



*The Pacific Hills*

# Messenger

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## Church Artwork

Psalm 26:8 says, “O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.” Worship and beautifying space to enhance worship has always been a priority with the Lord’s people. Over the last several months our liturgical arts committee has been working with Rachel Ziegler to design artwork for our narthex, to enhance our worship life and to give glory to the Lord.

Two mosaic artwork pieces are being designed based off of Psalm 121:1. “I lift my eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help?” ... “My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.” One piece is larger and will be affixed to the back wall (coat room). The other piece is smaller and will be affixed on the wall between the sanctuary entrance and the missions cabinet. We are excited to be working with Rachel. She has proposed 3 work days, as we would like to involve as many members of the congregation as possible. Projects will be designed for members who want to be “all-in,” as well as others who want to just participate “a little.” The project will then proceed back to Rachel’s studio for completion.

## Work Days

November 6  
9:00 – 12 Noon  
November 13  
9:00 – 12 Noon  
November 20  
9:00 – 12 Noon

## **MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING**

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

## Church Events

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)
Mon	6:30 pm	Quilter’s Group
Oct 18th		
Tue	7:00 pm	Director’s Board Meeting
Oct 19th		
Wed	9:30 am	Eucharist (ZOOM)
Oct 20th	12:30 pm	First Ladies AA Group
	6:00 pm	Youth Confirmation Class
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Women’s Group
Thur	6:00 pm	Trustee’s Board Meeting
Oct 21st	6:30 pm	Tai Chi
Fri	7:30 pm	Omaha Philatelic Society
Oct 22nd		
Sat	5:00 pm	Trunk or Treat with the Pancake Man (Pacific St—West Parking Lot & Acker Hall)
Oct 23rd		
Sun	8:00 am	Eucharistic Worship
Oct 24th	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)



## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup> 5-7PM TRUNK OR TREAT



TRUNKS NEEDED! DECORATE YOUR TRUNK IN A FUN AND FRIENDLY WAY! BEST TRUNK PRIZES—1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE!!! Treats with the Pancake Man in Acker Hall. Pancakes and sausages made right in front of your eyes. 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. We will also need 4 strong men to help the Pancake Man before & after along with volunteers to help with clean-up. All are welcome to wear a mask, or not, at personal discretion.



## 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.

## 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

## 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 at 7pm. We are meeting 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

**"Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" (Mark 10:17b).**

## ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

PHLC website: [www.pacifichillslutheran.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:assistant@pacifichillslutheran.org) or leave a note in Kelly's mailbox. The cost is \$25 & is mailed or put 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](mailto: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](mailto:kwarneke6593@cox.net) or 402-612-9151.

## 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](mailto: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.

## CONCORDIA JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



Concordia Jr.-Sr. High School is once again having an Oktoberfest to benefit their Music Department. Saturday, October 23 from 5-9 pm.

## 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. 90<sup>th</sup> 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@concordiaomaha.org](mailto:laura.troutman@concordiaomaha.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!!!

