



# The Pacific Hills Messenger

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***Don Bader has accepted the "Call" to be the new Executive Director for Living H2O Lutheran Campus Ministry. Please keep him and his wife, Muriel, in your prayers during this time of transition. Below you will find Don's acceptance.***

*After prayerful consideration I would like to announce the Lord has led me to accept the call to serve as the Executive Director of Living H2O Lutheran Campus Ministry. I assure you that this decision was not entered into casually, nor was it a foregone conclusion.*

*Our student leaders have developed the mission statement, "Building Relationships, sharing Christ", and I believe that this ministry is about relationships at multiple levels. First our relationship with Christ and our need to share that relationship with all people (Acts 1:8); and then our relationship with each other as partners in the Gospel. (1 Thessalonians 5:12-15) We have a unique opportunity to be the LCMS "mission outpost" to college age students in the metro Omaha area. We provide a home-like environment for our student leaders where they can be supported and grow in their faith, while at the same time being the Lord's hands and feet on campus.*

*I am just as committed to this ministry and these students as I was over nine years ago when I first began, I would ask for the same level of commitment from you. We have made considerable progress, even while overcoming many obstacles. There is always much to accomplish in the work that the Lord has given us, and with the help of the Living H2O Board of Directors, I pray that we will continue to seek God's will in our endeavors.*

*Finally, I would ask you to pray for me and our ministry, as I pray for all of you.*

*Blessings,  
Don L. Bader*

## Church Events

Sunday	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Eucharist
	11:30am	Children Choir
	2:00pm	Pastor's Open House
Monday	6:30pm	Quilters
Tuesday	8:00am	Staff Meeting
	9:30am	Alanon
	4:30am	Siena Francis House
	7:00pm	Board of Directors
Wednesday	8:30am	Foster Care
	9:30am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Fellowship
	2:00pm	Worship
	7:00pm	Worship
Thursday	8:00pm	Campus Ministry
		Preschool Christmas break begins
	7:00pm	Gamblers
Friday	7:30pm	Omaha Philatelic Society
Sunday	9:00am	Eucharist
	5:00pm	Family Service
	7:00pm	Candlelight Service
Monday	9:00am	Christmas Eucharist
		Church Office Closed

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.

**NEW LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM** —Every home should have a copy of the **NEW CATECHISM** just published by CPH. The New Explanation offers expanded discussions of issues that are pressing upon the Church at this time. The price is \$16 per copy, which includes shipping. Pacific Hills will be taking orders through December 27. Please either sign up outside the church office door, or call the church office to request your copy. You can make your payment at time of pick-up.

**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.

**New Adult Confirmation Classes** will begin Monday, January 15, at 6pm in Room 115. Please indicate your desire to participate with Pastor directly or with Linda in the front office. Classes will meet for 6 weeks.

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

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

**December 20**—Eucharist, 9:30am

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

**December 24**—Eucharist, 9am;

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 61:1a**

**“The Lord has anointed me to preach  
good news to the poor.”**

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**Our Brother, John Fraser, retires as CEO from Methodist**—John's 26-year career in Omaha has coincided with the overseeing or helping plan Methodist's Estabrook Cancer Center; the Schenken Pavilion Pathology Building; Methodist Women's Hospital; the Methodist Physicians Clinic HealthWest and Gretna; and the renovation and updating of Methodist Hospital and the system's clinical technology capability. He came to Omaha in 1991 from the Texas Heart Institute in Houston. He became Methodist Hospital's CEO in 1997 and chief executive of the three-hospital system in 2007. John retires at the end of the month and we wish him all the best. (Excerpted from [http://www.omaha.com/livewellnebraska/health/retiring-methodist-ceo-sees-a-time-of-revolution-and-evolution/article\\_c2358218-7132-5876-8456-eeaa8811840f.html](http://www.omaha.com/livewellnebraska/health/retiring-methodist-ceo-sees-a-time-of-revolution-and-evolution/article_c2358218-7132-5876-8456-eeaa8811840f.html))

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

- Make a meal and bring it to “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](mailto: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 15, 2017

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

**Readings for Sunday, December 24:** 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16;  
Psalm 89:1-5; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

## Anniversaries

Kathy & Jim Stokes 12/20

## Birthdays

Ellis Moore 12/18

Debbie Fraser 12/18

Jerry Heathershaw 12/21

Dan Swan 12/22

**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, Rita Klingman, 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, Kae Stille, 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, Rita Klingman, 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)  
Claire Cabianca (granddaughter of Dorothy Storek)  
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)  
Tom Krengel (brother of Barbara Fremder)  
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.  
Victims of fires across the country