



# The Pacific Hills Messenger

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## Rally Day



Please mark September 10th on your calendar. September 10th is Rally Day Kickoff Sunday!

Rally Day at Pacific Hills signals to us that the summer has ended, and the fall program is under-way. Sunday school classes will begin their new program on September 10th. Our youth confirma-

tion classes will have started up a few days earlier on September 6th.

We invite all teachers to participate in teacher installation, whether you are a Sunday School teacher or a small group leader. The Installation Service will take place at both services. Rally Day festivities will take place during the Sunday School hour in Acker Hall and will include refreshments. Pastor will discuss our Milestone Ministry, the Four Keys to Nurturing Faith and our Enduring Faith Curriculum. After this opening, the students will be dismissed to their classrooms for abbreviated instruction. Parents, please respond to Pam Hafsaas [phafsaas@icloud.com](mailto:phafsaas@icloud.com) to register for Sunday School.

If you are not regularly in the Word, now is the time to rededicate yourself. Now is the time to get involved with Sunday morning Bible Study, or a Bible Study throughout the week, or both!

Blessings,  
Pastor Bryan E. Drebes

## Church Events

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
- 9:15 am Sunday School (Elementary only)  
Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
- 10:30 am Eucharistic Worship
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)
- 6:00 pm Courtyard Cookout
- 7:00 pm Courtyard Jazz

### MONDAY, AUGUST 21

- 6:30 pm Quilting Group (Quilting Rm)
- 7:00 pm Adult Confirmation Class (Rm 115)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

- 9:30 am Devotional (Zoom)
- 12:30 pm First Ladies AA Meeting (Rm 114)
- 6:30 pm Wednesday Women's Group (Narthex)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

- 6:30 pm Tai Chi (Acker Hall)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

- 7:30 pm Omaha Philatelic Society (Acker Hall)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
- 9:15 am Sunday School (Elementary only)  
Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
- 10:30 am Eucharistic Worship
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

## COURTYARD JAZZ & COOKOUT

Don't miss the Julie Baker Quartet at our last Courtyard Jazz of the summer on August 20 at 7pm!



Before the music begins, enjoy some free food & fellowship at a courtyard cookout! Burgers & dogs will be ready from the grill at 6:00!

## 2023 LCMS NE DISTRICT MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING

Attention all Middle School Youth. Preparations for the 2023 Nebraska District Middle School Gathering are being made. The theme for the gathering, scheduled for November 4-5 at 1C The Sanctuary in Columbus, is kNOW.

To declare your intentions to attend, to register, or for more information, please contact Pastor Drebes at 402-391-9625 or send him an email [bryandrebes@pacifichillslutheran.org](mailto:bryandrebes@pacifichillslutheran.org).

REGISTRATION DEADLINE is Friday, September 15th.

## YOUTH MINISTRY KICKOFF EVENT



Our youth had a wonderful time this past Wednesday evening as we launched our new youth ministry. Andrew and Samantha Aulner have agreed to lead this endeavor and the kickoff was a success with 8 PHLC youth and 2 visiting youth participating in the

food, fellowship, and games. Stay tuned for further events, activities, and studies. We look forward to the great things God has in store for PHLC youth and their friends.

## YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Parents of confirmation age youth, in fifth through ninth grade, and their eligible youth are encouraged to attend an information meeting on Wednesday evening, August 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Acker Hall. Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:00 p.m. Looking forward to seeing you there.

## AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Mission/Social Ministry is focusing our July and August mission offerings for missionaries Jonathan Clausing & Stephen Oliver. We are at 3/4 of our \$4,000 goal. Thank you for your generosity! Help us meet our goal during our final month in August.

Supporting our missionaries is important and we appreciate your participation. Please remember our missionaries in your prayers!

## BIBLE VERSE of the Week

*“Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”*  
(Matthew 15:27b)

## ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

PHLC website: [www.pacifichillslutheran.org](http://www.pacifichillslutheran.org)

## BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

Dr. Bob Vandervort and a bible study group are studying the Book of James via ZOOM every Sunday evening from 6:00 — 6:45 pm. Please email him at [rsvod@cox.net](mailto:rsvod@cox.net) or 402-350-0872 for more information.

## NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

New Member Sunday will be September 10, 2023 at the 10:30am service.

## MISSION HOUSE LEASED

You may see more activity over at the Mission House and that's because we have rented out the house, for a year, to Jason Conell. Please stop by and say hello and welcome him to the community and to Pacific Hills. Jason is the facility manager at our sister congregation, St. Mark Lutheran Church. We thank God for the ministries that have taken place in that house, from Living H2O to Echo, and now we pray God's blessings on Jason and our congregation as we forge this new relationship.

## MISSION HAPPENINGS

Philip Chawech received a Right of Sending blessing during the worship service last Sunday. Philip left last Sunday for a 3-month mission trip to South Sudan and Gambella, Ethiopia where he will be delivering medical supplies and choir robes and assist with building another church in Gambella where the Nuer people worship. PHLC provided Mission offerings for the medical supplies and some construction supplies. Please keep Philip in your prayers as he serves the Lord.

## SECOND READERS NEEDED!

Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex.

## ALTAR FLOWERS



Have an upcoming celebration or anniversary? Altar flowers may be placed for any celebration, remembrance or to the Glory of God. Please share your request or intention with Kim at: [KimKielty@PacificHillsLutheran.org](mailto:KimKielty@PacificHillsLutheran.org) or call the office. The cost is \$25.