



# The Pacific Hills Messenger

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## A Message from Our Pastor

"O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods." (Psalm 96:1-4)

The Easter Season brings the following question to the front of our minds: "How will I now live for the Christ who died, rose and now lives for me?" This is not always an easy question to answer and sometimes it can be hard to tell if our lives are making a difference. It may feel like the problems of this world are too much to overcome: disease, natural disasters, poverty, war, prejudice, addictions, broken families, and a whole host of other things. Our individual lives and collective ministries can sometimes seem small in the face of such incredible brokenness.

I suspect the ancient Israelites sometimes felt the same way. They lived in places where three continents connected and different cultures intersected. In fact, their own kingdom was just a tiny speck compared to the other powerful nations around them. How could their faith stand in the face of such impossible odds? Would they survive into the future? Could they make a difference?

The author of the above Psalm confronts all of this as he writes, "Declare [God's] glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples." Even though the ancient Israelites might have felt small compared to the powers around them, God was still overseeing the entire world. God is still huge. God is still the Lord of all. Although they were tiny, God made it clear that He is not.

The same could be said for our individual lives and the ministries that we facilitate today. Even if it feels like we are only making a small difference, we should remember that we worship a big God who does big things. Our work might touch the lives of people in ways that we will never see. When we care for our neighbors, perhaps God is using us to set up a line of dominos that will continue into the future. You are God's hands in the world, and the effect of His love working through you expands outward. Sometimes we might not see the big picture, but God certainly does. Do you make a difference? Absolutely! Because God is working through you – His redeemed and chosen child!

Blessings,

Pastor Drebes

## Church Events

|           |         |                                      |
|-----------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | 8:00am  | <b>Eucharist</b>                     |
|           | 9:15am  | Choir                                |
|           | 9:15 am | Education Hour                       |
|           | 10:30am | <b>Eucharist</b>                     |
|           | 11:30am | Outreach Board                       |
| Monday    |         | Memorial Day<br>Church Office Closed |
| Tuesday   | 9:00am  | Tai Chi                              |
|           | 9:30am  | Alanon                               |
| Wednesday | 9:30am  | <b>Eucharist</b>                     |
|           | 10:00am | Fellowship                           |
|           | 6:30pm  | Women's Bible Study                  |
| Thursday  | 6:30pm  | Tai Chi                              |
|           | 7:00pm  | Gamblers-12 Step                     |
| Sunday    | 8:00am  | <b>Eucharist</b>                     |
|           | 9:15 am | Education Hour                       |
|           | 10:30am | <b>Eucharist</b>                     |

**Sunday's Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Marlene Hawver in memory of Marjorie Timperley Hawver.

**Side altar flowers** on the baptismal altar honor the men and women who faithfully answered the call to serve in our nation's military.

**He is risen.**



**Pacific Hills members** who have pledged to support the Forward in Faith Together capital campaign should use separate envelopes from their regular offering envelopes. Envelopes are available in the narthex. If you have noted your pledge card May as a pledge beginning date, Sunday, May 26 is the last Sunday in the month.

#### **Storm Chasers Lutheran Night Baseball is June 4.**

Tickets are available in the church office. Cost per ticket is \$12.

**Yahweh Fund** is a social ministry fund established to help those in need with utilities, housing, food, transportation, etc. The Yahweh Fund is undergoing a financial low at this time and this collection is an effort to build up the fund. You can give through your regular envelope giving by designating to the Yahweh Fund or by placing checks and \$20 gift cards from HyVee or Walmart in the wrapped box in the narthex during the month of April and May. Thank you for your generosity.

PHLC Missions and Social Ministry Board

**The 67<sup>th</sup> Regular Convention of the LCMS**—Please begin praying for our church body and leadership as pastors and lay people prepare for the convention. The theme for the convention is **JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN** based on 1 Thess 5:16-18. "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. The convention will take place July 20-25 in Tampa, Florida.

**We have Pacific Hills coffee mugs!** The 14 oz. mugs are on sale for \$5 each in the narthex after each service Sunday. The money will go into the Outreach Board's account for future outreach efforts. We'll also give some to visitors. Check them out!

## *The Bible Verse of the Week*

*"Do you want to get well?"*

*John 5:6b*

**Summer Jazz Concert Series Funding Request.** For about the last 20 years Pacific Hills has sponsored three summer evening jazz concerts on our courtyard. This year we are continuing to do the same as the series has been a wonderful outreach event into our community. These three concerts cost a total of \$1200 and in recent years these concerts have been difficult to fund. We have moved forward in faith that we would secure the funds we need for these concerts: however, we are still in need of funds. If you enjoy these concerts and are able to support this worthy cause, please help us to fund these concerts. **Make your check payable to Pacific Hills Lutheran Church and memo on the offering envelope "Other" category "Jazz Concert Series"**. Thank you for your consideration.

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

June 9 — Jorge Nila and the Jazz Ninjas

July 14 — Robert Glaser and Urban Delight

August 18 — Michael Lyon Quartet (hamburgers and hot dogs social at 5:30pm)

#### **Additional Sunday music events that we should support:**

June 16 – Papillion Area Community (PAC) Band Concert at Sumtur Amphitheater

August 11 -- Papillion Area Community (PAC) Band Concert at Sumtur Amphitheater

Music and Worship Committee

#### **Children Youth and Family Events:**

Help us show our love for others by participating in one or more activities:

- June 8th, 2pm to 4 pm. Join Pastor and Cheryl visit shut-ins. Share cards, goodie bags and yourself with them. Call Cheryl about your participation, 913-209-2625 or the church.
- June 29th. 12pm - until food is gone. Help us offer lunch, hamburger and hot dogs, to people driving by the church. Call Sandra with questions, 402-571-8407.
- July 20th. Help prepare and deliver a meal to the Ronald McDonald house. Call Kay Storck with questions.
- The board is helping to pay 50% of the cost for youth to attend summer Lutheran camps. Please keep your receipts and give them to Sandra Glissmann for reimbursement.

Thank you! Questions? CYF Board: Alice Osborn, Cheryl Drebes, Sharon Irvin, Kay Storck, Pam Hafsaas, and Sandra Glissmann