

Highlands Happenings

June 16, 2016

Bluegrass Service on the Lawn!

This Sunday, at 10:00 am, we celebrate FATHER'D DAY by gathering outside (under canopies) for worship with the Briar Branch Bluegrass Band. Pastor Stahlberg will do the children's sermon. The kids are then invited in the Fellowship Hall where they will create a little craft for their fathers. Fellowship and refreshments after service will be provided by Robin Lockwood.

MINISTRY UPDATES

Is your pledge information Up-to-Date?

A Gentle Reminder to the members and friends of Highlands Lutheran Church: As you enjoy your travels this summer, remember that your church continues its mission. Please check to see that your pledge is current. In God's service, HLC Church Council

New Flooring

Justin Schust, Rick Wittkopp, and pastor went to Lumber Liquidators to research what type of new flooring we need and can afford in our Fellowship Hall. We have agreed to use a bamboo wood which is strong and water resistant. The cost will be around \$7,000 just for the material. The council will make a decision soon.

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.

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.

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. Keep an eye out for more info. Ain't life GRAND?

SUMMER SERVICES ON THE LAWN WITH HCC

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

The CROP HUNGER WALK will be on **Sunday, October 16th**, right after service. Some of us will walk, while others will be sponsors for the walkers. On **Saturday, October 15th** HLC's Moms will hold a Community Harvest Festival for HLC, HCC and our neighborhood. This will be a fun event for singles, families with kids, and people of all ages. Fair Trade vendors will entice us to think ahead and buy Christmas gifts while helping support local businesses.

HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY

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!