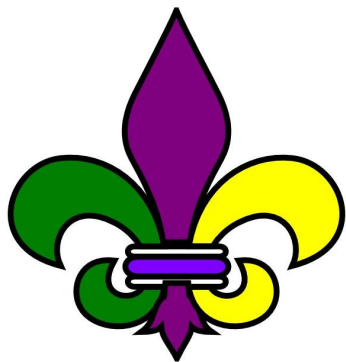


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Mardi Gras Dinner



Pacific Hills' youth (and their parents/grandparents) will be serving a Mardi Gras meal on Saturday, Feb.18, at 6 p.m. in Acker Hall. It's a fundraiser for the next Lutheran Youth Gathering, which will be in 2025 in New Orleans, Louisiana. We could have up to eight youths who attend, so we need to start raising money now.

In addition to alligators, which live in the swamps around New Orleans, the area is known for its Cajun and Creole cuisines (one simple distinction: Creole food typically uses tomatoes while traditional Cajun food does not).

We're going to be serving jambalaya, a dish that has chicken, sausage and shrimp mixed with rice, tomatoes, spices, green peppers and onions; red beans and rice; lettuce salad; cornbread; and king cake for dessert. King cakes are associated with Epiphany, and a plastic figurine, said to represent the Christ child, is hidden inside. The person who finds the baby in his or her piece of cake gets a prize. (Note: Don't eat it. It's plastic.)

We'll also have some Dixieland music. The suggested donation is \$20 per person ages 12 and up. Come join us!

Church Events

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
- 9:15 am Sunday School
Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Eucharistic Worship with Choir
- 11:45 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 9:00 am Care Ministry Meeting (Rm 114)
- 10:30 am Missions & Social Ministries Mtg (Rm 115)
- 7:00 pm Pray, Knit & Crochet Group (Narthex)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 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, FEBRUARY 9

- 6:30 pm Tai Chi (Acker Hall)
- 7:00 pm Board of Elders Meeting (Rm 115)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 7:30 pm Omaha Philatelic Society (Narthex/Acker)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 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 Choir
- 11:30 am Worship & Music Committee Meeting
CYF Board Meeting (Narthex)
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

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.

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.

EPS BANQUET

The EPS Banquet is now just about 2 ½ weeks away. Pastor and Cheryl would be delighted if you would join them for this significant event in support of women. Pastor is also really intrigued to learn more about the guest speaker, Dr. Levatino, a former abortion provider who “had a conversion of heart and now advocates for life!” Tickets are \$50.00 a seat like last year. You can just reply to pastor with your intentions. If you participate with Pacific Hills, you can make your check payable to: Pacific Hills Lutheran Church. For more information about the banquet, visit BIDPAL.NET/GLOW2023. Together we can do better. Together we can help women choose the gift of life.

CONCORDIA REGISTRATION & EVENTS

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

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

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

*“You are the salt of the earth
[and] the light of the world.”*

(Matthew 5:13-14)

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 ARRIVING

Over the last week to 10 days offering envelopes have been arriving. If you haven't received your envelopes, please check your mail, then contact the church office and continue to use the system outlined below:

- 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.

FEBRUARY LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at the Olive Garden on 74th & Dodge on Tuesday, February 14 at 11:30 am. Join us for food and fellowship - Everyone is welcome!

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.