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Church Renovations About to Launch

Church renovations tend to take place every 30 years. Those are the stats, according to church renovation experts. By the time contractors are called in to help a church renovate their sanctuary, narthex, exterior or anything significant, it's been three full decades since any part of their facility has been updated in any meaningful way. That's far too long, for sure.

We are grateful to finally be getting under way. Our loan with LCEF has closed and has been filed with the county as of July 10th, my 47th birthday. A big thank you to Bob Vandervort for his work with LCEF in securing the loan and to John Thomas and Dan Irvin for getting all of the paper work signed, notarized, and sent back to LCEF! That enabled everything to stay on track for the July 10th closing date.

The final executed contract with Construct Inc. is in the amount of \$1,889,500.

As Chair of the Implementation Committee and Chair of the Board of Trustees, Jim Mueller, will be the primary contact person for the contractors during the construction phase, which will take 9-10 months once they begin. Although, construction could have begun on Monday, July 13th, it will be delayed at least a week due to scheduling conflicts with our contractor and any asbestos work that could have been started by July 13th will be delayed because of Andrew Aulner's wedding, scheduled for July 24th.

We are at a very exciting place in the life of our congregation. We are implementing a vision years in the making and are moving **Forward in Faith—Together**. To God alone be all the honor, power and glory!

Blessings,
Pastor Bryan

Church Events

In July, guideline changes continue relating to coronavirus distancing: Families to stay together distancing 6 feet from others.

Sundays	<u>July 19, 26</u> 8:00am Eucharist 10:30am Eucharist
Sunday	<u>July 19</u> 11:30am Foundation Trustees 6:00pm Food 7:00pm Jazz Concert
Tuesday	<u>July 21</u> 4:30pm Siena Francis House 7:00pm Directors Board
Thursday	<u>July 23</u> 6:30pm Tai Chi

Sunday's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Mike and Brenda Whealy with thankfulness for their Christian heritage.

Sunday Worship Notes -- The Elders and Pastor recommend that everyone wear some kind of face covering in worship. Also, there are no children's messages on Sunday mornings, due to social distancing requirements. Thank you.

OUR SOCIALLY DISTANCED COMMUNION PRACTICE

The Ushers will dismiss one pew at a time, alternating between the pulpit and the lectern side, so that there are only a very small number of people present for Communion at any given time to maintain social distancing. When you come forward you will take a prepackaged communion kit from the center of the chancel. Pastor will be standing in the center at the spot marked with a P. You will then proceed until you are in position in front of the altar rail, again no kneeling or touching the rail. Once you are in position you will be instructed to "take and eat" and "take and drink." Once you are dismissed you will dispense with your used cup and depart down the side aisles to your seat. Those seated in the transepts will be ushered up from their respective sides.

Court Yard Jazz Concert, Sunday, July 19, 7pm.

Jennifer Novak Haar, piano, Mark Haar, bass, Jim Schweigert, trumpet, Doug Montera, drums. **Novak & Haar** is a jazz group led by the husband/wife duo Mark Haar and Jennifer Novak Haar. Mark and Jennifer perform together extensively around Omaha, the Midwest, and beyond. They toured nationally with the Mannheim Steamroller Christmas 2019 tour, play for Broadway touring productions and local theater, with the Omaha, Lincoln, Sioux City and Sioux Falls Symphonies, and in many jazz venues in the area. Both cancer survivors, they also volunteer at the Buffett Cancer Center by playing a weekly Friday lunch jazz gig in their restaurant. They are frequently joined by drummer Doug Montera, and when expanding to a quartet, trumpet player Jim Schweigert.

BIBLE VERSE of the Week

"Let both grow together until the harvest."

(Matt. 13:30)

Returning to God, Tithes and Offerings During the Pandemic

As you know the church's ministry and expenses continue even though services and programming are a bit different. You can still give your tithes and offerings by mail. You can set up your bank account to give electronically or you can utilize MyEOffering. There is also a link to MyEOffering on our web page, on the top menu. Our web page is: www.PacificHillsLutheran.org. You can sign up at <https://members.myeoffering.com>. Your church needs people like you to continue their regular patterns of giving despite virus-related closures to maintain current ministry. Consider the following passages: **2 Corinthians 9:7** - Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **Malachi 3:10** - Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. **Proverbs 11:24** - One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. **Luke 6:38** - Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."