

Highlands Happenings

August 11, 2016

MINISTRY UPDATES

HELPI!

The ministries of Highlands Lutheran are many. At the minute, we have a few vacancies in the Assisting Minister and Chancel ministries. Both are a vital part of our worship each Sunday. If you are interested in or have questions about these ministries, please see Mary Williams after worship or email her at mwilliams@iliff.edu.

Thank you for considering adding your talents and gifts to the work of the kingdom here at Highlands.

HLC Moms' Group Afternoon Out

The Moms' Group will be meeting at [Highland Tap & Burger](#) this **Saturday, 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!

We are having our GRAND opening on **August 17th, from 9:30-11:30am**, in the Fellowship Hall. Grand is a monthly opportunity to bridge the generation gap from grandparent age to grandchild age. It's a drop in coffee fellowship & play group co-sponsored by Elderberries & Moms' Group. Grand will meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 9:30-11:30, in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!! Invite your friends and neighbors. (Members of Elderberries & Moms' Group- we need monthly hosts. Please contact Maren Markus for more info marenmarkus@gmail.com).

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 23rd at 7pm**. At **7:45pm**, the HLC congregation is invited to come to the sanctuary for a Litany of Farewell led by the Bishop.

Join us **Sunday, August 28th** as we bid farewell to Pr Liliana. We will be sending her off in true HLC style, with a salad potluck after service in the Fellowship Hall! **Please bring a green, pasta, potato, or fruit salad prepped and ready to share**. This will be Pr Liliana's last Sunday, so please come to celebrate the time we've shared. Let's make this our best potluck-to-date!!

Baptisms in August

There are two baptisms coming up in August: **Abigail Hansen on the 21st and Maria Ann Nielson on the 28th**. 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!

Bienvenidos Food Bank

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.

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.

OUTREACH AT HLC

God's Work.Our Hands: PEACE

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

Mark your calendars and tell your friends- the 2nd annual sale will be **September 25th from 9am-Noon**. Please bring your "kid stuff" donations (clothes, strollers, toys, etc) to the stage in the Fellowship Hall by September 10th.

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.

Harvest Festival

We are having a Harvest Festival on the front lawn **October 15th, from 10-2pm**. Planning has begun but we need more hands the day of the festival. Please contact Maren Markus for more information on how to help.

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.

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. next **Saturday, August 20th** 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!