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Church Events

Concert Series at Pacific Hills

As COVID is getting more and more under control, things are opening up more and more. With that, I am looking into ways to expand the Music Ministries at Pacific Hills. Music is a great way to bring people together and share an experience all the while escaping everyday life.

So, what is something Pacific Hills can do to reach people outside of worship? Perhaps a Concert Series! I'm looking into the possibility of having guest musicians come to Pacific Hills and do two concerts on Sunday afternoons in the Fall and two more in the Spring. Whether it is a college choir, a string ensemble, a bell choir, or an organist, every concert is an opportunity for us to invite members of the Omaha community to experience what Pacific Hills has to offer!

Stay tuned for more!

In Christ,

Zach Hastings
Director of Music

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

Sunday Apr 25	9:00 am Rededication & Grand ReOpening and New Member Sunday 6:00pm Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)
Wed Apr 28	9:30 am Eucharist (ZOOM) 6:00 pm Youth Confirmation
Thur Apr 29	6:30 pm Tai Chi
Sun May 2	8:00am Eucharist 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Eucharist 6:00pm Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)

Returning to God, Tithes and Offerings During the Pandemic



Remember Your Offerings

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."

Members can contribute to the Yahweh Fund to address community assistance. During this pandemic, PHLC offers **HyVee gift cards that are purchased for those who seek assistance for food or gas.**

READERS NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH SERVICES

Volunteers are needed to give the second reading during worship services. Volunteers are needed for both services. Please email Kevin Warneke at kwarneke6593@cox.net

On Easter Sunday, April 4, live streaming of service CHANGED from 8:00 am to 10:30 am service. To access the live stream, go to our website (www.pacifichillslutheran.org) or YouTube channel, PacificHillsLutheran, (tinyurl.com/j37skpsh). All live streamed services can be found on the Pacific Hills Lutheran Church website and YouTube channel. And, when you *subscribe* to our YouTube channel, you will help us reach 100, at which time we will be eligible for additional YouTube services.

MISSION/SOCIAL MINISTRY APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH: ISSUES, ETC. Issues, Etc. is a 10-hour weekly syndicated radio talk show and podcast. The program features expert guests, expansive topics, while extolling Christ! The program is hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Jeff Schwartz. Google Issues, Etc. and listen to 24/7 edifying talk radio, on-demand archives, and morning services from Kramer Chapel on the campus of Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. We can become a sponsoring congregation and join 10 other Nebraska churches and over 250 LCMS churches in USA and Canada in supporting this important ministry. PHLC will be included on the IE website if we can reach the \$2000/year level. LISTEN, BE ENRICHED, AND PLEASE GIVE VIA YAHWEH FUND TO THE "MISSION OF THE MONTH", CHRIST-CENTERED, CROSS FOCUSED TALK RADIO, ISSUES ETC.

Tai Chi offered every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in Acker Hall. Bring your mask!

BIBLE VERSE of the Week

**"With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord."
(Acts 4:33a)**

SERVICES RETURN TO THE CHURCH 9:00 am THIS SUNDAY!!!

Online Worship Services: Go to our website www.pacifichillslutheran.org for more information.

If you can assist or offer to help in any way in the Church Office with bulletins, birthday card preparation, computer data entry, etc., please contact Kim in the church office!

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.

Bob Vandervort is offering a **Bible Class on the book of Joshua via Zoom every Sunday evening** from 6:00 – 6:45 pm. Email him at rsvod@cox.net or call 402-350-0872 for more information. Everyone welcome!

Directors mail boxes are still located in the church office on second floor (Room 212). Soon will be moved to the new church workroom 119!

Holy Communion via Zoom: This service is currently offered each Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM. This does not replace Sunday morning worship with Holy Communion, but it does provide an option for those that cannot attend regularly due to the pandemic. Please contact Church Office for more information.

The **Altar Flowers for April 25th Services** were given to the Glory of God by the Joe & Carla Risko!

**Grand Reopening and Rededication of our Sanctuary and Facility
April 25, 2021
9:00 AM**

As part of the Reopening and Rededication Sunday we will feature The Rev. President Richard Snow of the LCMS Nebraska District. He will be our guest preacher for the day. Zach Hastings, our Director of Music is planning special music. There will be an Open House walk through of the church offices before and after services. Music and Worship will provide food and refreshment and President Snow will speak to the congregation at 10:45 AM in Acker Hall regarding the renovations and capital improvements at the University Chapel in Lincoln and at the District offices.

We are planning to have a **Clean Up/Tidy Up day on Saturday April 24, 2021 starting at 9:00am** at church. The main focus will be to make sure everything looks good and is in place for the Sanctuary rededication on April 25th at 9:00am. We will be doing last minute cleaning, dusting – just a variety of tasks. Should only take a couple of hours. Thank you in advance for those that can help.