

# The Pacific Hills Messenger

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On Monday, October 10, the Campus Ministry Board met with Rev. Richard Snow, Nebraska District – LCMS president. The purpose of our meeting was to review our application materials for becoming an RSO (recognized service organization) of the LCMS. Rev. Snow was very helpful with his insights into the process as we proceed. He agreed to write his letter of recommendation, and then submit our application packet to the LCMS International Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

We ask the congregation for your continued prayers for our students, and our ministry as we go forward with this process. Our board and student leaders are ever mindful of the work that God has given us; and see this as an opportunity to maximize our efforts in the mission field of the college campuses in the Omaha area.

Blessings,

Don L. Bader, Coordinator

“Living H<sub>2</sub>O” Lutheran Campus Ministry

**Wartburg Abduction:** In 1521, Martin Luther was kidnapped on a road at night and taken to the Wartburg Castle. This became known as the: Wartburg Abduction. Our Campus Ministry will “recreate” this event by kidnapping area LCMS pastors on Saturday, October 29. Pastors will be held at the Campus Ministry Gathering Place from 9am to 1pm giving congregations the opportunity to pay their pastor’s ransom through donations to Campus Ministry. The ransom for Pastor Drebes has been set at \$1000 (**3/4’s of this amount has been raised**). If you are able to contribute towards this ransom please contact Don Bader ([don@living-h2o.org](mailto:don@living-h2o.org)) and let him know how much you are able to contribute to Pastor’s ransom.

## Church Events

Saturday	9:00am	Mission U Evangelism Workshop
	5:00pm	RLL
Sunday	8:00am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	Noon	Foundation
Monday	8:30am	Pastors Conference
	6:30pm	Quilters
Tuesday	8:30am	Pastors Conference
	9:00am	Tai Chi
	9:30am	Alanon
	4:30pm	Siena Francis House
	5:30pm	Lutheran Family Service
	7:00pm	Directors Board
Wednesday	8:30am	Foster Care
	9:30am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	10:00am	Fellowship
	11:30am	Funeral Planning
	5:15pm	Midweek Activities
	8:00pm	Campus Ministry
Thursday	1:00am	Preschool Board
	6:30pm	Tai Chi
	7:00pm	Gamblers
Sunday	8:00am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	11:30am	Outreach Board

**Today's altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by the Pearson's in thanksgiving for many blessings.

**Thank you all** for your kind thoughts and prayers during our recent loss of Mike's brother Tom.

Mike and Carla Horton

### Important dates for the Fall

- Mission U Equipping to Share Everyday Evangelism (see separate article below) October 15, 9am to 2pm
- Funeral Planning Workshop, October 19, 11:30am to 1pm
- Wartburg Abduction, October 29,
- Consecration Weekend, November 6
- Reformation Celebration, November 13, 2pm
- Annual Congregation Meal & Meeting November 20

**Funeral Planning Workshop** : Many times our loved ones are left to take care of arrangements after we are promoted to glory with no input on what our wishes might be. Funeral planning is not always an easy topic to discuss but your family will appreciate it immensely if they know what you would like done. On **Wednesday, October 19**, Westlawn-Hillcrest (Dignity Memorial) will be at Pacific Hills to lead a workshop on funeral planning. There will be a light lunch and presentation beginning at **11:30am** with everything ending by 1pm (or before if finished).

**Consecration Weekends:** Everyone is encouraged, during the weeks prior to Consecration Weekend, to prayerfully consider how they will consecrate their lives – giving the very best of their time, talent and treasure to the honor and praise of our Lord Jesus Christ. In preparation there will be three weekends whereby we will discuss from the pulpit and the classroom what it means to consecrate our lives to Christ.

*October 23rd – Take My Life – Giving the Best of My Time*

*October 30th – Take My Hands – Giving the Best of My Talent*

*November 6th – Take My Silver and My Gold – Giving the Best of My Treasure*

**CYF Board organizes and hosts the Thanksgiving meal for the congregation meeting on November 20.** This is a fundraiser for the youth. The youth help with the meal. The board will purchase food for the meal and will be looking for volunteers to help prepare the food. Please call Sandra Glissmann (402-571-8407) or talk to Sandra at church if you are willing to help the youth.

**Tai Chi** will continue through November at 9am on Tuesdays and 6:30pm on Thursdays. There will be no class on November 10 and Thanksgiving Day, November 24.

**Poinsettia order forms** have been placed in your church mailboxes and narthex. The cost this year is \$15 per plant. Order deadline is Monday, November 14.

**If you need to receive gluten free communion wafers or alcohol removed wine**, contact pastor, an elder, or an usher, for Sunday and Wednesday communion (and visitation to shut-ins).

### Events of Other Congregations and Agencies

**Experience Concordia Day** will be Friday, October 21. This is a great way for students to preview Concordia Jr/Sr High. Prospective 6th through 9th grade students are invited to attend this event and experience student-led chapel, jazz band performance, interactive technology, exploding experiments and meet the coaching staff. RSVP to Concordia's Admissions Director, Dawn Cooksey at [cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org](mailto:cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org) or 402-990-9444. Lunch will be provided and the event time is noon to 3pm. To learn more about Concordia, go to [www.concordiaomaha.org](http://www.concordiaomaha.org).

**St. Mark Lutheran Church** (90th & Blondo Streets) will be celebrating their **60th Anniversary on Sunday, October 23**. Former District President Russell Sommerfeld will preach at 8am and 10:30am services. There will be a catered dinner at noon. To make a reservation call the church office at 402-391-6148 or email [treinbold@stmarkomaha.org](mailto:treinbold@stmarkomaha.org). Meal cost is \$5 per person (with a family maximum cost is \$20.)

**Lamb of God Lutheran Church-Papillion Harvest Festival, October 23**, 11:30am to 2pm. Servicing soups, salads and soft drinks. Cost \$5. We are located at 1010 West Lincoln St, Papillion. See you soon!!!

Join us for the **3rd Concordia Omaha Run on October 29** at Standing Bear Lake. 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk will begin at 8am. Register by **October 19th to guarantee your t-shirt size and before the price increases!** Visit [Concordiaomaha.org](http://Concordiaomaha.org) to sign up and for more information.

**Bethany Lutheran Church Trunk or Treat, October 29**, noon to 2pm. Candy from car trunks on the parking lot. Games. Concessions and baked good will be on sale in church basement. Questions, call 402-558-6212.

**Concordia Sr. High Music Department** is hosting an OKTOBERFEST fundraising event on **October 29**, 4pm to 10pm, on the CHS campus, for their trip to Germany over spring break. There will be food, music, beverages, fun for the whole family and best "German Costume" contest. You may email Peter Klemp, [klempp@concordiaomaha.org](mailto:klempp@concordiaomaha.org), or call 402-445-4000 for more details.

**Beautiful Savior Concordia Lutheran Schools** parent group are putting on a Fall Festival on Sunday, **October 30** at Concordia Lutheran Jr/Sr High School (156<sup>th</sup> & Fort St.), 3pm to 7pm, to raise funds for their children's scholarship education fund. There will be bounce houses, games, food, music and fun, all at reasonable prices! There is also a Trunk-R-Treat for the kids! Come join us rain or shine!

**Make a Difference** in the lives of immigrants and refugees, who have few or no options for wholesome family entertainment, by helping conduct a Halloween Party at the Peace International Friendship Center (45<sup>th</sup> & Grover). on **October 30, 5:30pm to 7:30pm**. A clear Christian witness will also be given at this event. To help, please contact Rev. Jim Haack: [jim@bslcomaha.org](mailto:jim@bslcomaha.org) or 402-331-7376.

**Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church will host their awesome Annual Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 6, noon to 4pm.** Tickets will be available at the door. Adults - \$12. Children 5 thru 12—\$6. Children 4 and under—free.

**The three Omaha Circuits of the LCMS** will begin a yearlong celebration of the 500th **Anniversary of the Reformation** with a birthday party for Martin Luther at the German-American Club, **November 13**, 2pm to 7pm. German food will be served. Free will offering will be received for the food.

# PRAYER LIST

## October 15, 2016

*(Family and Friends: Please call the church office to add/remove names below.)*

**Readings for Sunday, October 23:** Acts 15:12-22a;  
Psalm 5; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 13:54-58

### Anniversaries

Otto & Marilyn Haman 10/18

Vernon & Elaine Pearson 10/18

Sharon & Jim Vacanti 10/22

### Birthdays

Erin Bader 10/19 Lynn Wegehaupt 10/20

Carla Horton 10/21 John Tanner 10/21

**PHLC Members:** Marilyn Walker, Geraldine Rueter, Grady Chastain, Chris Stastny, Donna Lee, Paul Gladman, Christopher Kiihne, Harriet Moore, Leon Rottmann, Leon Siedlyk, JoAn Werblow, Frank Bladt, Rita Klingman, John Klingman, James Koun, Bob Loeck, Duane Fieck, Carolyn Vierck, Bryan Drebes, Jim Mueller, Carol Muenster, Sara Young, Carol Lacz, Al Erickson, Roy Anderson, Alice Osborn, Vernon Pearson, Mary Lou Chastain, Debra Mueller, Kay Anderson

**In Assisted Living Facilities:** Charlotte Berklund, Mary Lou Chastain, Dorothy Ebener, Lois Eggers, Mike Lessmann, Norma Payne, Jean Schmieding, Alfred Simonsen, Dena Zak, Bob Bailey, Ruth Baumgartner, Jan Bouc, Helene Stigge

### Friends and Relatives:

Gavin Webster (grandson of Larry and Judy Webster)

Elizabeth Grindle (mother of Dennis Grindle)

Jo Anna Perkins (friend of Dennis Grindle)

Corrine Ritterbush

Colin Mathew Shea

Madison Thomas (granddaughter of John and Sara Thomas)

Jim Pape (father of Debbie Fraser)

Elizabeth Ryan

Helen Small (grandmother of Kristen Karl)

Dagen Korynta and Family (friends of Sarah Stirn)

Johnathan Osborn

Alma Meseke (aunt of Barbara Fremder)

Erika, Logan and Ellie

Vera Krengel (mother of Barbara Fremder)

Kuany Gatbel Loang (Nephew of James Gatluak)

Sandy Botrell (cousin of Barbara Fremder)

Ben Weidner (nephew of Emily and Les Demmel)

Jon Pearson (son of Vernon and Elaine Pearson)

Bob Nelson (son of Barb and Lew Nelson)

Sean Palmerton (grandson of Leroy and Nancy Stuckenschmidt)

Carol Cople (sister-in-law of Doris Anderson)

Charlotte Thompson (sister of Leon Siedlyk)

Patty Dyer (niece of Leon Siedlyk)

Nathan Kander in Military (nephew of Alice Osborn)

Philip Kander in Military (nephew of Alice Osborn)

Ron Ethan (friend of Helen Glanzer and Kae Stille)

Robert Glanzer (nephew of Helen Glanzer)

Andy Young (son of John and Sara Young)

Laura (niece of Sandy Frazier)

### Special Intercessions:

Those who travel and those who protect us

All who lead us ecclesiastically and politically

Missions/Missionaries of the Church

Our Campus Ministry program

Our Lamb of God Preschool

All Lutheran Schools

The pastors, staffs, and members of our North Circuit congregations, schools, and preschools.

Ministry of Concordia Lutheran Schools of Omaha

Concordia University, Seward

Mentally ill, their caregivers, and PHLC Care Ministries

The ill, hospitalized, dying, and grieving

Health and protection of all children, including the unborn

Unemployed/financial difficulties

End to terrorism and for justice and peace among all nations

The incarcerated

Pray for God's grace and mercy upon all who face trials, chronic illnesses, or addictions, and upon all who lack a saving faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior

Unrest in the U.S. and the world

Victims of storms across the country