

# Highlands Happenings

August 17, 2017

**Birthdays this week: Wyatt Holtzinger, Doug Howe and Wendy Haselgren, all on August 22!**

**FROM ANNA: Thanks for your prayers - no aneurysm!**

- **Can We Talk About Racism?** If you're interested, hang around after church this **Sunday**
  - **HLC surveys** are due by **August 31<sup>st</sup>**
  - **ALERT! HLC Interior Work August, 21 - 24**
- **HLC Bookies** are discussing "The Wives of Los Alamos" tomorrow, **August 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30** at Ken's house
  - **HLC Happy Hour - 6:30pm Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>** at Berkley Untapped
  - **Pub Theology** Come to Sloan's **August 22<sup>nd</sup> 5-6:30** for safe talk about theology
  - **Sunday School Registration & Play August 26<sup>th</sup>**, front lawn of church at 10am
  - **Homelessness Sunday - August 27<sup>th</sup>**: Storytelling, prayer, discussion & potluck picnic
- **Bienvenidos Food Bank - In August**, we are collecting classroom supplies like **paper towels, Kleenex and cleaning wipes!** THANK YOU!
  - **Above & Beyond** - want to do more than you are now?
  - **Apply for Thrivent Action Team seed money!**

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## MINISTRY NOTES

### Can We Talk About Racism?

Need a safe, respect-filled forum to discuss the recent national occurrences? Please remain after worship this morning for a time to talk and pray together.

### ALERT! HLC Interior Work August, 21 - 24

As part of the hail damage insurance claim, the work replacing the ceiling in the entryway and foyer begins next Monday. There will be **NO ENTRY BY THE FRONT DOOR** and **NO PASS THROUGH FROM THE BACK DOOR TO THE OFFICE OR SANCTUARY**. To access the library and office, please use the double doors with code and go through hallways to elevator or north stairway. Or use the back door; go upstairs through the hallway and down the north stairway. Please check that doors are locked as you leave. After a few days of inconvenience, we will have a beautiful new ceiling

### Church Survey

Thanks for the great response to the church survey! The transition team appreciates your feedback as it moves forward in the search for a new pastor. If you haven't completed yours yet, take one of the paper copies from the table in the Narthex. Completed surveys need to be received in the church office, sent to [office@highlandslutheran.org](mailto:office@highlandslutheran.org) or given to the transition team by the end of this month.

## COMING UP AT HIGHLANDS....

### HLC Bookies

The HLC Bookies book club will be meeting on **Friday night, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30** to discuss "The Wives of Los Alamos" by Tarashea Nesbit. Come to Ken Wiig's house, 4047 King St, for fun and good conversation. Read a review [here](#).

### HLC Happy Hour

**6:30pm Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at Berkley Untapped**

### Pub Theology

Come to Sloan's **August 22<sup>nd</sup> 5-6:30** for safe and open conversation about theology.

### **Sunday School Registration and Play**

On **August 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am** we will be meeting on the **front lawn of church** 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 3rd!**

### **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. **10am** Worship will be followed by a potluck fellowship brunch. Please come and join the conversation! Bring food to share and a chair or blanket for the lawn.

## **STEWARDSHIP OF TIME and RESOURCES**

### **THANK YOU!**

Thanks for all of your participation in the Blessing of the Backpacks project. Your offerings and participation are most appreciated - we had enough backpacks to share with both Skinner MS and Bienvenidos. Well Done!

### **Pastor's Discretionary Fund**

The pastor's discretionary fund has been being used to buy grocery gift cards for a variety of folks who have called or stopped in during the past couple of months. If you would like to help replenish our supply by dropping off a \$15 or \$20 card, please drop it in the offering plate or in Pr. Travis' inbox in the office. Thanks for your generosity!

### **2018 Calendars for New Beginnings**

Do you have extra 2018 Calendars? We are collecting calendars for the New Beginnings ELCA Worshipping Community, a Prison Ministry based inside the walls of the Denver Women's Correctional Facility. Drop them off in the box in the narthex, and we will deliver them to Pastor Terry for distribution.

### **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, Kleenex 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.  
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### **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](http://thrivent.com)

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