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HAPPY NEW YEAR

All of us who serve you --- the Professional Workers and Administrative Staff of Pacific Hills Lutheran Church --- wish you and yours a New Year filled with the Lord's blessings and peace!

SANCTITY OF LIFE MONTH

The month of January is regarded as Sanctity of Life Month and January 22nd 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. As such, we are collecting diapers for children newborn to age 2. Also needed are baby bottles, diaper cream, onesies, 18-24 mo. long sleeve; pullups, sizes 2T -5T; silicone teethers, sippy cups, thermometers and toys for babies and toddlers. Cash donations are also much appreciated.

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.”

The EPS Banquet is scheduled for February 23, 2023 at the CHI Center in Omaha. For those who would like to attend, please get the date on your calendar, and look in the Messenger for more information in the coming weeks.

Church Events

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

8:00 am Eucharistic Worship

9:15 am Sunday School

Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
Choir Rehearsal

10:30 am Eucharistic Worship

11:45 am Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00 pm Pray, Knit & Crochet Group (Narthex)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

9:30 am Eucharist (Zoom)

12:30 pm First Ladies AA Meeting (Rm 114)

6:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class

6:30 pm Women’s Wednesday Group (Narthex)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00 am Eucharistic Worship

9:15 am Sunday School

Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
Bell Choir Rehearsal

10:30 am Eucharistic Worship

11:30 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting
CYF Board Meeting (Narthex)

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES



New Adult Confirmation Classes will begin Monday, January 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm in Room 115. Please indicate your desire to participate with Pastor directly or with Kim in the church office. Classes meet for 6 sessions and lead to membership at Pacific Hills.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

New Member Sunday will be March 5, 2023 at the 10:30 AM service. This will include transfers as well as adult confirmands.

CIRCUIT-WIDE LIFE EVENT

Save the date – January 15th at 5:30 PM. A MEMORIAL LIFE SERVICE for the victims of abortion will be held at our sister congregation, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Omaha. Fellowship and special presentation will follow via Zoom with Executive Director, Rev. Michael Salemink, who will discuss among other things, the recent Dobbs decision of the United States Supreme Court, which struck down Roe as the law of the land and has ignited a firestorm of on-going debate in our country. So much work is still needed in terms of education and supporting women in crisis pregnancies. The love of Christ compels us to serve neighbors in need with His love, mercy and grace.

This circuit wide life event will initiate “Life Week” and a series of presentations Sunday through Wednesday (January 15-18) at Mt. Calvary .

DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

“WARM WOOLIES” FOR AREA HOMELESS SHELTERS! When out shopping this season please be mindful of adults and children in our community in need of warm hats, gloves, socks, and scarves. Drop them off at the display at church. Many thanks from the Missions and Social Ministry Board.

ALTAR FLOWERS



Have an upcoming celebration or anniversary? Altar flowers may be placed for any celebration, remembrance or to the Glory of God. **MANY WEEKS STILL AVAILABLE FOR JANUARY.** Please share your request or intention with Kim at: KimKielty@PacificHillsLutheran.org or call the office. The cost is \$25.

BIBLE VERSE of the Week

“And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus ”

(Luke 2:21a)

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

PHLC website: www.pacifichillslutheran.org

BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

Dr. Bob Vandervort and a bible study group are studying the 1st Samuel 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.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES DELAYED

Our offering envelopes for 2023 have long ago been ordered, but we have yet to receive them in the church office to make them available to the congregation. They are delayed because of worker shortages, machine difficulties, etc. We should receive them in the first quarter of next year, but in the meantime please use the temporary envelopes in the back provided by the usher.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION RECESS

Youth confirmation class resumes January 4th.

SECOND READERS NEEDED!

Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex.

