



The Pacific Hills
Messenger

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"O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord."

I pray that during this most Holy season we all take the time to stop, worship, and adore our newborn Savior, Christ the Lord.

As 2017 draws to a close, Lamb of God Preschool — teachers, students, and families— would like to say a big "THANK YOU!" to our whole congregation for your amazing support of our preschool this year. We are truly blessed to be a ministry of Pacific Hills.

God's richest blessings to all of you in this Christmas season and in the new year.

Blessings,
Kay Storck

Preschool Director/Teacher

Church Events

Sunday	9:00am	Eucharist
	5:00pm	Family Service
	7:00pm	Candlelight Service
Monday	9:00am	Christmas Eucharist
		Church Office Closed
Tuesday		Church Office Closed
Thursday		Preschool Christmas break begins
	7:00pm	Gamblers
Friday	7:30pm	Omaha Philatelic Society
Sunday	9:00am	Eucharist
Monday		Happy New Year! Church Office Closed

Offering Envelopes for 2018 have been received. They have been placed in alphabetical order on the tables in the coat room.

The poinsettias that adorn the church this Christmas season have been given by the persons listed on the attachment. You may take your Poinsettia home after the 9am service on Christmas Day, December 25, and the following week.

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

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 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 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

Luke 2:11

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord..”

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.

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.

Have you ever considered becoming a pastor or deaconess? If so, Rev. Scott Holder from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, would like to meet with you at Living H2o Campus Ministry, 1124 S. 90 Street, on January 29, between the times 4pm and 7pm. Rev. Holder is interested in meeting with prospective students of all ages—elementary school age through adults. Appointments are individual, informal, and family/friends are welcome to come with you. Appointments are not necessary but encouraged. If you are interested in scheduling a specific time, please contact Rev. Holder at 314-505-7225 or holders@csl.edu.

PRAYER LIST

December 22, 2017

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

Readings for Sunday, December 31: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 89:1-5; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Anniversaries

Doug & Pamela Fusselman 12/27
Ann & Joseph Privitera 12/29
John & Debbie Fraser 12/30

Birthdays

Constance Ernstmeyer 12/25
Dwane Werblow 12/27
Dennis Grindle 12/28
Don Hafsaas 12/29

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 Cople (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