

Highlands Happenings

August 25, 2016

MINISTRY UPDATES

Join us **Sunday, August 28th** as we bid farewell to Pastor Liliana. We will be sending her off in true HLC style, with love and joy; join us for 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 Pastor Liliana's last Sunday, so please come to celebrate the time and ministry we've shared. Let's make this our best potluck-to-date!! We will also have a basket for cards and notes.

Baptism in August

Maria Ann Nielson is being baptized this Sunday, August 28th.

Please come and welcome this precious child into the family of God at HLC.

HELP!!

The ministries of Highlands Lutheran are many. It takes all of us to make the worship service happen. At the minute, we have a few vacancies in the Assisting Minister and Chancel ministries. If you are interested in or have questions about these ministries, please see Mary Williams after worship or email her at mwilliams@liff.edu.

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

HLC Moms' Group Kids Stuff Sale

The Moms' Group next meeting will be the Kids Stuff Sale on **September 24th**.

Keep an eye out on the HLC Moms' Group Facebook page for more information on how you can help.

GRAND Update

We had a great kick off on August 17th. A good mix of moms, kids, and Elderberries!! Come join us for a drop in play group and coffee fellowship on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 9:30-11am, in the Fellowship Hall. Next meeting is **September 21st** and Marsha Reynolds will be hosting. Everyone is welcome; we hope to see you there!

Please contact Maren Markus for more info marenmarkus@gmail.com).

STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES

Is your pledge information Up-to-Date?

A Gentle Reminder to the members and friends of Highlands Lutheran Church: As summer winds down; 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!

Amazon.Smile

Did you know that when you order items on Amazon.Smile and put Highlands Lutheran as the charity, HLC will make a bit of extra cash?

Bienvenidos Food Bank

During August and September, we will be collecting pasta sauces, jelly, and macaroni and cheese. We will bless food on September 4 for delivery on

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

Thank you from MaryAnn O'Brien at St. Paul

On Saturday August 20, more than 35 people from at least four different churches (St. Paul Roman Catholic and Lutheran Community of Faith, Highlands Lutheran, St. Barnabas Episcopal, and Our Savior Lutheran) came to St. Paul, had lunch together and assembled 30 bins. Others who couldn't make the meeting dropped off donations, or bought gift cards, bus tickets, stamps, and other items that will make life a little easier for new families.

We send our deepest gratitude to everyone who participated in this friendly, ecumenical endeavor. Our new neighbors have been through much more than we can imagine in order to come to a safe place. We hope they feel welcome in their new home in Colorado.

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