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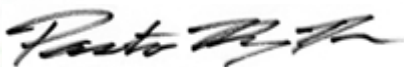
Church Events

Lamb of God Preschool *Closing for the 2021-2022 School Year*

Change is all around us, nothing ever stays the same. Heraclitus, the ancient Greek philosopher said, "Change is the only constant in life." You have kids, but they grow up. You plant flowers in the spring, but you see their demise in the fall. You start a new job, only to see it come to an end. We are blessed at Pacific Hills Lutheran Church to have had a wonderful preschool ministry for many years and a wonderful director and teacher for the last ten. But the dynamics and needs of our community have shifted. Parents are no longer seeking a quality, Christ-centered, preschool education for their young children but rather full day care as more and more families have chosen for both parents to work outside the home.

One and a half weeks ago our Board of Directors met to determine the viability of the preschool going forward. The Board decided with declining enrollment (only 4-5 students were registered for this next year), Kay resigning, and the changing demographics and needs of parents in our community, that it was in the best interests of Pacific Hills Lutheran Church to close Lamb of God Preschool ... and revisit the possibility of reopening after one year or sometime in the near or distant future ... This was not an easy decision, but a prayerful and necessary one. Please keep Kay and our preschool families in your thoughts and prayers.

Blessings,



"I lift my eyes unto the Hills" ... Psalm 121:1

April guideline changes continue relating to coronavirus distancing: Families to stay together distancing 6 feet from others.

Sun	8:00 am	Eucharist
May 2	9:15 am	Education Hour
	10:30 am	Eucharist
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)
Wed	9:30 am	Eucharist (ZOOM)
May 5	6:00 pm	Youth Confirmation
Thur	6:30 pm	Tai Chi
May 6		
Sun	8:00 am	Eucharist
May 9	9:15 am	Education Hour
	10:30 am	Eucharist
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Clas (ZOOM)
Wed	9:30 am	Eucharist (ZOOM)
May 12	6:00 pm	Youth Confirmation
Thur	6:30 pm	Tai Chi
May 13		

Returning to God, Tithes and Offerings During the Pandemic



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>. Your church needs people like you to continue their regular patterns of giving despite virus-related closures to maintain current ministry. Consider the following passages: **2 Corinthians 9:7** - Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **Malachi 3:10** - Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. **Proverbs 11:24** - One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. **Luke 6:38** - Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

Members can contribute to the Yahweh Fund to address community assistance. During this pandemic, PHLC offers **HyVee gift cards that are purchased for those who seek assistance for food or gas.**

On Easter Sunday, April 4, live streaming of service CHANGED from 8:00 am to 10:30 am service. To access the live stream, go to our website (www.pacifichillslutheran.org) or YouTube channel, PacificHillsLutheran, (tinyurl.com/j37skpsh). All live streamed services can be found on the Pacific Hills Lutheran Church website and YouTube channel. And, when you *subscribe* to our YouTube channel, you will help us reach 100, at which time we will be eligible for additional YouTube services.

MISSION/SOCIAL MINISTRY APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH: ISSUES, ETC. Issues, Etc. is a 10-hour weekly syndicated radio talk show and podcast. The program features expert guests, expansive topics, while extolling Christ! The program is hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Jeff Schwartz. Google Issues, Etc. and listen to 24/7 edifying talk radio, on-demand archives, and morning services from Kramer Chapel on the campus of Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. We can become a sponsoring congregation and join 10 other Nebraska churches and over 250 LCMS churches in USA and Canada in supporting this important ministry. PHLC will be included on the IE website if we can reach the \$2000/year level. LISTEN, BE ENRICHED, AND PLEASE GIVE VIA YAHWEH FUND TO THE "MISSION OF THE MONTH", CHRIST CENTERED, CROSS FOCUSED TALK RADIO, ISSUES ETC.

BIBLE VERSE of the Week

**"Remain in me, as I also remain in you."
(John 15:4a)**

Online Worship Services: Go to our website www.pacifichillslutheran.org for more information.

If you can assist or offer to help in any way in the Church Office with bulletins, birthday card preparation, computer data entry, etc., please contact Kim in the church office!

Sunday Worship Notes -- The Elders and Pastor recommend that everyone wear some kind of face covering in worship. Also, there are no children's messages on Sunday mornings, due to social distancing requirements. Thank you.

Bob Vandervort is offering a **Bible Class on the book of Joshua via Zoom every Sunday evening** from 6:00 – 6:45 pm. Email him at rsvod@cox.net or call 402-350-0872 for more information. Everyone welcome!

Directors mail boxes are still located in the church office on second floor (Room 212). Soon will be moved to the new church workroom 119!

Holy Communion via Zoom: This service is currently offered each Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM. This does not replace Sunday morning worship with Holy Communion, but it does provide an option for those that cannot attend regularly due to the pandemic. Please contact Church Office for more information.

This Sunday a Door Offering will be collected following services to assist with the funeral expenses for Nyahon Thuok, daughter of Peter Chol and Sarah Puk. Nyahon, a 22 year old UNO student, died tragically on April 13. Her funeral services were held May 1st. We continue to keep this family in our prayers.

Tai Chi offered every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in Acker Hall. Bring your mask!

The **Altar Flowers for May 2, 2021 Services** were given to the Glory of God by the Danny and Kang Ae Reyelts!

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