



# The Pacific Hills Messenger

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

All of us who serve you --- the Called Workers and Staff of Pacific Hills Lutheran Church --- wish you and yours a Christ-blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with the Lord's blessings and peace!

## SANCTITY OF LIFE MONTH

The month of January is regarded as Sanctity of Life Month and January 21<sup>st</sup> will be observed as Sanctity of Life Sunday.

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 you are encouraged to bring diapers for children newborn to age 2 and place them in the bins in the narthex. Diapers are in great need.

On Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> EPS will host their annual fundraising banquet at Embassy Suites on Westport Pkwy. Last year Pacific Hills sponsored one table. This year, we would like to double that number. With your support, we can make a difference in the lives of countless families and support the sanctity of life in greater Omaha. You may register using one of the following links. If one table is full, register at the other table. There is no charge to attend the dinner so those that register will not be asked for any credit card information. One last friendly note, if you mark the "host a table box" then you will be creating your own table instead of sitting at one of the two Pacific Hills tables. (continued on column to the right of page)

## Church Events

Sunday	9:00am	<b>Eucharist</b>
Monday		Happy New Year! Church Office Closed
Tuesday	9:00am	Alanon
Wednesday	9:30am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	10:00am	Fellowship
	5:15pm	Mid Week
	6:00pm	Youth Confirmation Class
	6:30pm	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	9:00am	Preschool resumes
	7:00pm	Gamblers
Saturday	9:00pm	Circuit Meeting @ Hope
Sunday	8:00am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	<b>Eucharist</b>

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Please speak with Pastor Drebes if you would like to host your own table.

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[https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/RegistrationManager/PublicRegistration.php?eid=11156&GroupID=367832&NewReference=yes&invite\\_response=Y&lid=48861594](https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/RegistrationManager/PublicRegistration.php?eid=11156&GroupID=367832&NewReference=yes&invite_response=Y&lid=48861594)

**Today's altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Privitera in recognition of their 44th wedding anniversary.

**Reminder: December 31**—Eucharist, 9am  
**January 1**—Happy New Year  
**January 1**—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 **2018 Flower Chart** has been placed in the coat room for your convenience to sign up for Sunday Altar Flowers.

**Tai Chi will not meet through January 11. Tai Chi will resume January 16, 2018.**

**Youth Confirmation classes** will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 3.

**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.

Missions and Social Ministry news: **THANK YOU PHLC members** who donated "warm woolies" under the Christmas tree". Eight large sacks of items were delivered to Siena Francis House, Stephen's Center and to Metro Area Continuum of Care for the Homeless workers who provide outreach to those homeless on the streets. The items were greatly appreciated and were delivered just as winter arrived!

**Your Mission and Social Ministry dollars at work:** To date over \$12,000 has been sent to missionaries through Mission Central, helped hurricane disaster relief, and proclaimed the love of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering and in need. Recent checks were sent to Good News Jail Ministry (\$500) for local jail ministry. Over 1.25 million inmates were impacted internationally by GNJM in 2017. Our donation of \$1,000 to Haiti Lutheran Mission Society will provide for food and Christian education for children and families. The Lutheran Braille Workers (\$1,000) is celebrating 75 years of reaching out to those visually impaired with God's word through braille and large print publications. Lutheran Church Charities (\$1,000) provides physical recovery, financial aid and compassionate care needed to families and communities that have lost everything or are suffering (this year with the hurricanes, tornadoes, mass shootings, fallen law enforcement and military funerals). The Social Ministry funds (\$1,000) were designated to Lutheran Family Services to continue their 125 years of ministry. Over \$6,000 in Yahweh Funds and Hy-Vee gift cards assisted with emergency needs of members and those in our community. The Board thanks you for your generous donations and welcomes your input regarding future disbursements of funds. The mission statement of PHLC is Share Christ + Serve Others. What can we do daily with our talents, gifts, and prayers?

## BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

**Luke 2:30**

**"For my eyes have seen your salvation"**

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**SENIOR LUNCH BUNCH:** Join members of PHLC for lunch Tuesday, January 9 at 11:30am at Pizza Ranch, 3010 S. 84 St. Menu includes pizza buffet, chicken and American sides, drink, dessert for \$8.99! (Sorry, Two previous announced restaurants could not accommodate our group on this date). Everyone is welcome, no RSVP needed.

**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

All families with preschoolers are invited to attend **Kindergarten Roundup at Concordia Academy**. Two sessions are open for your convenience. You may pick from Thursday, January 11, (6 to 8pm with complimentary pizza meal) or Friday, January 12, (1 to 2:30pm). RSVP to Dawn Cooksey, Admissions Director, at 402-990-9444 or email at [cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org](mailto:cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org). More information about Concordia can be found at [concordiaomaha.org](http://concordiaomaha.org).

**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.

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](mailto:holders@csl.edu).

# PRAYER LIST

December 29, 2017

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

**Readings for Sunday, January 7:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-11; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

## Birthdays

Evelyn Monochie	12/31
Philip Chawech	1/1
Cheryl Drebes	1/3
Matthew Glissmann	1/4
Harriet Moore	1/4

**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 Cabianna (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