



The Pacific Hills Messenger

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Pacific Hills Lutheran Church Welcomes

New Director of Music

Dr. Jeffrey Blersch

First Sunday

August 26, 2018

Jeffrey Blersch is Professor of Music at Concordia University, Nebraska, where he teaches organ, music theory, and is the conductor of the Cantamus Women's Choir. Blersch is a graduate of the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music where he received degrees in organ performance and music education, and of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he earned the Doctor of Musical Arts in Organ Performance. His principal teachers have included Roberta Gary, Garth Peacock, and Marilyn Mason. Prior to his appointment at Concordia, Dr. Blersch served as Cantor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Peoria, Illinois, Associate Professor of Music at Concordia University, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and as an elementary music specialist in the Brunswick City Schools, Brunswick, Ohio.

Blersch has been an active church musician since being appointed organist of Peace Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, at age eight. Best known for his creative hymn interpretations, he regularly performs recitals and hymn festivals across the United States. Recent performances have included The Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, Kansas City, the Meyerson Symphony Center, Dallas, Texas, as well as conventions of the American Guild of Organists, Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, and the National Association of Pastoral Musicians.

Blersch is also an active composer; over one hundred of his compositions and collections are published exclusively with Concordia Publishing House and four of his original hymn tunes are included in Lutheran Service Book. He has produced two compact disc recordings of his original works: Resounding Alleluias and On Christmas Night.

Blersch and his wife Carla, also an organist, have three children, Aaron, Ryan, and Jenna.

Plan now to join us on the 26th as we welcome Dr. Blersch to Pacific Hills Lutheran Church.

Church Events

Sunday	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Eucharist
	11:30am	CYF Board
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	Eucharist
	10:00am	Fellowship
	6:30pm	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	4:00pm	Preschool Open House
	6:30pm	Tai Chi
	7:00pm	Gamblers-12 Step
Friday	4:00pm	Preschool Open House
	7:30pm	Omaha Philatelic Society
Saturday	1:00pm	CYF Bowling-Maplewood
Sunday	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Eucharist
	11:00am	Outreach Board

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Al and Sue Erickson for blessings received and in thankfulness for family.

Youth Bowling at Maplewood Lanes (102th & Maple):

Come and bowl on August 25 at 1 pm and have pizza and a drink on the CYF Board. Activity for 4th grade to senior high. Please call the church office if you plan to attend or talk to Sandra.

New Director of Music Professor Jeffrey Blersch will begin serving our church on Sunday August 26! Jeff will play for both services Sunday, August 26, and most services thereafter. There will be a reception for Jeff between services August 26 where we can all meet and welcome him to Pacific Hills. Introduce yourselves and get to know our new Director! A similar welcome will be extended to Assistant Director Barbara Gierke when she begins her service within the next several weeks. Thanks again to both for accepting these positions. The future of music looks bright for Pacific hills Lutheran Church.

Bill Wagner, Chairman, Board of Elders

YOUTH CONFIRMATION MINISTRY: Parents of confirmation age youth in fifth through ninth grade and their eligible youth are encouraged to attend an information meeting on Tuesday evening, August 28th at 7pm in Acker Hall.

Rally Day—September 9: Celebrate the start of Sunday school between services in Acker hall. There will be a potluck breakfast, watch for a sign up sheet. Our 4th graders will receive a Bible. Questions? Contact Sandra Glissmann. #402-571-8407

Lamb of God Preschool still has space available for the 2018-19 school year. The three year old program meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9am to 12pm, and programs for four and five year olds are on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please check out our website at www.lambofgodpreschool.com

BEVERAGE DRIVE for HOMELESS SHELTERS continues in 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

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

Joshua 24:15b

“As for me and my household,
we will serve the Lord.”

New Adult Confirmation Classes will begin Monday, September 10th at 6pm in Room 115. Please indicate your desire to participate with Pastor directly or with Linda in the church office. Classes meet for 6 consecutive weeks and lead to Confirmation and church membership.

Evening Concert: Pacific Hills will be hosting an evening concert featuring Dave Anderson and Roger Walck on Sunday, September 16, at 7pm. The concert will help support the ministry of Shepherd's Canyon Retreat, a specialized counseling center for burned-out church workers and their spouses. It promises to be a wonderful evening filled with uplifting music, testimonies and stories about how Shepherd's Canyon has helped church workers and their spouses, revitalized their marriages and saved ministries from burnout. Free-will offering. Plan now to join us.

Events of Other Congregations and Agencies

Penick Kids Fundraiser (their parents died in a car accident June 25, 2018). Saturday, August 25, ~ Central Park (7648 Edgewood Blvd.) LaVista ~ 10am to 4pm. For more information contact Susie Fry at (402) 215-4216 or email susieq92459@yahoo.com

Movie Night at St. Paul Lutheran Church! Come for fellowship and back to school fun under the stars on Saturday, August 25 beginning at 5:30 p.m. for the free movie "I Can Only Imagine." The Omaha Fire Department will stop by to say hi, there will be games, hotdogs and fun! Plus, purchase popcorn for a \$1! The movie begins at dusk and will be rain/shine. Bring your own beverages, bug spray, lawn chairs, blankets and snacks enjoy this movie based on the inspiring, incredible and unknown true story behind MercyMe's beloved song "I Can Only Imagine." It's the song that brings hope to so many. I CAN ONLY IMAGINE will encourage people in a whole new way.

St. Paul Lutheran School is in need of a part time aide, primarily preschool, for the upcoming school year. The hours would be 7:30am to 12:30pm. If interested, please contact Mrs. Linda Tripp at 402-451-2865 or lindat2@hotmail.com for more information.

Campus Ministry—Sola Scriptura: A weekly Bible study Opportunity for Omaha Young Adults every Tuesday at 7pm at "The Gathering Place" (1124 S 90th St.). Our college age group still meets every Wednesday at 8pm for Bible study. Weekly suppers will begin August 22nd at 7pm.

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, or call 402-672-8945.

PRAYER LIST

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

Readings for Sunday, August 26: Isaiah 29:11-19;
Psalm 14; Ephesians 5:22-33; Mark 7:1-13

Anniversaries

Joanna & Jeffrey Shubart 8/19
Al & Sue Erickson 8/21

Birthdays

Beverly Scheuble 8/19
Lydia Swan 8/19
Jeremiah Christ 8/20
Christina Reyelts 8/21
Owen Shubart 8/21
Parker Shubart 8/21
Lincoln Wegehaupt 8/21
Les Demmel 8/22
Nyahon Peter Thuok 8/22
Rita Klingman 8/24
Alex Erickson 8/24
Emma Gatluak 8/25

PHLC Members: 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 Kihne, 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, 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)
Troy Broussard (friend of Randy and Joan Workman)
Claire Cabianca (granddaughter of Dorothy Storek)
Brent, Angel, Paul Dale & Wendy (family of Esther Scarpello)
Patty Dyer (niece of Leon Siedlyk)
Dan Eveans (grandson of Duane and Dorothy Fieck)
Mary Alice Fisher (sister of Sara Young)
Ted Gray (friend of Randy and Joan Workman)
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)
Tammy Rogers (mother of Stacey Swan)
Chelsea Standley (daughter of Constance Ernstmeyer)
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 Whiteing (brother of JoAnn Stastny)
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