

The Pacific Hills Messenger

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ESSENTIAL PREGNANCY SERVICES 50th Anniversary

EPS (Essential Pregnancy Services) is a pro-life organization Pacific Hills has supported financially and with donations in recent years, especially during traditionally pro-life awareness months of January and February. Check out the donation table currently set up in the church narthex.

EPS provides life-affirming, holistic support to women experiencing unexpected or under-supported pregnancies. They are hosting an event this February in honor of their 50th anniversary of service in the Omaha area. Please consider attending. Pacific Hills will be sponsoring a table at the event. **[PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR DREBES WITH YOUR INTENTIONS TO ATTEND AND TO REGISTER WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY.](#)**

The Mission & Social Board appreciates your participation in our donation effort and looks forward to having a good representation from Pacific Hills at the February event.

GLOW 2023

THURSDAY, FEB. 23, 2023

5:30pm Cocktail Hour | 6:30pm Dinner & Program

CHI HEALTH CENTER ARENA
455 N 10th Street, Omaha, Nebraska

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

DR. & MRS. ANTHONY & CECELIA LEVATINO

Dr. Levatino is a former abortion provider who had a conversion of heart and now advocates for life!

For more information, visit BIDPAL.NET/GLOW2023

Church Events

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

- 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 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

- 9:30 am Eucharist (Zoom)
- 12:30 pm First Ladies AA Meeting (Rm 114)
- 6:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class
- 6:30 pm Wednesday Women's Group (Narthex)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

- 6:30 pm Tai Chi (Acker Hall)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

- 6:30 pm Omaha Philatelic Society (Acker Hall)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

- 8:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Eucharistic Worship with Choir
Installation of Church Officers
- 10:15 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
5th Sunday Fellowship (Acker Hall)
- 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 confirmations.

INSTALLATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ELDERS

The installation of church leadership is a major day on any church calendar. Join us next Sunday, Jan 29 at 9:00 AM as we install those who have been elected to serve on the Board of Directors and Elders. Fellowship will follow in Acker Hall.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

SAVE THE DATE: Pacific Hills youth are planning a pre-Mardi Gras meal for Saturday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m. in Acker Hall. The meal is a fundraiser for the next Lutheran Youth Gathering in New Orleans. We'll have jambalaya with shrimp, chicken and sausage; red beans and rice; lettuce salad; cornbread; and king cake for dessert. Suggested donation: \$20 per person age 12 and older. We hope to see you there!

CONCORDIA REGISTRATION & EVENTS

K-12 registration is open for the '23-'24 school year!

If you have a student ready for Kindergarten for the fall of 2023 (or later) come learn more about our Kindergarten options! Meet the Kindergarten teachers, visit with experienced and new families, and learn about program specifics. Join us either Thursday, Jan. 19th at 6:00 PM (pizza meal included) or Friday, Jan. 20th at 1:00 to learn more.

Please join us at Concordia Academy on Thursday, Feb. 2nd from 4:00-7:00 PM for a Concordia Academy Open House (grades K-5th). This open house will occur at our current location, which is 1821 N. 90th St. Please note that there will be information sessions for graded and Ignite classrooms at 5:00 and 6:00. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information visit WWW.CONCORDIAOMAHA.ORG

JANUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH

The month of January is regarded as Sanctity of Life Month. 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. 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.

BIBLE VERSE of the Week

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made"

(Psalm 139:14a)

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

2023 envelopes should be received in the first quarter (see below). In the meantime:

- Use any 2022 envelopes you have remaining and adjust the date.
- Otherwise, use the temporary envelopes in the back provided by the usher or your own envelope. Please legibly print your name and offering number on the envelope.
- Provide written instructions for offerings not intended for the general fund.
- Please do not tape or staple unless coins are included in the envelope.

NEW ENVELOPE SYSTEM

For many reasons, the Board of Directors has approved a new envelope system and company. The new system is one where giving envelopes are mailed to your home bi-monthly and the new company is called American Church. This system was very successful at pastor's former congregation and we believe this system will be a better system for us: They reduce waste. They are convenient. They are a regular reminder to practice good stewardship. Addresses can be regularly updated. New envelopes are always available for people who join. The first set of envelopes "should" arrive before February 5, 2023.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

The committee has finished their work with our church directory and has turned in their draft to Unique Church Solutions by UCD for preparation. We are incredibly indebted to Michelle Steen for her work with the activity pages and to Regina Marohn for her work with the roster. We are hopeful to have the directory delivered to the congregation by Easter.

SECOND READERS NEEDED!

Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex.

ALTAR FLOWERS



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