

The Pacific Hills Messenger

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It's time for students to go back to school. They will get their books, schedules, see their friends, meet their teachers, and learn as much as possible. EVERYONE should be doing the same!

Books: The main text for all ages is the BIBLE. There are also great "study guides" for extra credit. This year, REALLY study the Bible.

Schedules: Organize your day and schedule time daily for your holy homework and prayer.

Friends: Come to church! If COVID-19 kept you away, plan to come back to our renovated campus. Pacific Hills has great people. Stay in touch and call them even if you cannot come to church.

John 13:35 = "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Learn: Proverbs 9:10 = "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Never stop learning.

Teachers: You cannot get any better than God one on one. The all-knowing Holy Spirit and assistant shepherds like Pastor Drebes are here so you will never fail.

Luke 6:39-41 = "He also told them this parable: Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit? The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher."

Be fully trained. Satan is hoping you do not pass the test.

Major in God and all He teaches. Even if "lunch" was your favorite subject, Lutheran pot-luck events are just a start... You always have the Bread of Life.

Our Father, we pray for Your blessings of health, wisdom, and joy for all the teachers and students going back to school. Watch over them through out the school year and their lives. Thank you for letting Pacific Hills be the children of God. May we all learn and follow the teachings of our greatest teacher, your son, Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Dan Irvin

Church Events

Sat Aug 7	11:00 am Chastain Memorial
Sun Aug 8	8:00 am Eucharist 9:15 am Educational Hour Pop Up Choir 10:30 am Eucharist 6:00 pm Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)
Wed Aug 11	9:30 am Holy Communion (ZOOM) 12:30 pm First Ladies AA
Thurs Aug 12	6:30 pm Tai Chi 7:30 pm Elders Board
Fri Aug 13	7:30 pm Philatelic Soc
Sun Aug 15	8:00 am Eucharist 9:15 am Educational Hour 10:30 am Eucharist 6:00 pm Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)

Returning to God, Tithes and 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 trying time recovering from the pandemic, PHLC offers **Walmart and HyVee gift cards that are purchased for those who seek assistance for food or gas.**

Please note Tai Chi class is canceled for August 19th! Typically, Tai Chi is offered every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in Acker Hall!

PRAYER PARTNERS – Do you realize prayer is one of the most important things we do as a congregation? I am looking for 12 leaders to join me as prayer partners for this congregation. What does a prayer partner do? They meet with me and others, on a "regular basis," (TBD) to pray. No agenda, other than to pray. If you are interested in serving as a prayer partner, please contact me at: bryandrebes@pacifichillslutheran.org

Once we have identified the 12 people, we will begin this journey together.

Mary Lou Chastain

Memorial Service at
Pacific Hills Lutheran Church
Saturday, August 7th at 11:00 am.



New Adult Confirmation Classes will begin Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm in Room 208. Please indicate your desire to participate with Pastor directly or with Kim in the church office. Classes meet for 6 weeks and lead to membership at Pacific Hills.

New Member Sunday will be October 3, 2021. This will include transfers as well as adult confirmands.

BIBLE VERSE of the Week

"Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life.'"
(John 6:35)

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

Please join Pastor in between services for a **Study of the Lessons of the Day**. Classes meet in Acker Hall.

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!

For any notes/documents for the Office: Please use the new **Administrative Assistant inbox for Kim** and **Office Assistant Inbox for Kelly** in the Workroom.



Sunday evening Courtyard Jazz at Pacific Hills at 7pm:

▶ August 8 –Tuffy Epstein Quintet
Mobile Grace food truck at 6pm

Volunteer Needed—A **volunteer is needed to schedule the second readings for worship services each Sunday**. This involves recruiting readers and providing the appropriate scripture for each Sunday. Kevin Warneke can provide details about the process. Contact him at kwarneke6593@cox.net or (402) 612-9151 if interested in assuming this volunteer responsibility.

MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

If you desire to continue to wear a mask and social distance from others, please do so.

Small Group Leader Training—Saturday, August 21, 9:00 am—11:30 am, Acker Hall

Before/After School Care Job Openings

We are looking for caring individuals to serve K-5 students in our Learning Center, before and after school program, at the Concordia Academy campus (1821 N 90th St).

- One adult care giver (minimum 19 years of age) one morning a week, 7:00am-8:15am
- One to two adult care givers two afternoons a week, 2:45pm-6:00pm
- High school assistants (16-18 years old) in the afternoons, two to three days a week

If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Laura Troutman at 402-212-7145 or laura.troutman@concordiamaha.org.