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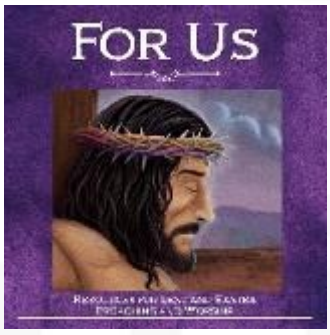
Our Lenten Emphasis



Ash Wednesday and Lent are fast approaching. This year we will engage in a series developed by The Rev. Dr. Todd Peperkorn. The series is entitled "For us," which is not simply a pithy line to use because it is easy to repeat. It is a confession of who God is and what He brings in giving us His Son. It helps us understand why God would send His Son to die for us. The phrase "for us" also captures much of the Reformation's theological emphasis—and Luther's understanding of Scripture in particular. Luther went from searching for a Holy God and finding only stern rebuke to seeing God, through the cross, as our righteousness and as the one who became one of us, for us, so that we might become like Him.

Join us for worship on *Ash Wednesday*, and the subsequent Wednesday's of Lent, at 2:00 and 7:00 PM. There will also be made available, a devotional, connected with this series.

Blessings,
Pastor Bryan

Church Events

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1
8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
9:15 am Choir Rehearsal
Sunday School
Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
10:30 am Eucharistic Worship with Choir
11:45 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Zoom Bible Study

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2
1:00 pm Quilting Group
6:30 pm AA Meeting (Acker Hall)
7:00 pm Adult Confirmation (Rm 114)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3
7:30 pm Pray, Knit, Crochet (Narthex)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4
7:00 am Men's Bible Study (FarmHouse Cafe)
9:30 am Devotional (Zoom)
6:00 pm Youth Confirmation
Young Adults Group (Acker Hall)
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study (Narthex)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5
6:30 pm Tai Chi (Acker Hall)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8
8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
9:00 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
9:15 am Sunday School
Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am Eucharistic Worship with Bell Choir
11:30 am Worship & Music Committee (Rm 115)
6:00 pm Zoom Bible Study

EPS GLOW BENEFIT

You are invited to Essential Pregnancy Services' Annual Benefit Dinner, GLOW—Giving Life through Our Works! The event will take place on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at the Embassy Suites Conference Center (12520 Westport Parkway, La Vista, NE 68128). Cocktail hour begins at 5:15 pm with dinner service at 6:15 pm.

Keynote speakers, Al and Lisa Robertson, members of America's favorite back-woods family and the Duck Commander crew, will share their story of faith and resilience.

We hope to sponsor 2-3 tables at the dinner. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, contact Pastor at bryandrebes@pacifichillslutheran.org. Tickets are $90 per person.

PHLC FOUNDATION LUNCH AND LEARN

Most people want to remember their loved ones in their estate and also want to support the ministry of the Church and our congregation. But many people don't know how to do both. The PHLC Foundation is hosting a Legacy Workshop with Craig Stirtz on Sunday, February 22, 2026 at noon. This is an informational presentation, not a sales pitch, with lunch provided by the Foundation. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex, or see Bill Wagner or Kevin Warneke for more information.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER: BBQ DINNER

The Pacific Hills youth are planning for their trip to San Antonio for the next National Youth Gathering, and we're excited to kick things off with a delicious barbecue fundraiser this February. Join us for pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, and brownies.

We plan to gather on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 5:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Can you spare a couple of hours to help spruce up the church? Save the date for a spring clean up day on March 21st at 9am at PHLC!

All are welcome—there are jobs for all ages and abilities, both inside & outside! There's much to be done around the church & many hands make for light work. We hope to see you there!

MISSION OF THE MONTH

January & February Missions will support Essential Pregnancy Services (EPS). EPS provides free support to women facing unexpected & under-supported pregnancies.

Your Good Samaritan and Mission designated offerings support our Mission of the Month Missionary. Thank you for your generosity!

BIBLE VERSE of the Week

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

(Matthew 5:11-12)

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

PHLC website: www.pacifichillslutheran.org

BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

The Sunday evening Zoom Bible Class is now studying the book of Amos. If you are interested in joining please contact Bob Vandervort at rvandervort84@gmail.com.

NEW YOUNG ADULT GROUP

We're excited to announce the launch of a new young adults group, *Living the Ancient Faith*. They will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm in Acker Hall.

All young adults are warmly invited to join us as we begin this journey of learning, fellowship, and faith.

For more information, contact Isaac Dorenkamp (dorenkampisaac@gmail.com).

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet for food and fellowship on Tuesday, Feb 10 at 11:30 am at Legends, 69th & Pacific. Everyone is welcome to attend!

VOLUNTEER LAY READERS

We are looking for individuals who feel called to share God's Word by serving as volunteer readers during our worship services. Email Bob Glissmann (bob.glissmann@gmail.com), Vicky Vandervort (vicky.vandervort@gmail.com), or the church office (KimKielty@pacifichillslutheran.org).

ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2026 Flower Calendar is now available! Please sign up to provide altar flowers on the calendar in the coat room and contact the office to share your dedication.

Due to the generosity of our flower provider, the suggested donation is will remain $25.