

# The Pacific Hills Messenger

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## PHLC Fall Music

It's hard to believe that it is already the end of July! It seems as though we'll blink our eyes and it'll be school time already! As we approach the fall, now is a great time to think about ways to get involved in different ministries at Pacific Hills. Of course, I highly recommend checking out one of the music ministries! We always welcome new Bell Choir or Choir members - all talent levels are invited! All you need is a positive attitude and an enjoyment of music!

A great time to try out the Choir without any commitment would be the next Pop-Up Choir on Sunday, August 8th at 9:15 a.m. in the sanctuary! All voices are welcome!

Regular choir will resume the last two Sundays of August for rehearsals to prepare for the fall. The initial choir schedule will be as follows:

August 22: Rehearsal only (9:15 a.m. Sanctuary)  
August 29: Rehearsal only (9:15 a.m. Sanctuary)  
September 5: No Rehearsal (Labor Day Weekend)  
September 12: Regular Rehearsal (9:15 a.m.) and Service (10:30 a.m.)

If singing is not your "thing" then maybe the Bell Choir is for you! If you can count to 4 and follow highlighter marks, you can play bells! The current ensemble has a variety of talent from beginners to veterans, so you won't be alone no matter what your talent level is! The first Bell Choir rehearsal will be Sunday, September 12th after the 10:30 a.m. service.

If you have any questions about joining a music ensemble, or maybe sharing a solo or small ensemble of your own, please email me at [music@pacifichillslutheran.org](mailto:music@pacifichillslutheran.org).

Another opportunity to be involved is the Music and Worship Committee. This committee meets once a month after the 10:30 a.m. service and handles everything from music details, to communion elements, and to art. Additional insight is always great for the committee! If you have any interest in joining, please contact Paul Shultz. (*Kim or myself can assist you in contacting him if needed.*)

Lastly, a reminder that we have a Hymn Sing this Sunday that starts 10 minutes before each worship service in the sanctuary. Please come early and join us in singing hymns! Start thinking of your selection - the first to shout a hymn gets the pick!

In Christ,

Zach Hastings  
Director of Music

## Church Events

Sun July 25	8:00 am Eucharist 9:15 am Educational Hour 10:30 am Eucharist 6:00 pm Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)
Mon July 26	6:00 pm VBS
Tue July 27	6:00 pm VBS
Wed July 28	9:30 am Holy Communion (ZOOM) 12:30 pm First Ladies AA 6:00 pm VBS
Thurs July 29	6:30 pm Tai Chi 6:00 pm VBS
Fri July 30	6:00 pm VBS
Sun Aug 1	8:00 am Eucharist 9:15 am Educational Hour 10:30 am Eucharist 6:00 pm Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)

## Returning to God, Tithes and Offerings

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](https://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."



## Remember Your Offerings

Members can contribute to the Yahweh Fund to address community assistance. During this trying time recovering from the pandemic, PHLC offers **Walmart** and **HyVee gift cards that are purchased for those who seek assistance for food or gas.**

**Tai Chi class is canceled for July 29th and August 19th. Typically, Tai Chi is offered every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in Acker Hall!**

**SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING** – Saturday, August 21, 9:00 - 11:30 AM, Acker. More information coming soon.



*God's Gifts Equip Us for Ministry*

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**July Mission of the Month:** Shepherd's Canyon Retreat Ministry provides spiritual and emotional support to church workers who are facing a crisis in their lives in an atmosphere that is safe, confidential and restorative. The following testimony from a 17 year active duty chaplain reflects the care that is given to church workers: "I returned to my ministry after the retreat refreshed spiritually to give as needed to those I am assigned to shepherd. My relationship with my wife was also strengthened with a revitalized and growing love! Most important, my relationship with Jesus - my friend and Lord - is deeper and stronger than ever before..." PHLC Mission offerings will help church workers receive the care they need to strengthen their lives and

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be 6:00-8:00 pm, July 26-30 in Acker Hall. We will explore 5 stories about Jesus that center around food and fellowship. So, **"Come to the Table"** and enjoy **DINNER, WORSHIP, STORY TIME, CRAFTS** and **GAMES!!** To register go to [www.pacifichillslutheran.org](http://www.pacifichillslutheran.org)

## BIBLE VERSE of the Week

"[Who can fathom] "how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ."  
(Eph 3:18b)

**Online Worship Services:** Go to our website [www.pacifichillslutheran.org](http://www.pacifichillslutheran.org) for more information.

Bob Vandervort is offering a **Bible Class on the book of Hebrews via Zoom every Sunday evening** from 6:00 – 6:45 pm. Email him at [rsvod@cox.net](mailto:rsvod@cox.net) or call 402-350-0872 for more information. Everyone welcome!

**Directors mail boxes** are now located in the new Church workroom 119!

**The Altar Flowers for July 25, 2021 Services** were given to the Glory of God by Don & Pam Hafsaas.

## MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

If you desire to continue to wear a mask and social distance from others, please do so.

**Sunday evening Courtyard Jazz at Pacific Hills at 7pm:**

▶ August 8 –Tuffy Epstein Quintet



Members of Pacific Hills are invited to attend a weekly **Bible Study at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church**, 7301 N. 28th Ave. Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Led by Pastor Moorhead.

The third annual **Project Hope fundraiser** is scheduled for Sunday, September 26th. There is a silent auction beginning at 11:30 am, followed by brunch at 12:30 pm and a program. It is being held at the Scottish Rite downtown. Information is available at [ProjectHopeOmaha.org](http://ProjectHopeOmaha.org) Project Hope is the Omaha-area Lutheran supported food and clothing pantry. Additionally, Project Hope is always accepting donations and volunteers!

**Volunteer Needed—A volunteer is needed to schedule the second readings for worship services each Sunday.** This involves recruiting readers and providing the appropriate scripture for each Sunday. Kevin Warneke can provide details about the process. Contact him at [kwarneke6593@cox.net](mailto:kwarneke6593@cox.net) or (402) 612-9151 if interested in assuming this volunteer responsibility.

**PRAYER PARTNERS** – Do you realize prayer is one of the most important things we do as a congregation? I am looking for 12 leaders to join me as prayer partners for this congregation. What does a prayer partner do? They meet with me and others, on a "regular basis," (TBD) to pray. No agenda, other than to pray. If you are interested in serving as a prayer partner, please contact me at: [bryandrebes@pacifichillslutheran.org](mailto:bryandrebes@pacifichillslutheran.org)

Once we have identified the 12 people, we will begin this journey together.