as the Troop continues to grow in its' outreach to youth in our community.

Planning ahead . . . March Mulch Madness 2011 ordering will begin in January 2011.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

KID'S WORD TIME

Age 3 through 5th grade: Please continue reading your Jonah devotionals with your children. If you don't have the devotionals and timeline centerpieces, there are still some available in the narthex.

Take-home activities:

Age 3 through 5th grade: Please continue reading your Jonah devotionals with your children. If you don't have the devotionals and timeline centerpieces, there are still some available in the narthex. This devotional replaces the weekly take-home activities. Those will resume right after Easter.

Easter Celebration – Saturday, April 3, 9:30-11am

It will be here before you know it. Easter, the greatest of all Christian celebrations!!!! Children age 2 through 1st grade gather for a time of worship, crafts and the ever favorite – egg hunt. Your opportunity to volunteer your time, talent and/or goodies is simple but essential. Please partner with us to make this a fabulous time for your entire family by adding your name to the volunteer and donation sheets in the atrium following worship today. Older siblings (teens) are also invited to be helpers. Finally, *stay tuned* for information about the “mission moment” that will be part of this year’s activities.

Vacation Bible School

We are really excited to be announcing the dates and theme for this summer’s VBS. Your children will take an action-filled “high seas adventure” packed with Bible stories and activities that will produce memories for a lifetime. Please reserve June 14-18 on your calendars right now. You don’t want them to miss this! Also, be thinking very seriously about how you can participate this year as an adult or teen volunteer. More information about the specifics will follow shortly. If you have never done VBS, this would be the year to “get your feet wet”. For more information, please contact Corky Geist. 972-618-2233 Ext 222 or corky.geist@pmlc.org.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

~~Da’Light~~ Both Da’Light groups will be meeting every Wednesday during lent from 6-7 at the soup suppers. We will have our own table talk discussion with some delicious **free** soup! Come at 5:45 if you want to head to 7-11 before and get a Slurpee and then we’ll meet back up in the fellowship hall at 6! Also after the service meet with Josh in the atrium for further discussion!

Mission Trip!! It’s not too late to sign up for the Jr/Sr high mission trip to Parsons, KS this summer and the Family mission trip to Alabama! Sign up sheet and registration forms are in the Atrium! Sign up today!! **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** The commitment dates on the flyer only refers to how much you are committed to if you need to back out at that date. THE ONLY MONEY DUE NOW is the \$50 deposit, no other monies are due until fundraisers are completed. **Come to the Mission Trip meeting March 21st at 1215!**

Chili Cook Off Sign Ups! Families of youth sign up in the atrium to help with the annual chili cook off on March 10th! This is a great chance to provide something special during the Lenten Soup Suppers and to raise funds for this summer’s mission trips. Sign up to help with set-up, clean-up, and other contest details (like counting ballots and helping Josh win!).



You asked For It! Extended Care Hours beginning in August 2010

PMLC Church members and visitors,

Preston Meadow KDO Preschool has made a decision regarding extending our hours of operation. We wanted you to know should you be considering going back to work full-time or even a part-time job. Please pass this on to friends, neighbors, co-workers, and so on. Once all the details have been worked out, we will let you know and the registration process will begin. Here is an overview of what will be added, details are still being worked out:

1. Months of operation—Following the PISD teacher calendar (Mid August 2010 — Mid June 2011) Specific dates will be confirmed when PISD publishes next year's school calendar
2. PISD Teacher Calendar means when PISD students have a holiday but PISD teachers do not, we will be open.
3. Closed Mid June thru Mid August — no summer camp
4. Hours of operation : 7 am to 5:30 pm (hours not set in stone yet)
5. If you are enrolled in our program for next year and do not need extended care in the morning or afternoon, you do not need to do anything. Our core program will stay the same. The additional hours are being provided as a service which has been requested.
6. 7 am to 9 am Parents who have enrolled in the morning extended care program may drop their children at our facility. Staff will be set in place at this time.
 9 am to 2 pm KDO Preschool—Kindergarten will be in session. Students in the morning extended care program, will be taken to their appropriate class.
 2pm to 5:30 pm Students enrolled in the afternoon extended care program, will be taken to the after school staff. Stay N' Play will not be available next school year.

The above information is simply an overview of what we are planning. We wanted you to know what the plans were, as many will start making arrangements for the summer and maybe are considering to work outside the home, already work outside the home, or simply could use some extra hours in your day. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email them to me. I will answer them the best I can. Elizabeth Costales, Director. 972-208-2424 ext. 236—kdo@pmlc.org



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