

The Pacific Hills Messenger

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It's back to school time! Lamb of God Preschool will start the 2017-2018 school year on Tuesday, September 5. We currently have 19 children enrolled and expect to build on that number as the school year progresses.

Please keep our preschool families in your prayers. We have families struggling with health issues, financial concerns, and other difficult situations. We have a number of families in our school who are not Christian. We have a big mission field right in our own building. It is an honor and privilege to share the saving love of Jesus with these children and families every day.

You can keep up-to-date on what our preschool is doing in several ways:

- by checking out the bulletin boards in the hallway,
- stopping by the narthex display,
- visiting our website (LambofGodPreschool.org),
- by "liking" us on Facebook.

Thank you for all you do to support Lamb of God Preschool!

Blessings,

Kay Storck

Church Events

Sunday	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Eucharist
	11:30am	Outreach Board
Tuesday	8:00am	Staff Meeting
	9:00am	Tai Chi
	9:30am	Alanon
Wednesday	9:30am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Fellowship
	8:00pm	Campus Ministry
Thursday	6:30pm	Tai Chi
	7:00pm	Gamblers
Sunday	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Eucharist

Please mark September 10th on your calendar as Rally Day Kick-Off Sunday! The curriculum for Sunday school classes will be **Growing in Christ** and will begin with the children learning about how God works through Prophets and Kings. All Sunday school teachers will be installed on September 10th and, as in the past, there will be a pot-luck breakfast between the services which the congregation is encouraged to attend. 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! As a church family, let us strive to live out "**Our Mission: to equip and encourage one another to grow up to full maturity in Christ.**"

Blessings,
Pastor Bryan

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Tom Zorko in loving memory of Raeann.

Wednesday Eucharist and Bible Fellowship will begin the **fall schedule** after Labor Day (September 6). The new Lifelight Study will be Galatians, Philippians and Colossians. All are welcome. Invite a friend and join us.

All Women Invited! Regrouping and starting a new Bible Study, September 6, 6:45pm (6:30 fellowship). We will be reading together (literally!) a beautiful little book, "Reading Romans With Luther." From the book, "Organized by significant themes in Romans, this book offers highlights from Luther's commentary and further explains how these themes are relevant to our lives today. Weaved throughout is beautiful full-color artwork that helps you pause and reflect on key Luther quotes. Luther was a teacher who revolutionized the way we approach God's Word. Come be his student." What better way to celebrate this 500th year of the Reformation than to read Romans (the very book which opened the doors of paradise for him!) with Luther! Join us! No preparation for this study! To order a book, please contact Brenda Whealy at 402-201-1106 or brenda.whealy@gmail.com.

Senior Lunch Bunch: Mark your calendar for September 12. All are invited for lunch and fellowship at 11:30am at Longhorn Steak House, 7425 Dodge. They have a varied menu - not just steak. Every 2nd Tuesday of the month the Lunch Bunch will try a new restaurant for food and fellowship. No RSVP necessary, just come!

Thank you PHLC congregation for School Supplies: Five boxes and 3 sacks of school supplies and back pack food were delivered to St. Paul Lutheran School prior to the start of school. Linda Tripp, Principal of St. Paul writes: "Thank you PHLC for your willingness to support the ministry of St. Paul Lutheran School in honoring Christ in the teaching and instruction of children. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated. Approximately 90% of our students receive some type of scholarship assistance. Your donation will be used to help us meet their needs." School supplies and back pack food will continue to be collected through the end of September.

Upcoming Events:

September 10 – Sunday School Breakfast Rally. 9:15am
Fall Stewardship Sermon Series Begins –

Experiencing the Joy of Generosity

There is sign-up sheet for the Rally Day pot-luck on the bulletin board by library.

September 11/12 – LOG Preschool Chapel, 11:45am

September 30 - All Church Retreat, 8:30am

October 1 – 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Sermon Series Begins – **Dare To Be Lutheran**

October 3— Prayer Vigil, 11am to 1pm

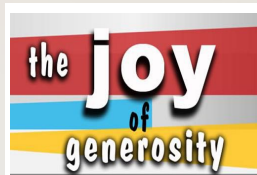
October 22 – Special Reformation Service at Beautiful Savior. Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, President of Concordia Seminary, 3pm

October 24 – Pastor and Cheryl lead a Tour to Germany over the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Matthew 16:15

“Who do you say I am?”



“Experiencing the Joy of Generosity”—

A three week Stewardship Emphasis begins September 10. More information to come!

Pacific Hills Hosting Prayer Vigil in October—

Please join us at Pacific Hills for a time of prayer and reflection from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 3. Pacific Hills is hosting the prayer vigil as part of a series of vigils being held throughout the year at congregations in the North Circuit. You may come for a few minutes or stay the entire time. Pastor Drebes will lead a prayer session at noon. All are welcome.

Social Ministry Back to School Supply & Back Pack Food Drives in September:

Every year donations of school supplies are needed by Omaha children. This year our collection of school supplies will go to St. Paul Lutheran School to those students on scholarships. Pencils, pens, box of 24 crayons, spiral notebooks, college rule paper packages, folders, glue sticks or bottles, back packs, washable markers, scotch tape, and colored pencils are needed. The back pack food program provides a child in need healthy options to eat over the weekend. Foods needed include: mac & cheese cups, cup of soup, juice boxes, protein bars, granola bars, pudding cups, fruit cups. Donations may be placed in the narthex bin. Thank you for your donations!

Events of Other Congregations and Agencies

Concordia 5K Run/Walk to be held at Standing Bear Lake on Saturday, September 23. Every participant will receive a race t-shirt and pancake breakfast from *The Flapjack Guys*. Register today at Concordiaomaha.org. More information, sponsorship opportunities and motivation on Facebook page 'Concordia Run 2017'.

2nd Annual Concordia Oktoberfest will be held Saturday, September 30, 4pm to 11pm. This family event will include food and fun for all on the campus of Concordia Jr.-Sr. High School.

Have you ever considered becoming a pastor or deaconess? If so, Rev. Scott Holder from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, would like to meet with students of all ages (elementary school age through adults) in Omaha the morning of Monday, September 25. The appointment are individual, informal, and family/friends are welcome to come with you. If you are interested in making an appointment, please call/text 314-502-1479 or email holders@csl.edu.

PRAYER LIST

August 25, 2017

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

Readings for Sunday, September 3: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Anniversaries

Jim & Deb Mueller 8/27
Crystal Reyelts-Yue Gao 8/27
Sean & Michelle Chastain 9/2

Birthdays

Christine Erickson 8/27
Sue Kelly 9/1
Ruth Laughlin 9/2
Travis Penn 9/2

Death: Craig Loeck (son of Bob Loeck)

PHLC Members: John Blacketer, Anita Bladt, Frank Bladt, Grady Chastain, Mary Lou Chastain, Emily Demmel, Duane Fieck, Jeannine Fulner, James Gatluak, Paul Gladman, Helen Glanzer, JoAnn Graham, Roger Graham, Don Hafsaas, Freda Harris, Mike Horton, Christopher Kiihne, James Koun, Carol Lacz, Bob Loeck, Harriet Moore, Jim Mueller, Geraldine Rueter, Jean Schmieding, Paul Shultz, Leon Siedlyk, Alfred Simonsen, Chris Stastny, Dorothy Storek, Mary Sunderman, Carolyn Vierck, Marilyn Walker, Judy Webster, JoAn Werblow, Sara Young

In Assisted Living Facilities: Charlotte Berkland, Mary Lou Chastain, Emily Demmel, Dorothy Ebener, Lois Eggers, Jeannine Fulner, Freda Harris, Mike Lessmann, Norma Payne, Jean Schmieding, Leon Siedlyk, Alfred Simonsen, Marilyn Walker, Jan Bouc, Helene Stigge

Friends and Relatives:

Tyler Adams (grandson of Don and Lorene Adams)
Luetta Beckman (mother of Linda Minor)
Sandy Botrell (cousin of Barbara Fremder)
Carol Cople (sister-in-law of Doris Anderson)
Brent, Angel, Paul Dale & Wendy (family of Esther Scarpello)
Patty Dyer (niece of Leon Siedlyk)
Ron Ethan (friend of Helen Glanzer and Kae Stille)
Wayne Gibson (uncle of Pastor Ddrebes)
Sharlene Grindle (sister-in-law of Dennis Grindle)
Delbert Johns (grandfather of Shannon Green)
Mary Johnson (friend of Carol Priest)

Philip Kander in Military (nephew of Alice Osborn)
Vera Krengel (mother of Barbara Fremder)
Sharon Larson (cousin of Dennis Grindle)
Alma Meseke (aunt of Barbara Fremder)
Dave Minor (husband of Linda Minor)
Joan Moore (friend of Sara Young)
Barbara Nelson (sister-in-law of Doris Anderson)
Bob Nelson (son of Barb and Lew Nelson)
Both Nyun (family of Peter Chol)
Heidi Padilla (niece of Doris Anderson)
Jim Pape (father of Debbie Fraser)
Jo Anna Perkins (friend of Dennis Grindle)
Mary Grace Reese (friend of Dennis Grindle)
Judy Robins (aunt of Pastor Drebes)
Virginia Syslo (friend of Carol Priest)
Charlotte Thompson (sister of Leon Siedlyk)
Erika, Logan and Ellie Walker
Gavin Webster (grandson of Larry and Judy Webster)
Marilyn Zimmermann (mother of Sharon Vacanti and Paul Zimmermann)

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
Good News Chaplain, Nsbiet Matthew, who serves prisons in Nigeria.