



# Highlands Happenings

**September 24, 2015**

## HLC Fall Clean-Up 10am THIS Saturday, 9/26

*From your council president, Nicole Jobin:* As you have seen, no doubt, the overgrown juniper bushes have been taken out from in front of the Church. We had been having trouble with transients using these bushes - lately our neighbors to the south were afraid to go out in the evenings because of the number of people and amount of drinking that was going on there. To avoid the same problem moving around the corner to the side and back of the church, council recently discussed the need to launch a clean-up effort to spruce up these areas and take out unnecessary "trash-trees", large weeds, etc., so I am inviting you to come and be a part of this clean-up process. We need people willing to work for a couple of hours starting at 10am. If we get enough hands, the work will go quickly. The plan is to get a small roll-off and fill it with the trash, brush, weeds, and trash-tree debris. This means we will need people who have tools (small chain saws or hand saws for cutting the sumac down, loppers for cutting larger pieces into smaller ones to fit into the roll-off, etc.) as well as people with hand clippers, gloves, etc. (picking up trash - pulling weeds). If you have tools or an extra pair of gloves to share please bring them along. Please let me know if you can come on the 26th so we can schedule the roll-off. Sandwiches or other lunch fare will be provided. Thanks!

## MISSIONAL GATHERINGS

Once a year, ELCA invites us to gather with representatives of neighboring congregations in our conference, along with Bishop Jim Gonia. This year, there will be a missional gathering at **Holy Cross in Wheat Ridge on Saturday 9/26 from 10am-Noon**. If you're interested, please register at this website [http://rmselca.org/leaders/theological\\_conf/index.htm](http://rmselca.org/leaders/theological_conf/index.htm)

## ADULT FORUM STARTS THIS SUNDAY!

Our new time for Adult Forum is 8:45. Join us for an exceptional discussion at the Adult Forum on September 27<sup>th</sup>! 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. Come with questions! Looking forward to seeing you on the 27<sup>th</sup>!

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>. Brochures about the program are on the back table in the narthex. Thank you for your participation.

## Bienvenidos Food Bank

Please continue to place nonperishable items in the baskets in the narthex - you are making a difference. On the last Sunday of the month, we will bless the donations during the worship service. Our donations will go to some of the 800 individuals who use the Food Bank each week. It is getting cooler, and, therefore, **during October, we will be collecting chili, pasta and pasta sauce.** Thank you.

### 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 THIS***

**SUNDAY, September 27:** The 2015 Second Wind Walk/Run is at Clement Park. For more information contact [www.thesecondwindfund.org](http://www.thesecondwindfund.org) or Ken Wiig.

### Kid's Stuff and Bake Sale - NEXT SATURDAY October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9-12

The Kids Stuff Extravaganza & Bake Sale will take place on **October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00-noon** at the church. Please come and check out all the great stuff we have for sale! We will also be having a Halloween moms' group meeting at one of the local trick-or-treat street events. More details will be provided later.

### Room for Hope Festival

**TONIGHT Thursday, September 24, 7:00 pm** at **Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 E Alameda.** **Room for Hope Festival:** Dar al-Kalima students and Georges Lammam musicians presenting traditional Palestinian music and dance; **artisan showcase** of art and jewelry from Palestinian artisans.

### 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 at **the artist talk on October 27 from 7-8:30pm.** You are also welcome to go check out the artwork any time between now and December 8 at the Bridge Gallery of Denver Seminary.

### 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!**