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EPS Banquet Is Fast Approaching

Thursday, February 29, 2024

Mid-America Center
1 Arena Way
Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Cheryl and I would be delighted to see the congregation sponsor three tables at this year's EPS Banquet in support of women in crisis pregnancy. I am really intrigued to learn more about the guest speaker this year, Toni McFadden, author of "Redeemed: My Journey after Abortion." She will share her transformation from a frightened teenage girl, grappling with the consequences of an unexpected pregnancy and abortion, to a woman overcoming her past and finding her voice as an advocate for life. Toni is dedicated to exposing the falsehoods of abortion and inspires others by sharing the healing she experienced through the power of forgiveness.



Won't you join us? Tickets are \$75.00 a seat. You can send me an email or just indicate to me on Sunday your intentions to join us. If you join our group, you can make your check payable to: Pacific Hills Lutheran Church. We have reserved a block of seats for our guests. We currently stand at eighteen people committed to supporting women and their babies. Help us get to thirty!

For more information, visit <https://one.bidpal.net/glow24/welcome>.

Together we can do better. Together we can help women choose the gift of life.

Blessings,
Pastor Bryan E. Drebes

Church Events

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 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)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 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, FEBRUARY 8

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

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- 6:30 pm Youth Group (Aulner's House)

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

New Member Sunday will be March 10 at the 10:30 AM service. This will include transfers and adult confirmands.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Pacific Hills Youth Group will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Sunday, Feb. 25, starting at 6 p.m. We'll have spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, lettuce salad and ice cream cake. Afterward, we'll hold a trivia contest. Winners will get prizes!

The requested donation is \$20 for people 12 and older. The money we raise will help us pay for our trip to the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Thank you for your support!

CONCORDIA INFO NIGHT

Please join us for our Concordia Academy Information Night (15656 Fort St., Omaha). We would love to see you on Tuesday, Feb. 6th from 4:00-7:00 PM for an evening of information. Tours and programming begin at 4:00 and will be offered throughout the afternoon and evenings. See our classrooms, meet our staff, and take a look at our curriculum! We can't wait to see you there!

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Do you regularly engage in devotions? Lent is the perfect time to give it a try or to continue in this spiritual discipline. If you would like a devotional for Lent, please pick up, "Be Gracious to Me," on the table in the Narthex.

LENTEN WORSHIP

Mid-Week Worship will be held on Wednesdays at 2:00 & 7:00 PM, beginning with Ash Wednesday and Weekly throughout Lent. Join us for our Lenten Series, Hands of the Savior:

Ash Wednesday -- Hands That Discipline (Joel 2:12-19)

Week 2 -- Hands That Heal (John 9:6-7)

Week 3 -- Hands That Provide (Matthew 14:19-20)

Week 4 -- Hands That Pray (Matthew 26:36-45)

Week 5 -- Hands That Resurrect (Matthew 9:19, 23-25)

Week 6 -- Hands That Protect (Matthew 14:28)

Maundy Thursday -- Hands That Consecrate (Matthew 26:26-30)

Good Friday -- Hands That Are Pierced (Luke 23:32-46)

Easter -- Hands That Prove (John 11:25-27)

JANUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH

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

"He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons."

(Mark 1:34a)

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

PHLC website: www.pacifichillslutheran.org

BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

Dr. Bob Vandervort and a bible study group are studying the Books of Jude & 2 Peter 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.

SENIOR LUNCH BUNCH

Senior Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, February 13 at Charleston's Restaurant at their NEW LOCATION, 105 N. 145th St. (SW corner of 144th & Dodge in the former Boystown Farm area). Join us for food & fellowship - everyone is welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION

Sunday School children and families may bring in offering money or collect items to support missions in the community. A different opportunity will be provided each quarter. From January to March of 2024 we will be collecting items to create birthday kits for Heart Ministry Center. Items needed to create these kits include cake mix, frosting, candles, paper products (napkins, plates, table cover, banner, etc.), birthday cards, balloons, and disposable aluminum cake pans.



There will be a labeled bin outside the middle level Sunday School classroom upstairs for collection items. Please contact Kay Storck if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your support of this project!

GARUNA MINISTRIES PARTNERSHIP

Pacific Hills joins 10 other Omaha Lutheran Churches to celebrate what our contributions and commitments have done in Cambodia. We have partnered with Garuna Ministries to build a Christian school in Prey Veng, which recently opened with 225 students. This is a village that is 95% Buddhist and now is being reached for Christ. Our Omaha team visits for the dedication on the 25th! Please pray for our partnership!