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Back to School

It's the beginning of August and for many of us that means a return to school and grappling with a changed schedule. Even for those who are not going back, or sending children back, to the classroom, the arrival of August is forever tied to a back-to-school mentality: new shoes, school supplies, waiting for the bus, a nervousness indistinguishable from excitement, the formless summer days traded for a little more rigor, a knuckling down, hours with a distinct structure to them.

As our children go back to academics, let us also remember that children need training in both the secular and the sacred areas of life. Proverbs 22:6 says, *"Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it."* The principle of this verse, in part, is that from an early age we must begin teaching our children. Reading, writing, and arithmetic, absolutely! But even more importantly we need to be training them in the ways of the Lord, teaching them about love and forgiveness, about a life of service, teaching them about Jesus, the cross, and the empty tomb and what that means for them.

Youth Confirmation Instruction will begin in about a month and grounding kids in the will and way of the Lord, teaching them about Jesus, learning the Six Chief parts of Luther's catechism, and exposure to a life of service is what confirmation is all about. If you have a child in grades 5-9, and they have not gone through confirmation, or are returning this year, then please mark Wednesday, September 2nd down as confirmation orientation night. We will meet in Acker Hall at 7:00 pm.

Blessings,
Pastor Bryan

Church Events

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
9:15 am Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
10:30 am Eucharistic Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 10
11:30 am Tai Chi (Acker Hall)
1:00 pm Quilting (Rm 209)
6:30 pm AA Meeting (Acker Hall)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11
7:30 pm Pray, Knit, Crochet (Narthex)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12
7:00 am Men's Bible Study (FarmHouse Cafe)
9:30 am Devotional (Zoom)
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study (Narthex)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13
6:30 pm Tai Chi (Acker Hall)
7:00 pm Board of Elders Meeting (Rm 115)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14
7:30 pm Omaha Philatelic Society (Acker Hall)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
9:15 am Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
10:30 am Eucharistic Worship

COURTYARD JAZZ

PHLC is excited to once again host the 2026 Summer Courtyard Jazz Series!

This Sunday, August 9 at 7:00pm *Los Montunos* will be here playing Latin music. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy music and ice cream sundaes!

EPS BREAKFAST FOR LIFE

The 16th Annual EPS Breakfast for Life will be on August 8, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. (doors open at 8:30 A.M.) at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Elkhorn. The breakfast will feature guest speaker, Lydia Taylor Davis, the spokesperson for Students for Life of America. Register and learn more at: https://onecau.se/bfl26

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Parents of confirmation age youth in 5th - 9th grades and their eligible youth are encouraged to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd at 7:00 pm in Acker Hall to learn more about our confirmation ministry at PHLC. The first Confirmation class will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 9th from 6:00—7:15 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for September 13th when Sunday school will resume with Rally Day Kickoff.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Zion Lutheran Church in Omaha is hosting a women's retreat on Saturday, September 26th, 2026 from 9-noon (with a light breakfast and fellowship/registration time from 8:30-9 am.

Our Women's Retreat is titled "Rest for Your Soul" and our retreat leader is Faith Doerr. Faith and her family are members of Zion, she is an author and speaker, and she and her husband, Preston, are both on the faculty at Concordia Lutheran Schools of Omaha.

Scan this QR code or visit https://zionwest.org/ to register.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Mission offerings this month are being directed to PHLC's ongoing support of LCMS missionaries. LCMS missionaries have to raise their own funds for living expenses while in the mission field. Our support enables them to share the Gospel around the world. Thank you for your Mission offerings!

On November 22, be sure to join us when we welcome Rev. Jonathan Clausing at PHLC.

Bible Verse of the Week

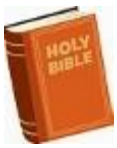
"But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said."

(Matthew 14:27-29)

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

PHLC website: www.pacifichillslutheran.org

BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM



Zoom Bible Class meets on Sundays at 6:00 pm. *The group is currently on summer hiatus until mid-to-late August.* If you are interested in joining, please contact Bob Vandervort at rvandervort84@gmail.com.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Concordia Omaha is looking a for few families to host international students for the 2026-2027 school year.

If you are interested contact Tyler Nicholas at 531-200-4011 or tyler.nicholas@concordiaomaha.org.

Second Service Readers Needed! Please sign up in the Narthex.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please sign up to provide altar flowers on the calendar in the coat room and contact the office to share your dedication.
The suggested donation is $25.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Thursday: 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Lunch Break: 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM