

# *The Pacific Hills* **Messenger**

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## **There's More Than 'Strength' in Numbers**

July 29, in many ways, will be just another Sunday. For Pacific Hills, however, it will be another opportunity for us to come together as a community in Christ.

In April, we celebrated our first "Fifth Sunday," where we came together for one worship service (at 9am) and fellowship afterward in Acker Hall. We enjoyed fruit and muffins, we competed to see who could make the tallest tower out of marshmallows, spaghetti strings and tape, and we learned what God has to say about working together.

I have a confession: When we first proposed the idea of "Fifth Sunday" to the Boards of Elders and Directors, I wasn't sure how many people would attend. What if you have an event, invite people to attend and no one comes?

In the end, I had nothing to worry about. About 90 people attended, and we received positive reviews. You told us that you had a good time.

So here we go again. So while July 29 may turn out, in many ways, to be just another Sunday. It will be another time for members of Pacific Hills to come together. You're familiar with the old saying — "There is strength in numbers." I believe there is also joy, laughter and friendship in numbers. Not to mention happiness, creativity and warmth. And if you recall the tower-building game, there was also a sense of competition.

I, like many of you, have my routine when it comes to attending services. I am an early service person. That means I am missing out because I haven't gotten to know those members who regularly attend late service. That is my loss.

No longer. I'll be attending "Fifth Sunday" on July 29 — and I hope you will. I look forward to our time together.

Kevin Warneke, President

## **Church Events**

Sunday	8:00am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	<b>Eucharist</b>
Monday	8:00am	Staff Meeting
	6:30pm	Quilters
Tuesday	9:00am	Tai Chi
	9:30am	Alanon
	4:30pm	Siena Francis House
	7:00pm	Directors Board
Wednesday	9:00am	Foster Care
	9:30am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	10:00am	Fellowship
	6:30pm	Women's Bible Study
	7:00pm	Ice Cream Social
Thursday	1:00pm	Preschool Board
	6:30pm	Tai Chi
	6:30pm	Trustees Board
	7:00pm	Gamblers
Saturday	9:00am	VBS Decorating
Sunday	8:00am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	11:30am	CYF Board
	11:30am	Outreach Board
	5:30pm	VBS



**Today's altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by Richard and Ruth Laughlin in thankfulness for the many blessings they have received in their marriage of 57 years.

**Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, July 18, 7 pm.** The Mission Board will be hosting this event for PHLC members and churches in our circuit as we welcome Pastor Claude Hogue and his wife Rhoda. Pastor Hogue retired from Mt Calvary and has a 23 year history working in the mission field and with Lutheran Bible Translators. They will resume their mission work in Ghana this fall.

**Light clean up day at PHLC, July 21, 9am to noon.**

**Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 22-26.**

Our theme is "Time Lab". It will be an evening program (6pm to 8pm) in Acker Hall, and will kick off with a congregation potluck on Sunday, July 22 at 5:30pm. Dinner will be served Monday through Thursday at 5:45pm. Bible stories, crafts, games, science and music. Registration forms are available in the church office (not online this year). Contacts: Kay Storck, Sandy Frazier, or Sandra Glissmann.

**BEVERAGE DRIVE for HOMELESS SHELTERS in July and August!** On these hot summer days please remember the homeless when you are in the beverage aisle at the grocery store. Items needed include bottled water, coffee, tea, powered drinks, lemonade, etc. etc.. Please place your donations in the marked bins in the narthex. Thank you so much! Mission & Social Board

**Worship and Music Position:** We have offered the Worship and Music position to Professor Jeffrey Blersch. He is carefully considering the offer and we should hear from him in the next several days. The congregation will be kept updated as we continue our communications. Thank you for your patience.

Bill Wagner, Chairman, Board of Elders

**Children, Youth and Family Board (CYF)**

**Questions? Call Sandra Glissmann (402-571-8407).**

1) The board will pay for 50% of the cost for a youth to attend a Christian camp. Please submit a written receipt to Sandra Glissmann.

2) Youth fundraiser: Provide a hamburger and hot dog meal before the August 12th Jazz on the Green concert for the North Circuit churches. Look for a sign up sheet for food donations and help. Would anyone be willing to submit information for a Thrivent grant for the event?

3) Save the date. August 25th. Event and time to be announced.

Bill Wagner, Chairman, Board of Elders

**We have Pacific Hills coffee mugs!** The 14 oz. mugs will be on sale for \$5 each in the narthex after each service Sunday. The money will go into the Outreach Board's account for future outreach efforts, such as the mailing Pastor Drebes sent out earlier this year to the neighborhood around the church. We'll also give some to visitors. Check them out!

## *BIBLE VERSE of the Week* **Ephesians 1:5a**

**"He predestined us to be adopted as His through Jesus Christ."**

### **Two New Ways to Support Lamb of God Preschool**

Lamb of God Preschool is now enrolled in the Baker's Community Rewards program and TAGG (Together a Greater Good). Both these programs donate a percent of purchases back to our preschool. The only thing you have to do is sign up and do the shopping you normally do! If you have any questions about either of these programs, please contact preschool director, Kay Storck.

#### **1. Baker's Community Rewards**

- To sign up for the Baker's Community Rewards you must first have a Baker's Plus card.
- Members must visit the website [www.bakersplus.com/communityrewards](http://www.bakersplus.com/communityrewards)
- Sign in with your Baker's Plus account information
- Click on "Enroll Now"
- Enter the 5-digit NPO 38382
- Select Lamb of God Preschool and click on "Enroll"
- Once you are enrolled, use your Baker's Plus card as you normally do, and preschool will automatically receive a percentage of the sale.

#### **2. Together a Greater Good**

- To sign up for TAGG (Together a Greater Good) download the free app on your iPhone or android device.
- Any time you visit a participating TAGG business submit a photo of the receipt within 7 days.
- Choose Lamb of God Preschool as the organization to support.
- The business will donate usually 5% of the purchase to preschool at no additional cost to you!

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

**Concordia Academy** is looking for caring individuals to serve K-5 students in Learning Center before and after school. Adult caregivers must be at least 19 years of age. High school assistants also exist for those 16-18 years. Email [torri.merten@concordiaomaha.org](mailto:torri.merten@concordiaomaha.org), or call 402-672-8945, or apply in person, Monday through Friday, 9am to noon, at Concordia Academy (1821 N. 90 St.) To learn more about Concordia go to [concordiaomaha.org](http://concordiaomaha.org).

**Living H2o Lutheran Campus Ministry "Adopt a Meal" program needs your help!! Here is how:**

- Make a meal and bring it to "The Gathering Place by 7pm on Wednesday evening for 10 to 15 students.
- Make a meal ahead of time, bring them by any time, and it will be heated up on Wednesday evening by the student leadership.
- Make a cash donation to help defray the costs of a meal. (Designate the donation as Campus Ministry Fellowship Meals.)

If you are interested in participating, please contact Don Bader at 402-578-4177 or email [don@living-h2o.org](mailto:don@living-h2o.org).

# PRAYER LIST

July 13, 2018

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

**Readings for Sunday, July 22:** Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-44

## Anniversaries

Dick & Ruth Laughlin 7/15

## Birthdays

Junup Tharjiath Chol 7/16

Kristin Jackman 7/18

Pam Fusselman 7/18

Al Erickson 7/19

Jeffrey Shubart 7/20

John Haggstrom 7/21

Doug Fusselman 7/21

**PHLC Members:** Doris Anderson, Anita Bladt, Frank Bladt, Grady Chastain, Mary Lou Chastain, Pastor Bryan Drebes, Duane Fieck, Paul Gladman, Helen Glanzer, Tim Haar, Don Hafsaas, Freda Harris, Mike Horton, Christopher Kiihne, James Koun, Mike Lessmann, Bob Loeck, Harriet Moore, Carol Priest, Jean Schmieding, Paul Shultz, Leon Siedlyk, Chris Stastny, Kae Stille, 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, Duane Fieck, Mike Lessmann, Norma Payne, Jean Schmieding, Leon Siedlyk, Marilyn Walker, Jan Bouc, Helene Stigge

## Friends and Relatives:

Clementine (new great grand-daughter of Mary Lou Chastain)

Tyler Adams (grandson of Don and Lorene Adams)

Luetta Beckman (mother of Linda Minor)

Sandy Botrell (cousin of Barbara Fremder)

Dorann Bosko (friend of Joann Thompson)

Claire Cabianca (granddaughter of Dorothy Storek)

Brent, Angel, Paul Dale & Wendy (family of Esther Scarpello)

Patty Dyer (niece of Leon Siedlyk)

Mary Alice Fisher (sister of Sara Young)

Ted Gray (friend of Workmans)

Rod Grindle (brother of Dennis Grindle)

Sharlene Grindle (sister-in-law of Dennis Grindle)

Bob Grow (friend of Workmans)

Marie Harper (mother of Ellen Wilson)

Delbert Johns (grandfather of Shannon Green)

Mary Johnson (friend of Carol Priest)

Philip Kander in Military (nephew of Alice Osborn)

Tom Krengel (brother of Barbara Fremder)

Vera Krengel (mother of Barbara Fremder)

Sharon Larson (cousin of Dennis Grindle)

Andrew McCoy (son of Lisa McCoy)

Alma Meseke (aunt of Barbara Fremder)

Dave Minor (husband of Linda Minor)

Bob Nelson (son of Barb and Lew Nelson)

Both Nyun (family of Peter Chol)

Jo Anna Perkins (friend of Dennis Grindle)

Mary Grace Reese (friend of Dennis Grindle)

Tammy Rogers (mother of Stacey Swan)

Chelsea Standley (daughter of Constance Ernstmeier)

Jim Stokes (husband of Kathy Stokes)

Lony Stucki (mother of Andrea Shultz)

Virginia Syslo (friend of Carol Priest)

Charlotte Thompson (sister of Leon Siedlyk)

Gavin Webster (grandson of Larry and Judy Webster)

Andy Young (son John and Sara Young)

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, staff 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 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 fire and storms across the country

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