

# The Pacific Hills *Messenger*

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PACIFIC HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## CELEBRATING THE REFORMATION



### Dare To Be Lutheran

*OUR FALL SERMON SERIES*

This month marks the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation when Dr. Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. This date began a movement which continues to impact the world for Christ and the Gospel 500 years later. The Reformation was – and still is – all about Jesus and his death on the cross as our only source of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Luther said, “The cross alone is our theology.” Another way to say this is “Solus Christus,” or “Christ alone” saves us. Dr. Martin Luther sought to bring back the church to a place where it relied on scripture alone, grace alone, faith alone and Christ alone. Our fall sermon series will explore these themes under the banner, “Dare to Be Lutheran.”

Plan now to join us!

October 1	<b>DARE TO BE LUTHERAN</b> <i>Sola Scriptura – Scripture Alone</i>
October 8	<b>DARE TO BE LUTHERAN</b> <i>Sola Gratia – Grace Alone</i>
October 15	<b>DARE TO BE LUTHERAN</b> <i>Sola Fide – Faith Alone</i>
October 22	<b>DARE TO BE LUTHERAN</b> <i>Solus Christus – Christ Alone</i>
October 29	<b>DARE TO BE LUTHERAN</b> <i>Soli Deo Gloria – To the Glory of God Alone</i>

## Church Events

Saturday	8:30am	All Church Retreat
Sunday	8:00am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	1:30pm	Circuit Forum
Monday	6:00pm	Adult Confirmation
	6:30pm	Quilters
Tuesday	8:00am	Staff Meeting
	9:00am	Tai Chi
	9:00am	Care Ministry Comm.
	9:30am	Alanon
	10:30am	Missions/Social Comm.
	11:00am	Prayer Vigil
Wednesday	9:30am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	10:00am	Fellowship
	5:15pm	Midweek Classes
	6:00pm	Youth Confirmation Class
	6:30pm	Women’s Bible Study
	8:00pm	Campus Ministry
Thursday	6:30pm	Tai Chi
	7:00pm	Gamblers
Sunday	8:00am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	9:00am	Blood Pressure Checks
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	12:00pm	Worship/Music Comm.

**Today's altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by Dorothy Storek in thankfulness for her children and their families.

The Nominating Committee is working to create a slate of officers for the **2018 Board of Directors**. If you would like to learn about these opportunities, please contact Kevin Warneke at (402) 612-9151 by October 1. The congregation will be asked to approve the slate of officers during the annual congregation meeting on November 12.

**Many thanks** to all for the wonderful surprise in celebration for my 15 years at Pacific Hills! Some of you went to a lot of work. The cards, gifts, awesome cake and all the kind words of appreciation and support were a true blessing.  
In His service, Barb Fremder

**Our former Director of Music, Christopher Ahlman**, has accepted the call as Associate Pastor and Director of Parish Music at Memorial Lutheran Church and School in Houston, Texas. Many thanks for all of your thoughts and prayers for Pastor Ahlman and his family.

**Wednesday Eucharist and Bible Fellowship** —The new Lighthouse Study is Galatians, Philippians and Colossians. Everyone is welcome. Invite a friend.

**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.

**You're invited to the "Reformation500" celebration** for all area Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 7706 S. 96<sup>th</sup> Street, in La Vista at 3pm on Sunday, October 22, with pre-service music at 2:30pm and an after-service reception. The mass choir begins rehearsing October 1 at 2pm at Beautiful Savior. To join, contact Barb Fremder: [skipbobabe@yahoo.com](mailto:skipbobabe@yahoo.com).

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**September 30** - All Church Retreat, 8:30am (Acker Hall)

**(Childcare will be provided in the nursery)**

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

**October 3** — Prayer Vigil, 11am to 1pm. Service at noon.

**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 28** - Trip to Mission Central, 8:30am meet at PHLC

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

**November 5** – All Saints Day (observed)

## **BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK**

### **2 Timothy 3:16**

**“All Scripture is God-breathed.”**

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**Reminder: Tired of using your weekly offering envelope? Following is the web address for the company that does online giving for Pacific Hills**  
<http://www.myeoffering.com/eonline/index.php/dashboard/login/5087>

**Senior Lunch Bunch**, Tuesday, October 10, 11:30am at Charleston's Restaurant, 74th & Dodge. Gluten free food items available. Please note—No separate checks. Please bring cash for payment of lunch.

**Needed:** Washer and dryer in good repair. Call Marilyn Wegehaupt at 402-334-2896.

**Missions & Social Ministry Board is planning a visit to Mission Central on October 28.** The activities start there at 10:30am. The plan is to rent a 15 passenger van so we need people to sign up by September 28 for a count. We would depart from PHLC at 8:30am as it is about a 1 1/2 hours drive to Mapleton, Iowa, location of Mission Central. Activities at Mission Central include tour of museum, lunch and speaker will be Sarah Kanoy, a missionary nurse in Kenya PHLC supports. Sign up sheet will be available at church in the narthex area. If you have not been to Mission Central it is well worth the trip.

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

**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.

**Lutheran Women in Mission Omaha Tri Zone Fall Rally** is October 1, 1pm to 3:30pm, at King of Kings Church, (11615 I St.) Pastor Roger Theimer will lead "Bible Study into God's Word". A collection will be taken to offset the cost of the meeting. A business meeting for Omaha West, Omaha North and Omaha South Zones will following rally.

**St. John's Lutheran Church and School** (39452 - 205th Avenue, Columbus, Nebraska) will celebrate their 30th Oktoberfest German Dinner on Sunday, October 15, 11am to 1:30 pm. Adult tickets are \$12, children 5-10 \$5, and children 4 and under eat free. Located 12 1/2 miles north of Columbus from the Columbus Community Hospital on 48th Avenue, or 6 1/2 miles south of Creston from the corner of Hwy 91 and 205<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Tickets available at the door. The Worship Service begins at 9:30am. For more information call 402-910-1653.



# PRAYER LIST

September 29, 2017

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

**Readings for Sunday, October 8:** Genesis 6:1-8; Psalm 147:1-11; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 1:14-18

## Anniversaries

David & Christine Erickson 10/1  
Kyle & Tina Christ 10/2  
John & Joan Tanner 10/3

## Birthdays

Esther Scarpello 10/2  
Pamela Hafsaas 10/2  
Don Bader 10/3  
David Kiihne 10/3  
Doug Brown 10/4  
Sean Chastain 10/4  
Rebecca Privitera 10/4  
Erik Mueller 10/7

**Death:** Sonja Brecke England (dear cousin of Cheryl Drebes, died in Christ on September 27)

**PHLC Members:** John Blacketer, Anita Bladt, Frank Bladt, Grady Chastain, Mary Lou Chastain, Duane Fieck, Jeannine Fulner, Paul Gladman, Helen Glanzer, JoAnn Graham, Roger Graham, Don Hafsaas, Freda Harris, Mike Horton, Christopher Kiihne, John Klingman, 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, 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)  
Tammy Rogers (mother of Stacey Swan)  
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