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Back to School



It's the beginning of August and for many of us that means a return to school 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 the 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, August 30th down as confirmation orientation night. We will meet in Acker Hall at 7:00 pm.

Blessings,
Pastor Drebes

Church Events

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
- 9:15 am Sunday School (Elementary only)
Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
- 10:30 am Eucharistic Worship
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

- 7:00 pm Adult Confirmation Class (Rm 115)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

- 11:30 am Lunch Bunch
- 7:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting (Acker Hall)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

- 9:30 am Devotional (Zoom)
- 12:30 pm First Ladies AA Meeting (Rm 114)
- 6:30 pm Wednesday Women's Group (Narthex)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

- 7:30 pm Omaha Philatelic Society (Acker Hall)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
- 9:15 am Sunday School (Elementary only)
Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
- 10:30 am Eucharistic Worship
- 11:30 am Worship & Music Committee (Rm 115)
CYF Board Meeting (Narthex)
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

GO INTO ALL THE WORLD

YOUTH GROUP

JOIN US FOR OUR YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF!

WHO: MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS
WHERE: AULNER'S HOUSE (7749 DAVIS CIRCLE)
WHAT: FOOD, FRIENDS, FIRE PIT, FUN!
WHEN: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16TH 6:30PM

"THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU" MATT 28:19-20

<https://sites.google.com/mpsomaha.org/go-into-all-the-world?usp=sharing>

COURTYARD JAZZ

Don't miss the Julie Baker Quartet at our last Courtyard Jazz of the summer on August 20 at 7pm!



2023 LCMS NE DISTRICT MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING



Attention all Middle School Youth. Preparations for the 2023 Nebraska District Middle School Gathering are being made. The theme for the gathering, scheduled for November 4-5 at 1C The Sanctuary in Columbus, is kNow.

To declare your intentions to attend, to register, or for more information, please contact Pastor Drebes at 402-391-9625 or send him an email bryandrebes@pacifichillslutheran.org.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30TH

Youth Confirmation orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Youth Confirmation classes begin on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:00 pm.

AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Mission/Social Ministry is focusing our July and August mission offerings for missionaries Jonathan Clausing & Stephen Oliver. We are at 3/4 of our \$4,000 goal. Thank you for your generosity! Help us meet our goal during our final month in August.

Supporting our missionaries is important and we appreciate your participation. Please remember our missionaries in your prayers!

BIBLE VERSE of the Week

"Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds."
(Matthew 14:19b)

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.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

New Member Sunday will be September 10, 2023 at the 10:30am service.

CONFIRMATION PICTURES

If you have not paid for and/or picked up your child's confirmation photos, please do so at your earliest convenience.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

AseraCare Hospice needs volunteers in our area to provide support to terminally ill patients and their families. Volunteers can visit, read to the patient, participate in a favorite activity, or simply sit alongside them in their journey. Volunteers are a vital part of the hospice care mission. They are provided with extensive training and continued support throughout their tenure.

To sign up or find out more about this or other opportunities, please contact Jen Vogt at 402-943-6871 or jennifer.vogt@amedisys.com

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.