

Highlands Happenings

March 23, 2017

- **Birthdays:** March 25th Paul Smith
- **Holden Evening Prayer:** 6:30 on Wednesdays through April 5th
- **Urban Servant Corps:** Palm Sunday Prayer Walk! **April 9th, 1-3pm**
- **Mom's Group Upcoming Events:** THANK YOU!, Freezer meal party **April 1**, **RSVPs need to be in by THIS SUNDAY March 26th**, balloons April 15th, Kid's Sale, Easter Egg Hunt April 16th, Fundraiser, and Flat Jesus
 - **Highlands Huffers:** Fun, fellowship & fitness! **\$25, June 24th**
 - **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**
- **Volunteer for the Rocky Mtn. Synod Assembly:** **May 5-7 in Colorado Springs.** Childcare is available after 2pm. See Pr. Travis for more info!
 - **Annual Colorado Rockies Faith Day:** **8/6/17**

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MINISTRY NOTES

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! Thank you Bishop Gonial!

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

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

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 THIS SUNDAY 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

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.

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.

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](#) or copy and paste this link into your browser 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?

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 or by calling 800.847.4836.

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.

In April we need spaghetti and pasta sauces.

We bless 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!**

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