

Highlands Happenings

July 28, 2016

MINISTRY UPDATES

DON'T FORGET: Kid Centered Service - This Sunday, July 31st!

July has 5 Sundays this year! Come join us on the 5th Sunday for a kid centered service! The kids can wear their pajamas, and bring their favorite stuffed animal for a blessing! **We would welcome a donation of a stuffed animal for children at the Tennyson Center or other children in need.** We will also be having a "Noisy Offering" so save up your spare change

NEW Highlands Messenger Format coming soon!

As you know, HLC has started sending the Highlands Messenger every other month, or 6 times/year. The Messenger is available on our website <http://www.highlandslutheran.org/> for anyone to read and we need your news for the next issue! Updates for the August/September Highlands Messenger are DUE to office@highlandslutheran.org by **Thursday, August 4th**.

Thanks for your support.

HLC Moms' Group Updates

We will be meeting at [Highland Tap & Burger](#) on **August 13th at 1pm**. This is a Moms' Afternoon Out event (lap babies welcome). Join us for lunch as we discuss the upcoming 2nd Annual Kids Stuff Sale, Grand, and Harvest Festival. RSVP on the Facebook page HLC Moms' Group.

Grand begins August 17th!

Come join us in the Fellowship Hall **from 9:30-11:30** for coffee and play. Grand is a monthly meet-up for anyone home during the day. It's designed to bring people together from Grandparent age to Grandchild. It is one part playgroup, one part coffee fellowship! Come join in on the fun and invite others to join.

STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES

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. And there is a simpler way to send your contribution! It is called...

SIMPLY GIVING - Online giving made easy

Electronic giving for your regular contributions is possible through Simply Giving. With Simply Giving, your regular Sunday offering is transferred safely and securely from your bank account to ours. No more writing checks. No more envelopes. That reduces costs for the church and simplifies weekly offering counting. Most of all, Simply Giving helps to smooth the income patterns for the church. Your donation will continue uninterrupted when you are absent due to illness or travel. YOU decide how much. YOU decide how often. Once a month? Every week?

YOU decide what day the deduction from your account occurs. You will still get an annual giving report. In God's service, HLC Church Council!

FREE MONEY- Reloadable King Soopers Gift Cards

Every purchase you make at King Soopers or other Kroger brand stores includes a 5% contribution the HLC General Fund IF you use a reloadable King Soopers gift card linked to HCC. Cards are available from **Lorraine Rumpeltes** and come **pre-loaded with a starting balance**. Load your card as often as you wish - once a month or prior to every purchase, then pay with the gift card. Five percent of your purchase will be donated by KS back to your church. It's FREE MONEY! Don't let it slip by.

Bring food for the Food Bank Anytime

Thank you for your continued support of the Bienvenidos Food Bank. **In July, we are continuing to collect canned fruit and "Chef Boyardee" pasta meals.** The canned fruit is especially appreciated. July donations will be blessed on August 7th, and the items will then be delivered to the Food Bank for distribution to hundreds of families in our Northwest Denver community.

New Flooring

We have purchased new bamboo flooring for the Fellowship Hall! We were able to take advantage of a substantial sale, and bought it for \$4,460 instead of the \$7,000 that we were anticipating. The flooring, which is strong and water resistant, will "acclimate" in the church for a month before being installed. We hope to have it installed before August 17th, when Grand is starting. Thanks to the Moms' Group for their fund-raising efforts!

COMING THIS FALL

Sunday School is Returning Sunday, September 11

Sunday School will be starting for 3-year-olds to Kindergartners on September 11th. We will begin our fall session with a service project in conjunction with "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday. Please attend the brief service with your children and then they will gather separately for their special project. Sunday school will be weekly, starting at 10 AM and finishing at 10:45. The children will enjoy songs, Bible stories, crafts, and a snack. They will then join their parents and the congregation for communion.

Please let Nancy Lintvedt know if you are interested in participating in Sunday School. Her e-mail address is: lintvedt@gmail.com

We would like to get an idea of how many children will be attending so that we can order materials and make sure we have enough teachers available. We would love your help in the classroom!

God's Work. Our Hands.

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

Second Annual Kids Stuff Sale

Saturday, September 24th is the HLC Second Annual Kids Stuff Sale. Drop your donations off on the stage from now until early September.

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.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

2016 Annual Faith Leader Gathering

Many voices, One Cry: Engaging Faith in Our Time. Tuesday, September 13, 12:30-5:30pm. More information and the link to register can be found here:

http://www.togethercolorado.org/clergy/body/FV_06-21-2016.pdf

Welcome and Baby Baskets for Newly-Arrived Refugees

Members of the St. Paul Lutheran and Roman Catholic Community of Faith invite you to take part in an event to help our refugee neighbors! We are gathering at St. Paul's at 1600 Grant St. in Denver, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on **Saturday, August 20th** for a casual lunch gathering to collect items for Welcome & Baby Baskets for newly-arrived refugees resettled through Lutheran Family Services.

You can bring in separate items, finished baskets, or simply join us to learn about various ways you can help our refugee neighbors. Please email Maryann O'Brien at maryannobrien88@comcast.net for more information on items to bring, and to RSVP. Thank you!

Share this information with other parents!

Family Star Montessori is a now enrolling! Family Star Montessori is a local early childhood education school serving children 2 months to 6 years. We offer a full day, year-round authentic Montessori program. We pride ourselves on our low child to staff ratios and our inclusive, large, diverse, bilingual classrooms. Family Star is NAEYC accredited and has two convenient Denver locations in both Jefferson Park and Curtis Park. Call us today at (303) 477-7827 to schedule a tour! Mention this posting, and your \$200 application fee will be applied to your first month's tuition! www.familystar.net

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