



The Pacific Hills

Messenger

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Reformation 2019

As we enter into October we are mindful, as Lutherans, that Reformation Sunday is just around the corner. We are no longer celebrating milestone Reformation years, but perhaps in 2030 our church body will once again celebrate with gusto the 500th Anniversary of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession. The Augsburg Confession, also known as the Augustan Confession or the Augustana from its Latin name, *Confessio Augustana*, is the primary confession of faith of the Lutheran Church and one of the most important documents of the Protestant Reformation. June 25, 1530 is the date when the Augsburg Confession was presented to Emperor Charles V by the German Princes. Many Reformations will pass between now and then, so, we'll see what happens.

I don't know about you, but I remember in 2017 watching a PBS special on Martin Luther for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and being struck by a particular quote from Luther. The quote was in regards to what Luther thought his followers should be called. He, or more precisely the character playing Luther responded by saying, "The first thing I ask is that people should not make use of my name, and should not call themselves Lutherans but Christians. What is Luther? The teaching is not mine. Nor was I crucified for anyone." The primary focus of Luther was getting back to what the Bible taught about the Christian faith, not getting the praise for starting a large movement. I think this is a good reminder for all of us.

So, now you are thinking, "Pastor, wants us to change the name of our church!" Before you get too far ahead of me, I am NOT suggesting we do that. But I am suggesting that we give God the glory, *Soli Deo Gloria*, in all that we do and point to his love in Christ, *Solus Christus*, and grace, *sola gracia*, as the reason for our hope and the reason why we serve our neighbor. I am suggesting that we always stand on scripture, *sola scriptura*, as Luther did and that we always proclaim to the world that we are saved by faith alone, *sola fide*.

Like Luther, we live to point others to Jesus. He came. He lived. He died. He rose. He ascended. He is coming again. Repent. Believe the good news. It's as simple as that!

Soli Deo Gloria!
Pastor Bryan E. Drebes

Church Events

Sunday	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Eucharist
12:00am	Worship & Music Comm.	
	Monday	8:00:am Pastors Conference
6:30pm	Quilters	
	Tuesday	8:00am Pastors Conference
9:00am	Tai Chi	
	9:30am Alanon	
	11:30am Senior Lunch Bunch	
	Wednesday	9:30am Eucharist
10:00am	Fellowship	
	6:00pm Youth Confirmation Class	
	6:30pm Women's Bible Study	
Thursday	10:00am	Women's Bible Study
	6:30pm	Tai Chi
7:00pm	Elders	
	7:00pm Gamblers-12 Step	
	7:30pm Omaha Philatelic Soc.	
Friday	9:00am Honorary Ed.	
Saturday	Scholarships Meeting—Sara Young	
	Sunday	8:00am Eucharist
9:15am	Choir Rehearsal	
	Education Hour	
	10:30am	Eucharist

Sunday's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Don and Pam Hafsaas in thankfulness of our family, health, and Pacific Hills friends.

Schedule of Events:

October 8

Senior Lunch Bunch, 11:30am

October 13

Concordia Seminary, Laudamus Choir, St. Louis

October 14

New Adult Confirmation Classes, 6pm

October 19

Quilt Ober Fest, 4pm to 4pm

October 20

Gideon Sunday Weekend and Preschool Children Sing

October 20

Pacific Hills Foundation Lunch and Learn

Immediately following second service in Acker Hall

October 27

Trunk-or-Treat and Pancake Man, 5pm to 7pm

November 10

Annual Congregation Meeting

Immediately following second service in Acker Hall

November 24

Christ the King Sunday, November 24

November 27

Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 7pm

Senior Lunch Bunch will meet for lunch and fellowship on Tuesday, October 8, at 11:30am at Charred Burgers, 1150 Sterling Ridge Dr. (south of 128 & Pacific). Everyone welcome, no RSVP needed.

New Adult Confirmation Classes will begin Monday, October 14, 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.

QUILT OBER FEST, Saturday, October 19, 9am to 4pm, in Acker Hall. Come for the quilting - - - stay for the fellowship! Free lunch served at noon. No experience needed. Kits and machines provided. All quilts will be donated to Project Hope. Questions and RSVP contact Ellen Lessmann at Lessmann8@cox.net. Sign up sheet on kiosk.

Lamb of God Preschool will be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat event on Sunday, October 27, 5pm to 7pm. A free meal from the Pancake Man will be served as well. We encourage Pacific Hills members to join us for this event. We need people to decorate the backs of their vehicles and pass out candy to families in the neighborhood. Please contact Kay Storck with any questions or to sign up to help. Thank you!

Bible Verse of the Week

“The apostles said to the Lord,
“increase our faith!”

Luke 17:5

PACIFIC HILLS IS LOOKING FOR A NEW TREASURER!

If you think you have the skills required, please give John Thomas a call at 402-319-5433. This is a really exciting time at Pacific Hills. A new building and remodeling campaign is underway. And there are many more exciting projects in the works to help us grow in our faith while bringing new members into the congregation. Help steer our growth . . . give John a call! Please note that current Treasurer Dan Swan has agreed to help you make the transition as smooth as possible.

Board of Mission and Social Ministry is seeking new members to join the board. Current members include Sandy Frazier, Lisa McCoy, Marilyn Wegehaupt and Brenda Whealy. The board promotes congregational involvement in social ministry activities in the community and supports social ministry and mission programs and missionaries throughout the world. If you have questions contact Marilyn (402-334-2896) or board members.

Plan to attend a Legacy Luncheon Sunday, October 20, after the second service. Craig Stirtz, of the LCMS Foundation, will lead the session and discuss how to provide for the people you love and the ministries you care about in your estate. You'll also learn more about the Pacific Hills Foundation and the ministries it supports. Lunch will be provided. While your RSVP is not required to attend, please consider signing up so we can have a more accurate count for lunch. The sign-up sheet is posted on the middle column in the narthex. Questions? Contact Kevin Warneke at (402) 612-9151.

Time and Talent sheets have been placed in everyone's mailboxes for updating. Please return your completed form to the Church office. Thank you for volunteering your "time and talents".

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.

Events of Other Congregations and Agencies

Omaha LWML Tri-Zone Rally, October 6, 11:30am to 1:30pm. Lunch is served at St. Mark Lutheran Church (1821 N. 90 St.). It's a good old-fashioned Orphan Grain Train Fish Boil (free will offering). Please bring school supplies for Orphan Grain Train.