



Highlands Happenings

September 17, 2015

Art Show at Denver Seminary: Tara McConnell and Christos Collective

The art of Tara McConnell is in a group show with Christos Collective at Denver Seminary. The theme of the show is "Reclaim". Come check out the work and see a variety of Christian artist interpretations of what it is to be reclaimed or to reclaim. Tara will be present with the other artists at the show opening **TONIGHT, Thursday September 17 from 6-8pm, or the artist talk on October 27 from 7-8:30pm**. If you can't make it to one of the scheduled evenings, you are welcome to go check out the artwork any time between now and December 8 at the Bridge Gallery of Denver Seminary.

Highland Christian Church and Highlands Lutheran Church will have a joint blessing of the animals on SUNDAY September 20th at 10am.

The whole service is focused on St. Francis and his love for animals, and on the blessing of our beloved pets. They are given to us by God for companionship, comfort and consolation. Pastor Sondra Tilsley will lead the service. Outside fellowship will follow the service.

Bright Stars of Bethlehem

The Colorado Chapter of Bright Stars of Bethlehem is a group of Lutheran and other Christians who are dedicated to "helping people in the Holy Land have life and have it abundantly." Visit the website www.brightstarsbethlehem.org for information about a variety of events happening in several front-range cities September 20-27th.

HLC Book Club

On September 24th we will meet again at Ken Wiig's house, at 6:30 pm, to talk about Walter Brueggemann's book: *SABBATH AS RESISTANCE*. The book can be purchased on Kindle for \$8, or borrowed from the library. Bring food and come prepared for a good discussion!

ADULT FORUM

Our new time for Adult Forum is 8:45. Join us for an exceptional discussion at the Adult Forum on September 27th! There will be coffee and donuts and great conversation. The topic is *How Do We "Be Christian" In Today's World?* led by Becky Chabot. Becky is a social ethicist whose primary area of interest is in the intersection of sports, ethics, and religion. A proud Minnesotan, she has published a lot on soccer and most recently co-wrote the chapter on feminist theologies in Orbis Books' *Introducing Liberative Theologies*. She has a BA in Theology from Creighton University, a Masters of Divinity from the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, and will complete her PhD at the University of Denver/Illiff School of Theology in the spring of 2016. Who are we? Who are we called to be? How are we going to get there? And what are we supposed to do? These questions have troubled humans for our entire existence and there are many different ways to answer the questions. But what does it mean to answer them in a specifically Christian way? Come learn about some different approaches Christians can take to wrestling with these questions and how the questions we ask ourselves can make all the difference.

Come with questions! Looking forward to seeing you on the 27th!

Rake up Savings for Lutheran Family Services!

Don't forget to stop by the "tree" in the entrance and make a gift card donation to the Refugee program at Lutheran Family Services. Buy a gift card from a local merchant (Safeway, Walmart, King Soopers, Target, etc.) of any denomination and place it in the basket, along with a leaf from the wall. The small basket is sitting in the plant receptacle by the tree. The children made the "blinged out" leaves for their project on "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday. Please consider donating to this program...can't think of a better time to help refugees. Donations will be taken until October 18th. Brochures about the program are on the back table in the narthex. Thank you for your participation.

Bienvenidos Food Bank

Our neighbors are responding! Just since last week, we've had to empty the Bienvenidos Food Bank drop-off box twice! Please continue to place nonperishable items in the baskets in the narthex. **During September, we are collecting rice (1- or 2-lb bags) and canned fruit.**

Kid's Stuff and Bake Sale - October 3rd from 9-12

The HLC Moms are still collecting items for the sale on October 3rd. Bring your gently used kid's clothes, toys, nursery items, books, etc. to the stage in the church fellowship hall in the basement. If people need to arrange to have items picked up, the moms can do that! Pass their name and number along to Maren ([916-402-8766](tel:916-402-8766) call or text) if you can't get it to church.

September is Suicide Prevention Month

Highlands Lutheran Church has helped support the work of the Second Wind Fund for the past ten years. The Fund provides access to counseling for children and youth who are identified as being at-risk of suicide, but are either uninsured or under-insured. ***You can still get involved:***

September 27: The 2015 Second Wind Walk/Run is at Clement Park.

For more information contact www.thesecondwindfund.org or Ken Wiig.

Jesus Seminar on the Road

Planning ahead: November 13-14 at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church - The Jesus Seminar on the Road: the Other Bible-Early Christianity Beyond the Canon.

May God bless you and keep you in His Grace!