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MOTHER'S DAY—A LITTLE HISTORY

The history behind Mother's Day begins with Anna Jarvis who first suggested the national observance of an annual day honoring all mothers because she had loved her own mother so dearly.

At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Miss Jarvis gave a carnation (her mother's favorite flower) to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities throughout the United States.

Then on May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for what he called the "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then, it had become customary to wear white carnations to honor departed mothers and red to honor the living, a custom that continues to this day.

All of us at Pacific Hills wish all our mom's a Happy Mother's Day!

Pastor Drebes

Church Events

SATURDAY, MAY 13

11:00 am LCEF Presentation (Acker Hall)

SUNDAY, MAY 14

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)
CYF Board Meeting (Narthex)

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

MONDAY, MAY 15

6:30 pm Quilters Group (Quilting Room)

TUESDAY, MAY 16

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

9:30 am Devotional (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, MAY 18

6:30 pm Tai Chi (Acker Hall)

6:30 pm Board of Trustees (Room 114b)

SUNDAY, MAY 21

8:00 am Eucharistic Worship

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

9:15 am Sunday School

Education Hour with Pastor Bryan

10:30 am Eucharistic Worship with Choir

11:45 am Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES



New Adult Confirmation Classes will begin Monday, June 5, 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 leads to membership at Pacific Hills.

New Member Sunday will be August 6, 2023 at the 10:30 AM service. This will include transfers as well as adult confirmands.

END OF SCHOOL PARTY

This year's end of school party will be at Papio Fun Park on May 21 from 3-6pm. Please email Pam Hafsaas at phafsaas@icloud.com or call the office to RSVP by May 14. Come join in the fun!



MOTHER'S DAY ROSES FROM EPS

Essential Pregnancy Services (EPS) will have roses for purchase after services on Mother's Day with a donation of just \$5.00. Your donation will help to support EPS and give women, who are facing unexpected or unplanned pregnancy, loving care, support, and education about life affirming options.

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

Clean Up day at PHLC is Saturday, May 20th from 9 - 12pm. Please bring rakes, shovels & brooms as we clean up around the church campus. Light refreshments will be provided. Thanks in advance to everyone!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 13 Lunch and Learn with LCEF. Learn more about their products and services at 11:00 AM in Acker Hall. Contact Nate.Meier@lcef.org to register.
- May 14 Mother's Day. What a wonderful time to worship together as family.
- May 24 Confirmation Faith Sharing Night at 7:00 PM in Acker Hall.
- May 27 Confirmation Rehearsal at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary.
- May 28 Confirmation and Pentecost Sunday.

MAY MISSIONARY FOCUS

May is mental health awareness month. As the body of Christ, the church is called to promote mental and spiritual wellness, embrace those with mental illness and provide a community of help and hope. In support of this call, all contributions designated to Missions this month will be distributed to mental health agencies—Lutheran Family Services, Community Alliance and Shepherd's Canyon Retreat which provides clergy mental health services.

BIBLE VERSE of the Week

"Always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you."

(1 Peter 3:15b)

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

PHLC website: www.pacifichillslutheran.org

BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

Dr. Bob Vandervort and a bible study group are studying the Book of James 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.

DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED!

Our 2022-23 pictorial directories have arrived. If you sat for a photo, or submitted a picture, you may now pick up your directory after church this Sunday, or in the church office anytime throughout the week. We are indebted to John Thomas, the directory committee chair, and to committee members, Michelle Steen, for her work with the activity pages, Regina Marohn, for her work with the roster, and to other committee members who assisted with this effort, Christopher White and Matt Troutman. Thanks also to Bob Glissmann for catching typos and errors and to Pastor Drebes for his motivation and encouragement in completing this project.

SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY

On Sunday, June 11 after the 10:30 church service CYF is sponsoring a Project Linus service opportunity. Our goal is to put together 12 fleece blankets for children in need. The blankets do not require any sewing skills. All ages and abilities are welcome. Lunch will be provided. We hope to see you there! Contact Kay Storck at 402-996-0722 for more information.



SECOND READERS NEEDED!

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.