



# *The Pacific Hills* Messenger

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## The Resurrection of Jesus

*Imagine hearing this news for the first time.*

There is a danger we face as we come to the celebration of the Resurrection. The accounts of Holy Week -- the Triumphal Entry, the Upper Room, the Garden of Gethsemane, Pilate's judgment hall, the cross, the empty tomb . . . all of it is so familiar to most of us that we can easily go through the motions of this season, taking for granted these events without really noticing what is happening. We can go through the motions without really reflecting on what it all means or allowing the message of these events to touch us. The challenge every year is to read these accounts with "fresh eyes."

Ben Patterson, in an article entitled "Resurrection and Pandemonium," writes of a tribe in the jungles of East Asia. A missionary showed them a movie about Jesus. It was the first time they had heard of Jesus. The people were caught up in the movie, so much so that when Jesus, whom they had seen heal the sick and be adored by children, was beaten by jeering soldiers, they began to shout and demand the outrage stop. The missionary had to stop the film and tell them there was more to the story. Soon after re-starting the movie, he had to stop it again, when Jesus was on the cross, and tell them there was more. The people were weeping and wailing loudly at Jesus' death.

Once again, the movie was started. This time, though, the scene was the resurrection. Pandemonium broke out. A party erupted. The noise was deafening jubilation. People were dancing and slapping each other on the back. It was as if they were eyewitnesses of Jesus' resurrection for the first time.

Stop and think about the wonderful news of the Resurrection. Don't go through the motions. Like the East Asian tribe, imagine hearing this news for the first time. Perhaps Ben's story will challenge you to look anew with excitement, hope, and promise to the Resurrection of Jesus and what His Resurrection now means for each of us. Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia! . . . . And because he lives, we have the hope and promise of life now, and life eternal.

(Adapted from Ben Patterson, "Resurrection and Pandemonium,"  
[www.LeadershipJournal.net](http://www.LeadershipJournal.net))

Resurrection Blessings,  
Pastor Drebes

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**Resurrection Sunday**  
8:00 and 10:30 AM

We remember that because He lives, we also now live.  
Breakfast between services in Acker Hall.

## Church Events

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17

8:00 am Eucharistic Worship

9:15 am Sunday School

Easter Breakfast

10:30 am Eucharistic Worship with Choir

6:00 pm Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)

### EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 18

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

### TUESDAY, APRIL 19

7:00 pm Directors Meeting

7:00 pm Pray, Knit & Crochet Group

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

9:30 am Eucharist (ZOOM)

12:30 pm First Ladies AA Meeting

6:00 pm Wednesday Womens Podcast and  
Conversation

6:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class

### THURSDAY, APRIL 21

6:30 pm Tai Chi

7:00 pm Trustees Board

7:00 pm North Circuit Quarterly Meeting

### FRIDAY, APRIL 22

7:30 pm Omaha Philatelic Society

### SUNDAY, APRIL 24

8:00 am Eucharistic Worship

9:15 am Sunday School

Education Hour with Pastor Bryan

10:30 am Eucharistic Worship with Choir

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.

## WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S PODCAST

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starting April 20th at 6:30pm in the narthex.  
All women welcome!

## YOUTH MINISTRY—EXPLORATORY MEETING

Have you ever thought, "It sure would be awesome if we had an active youth group at Pacific Hills, where kids could fellowship and connect with one another and grow in their faith together?" If you have, know others have as well. CYF is planning an exploratory meeting with Middle School aged youth (5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade) and their families on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 AM. Join us for some pizza and discussion. Share your ideas and let's see if we can get something started! If you have questions, please contact Pastor Drebes in the church office or email Nicole Vogel ([vogel.nicole1@gmail.com](mailto:vogel.nicole1@gmail.com)) or Stacy Swan ([stacey\\_swan@yahoo.com](mailto:stacey_swan@yahoo.com)). Please use the following link to take the survey before the meeting:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOgNKEHpDOzjLJcRiBINdTMjqNtZyO75x0dOd5vIOE6Vwc7g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED TO HELP WITH THE CHURCH SERVICE LIVESTREAMS

We are looking for help recording the weekly services. Basic computer and/or videography skills helpful but not required. You will be trained.

If interested please contact George McCoy ([George@PacificHillsLutheran.org](mailto:George@PacificHillsLutheran.org)).



## BIRTHDAY, THINKING OF YOU, SYMPATHY CARDS AND MORE



A large and beautiful selection of assorted cards are available for only \$1 in room 115. The money goes for expenses for shut-in mailings, meals and more. Stop in and take advantage of this opportunity.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God "in remembrance of her mother passing into glory this week in 2019."

Andrew & Samantha Aulner



## "LESSONS OF THE DAY" WITH PASTOR

Pastor Bryan's Bible Class on the Lessons of the Day meet in Acker Hall, Sundays at 9:15 am, however, this week the class does not meet due to Easter Breakfast.

## BIBLE VERSES OF THE WEEK

"He is not here; he has risen!"

(Luke 24:6a)

## ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

PHLC website: [www.pacifichillslutheran.org](http://www.pacifichillslutheran.org)

## STUDY ON ANGELS VIA ZOOM



Dr. Bob Vandervort and a bible group are studying **Angels** via ZOOM every Sunday evening from 6:00 - 6:45 pm. Please email him at [rsvod@cox.net](mailto:rsvod@cox.net) or 402-350-0872 for more information

## APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH

APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH is ISSUES ETC., a Christ-centered, cross-focused radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Members of the Wednesday Women's Group have been enriched by listening and discussing a variety of podcast topics each week. Please consider giving this month to the Mission Fund for Issues Etc. and PHLC can be recognized as a congregational sponsor. Thank you from the Missions Board.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

Vern Cornish would like to remind members to **please** utilize your PHLC Offering Envelopes when you donate! The Envelopes have the required information imprinted on them to ensure the church member will receive credit for their donation!



**"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: [wlw767@cox.net](mailto:wlw767@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](mailto:kwarneke6593@cox.net) or 402-612-9151.