



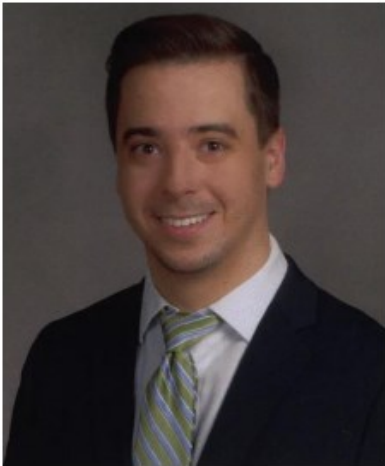
The Pacific Hills Messenger

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Organ Concert

September 10, 2023 at 3pm

Please join us for our first concert in our 2023-2024 Concert Series at Pacific Hills! This concert will feature the Simon Pick, Organist from Church of the Assumption in Saint Paul, MN. This event is free-will offering and open to the public, so be sure to share this event with others throughout the Omaha/Council Bluffs communities! There are printed posters available in the church office and on Sunday mornings that you can share at your workplace, coffee shops, schools, etc.



About the Artist: A native of the rural Midwest, Simon Pick grew up in Remsen, Iowa where he began his studies in organ at the age of fourteen with Sr. Arnold Staudt, OSF. He graduated with honors from Benedictine College in Atchison, KS with majors in Music and Theology and upon graduation, was awarded the Sr. Joachim Holthaus Outstanding Musician Award. Simon graduated with a master's degree in Sacred Music at the University of Notre Dame where he studied organ with Dr. Craig Cramer and Dr. Douglas Reed and studied conducting with Dr. Nancy Menk. After a year of private study with Dr. Kimberly Marshall, Pick is pursuing a Doctor of Music from

the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

Simon has given solo and collaborative recitals throughout the United States performing with groups like the Phoenix Symphony Chorus, Yavapai Festival Chorus, Valley Presbyterian Festival Choir and Orchestra, and more. Simon is an active member of both the Organ Historical Society and the American Guild of Organists.

Simon has held various church positions, starting his career as Organist and Choir Director at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Remsen, Iowa, serving two years as Organ Scholar and Graduate Assistant at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame, and later accepting the position of Principal Organist at Central United Methodist Church in Phoenix, Arizona. He currently serves as the Director of Music and Liturgy at the historic Church of the Assumption in Saint Paul, MN.

Church Events

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
- 9:15 am Sunday School (Elementary only)
Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
- 10:30 am Eucharistic Worship
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

- 9:30 am Devotional (Zoom)
- 12:30 pm First Ladies AA Meeting (Rm 114)
- 6:30 pm Wednesday Women's Group
(Narthex)
- 7:00 pm Youth Confirmation Orientation

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

- 6:30 pm Tai Chi (Acker Hall)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
- 9:15 am Sunday School (Elementary only)
Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
- 10:30 am Eucharistic Worship
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

THE DIVINE SERVICE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

For those who have been Lutheran their entire life the Divine Service is something that is familiar and comforting; but for those who are new to the faith, or new to Lutheranism, the Divine Service can seem odd or even confusing at times. So, over the course of the coming months we are going to highlight various aspects of the Divine Service in order to enhance our understanding and our worship life together.

People often think of worship as what we do for God. The reality is quite different. One of the beautiful things about the Divine Service is that it delivers Christ. We call our worship the "Divine Service" because God is the one coming to us in the reading, preaching and proclamation of His Word and in the administration of His Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. In worship, God is the giver. We are the receivers. God first comes to us to offer His grace and in only in a secondary way do we respond with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of praise.

Next time we will highlight the Invocation.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

New Member Sunday will be September 10, 2023 at the 10:30am service.

2023 LCMS NE DISTRICT MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING



Attention all Middle School Youth. Preparations for the 2023 Nebraska District Middle School Gathering are being made. The theme for the gathering, scheduled for November 4-5 at 1C The Sanctuary in Columbus, is kNOw.

To declare your intentions to attend, to register, or for more information, please contact Pastor Drebes at 402-391-9625 or send him an email bryandrebes@pacifichillslutheran.org.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE is Friday, September 15th.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Parents of confirmation age youth, in fifth through ninth grade, and their eligible youth are encouraged to attend an information meeting on Wednesday evening, August 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Acker Hall. Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:00 p.m. Looking forward to seeing you there.

AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Mission/Social Ministry is focusing our July and August mission offerings for missionaries Jonathan Clausing & Stephen Oliver. We are at 3/4 of our \$4,000 goal. Thank you for your generosity! Help us meet our goal during our final month in August.

Supporting our missionaries is important and we appreciate your participation. Please remember our missionaries in your prayers!

BIBLE VERSE of the Week

*"Who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter replied, 'You
are the Christ, the Son of the
living God'."*

(Matthew 16:15b-16)

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

PHLC website: www.pacifichillslutheran.org

BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

Dr. Bob Vandervort and a bible study group are studying the Book of James 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.

RALLY DAY - SEPTEMBER 10

Mark your calendars for Rally Day on September 10! Rally Day at Pacific Hills kicks off our fall educational programs.

Rally Day festivities take place during the education hour in Acker Hall and will include refreshments.

Sunday School classes will begin their new programs after Pastor opens with a discussion about our Milestone Ministry, the Four Keys to Nurturing Faith and our Enduring Faith Curriculum.

Please contact Pam Hafsaas at phafsaas@icloud.com to register for Sunday School.



SECOND READERS NEEDED!

Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex.

ALTAR FLOWERS



Have an upcoming celebration or anniversary? Altar flowers may be placed for any celebration, remembrance or to the Glory of God.

Please sign-up on the flower calendar in the Narthex. share your request with Kim at: KimKielty@PacificHillsLutheran.org or call the office. The cost is \$25.