



The Pacific Hills **Messenger**

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CHANGE

Change. No one likes change, especially not Lutherans. August is a month of change, especially this year. Many children are heading back to school, and that looks very different than previous years. Children are starting in new schools or moving up to a different grade or classroom. Learning may be in person or online. The seasons are changing. Soon the temperatures will drop along with the leaves on the trees. Life at Pacific Hills is changing as we are in the midst of our building projects. We can be grateful that as we go through changes in our lives we have a God who never changes. James 1:17 says, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." He is always there for us and blesses us and is a constant in our lives.

Our own Lamb of God Preschool starts the new school year on September 8. This year we start with about 14 children. We will be conducting nature preschool, so learning will take place completely outside, due to COVID and construction. Thanks be to God for this amazing mission field and these precious little ones and their families! These children will spend this school year playing, learning, growing, and hearing about the love of Jesus every day. We are grateful for the support of Pacific Hills, and we ask you to keep our preschool and its families in your prayers. Due to reduced offering giving and reduced enrollment, both as a result of COVID, our preschool could really use additional financial support. Please consider helping us out in this way.

Blessings,

Kay Storck, Director/Teacher

Lamb of God Preschool

Church Events

August, guideline changes continue relating to coronavirus distancing: Families to stay together distancing 6 feet from others.

Sunday	<u>August 23</u>
	8:00am Eucharist
	10:30am Eucharist
	11:30pm CYF Board
Thursday	<u>August 27</u>
	7:00pm Gamblers
	<u>August 30</u>
Sunday	9:00am Eucharist

Sunday's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Brenda and Mike Whealy for the steadfast love of the Lord.

Due to the rain Sunday evening, August 16, the Courtyard Jazz Concert was cancelled. Unfortunately the event will not be rescheduled this year.

No Tai Chi, Thursday, August 27.

Sunday School Rally Day for all youth and adult classes, September 13, between services: The plan is to have a short session outside for social distancing. Have a treat and learn about the plan for fall Sunday School. We will also celebrate the Bible and the Lord's Prayer milestones. Questions call Sandra Glissmann #402-616-3446.

Sunday Worship Notes -- The Elders and Pastor recommend that everyone wear some kind of face covering in worship. Also, there are no children's messages on Sunday mornings, due to social distancing requirements. Thank you.

For your consideration: The piano in Acker Hall had been replaced. The old one is still 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.

Looking for owners if items left in the narthex coatroom? Child's purple fleece jacket, long navy blue raincoat, teal short jacket, navy blue sweater. Please claim soon or call the church office.

Directors mail boxes are now located in the church office room 212.

At this time members do not have access to their mail boxes located in Room 115 due to active construction between the narthex and education wing.

Due to the church remodeling the Board of Social Ministry WILL NOT COLLECT DONATIONS OF FOOD AND TOILETRIES. If desired members can contribute to the Yahweh Fund. HyVee gift cards are purchased for those who seek assistance for food or gas.

See the Renovations Online! You can see what's happening with the facility renovations, on the Pacific Hills web site. On the top green menu bar, there is a Renovation Update selection. (There is also a link under About Us.) Click on that to see the latest – with photos – on the progress. No hard hat required.

BIBLE VERSE of the Week

“Who do you say I am?.”

(Matthew 16:15b)

For those worshipping with us in August: Please Enter through our East Door (Eastern Gate)

Jewish literature says that when the Messiah arrives, he will enter Jerusalem through the Eastern Gate. Christianity says that Jesus passed through this same gate on Palm Sunday, giving the gate messianic importance. The Eastern gate gave the most direct access to the Jewish temple.

Due to removal of asbestos in our normal entry way, the only access to OUR temple (the Sanctuary) will be through our East door.

Our Pacific Hills address is based on our East door. Most people never use that door, but starting August 2, we all will need to use that door to get to the sanctuary for worship services. Those needing restrooms will need to go downstairs during that time.

Matthew 7 tells us to “Enter through the narrow gate; ... 14 For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it. We hope you find your way to worship with us as we follow God's way.

New Adult Confirmation Classes will begin Monday, September 14, at 7pm in Room 115. Please indicate your desire to participate with Pastor directly or with Jackie in the church office. Classes meet for 6 weeks and lead to membership at Pacific Hills.

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.”

PRAYER LIST

August 21, 2020

(Family and Friends: Please call the church office to add/remove names below.)

Readings for Sunday, August 30: Jeremiah 15:15-21;
Psalm 26; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Anniversaries

Jim & Deb Mueller 8/27
Crystal Reyelts-Yue Gao 8/27

Birthdays

Rita Klingman 8/24
Alex Erickson 8/24
Frank Bladt 8/26
Christine Erickson 8/27

PHLC Members: Doris Anderson, Anita Bladt, Frank Bladt, Dan Bredfeldt, Mary Lou Chastain, Vern Cornish, Pastor Bryan Drebes, Sandy Frazier, David Haar, Tim Haar, Don Hafsaas, Freda Harris, Mike Horton, James Johnson, James Koun, Connie Korbitz, Mike Lessmann, Andrew McCoy, John Mumma, Barbara Nelson, Jacob Osborne, Jean Schmieding, Leon Siedlyk, Mark Stastny Family, Mary Sunderman, Carolyn Vierck, Adelyn Vogel, Scott Wrasse, Sara Young

In Assisted Living Facilities: Charlotte Berkland, Anita Bladt, Frank Bladt, Mary Lou Chastain, Lois Eggers, Natalie Fraser, Freda Harris, David Haar, Mike Lessmann, Barbara Nelson, Vernon Pearson, Jean Schmieding, Helene Stigge

Friends and Relatives:

Ann Blessner (sister of JoAnn Stastny)
Duane Dougherty, (friend of Randy & Joan Workman)
Jerry Fisher (brother-in-law of Sara & John Young)
Mary Alice Fisher (sister of Sara Young)
Rev. Tim Gierke
Jennifer Haar (daughter-in-law & sister-in-law of Dave Haar and Tim Haar)
Marie Harper (mother of Ellen Wilson)
Bob Henrichsen (cousin of Nan Johnson)
Mary Johnson (friend of Carol Priest)
Tom Johnson (brother of Marilyn Haman)
Philip Kander in Military (nephew of Alice Osborn)
Sharon Larson (cousin of Dennis Grindle)
Barbara D. Nelson (sister-in-law of Doris Anderson)
Bob Nelson (son of Barb and Lew Nelson)
Both Nyun (family of Peter Chol)
Erik Pearson (son of Vernon Pearson)
Jo Anna Perkins (friend of Dennis Grindle)
Randy Peters (friend of PHLC Dorcas Quilters)

Gavin Webster (grandson of Larry and Judy Webster)
Andy Whiteing (brother of JoAnn Stastny)
Jim Wood (friend of Joan Workman)
Andy Young (son of John and Sara Young)

Special Intercessions:

Those who travel and those who protect us
All who lead us ecclesiastically and politically
Missions/Missionaries of the Church
Campus Ministry program
Our Lamb of God Preschool
All Lutheran Schools
The pastors, staff and members of our North Circuit congregations, schools, and preschools
Ministry of Concordia Lutheran Schools of Omaha
Concordia University, Seward
Mentally ill, their caregivers, and PHLC Care Ministries
The ill, hospitalized, dying, and grieving
Health and protection of all children, including the unborn
Unemployed/financial difficulties
End to terrorism and justice and peace among all nations
The incarcerated
Pray for God's grace and mercy upon all who face trials, chronic illnesses, or addictions, and upon all who lack a saving faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior
Unrest in the U.S. and the world
Victims of fires, floods and storms across the country