

The Pacific Hills Messenger

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Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus!

If you have not received your fall stewardship letter, you should soon.

Beginning September 26th we will embark upon our three-week stewardship emphasis entitled: **“Keep the Momentum Going.”** For an athlete in a race, the last mile is perhaps the most difficult. They must put in all their energy and effort to see the race through. Their challenge is to keep the momentum going. This is true with so many things in life. Whenever you start an initiative, whether it be building a new deck, enrolling in college, or engaging in a building campaign, the challenge is seeing things through to completion. We will be entering our fourth capital funding year soon and then of course is our regular lives of stewardship. So, yes great is the challenge before us. But the challenge is not greater than our God who continually reaches out to us and gives us His love, grace, and mercy.

The three weekly themes for “Keep the Momentum Going” are as follows:

Week One: “Keep the Momentum Going” -- “Sacrificial Giving”

Week Two: “Keep the Momentum Going” -- “Regular Giving”

Week Three: “Keep the Momentum Going” -- “Committed Giving”

Look for your letter which will outline Commitment Sunday and how to make your pledge if you are not in attendance on October 10.

Blessings,



“I lift my eyes unto the Hills” ... Psalm 121:1



MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

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



Church Events

Sun Sep 19 th	8:00 am	Eucharistic Worship
	9:15 am	Sunday School Education Hour Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Eucharistic Worship with Choir
	11:30 am	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)
Mon Sep 20 th	6:30 pm	Quilter's Group
Tue Sep 21 st	7:00 pm	Director's Board Meeting
Wed Sep 22 nd	9:30 am	Eucharist (ZOOM)
	10:30 am	First Ladies AA Group
	6:00 pm	Youth Confirmation Class
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Women's Group
Thur Sep 23 rd	6:30 pm	Tai Chi
Fri Sep 24 th	7:30 pm	Omaha Philatelic Society Meeting
Sun Sep 26 th	8:00 am	Eucharistic Worship
	9:15 am	Sunday School Education Hour Choir Rehearsal
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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.

CARE MINISTRY CARDS

All cards are \$1, money goes for expenses for shut-in mailings, meals and more. Please stop by and see our new selections in room 115.

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

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH FUN NIGHT



"The First Friday of the Month Fun Night!"

Beginning Friday, October 1st. All ages are welcome! Bring your family and friends! Bring your favorite game(s). Bring a snack to share! Acker hall at 6:30 pm. Water, ice and paper goods provided. Participates help with clean-up. Hope to see you all there!!!

IMPORTANT NOTICE: ELEVATOR

The elevator in the Educational building that accesses Acker Hall and the 2nd floor of the Educational building is currently out of service from storm damage. We apologize for this inconvenience and will notify everyone when it is back in operation. Thank you!

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

Lutheran Family Services whose "mission is to express God's love for all people by providing quality human care services that build and strengthen individual, family, and community life. Our vision is safety, hope, and well-being for all people." Thank you for considering a mission offering this month which will assist LFS in helping many in need of Christian care and compassion.

"GO INTO ALL THE WORLD"

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

(Upper High School to 20's)

Wednesday, September 22nd at 7:30pm

(Meets every other Wednesday)

Location: 7749 Davis Circle, Omaha, NE

Join us for games, grub, and fellowship.

Our first study will be "The Christ Key" by Chad Bird.



BIBLE VERSE of the Week

"Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." Mark 9:35b

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

PHLC website: www.pacifichillslutheran.org for more information.

LESSONS OF THE DAY STUDY

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

SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

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



WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY OCTOBER 3RD

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 3, 2021. New Member Sunday this will also include transfers.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flower Chart is in the Narthex. Altar flowers may be placed for any celebration, remembrance or just to the Glory of God. Please share your request or intention with Kelly at: assistant@pacifichillslutheran.org or leave a note in Kelly's mailbox. The cost is \$25! Please leave your donation in Kim's mailbox.

WEDDING COORDINATOR NEEDED

Pacific Hills is in need of a wedding coordinator, to help facilitate weddings at Pacific Hills. Typically we have 1-3 weddings a year, so this is not a huge commitment, but a necessary one. This is a volunteer position, but a small honorarium is paid by the couple. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Pastor Drebes at bryandrebes@pacifichillslutheran.org.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

A volunteer is needed to schedule the readings for Worship services each Sunday. This involves recruiting readers and providing the appropriate scripture for each Sunday. Please contact Kevin Warnke for more information at kwarnke6593@cox.net or 402-612-9151. Thank you!

TRUNK OR TREAT WITH THE PANCAKE MAN

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 5:00—7:00 pm in Acker hall. Prizes for best trunk will be picked by all that come join us in Acker hall. The Pancake Man will be serving pancakes and sausages. Mark your calendars and look for more information in the weeks to come.

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 caregiver (19 & older) two afternoons a week, 2:45-6:00 pm
- 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@concordiaomaha.org.