

# Highlands Happenings

**DON'T FORGET TO MOVE YOUR CLOCKS AN HOUR FORWARD ON SATURDAY!**

**March 9, 2017**

**Children's Sermon:** this Sunday there will be a message for children!

- **Birthday:** March 14 Aulby Bryan
- **Holden Evening Prayer:** 6:30 on Wednesdays through April 5<sup>th</sup>
- **ELDERBERRIES:** "I know it's March but we're not having green food!"
  - **HLC's Bookies:** Saturday 3/18 at 9am. Call Ken for more info
  - **#FLAT JESUS:** Highlands FB fun!
  - **Highlands Huffers:** Fun, fellowship & fitness!
- **Mom's Group Freezer meal party:** April 1<sup>st</sup>. RSVP via the [HLC Moms' Group Facebook](#) page by 3/26
  - **Thrivent Choice Dollars:** direct your dollars by March 31st
- The 3rd **Annual Moms' Group Kids' Stuff Sale:** 6/10, items & volunteers wanted
  - **Grocery Cards:** \$5 to buy one, 5% of every purchase comes to HLC!
  - **Bienvenidos Food Bank:** March, canned fruit and refried beans!
  - **Jesus Christ Superstar:** matinees at the Arvada Center 3/24-4/16

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## MINISTRY NOTES

### ELDERBERRIES

Come join hosts Nicole Jobin, Ellen Lorts, Jerry and Wendy Haselgren on **Tuesday, March 14 at 12:30** for Elderberries. Menu: "I know it's March but we're not having green food!" Ham or Corned Beef sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, & crudité's. Please bring a bit of dessert - it can even be green! We will be 'refreshing' the children's' busy bags so your financial support will be welcome.

### **HLC's Bookies book club is meeting at a new time and place for March**

We will be meeting in the Great hall of Denver's Union Station to discuss Dana Crawford: 50 Years Saving the Soul of a City by Mike McPhee on **Saturday morning March 18 at 9 am**. We will also have opportunities to walk around LODO and see some of the other sites she helped preserve, including Larimer Square, the Oxford Hotel, the Ice House and more. The book is only 220 pages and is full of pictures, so if you've ever thought of checking out the book club, this may be an easy and fun opportunity. Contact Ken Wiig for information.

### **Take FLAT JESUS with you and see what happens.**

Jesus is always with us and this Lent, Highlands Lutheran has a tangible reminder with Flat Jesus. Flat Jesus is a paper doll you can color to take with you, keep in your car or purse, leave on your fridge, or take on adventures with you. Flat Jesus is a way to remember to pray and bring Jesus along with you in your everyday moments. For those with Facebook, post pictures of yourself with Flat Jesus on our page, to show others how you've taken Jesus along with you. Post your pictures with #FlatJesus

Don't have Facebook? Keep Flat Jesus with you through Lent as a reminder to reflect and pray. Everyone is invited to bring their personalized Flat Jesus to church on Easter Sunday to swap stories with others and take a group picture. Where will you take Jesus this Lent?

Copies of Flat Jesus are available in the Narthex, or download [here](http://s3.amazonaws.com/churchplantmedia-cms/chapel_of_the_cross_mo/flat-jesus.jpg) or copy and paste this link into your browser [http://s3.amazonaws.com/churchplantmedia-cms/chapel\\_of\\_the\\_cross\\_mo/flat-jesus.jpg](http://s3.amazonaws.com/churchplantmedia-cms/chapel_of_the_cross_mo/flat-jesus.jpg)

### **Highlands Huffers!**

Pretty much all of us can walk/trot four miles or even thirteen without much effort or practice. Use those skills by joining the Highland Slackers. We will be running/trotting/jogging/meandering down the Slacker Half Marathon.

Alternatively, you could get a team and do the Slacker four mile relay race, if thirteen is too far. Go to [Slacker Half Marathon](#) to sign up then join your other fit folks for a day of fun. Let Erin Powers or Judy Sims know when you've signed up.

## Moms' Group

It's an exciting time for Moms' Group! We strive to make youth a priority at Highlands Lutheran through fundraising and events. Keep an eye out for our Third Annual Kids' Stuff Sale early in June, movies on the lawn for the summer, and lots of fundraising opportunities to help out with. Our group events will be more focused on families instead of monthly play dates with moms and kids. For now, mark your calendars for **The Easter Sunday Egg Hunt, sponsored by Elderberries on April 16th**. We need volunteers to hide the eggs; please contact Maren Markus if you can help ([marenmarkus@gmail.com](mailto:marenmarkus@gmail.com)). To stay updated with pop-up events, and fundraisers, please join the [HLC Moms' Group Facebook page](#),

Come join us in a Freezer Meal Prep Party in the Fellowship Hall on **April 1st at 9am**. We'll work together to prep two recipes and each leave with Slow Cooker Sweet Potato & Black Bean Quinoa Chili AND Chicken Parmesan Casserole ready for our freezers. **RSVPs need to be in by March 26th** so we can shop for supplies; cost will be divided amongst participants. Invite your other mom-friends!! RSVP via the [HLC Moms' Group Facebook page](#), or by emailing [marenmarkus@gmail.com](mailto:marenmarkus@gmail.com)

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME and RESOURCES

### Are You a Thrivent Member?

With Thrivent Choice, Thrivent Members can recommend where some of Thrivent Financial's outreach funds go. Since 2010, more than \$330 million has been distributed to churches and nonprofits nationwide, including Highlands Lutheran, Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains, and the ELCA. Make sure you periodically direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars - Note that all 2016 Choice Dollars must be directed by **March 31, 2017**. Choice Dollars can be directed online at [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com) or by calling 800.847.4836.

### The 3rd Annual Moms' Group Kids' Stuff Sale needs your help!

Are your kids outgrowing their clothes? Do you need to weed through their toy collection? Bring your items for donation to the left side of the stage in the Fellowship Hall at any time between now and the end of May. **Our sale will be on June 10th** and we need lots of volunteers to organize and sell. Come have fun and shop. Sign up on our [Facebook page](#) to help out.

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

Due to the cut in arrivals and an increased interest from the community, LFS does not need many donation items at this time. Please call Anna at LFS (303-389-2339) before bringing donation items to their office.

Right now, the biggest need in Denver is for middle or high school sized bikes. Contact David at [david.cornish@lfsrm.org](mailto:david.cornish@lfsrm.org)

### 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 March, we need refried beans and canned fruit.**

What a wonderful problem to have -- we need more deliveries to keep up! We will now be blessing the food each week, and Jerry, Pam, and Martin will alternate weeks to deliver the collection to the Food Bank for distribution to hundreds of families in our Northwest Denver community. **THANK YOU Jerry, Pam, and Martin!**

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### Jesus Christ Superstar at the Arvada Center 3/24-4/16

Groups of 10 or more people can receive \$30 tickets to 1pm matinees on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays at the Arvada Center. For information/reservations, call Group Sales at 720-898-7273.

### Annual Colorado Rockies Faith Day

Watch for information about the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Colorado Rockies Faith Day, 8/6/17

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