

Highlands Happenings

December 1, 2016

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

December 4 - Lynn Cooper

Don't forget to come celebrate December birthdays after church **this Sunday, December 4th**!

MINISTRY NOTES

HLC Prayer Service

We have a new prayer service that meets on the first Sunday of the month. The format is very different from the Vespers service we used to have. Come see what it's all about **this Sunday, December 4th at 6pm**.

Holiday Grief Service

HLC and HCC will hold a joint Blue Christmas Service on **Wednesday, December 7th at 6:00 pm**. Sometimes the holiday season is difficult due to loss, grief, depression, loneliness or other challenging life circumstances. *Please feel free to bring a memento of your loss or brokenness to this special service.*

Please invite friends and family who may be having a difficult time during Advent, Christmas, and the new year!

Thank you!

Our new kitchen floor was brought to you by the kindness and generosity of Martin Brotherton, Jerry Haselgren, Nicole Jobin, Ellen Lorts, Pam McClune, Elizabeth Smith, Ken Wiig, and Rick Wittkopp.

Take a peek at it next time you're here—it looks great!

Prayers Appreciated!

Marsha Reynolds is thankful for all your prayers and reports that she will see you all soon. She and her doctors are optimistic about what comes next.

As her community, let's continue to lift her and her doctors and family up in prayer.

Moms' Group Family Christmas Party

We're having a Family Christmas Party on **Saturday, December 10th at 10am** in the Fellowship Hall. Parents (yes, dads too!) and kiddos, come join us for activities, pizza, and fun. If you haven't attended our group before, please come join us for fellowship with our kids. To find out more info for this event, check out our Facebook

page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/262256977441871/>

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME and RESOURCES

Did you miss the Alternative Gift Fair back in October?

If so, some of the same vendors (and maybe more) will be at Glory of God Lutheran in Wheat Ridge from **10:00 - Noon, this Sunday December 4th**. If you need more information, talk with Mary Williams.

Come for the Hanging of the Greens!

Also on **December 10th, from 10 to 12**, we will be decorating our beautiful sanctuary for the Christmas season. It would be wonderful to have 5 or 6 folks present - many hands make for quick work and time for pizza!

There will be a sign-up sheet on the Narthex table.

HATS AND GLOVES TO WARM THOSE IN NEED

As we prepare ourselves and our homes for winter, let us remember those who have no homes. During the month of December, let us help a bit by bringing warm hats and gloves, scarves and socks to church. Look for the donation boxes in the narthex. We will deliver them to St. Francis Center on **Wednesday, December 28th**.



Grocery Cards

Thank you to everyone who uses their Safeway and/or [King Soopers](#) grocery cards! If you haven't started using them yet, now is a GREAT time to start. We are heading into the holidays, which mean we're going to be cooking and eating more than usual! It's a great time to challenge ourselves to use our **GROCERY CARDS**. It costs only \$5 to buy the card from Lorraine Rumpeltes or the church office and then you can load it at the store. Talk to Lorraine if you'd like to hear more about this amazing program.

Ticket to Ride

If you would like to donate to Ticket to Ride, It is now all right to make your checks payable to St. Francis Center, with Ticket to Ride in the Memo line. Thank you for all you give to make this program possible.

OUTREACH AT HLC

Ready for a Beer and Some Good conversation?

Join HCC & HLC for a safe and open dialogue about Theology on **Tuesday, December 13th from 5:00-6:30 pm at Sloan's Bar & Grill** at 5850 W. 25th Ave., Edgewater, CO 80214. Invite your friends and family!

Bienvenidos Food Bank

Thank you for your continued support of the Bienvenidos Food Bank. **In December, we need refried beans and chili.** Donations will be blessed on the first Sunday of the month and will then be delivered to the Food Bank for distribution to hundreds of families in our Northwest Denver community.

SAFONIA is coming to HLC 12/17 AND 12/18

Early bird Safonia tickets for Elderberries are \$10; see Ellen. Tickets at the door are \$15 per person.



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