

The Pacific Hills Messenger

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This week's Gospel reading from Luke 8:26-39 tells us one of several occasions when Jesus healed a person possessed by demons and made their spirit clean. In this passage, the man was possessed by not just one, but by many demons. At first, the man was not convinced that Jesus had the power to do anything to help him. Actually, St. Luke tells us that the man fell to his knees and begged Jesus to stop tormenting him! But after the demons were cast out and sent instead into a herd of nearby pigs, the man was convinced, healed, and grateful. Then, he even wanted to stay with Jesus. But Jesus told him to return to his home, and declare how much God has done for him. And so "he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him."

That's the Christian life. Receive Christ's healing and, in grateful response, tell others what the Lord has done for us. And so, we sing this week in our Entrance Hymn (LSB 528):

"Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!"

"He breaks the power of canceled sin;
He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me."

Christ casts out our demons and washes us clean in our baptism. Luther's order of Holy Baptism even contains these commanding words of exorcism: "Begone you unclean spirits and make room for the Holy Spirit." Because of Christ's healing that has been given to us in our baptism, we can sing directly to Satan with boldness and confidence in the words of "God's Own Child" (LSB 594):

"Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has been unraveled,
And against your tyranny, God my Lord unites with me."

So let us sing, fellow saints at Pacific Hills, as with a thousand tongues, that we might faithfully proclaim all that God has done and continues to do for us through our baptism!

Peace - Jeffrey Blersch

Church Events

Sunday	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:15 am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Eucharist
	11:30am	Outreach Board
Tuesday	9:00am	Tai Chi
	9:30am	Alanon
Wednesday	9:00am	Foster Care
	9:30am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Fellowship
	6:30pm	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	6:30pm	Tai Chi
	7:00pm	Gamblers-12 Step
Friday	7:30pm	Omaha Philatelic Society
Saturday	3:00pm	CYF food to community
Sunday	9:00am	Eucharist
	10:15am	Fellowship
	11:30am	CYF Board

Sunday's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Danny & KangAe Reyelts in honor of Christopher's birthday.

We will have a "5th Sunday" service on June 30 at 9am, followed by an hour of fellowship. That will be the only service that morning.

New Adult Confirmation Classes will begin Monday, July 8, at 6pm in Room 115. Please indicate your desire to participate with Pastor directly or with Linda in the church office. Classes meet for 6 weeks and lead to membership at Pacific Hills.

Lamb of God Preschool is currently enrolling for the 2019-20 school year. We have openings in all programs for children ages 3-5. Please spread the word about availability in this developmentally appropriate, Christian preschool. Contact Kay Storck with any questions.
www.LambofGodPreschool.org. 402-391-2288.

Missions and Social Ministry: Did you have a "fruitful" week of sharing the fruit of the Spirit – kindness?

Colossians 3:12 tells us: "So, as those who have been chosen by God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Each week stop by the bulletin board in the narthex and select several "be fruitful" act of kindness apples. How will your actions affect others or yourself this week? May kindness yield marvelous fruit both in your life, in our congregation, and the lives of those around you.

Children Youth and Family Events:

Help us show our love for others by participating in one or more activities:

- June 29th. 12pm - until food is gone. Help us offer lunch, hamburger and hot dogs, to people driving by the church. Call Sandra with questions, 402-571-8407.
- July 20th. Help prepare and deliver a meal to the Ronald McDonald house. Call Kay Storck with questions.
- The board is helping to pay 50% of the cost for youth to attend summer Lutheran camps. Please keep your receipts and give them to Sandra Glissmann for reimbursement.

Thank you! Questions? CYF Board: Alice Osborn, Cheryl Drebes, Sharon Irvin, Kay Storck, Pam Hafsaas, and Sandra Glissmann

Pacific Hills members who have pledged to support the Forward in Faith Together capital campaign should use separate envelopes from your regular offering envelopes. Envelopes are available in the narthex.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 3:28

The 67th Regular Convention of the LCMS—Please begin praying for our church body and leadership as pastors and lay people prepare for the convention. The theme for the convention is JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN based on 1 Thess 5:16-18. "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. The convention will take place July 20-25 in Tampa, Florida.

Summer Jazz Concert Series Funding Request. For about the last 20 years Pacific Hills has sponsored three summer evening jazz concerts on our courtyard. This year we are continuing to do the same as the series has been a wonderful outreach event into our community. These three concerts cost a total of \$1200 and in recent years these concerts have been difficult to fund. We have moved forward in faith that we would secure the funds we need for these concerts: however, we are still in need of funds. If you enjoy these concerts and are able to support this worthy cause, please help us to fund these concerts. **Make your check payable to Pacific Hills Lutheran Church and memo on the offering envelope "Other" category "Jazz Concert Series"**. Thank you for your consideration.

Sunday evening Courtyard Jazz at Pacific Hills at 7pm:

July 14 — Robert Glaser and Urban Delight

August 18 — Michael Lyon Quartet (hamburgers and hot dogs social at 5:30pm)

Additional Sunday music events that we should support:

August 11, 7:30pm -- Papillion Area Community (PAC) Band Concert at Sumtur Amphitheater

(Free admission and parking)

Music and Worship Committee

Events of Other Congregations and Agencies

First Lutheran Preschool in Papillion is taking applications for a preschool teacher for the 3/4 year old class. This is a part-time position, three mornings a week. For more information, or to apply, contact Dave Ricke at 402-339-3668.