

# Highlands Happenings

January 7, 2016

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Happening at Highlands...**

## Year-End Reports

Year-end reports will be sent by email TODAY, but there are also a few copies available for your review on the table in the narthex. Mark your calendars for the Annual Congregational Meeting, which will take place on **Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**, immediately following worship.

## Nursery and Children's Corner

Our **Children's Corner** has been a great asset to our littlest worshippers. To continue its success, please remember to clean up after your child and remind them to use their indoor voices. Parents also take children to the **nursery** upstairs, where children will be welcomed by Tyler Starkweather.

## Adult Forum

Adult Forum begins again on Sunday, **January 17<sup>th</sup>** at 8:45am.

## Moms' Group Update

On **January 24<sup>th</sup>** the moms are giving a shower for Tara McConnell in the Fellowship Hall, right after worship. Please sign up to bring brunch items.

**February 20<sup>th</sup>** - Come play with us at the Walters' house at **10am** (9315 Yucca Way, Thornton). Forrest, Hunter, and Remington hope to see you there!

For more information, or to be added to the Moms' Group email list, contact Sara Milius ([saramilius@gmail.com](mailto:saramilius@gmail.com)).

## DATE CHANGE for The Bookies Book Club!

The HLC book club—the Bookies—will be meeting at Ken Wiig's home on Friday, **January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30**, and not the 22<sup>nd</sup> as previously advertised.

The book for this month is [\*Between the World and Me\*](#) by TaNehisi Coates.

## **Reaching Out in 2016**

**So many opportunities for discipleship...**

## Hunger, Faith & Food Conference 2016

**February 1, 12 noon - 3:30 pm**, University Park United Methodist Church (registration starts at 11 am) Please join Saint John's Cathedral, Grow Local Colorado, Metro Caring, Wartburg West, Ekar Farm, Denver Urban Gardens, Produce for Pantries, Slow Food Denver, 25 in Change, and others who gather to highlight efforts communities of faith can take to provide healthy food to families in need, build resilient communities, and end hunger locally. The fifth annual Hunger, Faith & Food conference, in 2016 part of the Iliff School of Theology's alumni reunion: [Renewal Conference Info](#).

## Bring food for the Food Bank any time

Our church has partnered with Bienvenidos Food Bank and we are collecting food from our congregation, but also from our neighborhood! Collection baskets are at the church entrance! Your donations are taken to Binevenidos Food Bank regularly. Thank you Pam McClune for taking care of the delivery!

**REMEMBER TO USE YOUR GROCERY GIFT CARDS**

**It is so easy to help our church get some extra funds for ministry!**

Start using your **King Soopers and Safeway card** again! King Soopers sends HLC a check for 5% of the money spent using the cards. It's a win/win/win situation. 100% of the amount on the card goes toward the cardholder's purchases/King Soopers gets our business/ Highlands Lutheran gets 5% of the amount from Kings. If you need to re-load your card, or get a new card, talk with Lorraine or Paul Rumpeltes.

### Fair Trade Coffee

Our efforts for Fair Trade continue throughout the year as HLC has committed to serve and sell fairly traded coffee exclusively. Check out the coffee packages on the black shelves in our Narthex. (next to the sunflowers) Every one costs \$ 10. Please, put a check or cash in the box provided. Coffee always makes a good gift!

### A TICKET TO RIDE Proposal by Mary Williams

I would like to propose that Highlands Lutheran begins a year-long program where the congregation provides a flow of funds to purchase bus tickets for the community at St. Francis Center. The goal would be to provide **50** bus tickets per month. This would begin during this Christmas season and continue through 2016. Tickets, at full price, for a one way ticket is \$2.25. Those who are 65 and over ride at 50% reduced fare. Anyone with a disability also rides at a reduced rate. Contact Mary Williams at: 720 480 3816 or [mwilliams@iliff.edu](mailto:mwilliams@iliff.edu) if you want to help!

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY- Coming soon at HLC!

There will be a Habitat presentation **on February 7<sup>th</sup>**. The presentation will be on Neighborhood Revitalization Program in Globeville. Presentation will be after worship service and during the Birthday Coffee and Cake! Our fellow partner Highland Christian Church will also attend this event!

**And last but not least...this Summer...**

### Nicaragua Mission Trip June 11-25

Remember we raised money to build a home in Somoto? Pastor Susan Kent sent out an e-mail out inviting us to participate in the next mission trip. In June of 2016, pastor Liliana will go to see for herself and help with this mission trip. Members of HLC are invited to restart the tradition of mission trips! There is an Interest Meeting for all potential travelers scheduled for **Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** at Bethlehem Lutheran in Longmont.

Coffee and dessert will be provided by the Board. Additional information can be found at this website:  
[TheNicaraguaProject.org](http://TheNicaraguaProject.org)

### **Spirituality News**

The **CENTER FOR CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING** is organizing their twenty-third Annual Conference on **April 9, 2016** at the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, 6901 Wadsworth Blvd., Aravada, CO, 80003

**TOPIC - COSMOLOGY, THE COSMIC CHRIST, AND CONSCIOUSNESS- Nurturing the Contemplative Self**

Featuring sister Ilia Delio, OSF

For more information: [www.contemplativeoutreach-co.org](http://www.contemplativeoutreach-co.org)

Also, on **January 16<sup>th</sup>** there will be an **Introductory Workshop to the Centering Prayer Practice** at the Center for Contemplative Living, in our neighborhood

3650 Yates St. Denver, CO, 80212

Registration: 8:30 am

Workshop: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

RSVP by Thursday, January 14; cost: \$ 30.

**MAY CHRIST'S LOVE, GRACE and COMPASSION BE WITH YOU ALWAYS!**