

# Highlands Happenings

May 26, 2016

## CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY!

Nicole Jobin and the HLC Property Team are inviting the congregation to participate in a quick clean-up of the church and grounds on **Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, from 10-12 noon; pizza and salad to follow.** Both inside and outside jobs available - see Nicole Jobin and Ellen Lorts if you have questions.

## Sunday Salad Potluck - June 5th

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** after worship, as we celebrate June birthdays, the end of the diaper drive, new members, and the anniversary of Highland Christian Church coming to share our building. Potluck sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

## HLC Moms' Group Diaper Drive

Did you know that many low-income families struggle to provide diapers for their children, and you **cannot** use food stamps to buy diapers? The HLC Moms Group is hosting a diaper drive to support the **Mile High Diaper Bank** through June 5. Please bring diapers, wipes, diaper rash creams, and adult incontinence products and put them in the crib set up by the Children's Corner. Has your child or grandchild recently grown out of a size or been potty-trained and you've got diapers lying around? Great! Diapers can be in **opened packages**. And join us in the basement on **June 5<sup>th</sup>** to support our Thrivent Team Action by wrapping all the diapers for distribution! Questions? Please contact Stacie Hanson at [staciehanson@gmail.com](mailto:staciehanson@gmail.com) or 303.653.2529.

## Ticket to Ride - Update from Mary Williams

The generosity of Highlands Lutheran Church, and the love for all that is shared by the members of this congregation, continues to amaze me!

The program has been able to supply \$100 a month for bus tickets for those who need transportation to work or to a job interview! That is just wonderful! I wish that you could be present to see the change in attitude, the happiness that surfaces when an individual is able to make it to work on time or actually has a chance to get a job because he or she will be able to get to an interview. The best part for me is when a guest comes back to say that yes, she got the job! We take work, or retirement, for granted. We know that we have enough money to put gas in our cars or to buy food or pay the mortgage or rent. For some, like our guests at St. Francis, the possibility of work makes all those other possibilities come closer. If you need a donation form for tax purposes, you can find them in the Ticket to Ride box on the table in the narthex.

Thank you all so very much for taking on this program! Thank you for your generous hearts. Highlands Lutheran is most definitely following in the footsteps of Jesus, and is truly an example of what it means to love our neighbors.

## HLC Moms' Group Needs Your Help

Moms' Group has a vision for expanding our community through outreach and fellowship. This vision starts by revamping the Fellowship Hall & Kitchen with **new flooring** to make the space warm and inviting. **We are challenging the congregation to help raise \$3,000 by July 3rd.** These funds will be matched by the Eva Lou Lucas Memorial Fund to provide laminate wood flooring for our Fellowship Hall. Look for the donation station in the Narthex and challenge yourself and others to give. Our past & our present are paving the way for our future.

## Habitat for Humanity

Our next Habitat opportunity is coming up on **June 24<sup>th</sup> at 4260 Fillmore in the Elyria neighborhood.** CHR program seeks to help low-income homeowners with much-needed home restoration so that they can continue to live in a safe and affordable home. The build day is from **8am-3:30pm.** Everyone must be 16 years old to be on the construction site. No construction experience is required and all tools and safety gear will be provided. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Ken Wiig 303-870-1070 [ken.wiig@gmail.com](mailto:ken.wiig@gmail.com)

## Bring food for the Food Bank Anytime

Thank you for your continued support of the Bienvenidos Food Bank. **We are still collecting canned fruit and baked beans.** Your donations will be blessed next Sunday and delivered by Pam McClune to Bienvenidos. **In**

October, HLC and HCC will participate in the North Denver Annual Crop Hunger Walk to benefit Beinvenidos.  
Watch for more information later this summer.

### GRAND is Coming Summer 2016!

Grand is a new monthly meet-up geared toward parents, kids, and retirees. It's a mid-week play group for kids and a coffee fellowship for adults. We invite the church & surrounding community from GRANDparent age to GRANDchild to join us in this adventure co-sponsored by Moms' Group & Elderberries. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on the **3rd Wednesday from 9:30-11:30am** each of the summer months. Keep an eye out for more info. Ain't life GRAND?

## **SUMMER SERVICES ON THE LAWN WITH HCC**

### Bluegrass Service

Father's Day, **Sunday June the 19<sup>th</sup>** we will have a celebration of men with our Highlands Christian Church friends in a Bluegrass service on the church lawn.

### Summer Sunday in the Park

Mark your calendars for Sunday in the Park! On **July 10<sup>th</sup>** we will celebrate summer in worship at Pferdersteller Park. We will again worship together with HCC, enjoying the music of Ground Cover Bluegrass Band, and have a picnic afterwards.

## **COMING THIS FALL**

### God's Work. Our Hands.

Watch for more information to come on the events planned for God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday **September 11<sup>th</sup>**.

### The Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday **September 25<sup>th</sup>**, we will again hold a service on the lawn, weather permitting, to bless the animals. Please put this date on your calendars invite your friends and neighbors to do the same.

### Crop Hunger Walk

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## **HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY**

### Enchanted Gardens Tour of Northwest Denver

Want to take a peek at some of the beautiful gardens in our church neighborhood? Plan to attend the Enchanted Gardens Tour of Northwest Denver on **Saturday, June 11** from 9am-4pm. This event will benefit The Conflict Center of Denver; tickets are \$15 before May 31<sup>st</sup> and \$20 after that date.

### 5th Annual Golf Classic for the Second Wind Fund - June 17<sup>th</sup>

Help raise funds to provide life-saving services to children and teens at risk of suicide through our Community Outreach partner, the Second Wind Fund. Player fees include breakfast, green fee, cart fee, range balls, personalized cart signs and scorecards, scoring, on-course convenience cart service, parking, awards, drink ticket, and a fabulous lunch buffet at the Vista at Applewood Golf Course; Golden, Colorado's premier event venue. Please contact Ken Wiig 303-870-1070 [ken.wiig@gmail.com](mailto:ken.wiig@gmail.com)

### Second Wind Walk/Run

For the first time ever, the Second Wind Walk/Run will be held on a Saturday this year! Mark your calendars for **October 8, 2016** at Clement Park in Littleton for the 15th Anniversary of this wonderful event for a life-saving cause! All proceeds benefit Second Wind Fund to help save the lives of children and youth at risk of suicide in Colorado. Learn more about Second Wind Fund and our events at [www.thesecondwindfund.org/events](http://www.thesecondwindfund.org/events).

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