



The Pacific Hills Messenger

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - PACIFIC HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH - VOLUME 07, NUMBER 21 - JUNE 3, 2022

Lay Ministry

As most of you know by now Jim Mueller has been commissioned as our Lay Minister. Some people have asked, “*Pastor, what’s a lay minister?*” That’s a good question. Though a church has at least one pastor, some churches also rely on lay ministers to support the ministry of the church.

The term “lay minister” is used here in the Nebraska District but in my former district, the Kansas District, lay ministers were called “deacons.” A Lay Minister, or deacon, in many ways is like an Elder, only with more extensive training through the district. Men, who have gone through this training, and have been certified through the district, are able to serve in a congregation under the supervision of an ordained pastor.

Service can take many forms, from administration, to teaching and occasional preaching, to a care-giving ministry including hospital and home visits. Some lay ministers develop outreach and stewardship programs or help facilitate a congregation’s small group ministry. The areas of service are almost endless.

How Jim’s role is carried out as our Lay Minister will, in part, depend on what he desires to do. That said, one of the things Jim does desire to do is to preach on occasion. So, over the next couple of weeks Jim will preach. On June 12, we will have a regular divine service with Holy Communion, led by me, but Jim will preach. On June 19, my wife and I will be looking at wild animals in Yellowstone National Park and Jim will lead the entire service and he will again preach. On June 19, Jim will lead worship without Holy Communion and so we will use the Order of Matins that day. It’s a beautiful service that I’m sure most of you are familiar with. We used the Order of Matins during the first phase of the pandemic when we broadcasted our services on Facebook with very few people present at church.

I look forward to how the Lord might use Jim in expanded ministry among us for service in His Kingdom. Currently, Jim serves as Chairman of our Trustees and is a member of our Board of Elders.

Blessings,

Pastor Bryan E. Drebes

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

8:00 am Eucharistic Worship

9:15 am Sunday School

Education Hour with Pastor Bryan

10:30 am Eucharistic Worship

6:00 pm Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

9:00 am Care Ministry Meeting

10:30 am Missions & Social Ministries Mtg.

7:00 pm Pray, Knit & Crochet Group

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

9:30 am Eucharist

12:30 pm First Ladies AA Meeting

6:30 pm Wednesday Women’s Group

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

6:30 pm Tai Chi

7:00 pm Elder’s Board Meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

7:30 pm Omaha Philatelic Society Meeting

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

8:00 am Eucharist Worship

9:15 am Sunday School

Education Hour with Pastor Bryan

10:30 am Eucharist Worship

6:00 pm Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)

**FIRST FRIDAY FUN NIGHT IS
CANCELED FOR JUNE 3RD!**

Masks & Social Distancing:

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



Plan now to join us this summer, July 11-15 from 6-8 pm for Rocky Railway VBS. Come for dinner and let's power our way through

some exciting Bible adventures and learn about how Jesus' power pulls us through. To register your interest, please email Pam Hafsaas phafsaas@icloud.com. An official registration form will soon be made available.

2022 NE DIST. LCMS CONVENTION



The 2022 Nebraska District LCMS Convention will be held June 24-25 in Kearney

Our district theme for the coming triennium is Growing + Building + Reaching in Christ with theme verses from Ephesians 4:15-16, *"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love."*

The candidates for Nebraska District President are Rev. Brent Kuhlman, who serves Trinity, Murdock; Rev. Robert Schilling, who serves St. John, Pender; and Rev. Richard Snow, who is currently serving his second term as District President. A full list of candidates for all positions can be found at <https://ndlcms.org/convention-nominations/>.

Pray for Pastor Drebes and President Sandy Frazier as they venture to Kearney to do the work of the larger church in convention. Pray also for Rhoda Storck who will also be attending the convention as an advisory delegate.

JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH

Mission offerings this month will be sent to **Youth Emergency Services (YES)**. Did you know Omaha has a growing homeless youth and runaway problem and teens are living on the streets, in abandoned buildings or "couch surfing from friend to friend? YES assists youth age 16-21 experiencing homelessness and near homelessness in the metro area by providing critically needed resources of food, shelter, case management services, and vocational counseling which support them in their desire to be self-sufficient. Over 700 youth were served last year. YES Street Outreach workers hit the streets of Omaha nightly providing youth crisis intervention. The Street Outreach Drop-in Center is a warm place to receive an evening meal and supportive services. Additional YES services include a transitional housing program and a maternity home for pregnant teen mothers which provides long-term stability for youth. Thank you for your special mission offerings for this Mission of the Month.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit."
(Acts 2:4a)

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

PHLC website: www.pacifichillslutheran.org

ZOOM...BIBLE STUDY ON THE PARABLES OF JESUS



Dr. Bob Vandervort and a bible study group are studying the Parables of Jesus via ZOOM every Sunday evening from 6:00—6:45 pm. Please email him at rsvod@cox.net or 402-350-0872 for more information.

LUNCH BUNCH RESUMING

Mark your calendars. On June 14, Flag Day, we will be resuming our Lunch Bunch group. Due to COVID, it's been over two years since this group last met, so some of you may be asking, "What is Lunch Bunch?" Lunch Bunch is a group of senior, or semi-senior PHLC members, who gather for fellowship, conversation and lunch. So, please join us at Farmhouse Cafe & Bakery, 3461 S. 84th St., at 11:30 AM. Good times are here again!

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! **Please do not fold, tape or staple offering checks! Thank you!**

PH VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

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. Please contact Bill Wagner: 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. Please contact Kevin Warneke: kwarneke6593@cox.net or 402-612-9151.

WE NEED A WEDDING COORDINATOR to help facilitate weddings at Pacific Hills Lutheran Church. Typically we have 1-3 weddings a year. This is a volunteer position, but a small honorarium is paid by the couple. Contact Pastor Drebes at bryandrebes@pacifichillslutheran.org or 402-391-9625.