

# NEWS-N-NOTES

January 31, 2010—February 7, 2010

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## Annual Congregational Meeting and Reports

Please join us for our Annual Congregation Meeting to be held today at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Additional copies of the report will be available.

**Read thru the Bible in 90 Days!** “Can’t be done! It’s impossible!” you say? Guess again! Churches and groups across the country are blazing through the bible – cover to cover – in 90 days. It’s fast paced but short; it’s intense but rewarding. PMLC will host our 1st session of thru the Bible in 90 Days beginning in Lent. We’ll start Sun, Feb 21 and end Sun, May 23. It comes to about 12 pages a day, and it will set the tone for our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations while growing us deeper in faith. Look for a commitment form in next week’s bulletin and for weekly reading calendars. Each Wednesday night after Lenten worship, we’ll meet to talk about what we learned in the previous week and pump each other up to stay the course. Talk with Pastors Art or Paul to learn more. Any bible will do!

## **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. Over two weekends, \$16,000 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](http://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.

**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, Mary Higdon, Donna Dawson, Jean Miller** (Kathy Leon's mother), **Gayne Ek, Wanda Haney** (Jo Ek's mother), Sue Wodka (John Wodka's sister-in-law)

Hospitalized: **Ed Makowski** (Paul Makowski's dad ), **Ray Herrmann** (friend of Nettie Schwarz' family)

Sympathy: June Kelm and family whose aunt, Laverl Weber, died 1/24. †

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:

**Chris Nolden** in celebration of Robbie's birthday.

**Randy & Judy Paulson** in memory of Merlin Paulson (Randy's father).

## **25TH ANNIVERSARY**

### **PMLC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbooks**

Today is the last day to order a cookbook to ensure a copy from the initial printing. A limited number of extra cookbooks will be ordered for later purchase. Contact Marianne Ostergren at 972-618-5489 with any questions. They would make a great gift for Mother's Day!

Sermon Notes

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### TODAY from 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](http://www.pmlc.org)

### SUNDAYS Beginning in February

#### Focus on 5 for February

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

February 7-14 is NATIONAL Marriages Week

Celebrate and FOCUS by joining Pastor Paul and Nancy Going in

#### THE JOURNEY of MARRIAGE

THREE Sundays—February 14, 21, and 28.

- \* Explore your marriage as an expression of your relationship with God.
- \* Practice protecting your marriage.
- \* Develop and celebrate leading by serving

AND you can attend and reap the benefits even if your spouse can't join you!

**BIBLETRACK:** Join Lisa Casimir in Room 28 for a look at an Old Testament story of love, loyalty, and faith through the Book of Ruth.

**PRAYER:** Join Rod Kelm, beginning February 7, in the Agape Room to look at your relationship with God through prayer. God wants to hear what is on your heart and guide you in life. Are you praying?

## 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.

**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 8<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:paul.mussachio@pmlc.org)) or Patty Goldhammer ([jhammer33@tx.rr.com](mailto: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 today, from 9:45-10:45. Contact Linda Bland for more information.

**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.

### **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.

### **SCOUT SUNDAY**

“On my honor I will do my duty to God . . .” Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> will be “Scout Sunday” at Preston Meadow. All Scouts and Scout Leaders are invited to wear their uniforms, bring their unit flag for display in the Atrium (please bring your own flag stand), and invite members of your unit to worship with us that Sunday. Anyone wishing to assist the ushers, at the 8:30am or 11:00am service, or who has questions, please call Carol Ann Kiner at 214.335.9847.

### **ORDER YOUR SPRING MULCH – SUPPORT PMLC’s TROOP 416**

Preston Meadow Lutheran Church’s own Boy Scout Troop 416 continues to sell competitively priced, top-quality, 2-cubic foot bags, of shredded cedar or hardwood mulch. Scouts are standing by to take your order today for delivery to your driveway, or for your pick up at the church parking lot, Saturday morning, March 6th. They have order tables in the Atrium.

Proceeds, from what is an annual spring mulch sale, will be used to purchase much needed equipment for our rapidly growing Troop and to provide assistance to Scouts for their summer camping experiences.

**Fair Trade Coffee Day** will be held on Sunday, February 7.

## **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**

**VALENTINO’S**—TICKETS ARE GOING FAST.....!!

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](mailto:jerry.watts@pmlc.org) with questions.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### **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:** John 21:1-13 Today we learned that Jesus can do anything, including filling the fishermen's nets with fish. Talk with your child this week about your favorite miracle story.

**Pre-K and K:** Matthew 4: 1-11 Today we learned that Jesus did what was right, even when it was hard. Talk about the hard things your family faces, and how God's Word will help you through them.

**Grades 1-2:** Mark 6:35-44 Today we learned that God is pleased when we share. Help your children choose some items from their closets or toy boxes and together take them to Goodwill, Salvation Army, or a charity of your choice.

**Grades 3-4:** John 11:1- 44 Today we learned that Jesus has power over death. At dinner this week talk about what it might be like to gain a heavenly body or think about questions you might like to ask God when you go to heaven. Try to think about what Lazarus thought when brought back to life.

**Grade 5:** Ephesians 6:7-8 Today we learned that with God's help, we can do our best. Have everyone in the family make a list of expectations. You can put them in 3 columns. The headings would be: 1) What do you expect of yourself? 2) What do others expect of you? 3) What does God expect? Then discuss which ones are most important and think of ways to help each other meet those expectations and how God will help.

**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:

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| Sunday, February 14 <sup>th</sup> | student and parent class                                                                                                                             |
| Sunday, February 21 <sup>st</sup> | student and parent class                                                                                                                             |
| Sunday, February 21 <sup>st</sup> | 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

**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 2nd week of the course is TODAY in the youth room. This class is open for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.my180degrees.org)

\*\*Those youth from 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade who do not attend 180 can meet in room 26 for Sunday school. The youth in 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade who do not attend 180 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 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome! Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> we will resume our other Da'Light group at 6:15 in the youth room. All students 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:josh.fortney@pmlc.org)

**Pine Cove Youth Retreat!** All 6-12<sup>th</sup> 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 5-7<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$89 for the weekend of fun and fellowship. Sign up in the atrium today!

**Valentino's:** NEEDED: We need families to donate loaves of French bread and Bottles of sparkling cider for Valentino's. Sign up sheet in the atrium. Also, sign up in the atrium to work a shift before, during, and/or after Valentino's February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Save the Date:**

2/13: IMPACT

2/14: Valentino's

3/5-7: Pine Cove retreat!

3/10: Chili Cook-off

3/21: Mission Trip Meeting



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