

Highlands Happenings

September 8, 2016

MINISTRY UPDATES

God's Work. Our Hands: PEACE

This Sunday, **September 11**, is **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.

The Crileys

As you may know, Paul and Marilyn Criley have recently moved to Highland Trail Senior Living near 136th and Sheridan. The address is 5085 West 136th Avenue Broomfield, CO 80023. Paul has also been in the hospital this week; prayers are appreciated.

Sunday School Begins this Sunday!

Sunday School will be starting for 3-year-olds to Kindergartners on **Sunday, 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 9:45 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.

Pastor Travis Johnson-Esparza

As you know, on Monday, August 29th, Council met and interviewed Pastor Travis Johnson-Esparza, the Intentional Interim Pastor candidate suggested to us by the Bishop's office. Council believes he will be a great Intentional Interim Pastor for HLC as we move through the transition and call process. Pastor Travis has a wife, Yajaira, and young son, Joaquin. He was ordained as an ELCA pastor in the fall of 2013 and has most recently served as Intentional Interim Pastor at Epiphany Lutheran here in Denver. **Pastor Travis Johnson-Esparza will be with us on September 18th**. Come welcome him in worship!

Pastoral Care Until September 16th

Pr. Barb Marten's of Advent Lutheran Church 303-428-7501

Pr. Sondra Tilsley of HCC 303-433-6737

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME and RESOURCES

Interested in Joining the Usher Team?

Please email Lorraine Rumpeltes if you would like to volunteer as an usher once or twice a month. Written guidelines are available and the current ushers are always willing to answer any questions. Email Lorraine at lj3997@yahoo.com if you'd like to serve in this way.

SIMPLY GIVING - Online giving made easy

If you are interested in this program, please contact Lorraine Rumpeltes or Rick Wittkopp.

FREE MONEY- Reloadable King Soopers Gift Cards

Every purchase you make at King Soopers or other Kroger brand stores includes a 5% contribution to 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

Bienvenidos Food Bank

During September, we will be collecting non-spaghetti pastas. We will bless food on Sunday, **October 2nd** for delivery on **October 5th**. Keep the donations coming - You and our neighbors are making a difference.

It's GRAND!!

Come join us for a drop in play group and coffee fellowship on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is in the fellowship hall from 9:30-11am on **September 21st**. Marsha Reynolds will be hosting. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there!

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

Second Annual Kids Stuff Sale

Mark your calendars and tell your friends- the 2nd annual sale will be **September 24th 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 and 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 on the day of the festival, so please contact Maren Markus for more information on how to help. There will also be an **Alternative Gift Fair** on both **Saturday the 15th** and **Sunday the 16th**. Come do some early Christmas shopping!

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. Watch for more information coming soon.

OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

St. Jude's 5k run/walk

Please consider taking part in the St. Jude's 5k run/walk held at Sports Authority Field @Mile High on Saturday, September 24th. Thrivent Mutual Funds is a sponsor and will pay for one's entry fee via a "GOLD" promo code at checkout. Fliers are available on the table in the Narthex or register online by clicking on this link

http://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR?fr_id=57392&pg=entry

Family Promise

The Family Promise host week is coming up at Holy Cross Lutheran Church **September 18-25**. There are still quite a few evening activity and overnight host spots open. If you would like to fill those slots, please contact annep@holycrosswheatridge.org. Anne can also give you more information about this event.

Second Wind Walk/Run

The 15th Anniversary Second Wind Walk/Run will take place **Saturday, October 8, 2016, from 8am-2pm at Clement Park, Littleton**. This community event raises funds to bring life-saving therapy to children and teens at risk of suicide in Colorado! Please visit the registration site or contact Ken Wiig for more details and to sign

up! www.secondwindwalkrun.org

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