



Highlands Happenings

December 3, 2015

Advent Kick-off & Pastor Liliana Welcome Back Potluck!

Don't forget to set aside **Sunday, December 6th** for a potluck after church. We will be welcoming back Pastor Liliana and celebrating Advent. **PLEASE BRING EITHER A SALAD OR MAIN DISH...**the church will provide dessert and beverages. Plus we will have crafts and games to participate in, both for children and adults. It is a fun way to gather and anticipate together our Lord's birth. **Don't forget to bring all of your toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls for our kids' craft!**

Ushers Needed!

As you know, our teams of ushers serve on alternating Sundays. It would be helpful to have a few more volunteers so that we can create another team for this rotation. As an usher, you will have the opportunity to greet everyone who comes in, some of them for their first visit to HLC! It's a great way to share your enthusiasm about our worship community. Lorraine Rumpeltes has a complete list of ushers' duties to guide your service.

Please contact Lorraine at lj3997@yahoo.com for more information.

Decorating the Church

Many hands make light work! Come to sanctuary on **December 12th 10-12**, and join in the annual Hanging of the Greens.

Tara and Eric McConnell's 2nd Annual Holiday Goods Exchange Party!

Join us once again to celebrate the season and share home-made goods/crafts with each other on **Saturday, December 12th at 7pm**. For more information and to RSVP, click on this link <http://evite.me/hUvkv5uu4h>. This is a Holiday party, with the element of enjoying each other's talents. **How it works:** Guests are welcome to either bring items that they've made to exchange/sell, or just come and enjoy the party and peruse the crafts from other guests. There is no pressure to buy anything! The fun is in seeing the many unique items and just enjoying the party. Items can include anything from art, food, crafts, seasonal items, etc. All forms of creativity are welcome. Please also bring a dish or snack to share. All are welcome. **Please let us know if you plan to bring a craft/food to sell/trade so we can arrange space for you!** <http://evite.me/hUvkv5uu4h>

Bedding for Lutheran Refugee Services

We will be collecting donations of bedding for Lutheran Refugee Services on **Sunday, December 13th**. They are in desperate need of twin, full, and queen (no king please) sized sheet sets, pillows, and blankets (bed size blankets only). These donations will immediately help refugees being resettled in the Denver area.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

The children will be doing a Christmas program on December 20th at the beginning of the service. The children in the preschool class are practicing a couple of songs during Sunday School to sing at the program. **There will be a rehearsal for the service at 10 AM on Saturday, December 19th**. They will go through the program and pick out costumes. Please plan to stay and help us "corral"....it should be a relatively short time. Other children are invited to be in the program, but any child younger than 3 does not have to attend the rehearsal. However, please let us know if you want your child to participate in the manger scene, so we can set aside a costume for Sunday morning. Any questions, please contact Sue Wittkopp or Nancy Lintvedt.

Bienvenidos Food Bank

In December, we are collecting canned fruit and pasta/pasta sauce. Donations will be blessed on December 27 and then delivered to the Bienvenidos Food Bank for distribution to hundreds of families in our community.

Christmas Eve Service Childcare

Are you, or someone you know, interested in helping watch children in the nursery for the Christmas Eve service on December 24th at 4:30pm? Get the word out and email marenmarkus@gmail.com

Spanish Classes!

Erick Santiago, who is from Puerto Rico, is teaching fun Spanish classes here at the church, and from all reports, *it is FUN!* The class meets at 5pm on Mondays. A \$5 donation for supplies would be appreciated. There's still room to participate, so please contact Erick at ericksantiago05@gmail.com or (410)-340-9923 for more information about the class.

Advent Reflection

The Christmas - Epiphany Mystery

"I am the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." Lk. 1:26-38
Click here for the [Weekly Reflection](#): an excerpt from *The Mystery of Christ*, chapter 1, by Fr

Tennyson School Children

Pastor Sondra has requested that we keep the children at Tennyson in our prayers. The approaching holiday season can be very difficult for them.

May God bless you and keep you in His Grace!