

The Pacific Hills Messenger

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The Lamb of God Preschool Christmas service will be this Sunday, Dec. 9 at 3pm in the sanctuary. After the service will be a birthday party for Jesus with cake and ice cream in Acker Hall. We would love to have you join us as the children share the message of Jesus' birth!

As 2018 draws to a close, Lamb of God Preschool—teachers, students, and families—would like to say a big “THANK YOU!” to our whole congregation for your amazing support of our preschool this year. We are truly blessed to be a ministry of Pacific Hills. God's richest blessings to all of you in this Advent and Christmas season and in the new year.

Kay Storck
Director/Teacher
Lamb of God Preschool

Church Events

Sunday	8:00am	Lessons and Carols
	9:00am	Blood Pressure Screening
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Lessons and Carols
	12:00pm	Worship & Music Comm.
	3:00pm	Preschool Christmas Program
Tuesday	3:00pm	Open House at Campus Ministry Gathering Place Honoring Don Bader
	3:00pm	
Tuesday	9:30am	Alanon
	11:30am	Senior Lunch Bunch at Biagge's Restarante
Wednesday	9:30am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Fellowship
	2:00pm	Worship
	7:00pm	Worship
Thursday	7:00pm	Gamblers-12 Step
Friday	7:30pm	Omaha Philatelic Society
Sunday	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:15am	Choir
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Eucharist
	11:30am	CYF Board

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Tom and Rhoda Storck

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

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)

Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve Worship

5:00 pm – Family Worship with Lessons and Carols and Candlelight

7:00 pm – Traditional Divine Service with Communion and Candlelight

Christmas Day

9:00 am – Traditional Divine Service with Communion

1st Sunday after Christmas/Fifth Sunday

9:00 am – Traditional Divine Service with Communion

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

The Bible Verse of the Week

"Prepare the way for the Lord."

Luke 3:4b

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

Thank you for your generous donations for Operation: Care and Comfort in November! PHLC shipped 63 pounds of personal care items, beef jerky and batteries to OCC, where they will prepare and ship care packages to deployed service men and women. Please keep those who serve in your prayers.

We are near the end of 2018. It will be important that you send all donations to the church so that your donations are received no later than December 30. The last deposit will be made December 31. Thank you.

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, such as the mailing Pastor Drebes sent out earlier this year to the neighborhood around the church. We'll also give some to visitors. Check them out!

Events of Other Congregations and Agencies

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