

# *The Pacific Hills* Messenger

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## SANCTITY OF LIFE MONTH

The month of January is regarded as Sanctity of Life Month and so 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. If you have picked up baby items such as diapers and wipes for children newborn to age 2, you are encouraged to bring them this weekend for our **final drive push** and place them in the bins in the narthex. Thank you.

**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 (6pm). 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](http://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

<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>
	11:30am	CYF Meeting
<b>Monday</b>	6:30pm	Quilters
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00am	Care Ministry Committee
	9:00am	Tai Chi
	9:30am	Alanon
	10:30am	Missions & Social Ministry
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00pm	Youth Confirmation Class
	6:45pm	Women’s Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00am	Women’s Bible Study
	6:30pm	Tai Chi
	7:00pm	Gamblers-12 Step
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	9:00am	Blood Pressure Screening
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	12:00pm	Worship & Music Committee

**Sundays altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by Paul and Kristen Karl in celebration of Kaelin's 11th birthday.

**Philip Chawech will be presenting at Bible Class this week on mission work in South Sudan in Acker Hall at 9:30am.**

**New Adult Confirmation Classes** will begin Monday, March 2, at 6pm in Room 115. Please indicate your desire to participate with Pastor directly or with Linda in the church office. Classes meet for 6-weeks and lead to membership at Pacific Hills. **The Next Reception of New Members either by Confirmation or Transfer** will be the Sunday right after Easter, April 19. If you desire to transfer please also indicate with Pastor directly or with Linda in the church office. Thank you.

**VACATION:** Over the next 10 days, February 4-14, Pastor and Cheryl will be on vacation! If there are immediate pastoral or home care needs, please contact Bill Wagner (402-884-1623) or Marilyn Wegehaupt 402-334-2896).

**Senior Lunch Bunch** will meet for food and fellowship on Tuesday, February 11 at 11:30pm at the Farm House Cafe, 3461 S. 84. Everyone welcome, no RSVP needed. (we will cancel the event if schools are closed due to inclement weather).

**Preparing to Celebrate our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** Mark your calendars. On June 14, 2020 we will be celebrating 65 years as a congregation. It was "near" this date in 1955 (on June 12<sup>th</sup>) that Pacific Hills Lutheran Church was organized with 112 communicant members, most of which were transfers from First Lutheran. To commemorate this day, our Board of Elders is putting together a special committee to help facilitate a day of worship, fellowship, lunch and other activities. The renovation will be well underway by June 14. This will give us opportunity to look back and thank God for what has been even as we look ahead to the great things that God has in store for us as a congregation. Stay tuned for more details.

**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.

**THANK YOU to Joan Workman** for using her talented sewing skills in making the beautiful quilted cover for the new piano in Acker Hall. It is wonderful protection for this beautiful new instrument. We appreciate her doing this and if you happen to be down in Acker Hall take a look at her outstanding work!

**For your consideration:** The old piano 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.

## Bible Verse of the Week

"For my eyes have seen your salvation."

(Luke 2:30)

**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 your first year commitment based on your personal pledge. Remember to use separate envelopes from your regular offering envelopes. Envelopes for Forward in Faith Together 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.

**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

Celebrate Christian education with Concordia Schools at the **14th Annual Concordia Gala** on Friday, March 6. Highlights will include silent auction, dinner, live auction and featured entertainment from **Joe Cole's Comedy Magic**. The 2020 Gala will be held at the Embassy Suites in LaVista beginning with silent auction and cocktails at 5:30pm and dinner following at 7pm. Tickets are on sale now at [Concordia Gala website](#). **RSVP deadline is February 15th.** Sponsorship and donation opportunities are also available. If you have any questions, please contact Cristine Minneman at 402-660-1034. This year's theme is "Perfect Vision" based on Psalm 16:11.