

# Highlands Happenings

**March 16, 2017**

- **Birthdays:** March 16, Christy Wallett  
March 17, Robin Lockwood Young and Susan Peikan  
March 22, Patricia Hanson
- **Holden Evening Prayer:** 6:30 on Wednesdays through April 5<sup>th</sup>
  - **HLC Bookies Book Club:** This Saturday 3/18—field trip!!
- **Joint Lutheran/Catholic Church Service at Bethany:** Sunday 3/19 @ 3pm
- **Highlands Happy Hour:** Sunday, 3/19 at Berkeley Untapped, 6pm!
- **Urban Servant Corps:** 30th Anniversary Palm Sunday Prayer Walk!
- **Mom's Group Upcoming Events:** THANK YOU!, Freezer meal party, balloons, Kid's Sale, Easter Egg Hunt, Fundraiser, and Flat Jesus
  - **Highlands Huffers:** Fun, fellowship & fitness!
  - **Thrivent Choice Dollars:** direct your dollars by March 31st
  - **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
    - **Annual Colorado Rockies Faith Day:** 8/6/17

**Need more information? Scroll down for full text.**

## MINISTRY NOTES

### HLC Bookies: Book Club

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.

### Joint Service at Bethany this Sunday

The HLC community is invited to a joint Lutheran/Catholic worship service at Bethany Lutheran Church (4500 E Hampden Ave) this Sunday, March 19th at 3pm. All who are interested are welcome to attend.

### Highlands Happy Hour

Join us the 3rd Sunday of the month for Highlands Happy Hour. New members, visitors, and long-time Highlanders are all invited to join for the sake of getting to know each other. No agenda other than hanging out together. Non-alcoholic options are available. **Join us at Berkeley Untapped at 6pm on Sunday, March 19th.**

### 30th Anniversary Palm Sunday Prayer Walk

We are eager to gather with you for the 30th Anniversary Palm Sunday Prayer Walk! The Urban Servant Corps community will celebrate the beginning of Holy Week as we walk the neighborhood where USC volunteers have been present for 30 years! May this gathering be an act of faithful support for the justice that we seek in our neighborhoods. Thanks to Bishop Gonia for joining us for this event!

**Sunday, April 9 from 1-3pm**  
**1660 Ogden St. Denver, CO 80218**  
**NEW THIS YEAR!**

\*prizes for "noisiest" offering collection & largest group from a congregation

\*history walk of Ogden House with USC founders, Nelson and Bonita Bock

Please gather generous contributions and "noisy offerings" (coins) to support the USC program. If you are unable to attend the event, please consider a contribution to celebrate 30 years of "serving Christ through action for better community."

### Moms' Group Upcoming Events

Dear Elderberries and Congregation,

We are so thankful to be part of this church family. Thank you for your generosity and investment in the various projects which affect our children. From the newly revamped busy bags, to the donations for the new Sunday School/Family Ministry position: thank you!! You are what make Highlands home.

Sincerely, the HLC Moms' Group

### April 1 - 9am Freezer Meal Prep Party

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)

**April 9** - Please donate green balloons for our indoor Easter Egg Hunt; donation bin is on Narthex table.

**April 15** - 2pm Easter Egg "Hiding" - volunteers needed! Contact [marenmarkus@gmail.com](mailto:marenmarkus@gmail.com).

**April 16** - Easter Sunday Egg Hunt, sponsored by Elderberries

If you want more information check out our [Facebook page](#)

### Fundraiser

The Moms' Group presented last Sunday about the need to raise funds to hire a very part-time Sunday School and Family Ministry Leader. Here are the highlights of the presentation:

1) position would start this Fall and 2) we need to raise \$3600

Every dollar donated will be matched with \$1 from Eva Lou Lucas' Memorial Fund and \$1 from private donors, until we reach our goal. The job description is ready to go- all we need is your financial support. We are inching dangerously close to achieving our goal!! All monies raised beyond the \$3600 goal will be used for future needs/materials for our youth. Donation vase is on the Narthex table, or mail to the church office. Please write a note/memo of "youth fund". For more information, contact Tara McConnell, Sara Milius, or Maren Markus

### 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)

### 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.

### 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.

## 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.

### 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!**