

The Pacific Hills Messenger

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AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Membership in Pacific Hills means opportunity.

The first and most important opportunity is to develop a stronger relationship with our Lord. When we come together as one in Christ, we know He is with us – because He promised He would be. When we come together as one in Christ, we grow together in faith and in community.

Membership in Pacific Hills also means an opportunity to get involved. Your congregation needs you. And you need Pacific Hills. Consider it a two-way street. Here are some ways to get involved:

--Ushers are needed for early and late services. Ushers open the building and ready it for worship, hand out bulletins, collect the offering and guide us to the altar for communion. Contact Bill Wagner at wlw767@cox.net.

--Communion stewards are needed each week to set up for each service and clean up afterward. Contact Rhoda Storck at tnrstorck75@gmail.com.

--Members are needed for our many committees. Trustees, Stewardship and Social Ministry are just a few. Contact Sandy Frazier, our congregational president, at sefmoneb@gmail.com.

Here's another opportunity. We need someone to schedule readers for each service. I took over this task when Marge Anderson passed away years ago. I have enjoyed recruiting readers and getting to know them. Perhaps you've seen me with a calendar in hand as I approach people before and after service about their availability to read during a coming service. Serving in this role has provided me with an opportunity – there's that word again – to get to know our members. For that, I have been blessed.

But now it's time to turn this opportunity to someone else in the Pacific Hills family. Email me at kwarneke6593@cox.net or call me at (402) 612-9151 if you'd like to learn more. I will tell you about the process. And if you agree to take on this task, I promise you won't regret it. You'll be serving your Lord and your congregation – with a bonus of getting to know our members just a little bit better.

Kevin Warneke
Board of Elders

CHURCH EVENTS 2022

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

6:30 pm First Friday Fun Night - Acker Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 am Eucharistic Worship

9:15 am Sunday School

Education Hour - Room 115

Bell Choir Rehearsal

10:30 am Eucharistic Worship with Bell Choir

11:30 am Music & Worship Committee

Meeting - Room 115

6:00 pm Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00 pm Pray, Knit & Crochet Group

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

9:30 am Eucharist (ZOOM)

12:30 pm First Ladies AA Meeting

6:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class

6:30 pm Wednesday Women's Group

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

6:30 pm Tia Chi

7:00 pm Elder's Board Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

7:30 pm Omaha Philatelic Society Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00 am Eucharistic Worship

9:15 am Sunday School

Education Hour - Room 115

Choir Rehearsal

10:30 am Eucharistic Worship with Choir

11:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)

MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING: If you desire to continue to wear a mask and social distance from others, please do so.



Pastor's Bible Class on the Lessons of the Day will meet in Room 115 at 9:30 am. This is a temporary location due to his ankle injury.

DESIRE TO JOIN PACIFIC HILLS?!

WHATS NEW?

New Adult Confirmation Classes will begin Monday, January 24, at 7:00 pm in Room 115. Please indicate your desire to participate with Pastor directly or with Kelly in the church office. Classes meet for 6 weeks and lead to membership at Pacific Hills.

SANCTITY OF LIFE MONTH

WHATS NEW?

The month of January is regarded as Sanctity of Life Month and January 23rd will be observed as Sanctity of Life Sunday.

This year we are once again partnering with **Essential Pregnancy Services** of Omaha in our effort to make a difference in the lives of at risk mothers and their unborn and newly born children. EPS will be the Mission of the Month for January.

Life is a gift from the Lord. Psalm 139:13-18 reminds us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand."

WHATS NEW?

CONCORDIA ACADEMY KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP 2022

Is your family interested in Concordia Academy Kindergarten for the fall of 2022 or after? If so, please join us for our Concordia Academy Kindergarten Roundup! This year's event is planned for Thursday, January 20th from 6:00-8:00 PM and Friday, January 21st from 1:00-2:30 PM. A pizza meal will be served at 6:00 Thursday with a program overview beginning at 6:30, and the program overview begins at 1:00 on Friday. Tours and other admissions information will be offered at both sessions. Please RSVP to Dawn Cooksey at cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org or 402-990-9444. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

You can sign up at <https://members.myeoffering.com>. Your church needs people like you to continue their 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, say 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. Members can contribute to the Yahweh Fund to address community assistance. During this trying time recover from the pandemic, PHLC offers Walmart and HyVee gift cards that are purchased for those who seek assistance for food or gas.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."

(Matthew 2:11b)

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

PHLC website: www.pacifichillslutheran.org for more information.

WHATS NEW?

WE NEED YOUR INPUT... NEW BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

Dr. Bob Vandervort is considering a new study via ZOOM. All suggestions should be made to him at rsvod@cox.net or you can call Bob with your suggestion at 402-350-0872.

WHATS NEW?

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S PODCAST & CONVERSATION

Wednesday Women's Podcast & Conversation will meet January 12, 2022 at 6:30pm in the narthex. If questions call or text Brenda Whealy 402-201-1106.

WHATS NEW?

2022 ALTAR FLOWER CHART

The 2022 Altar Flower Chart is located in the coat room. Altar flowers may be placed for any celebration, remembrance or to the Glory of God. Please share your request or intention with Kim at: Kim-Kielty@PacificHillsLutheran.org. The cost is \$25.

FIRST FRIDAY FUN NIGHT!!!



Join us in Acker Hall 6:30 pm Friday evening for game time. Bring friends, family, your favorite game(s) and a snack to share.



USHERS - READERS COMMUNION STEWARDS

Give back to the glory of God with your time and talents!

"We need more Ushers and Greeters! It's a great way to meet people and serve our church. You can pick **the months and service times you like, and we're flexible if conflicts arise**". If interested contact Bill Wagner: wlv767@cox.net or 402-730-9505.

"We need a Coordinator for Readers as well as Readers!" This involves recruiting readers and providing the appropriate scripture which is planned well in advance. If interested contact Kevin Warneke: kwarneke6593@cox.net or 402-612-9151.

KNITTING FOR THE HOMELESS, SICK & SHUT-INS



Join us Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. We meet in the narthex to knit or crochet hats, scarves and prayer shawls. We open with a devotion and then start stitching. Feel free to bring your needles, yarn, or just bring yourself and supplies will be provided. For more info contact: Kay Storck 402-996-0722 or Michelle Steen 206-226-4554.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: ELEVATOR

The elevator in the Educational building that accesses Acker Hall and the 2nd floor of the Educational building is currently out of service due to water damage. We apologize for this inconvenience and will notify everyone when it is back in operation. Thank you!