

# *The Pacific Hills* Messenger

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## “My Times are in Your Hands”

As we come to the end of another year, I thought it would be appropriate for us to look at the value we place on time. How do you value time? Unlike skill or talent or spiritual gifts, time is one of those blessings that God gives to all of us in the exact same quantity. With the exception of the newborns among us, we were all put in charge of 8,760 hours again this year. How did you use this time and how do you show that you value the time that God gives?

How do you value ONE YEAR? Maybe you could ask a student who failed a grade.

How do you value ONE MONTH? Maybe you could ask a mother whose baby arrived prematurely.

How do you value ONE WEEK? Maybe you could ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.

How do you value ONE HOUR? Maybe you could ask someone who lies terminally ill waiting for a loved one who is late.

How do you value ONE MINUTE? Maybe you could ask someone who missed a plane, a train, or a very important engagement that cannot be rescheduled.

How do you value ONE SECOND? Maybe you could ask an Olympic Medalist or someone who just missed having an accident.

All the time we have comes to us as a gift from God. Just like all the other gifts we receive from him, time is something that God loans to us. We don't own it. We are only managers of this gift. So as we prepare to close another year, it's very fitting that we should join King David in saying, “My Times are in Your Hands.” (Psalm 31:15a).

Blessings,

Pastor Bryan Drebes

## Church Events

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	10:15am	Special Congregation Meeting and Fellowship
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30am	Alanon
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Happy New Year</b> Church Office Closed
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00pm	Gamblers-12 Step
<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>

**Sunday's altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by Joseph and Ann Privitera in honor of their 46th wedding anniversary.

**Special Congregation Meeting, December 29, 2019**

There will be special Congregation Meeting at 10:15am on December 29, immediately following the 9am Fifth Sunday service. The purpose of the meeting is to update the entire congregation on the building campaign and to share the updated renovation vision developed in consultation with our architects. The meeting will also include a discussion on funding that will be needed over and above what has been previously pledged. These are exciting times for the congregation. We need everyone's input regarding the revised plans and funding. Please plan to attend so that we can "Move Forward in Faith Together!" Finally, as has been the tradition following Fifth Sunday services, refreshments will be served.

Thank you,  
John Thomas, President

**An Update from Campus Ministry Living H2O:** Campus Ministry Living H2O, at its December board meeting, prayerfully decided to "suspend operations" due to the lack of students participating in the ministry. There are still some administrative things that need to be done before a decision is made to "close the ministry." However, at this time, the ministry requests that future gifts be directed to other ministry choices of our donors.

**Game Day!** Join CYF on Saturday, January 4, 2pm to 4pm for an afternoon of games. Bring a favorite card or board game to share. Snacks will be provided. Everyone is welcome! We hope to see you there!

**Please pick up your 2020 Offering envelopes that have been placed on the table in the coatroom.**

**If you would like to sponsor the Altar Flowers in 2020,** the Flower Chart has been placed on the bulletin board in the coatroom.

**For your consideration:** The piano in Acker Hall has been replaced. The old one is available for donation to the first person who claims it. You must also be responsible for moving it out of Acker Hall. Call the church office to let them know you would like to claim the piano and will move it. If you have questions or need more information about this instrument, call Sara Young at 402-397-7987.

**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

"A voice is heard in Ramah,  
weeping and great mourning."

(Matthew 2:18a)

**Essential Pregnancy Services "Glow" Banquet.** Please mark February 6, 2020, on your calendar for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual EPS Fundraising Dinner. It will be hosted at the Embassy Suites of Lavista. The keynote speaker will be Shawn Carney, depicted in the inspiring true story, Unplanned, and CEO and President of 40 Days for Life. More details to come.

**Youth Confirmation Class resumes on January 8, 6pm in Acker Hall.** Pastor Drebes

**NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY IN GENESIS** starting Wednesday, January 8, 6:30pm or Thursday, January 9, 10am in Room 115. We will be using a book by Nancy Guthrie - "The Promised One—Seeing Jesus in Genesis". Contact Brenda Whealy at [brenda.whealy@gmail.com](mailto:brenda.whealy@gmail.com) or 402-201-1106.

**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: A Biblical Study of the End of Times

## Events of Other Congregations and Agencies

**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)