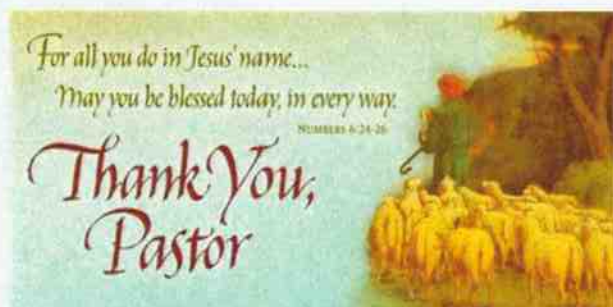




The Pacific Hills

Messenger

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OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Pastors impact lives! Besides preaching, teaching, administering the sacraments and leading their congregations, Pastors accompany us in the midst of significant life events providing care and support. They empower us to more clearly witness God's presence in our lives and in the world. We can show our appreciation to our Pastor, missionaries we support, and those in the district and synod, not only this month dedicated to them but all the time with prayer. Pray for their wisdom, strength, and grace, encourage them, shout out a facebook note or email, send a card of thanks, hugs are great too, or comment "good service Pastor".

Thank you Pastor Bryan! With our sincere appreciation to your dedicated 20 year service in the ministry and your service to PHLC. You and Cheryl are a blessing to this congregation! "We continually remember you before God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love and endurance inspired by our hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 1:3)

Sunday, October 10th is Pastor Appreciation Day.

Church Events

Sun	8:00 am	Eucharistic Worship
Oct 10th	9:15 am	Sunday School Education Hour Bell Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Eucharistic Worship with Bell Choir
	11:30 am	CYF Board Meeting Music & Worship Meeting
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)
Wed	9:30 am	Eucharist (ZOOM)
Oct 13th	12:30 pm	First Ladies AA Group
	6:00 pm	Youth Confirmation Class
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Women's Group
Thur	6:30 pm	Tia Chi
Oct 14th	7:00 pm	Elder's Board Meeting
Sun	8:00 am	Eucharistic Worship
Oct 17th	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)



Week Three:
"Keep the Momentum Going"
- Committed Giving -

MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

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

TRUNK OR TREAT WITH THE PANCAKE MAN



Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 5:00—7:00 PM for Trunk or Treat with the Pancake Man. Trunk or treating will happen in the west (Pacific St) parking lot. If you will be showing your trunk, please plan on showing up around 4:30-4:45 pm Saturday afternoon, so that you can get parked and get your trunk ready before families arrive. Please keep your decoration fun and friendly. We do not know how many children to expect, but plan on at least 100 children. All are welcome to wear a mask, or not, at personal discretion.

The Pancake Man is unique in that he puts on an entertaining show demonstrating flair for the dramatic. Pancakes and sausages made right in front on your eyes.

GOD IS IN CONTROL. HIS TIME, HIS PLAN.

In my last article for the Messenger, I had used the baseball analogy of “rounding 3rd base and heading home.” We are getting closer to home, but it is a process. The air conditioning system has been and continues to be a challenge. During the week, the Church office staff has experienced varying degrees in temperature so much so that it has been uncomfortable sometimes, just plain stuffy other times but never too cold. On Sundays, Mark Stastny has been our “point man” to let us know if the church sanctuary is warm, or if everything is working okay—thanks Mark. There has been no one specific or obvious problem, just lots of little problems and working through all of these. I do remember a few Sundays ago, some members came up to me and said the church was cold! Well, sometimes progress move in all sorts of directions and members telling me the church was cold is better than being told the church is warm. We are now working to make sure the boilers will be ready to be used when the weather turns colder. The PA system in the church sanctuary seems to be working good and now the hearing assist units have been fully charged and useable and are working. We are continuing to try and keep moving ahead to the day when everything is completed. One thing that is reassuring to me is that God is in control, and everything will come together in His time, His Plan.

Yours in Christ

Jim Mueller, Chair Implementation Committee

CHURCH ARTWORK FOR THE NARTHEX

We have been given a generous gift to beautify the narthex with mosaic art. Saturday, November 6, 13 and 20 from 9-12 noon has been set aside as congregational “mosaic art” participation days. More will be shared about this next week on the front page of the Messenger.

KNITTING FOR THE HOMELESS, SICK & SHUT-INS



Do you like to knit or crochet? Would you like to learn? A New Small Group is meeting on Tuesday evenings beginning October 5th at 7pm. We will meet in the Narthex to knit or crochet hats, scarves and prayer shawls. We will open with a devotion and then start stitching. Feel free to bring your needles, yarn, or just bring yourself and supplies will be provided. For more info contact: Kay Storck 402-996-0722 or Michelle Steen 206-226-4554.

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!

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

“Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.’” (Mark 12:43b)

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!!!

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 Warneke for more information at kwarneke6593@cox.net or 402-612-9151. Thank you!

2021 NE DIST MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING

Attention all Middle School Youth. There will be a Fall Gathering at Embassy Suites, LaVista, NE on November 13-14. If interested, or for more information, please contact bryandrebes@pacifichillslutheran.org.

CHURCH MEMBER IN NEED

Church member with children in need of affordable or donated used car. Contact Marilyn Wegehaupt 402-334-2896 or church office.

OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

Designated Mission offerings during October will be distributed to the 6 Nebraska seminary students attending Concordia Seminary this year. Funds will be deposited in their seminary accounts for tuition and education expenses. Your mission donation is not only an investment in educating men to prepare for the ministry but also in investing in the future of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

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 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@concordiamaha.org.

“FUN NIGHT” — FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Join us for “FUN NIGHT!” 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. Participants help with clean-up. Hope to see you all there!!!

