



The Pacific Hills Messenger

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December 10, Advent 2, we celebrate and anticipate the coming of our Savior with the service of Advent Lessons and Carols. Unlike the Christmas Lessons and Carols, the readings are mostly Old Testament prophecies, reminding us why we need the Savior and foretelling the coming of the Savior. We hear God's Word then sing hymns and canticles that help us remember what we have just heard.

Christmas Lessons and Carols actually reveal how God has kept His promise with the reading of the New Testament lessons.

Come to worship on Sunday! Take time out of the trappings of this world to find peace and comfort that only Christ, your Savior, can bring.

Craig and Mary Bircher, from the Omaha Symphony, will be joining us with **trumpet and harp** on Sunday!

Following the 10:30 service is rehearsal for **ALL CHILDREN and YOUTH** available to participate in our 5:00 Christmas Eve service.

Peace and Joy,

Barbara Fremder, Minister of Music

P.S. If you submitted a request for a favorite Christmas carol at the annual meeting in November, the only way to be sure YOUR request is met is to attend ALL Christmas Eve services and Christmas Day.

Church Events

Sunday	8:00am	Lessons & Carols
	9:00am	Blood Pressure Checks
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Lessons & Carols
	11:30am	Children Choir
		Rehearsal
	3:00pm	Preschool Christmas Program
	5:30pm	12-Step Annual Dinner
Tuesday	8:00am	Staff Meeting
	9:30am	Alanon
	11:30am	Lunch Bunch
Wednesday	9:30am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Fellowship
	2:00pm	Worship
	7:00pm	Worship
	8:00pm	Campus Ministry
Thursday	7:00pm	Elders Board
	7:00pm	Gamblers
Sunday	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Eucharist
	11:30pm	Foundation
	11:30am	CYF Board

PHLC Senior Lunch Bunch will enjoy lunch and fellowship at Biaggis Ristorante, 13650 California, Tuesday, December 12 - 11:30am. No RSVP needed. Everyone is welcome to join members of PHLC as we meet for lunch and fellowship each 2nd Tuesday of the month at different restaurants!

The **2018 Flower Chart** has been placed in the coatroom for your convenience to sign up for Sunday Altar Flowers.

Advent has begun - During Advent, our Sunday morning messages will follow the lectionary and our Wednesday mid-week sermon series will be based on the theme **God At Work** with the three weekly messages:

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

Congregation Christmas Open House

Pastor Bryan and Cheryl would like to invite the congregation to a **Christmas Open House** at their home in Ralston on Sunday, December 17, 2pm to 4:30pm. If you would like, you might consider bringing a light appetizer to share. Their home is located at 7816 Heritage Circle/Plaza. Come and celebrate the joys of Christmas and Christian fellowship with Pastor and Cheryl.

Tai Chi will not meet beginning November 21 through January 11. Tai Chi will resume January 16, 2018.

Out shopping? Remember the Homeless. Pick up gloves, hats scarves, socks, or underwear for youth or adults. Men's size large underwear especially needed. Place unwrapped items under Giving Tree in narthex. Thanks for your generosity.

Social Ministry Committee

Youth Confirmation classes will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 3. No classes throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Next Adult Instruction Class, a class which leads to membership at Pacific Hills, will begin in January. Details to come.

Plan now to join us for these special services and events:

December 13 & 20 Eucharist, 9:30am

December 13 & 20 Wednesday Advent Worship, 2pm, 7pm
(Refreshments and Fellowship after each 2pm Advent Worship)

December 10 Lessons & Carols, 8am, 10:30am
Preschool Christmas Service, 3pm

December 17 Eucharist Advent 3, 8am & 10:30am

December 24 Eucharist, 9amL
Family Service, 5pm,
Candlelight Service 7pm

December 25 Eucharist, 9am

December 25 & 26 Church Office Closed

December 31 Eucharist, 9am

January 1 Happy New Year - Church Office Closed

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Isaiah 40:1-2a

**“Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem.”**

Christmas Eve Worship: We are asking for youth readers. We will practice the first three Sundays in December right after the 10:30pm worship service. Please come for treats and practice. Members with children can expect a call asking about participation in the service and if they would like a CD or flash drive (USD) with the songs for the service.
Children, Youth and Family Board

Over the last few weeks we have been asking for a volunteer to be our director or co-director for Vacation Bible School. The CYF Board would now like to thank Kay Storck & Sandy Frazier who have agreed to step-up and co-direct our VBS.

Living H2o Lutheran Campus Ministry “Adopt a Meal” program needs your help!! Here is how:

- Make a meal and bring it to ~~the~~ The Gathering Place by 7pm on Wednesday evening for 10 to 15 students.
- Make a meal ahead of time, bring them by any time, and it will be heated up on Wednesday evening by the student leadership.
- Make a cash conation to help defray the costs of a meal. (Designate the donation as Campus Ministry Fellowship Meals.)

If you are interested in participating, please contact Don Bader at 402-578-4177 or email don@living-h2o.org.

Events of Other Congregations and Agencies

SAVE THE DATE -- Sunday, January 28, 2018.

Essential Pregnancy Services Annual Benefit Dinner Embassy Suites, La Vista. Pastor would like to see PHLC sponsor 2 tables this year. More information to come.

St. Paul Lutheran School is in need of a preschool aide, Monday through Friday, 8am to 12pm. Please contact Mrs. Linda Tripp at 402-451-2865 to apply for the position.

Lord's Lambs Child Care is a new center located at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Skyline Ranches (S. 208 St. & Bonanza, Elkhorn). They are licensed for 64 children ages 6 weeks through 6 years, and are looking for dedicated and qualified staff. For more information call Director, Denise Kempnich at 402-829-9291.

PRAYER LIST

December 10, 2017

(Family and Friends: Please call the church office to add/remove names below.)

Readings for Sunday, December 17: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11L
Psalm 126L1 Thessalonians 5:16-24L John 1:6-8, 19-28

Anniversaries

Frank & Anita Bladt 12/16

Birthdays

Chris Larson 12/10

Crystal Zimmermann 12/11

John Young 12/12

Yue Gao 12/12

Dave Chastain 12/13

Tina Christ 12/14

Lois Eggers 12/15

PHLC Members: Anita Bladt, Frank Bladt, Grady Chastain, Mary Lou Chastain, Duane Fieck, Jeannine Fulner, Paul Gladman, Helen Glanzer, Rosanne Glock, Roger Graham, Tim Haar, Don Hafsaas, Freda Harris, Mike Horton, Christopher Kiihne, James Koun, Carol Lacz, Larry Larson, Mike Lessmann, Bob Loeck, Harriet Moore, Jim Mueller, Geraldine Rueter, Jean Schmieding, Paul Shultz, Leon Siedlyk, Alfred Simonsen, Chris Stastny, Dorothy Storek, Carolyn Vierck, Marilyn Walker, Judy Webster, JoAn Werblow, Sara Young

In Assisted Living Facilities: Charlotte Berkland, Mary Lou Chastain, Dorothy Ebener, Lois Eggers, Jeannine Fulner, Mike Lessmann, Norma Payne, Jean Schmieding, Leon Siedlyk, Alfred Simonsen, Marilyn Walker, Jan Bouc, Helene Stigge

Friends and Relatives:

Tyler Adams (grandson of Don and Lorene Adams)
Luetta Beckman (mother of Linda Minor)
Sandy Botrell (cousin of Barbara Fremder)
Carol Copple (sister-in-law of Doris Anderson)
Brent, Angel, Paul Dale & Wendy (family of Esther Scarpello)
Patty Dyer (niece of Leon Siedlyk)
Ron Ethan (friend of Helen Glanzer and Kae Stille)
Rod Grindle (brother of Dennis Grindle)
Sharlene Grindle (sister-in-law of Dennis Grindle)
Delbert Johns (grandfather of Shannon Green)
Mary Johnson (friend of Carol Priest)

Philip Kander in Military (nephew of Alice Osborn)
Vera Krengel (mother of Barbara Fremder)
Sharon Larson (cousin of Dennis Grindle)
Alma Meseke (aunt of Barbara Fremder)
Dave Minor (husband of Linda Minor)
Barbara Nelson (sister-in-law of Doris Anderson)
Bob Nelson (son of Barb and Lew Nelson)
Both Nyun (family of Peter Chol)
Heidi Padilla (niece of Doris Anderson)
Jo Anna Perkins (friend of Dennis Grindle)
Mary Grace Reese (friend of Dennis Grindle)
Tammy Rogers (mother of Stacey Swan)
Virginia Syslo (friend of Carol Priest)
Charlotte Thompson (sister of Leon Siedlyk)
Gavin Webster (grandson of Larry and Judy Webster)
Andy Young (son John and Sara Young)
Marilyn Zimmermann (mother of Sharon Vacanti and Paul Zimmermann)

Special Intercessions:

Those who travel and those who protect us
All who lead us ecclesiastically and politically
Missions/Missionaries of the Church
Our Campus Ministry program
Our Lamb of God Preschool
All Lutheran Schools
The pastors, staffs, and members of our North Circuit congregations, schools, and preschools.
Ministry of Concordia Lutheran Schools of Omaha
Concordia University, Seward
Mentally ill, their caregivers, and PHLC Care Ministries
The ill, hospitalized, dying, and grieving
Health and protection of all children, including the unborn
Unemployed/financial difficulties
End to terrorism and for justice and peace among all nations
The incarcerated
Pray for God's grace and mercy upon all who face trials, chronic illnesses, or addictions, and upon all who lack a saving faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior
Unrest in the U.S. and the world
Victims of storms across the country
Good News Chaplain, Nsbiet Matthew, who serves prisons in Nigeria.