

The Pacific Hills Messenger

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Church Events

Mission Central Guest Speaker

Rev. Joel and Clarion Fritsche serve the Lord as missionaries of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Dominican Republic. In this role, Joel plants new churches. He also serves as the Director of Concordia Seminary and Mercy Center in Palmar Arriba (which is in the Santiago province of the Dominican Republic). As director, he teaches courses and helps prepare men to be pastors who proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Joel was born in Houston, Texas. He earned a bachelor's degree in music from Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, and received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Before becoming a missionary, he served as a pastor of congregations in Wyoming, Texas and Illinois. He also worked as an admissions counselor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Joel's wife, Clarion, was born in Balboa, Panama City, Panama. She received a bachelor's degree in education from Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin. Before heading to the mission field, she taught at several Lutheran schools. Joel and Clarion have three beautiful children - Viktor, Sergei and Andrei - who join them on the mission field. Please pray for the Fritsches as they serve the Lord in the Dominican Republic. Pray that God gives them strength and peace in their family life and as they work to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ. Ask God to give Joel wisdom and faithfulness as he helps raise up pastors, deaconesses and other church leaders to serve the Dominican church. Pray that God continues to bless Joel's service to the church and Clarion's homeschooling of their three boys. Let us give thanks that Joel, Clarion and their family are serving God's children in the Dominican Republic and for Joel and his presence with us this weekend.

Blessings,

Pastor Bryan

Sunday	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Eucharist
Monday	11:30am	CYF Board
	9:00am	No Preschool
Tuesday	6:30pm	Quilters
	9:00am	Tai Chi
	9:30am	Alanon
	4:30pm	Siena Francis House
Wednesday	7:00pm	Directors Board
	8:30am	Foster Care
	9:30am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Fellowship
	6:00pm	Youth Confirmation Class
Thursday	6:45pm	Women's Bible Study
	10:00am	Women's Bible Study
	6:30pm	Tai Chi
	7:00pm	Gamblers-12 Step
	7:30pm	Omaha Philatelic Society
Friday Sunday	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Eucharist
	11:30am	Foundation Trustees

We would like to thank our Lord Jesus for healing and all of you for your continued thoughts and prayers. We arrived home on Wednesday evening after nearly two weeks of dealing with a bowel obstruction, surgery and complications from surgery. I hope to be back with all of you very soon.

Sincerely,

Pastor Bryan and Cheryl Drebes

Missionary visit Sunday, January 19. Pastor Joel Fritsche, Missionary to the Dominican Republic and Director of Concordia Seminary and Mercy Center in Palmar Ariba, will be the guest preacher and will give a presentation during Bible study on his work in the Dominican Republic. Welcome Pastor Fritsche!

Board of Missions and Social Ministry Mission of the Month in January is a Baby Drive for Essential Pregnancy Services which provides support for mothers and their babies. Donations of diapers (up to age 2), wipes, baby clothing, lotion, shampoo, body wash, bottles, bottle brushes, blankets, baby food and baby items are needed and may be placed in the bins in the narthex. Thank for your generosity.

Essential Pregnancy Services "Glow" Banquet.

24th Annual EPS Fundraising Dinner will be **Thursday, February 6.** Doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm. It will be hosted at the Embassy Suites of LaVista. The keynote speaker will be Shawn Carney, depicted in the inspiring true story, Unplanned, and CEO and President of 40 Days for Life. **Please help fill the Pacific Hills tables by going to www.friendsofeps.org/glow.** Click "EPS Banquet Banner" and select "Brenda Whealy" or "Mike Whealy" as your table host. If you need help, call Brenda at 402-201-1106.

An Update from Campus Ministry Living H2O: Campus Ministry Living H2O, at its December board meeting, prayerfully decided to "suspend operations" due to the lack of students participating in the ministry. There are still some administrative things that need to be done before a decision is made to "close the ministry." However, at this time, the ministry requests that future gifts be directed to other ministry choices of our donors.

For your consideration: The piano in Acker Hall has been replaced. The old one is available for donation to the first person who claims it. You must also be responsible for moving it out of Acker Hall. Call the church office to let them know you would like to claim the piano and will move it. If you have questions or need more information about this instrument, call Sara Young at 402-397-7987.

Bible Verse of the Week

"Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to who shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

(John 6:68)

Pacific Hills members: March 2019 began the first year of the Forward in Faith Together capital fund campaign.

Please check to see if you will meet your first year commitment based on your personal pledge. Remember to use separate envelopes from your regular offering envelopes. Envelopes for Forward in Faith Together are available in the narthex.

Please pick up your 2020 Offering envelopes that have been placed on the table in the coatroom.

If you would like to sponsor the Altar Flowers in 2020, the Flower Chart has been placed on the bulletin board in the coatroom.

Sunday School Classes begin at 9:15am:

Nursery opens at 9am (main floor-south door entrance-canopy extension)

Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd grade students will meet together for opening in Rooms 206/207 and then break into two separate groups for lessons.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will remain in Rooms 206/207

1st and 2nd grade students will move to Room 212

3rd through middle school students will meet in Room 208

Adult Bible Study begins at 9:30am in Acker Hall

Topic: A Biblical Study of the End of Times

Events of Other Congregations and Agencies

LORD'S LAMBS CHILD CARE is looking for full and part time staff. Immediate openings for: Toddler Room, Twos Room, Floaters, and Substitutes. If you enjoy working with children in a Christ-centered environment, please contact Denise, our director, at Director@lordslambselkhorn.org. Employment application is downloadable at <http://lordslambselkhorn.org/meet-the-staff/> Or call Denise at 402-289-9291 or Director@lordslambselkhorn.org