

Highlands Happenings

August 3, 2017

Birthday this week: Vivian Anderson, August 7th.

FROM ANNA: I'm updating the church directory for the beginning of the school year. If you have changed any of your contact information, please email your corrections to me at office@highlandslutheran.org THANK YOU

- **HELP Keep our Church and Staff Safe** - make sure the door is locked when you leave!
 - **Vacation Bible School starts next week August 7-11** Sign up at the link below!
 - **Elderberries is back!** August 8th in the fellowship hall at 12:30
 - **Special Services with HCC in August** - 13th and 27th see below
- **Kid's Meet and Play #2 August 26th** - kiddos, come to the front lawn of church at 10am for crafts, snacks, and fun!
- **Bienvenidos Food Bank** - In August, we are collecting classroom supplies like paper towels, boxes of tissue and cleaning wipes!
 - **Above & Beyond** - want to do more than you are now?
 - **Apply for Thrivent Action Team seed money!**

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MINISTRY NOTES

HELP Keep our Church and Staff Safe

We have had a couple of occurrences of the front door being left unlocked overnight. PLEASE lock the door before leaving using the hex key in the plant just to left of the door. If the locking bar is already engaged, please look back to make sure that the door fully closes/locks when you have gone out. You must push the bar in completely when exiting for the lock to engage.

Elderberries is back!

Come to Elderberries to look at the HLC historical stuff Pam McClune and Sue Wittkopp found in storage, and enjoy Jambalaya, corn bread, and slaw! Rick and Sue are hosting in the fellowship hall, **Tuesday, August 8th at 12:30.**

August 13th: Blessing of backpacks

Join us in offering blessings & prayers to those heading back to school! This will be a joint HCC & HLC led worship service, and will include filling backpacks with supplies, which will be donated to families in the neighborhood. Please consider donating a few items to the cause, or donating a coffee gift card to a stressed-out teacher! Skinner Middle School recommends the following items:

- Backpacks
- "Trapper Keeper" style notebooks (zipper enclosed 3-ring binders)
- Composition notebooks (black & white cover)
- Spiral notebooks
- Pencils & erasers (no pens please)
- "earbud" style headphones (for working with school laptops)

Please bring your donations to church on Sunday, August 13th!

COMING UP AT HIGHLANDS....

August 27th: Homelessness Sunday

Join HCC & HLC in welcoming Melody Morgans, with Close to Home Storytellers Network & The Colorado Council of Churches, for a Sunday of listening, prayer, and awareness toward issues of homelessness. Worship will be followed by a potluck fellowship brunch. Please come and join the conversation!

Meet and Play #2

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!

Vacation Bible School Starts Next Week!

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME and RESOURCES

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 **August** we need **paper towels, boxes of tissue and cleaning wipes!**

Above & Beyond

Would you like to find a way to become more involved at HLC? Do you have a little extra time (**above** what you give now) or money (**beyond** your regular pledged offering) that you could spare? Then the HLC Church Council invites you to help our HLC community to grow stronger and to be good stewards of our church, both people and place. Please check out the bulletin board in the Narthex announcing our "Above & Beyond" campaign. Stewardship of HLC is something which occurs year round, and the items on the board are ways you can get involved as the Spirit moves you.
Peace and Blessings - Your Church Council

Thrivent Action Team 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

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