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BLESSING OF THE BICYCLES 2017

House for All Sinners and Saints Presents Annual Blessing for Denver Cyclists, Skaters, Walkers and Everybody Else!

Denver, CO, May 17, 2017– House for All Sinners and Saints (an Evangelical Lutheran Church in America congregation) is thrilled to announce that the 8th Annual Blessing of the Bicycles (BotB) will return on Sunday, June 25th at 6:30 PM! House for All invites all who peddle, wheel, skate or walk to bring their bicycles, wheelchairs, skateboards, rollerblades, penny farthings, crutches, canes and other human-powered forms of transportation. The BotB will convene at 6:30 on the 25th at 1595 Pearl Street for a blessing, bike ride down East 16th Avenue and an after party with pizza, gourmet popsicles and music. An alternative cycling course and decoration booth will also be provided for children in the church parking lot. HFASS will provide security for bikes that are parked in front of the church during the 5 pm regular Sunday liturgy.

Urban biking is not without peril. Many of my parishioners rely exclusively on human-powered transportation and do so while competing for road space with motorized vehicles. As a way of acknowledging the inherent goodness of God's gifts of life and health and the humble but elegant bicycle we conduct the Blessing of the Bicycles for the entire Denver community. – Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber, House for All Sinners and Saints

This event is open to all regardless of religious affiliation, race, creed, color, sexual orientation, fat or thin tires, and brand of bike. As we swing our thurible of incense over the Schwinn and Cannondales we do so as a human community seeking God's blessing and protection for all who brave our city streets sans non-motorized human powered vehicles.

Present in a world groaning under the excesses of consumption, we acknowledge the inherent goodness of non-motorized human powered transportation and give thanks for the simple beauty of the bicycle. – House for All prayer

The Blessing of the Bicycles will also include on-site volunteer mechanics to assist with minor tune-ups.

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