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If I could borrow a baseball analogy regarding the construction project at Pacific Hills, it would be this: We are rounding 3rd base and headed toward home.

Looking back over last year, we have really come a long, long way in this project. We met with the architects and came up with ideas and narrowed our focus to have a goal and a vision. Some surprises were unexpected, like needing a new chiller (air conditioning system) that we did not initially have in our radar and budget and needing new electrical service for Pacific Hills. Another surprise was so many areas had asbestos that had to be removed, which was not in our radar.

The fall season, leading up to winter, allowed for most of the outside work to be completed. We really got to know Acker Hall, when work started in the sanctuary, as we worshipped in Acker Hall for some months, with the anticipation that one day, we could get back into the sanctuary. I remember Pastor Drebes made a comment that it felt like we were like the Israelites wandering in the desert, knowing that someday we would get back to the "Promised Land" aka the sanctuary.

If you have not had the opportunity to see some of the photos during this construction process, please go to: <https://www.pacifichillslutheran.org/about-us/renovations.html>. Thank you, Lisa and George McCoy, for putting this together. We definitely need to save these and other pictures for the future, so that our children and children's children could see all that took place.

So, what is happening now? Improvements are in the works for the Moorhead Courtyard. We recently laid new sod and will be working to improve the landscaping around the courtyard and around the church. New pole lights were added to the Moorhead Courtyard that automatically come on in the evening, which really help in the overall lighting.

I had mentioned earlier needing new electrical service. We found out with new air handlers, new chiller and pumps, that the church was not up to electrical code, so it was determined that brand new electrical service was needed. The next time you come to church, you will see a brand new transformer, sitting on a brand new cement pad, close to the mailbox. This should eliminate the present transformers that currently reside on the power pole, also close to the mailbox. It has been a challenge to coordinate with OPPD to get all of this to happen at the same time, as the entire church campus will be without power for 2 days. Once this is completed, hopefully things can get back to an acceptable level of normalcy.

One of the other major accomplishments, at least I think so, is the completed repair of the carillons in the tower. Sometime back the tower was struck by lightning and disabled the carillons. During this construction process, there was interest in looking to repair them and by God's grace, this has been accomplished. This project has been in the works for a very long time.

Now we are waiting for the permanent sanctuary lights to come in and the General Contractor will then begin work to remove the temporary lights in the sanctuary and replace them with permanent lights.

Each day we are getting closer and closer to "home plate" and I thank God every day for His goodness and love and support in this project. I next want to thank all of you, Pacific Hills members and friends for your continuing support and prayers.

Yours in Christ our risen Lord and Savior,
Jim Mueller

Church Events

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

Sun	8:00 am	Eucharist
June 20	9:15 am	Educational Hour
	10:30 am	Eucharist
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)

Wed	9:30 am	Holy Communion (ZOOM)
June 23		

Thurs	6:30 pm	Tai Chi
June 24		

Sun	8:00 am	Eucharist
June 27	9:15 am	Educational Hour
	10:30 am	Eucharist
	6:00 pm	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 **Walmart and HyVee gift cards that are purchased for those who seek assistance for food or gas.**

Mission and Social Ministry: Join Pastor and the Mission Board Monday, June 28 for a day trip to Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa. We will leave the church at 10 am, have a tour of Mission Central with Gary Thies, enjoy lunch, and hear a presentation from a visiting missionary serving Asia. Please contact Marilyn Wegehaupt at 402-334-2896 if you are interested and to plan carpooling arrangements.

Pastoral Care—Pastor and Cheryl will be on vacation June 11-19. If you have a care need while he is away, please contact the church office, Marilyn Wegehaupt, our Parish Nurse; or Bob Glissmann, Chairman of our Board of Elders. In case of an emergency, requiring pastoral support, please contact Pastor Eric Jay (St. Mark's Lutheran Church) at 714-615-2813.



Pastor Joel Fritsche, Missionary to the Dominican Republic and Director of Concordia Seminary and Mercy Center in Palmar Arriba, located in the Santiago province, will be our guest speaker on June 20.

He will also give a presentation between services in Acker.

BIBLE VERSE of the Week

"He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still"
(Mark 4:39a)

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

If you can 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 Hebrews 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 now located in the new Church workroom 119!

The Altar Flowers for June 20, 2021 Services were given to the Glory of God by Daniel & Kang Ae Reyelts!



Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be 6:00-8:00pm, July 26-30, 2021. Register to Pastor's email: BryanDrebes@PacificHillsLutheran.org
Come to the Table!

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