

# *The Pacific Hills* Messenger

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## Church Events

### Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! January is a time of new beginnings. It's a new year, a new month, and a new semester for school students and teachers. Some people make resolutions or set goals for the year. Some people choose a word or theme for the year. Many of these resolutions, goals, and themes will be discarded at some point along the way. Our situations change. We fall back into bad habits. The time and effort is more than we are able to commit. Isn't it good to know that no matter what year it is, no matter if we keep our resolutions or not, no matter what our shortcomings are, we have a God who never changes? James 1:17 says, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, **who does not change** like shifting shadows." Hebrews 13:8 says "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever." We can take comfort in knowing this God who never changes infinitely loves each one of us. Loves us so much he sent his Son to live the perfect life we could not and die on the cross and rise again to secure our eternity with him. May this truth bring you comfort and joy in the new year.

Blessings,

Kay Storck

Lamb of God Preschool Director/Teacher

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	9:00am	Blood Pressure Checks
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15am	Education Hour
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	11:45am	Outreach Board
	12:00pm	Worship/Music Comm.
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00am	Tai Chi
	9:30am	Alanon
	11:30am	Senior Lunch Bunch
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00am	Foster Care
	6:45pm	Women's Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00am	Women's Bible Study
	6:30pm	Tai Chi
	6:30pm	Trustees Board
	7:00pm	Gamblers-12 Step
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	11:30am	CYF Board

**Sunday's altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Joe and Carla Risko in celebration of Julia's 15th birthday.

**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.

**A Note From Pastor:** Thank you all so very much for your continued thoughts and prayers. By the time you get this Messenger note, I should be out of the hospital, or at least I hope to be. All of this started Thursday night (January 2) after dinner. I started not feeling well, but I went ahead and attended a meeting I had scheduled. By the time I got home I was miserable. I tried to rest in our Lay-Z Boy chair but was getting worse. Around 11pm I went to bed, but was restless. Finally, I woke Cheryl up at about 11:30pm and told her we needed to go to the ER. Upon evaluation, it was revealed that I had a bowel blockage caused by two hernias, which required immediate surgery to repair. So, I am currently at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, recovering from surgery. I continue to request prayers from all of you for both Cheryl and myself. We do hope to be home and back with all of you very soon. God's Richest Blessings,  
Pastor Bryan and Cheryl Drebes

**Missionary visit Sunday, January 19.** Pastor Joel Fritsche, Missionary to the Dominican Republic and Director of Concordia Seminary and Mercy Center in Palmar Ariba, will be the guest preacher and will give a presentation during Bible study on his work in the Dominican Republic. Welcome Pastor Fritsche!

**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.

**Essential Pregnancy Services "Glow" Banquet.** 24<sup>th</sup> Annual EPS Fundraising Dinner will be **Thursday, February 6.** Doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm. 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. **Please help fill the Pacific Hills tables by going to [www.friendsofeps.org/glow](http://www.friendsofeps.org/glow).** Click "EPS Banquet Banner" and select "Brenda Whealy" or "Mike Whealy" as your table host. If you need help, call Brenda at 402-201-1106.

**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.

## Bible Verse of the Week

"All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?"

(Romans 6:3b)

**Board of Missions and Social Ministry Mission of the Month in January** is a Baby Drive for Essential Pregnancy Services which provides support for mothers and their babies. Donations of diapers (up to age 2), wipes, baby clothing, lotion, shampoo, body wash, bottles, bottle brushes, blankets, baby food and baby items are needed and may be placed in the bins in the narthex. Thank for your generosity.

**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.

**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,** 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**

**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)