

The Pacific Hills Messenger

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SANCTITY OF LIFE MONTH

The month of January is regarded as Sanctity of Life Month and January 19 will be observed as Sanctity of Life Sunday. The Rev. Joel Fritsche, Missionary to the Dominican Republic and Director of Concordia Seminary and Mercy Center in Palmar Arriba, located in the Santiago province, will be our guest preacher.

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 baby items and diapers for children newborn to age 2 and place them in the bins in the narthex. Diapers are in great need.

The Essential Pregnancy Services “Glow” Banquet is scheduled for February 6. Doors open at 5pm. Please mark this date and time on your calendar for the 24th Annual EPS Fundraising Dinner. As in the past, 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. With your support, we can make a difference in the lives of countless families and support the sanctity of life in greater Omaha.

You can register for the banquet by going to www.friendsofeps.org/glow and clicking the “EPS Banquet Banner.” As you register, you may then select “Brenda Whealy” or “Mike Whealy” as your table host. This year we are grateful to both Mike and Brenda for agreeing to be our table hosts.

Blessings,

Pastor Bryan Drebes

Church Events

Saturday	10:00am	Smiles at the Laundromat
	2:00pm	CYF Game Day
Sunday	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Eucharist
Monday		Preschool begins
	6:30pm	Quilters
Tuesday	9:00am	Care Ministry Committee
	9:00am	Tai Chi
	9:30am	Alanon
	10:30am	Missions & Social Ministry
Wednesday	9:30am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Fellowship
	6:00pm	Youth Confirmation Class
	6:34pm	Women’s Bible Study
Thursday	10:00am	Women’s Bible Study
	6:30pm	Tai Chi
	7:00pm	Elders
	7:00pm	Gamblers-12 Step
Friday	7:30pm	Omaha Philatelic Society
Sunday	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:00am	Blood Pressure Schecks
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Eucharist
	11:45am	Outreach Board
	12:00pm	Worship/Music Comm.

Sunday's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Marlene Hawver.

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!

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 or 402-201-1106.

Senior Lunch Bunch: Start the new year with PHLC members for food and fellowship at Anthony's Steakhouse (72 & F - in the Ozone room) on Tuesday, January 14, at 11:30am. Everyone welcome, no RSVP needed.

Pacific Hills members: March 2019 began the first year of the Forward in Faith Together capital fund campaign. Please check to see if you will meet the your first year commitment based on your personal pledge. Remember to use separate envelopes from your regular offering envelopes. Envelopes are available in the narthex.

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.

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.

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.

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Bible Verse of the Week

"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?"

(Matthew 2:2a)

Social Ministry and Missions: "Thank you, Thank you" were the responses from the Salvation Army Night Watch Program and the Siena Francis House when 6 large bags of "Warm Woolies" were delivered to their doors. The collection of hats, gloves, socks was very successful!

The Special Mission offerings from November (\$500) were sent to LCMS Ministry to the Armed Services and Operation Barnabas. The \$1000 yearly budget of the Social Ministry Board was sent to Youth Emergency Services serving homeless youth (\$400), Good News Jail Ministry for local support of the chaplain program (\$300), and Stephen Center (\$300) for homeless services.

Upcoming events: Smiles at the Laundromat, Saturday, January 4, 10am -12pm. Meet at the church. This has been a successful Social Ministry project helping those in need with their laundry expenses. (Donations may be made to the Yahweh Fund if you cannot volunteer).

Mission of the Month for January: Right to Life Month. Donations of baby items and diapers will be collected for Essential Pregnancy Services'. EPS supports and serves mothers and their babies.

Missionary visit: Sunday, January 19. Pastor Joel Fritsche will preach and provide information about his mission work in the Dominican Republic during Bible class.

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.

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. Employment application is downloadable at <http://lordslambselkhorn.org/meet-the-staff/>. Or call Denise at 402-289-9291.