

Highlands Happenings

June 5, 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 4th, 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.

New Member Welcome This Sunday

We will welcome our new members on **Sunday, June 5th**: Brian and Chris Stopps; Ana and Ben Nielsen and children Jackson and Maria; and Jason and Stacie Hanson, and children Ellery and Hadley.

Salad Potluck This Sunday

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday after service as we celebrate new members, the end of the diaper drive, the anniversary of HCC joining our building, and June birthdays. We'll be having a potluck so bring a green salad, fruit salad, or pasta salad to share. See you there!!

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 5th** to support our Thrivent Team Action by wrapping all the diapers for distribution! Questions? Please contact Stacie Hanson at staciehanson@gmail.com or 303.653.2529.

Please Send Newsletter Items By Monday June 6th

It's been a busy week for all of us so we have decided that we will publish a June/July Messenger, which we will send out next week. In the meantime, those of you who have updates or announcements for the newsletter still have some time to send them to Anna office@highlandslutheran.org

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.

Moms' Group Thanks You!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the diaper drive! We were able to make a fantastic donation to Mile High Diaper Bank because of you.

A BIG thank you to everyone who has donated to the new flooring fund drive for the Fellowship Hall!!!! What an amazing success this venture has been. Let's keep the momentum going with the next step: construction. Please

email Maren Markus if you can help in the next phase, or have experience in renovations. We still need your help!

marenmarkus@gmail.com

Habitat for Humanity

Our next Habitat opportunity is coming up on **June 24th 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

Bring food for the Food Bank Anytime

Thank you for your continued support of the Bienvenidos Food Bank. **In June, we are collecting canned fruit and "Chef Boyardee" canned pasta meals**. June Donations will be blessed on July 3, and the items will then be delivered to the Food Bank for distribution to hundreds of families in our Northwest Denver community.

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 19th** 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 10th** 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 11th**.

The Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday **September 25th**, 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

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

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 31st and \$20 after that date.

5th Annual Golf Classic for the Second Wind Fund - June 17th

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

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