

# *The Pacific Hills* Messenger

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“Be still and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10

This is one of my favorite Bible verses. I come back to it over and over again when I need a reminder that I'm not in charge. I came across a different version of this verse this week that made me stop and think about it in a different way. I always looked at the “be still” part as calm down, take a break, and rest for a bit. The NASB reads “Cease striving and know that I am God.” Cease striving. Not just take a minute and breathe deeply. Not just say a little prayer and keep going. Stop straining so hard to run things by myself. Stop trying to get through life at 100 mph. Stop trying to take 5 minutes breaks that don't satisfy. Cease striving and let God be in control of everything. As we begin this Lenten season (and always) may we all cease striving—be still—and know that the creator of the universe is in charge. He has a plan, and has already fulfilled it through the suffering, death, and resurrection of his son, Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Kay Storck  
Director/Teacher  
Lamb of God Preschool

## Church Events

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am	<b>Eucharist</b>
		<b>PHAT Sunday</b>
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	11:30am	Outreach Board
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00am	Tai Chi
	9:30am	Alanon
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
	8:30am	Foster Care
	9:30am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Fellowship
	2:00pm	<b>Worship</b>
	6:00pm	Youth Confirmation Class
	7:00pm	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00am	Women's Bible Study
	6:30pm	Tai Chi
	7:00pm	Gamblers-12 Step
<b>Friday</b>	7:30pm	Omaha Philatelic Society
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	<b>Eucharist</b>

**Potluck Breakfast:** The Sunday before Lent, February 23, is PHAT Sunday. It is a time to get Pacific Hills All Together (PHAT) to enjoy a big breakfast, “bury the alleluias,” and have fun fellowship with others from Pacific Hills. Bring your favorite breakfast potluck dish. Beverages will be provided. Encourage others to come February 23 between worship services in Acker Hall.

**We are pleased to announce the piano we were giving away in Acker Hall has found a good home. Thanks to all who inquired.**

**Smiles at the Laundromat** Saturday, February 29, 10am to 12pm. This social ministry activity of serving others by paying for their laundry at the local laundromat has been a way to show our care and love for others. Meet at church at 10am and join us.

**New Adult Confirmation Classes** will begin Monday, March 2, at 6pm in Room 115. Please indicate your desire to participate with Pastor directly or with Linda in the church office. Classes meet for 6-weeks and lead to membership at Pacific Hills. **The Next Reception of New Members either by Confirmation or Transfer** will be the Sunday right after Easter, April 19. If you desire to transfer please also indicate with Pastor directly or with Linda in the church office. Thank you.

**February Mission of the Month: Love our LCMS Missionaries.** Did you know that LCMS Missionaries share the Gospel in over 90 countries? Your Mission offerings are currently providing financial support for 10 missionaries and their families serving in Cambodia, South Korea, Indonesia, Taiwan, Kenya, Tanzania, Ghana, and the Dominican Republic. Thank you for continuing to support our missionaries by prayer and financial partnerships.

**A Helping Hand at Tax Time:** It's the height of tax season. The complexity of IRS laws leaves many in the dark, not knowing what the implications are for them beyond the annual tax form on income. Will your estate owe tax? Do you want to learn more? Craig Stirtz, a gift planning counselor with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Foundation, has assisted our congregation with estate planning. He can advise you how you can support the Pacific Hills Lutheran Church Foundation and other ministries that are important to you. Questions? Contact Craig at 402-616-0312 or [craig.stirtz@lfnd.org](mailto:craig.stirtz@lfnd.org).

**Preparing to Celebrate our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** Mark your calendars. On June 14, 2020 we will be celebrating 65 years as a congregation. It was “near” this date in 1955 (on June 12<sup>th</sup>) that Pacific Hills Lutheran Church was organized with 112 communicant members, most of which were transfers from First Lutheran. To commemorate this day, our Board of Elders is putting together a special committee to help facilitate a day of worship, fellowship, lunch and other activities. The renovation will be well underway by June 14. This will give us opportunity to look back and thank God for what has been even as we look ahead to the great things that God has in store for us as a congregation. Stay tuned for more details.

## Bible Verse of the Week

“Lord, it is good for us to be here”

(Matthew 17:4b)

**Lenten Soup Suppers** will be available on Wednesdays before the evening service. Invite your friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc. to enjoy a bowl of hot soup and bread before evening service. Everyone is welcome! Supper is 5:30pm to 7pm in Acker Hall on March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1. It's free, but there will be a basket if you care to make a donation. If you would like to assist with serving, please contact Lisa McCoy. Soup of the week for March 4 is minestrone.

**As part of the church's renovation plans**, the Pacific Hills Library will be going away. Some books have been boxed up and saved for the new “family room,” but most of the books will need to be removed. If anyone is interested in what remains, please feel free to look through the books that are out on the tables and shelves in the library and help yourself. They will be there through the month of February. Whatever is remaining at the end of the month will be removed and donated.

**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.

**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: Lessons of the Day

## **Events of Other Congregations and Agencies**

**Tickets are on sale for *Les Miserables***, the Concordia High School spring musical! Performances are March 12, 14, at 7pm and March 15 at 2pm. Adult ticket price is \$15 and student ticket price is \$10 (ages 5-18).