



The Pacific Hills Messenger

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER — APRIL 26, 2019

PACIFIC HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

VOLUME 4 NUMBER 17

“Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”

“Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!” Pacific Hills resounded with these words of proclamation this past Sunday as our hymns, led once again by our newly renovated organ emerged from our lips and filled the space. The alleluias have returned, and so has the organ. Thanks to a very generous gift, and thanks to the skills of the team of workers at Bedient Pipe Organ Company of Lincoln and Integrated Organ Technology of Atlanta, the Schantz organ is good as new, restored for the next generation of saints who call Pacific Hills their home.

If you do a little research on the history of pipe organs, you will quickly discover that, in their early history, organs were frequently given as extravagant gifts and quickly became symbols of pride and of large egos. That, certainly, is not the reason why Pacific Hills chose to undertake this project. As we sang during Lent, based on St. Paul’s writing in Galatians 6, “Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ my God”

So why, then, did we undertake this project? Why are we pursuing our capital campaign to make improvements to our church building? On Maundy Thursday, we sang together these words from Psalm 22: “It shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has done it.” That’s why. Everything in the church is ordered so as to proclaim Christ crucified, risen, and coming again in glory. Our church building, our singing, and our organ are tools. They are means to an end. They help us to teach Christ to the next generation.

So, let our sanctuary resound with glorious alleluias, just as now the vault of Heaven resounds in praise of love that still abounds: “Christ has triumphed! He is li

Jeffrey Blersch
Director of Music

Church Events

| | | |
|-----------|---------|---------------------|
| Sunday | 8:00am | Eucharist |
| | 9:15am | Choir |
| | 9:15 am | Education Hour |
| | 10:30am | Eucharist |
| | 11:30am | Outreach Board |
| | 11:45am | Foundation |
| Tuesday | 9:00am | Tai Chi |
| | 9:30am | Alanon |
| Wednesday | 9:30am | Eucharist |
| | 10:00am | Fellowship |
| | 6:00pm | Women’s Bible Study |
| Thursday | 6:30pm | Tai Chi |
| | 7:00pm | Gamblers-12 Step |
| Satday | 9:00am | Communion Stewards |
| Sunday | 8:00am | Eucharist |
| | 9:15am | Choir |
| | 9:15 am | Education Hour |
| | 10:30am | Eucharist |

Sunday's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Joe and Carla Risko in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Pastor, Office Staff, Elders, Care Committee and Funeral Ladies, Our family is very grateful to all of you for your love and support of my dad (Paul Gladman) over the years. He so looked forward to the visits, having communion and the beautiful quilt you gave to him. You all have been such a blessing to the entire family. Gratefully,

Donna and Family, Dave and Sue and Family

The Yahweh Fund is a social ministry fund established to help those in need with utilities, housing, food, transportation, etc. The Yahweh Fund is undergoing a financial low at this time and this collection is an effort to build up the fund. You can give through your regular envelope giving by designating to the Yahweh Fund or by placing checks and \$20 gift cards from HyVee or Walmart in the wrapped box in the narthex (during the month of April and May). Thank you for your generosity.

The PHLC Missions and Social Ministry Board

A Communion Steward informational meeting will be held Saturday, May 4, at 9am at church. Current Stewards and those interested in serving the church are encouraged to attend. The Communion Stewards are necessary and valuable servants of the congregation. Interested? Come and learn what we do. Questions? Call Rhoda Storck.

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF), America's largest wildlife conservation and education organization, is pleased to recognize that Lamb of God Preschool has successfully created a Certified Schoolyard Habitat® through its Garden for Wildlife program. Lamb of God has joined with over 5,000 schools nationwide that have transformed their schoolyards into thriving wildlife habitats that provides essential elements needed by all wildlife – natural food sources, clean water, cover and places to raise young. The habitat also serves as an outdoor education site where students can engage in cross-curricular learning in a hands-on way.

The Bible Verse of the Week

"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."

Luke 24:5-6

Safe travels Phillip Chawech! Philip is traveling to South Sudan next week to see family and deliver 2 suitcases of first aid supplies to the community of Uleng. PHLC has preciously supported medical supplies and a medical tent, the building of schools and a church in South Sudan. PHLC mission dollars at work.

Senior Lunch Bunch will meet for food and fellowship at LaPeep's, (69th & Pacific—old Venice Inn site) on Tuesday, May 14, at 11:30am. Everyone welcome, no RSVP needed.

Children Youth and Family Events:

- 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.
- The board is planning summer Bible study and mission activities for our youth, their families and the congregation this summer. One activity will be preparing a meal for the Ronald McDonald House on July 20. Be watching the newsletter for more activities and information.

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

O GIVE THANKS UNTO TO LORD

Pacific Hills' *Forward in Faith - Together* campaign ends this weekend with Celebration Sunday. We have much to celebrate, and much for which to be thankful. God has blessed our congregation and this campaign. Thank you to everyone who has supported this campaign so far. At the end of each service this Sunday, those who have yet to make a gift or pledge, will have an opportunity to do so. By coming together as a community in Christ, we will be better able to worship our Lord and make Pacific Hills more accessible for everyone.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. - Colossians 3:17

