



Highlands Happenings

July 9, 2015

This Sunday—Sunday in the Park

It's almost time for Sunday in the Park! We will be meeting at Pferdesteller Park, West 33rd Avenue and Yates, on **Sunday, July 12th at 10AM**. This will be the first joint service with Highland Christian Church! There will be lots of singing and Briar Branch, Pastor Sondra's band, will be playing. There will be a barbeque following the service. Congregational members need only bring side-dishes to share (salads or desserts), which is what the other congregation is doing. All meats, buns, condiments and tableware will be provided for both churches. Hope to see you all there!

A Farewell Service for Gunnar Olgeirson

Monday, July 13th - 10:00 am

We will bid Gunnar Olgeirson a Farewell on Monday, July 13 at 10:00am at Highlands Lutheran Church. Casual dress, please. Coffee and cookies will be served in the Narthex, after service. Stay behind to give a hug to Carrie, Chris, Jaeger, grandparents and friends.

Following the service, everyone is invited to a Celebration of Gunnar's Life at the VDR dirt bike track (about an hour north of town on I-25; 20998 I-25 Frontage Rd, Johnstown). Lunch will be served. If you are a rider, bring your dirt bike or ATV, and your safety equipment, and enjoy an afternoon of free track time.

VBS WAS GREAT! Thank you!

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME, ENERGY AND LOVE FOR CHILDREN TO MAKE VBS HAPPEN!

SUE WITTKOPP has been the director of the whole VBS! Ray Lejeune began the day with songs on his guitar! Pastors Stahlberg and Tilsley retold biblical stories after watching them on DVD, with the help of the kids. Mary Williams did some wonderful craft projects. Sue Wittkopp took care of the science part. Paul and Lorraine Rumpeltes organized daily tasty snacks and took care of the registration. Joe Milius and Erin Power had fun doing games and recreation with the kids.

ELDERBERRIES Tuesday, July 14th

Pastor Liliana will host the Elderberries on Tuesday, July 14th for a Romanian summer salad, meat balls and mashed potatoes, as well as a surprise dessert! She will have a short slide show of her daughter's wedding, as well as pictures of the sites from Florence, Pompeii and Rome, and she hopes to see "all my dear berries" there!

HLC BOOK CLUB

Join us in the library right after worship on July 19th to continue our exploration of Sara Miles' book, *Take This Bread*. Come even if you haven't signed up! For more information, talk with Mary Williams.

HLC Community Assessment -UPDATE

Our consultant, Deaconess Liesl Begnaud, has been meeting with HLC members, neighbors, service providers, neighborhood groups. She has been gathering information about our community and is presenting the findings on **August 2nd, right after service**. Liesl is then inviting the congregation into a reflection and discernment process based on her report. She will host three meetings at church as follows:

Monday, Aug. 10th, 6:00 pm, in the church library;

Sunday, Aug. 16th , after church service;

Sunday, Aug.23rd , final conversation, after service.

Liesl can be contacted on the phone at: 303-817-5665 or by email at: lkbegnaud2012@gmail.com

HLC Prayer Chain

The HLC Prayer Chain is in motion! Send your prayer requests to the office and Anna will send them off to the prayer chain! To be added to the email list or phone calls, please contact Maren Markus (916-402-8766 or marenmarkus@gmail.com)

BIENVENIDOS FOOD BANK

Sunday we will bless the food bank donations during the worship service. Please continue to place nonperishable items in the baskets in the narthex. On the last Sunday of the month, we will bless the donated food during the worship service. Our donations are used by the Food Bank, as it serves over 800 individuals each week. During July, think "Summer." Please bring in relish, mayo, baked beans, catsup, mustard, pickles and other nonperishable "Summer" items.

Together Colorado Community Organizing Workshops

Together Colorado will be holding a training session on the basics of community organizing in July. You are welcome to attend! There is no charge. Food, interpretation and child care will be provided. This session will be held on Sunday, July 12th from 1:30-7:30pm. To register and find the location, email patty@togetherco.org.

May God bless you and keep you in His Grace!