



# *The Pacific Hills* Messenger

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PACIFIC HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## ***The Celebration of Epiphany***

On the Christian calendar Epiphany is January 6th, and is celebrated following the twelve days of Christmas. The word, "epiphany," means to "appear" or to "reveal" as in a moment of sudden and great revelation. During the Epiphany Season, the scripture lessons (especially the Gospel lesson) tell us how Jesus revealed himself to the world: through his baptism, his teachings and his miracles. The significance of this day is that it marks the Gospel going forth to all people. Christ is King of the Jews and Gentiles too. Epiphany is often called the "Christmas of the Gentiles."

## ***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 page 2)

## **Church Events**

|           |           |   |
|-----------|-----------|---|
| Saturday  | 1:30pm    | Nebr. Dist. Reg. Gathering                          |
| Sunday    | 8:00am    | <b>Eucharist</b>                                    |
|           | 9:15am    | Choir Rehearsal                                     |
|           | 9:15am    | Education Hour                                      |
|           | 10:30am   | <b>Eucharist</b>                                    |
| Monday    | 6:30pm    | Quilters  |
| Tuesday   | 9:00am    | Alanon  |
|           | 11:30am   | Lunch Bunch Group at<br>Pizza Ranch, 3010 S. 84 St. |
|           | Wednesday | 9:30am  |
| Wednesday | 10:00am   | Fellowship  |
|           | 5:15pm    | Mid Week  |
|           | 6:00pm    | Youth Confirmation Class                            |
|           | 6:30pm    | Women's Bible Study                                 |
|           | Thursday  | 7:00pm  |
| Thursday  | 7:00pm    | Gamblers  |
|           | Friday    | 7:30pm  |
| Sunday    | 8:00am    | <b>Eucharist</b>                                    |
|           | 9:00am    | Blood Pressure Checks                               |
|           | 9:15am    | Choir Rehearsal                                     |
|           | 9:15am    | Education Hour                                      |
|           | 10:30am   | <b>Eucharist</b>                                    |
|           | 12:00pm   | Worship & Music Comm.                               |

**Today's altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by Barbara Fremder and Dave Bell in celebration of their marriage.

**Ushers/Greeters:** Usher and Greeter refresher training will be at the Church Saturday, January 20, at 9am and will take about 90 minutes of your time. This will include a review of normal procedures and practices, as well as a security briefing prepared by Mike Whealy. Please make every effort to attend. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided!

**Sanctity of Life Month (continued from page 1)** 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)

**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 resume January 16, 2018.**

**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.

**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.

## BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Isaiah 60:1a

**“Arise, shine, for your light has come”**

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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.

## 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).

Pacific Hills youth are invited to attend a lock-in at **St. Mark Lutheran Church** on 90th and Blondo on January 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. This will run from 8pm to 8am. We will be going offsite for glow in the dark bowling at Maplewood Lanes and then coming back to St. Mark for games, activities and devotions. We wanted to get closer and establish connections with some of the other LCMS youth programs in our area. We would look forward to meeting and enjoying the company of the guests that join us. If you have any interest or questions, contact Casey Roberts at 402-391-6148. or [croberts@stmarkomaha.org](mailto:croberts@stmarkomaha.org)

**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).

**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

January 5, 2018

*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

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Elaine Blacketer | 1/7  |
| David Erickson   | 1/9  |
| Paul Zimmermann  | 1/10 |
| JoAnn Stastny    | 1/12 |
| Julia Risko      | 1/12 |

**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, Mike Lessmann, Bob Loeck, Harriet Moore, 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, 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