



The Pacific Hills **Messenger**

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One Small Step for a Man

As I write this article today I am reminded of Neil Armstrong's historic moon landing which took place 51 years ago, July 20, 1969. In the hours before Neil Armstrong took the first steps on the moon, he decided what his first momentous words, to be broadcast back to Earth and around the world, should be: "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." Then, in the excitement of the moment, he messed up his line. Armstrong plead indistinct diction, although listening live and to the recordings all these years later, it's impossible not to hear him saying, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Hear the difference? The indefinite article, a, contrasted his small step, the small step of a single man, with the giant accomplishment of the lunar landing for all mankind. As it came out, the point was a little less clear.

In a couple of weeks we will be hearing about Peter taking one small step out of the boat and walking on the water. That was one small step for a man. The giant leap for mankind is that it now became clear that God had become man. Not only does Jesus walk on the water, as God surely can, but he enables a man to do things that no man could do. Peter doesn't become a god, but he does walk on water. When he sinks, another giant leap occurs. It's not Peter leaping back into the boat. It's Jesus reaching his hand to save Peter.

The things God does through us are big steps for us. The biggest leap will always be the one that brought Jesus to the cross for all mankind—since Jesus died for all—that whoever believes in him will not perish. There's no mistake either. God planned it exactly right, and Jesus carried it out exactly right.

Pastor Drebes

Church Events

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

Friday	<u>July 24</u>	3pm	Marriage of Andrew Aulner Samantha Hennings
Sundays	<u>July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23</u>	8:00am	Eucharist
		10:30am	Eucharist
Thursday	<u>July 30</u>	6:30pm	Tai Chi
		7:00pm	Gamblers
Sunday	<u>August 30</u>	9:00	Eucharist

Sunday's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Kevin and Diane Warneke in thankfulness for 33 years of marriage.

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.

See the Renovations Online! You can see what's happening with the facility renovations, on the Pacific Hills web site. On the top green menu bar, there is a Renovation Update selection. (There is also a link under About Us.) Click on that to see the latest -- with photos -- on the progress. No hard hat required.

Looking for owners if items left in the narthex coatroom? Child's purple fleece jacket, long navy blue raincoat, teal short jacket, navy blue sweater. Please claim soon or call the church office.

Care Ministry Card Rack is now located in room 115. Rack is restocked with cards (\$1 per card).

Directors mail boxes and Church mail boxes are now located in Room 115 until construction is complete.

Mission and Social Ministry: Mission offerings were sent to Mission Central to support Sandra Rhein, a Deaconess providing music ministry in Taiwan (\$500) and Kip and Tammy Beaudoin, the first LCMS missionaries serving in the Ukraine (\$1500). Please continue to pray for our missionaries as they serve around the world.

Due to the church remodeling the Board of Social Ministry WILL NOT COLLECT DONATIONS OF FOOD AND TOILETRIES. If desired members can contribute to the Yahweh Fund. HyVee gift cards are purchased for those who seek assistance for food or gas.

10TH ANNUAL BREAKFAST FOR LIFE -- Virtual Watch Party Only! Host a virtual party for eight of your friends for \$240, or ten friends for \$300. If you host a watch party in your home, please follow current Directed Health Measures. For assistance registering, call Dawn at 531.239.3130 (EPS Office). RSVP by Friday, August 7. Register now: friendsofeps.org/BFL. Guest speaker, Kristan Hawkins', message is inspiring, especially to mature students active in pro-life activities. Our own Pastor Drebes will give brief closing remarks and the closing prayer.

Mark your calendars: Courtyard Jazz Concert, August 16, 7pm, featuring "The Steve Raybine Quintet".

BIBLE VERSE of the Week

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field."

(Matt. 13:44)

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."

Pacific Hills Foundation Supports Lutheran Education: The Pacific Hills Lutheran Church

Foundation would like our members to be aware of these important Christian educational opportunities:

- You can send your pre-school child to our Christian preschool with tuition assistance available in the amount of 40%. Applications are available in the church office or with Kay Storck, our preschool director, for your child. Complete the application and place it in box J-2, Sara Young's (Foundation Trustee Scholarship Chair) church mail box.
- The Concordia Lutheran Schools (CLS) have 6 Pacific Hills members currently enrolled and two more P.H. members have applied for tuition assistance. Once enrolled, these students receive a 40% tuition scholarship from the Pacific Hills Lutheran Church Foundation.
- Currently, any student attending a Concordia system Lutheran college or university is available to receive tuition assistance from the Foundation. Presently at Concordia University-Seward, the Richardson Scholarship provides \$7,500 in scholarship dollars. There is also a \$1,000 renewable scholarship available for up to four years.
- If you have questions please contact the following:
- Sara Young, Scholarship Trustee Chair, or Kevin Warneke, Foundation Chair.