

# Highlands Happenings

February 2, 2017

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

7<sup>th</sup> - Erica Holtzinger

## MINISTRY NOTES

### Supporting the Refugee Resettlement - information from Lutheran Family Services

By now you may be aware of the Executive Order dramatically disrupting refugee resettlement before the end of the week. Reports indicated that the order will stop all refugee resettlement for 120 days, end the resettlement of Syrians, temporarily block resettlement from six other "terror prone" countries, and reduce refugee admission for this fiscal year from 110,000 to 50,000. This will obviously be severely devastating to our refugee program and the many vulnerable individuals and families we serve through it. LFS is proud to welcome refugees and opposes any action that would diminish the protection and welcome that we offer. For more information, please go to

<http://www.lfsrm.org/refugee-resettlement-executive-order>

### ELDERBERRIES

Elderberries will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **February 14, 12:30pm**, for a Valentine's Day luncheon and games, hosted by Elizabeth Smith, Lynn Cooper, Mary Williams and Pam McClune. The Elderberries will also be assembling kits for homeless children in local shelters. The congregation can assist with this service project by donating character toothbrushes, books (board books or paper backs), or small toys, such as Rubik's Cubes or puzzles. Other items will be purchased with funds provided by Thrivent Financial.

### HLC Bookies: Book Club

The Bookies Book Club will meet on **Friday February 17th at 6:30pm** to discuss the book ***Declaration on the Way***. The book is a declaration of the consensus achieved by Lutherans and Catholics on the topics of church, ministry and Eucharist. The Declaration is "on the way," because there are still dividing differences. The book offers some possible ways forward on resolving some of these differences. The book is a free download from the ELCA. **Go to [elca.org](http://elca.org) and search for Declaration on the Way to find the pdf document.**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME and RESOURCES

### Several of you have asked about donating items to LFS...

If you are doing some tidying up around the house and have any furniture or household items to donate to Lutheran Family Services' **refugee families** (Denver area), please call Anna at LFS (303-389-2339) to schedule a pickup! We are in particular need of **dressers and dining tables and chairs. Also needed are lamps, side/coffee tables, night stands, sofas, living room chairs, mattresses and box springs in good shape.** Or, if you don't have anything you can donate, funds to purchase furniture at thrift stores would be great too. Thanks! (We cannot accept sofa beds, TVs, desks, bookshelves, or king size beds—sorry!)

### Grocery Cards

Grocery gift cards are always available in the office. 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.

## OUTREACH AT HLC

### Bienvenidos Food Bank

**In February, we need oatmeal.** 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.

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