

Highlands Happenings

July 19, 2017

Birthdays this week

TODAY! Sara Milius

July 23 Loren Hanson

Do you have changes to make to the directory? Please send them to office@highlandslutheran.org

- **Special Kids' Service** - Sunday 7/30 at 10am
- **Sunday School & Family Ministry** kid's event this Saturday July 22nd at 10
 - **Apply for Thrivent Action Team seed money!**
- **Vacation Bible School August 7-11** for Preschoolers and Elementary children!
- **Were you involved in Family Promise?** You might want to learn about and volunteer for **Growing Home.**
 - **Bienvenidos Food Bank** - In July we need shampoo!

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COMING UP AT HIGHLANDS....

Sunday School & Family Ministry

Our first event with Wendy Pagels will be a "meet and greet" play date at Sloan's Lake on **July 22nd at 10am**. Meet us at the playground located at Tennyson & 26th.

On **August 26th**, we will be meeting on the front lawn of church at 10am for crafts, snacks, and plenty of fun! We'll be inviting neighborhood families to stop by and join in while also providing a station for those wishing to donate items for next year's Kids Stuff Sale! Please contact Maren Markus if you're available to help flyer the neighborhood.

Sunday School begins September 2nd!

Special Kids' Service

Sunday, 7/30, we're having a special service for kids at 10am.

Make sure to bring your "noisy offering"!

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME and RESOURCES

Thrivent Seed Money

Are you a Thrivent member? Did you know that as a Thrivent member, you are eligible to apply for two Action Teams a year, with a kick-starter budget of \$250 each time? If you have yet to utilize your Action Team allotment, please contact Pam McClune or Maren Markus to help you with the process. We have plenty of opportunities for you to select from. From blessing bags, to the Harvest Festival, to Sunday School flyers for the neighborhood, we can match you with a project or help you see your own idea come to life! For more information, please visit the Generosity Programs page on thrivent.com

Vacation Bible School

This year HLC is partnering with Advent Lutheran Church for Vacation Bible School from **Aug. 7-11, 9:00-12:00** for preschoolers and from **9:00-3:00** for elementary school aged kids. Advent is hosting, so click [here to register](#) your kiddos. There is also a link for sign-ups on the Children's page of the HLC website www.highlandslutheran.org.

VBS Help Needed

- * Provide lunch for the 4 Rainbow Trail counselors on Monday (8/7) or Wednesday (8/9). Lunches would need to be brought to Advent any time before 11:30 on those days.
- * Host 4 Rainbow Trail counselors for dinner on Monday (8/7) or Wednesday (8/9). Dinner is typically provided at the host's home with an opportunity to get to know the counselors. A gift certificate can also be given for the counselors to go to restaurants.
- * Volunteer with the youth anytime during the week of VBS (8/7-8/11). Volunteers are needed all week so if you have a morning (9-noon) or full day (9:00-3:00) to spare, please consider helping. If you are able to help in any of these ways, or for more information, please contact Sara Milius as soon as possible: saramilius@gmail.com.

Were you involved in Family Promise?

Lynn Smith from Cross of Christ, Broomfield, is a key coordinator of the Growing Home "Canopy Program" in which homeless families are provided shelter in church locations on a rotating basis. The basement of the Lutheran Center is a site for about 12 weeks a year, with volunteers coming in from a variety of churches, some ELCA and some others. A couple weeks a year are shared weeks with no one congregation hosting. Lynn is seeking overnight host volunteers for the nights of **August 8-12**. It involves arriving in the evening, visiting with the guests, and staying overnight in a private room. One or two volunteers can share the room, if you'd like to bring a spouse or partner. Email kmuller@rmselca.org if you are available.

If you are interested, view this 12-minute Mile High TED Talk by the executive director of Growing Home: Teva Sienicki: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvlozhvQPJw&feature=youtu.be> or visit the Growing Home Website: <http://www.growinghome.org/strengthening-families/>

Bienvenidos Food Bank

Thank you again and again for your generous contributions to the Food Bank. Items are blessed each Sunday and delivered to Bienvenidos every week so that they can distribute them to individuals in need. In **July** we need **shampoo!**

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