

The Weekly Visitor

PACIFIC HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH
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More likely than not, I have said how much I love the season of Advent, especially evening worship. Like many of you, I find life to be hectic and a bit stressing trying to shop, decorate, bake, wrap gifts, send cards (often eliminated), attend parties and concerts and more. Worship times take me away from all of that, reminding me exactly WHY we do all this in the first place. Unlike the commercial world, the 'worship world' brings the focus back to the Savior God sent for me because He loved me sooooo much and saw how much I needed Him. Worship gives me the peace the world cannot give. I need this time to prepare my heart.

Peace to you.

Barbara Fremder, Minister of Music

Pacific Hills Events

In the wake of Pr Moorhead's announced intention to request a release from his call, effective June 30, 2014, the Elders and Directors have scheduled a special meeting of the congregation to consider Pr Moorhead's request. The meeting will be held on Sunday, January 19, after the second service. Nebraska District President Russell Sommerfeld will attend the meeting. Pr Moorhead's request will be the sole agenda item. Other details concerning the meeting (specific start time, meal, etc.) will be appropriately communicated to all at a later date. For now, please save the date. Thanks, and blessings!!

This Week at Pacific Hills, December 15 through December 21.

Sunday	8:00 am	Lessons and Carols
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 am	Education Hour
	10:30 am	Lessons and Carols
	11:30 am	CYF Board (Room 215)
	3:00 pm	Preschool Christmas Program (Sanctuary)
Monday, December 16		Pastor Moorhead's Day Off
	6:30 pm	Quilters (Acker Hall)
Tuesday	8:00 am	Staff Meeting (Room 115)
	9:30 am	Alanon (2nd Floor)
	Noon	Bible Study (Room 115)
	1:30 pm	Called Staff Meeting (Room 115)
	3:30 pm	Preschool Board (Room 115)
	4:30 pm	Siena Francis House
	7:00 pm	Board of Directors (Room 209)
Wednesday	8:30 am	Foster Care (2nd Floor)
	9:30 am	Eucharist
	10:00 am	Wednesday Morning Fellowship (Room 115)
	2:00 pm	Carols and Cocoa
	5:45 pm	Meal
	6:30 pm	Midweek Classes
	7:30 pm	Carols and Cocoa

	8:00 pm	Campus Ministry (Gathering Place)
Thursday	7:00 pm	Gamblers (Acker Hall)
Friday		Pastor Schneider's Day Off
	10:00 am	Wed. Morning Fellowship Potluck at the Moorheads
Saturday	5:00 pm	RLL (Acker Hall)
Sunday	8:00 am	Eucharist
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 am	Education Hour
	10:30 am	Eucharist
	4:00 pm	Sunday School Christmas Program
	5:00 pm	Youth Advent Party

A big thank you to everyone who purchased books at the Usborne book fair last week. Preschool received \$100 in free books. We are grateful for your support!

Thank you Volunteers! Thank you to all the special volunteers who helped with the fall clean up out doors, decoration in the sanctuary for the Advent Season, and working in the office during staff vacations.

The 2014 Flower Chart has been placed on the bulletin board in the coatroom. Please sign up early as sponsor or special occasion.

Warm Winter Woolies Wanted (And Needed)! Social Ministry Committee is now collecting hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, warm under-clothing, and socks for all ages of people in area shelters. Please place the donations in the bin in the narthex. Thank you cheerful Givers!

Lamb of God Preschool is participating in the Hy-Vee "Cash for Students" program. Save your Hy-Vee receipts between September 1 and December 31 and turn in your receipts to the specially marked envelope outside the preschool director's office. Hy-Vee donates \$1 for every \$200 of receipts collected. That's all there is to it: buy groceries and gas at Hy-Vee, turn in the receipts, and Lamb of God Preschool reaps the rewards. Thanks for your support of YOUR Lamb of God Preschool! If you have any questions, please contact Kay Storck (402-391-2288).

For any mother who wants to feed her infant, in the library there is a rocking chair and screen for you to use.

PARISH NURSE NOTES

The upcoming holidays for many are filled with joy and celebration but for some are reminders of grief, loneliness and loss. You are not alone. Several faith communities in the Omaha area offer services designed for those who have experienced loss and may be struggling this season.

- **Annual Service of Remembering:** Sunday, December 22, 3:30pm, in the Chapel at King of Kings Church, 11615 "I" St in Omaha. A worship service with the opportunity to thank God for those who have passed on, and grieve alongside others who have also lost loved ones. Fellowship following the service. Call 402-333-6464 for more information.

Readings for Sunday, December 22: Isaiah 7:10-17; Psalm 24; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Events of Other Congregations and Agencies

JOY TO THE WORLD! You are invited to join the celebration by attending this year's Christmas at Concordia. The students at Concordia Jr.-Sr. High School are presenting their annual **Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 15 at 3:00 pm**. The concert will be in the school's new gym and features talented musicians in the school's bands, choirs, bells, strings and jazz ensembles. Join us as we celebrate the Reason for the Season! There is no admission charge – a free-will offering will be taken. For more information, contact the school at 402-445-4000.