

# *The Pacific Hills* **Messenger**

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## ADVENT

### COME, LORD JESUS, COME!!

The word “Advent” means “coming” or “arrival.” The entire season is one of heightened awareness and longing for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The advent wreath reminds us of God Himself, His eternity and endless mercy, who has no beginning or end. The green of the wreath speaks of the hope that we have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life. The candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His Son. Each week a different candle is lit. The four outer candles represent the advent themes of hope, peace, joy and love. The rose candle is unique among the outer candles in that it symbolizes the joy at the Advent of Christ. It is lit on the third week of Advent. The progression in the lighting of the candles symbolizes the various aspects of our waiting experience. Finally, the light that has come into the world is plainly visible as the Christ candle is lit at Christmas, and we rejoice over the fact that the promise of long ago has been realized.

The candles also remind us that there is a rhythm to the Season. Each week builds on the previous week.

**Join us each Wednesday during Advent as we examine different  
Angles on Advent Angels**

**Services are at 2pm and 7pm**

Angels play a prominent role in the proclamation of the Good News that a Savior is Born. An Angel of the Lord, Gabriel, first appears to Zechariah and Elizabeth to announce that she will conceive the Forerunner of Christ in her old age. Gabriel appears to Mary to announce that she will be great with Child by the power of the Holy Spirit and that she is to name Him Jesus. An Angel of the Lord appears to Joseph to tell him that he should not be afraid to take Mary as his wife; and angels fill the skies over Bethlehem to announce to the shepherds that a Savior is born.

Pastor Bryan Drebes

## Church Events

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	<b>Eucharist</b>
<b>Monday</b>	6:30pm	Quilters
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30am	Alanon
<b>Wednesday</b>	2:00pm	<b>Worship</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00pm	Gamblers-12 Step
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	9:00am	Blood Screening
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	3:00pm	<b>Preschool Christmas Program</b>

**Sunday's altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Danny and KangAe for Yue Gao's birthday.

**Join the Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study Group** at the Joslyn Art Museum Thursday, December 5. We will meet there at Joslyn at 10:30am, visit the St. John's Illuminated Bible Exhibit and then lunch. The cost for the exhibit is \$10. Contact is Brenda Whealy at 402-201-1106 or [brenda.whealy@gmail.com](mailto:brenda.whealy@gmail.com).

**Senior Lunch Bunch** will meet for food and fellowship on Tuesday, December 10, 11:30am, at Biaggi's Restaurant, 13650 California. All are welcome. No RSVP needed.

**We had a small (but mighty) group show up for Saturday's Rake 'n Run.** Dan Swan and three Swan kids — Andrew, Alaina and Lucas — and Bob Glissmann raked the yards of Pacific Hills' neighbors and filled 25 bags. The neighbors were appreciative.

**Director of Music Search** -- We presently have a Search Committee of five to search for a new Director of Music. Those five are Bill Wagner-chair, Dan Irvin, Sara Young, Sara Thomas and Pastor Drebes. Dennis Grindle will serve as a consultant/spokesman for the committee. We already have some leads, but the Search Committee is open to names and suggestions from the congregation. Please feel free to share any name with any member of the committee. Thank you.

## Schedule of Events:

### December 1

Advent begins—During Advent, our Sunday morning messages will follow the lectionary. During our Wednesday mid-week sermon series we will examine different "Angles on Advent Angels".

**December 4 & 11**, 2pm and 7pm

**December 15**, Lessons and Carols, 9am only

**December 18**, 2pm and 7pm

**December 24**, Christmas Eve, 5pm and 7pm

**December 25**, Christmas Day, 9am

**December 29**, Fifth Sunday Eucharist, 9am only

**Time and Talent sheets** have been placed in everyone's mailboxes for updating. Please return your completed form to the Church office. Thank you for volunteering your "time and talents".

**Pacific Hills members** who have pledged to support the Forward in Faith Together capital campaign should use separate envelopes from your regular offering envelopes. Envelopes are available in the narthex.

## Bible Verse of the Week

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord."

(Isaiah 2:3a)

### Sunday School Classes begin at 9:15am:

Nursery opens at 9am (main floor-south door entrance-canopy extension)

Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd grade students will meet together for opening in Rooms 206/207 and then break into two separate groups for lessons.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will remain in Rooms 206/207

1st and 2nd grade students will move to Room 212

3rd through middle school students will meet in Room 208

### Adult Bible Study begins at 9:30am in Acker Hall

Topic: Does the Bible Contradict Itself?

**The Mission/Social Committee is pleased to present an opportunity for you to provide Warm Woolies to be given to homeless shelters and the Salvation Army through the end of December.** Warm Woolies include hats, scarves, gloves and socks for men, women and children. Please place in boxes beneath the Christmas tree in the narthex or donation bin. Gifts do not need to be wrapped. Your generosity is appreciated. Thank you.

## Events of Other Congregations and Agencies

**Two CHRISTMAS CONCERTS at CONCORDIA Jr. - Sr. High "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

**Junior high music groups Thursday, December 12, at 7pm** will include the varsity jazz band, musicians in band, choir, orchestra and hand-bells.

**Annual senior high concert, Friday, December 13, at 7pm.** will feature vocalists from the Concordia Chorale, Singers, Harmonix (Contemporary A Capella), instrumentalists in the hand-bells choir, orchestra, jazz band and concert band.

**LORD'S LAMBS CHILD CARE** is looking for full and part time staff. Immediate openings for: Toddler Room, Twos Room, Floaters, and Substitutes. If you enjoy working with children in a Christ-centered environment, please contact Denise, our director, at [Director@lordslambselkhorn.org](mailto:Director@lordslambselkhorn.org). Employment application is downloadable at <http://lordslambselkhorn.org/meet-the-staff/>. Or call Denise at 402-289-9291 or [Director@lordslambselkhorn.org](mailto:Director@lordslambselkhorn.org)