

# Highlands Happenings

August 4, 2016

## MINISTRY UPDATES

### Community Birthday Celebration in the Library!

Please note that because of the new flooring installation happening in the Fellowship Hall, our August Community Birthday Celebration will be held this Sunday in the Library. The September celebration will take place back down in the fellowship hall.

### ELDERBERRIES WILL NOT MEET IN AUGUST!

### NEW Highlands Messenger Format coming soon!

We need your news for the next issue! Updates for the August/September Highlands Messenger are DUE to [office@highlandslutheran.org](mailto:office@highlandslutheran.org) ASAP. Thanks for your support.

### SAVE THE DATES IN PREPARATION FOR PASTOR STAHLBERG'S DEPARTURE!

Bishop Gonia is coming to meet with the church council and the pastor on **August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm**. At 7:45pm, the HLC congregation is invited to come to the sanctuary for a Litany of Farewell led by the Bishop. **Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>** is Pastor Liliana's last Sunday with us at HLC. We will have a special worship service followed by a farewell luncheon in our newly remodeled fellowship hall.

### Bienvenidos Food Bank

Thank you for your donations during June and July. A special thank you to Vivian Anderson, who obtained a sizeable donation from a friend looking for a place to donate some canned goods. **During August and September, we will be collecting pasta sauces, jelly, and macaroni and cheese.** We will bless food on August 7 and on September 4 for delivery on August 10 and September 7. Keep the donations coming - You and our neighbors are making a difference.

### HLC Moms' Group Afternoon Out

We will be meeting at [Highland Tap & Burger](#) on **August 13<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>!

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.

### Baptisms

There are two baptisms coming up this month: **Abigail Hansen on the 21<sup>st</sup> and Maria Ann Nielson on the 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan to come and welcome these two children into the family of God at HLC.

## 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 back to our church. It's FREE MONEY! Don't let it slip by.

### **COMING THIS FALL**

#### God's Work. Our Hands.

On **September 11, God's Work, Our Hands Sunday**, Highlands Lutheran and Highland Christian churches will be celebrating our differences and how, when knit together with the help of the Holy Spirit, we become one, unified through the work of the Spirit. We will be literally weaving our lives together. When we think of peace, it is usually in the abstract. We do not often have a visual representation of the diversity of our lives and how these lives work for peace. Come and join us on a very special day as we pray for peace in the world and in each other.

#### Second Annual Kids Stuff Sale

**Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** 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 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

The CROP HUNGER WALK will be on **Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**, right after service. Some of us will walk, while others will be sponsors for the walkers.

### **IN OUR COMMUNITY**

#### 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 20<sup>th</sup>** for a casual lunch gathering to collect items for Welcome & Baby Baskets for newly-arrived refugees resettled through Lutheran Family Services. Pick up a flyer from the table in the narthex.

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