## **Highlands Happenings**

November 24, 2017

Birthdays this week:

Late birthday greeting to Christine Stopps - Nov. 15th, Kyle Young - Nov. 30th

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Help Newly Arrived Refugee Families** 

Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains Refugee & Asylee helps newly-arrived refugees in Colorado and is in need of grocery gift cards for refugee clients.

Would you be willing to buy a grocery card and write a note of welcome to our new neighbors? Please send gift cards and notes:

Attn: Jaime Koehler Blanchard Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains 1600 Downing St., #600 Denver, CO 80218



HATS AND GLOVES TO WARM THOSE IN NEED

As we prepare ourselves and our homes for winter, let us remember those who have no homes. During the month of December, let us help a bit by bringing warm hats and gloves, scarves and socks to church.

Look for the donation boxes in the narthex. We will deliver them to St. Francis Center on Wednesday, December 28th.

The Giving Tree is set up in the back of the church and ready for ornaments!

The children will be selling Fair Trade chocolate and ELCA animals for God's Global Barnyard starting December 3<sup>rd</sup> through Advent.

Buy an animal (or part of an animal) and your gift goes to sustain farmers worldwide. You can also pick up some chocolate for "friends" (we all know who is really eating it!). Come support the ELCA and our children in this project. More information is in your monthly newsletter. This is a Thrivent Choice project. They are providing the money to purchase the candy and then the money collected will be sent to Lutheran Family Services.

Any questions...ask Nancy or Wendy Pagels.

SAFONIA CONCERTS AT HIGHLANDS LUTHERAN CHURCH ... Saturday, December 2 at 7:30 pm & Sunday, December 3 at 2:30 pm - HLC "EARLY BIRD SPECIAL" TICKET PRICE = \$10 available from Sunday, November 12 – Sunday, November 26 .... See Ellen. Tickets at the door = \$15

Coming up in December we will be collecting Peanut Butter for the Bienvenidos Food Bank

## COMING UP AT HIGHLANDS....

Little Lutheran's Lessons Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm Calling all Little Lutherans!

Let's meet at church for some Advent crafting and snacks! Little sibs welcome! See you there!

Also ... coming up!

December 16 (sat), at church at 10am:

This year we will be approaching the Christmas Program a little differently!

Please come to this event so we can stage, and take pictures of the Little Lutherans dressed in Nativity costume.

On Christmas Eve a slide show of the pictures we take at this event will play, while the children that are able to make it to church that Sunday sing the songs we have been preparing.

Please practice the first verses of Away in a manger, and Silent night, at home while we get ready!

I'm hopeful this approach will allow more kids to participate, and have things running smoothly for the service.

\*\*if you cannot attend this event please let me know ASAP so I can get a picture of your Little Lutheran dressed in costume before the 16th, and work it in. As always please feel free to contact me with any questions!

Can't wait to greet the holiday season with you! Love, Mrs Wendy 720-422-3543

## 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 November, we need cans of corn.

Above & Beyond: Things are getting done! Check out the bulletin board in the Narthex with our "Above & Beyond" campaign details. Peace and Blessings - Your Church Council