



The Pacific Hills Messenger

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Throughout the Advent evening services and the 5pm Christmas Eve worship service, we began each liturgy with "Jesus Christ is the light of the world." Rarely do we have to sit in total darkness. We, today, are surrounded by lights. Yes, even when we shut off the lights we still have lights from night lights, from alarm clocks, from charging gadgets we can't seem to live without, as well as all the lights of the city that help to keep us safer during the darkest parts of our nights. When our liturgies were formed electrical lights were non-existent and people relied on lanterns and candles--the light of fire--for light in the darkness. In our sanctuary we are reminded by the eternal light of a candle that always burns and hangs near the baptismal font area of the *light* Christ is in our sin-ridden world.

Today there is still great comfort in knowing that Jesus Christ is the light of our world, too! In our darkest days (and moments) we can always have the peace that passes all human understanding because He is always there with His love and shines in our darkness.

During this season of Epiphany, note how many references are made to "light" in our Bible readings and hymns each Sunday. Look at the lights of the sky day and night. Thank God for sending His Son as the Light for all the world!

Peace,

Barbara Fremder, Minister of Music

Church Events

Sunday	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:00am	Blood Pressure Checks
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Eucharist
Monday	12:00pm	Worship & Music Comm. No Preschool
	6:30pm	Adult Confirmations Class
	6:30pm	Quilters
Tuesday	8:00am	Staff Meeting
	9:00am	Tai Chi
	9:00am	Alanon
	4:30am	Siena Francis House
	7:00pm	Directors Board
Wednesday	8:30am	Foster Care
	9:30am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Fellowship
	5:15pm	Children's Music
	6:00pm	Youth Confirmation Class
Thursday	6:30pm	Women's Bible Study
	1:00pm	Preschool Board
	6:30pm	Tai Chi
	7:00pm	Gamblers
Saturday	9:00pm	Ushers/Greeters
Sunday	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Eucharist
	11:30am	CYF Board
	12:00pm	Foundation

Wishing Don Bader Farewell and Godspeed: Don has been our Campus Ministry Coordinator for nearly 10 years but now a new opportunity has emerged and a new Divine Call extended and accepted for Don to be the Executive Director under the reorganized Living H2O Lutheran Campus Ministry. Help us wish Don farewell next Sunday, January 14, as he transitions to this new role and ministry. There will be a reception after each service and an opportunity to greet Don. Cards are welcome.

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.

Tai Chi will resume January 16, 2018.

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!

January is 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 needed. **EPS** will host their annual fundraising banquet on January 28, 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.

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

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BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Romans 6:4a

"We were therefore buried with him through baptism"

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

If you haven't picked up your 2018 Offering Envelopes, they are available in the coat room on a table.

Missions and Social Ministry Board will be collecting diapers and baby items now through March. Please place items in the Narthex bins. Items include: diapers, clothes, lotion, shampoo, bottles, foods and any other baby items. Thank you for your generosity.

Events of Other Congregations and Agencies

Pacific Hills youth are invited to attend a lock-in at **St. Mark Lutheran Church** on 90th and Blondo on January 19th – 20th. 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

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.

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 12, 2018

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

Readings for Sunday, January 21: Jeremiah 29:4-14;
Psalm 65:5, 146:5-9; 1 Peter 3:15-22; Mark 4:1-9, 26-32

Birthdays

Meady Majok	1/14
Cecilia Hafsaas	1/14
Katy Terry	1/16
David Purdy	1/17
Jean Schmieding	1/20

PHLC Members: Anita Blatt, Frank Blatt, 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, 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 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