

The Pacific Hills **Messenger**

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Our Mid-Week Advent Services

Advent Blues

The church uses various colors to mark the different seasons of the church year. Advent is no different. The color for the season is blue and during this season we give voice to the longing of our hearts for Jesus to come. The cry of God's people throughout the ages has been, "Come, Lord Jesus, Come!" During the Advent Season we celebrate Jesus who was promised to come, who did come, and who will come again as our Prophet, Priest and King. The pageantry of our "Advent Blues" visually points us to the one who is pure and royal.

Join us each week during Advent (2pm and 7pm) as we examine the royalty of Christ.

December 5th -- Singing the Blues: Jesus as Prophet
(Luke 7:16–17)

December 12th -- Blue Ribbon: Jesus as Priest
(Hebrews 5:5–10)

December 19th -- Blue Blood: Jesus as King
(Luke 23:1–3; John 18:36–37)

Church Events

Sunday	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:15am	Choir
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Eucharist Hanging of the Greens
Monday	6:30pm	Quilters
Tuesday	9:30am	Alanon
Wednesday	9:30am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Fellowship
	2:00pm	Worship
	7:00pm	Worship
Thursday	7:00pm	Elders
	7:00pm	Gamblers-12 Step
Sunday	8:00am	Lessons and Carols
	9:00am	Blood Pressure Screening
	9:15am	Choir
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Lessons and Carols
	12:00pm	Worship and Music Committee
	3:00pm	Preschool Christmas Program
	3:00pm	Open House Honoring Don Bader (Gathering Place—until 5pm)

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Joe and Carla Risko in memory of Joseph Risko, Sr.

Hanging of the Greens will be right after the second service on Sunday, December 2. All assistance will be appreciated! The whole process shouldn't take longer than about 90 minutes.

Health Update: I have now gone through two phases of treatment for colon cancer. The first phase of treatment consisted of eight intravenous chemotherapy treatments. The second phase consisted of twenty-eight radiation treatments along with an oral chemotherapy regimen. Currently I am in a "holding pattern" for about another month. On December 27, I will receive more tests and scans and we'll see where I stand at that point. Please continue to pray for Cheryl and me. After the tests and scans we hope to hear the words, "no evidence of disease." We thank all of you for your continued thoughts and prayers.
Pastor Drebes

The 2019 Flower Chart has been placed on the coatroom bulletin board. Please sign up for sponsorship of your special day.

Don Bader, long-time Coordinator of Lutheran Campus Ministry in Omaha, will be retiring at the end of the year. The board is truly thankful for the work Don has done for many years in building relationships among college students and sharing Jesus Christ with them.

In recognition of Don's retirement, the board is sponsoring an open house at the Gathering Place, 1124 S. 90th Street, on Sunday, December 9, 3pm to 5pm.

Members, friends, donors, students, former students, and congregation pastors are cordially invited to attend and honor Don's ministry.

Please park in the Pacific Hills Lutheran Church parking lot and enter the Gathering Place through the back door.

We hope you are able to come and celebrate with us!

Rev. Stephen R. Bartelt, Campus Ministry Board Chair

Senior Lunch Bunch will meet for lunch and fellowship at Biagge's Restaurante, 136th & California Strs., on Tuesday, December 11 at 11:30am. No RSVP needed, All are welcome.

Tai Chi: Taking a holiday break. There will be no Tai Chi in December and early January. It starts back on January 8th.

We have Pacific Hills coffee mugs! The 14 oz. mugs will be on sale for \$5 each in the narthex after each service Sunday. The money will go into the Outreach Board's account for future outreach efforts. We'll also give some to visitors. Check them out.

The Bible Verse of the Week

"Be always on the watch, and pray."

Luke 21:36a

Events of Other Congregations and Agencies

Parents Night Out

Looking for a kids-free night to Christmas shop or have a date night? Concordia **National Spanish Honor Society** has a great and affordable option for you! On **December 7, January 18 and February 8**, they will be hosting **Parents Night Out** at Concordia Jr.-Sr. High School ([15656 Fort St. Omaha, NE 68116](https://www.concordia.edu/15656-Fort-St-Omaha-NE-68116)) from **5:00-9:00pm**. Drop your kids off for a fun night full of games, movies, devotions, and snacks. A minimum donation of \$20 per family is encouraged for the service, which helps NSHS members raise funds for their mission trip to **Puerto Rico** in summer 2019.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH WITH FELLOW LUTHERANS:

- **JOURNEYS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TOUR** – Athens, Corinth, Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Ephesus, Patmos, with a 3-day cruise of Greek Islands included (April 27 - May 7, 2019)
- **LUTHERLAND TOUR** – Visiting all the Luther sites from Berlin to Wittenberg to Augsburg + The Passion Play at Oberammergau (June 28 – July 8, 2020) Contact Pastor Darold Reiner, Retired LCMS Pastor/Former International LWML Counselor, for a brochure & information: 406-890-1149 or imhis38@gmail.com

Living H2o Lutheran Campus Ministry:

Sola Scriptura weekly Bible study Opportunity for Omaha Young Adults every Tuesday at 7pm at "The Gathering Place" (1124 S 90th St.). Our college age group still meets every Wednesday at 8pm for Bible study. Weekly suppers begin at 7pm.

Adopt a Meal program needs your help!! Here is how:

- Make a meal and bring it to "The Gathering Place" by 7pm on Wednesday evening for 10 to 15 students.
- Make a meal ahead of time, bring them by any time, and it will be heated up on Wednesday evening by the student leadership.
- Make a cash donation to help defray the costs of a meal. (Designate the donation as Campus Ministry Fellowship Meals.)

If you are interested in participating, please contact Don Bader at 402-578-4177 or email don@living-h2o.org.