



# *The Pacific Hills* Messenger

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Now that Thanksgiving has passed, our culture is full speed ahead toward Christmas. Black Friday has come and gone. As I write this there are no less than a dozen “Cyber Monday” deals in my inbox. Every store is glitzed out with decorations, and every radio is tuned to holiday music. Trees are up and gifts are being purchased. There is nothing inherently wrong with being in the “Christmas spirit,” but I would like to suggest we spend more time being in Advent contemplation. A few less lights and more Light of the World. A few less cookies and more Bread of Life. Less inflatable reindeer and more Shepherd of the sheep. Fewer gifts and more being in the presence of the Savior. Less Santa and more Jesus. Some opportunities to be more connected to the Savior during Advent include attending the special worship services at Pacific Hills on Wednesdays at 2pm or 7pm. Lutheran Hour Ministries has wonderful daily Advent devotions in booklet form or e-mail delivery. Even simply taking 10-15 minutes each day to have some quiet time reading the Christmas story or Old Testament prophecies from the Bible and using the Advent hymns from our hymnal for personal reflection can help us slow down in the busy-ness of the season. May we use this Advent season to reflect on the amazing gift God has given us of His own dear Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Kay Storck

Lamb of God Preschool

**P.S.** We invite all of you to join us this Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3pm in the sanctuary for the preschool Christmas service, as we share the true reason for the season. Following the service is a birthday party for Jesus in Acker Hall. All are welcome!

## Church Events

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	9:00am	Blood Screening
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	<b>Eucharist</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	3:00pm	<b>Preschool Christmas Program</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30am	Alanon
	11:30am	Senior Lunch Bunch
<b>Wednesday</b>	2:00pm	<b>Worship</b>
	7:00pm	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00pm	Elders Board
	7:00pm	Gamblers-12 Step
<b>Friday</b>	7:30pm	Omaha Philatelic Society
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00am	<b>Lessons and Carols</b>
	10:00am	Fellowship

**Sunday's altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Joe & Carla in memory of Joe Risko, Sr.

**Senior Lunch Bunch** will meet for food and fellowship on Tuesday, December 10, 11:30am, at Biaggi's Restaurant, 13650 California. All are welcome. No RSVP needed.

**Mission and Social Committee** continues to provide an opportunity to donate warm woolies throughout December. Hats, scarves, gloves and socks are welcome for men, women and children. Place in boxes under Christmas tree, in narthex, or donation bin. Thank you.

**Director of Music Search** -- We presently have a Search Committee of five to search for a new Director of Music. Those five are Bill Wagner-chair, Dan Irvin, Sara Young, Sara Thomas and Pastor Drebes. Dennis Grindle will serve as a consultant/spokesman for the committee. We already have some leads, but the Search Committee is open to names and suggestions from the congregation. Please feel free to share any name with any member of the committee. Thank you.

## Schedule of Events:

**Advent began December 1**—During Advent, our Sunday morning messages will follow the lectionary. During our Wednesday mid-week sermon series we will examine different "Angles on Advent Angels". **Please also note** the three **9:00am** services in December.

**December 11**, 2pm and 7pm

**December 15**, Lessons and Carols, **9am only**

**December 18**, 2pm and 7pm

**December 24**, Christmas Eve, 5pm and 7pm

**December 25**, Christmas Day, **9am**

**December 29**, Fifth Sunday Eucharist, **9am only**

**Christmas Poinsettias:** Please complete the order form attached or picked up in the narthex and return it to the office with your check by **December 15**.

**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/basement. 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 @ 402-397-7987.

**Fifth Sunday is Coming:** Mark your calendars as a reminder that we have just one Sunday service – at **9am** – on December 29 to continue our practice of having a single service anytime we have a fifth Sunday in a month. Fellowship time will follow in Acker Hall. Please plan to attend.

## Bible Verse of the Week

"The infant will play near the cobra's den."

(Isaiah 11:8a)

### 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

**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.

## Events of Other Congregations and Agencies

**Two CHRISTMAS CONCERTS at CONCORDIA Jr. - Sr. High**  
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

**Junior high music groups Thursday, December 12, at 7pm** will include the varsity jazz band, musicians in band, choir, orchestra and hand-bells.

**Annual senior high concert, Friday, December 13, at 7pm.** will feature vocalists from the Concordia Chorale, Singers, Harmonix (Contemporary A Capella), instrumentalists in the hand-bells choir, orchestra, jazz band and concert band.

**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)