

Highlands Happenings



March 10, 2016

Update and THANK YOU from Pastor Liliana:

Wolfgang's heart pulse and pressure have been stable since last Sunday when we had a big scare; he had another medical check-up today and will get some more blood test results tomorrow. His main doctor agreed that he should travel back home together with me, so we bought tickets for next Thursday, March 17th. He will travel business class so that he can lie down for the entire flight. BUT the Lufthansa Health Department also has to approve his flight. Their doctor and Wolfgang's doctor are in contact and we will hear from Lufthansa hopefully soon.

We are eager to get back home as you can imagine. Please, continue to hold us in your prayers and positive thoughts! They have been immensely helpful during this time of trial and tribulation. Your love and support have meant the world to both of us! Thank you for your generous financial support so that Wolfgang can travel back home in a safe and comfortable situation.

We will keep you updated if anything changes! We pray with St. Julian of Norwich's words: that all shall be all, in all manner of things all shall be well!

When the post came today to Brigitte's house there was parcel from Highlands Lutheran Church!!! Both Wolfgang and I were surprised and did not know what to expect! I have always known that you are caring and loving people, but you have surpassed all that I could imagine! WE got a box full of LOVE! So many wonderful cards, written with love and compassion, and drawings from our darling children! Both Wolfgang and I started crying! We have been so emotional lately! And a big Hershey's KISS! And I said to myself, "this is heaven!" THANK YOU! Sending back all the love that can be in the hearts of two pastors who are deeply grateful for how you all hold us in your love and in God's abundant grace! Pastor Liliana

Pastor Dena will be available for pastoral care in Pastor Liliana's absence and can be reached at 303-912-6579, and her email is revdrdenawilliams@gmail.com. If there are any church business issues or property concerns, the council president, Nicole Jobin, can be reached at 303-561-1070 (home) or 303-906-1252 (cell).

Happening at Highlands...

Holy Week at HLC, March 20-27th

Palm Sunday—10am HLC and HCC will be together outside on the patio as we begin the service and then as we enter the foyer, each congregation will move into its own sanctuary. We will hear bells ringing and hymn singing as we walk into church!

Maundy Thursday—7pm This will be a sacred time of healing and meditation as we model ourselves after Jesus and wash each other's feet and bless each other's hands. At the end of the service, the chancel will be stripped and the congregation will leave in silence. We ponder on the journey of Jesus to the cross.

Good Friday—7pm Good Friday is a solemn remembrance of the execution of Jesus, a remembrance of the unequalled depth of love that He held for us then and for us now. We listen to the story, we listen to the songs of sorrow and joy, we depart in silence.

Easter Sunrise Service—7am we will celebrate the joy of the resurrection with song and with light!

Continental Breakfast—8-9:30am in the church fellowship hall

Egg Hunt—9:30-10am on the lawn—weather permitting.

Easter Worship—10am we will have a celebratory service filled with music and song, celebrating the victory of the light and life of Jesus over death and darkness!

Adult Forum

Continuing at Adult Forum this **Sunday, March 13th**: So, why do we read the Old Testament and New Testament texts every Sunday? What connection do they have to the gospel text? We will be exploring the answers to those questions with a discussion on the Old and New Testament texts for those Sundays. Join the conversation!

New Member Orientation

Have you been thinking about joining HLC? We are continuing the new member information and orientation sessions right after worship this **Sunday, March 13th**. Nicole Jobin and Mary Williams will talk about who we are and what we believe at HLC. Questions on any subject from the participants will be welcomed!
Send an email to the church office (office@highlandslutheran.org) if you plan to attend.

Lenten Meal and Holden Evening Prayer

Come join us as we gather at **6pm Wednesday March 16th for the last week of the BYOBag Lenten meal. Holden Evening Prayer starts at 6:30.** HLC is not providing dinner, so stop on your way to grab something "to-go" and come for fellowship before the service.

The Bookies!

The Bookies will be meeting on **March 18th at 6:30** at Ken Wiig's house. The book for this month is [*If The Oceans Were Ink*](#) by Carla Power. As usual, please come with food, drink and wonderful discussion!

HLC Moms' Group

The Moms' group has reached its two year anniversary at HLC! Join us at Tenn Street Coffee (44th and Tennyson) to discuss next steps for the group. We will meet on **Saturday, March 19 at 10:00 am**. If possible, please leave the kiddos behind for this meeting so that we have a chance for a good discussion (small babies are welcome).

Bienvenidos Food Bank

Thank you for your continued support of the Food Bank. **In March, we are collecting baking items, e.g. flour, sugar, baking soda/powder, mixes (cake, muffins, brownies). We are also asking for one personal care item, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, or bar of soap.** Food donations will be blessed at the end of the month and delivered to the Bienvenidos Food Bank for distribution to hundreds of families in our Northwest Denver community. The donated personal items and additional items purchased with Thrivent Action Team funds will be assembled into hygiene kits for families new to the Food Bank.

Colorado Children's Home Visit

The kids from **Colorado Children's Home (Tennyson Center)** will be coming for a visit on **Sunday, March 20th**. Come down to the fellowship hall from 11:15-12:45 for a time of fellowship and crafts!

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