

# Highlands Happenings

**March 30, 2017**

Pastor Dena Williams will be with us this Sunday, 4/2/17

- **Birthdays this week:** March 30 - Yahira Johnson-Esparza  
March 31 - Nichole Chavez  
April 2 - Marsha Reynolds  
Other April birthdays are listed below
- **Directory Update:** Chad and Genevieve Stoesz have moved to 712 Cutter's Dr. Hailey, ID 83333
  - **Holden Evening Prayer:** 6:30 on Wednesdays through **April 5<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Urban Servant Corps:** Palm Sunday Prayer Walk! **April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm**
- **Mom's Group Upcoming Events:** Freezer meal party **April 1 THIS SATURDAY**, balloons April 15th, Easter Egg Hunt April 16th, Fundraiser, and Flat Jesus, Help with the Kid's Sale!
  - **Highlands Huffers:** Fun, fellowship & fitness! **June 24th**
- **Thrivent Choice Dollars:** direct your dollars by **TOMORROW March 31st**
  - **Grocery Cards:** \$5 to buy one, 5% of every purchase comes to HLC!
  - **Bienvenidos Food Bank:** In **April**, we need spaghetti and pasta sauces
  - **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!

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## MINISTRY NOTES

### Community Birthday Celebration

Come have coffee and cake with us as we celebrate April birthdays with HCC, **this Sunday!**

- 2 Marsha Reynolds
- 11 Betty Strauch  
Eric McConnell
- 21 Alice Maksim  
Wanda Brotherton
- 22 Benjamin Flowers
- 25 Erin Power  
Nathan Wittkopp
- 27 Betty Rietz

### Directory Update!

If you have any changes to your phone/address/email listing, please send to Anna at 303-477-2031 or [office@highlandslutheran.org](mailto:office@highlandslutheran.org)

### 30th Anniversary Palm Sunday Prayer Walk

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

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 Gonia! 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

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

Come join us in a Freezer Meal Prep Party in the Fellowship Hall **THIS Saturday 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.

**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](#)

### Moms' Group 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](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 on **June 24th**. 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](http://thrivent.com) or by calling 800.847.4836.

### OUTREACH AT HLC

#### Bienvenidos Food Bank

**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!**