The Pacific Hills Messenger

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It is October in Lamb of God Preschool,
which means all things pumpkin!

We decorated pumpkins this week, and we will be celebrating our harvest parties at the end of the month.

One way we keep the focus on Christ is by picturing a jack-o-lantern with hearts for eyes, a cross nose, and a fish mouth. The heart eyes remind us of God's love for us. The cross nose reminds us that when we sin God forgives us because of Jesus' death on the cross. The fish-shaped mouth reminds us that we are Christians who follow Jesus. When the pumpkin is cleaned out inside and the light is put in it, we are reminded that God cleans us up and his light is in our hearts.

May all we do and say reflect the light of Christ in us.

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Church Events

Sunday	8:00am	**Eucharist**
	9:00am	Blood Pressure checks
	9:15am	Choir
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	**Eucharist**
	12:00pm	Worship & Music Comm.
Monday	6:30pm	Reformation Choir
	6:30pm	Quilters
Tuesday	9:00am	Tai Chi
	9:30am	Alanon
	4:30pm	Siena Francis House
	7:00pm	Directors Board
Wednesday	8:30am	Foster Care
	9:00am	Foster Care
	9:30am	**Eucharist**
	10:00am	Fellowship
	6:30pm	Women's Bible Study
Thursday		No Preschool
	6:30pm	Tai Chi
	7:00pm	Trustees Board
	7:00pm	Gamblers-12 Step
Friday		No Preschool
Sunday	8:00am	**Eucharist**
	9:15am	Choir
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	**Eucharist**
	11:30am	CYF Board

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Paul and Kristen Karl in thankfulness of their wedding anniversary.

Senior Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, October 9, 11:30am at Big Fred's, 119th & Pacific, for food and fellow-ship. Menu includes more than pizza! A tour of the Prayer Garden and Stations of the Cross at St. Robert Bellarmine Church will follow lunch for those interested.

The three weekly themes for our "Generous Giving" series are as follows:

Week 1, September 30, "Generous Giving: Giving Up"
Week 2, October 7, "Generous Giving: Giving Out"
Week 3, October 14, "Generous Giving: Giving In"

October 14th has been designated as **Commitment Sunday** and will be the culmination of our series. During the Sunday services you will have the opportunity to pledge your treasure for the year 2019. Every member (or member family) is asked to bring to worship the Commitment Card that accompanied the letter you recently received in the mail. If you forget to bring your card one will be provided for you at the beginning of the service. Time will also be provided during the service for these cards to be completed and then brought forward to the altar along with your regular weekly offering. If you will not be in attendance on October 14th, you may mail in your Commitment Card in the envelope that accompanied your letter.

Reformation Concert at Pacific Hills, featuring Charles Ore, will be October 28, 7pm. Dr. Ore has requested a choir. To join the mass choir, come to the rehearsals at Pacific Hills on October 15 and 22, at 6:30pm. Dr. Grant Peters, on trumpet, will accompany. The concert this year is sponsored by the Omaha North Circuit.

Lamb of God Preschool still has space available for the 2018-19 school year. The three year old program meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9am to 12pm, and programs for four and five year olds are on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please check out our website at www.lambofgodpreschool.org

National Youth Gathering: July 11 through July15, 2019, in Minneapolis, MN. The gathering is open to students going into the 9th grade through 12th in 2019. Online registration has begun this week and must be postmarked by October 17, 2018. Anyone interested must contact Sandra Glissmann in the next 3 weeks. More information available on lcmsgathering.com.

We have Pacific Hills coffee mugs! The 14 oz. mugs will be 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, such as the mailing Pastor Drebes sent out earlier this year to the neighborhood around the church. We'll also give some to visitors. Check them out!

Bible Verse of the Week

Matthew 16:25b

"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Events of Other Congregations and Agencies

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School Chili Cook-off Harvest Party, Bake Sale and More, October 13, 4:30pm to 7pm. Tickets: adults-$7, 4-12 years and seniors-$5, 3 years and under-free. Raffle-handmade quilt tickets $5 each or 6 for $25. St. Paul wants cooks for their chili cook-off...email stpaul@stpaullutheranchurch-school.com or call the church at 402-451-2865. Please pre-register by emailing Rev. Moorhead at revhawk@cox.net.

Meet at the Campus Ministry Gathering House (1124 S. 90 St.) to carpool to various sites on Saturday, October 13, 8am to 8pm, **to volunteer** for **21 & Older Young Adult-Day Service**. Please RSVP (402-578-4177) by Saturday, October 6, or email don@living-h2o.org Free t-shirt and free supper at the end of the day at Spaghetti Works, 8416 Park Drive, Ralston. Funds provided by a grant from Nebraska District-LCEF.

First Lutheran Church Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 13, 11am to1pm and 5pm -7pm. Delicious German food, live band, bake sale and crafts.

Concordia Sr. High Music Department is hosting OKTOBERFEST on Saturday, October 27, 5pm to 10pm. The event will be held on the athletic field of the Concordia Jr.-Sr. High campus. (156th & Fort). There will be food (including bratwurst, sauerkraut, pretzels, root beer, etc.), music (including polka and drumline) and beverages. Fun activities for the whole family include German bake sale, face painting, bounce house and German music groups. Tickets, available at the door, are $20 for adults and $10 for students. You may call Peter Klemp, 402-445-4000 or email klempp@concordiaomaha.org, for more details.

Mark your calendar for **Friday, November 2. Trivia Night** will be held at Concordia Jr.-Sr. High School as a Booster Club fundraiser to support Mustang Activities. Recruit your team. Pick your costume/table theme. Study up on your trivia. Entry fee: $25 per person. Register your team at http://bit.ly/MustangTrivia18

Experience Concordia Day will be Friday, November 2. This is a great way for students to preview Concordia Jr.-Sr. High School. Prospective 6th-9th grade students are invited to attend this event and experience student-led chapel, jazz band performance, interactive technology, exploding experiments and meet the coaching staff. RSVP to Concordia's Admissions Director, Dawn Cooksey at cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org or call 402-990-9444. Lunch will be provided and the event time is 12pm to 3pm. Go to www.concordiaomaha.org. to learn more about Concordia Jr.-Sr, High School.