

# The Pacific Hills Messenger

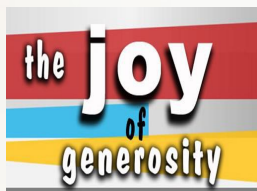
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## New Stewardship Sermon Series and Rally Day

September 10th



### Experiencing the Joy of Generosity

Next week, we begin our stewardship emphasis "Experiencing the Joy of Generosity." Joy is a beautiful word that seems to bring a smile in saying it. As God's people, we know that Jesus is the source of our joy. We have the deep and abiding joy of being loved by God through Jesus. King David wrote, "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore" (Psalm 16:11). Our stewardship emphasis will encourage us to experience the joy that God gives us through our generosity in sharing with others and extending His kingdom. In the words of Rev. Robert Schnase: "Through our generosity, God can do extraordinary things. Through our giving, God changes lives, and in changing them, transforms us...The practice of generosity describes the Christian's unselfish willingness to give in order to make a positive difference for the purposes of Christ." May God bless us as we honor the Lord through our generosity.

September 10th is also Rally Day Kick-off Sunday! Rally Day at Pacific Hills signals to us that the summer has ended and the fall program is underway. 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 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 E. Drebes

## Church Events

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| Sunday    | 8:00am  | <b>Eucharist</b>  |
|           | 9:15am  | Education Hour  |
|           | 10:30am | <b>Eucharist</b>  |
| Monday    |         | Labor Day<br>Church Office Closed   |
|           | Tuesday | 8:00am Staff Meeting<br>9:00am Preschool begins<br>9:00am Tai Chi<br>9:00am Care Ministry Committee<br>9:30am Alanon<br>10:00am Missions & Social Minstry |
| Wednesday | 9:30am  | <b>Eucharist</b>  |
|           | 10:00am | Fellowship  |
|           | 6:00pm  | Youth Confirmation Class  |
|           | 6:00pm  | Women's Bible Study   |
| Thursday  | 8:00pm  | Campus Ministry   |
|           | 6:30pm  | Tai Chi   |
|           | 7:00pm  | Gamblers  |
| Friday    | 7:30pm  | Omaha Philatelic Society  |
| Sunday    | 8:00am  | <b>Eucharist</b>  |
|           | 9:00am  | Blood Pressure Screening  |
|           | 9:15am  | Rally Day Breakfast   |
|           | 10:30am | <b>Eucharist</b>  |
|           | 12:00am | Worship & Music Comm.   |

**Hurricane Harvey Emergency Assistance**— More than 100 LCMS congregations and schools have been affected by Hurricane Harvey. On Sunday we will be collecting a door offering to aid the recovery and relief efforts. Monies collected will go to the synod's direct response arm <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/disaster> and/or to specific LCMS congregations and schools affected by the storm.

**Today's altar flowers** are given for the glory of God's saving grace through Christ and Christ alone.

**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](mailto:brenda.whealy@gmail.com).

**Social Ministry Back to School Supply & Back Pack Food Drives:** 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! We will be collecting items through 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** – 500<sup>th</sup> 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 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation.

**October 29** – Reformation Eucharist (Observed), 8am, 10:30am

## **BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK**

### **Romans 12:9**

**“Love must be sincere.”**

**Senior Lunch Bunch on 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!

**New Adult Confirmation Classes** will begin Monday, September 18, 6pm in Room 115. Please indicate your desire to participate with Pastor directly or with Linda in the church office. Classes will meet for 6 consecutive weeks.

**Pacific Hills Hosting Prayer Vigil:** Please join us at Pacific Hills for a time of prayer and reflection from **11am to 1pm, Tuesday, October 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 service at noon. All are welcome.

### **Events of Other Congregations and Agencies**

**Free personal document shredding**, September 17, 9am to 1pm, Center Mall (1941 S. 42 St.) 3rd level east.

**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](http://Concordiaomaha.org). More information, sponsorship opportunities and motivation on Facebook page 'Concordia Run 2017'.

**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 appointments 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](mailto:holders@csl.edu).

**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.

### **Needed Monday through Friday at St. Paul Lutheran Preschool:**

- **Preschool Aide** – 7:30am to 1pm. The job includes breakfast monitor, and preschool/classroom.
- **Rainbow Club for Preschool** – 3:30pm to 6pm, with the children who stay after school for day care until their parents pick them up. Please contact Mrs. Linda Tripp @ 402-451-2865 to inquire about these two openings.

# PRAYER LIST

September 1, 2017

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

**Readings for Sunday, September 10:** 1 Chronicles 29:10-14; Psalm 32:1-7; Philippians 1:3-9; Luke 19:1-10

## Anniversaries

Al & Marilyn Schulz 9/3  
Dwane & JoAn Werblow 9/4  
Jon & Ann Wilshusen 9/7  
John & Elaine Blacketer 9/9

## Birthdays

Grady Chastain 9/4

**PHLC Members:** John Blacketer, Anita Bladt, Frank Bladt, Grady Chastain, Mary Lou Chastain, Emily Demmel, Duane Fieck, Jeannine Fulner, 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, Carolyn Vierck, Marilyn Walker, Judy Webster, JoAn Werblow, Sara Young

**In Assisted Living Facilities:** Charlotte Berkland, Mary Lou Chastain, 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 Copple (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)  
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)  
Virginia Syslo (friend of Carol Priest)  
Charlotte Thompson (sister of Leon Siedlyk)  
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.