

Highlands Happenings



March 17, 2016

Update from Pastor Liliana:

Praise be to God—the plane has landed! We are thankful for the safe return of Pastor Liliana and Wolfgang Stahlberg. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they settle back into their home and a new routine.

Happening at Highlands...

Help Needed for Easter Brunch!!

Thank you to everyone who has offered to bring food for the continental breakfast on Easter Sunday. The brunch will be from 8-9:30, so we would like items to arrive before 8. You can also drop off on Saturday, in the Fellowship Hall, from 10-11am. We could use more coffee cake and fruit. Please contact Maren Markus if you can help out (marenmarkus@gmail.com or 916-402-8766). We are also collecting food for Bienvenidos Food Bank during the egg hunt. Kiddos- don't forget your Easter basket and canned goods!

The Bookies!

The Bookies will be meeting tomorrow night, **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 this **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).

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!

Newsletter Submissions Needed

Submissions for the April HLC Messenger newsletter are due to the office no later than **Monday, March 28th**. We need your announcements, church group updates and photos! Feedback about the new format is also appreciated.

Leave a message on the office phone 303-477-2031 or email Anna at office@highlandslutheran.org.

Adult Forum

Adult Forum returns on Sunday, April 3rd

Vespers

Vespers returns on Wednesday, April 13th

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 this **Sunday, March 20th**. Come down to the fellowship hall from 11:15-12:45 for a time of fellowship and crafts!

The Gabriel House

If anyone has kid's toys, diapers, formula, kids furniture or clothes you would like to donate, the Gabriel House (through Catholic Charities) assists families in need. Go to their website to get more information regarding the project's mission and for the donation contact person. <http://ccdenvver.org/gabriel-project/>

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