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Our “In-Person” Easter Celebration

Throughout this pandemic, I have been talking about us having two Easter celebrations. The first one being on Easter, the Facebook livestreaming service which we did; and the second being a “in-person” service where we can all gather to worship and praise our Living Lord together. While we do not know when the restrictions to 10 or less will be lifted, we do know that this day will most likely come sooner, rather than later.

So, to reiterate what I said this past Sunday after worship, the first Sunday we can meet in person, after the restrictions are lifted, will be a “transition” Sunday. On this Sunday, we will still meet at 9:00 AM, livestreaming the service. We will open the doors to the congregation and those that want to come, can come. Seating will be limited because several rows will be blocked off for the livestreaming projection. Then, on the following Sunday, we will resume our normal schedule (8:00 AM and 10:30 AM), unless it’s a 5th Sunday. In May there are 5 Sunday’s. If it’s the 5th Sunday in May, then we will hold the Easter Celebration service at 9:00 AM. This is our normal 5th Sunday worship time. The bottom line is that we are not able to project exact dates. So, stay tuned.

After we have transitioned back, we will continue to post the audio sermons onto our website. The Lord bless and be with all of you.

Blessings,

Pastor Drebes

Church Events

Sunday, April 26

Facebook Live-streaming Worship at 9:00am

In May, based on possible changes relating to coronavirus distancing guide lines we may continue Facebook Live-streaming on the following Sundays:

May 3

May 10 — (also, Mother’s Day)

May 17

May 24

May 31 — 9am

Also, later available on
www.PacificHillsLutheran.org

OMAHA GIVES!

a 24-hour charitable challenge

Ring Those “Bells” – Participate in Omaha Gives!

Mark your calendar for May 20 – the date of Omaha Gives! Omaha Gives! is an online giving platform organized by the Omaha Community Foundation that helps local nonprofits, including religious organizations such as Pacific Hills, raise funds to support their operations and missions. This year, support given to Pacific Hills will help defray the cost to have the carillon in our bell tower repaired. For years, the carillon rang out to our area calling us to worship. Our carillon was damaged and requires extensive repair. To support Pacific Hills, go to www.Omahagives.org. Scroll down and type in “Pacific Hills” in the “Find Your Cause” frame.

Returning to God, Tithes and Offerings During the Pandemic

As you know the church’s ministry and expenses continue even though services and programming are a bit different. You can still give your tithes and offerings by mail. You can set up your bank account to give electronically or you can utilize MyEOffering. There is also a link to MyEOffering on our web page, on the top menu. Our web page is: www.PacificHillsLutheran.org. You can sign up at <https://members.myeoffering.com>. Your church needs people like you to continue their regular patterns of giving despite virus-related closures to maintain current ministry. Consider the following passages:

2 Corinthians 9:7 - Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Malachi 3:10 - Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

Proverbs 11:24 - One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

Luke 6:38 - Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

*“Were not our hearts burning within us
while he was talking to us on the road.”*

(Luke 24:32b)

Things to remember with Coronavirus: Remember to practice good health. If you are not feeling well, have a cough, elevated temperature, or feel flu-like symptoms then please stay home. Please know you can always tune into 850 AM for KFUCO programs and worship services. You can go to www.LHM.org for devotions and the Lutheran Hour program. You can go to www.IssuesEtc.org for LCMS programs and blog posts. You can even access www.CPH.org for their numerous resources. Just please do whatever you can to stay in the Word. I would remind you to like our Facebook page. By doing this you will see current posts and be reminded of upcoming sermons and services. **Remember we are live-streaming Sunday Services via Facebook at 9am.** Finally make sure you stop by our website www.pacifichillslutheran.org where you will find a wealth of information including past sermons. At times such as this we need to be extra vigilant about looking out for each other. So pick up your directory, call a fellow member and let them know that you care about them as does the entire church.

A note from the Missions and Social Ministry Board. PHLC has been blessed to have a benevolent fund called the Yahweh Fund for many years. Special offerings, even change placed in the collection box in the narthex, provides funds to help with emergency needs of rent, utilities, gas cards, food, medical bills, etc. for members of PHLC and those who seek assistance at our doors. Just last week we were able to prevent an eviction and cancellation of OPPD services. Due to the pandemic of Covid-19 in our country, anyone of us may face financial distress or have special needs. As brothers and sisters in Christ, PHLC is here for YOU and your family! Contact Marilyn Wegehaupt, Parish Nurse and Board Chair (402-334-2896) or Pastor with any requests for Yahweh assistance. Requests are kept confidential. We have also established a list of volunteers who are available to shop and provide transportation for those who need help. During these days ahead let us remember PHLC's mission statement: Share Christ-Serve Others!

Preparing to Celebrate our 65th Anniversary. Mark your calendars. On Sunday, June 14, we will be celebrating 65 years as a congregation. It was “near” this date in 1955 (on June 12th) 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.