

The Pacific Hills Messenger

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PACIFIC HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Happy New Year to everyone! I hope everyone had enjoyable and festive holidays! We would like to extend a big thank you to Rochele White, the children, the parents and all for their help with the Christmas Program at the 5pm Service on Christmas Eve! They were a big help in coordinating, planning, rehearsing and directing the kids, and working with the office for the bulletin. We look forward to next year's program!

This Sunday is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday! Pastor Bryan wanted to share the following with the congregation. - Zach Hastings

ESSENTIAL PREGNANCY SERVICES
invites you to
GLOW 2022

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022
Mid-America Center
1 Arena Way, Council Bluffs, Iowa

Cocktail Hour, 5 PM | Program, 6 PM
Online Auction Opens Feb. 1

Join Essential Pregnancy Services for its 26th Annual Benefit Dinner - GLOW - on Sunday, February 27, 2022! We encourage your financial donation and attendance to help EPS provide life-affirming, holistic services to women experiencing unexpected and under-supported pregnancies.

REGISTRATION COST Only \$50/person
register with Pastor Drebes by emailing him at
bryandrebes@pacifichillslutheran.org

MARK SCHULTZ, KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Essential Pregnancy Services is thrilled to welcome platinum-selling and award-winning Christian music artist, Mark Schultz, to share his pro-life and adoption journey. Through his music and event appearances, Mark tells his story in hopes of inspiring others to help women choose life.

CHURCH EVENTS 2022

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
Education Hour - Room 115
Choir Rehearsal

10:30 am Eucharistic Worship with Choir
11:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
2:00 pm Workman Family Baptisms
2:30 pm Reception in Acker Hall
6:00 pm Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00 pm Adult Confirmation Class Begins

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

7:00 pm Pray, Knit & Crochet Group

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

9:30 am Eucharist (ZOOM)
12:30 pm First Ladies AA Meeting
6:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class
6:30 pm Wednesday Women's Group

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

6:30 pm Tai Chi

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

9:00 am Eucharistic Worship
6:00 pm Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)



MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING:

If you desire to continue to wear a mask and social distance from others, please do so.

DESIRE TO JOIN PACIFIC HILLS?!

New Adult Confirmation Classes will begin Monday, January 24, at 7:00 pm in Room 115. Please indicate your desire to participate with Pastor directly or with Kelly in the church office. Classes meet for 6 weeks (until February 28th) and lead to membership at Pacific Hills.

UPCOMING OPEN HOUSES AT CONCORDIA SCHOOLS OF OMAHA

Tuesday, Feb. 1st - Please join us at Concordia Jr.-Sr. High School (15656 Fort St.) for our Jr. High Open House! We welcome you to come in from 5:00-7:30 PM to take a tour, meet teachers and staff, and ask whatever questions you may have regarding Concordia enrollment. While you're here, catch our CHS Mustangs in action against the Archbishop Bergan Knights, with free game admission and meal deals for anyone who takes a tour. JV Boys and Girls play at 4:30, followed by Girls Varsity at 6:00 and Boys Varsity at 7:45. Email Dawn Cooksey at cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org for more information.

Thursday, Feb. 3rd - Please join us at Concordia Academy (1821 N. 90th St.) for our Academy Open House! We would love for you to learn about our Kindergarten through 5th grade offerings, including daily Discipleship classes, our award winning faculty, our STEM offerings and so much more! Join us anytime from 4:00-7:30 for tours and conversations with parents past and present. Email Dawn Cooksey at cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org for more information.

Sunday, Feb. 6th - Please join us at Concordia Academy (1821 N. 90th St.) for a glimpse into our innovative Ignite classroom! This program offers a personalized approach to learning, with unique offerings such as a multiage Christian Community (grades 2-5), Project Based Learning, and voice and choice for each learner, all while being rooted in the Word of God. Please plan to stop by anytime from 2:00-4:00 PM for tours and information about this mixed-age classroom, specially designed to spark each child's God-given potential. Email Dawn Cooksey at cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org for more information.

Please reach out to Dawn Cooksey with any questions by email or at 402-990-9444.

SANCTITY OF LIFE MONTH

The month of January is regarded as Sanctity of Life Month and January 23rd will be observed as Sanctity of Life Sunday.

This year we are once again partnering with **Essential Pregnancy Services** of Omaha in our effort to make a difference in the lives of at risk mothers and their unborn and newly born children. EPS will be the Mission of the Month for January.

Life is a gift from the Lord. Psalm 139:13-18 reminds us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand."

RETURNING TO GOD, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As you know the church's ministry and expenses continue even though services and programming are a bit different. You can still give your tithes and offerings by mail. You can set up your bank account to give electronically or you can utilize MyEOffering. There is also a link to MyEOffering on our web page, on the top menu. Our web page is: www.PacificHillsLutheran.org. You can sign up at <https://members.myeoffering.com>

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"You knitted me together in my mother's womb."
(Psalm 139:13b)

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

PHLC website: www.pacifichillslutheran.org
for more information.

BOOK OF JONAH BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

Dr. Bob Vandervort is beginning the Bible Class on the book of Jonah via ZOOM every Sunday evening from 6:00 -6:45 pm. Please email him at rsvod@cox.net or 402-350-0872 for more information. Everyone is welcome!!!



REMINDER: JANUARY 30TH (5TH SUNDAY)



January has five Sundays, therefore a 5th Sunday schedule is planned for January 30th. There will be a 9:00am joint worship service on January 30th, but there will be **NO FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING** the service.

2022 ALTAR FLOWER CHART

The 2022 Altar Flower Chart is located in the coat room. Altar flowers may be placed for any celebration, remembrance or to the Glory of God. Please share your request or intention with Kim at: Kim-Kielyt@PacificHillsLutheran.org. The cost is \$25. Please mail your payment to PHLC or drop it off at the office. The flowers are yours to take following the 10:30 am service.



- **USHERS**
- **READERS**
- **COMMUNION STEWARDS**
- **WEDDING COORDINATOR**

- *Ushers and Greeters* needed! It's a great way to meet people and serve our church. You can pick the months and service times you like, and we're flexible if conflicts arise. Contact Bill Wagner: wlw767@cox.net or 402-730-9505.

- *A Coordinator to schedule Readers as well as Readers* are needed! This involves recruiting readers and providing the appropriate scripture which is planned well in advance. Contact Kevin Warneke: kwarneke6593@cox.net or 402-612-9151.

- *Communion stewards* are needed each week to set up for each service and clean up afterwards. Contact Rhoda Storck trn-storck75@gmail.com or 402-885-7506.

- *Wedding Coordinator* to help facilitate weddings at Pacific Hills. Typically we have 1-3 weddings a year. This is a volunteer position, but a small honorarium is paid by the couple. Contact Pastor Drebes at bryandrebes@pacifichillslutheran.org or 402-391-9625.

Please contact the above Coordinators with any questions or for more information. Give back to the Glory of God with your time and talents!

BIRTHDAY, THINKING OF YOU, SYMPATHY CARDS & MORE

A large and beautiful selection of assorted cards are available for only \$1 in room 115. The money goes for expenses for shut-in mailings, meals and more. Stop in and take advantage of this opportunity.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: ELEVATOR

The elevator in the Educational building that accesses Acker Hall and the 2nd floor of the Educational building is currently out of service due to water damage. We apologize for this inconvenience and will notify everyone when it is back in operation. Thank you!