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# The Chronicle

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

## Living the catholic spirit

### Part of a continuing series

Monty Hoffman

If your heart is true, as mine is with yours, then take my hand. II Kings 10:15

If Methodists don't all agree with each other about doctrine and beliefs, how do we live in community with each other and solve our differences? We do it by living something called the catholic spirit. That's little "c" for universal, not big "C" for Roman Catholic.

In 1749, John Wesley preached a sermon entitled "The catholic Spirit" and for his text he took the verse from II Kings. Wesley made the point that we don't have to agree on everything to love each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. It is more important to reflect God's love for each of us in our relationship with each other than it is to agree on everything.

If we disagree, how do we convince each other who is right? We don't. Wesley stated, "I do not mean, "Be of my opinion." You need not. I do not expect or desire it. Neither do I mean, "I will be of your opinion." I cannot; it does not depend on my choice. I can no more think than I can see or hear as I will. Keep your opinion; I, mine, and that as steadily as ever. You need not even endeavor to come over to me or bring me over to you. I do not desire you to dispute those points or to hear or speak one word concerning them. Let all opinions alone on one side and the other: only, "give me your hand."

The way we solve our disagreements in a community of faith is not always the same as it is in other aspects of our lives. When people of faith are on different sides of an issue, we solve our differences by being together. As we live in community, we partake of the means of grace together. We take communion, study scripture, pray, fast, and perform acts of mercy together. Through God's grace, we will eventually be able to discern God's will on the issues that we disagree on.

Committing ourselves to solving our

differences by living the catholic spirit is a difficult thing to do. It requires tremendous patience and trust in God, something that Methodists need more of, just like everybody else. The discernment process can be a long process and we often would rather just get it over with by another means instead of having to live with the uncertainty of not knowing. We choose up sides, split, and go our separate ways.

Living the catholic spirit does not look like we are doing anything to directly solve the problem. Wesley tells us that we understand God through grace and that we understand grace through means of grace. We must trust that as we partake of the means of grace God will reveal his will. We often lack that trust and we choose up sides, split, and go our separate ways.

The Methodist Church had a chance to live the catholic spirit and use it to discern God's will on an issue of great importance, slavery. We failed miserably. Although none of us would argue now what God's will on this issue is, it divided us in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the rupture did not heal until 1935. We, like everybody else, are all too human.

Methodism is still faced with issues that threaten to split us. There are people of faith on both sides of the issues and it does not appear that the political process will close the gaps. I think that we need to listen to John Wesley and join hands as brothers and sisters in Christ. Let's patiently partake of the means of grace together and trust that God will reveal his will. If your heart is true, as mine is with yours, then take my hand. Join me in living the catholic spirit.

Two remaining chances to have

### Conversations with Janet

Come and join us for dessert and fellowship with Rev. Janet and her husband, Bob and your other friends from St. Luke's. Call to RSVP or sign up between services in the Narthex on Sundays.

Castle Pines/Castle Rock:  
Thursday, August 5, 6:45 p.m. – 9 p.m. at David and Anne Necker's home (303) 721-9512

West Littleton/Columbine:  
Saturday August 7, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Floyd and Connie Shoemaker's home (303) 795-5164

### Nametags... yes, NAMETAGS!

In order for us to be a community, to really be St. Luke's, we should put a larger effort on being relational. Please remember to wear your nametag. Not only will it help Rev. Janet (!), it will help all of us to become more relational with one another.

Please take a moment prior to the service and search for that nametag. There will be sign-up sheets hanging for you to request one or for a replacement. They will be organized in alphabetical order, so please help to maintain them that way. Some people find it easier to take it with them. That's okay too, but they do not go through the washer very well!

Thank you for participating! And remember that *together* we *can* be a relational community!

Lynda Fickling

The Chronicle



Message from  
our Senior  
Pastor,  
Rev. Janet  
Forbes



CONVERSATIONS WITH REV. JANET

Bob and I are deeply grateful to be serving in ministry with you! We have enjoyed two conversations with you in gracious homes, the Butlers and the Chaplins. This week, we will gather at the Balus and the Walbergs. In August, the Neckers and the Shoemakers will host our conversations. You are invited!

We are learning so much about you and the diversity that you represent as a congregation. We are inspired by your faithfulness in the midst of change, your commitment to the global village, the depth of your spiritual insight.

Your families are your treasure! You are deeply concerned about the formation, safety, and faith development of your children. You want to know how God speaks! How does God guide, shape, befriend, grace life?

You are both spiritually and intellectually hungry. You want opportunities for the transformation of both mind and heart. You are “theologians”, embracing a lively partnership with the God of all peoples. You are shaping your Christology (Who is Jesus?) as are most Christians living in this post-modern world. As you seek to be invitational to all persons, you are critically aware that we are living in cultural times that are more akin to the first century than to the 20<sup>th</sup> century. How do you follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? How do we move from strangers, to admirers, to friends, to followers, to disciples, to apostles of Jesus?

You are conservative and progressive, socially and politically. You are interfaith. You are being shaped by the Bible. Many of you are striving to live, as I am, out of the radical discipleship of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), letting those commitments inform your relationships, your ethics, your spiritual practice. Indeed, if we are a congregation that strives to “grow together toward full humanity through living the teachings of Jesus” as our mission attests, then we have to attend to the Jesus’ proclamation of the kingdom of God.

I discover that most of you have worshipped in faith traditions other than Methodist. Yet you are drawn to this brand name and to the compelling nature of its core belief, “grace”.

Many of you appreciate our worship style, especially our music ministers! Many of you would like to see a more formal, traditional option; others want to embrace EPIC worship (experiential, participatory, image-based, and connective) with a creative use of music, drama, art, media, and sacred dance.

Yes, you are diverse!

My challenge will be to set the table of hospitality! Will

Prayer Chain Update

*Please keep these members, friends and concerns of St. Luke’s in your prayers:*

- Kim Nelson;
- Tammy Heister;
- John Armen;
- Sharon Oliver’s dad, Bob McGill;
- Sharon Scholle;
- Jon Streaty’s brother, Bob Streaty; and sister, Roberta Towell;
- Marcia Hannon’s mother, Peggy Lamberth;
- Kim Smith;
- Martha Burgett;
- Norma Harris;
- Diane Whetson;
- Sarah Johnson, niece of Carl and Dianne Johnson;
- Kris Kinney;
- Delia Maher;
- Michael Eagleston’s parents, Delores and Dean Eagleston;
- Anne Chew’s friend, Dale Dubberly;
- Peter Reif;
- Peggy Fretzs’ dad;
- Yvonne Amrine’s mother, Norma Arnold;
- Jed Walker’s mother, Yvonne Sainsbury;
- Abby Joseph Harrison;
- Sharon Scholle’s friends, Marian Kline and Patricia Artman;
- Ken Fong’s dad, Robert Fong;
- Judy Evans;
- Bobbi King’s aunt, Betty Pfaffengut;
- Brook Hoffman’s mother, MaryAnn Carlson;
- Trudy Turner’s mother-in-law, Dorothy Turner; and
- Vickie Ferguson.

*We continue to pray for:*

- William Damsgard Cronin;
- Kay Swanson;
- Corina Hall’s friend, Freddy Arch Page;
- Angela Evanson, Michele Banza’s friend;
- Diana Carlat, Michele Italiano’s sister; and
- Dorothy Olney, Kendra Lee’s mother.

*We extend our prayers and sympathy to:*

- Bob and Diane Whetson on the death of their friend, Bob Pflegg;
- David Funk and family on the death of his mother, Jackie Funk;
- Sharon Oliver and family on the death of her aunt, Arelyn Mahan; and
- Sue Datson and family on the death of her father, Ralph Thompson.

*We offer our prayers of joy and thanksgiving on the birth of:*

- a son, Jackson Jacob, to Jake and Jennifer Stevenson on 6-8-04;
- a daughter, Emily Nell, to Shawn and Amy Slade on 6-22-04; and
- a son, Ethan Garry, to Abbey and Chris Harrison on 6-24-04.

If you have a prayer concern,  
please contact the church office (303-791-0659).



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Summit Seekers Sunday School - 11:00

**Elementary grades 1 to 6** Possibilities abound for this team of classroom leaders who choose to help with this multi-age group of children. While this class did not meet during the summer, we hope to have a whole new look when we start again in September. How about an energizing musical opening or a drama or puppet show? This would be followed by a hands on activity designed to not only tell the Bible story, but help children and the adult leaders apply them to their daily lives. You will be able to schedule your Sundays around your personal schedule with the help of your team. Sign up to be a part of this high energy Sunday morning experience!

Sunday School Superintendents This essential team of volunteers are the first people to greet visitors bringing their children to Sunday School. They also answer question, collect the offering, record class attendance and help with

preschool potty trips.

Sunday School Orientation for all individuals involved in our program will be in Goliath on Saturday, August 21, from 8:30 until 11:00, a delightful breakfast will be provided or Tuesday, August 24, from 7 to 8:30. Childcare is available upon request to Lynne Butler ext. 47.

**Have questions?** Just can’t wait to sign up? Contact Lynne Butler at 303-791-0695 ext. 11 or lynne@stlukeshr.com or Jenita Rhodes at 303-791-0695 ext. 27 or jenita@stlukeshr.com. There will also be information tables in the narthex and downstairs in the open areas every Sunday morning. We look forward to hearing from YOU!

*Sunday School Summer Mission Project*

**Read to Feed – Children Changing the World**

It’s not too late to join in the Heifer International’s Read to Feed program.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School was a great success this past June! We had a fun time learning to rely on God through the teachings of Paul and his journey. We enjoyed great snacks, fun and wet games, fantastic crafts, moving music and we learned a lot from our Bible lessons. Thank you to all of the volunteers and especially thank you to all of the 5 day plus volunteers who are too many to name. We could not have done this without you!

Nursery News

Thank you to Mary Romke for helping to clean the nursery on the work day in June. Because of her we were able to thoroughly clean the toys and other items.

The nursery is seeking adult help for Thursday morning, from 9:00 - 11:30, beginning in September. Would you like to make \$25 a week for 2 and a half hours? Then call Lynne Butler at 303-791-0659 ext. 11. You do not have to work every week - just when you are available. Other nursery hours are available as well.

***Happy participants in the “Son Games” held during Vacation Bible School***

*Abby Lauer*  
*Eric Wild*  
*G Barnard*  
*Madeline Ash*

The children, preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade choose a book or books they want to read, collect sponsors, who will pledge money for each book read, collect the money after reading the books and turn the book list, pledge envelope with the money in at the Faith and Vern Harder Memorial Library in the Goliath area downstairs. Additional pledge cards and information is available at the library of from Jenita in the church office.

The money will be used to support Heifer International, which provides a “living loan” of an animal to families in underdeveloped countries. The family repays the living loan by passing on one or more of their animal’s offspring to another needy family. And that family passes on more offspring... and so on... and so on. Just one gift animal can eventually transform an entire community.

We hope you will support this effort by St. Luke’s Children to provide a cow, goat, sheep, bees, ducks, geese, chicks, llama, water buffalo, rabbits or pigs to help less fortunate families all around the world.



August birthdays

1-Aug	Jan Rufien	17-Aug	Amy Hertling-Johnson
1-Aug	Nancy Ohlander	18-Aug	Redd Geurts
1-Aug	Ken Lowrey	19-Aug	Kathleen Baker
1-Aug	Jodi Emsley	19-Aug	Jeanine Quick
2-Aug	Gretta Johnson	20-Aug	Terri Beecher
2-Aug	Ann Roadarmel	20-Aug	Judy Corwin
2-Aug	Denise Shroyer	20-Aug	Cindy Raap
4-Aug	Rolf Arndt	20-Aug	Karin Parker
5-Aug	Bob Abbott	20-Aug	Doug Johnson
5-Aug	Julie Ramsett	21-Aug	Jean Ann Duncan
5-Aug	Martha Persons	22-Aug	Lisa Heaton
5-Aug	Jennifer Jiang	22-Aug	Bruce Brown
6-Aug	Kory Nelson	22-Aug	Chris Goldsberry
6-Aug	Keri Madsen	22-Aug	Grace McCurdy
7-Aug	Debbie Britt	22-Aug	Valerie Koenig
7-Aug	Marie Thomas	23-Aug	Steve Treat
8-Aug	Marion Leggett	23-Aug	Phillip Buckley
8-Aug	Robin Fort	23-Aug	Mike Rael
9-Aug	Nancy Fitzgibbons	24-Aug	Michael Schuett
10-Aug	Jill Wright	24-Aug	Mike Nance
10-Aug	Suzanne Sharpe	24-Aug	Kristi Pawley
11-Aug	Kris Kinney	24-Aug	Steve Milerowski
11-Aug	Ginny Haensel	25-Aug	Phoebe Mitchell
12-Aug	Alberta Haas	25-Aug	Wilda McCurry
12-Aug	Yvonne Amrine	25-Aug	Brad Becker
13-Aug	Lynn Montagne	26-Aug	Nancy Obertier
13-Aug	Laura Kuhl	26-Aug	Bob Kinney
14-Aug	Craig Ballard	27-Aug	Angela Chaplin
15-Aug	Ron Humphreys	28-Aug	Casey Gottula
15-Aug	Gordon Heaton	28-Aug	Shuzanne Kalutkiewicz
15-Aug	Phil Goldsberry	28-Aug	Rhonda Livingston
15-Aug	Diane Whetson	30-Aug	Anne Necker
15-Aug	Gwyn Baker	30-Aug	Randy Larson
16-Aug	Tom Weddel	30-Aug	Russell Shroyer
16-Aug	Patti Speedy	31-Aug	Dottie Braun
16-Aug	Ted Bobkowski	31-Aug	Tiffany Crouse
16-Aug	Terry Gothard		
16-Aug	Paul Shea		
17-Aug	David Fornof		

CHURCH TRIVIA

Quote from Denver’s Mile-High Magazine 5280. June/July Top of the Town-Article “Top Places”  
“Readers Choice-Top Place to Pick Up Nice Guys”  
“**Church – The readers aren’t referring to the hopping club on 12th Ave. and Lincoln St. – they’re thinking a little more wholesome. Check out the scenery at your weekly worship service. That heavenly guy you’ve been looking for may be sitting in the next row... if not right next to you.**”

For information about any Children’s Ministries events or to volunteer, please contact Jenita Rhodes, Director of Children’s Ministry, or Lynne Butler, Pre-school and Childcare Coordinator.



Share your Love and Faith with the Children of St. Luke’s

It’s that wonderful time of year again when we ask you to prayerfully consider sharing part of yourself in service to our children. Helping with Sunday School is one of the most fulfilling ways you can share your time and talents. It takes very little pre-planning, no experience, and hardly any time. In return you get, smiles, hugs, a “Mommy, that’s my teacher” look in the grocery store, friendships with other adult volunteers and a warmth your heart can not hold know you are serving God’s most precious gift, our children. Please read though the opportunities below and consider making a commitment to our Sunday School program for the 2004-05 Sunday School year.

JOY TREK is our preschool program for children ages 2 years to Kindergarten. Volunteers sign up to be part of a team of 8 lead teachers for each age level. These individuals teach the lesson and direct the flow of activities in the classroom. The lessons and supplies are all provided for you! Your planning time is only becoming familiar with the lesson before hand. THIS COMMITMENT INVOLVES ONLY 7 to 10 SUNDAYS DURING THE YEAR beginning September 15 through August 28, 2005.

JOY TREK Parents Helpers – All parents who are not lead teacher will be asked to assist in each of their children’s preschool classroom several times during the year. Dates will be assigned and schedules mailed out. If you are unable to help on your assigned date, a

sub can easily be found by trading with another parent on the schedule. This system insures adequate coverage for a safe and happy time for your children in Sunday School.

Special Volunteers are needed for our 11:00 JOY TREK Classes. Because of the limited number of families whose children attend Sunday School at 11:00 additional help is needed. Please consider helping in either our 2 and 3 year old class or the 4 and 5 year old class.

**PEAK Adventures Sunday School – 9:30 Elementary grades 1 – 6**  
It’s unique, exciting, engaging and education for all ages! Classes focus on one Bible story in a different workshop each week for a six to seven week rotation. Our first rotation will explore Feast and Festivals during Old Testament Bible times. The workshops include; Art, Computer, Cooking, Games, Science, Drama or Puppets and Video. Volunteers sign up to be part of several teams  
· **Grade Level Guides** who follow with their class through the workshop rotation, meet and greet the students each week, send Birthday and Missing You postcards and assist the workshop leader.  
· **Workshop Leaders** who with their team helps plan and teaches the workshops.  
· **Greeters** who help children find their classrooms, parents find their children and greets and assists visitors.  
· **Musical Opening** who lead the group in music, offering and prayer at the opening during the first ten minutes of the Sunday School hour.

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LITTLE SCHOOL IN HIGH GEAR!

Little School Teachers are looking forward to our 10th year anniversary and can’t wait to meet their new students! Teachers have received their class lists and the children should be hearing from their new teacher by mid-August!

New things have been happening over the summer and plans have been made to celebrate our 10th year! We are very excited. Ms. Kay is doing well, her hair is slowly growing back and it is quite different! Hopefully no more hats!

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL PAPERWORK AND FIRST AND LAST MONTH’S TUITION IS DUE BY AUGUST FIRST. IF YOU ARE WAITING ON DOCTOR APPOINTMENTS, PLEASE TURN IN EVERYTHING ELSE AND MEDICAL PAPERS BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS! Please let us know if you are for some reason not returning and REMEMBER that 3 year olds MUST be completely potty-trained! Good Luck!!!**

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SEPTEMBER!**  
*Parent Open House* (no children please) Thurs. Sept. 2. Mon-Wed-Friday Parents please meet with your teacher from 6 P.M. to 6:35 and 6:45 from to 7:30 with Ms. Kay upstairs in the Sanctuary. Tues-Thurs, parents meet from 6 p.m. to 6:35 (in the sanctuary) with Ms. Kay and downstairs with their teachers from 6:45 to 7:30. If you are unable to be at the



open house, please pick up information on the 7th at Student open House!

*Student Open House* Students will be welcomed to their new classrooms on Tuesday, Sept. 7. Students attending Mon-Wed-Friday may stop by their rooms from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Tues.-Thurs Students may visit from 11:15 to 12:15. Please observe your times to help your teacher be available in your room.

**SOMETHING NEW!** Parents your child may have an exciting extra day of enrichment by attending our “Fabulous Fridays for Fours” This year it will be offered every Friday from 9-1, you may come one or all, at a cost of \$20.00 per Friday. You may sign up at open house! This will be a very fun day filled with special programs, including science, art and literature! Don’t miss out on this exceptional program!

Ms. Kay and Ms. Tami can be reached by leaving a message at Little School (303) 791-1982 or by email (this is quicker) [LittleSchool@stlukeshr.com](mailto:LittleSchool@stlukeshr.com) Please remember that we are still in and out, but we will get back to you!

*Enjoy August! See you soon,  
Ms. Kay and Ms. Tami*

From the District Attorney’s Office— 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial district In partnership with St. Luke’s

Unlike violent crimes, economic crimes are growing in Colorado. Crimes such as identity theft, telemarketing fraud, home improvement scams, investment fraud, and theft by care-givers victimize all age groups and all income levels.

DA staff will present a Power Against Fraud prevention program. The program will include a fun quiz to test your knowledge of fraud as well as a discussion of simple crime prevention steps.

Think you know how to protect yourself?  
We guarantee you’ll learn even more!

LOCATION: **St. Luke’s United Methodist**  
DATE: **Sept. 8, 2004**  
TIME: **6:30 p.m.**  
Each attendee will receive:  
1. a **free** carrying pouch for your valuables  
2. a **free** consumer handbook with information on ways to protect yourself from fraud.

LEAVING OUR FAMILY

It is always difficult to say good-bye to dear friends... Take a minute and write a note to the following members who have moved out of the area. May God’s Peace & Grace be with them always, as they begin a new journey away from their St. Luke’s family:

**Bill & Karen Blalock**  
William, Andrew and David  
2240 Oakmeade Dr.  
Charlotte, NC 28270

**Norve & Anne Chew**  
4238 Scenic Village Dr.  
Evergreen, CO 80439  
\*Keeping business in Englewood!

**Harvey & Jill Eastman**  
Jennifer and Tricia  
Las Vegas, Nevada

**Jim and Wilda McCurry**  
Jimmy  
6261 Rime Village Dr. #104  
Huntsville, AL 35806

**Bob & Julie Monroe**  
Tupelo, Mississippi

**Bryan & Marie Thomas**  
Victoria, Katherine and Monica  
1937 Pulaski Dr.  
Blue Bell, PA 19422-3884

**Tad & Laura Zgoda**  
William and Alexander  
15426 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85045-0418

**Acolyte Training Calling All Third – Sixth Graders** who want to be Acolytes! The Acolyte Pot-luck Picnic and Training will be August 22 at 12:15 in the fellowship Hall. We will eat, fellowship and have a short training in the sanctuary. The schedule will be available to sign up of your Sunday for the 2004-05 year. Please bring a salad or main dish and a dessert to share. Call Diana Stephens or Jenita Rhodes to RSVP.

**SLY, Jr. Planning Meeting**  
All sixth graders and at least one parent are invited to come to help plan the 2004-05 SLY, Jr. year. What games should we play? What will we eat? Where will we go? And when will we have another LOCK-IN?? Come share your ideas and plan the details. Pizza, salad, drinks and dessert will be provided. Call or e-mail Jenita to reserve your place.





**Caitlyn  
Allen**

ThunderRidge HS  
Mesa State College



**Keven  
Allen**

ThunderRidge HS  
Arapahoe  
Community College



**Stephanie  
Babcock**

Douglas County HS  
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Durango



**Mike  
Beecher**

ThunderRidge HS  
University of  
Northern Colorado



**Heather  
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University of  
Redlands, Calif.



**Lindsay  
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ThunderRidge HS  
University of  
Colorado, Boulder



**Jennifer  
Boles**

Bachelor of Science  
University of  
Northern Colorado

**No photos available**

**Kirsten  
Bromberger**

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Colorado State  
University

**Tyson  
Brown**

ThunderRidge HS  
Colorado School  
of Mines

## AS YOU HEAD OUT INTO THE WORLD...

You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world.

— Tom Brokaw

To be nobody but yourself in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you everybody else means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight; and never stop fighting.

— e.e. cummings, 1955

Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else.

— Judy Garland

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.

— Dr. Seuss

Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Try not. Do or do not. There is no try.

— Yoda in The Empire Strikes Back



**John  
Caldwell**

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Virginia Tech



**Leigh  
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Colorado, Boulder



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Utter**

ThunderRidge HS  
Colorado State  
University



**James  
Van Horne**

Highlands Ranch HS  
Colorado State  
University

## Trustees' Corner

Summer's here and we're now onto completing some of our larger planned projects for our church home. First up is our much anticipated Dorothy Day memorial fountain and garden in our back yard. Most of the heavy lifting is completed now thanks to Brian Sorsby and the team of volunteers from our choir. Final design elements to complete the project include plantings and placing the engraved bricks provided by many of you. Wander out and take a look, it's really a nice addition for quiet meditation or enjoying company of others and takes full advantage of our beautiful mountain view.

Another big project that's coming together with the help of our fabulous sound and lights team along with Jim Ramsey is the addition of theater quality lighting to our sanctuary. This project has been a part of our plans since we began planning this addition, and now thanks to the advocacy and diligence of Tim Boles, Dave Rhodes and the team construction will begin on the key components very soon. Jim Ramsey will be sharing "Buy a Light" details on how you can become involved in helping to support the completion of this project. Please contact either Jim or Tim if you'd like to learn more or lend a hand.



## Missions

I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for the wonderful support and encouragement I've received while being one of your co-leaders for the mission committee this past year. It has been a year of growing, learning and sharing life with so many wonderful people and projects! I've loved being a part of missions for over 7 years now and will continue as long as there is a need, so I guess you could say I'm in it for the long haul. The time has come to share the joy and I'm happy to announce Dale and Kathy Balu will be taking over my position on August 1, 2004. So please join me in supporting Peter Rief and Dale and Kathy as they lead the missions committee on to both familiar and new adventures. Blessings, Laurie Gilbert

## Cambodia Student Scholarships

**Rev. Joseph Chan** is coming to St. Luke's! He will be in Denver, Monday, August 16 — Monday, August 23. Rev. Chan will be speaking at all 3 services on **Sunday, August 22**. Immediately following the last service, please join us for a **Pot Luck to be held in the Fellowship Hall** to welcome Rev. Chan. After the meal, all those who are available will have the opportunity to meet with Rev. Chan. He will be ready to share and answer any questions about our past and future Scholarships for Cambodian Students and their life in Cambodia. Our first year of sponsorship had its challenges, but we're optimistic the second year will go smoother. We will have more students available, so, if you were unable to get a student last year, please plan to attend this gathering. Watch for more pot luck information to be posted!

*Members of the Disciple II class are introduced to the congregation during a June service. They had spent a year in concentrated study of Scripture.*



## Letter from El Salvador

Hello, Marcia!

We had a particularly worthwhile trip to El Salvador with many objectives accomplished. The one downer was that on our first day, my husband was robbed, so we had to cancel all credit cards, close our bank account, ad infinitum. Since we came home, I have spent too many hours with reorganizing our automatic debits and deposits, and the like. In the past we have survived many attempted thefts without loss, so this was a disagreeable “first” for us—but we are glad that he did not suffer any injury and that I had enough cash squirreled away in various secret places that we could make it through the rest of the trip without any problems.

On to brighter topics: I think I mentioned before we left that our trip leader was very eager for me to bring all of your donated medical supplies, even though it meant having to leave behind part of the clothing and toys for a subsequent trip. On our first day, we went to an orthopedic clinic with the supplies, and negotiated a trade of your exam and surgical latex gloves for a club foot surgery. I have an inkling that this would not have amounted to a quid pro quo in the US, but it worked very nicely in the San Salvador clinic! :-:) At some point, I should be able to e-mail photos to you of the pretty little girl with the sad eyes and the club foot. Her foot is not as severely deformed as many are, so she should come out of this with a foot that will hopefully brighten up her eyes!

We delivered a Braille typewriter to a young man who lost his eyesight to River Blindness, and has other horrifying symptoms from the disease. The poor fellow is so bright and pleasant despite the terrible pain he suffers, and it was wrenching to see that he seems to be approaching death without effective medical treatment. My husband George has been researching this problem on the Internet since we came home, and made a connection through the Carter Center with a group that they sponsor which is trying to eliminate this disease in Central and South America. If indeed there will be the hoped-for follow-up, and if it is not too late to kill off the worms which apparently infest the young man's body before they can kill him, that would be very gratifying, indeed. We will see how this works out.

Thanks to you and your generous friends at St. Luke's UMC, George and I were able to transport

the maximum quota of baggage that Continental will allow us to check. Actually, our big duffle bags slightly exceed the 62” total of height/width/length allowed, but after hearing what the intended purpose of our trip was, and understanding that personal baggage for us both was in one rolling carry-on, they let us get by with stretching the rule a bit. We made sure that each bag was slightly under the 70 pound limit. When I packed the bags before our departure, I kept the categories of goods separate by packing them in labeled plastic bags, and filled all the space in between these bags by stuffing in as many toys as possible. Most of the other volunteers who participated in this mission had filled one box or suitcase with supplies that they had purchased from thrift shops. There was no way in the world that I could ever have afforded to purchase, even from thrift shops, the wonderful quantity of supplies that we were able to take with us! Thank you, thank you, St. Luke's United Methodist! :-)

We went to two orphanages and two refugee camps to distribute our goods. By the time we finished at the last refugee camp, all of our bags were empty. At the orphanages, we put together a couple of complete outfits for each child, and gave each one a small and a large toy. Some children would get so excited over their clothing that they dropped their toys and some children were vice versa—more excited over their toys. By the time we left, some had an armload of clothing and no toys while others had lost all clothing but had gleefully cadged onto every loose toy they could find. One can only wonder how this all worked out after our departure! The Beanie Babies nearly caused a riot at one of the refugee camps, so apparently there was enough familiarity with such things to make them a source of an alarming amount of gleeful desire.

George and I are departing for another trip on Friday, but after we get back, I will try to collect my wits with playing catch-up at home, and will see to it that you get some photos of the distribution of the goods which you kindly supplied for this trip. I just want you and your church friends to know that there are some places in this world where misery has been diminished by your generosity! I try not to be discouraged by the fact that our offerings sometimes seem like a drop in the bucket—if not a drop in the ocean—because for those who benefit, it really does make a difference! Just think about that little girl

### Children's Choir

The Children's Choir includes children 1st through 6th grade. They rehearse Sunday mornings to sing the prelude for Sunday morning worship four to five times a year and learn Christian principles through song.

**Meeting Time/Place:** Begins September 19; Sundays from 8:45-9:25 a.m. in Asbury

**Music Director:** Kay Coryell 303-791-0659 ext 43 or email [kayc@stlukeshr.com](mailto:kayc@stlukeshr.com)

### Flute Ensemble

The Flute Ensemble participates in Sunday morning worship services approximately once every month. If you want to dust off the old flute and get back to playing again, now is your chance. No age limit required. The music level of the ensemble ranges from easy to medium difficulty.

**Meeting Time/Place:** Begins September 11; Saturdays 8:00-9:00 a.m. in Asbury

**Music Team Coordinator:** Ruth Smith 303-683-0676 or email [jim@stlukeshr.com](mailto:jim@stlukeshr.com)

### Grace Notes

Grace Notes is a small gospel choir ensemble that meets on Thursday evenings before regular Chancel Choir practice. They sing for services throughout the year. All are welcome!

**Meeting Time/Place:** Begins September 8; Thursdays from 7:00-7:30 p.m. in Asbury

**Contact:** Marge Harper 303-971-0672 or email [jim@stlukeshr.com](mailto:jim@stlukeshr.com)

### Kidz Prayz I

Kidz Prayz I is an opportunity for children from 1st through 3rd grade to participate in learning to sing and play instruments as well as have fun during two program sessions (fall and spring). The Kidz Prayz program is designed to develop cognitive skills by engaging your child in a variety of musical activities.

**Meeting Time/Place:** Begins September 15; Wednesdays 6:15 -7:00 p.m. in Asbury

**Directors:** James Ramsey 303-791-0659 or email [jim@stlukeshr.com](mailto:jim@stlukeshr.com)

### Kidz Prayz II

Kidz Prayz II will resume normal activities in the spring due to Jesus Christ Superstar. 4th - 6th grade children are encouraged to audition for Jesus Christ Superstar on August 29th at 1:00 p.m. There are around 20 positions open for children grades 4 - 8.

### Ministers of Swing

The Ministers of Swing is a full complement Big Band



and Jazz Ensemble that plays benefit concerts and dances throughout the year at St. Luke's and in the community. We have a lot of fun jazzin' it up or swingin'. The music level of the ensemble ranges from medium easy to medium difficulty.

**Meeting Time/Place:** Begins September 11; Saturdays from 9:30-10:45 a.m. in Asbury

**Music Team Coordinator and Director:** James Ramsey 303-791-0659 ext 23 or email [jim@stlukeshr.com](mailto:jim@stlukeshr.com)

### Sonrise Band

The Sonrise Band plays for the 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning worship service throughout the year. The music ranges from contemporary to gospel.

**Meeting Time/Place:** Wednesday from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Sanctuary

**Music Team Coordinator:** Carrie Mallery 303-791-0659 ext 35 or email [carrie@stlukeshr.com](mailto:carrie@stlukeshr.com)

### St. Luke's Chamber Ensemble

All strings welcome. If you've ever played or currently play violin, viola, cello or bass, then this is the place for you. We meet on Saturdays and play chamber music for Sunday morning preludes. The music level of the ensemble ranges from easy to medium easy.

**Meeting Time/Place:** Begins September 11; Saturdays from 8:30 — 9:25 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**Contact:** Mitchell Owens 303-683-4826 or email [jim@stlukeshr.com](mailto:jim@stlukeshr.com)

### Tinntinabulators Handbell Choir

The Tinntinabulators Handbell Choir is a 5-octave handbell choir and rehearses every Tuesday to prepare for morning worship services once a month. All are encouraged to participate who have the desire to get ringing again or want to learn how to ring.

**Meeting Time/Place:** Begins August 17; Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Asbury

**Music Director:** Kay Coryell 303-791-0659 ext 43 or email [kayc@stlukeshr.com](mailto:kayc@stlukeshr.com)

### Women of Note

Women of Note is an auditioned group of six to seven women who perform contemporary to classical music in 3 — 7 parts for worship services and concerts. They also participate in a very active

Prison Ministry.

**Meeting Time/Place:** Thursdays 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Sanctuary

**Music Team Coordinator:** Sallie Suby-Long 303-470-9578 or email [jim@stlukeshr.com](mailto:jim@stlukeshr.com)

### Youth Handbell Choir

This is an opportunity for youth, grades 7-12 to build their musical skills through ringing Handbells and to have lots of fun doing it. Come and have a great time!

**Meeting Time/Place:** Begins September 19; Sundays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Asbury

**Contact:** Kay Coryell 303-791-0659 ext 43 or email [kayc@stlukeshr.com](mailto:kayc@stlukeshr.com)

### Youth Jazz Band

Come swing with us! Youth in grades 7-12 who play instruments. You're invited to “jazz” with us Sunday Evenings or Saturday mornings. No previous jazz experience required. Bring your friends—the more, the merrier! The music level of the ensemble ranges from easy to medium.

**Meeting Time/Place:** Begins September 19; Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:00 p.m. or Saturday mornings at 10:30 in the Asbury Music Room

**Contact:** Kay Coryell 303-791-0659 ext 43 or email [kayc@stlukeshr.com](mailto:kayc@stlukeshr.com)

### Jesus Christ Superstar Auditions:

Attention Children and Youth 4th grade through 8th grade: There is an opportunity for you to be in JCS! Auditions for JCS will take place on August 29th from 1:00 - 2:00 in the sanctuary for minor chorus roles. There are only 20 positions available. The audition will consist of singing a song that will be taught at the audition. The auditioned list will be posted near the front office following the auditions.



# MUSIC MINISTRY

If you can't find something here that interests you, you just aren't paying attention!

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Music Ministry ensembles at St. Luke's wish to extend an open invitation to anyone who desires to share their musical gifts and talents for the upcoming year. Each ensemble is committed to the ministry at St. Luke's through practice, fun and fellowship. Most ensembles begin in September and continue through May as a typical season. If you have any questions regarding any of the music ensembles, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or by e-mail.

*James Ramsey*



## Attention Men:

We need a few more good men for the production of JCS to fill some minor roles and chorus roles. Specifically, we need priests and apostles as well as the main chorus. (The main chorus sings quite a bit during the show) Auditions will take place on August 29 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The audition will consist of singing a song that will be taught at the audition.

## Selected Upcoming Concerts and Musical Events

- ✓ Christian rock band, **Foolish Things**, is coming to St. Luke's Friday, September 17 at 7:30. Admission is \$5. The band was featured at UP WITH YOUTH this past spring. Tickets will be available from members of SLY and the music department by August 15. Contact Chris or Jim at 303-791-0659 for more info.
- ✓ St. Luke's Prism Concert - Saturday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m.
- ✓ *Jesus Christ Superstar* - November 11 - 13 at 7:30 p.m. and November 14th at 3:00 p.m.
- ✓ St. Luke's Christmas Cantata - Sunday, December 5 at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
- ✓ Sound of the Rockies Christmas Program - Thursday, December 9 at 8:00 p.m.
- ✓ Denver A Cappella Project - Saturday, January 22 at 7:30 p.m.
- ✓ Christy Jantzen in Concert - Friday, January 28 at 7:30 p.m.
- ✓ Ministers of Swing Dinner Dance - Saturday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m.
- ✓ St. Luke's Jazz Concert - Saturday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m.

## Brass Ensemble

The Brass Ensemble is active in Sunday morning worship services throughout the year either performing or accompanying choirs. The instrumentation includes Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium and Tuba. There is no age limitation, just the desire to make great brass music. The music level of the ensemble ranges from easy to medium difficulty.

**Meeting Time/Place:** Begins September 11; Saturdays 8:45-9:30 a.m. in Asbury

**Music Team Coordinator:** Erik Wangsness 303-884-0358 or e-mail jim@stlukeshr.com

## Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir rehearses for and participates in Sunday morning worship services regularly during the year. The choir sings a wide variety of music ranging from traditional to contemporary sacred. Whether you've had a lot of singing experience or whether you've had a little and would like to learn more, there is a place for you in the choir.

**Meeting Time/Place:** Begins September 9; Thursdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Asbury

**Music Team Leader and Director:** James Ramsey 303-791-0659 ext 23 or e-mail jim@stlukeshr.com

## Cherub's Choir (3yrs-K)

The Cherub's Choir is a music and movement program for children 3 years through Kindergarten. The children learn about Christian values through song in a nurturing environment and develop motor skills through movement and playing instruments. They also perform for a few Sunday worship preludes throughout the year. Parents are encouraged to attend rehearsals with their children.

**Meeting Time/Place:** Begins September 15; Wednesdays from 6:30-7:15 p.m. in the David open area

**Music Team Directors:** Stacey Baird 303-470-5270, Nancy Betts and Suzanne Sharpe or e-mail jim@stlukeshr.com

## Children's Tone Chimes

Children, grades 4-6 are invited to participate in this fun and musical WNL program. No experience needed. We will explore music by playing tone chimes.

**Meeting Time/Place:** Begins September 15; Wednesday nights 7:00 - 7:45 in the Asbury Music Room

**Contact:** Kay Coryell 303-791-0659 ext 43 or email kayc@stlukeshr.com

*New Director of Youth Ministries named*

## Welcome to Chris Wilterdink!

Our Staff Parish Relations Team is pleased to announce that we have hired a Director of Youth Ministries. Chris Wilterdink has accepted the position and August 15 will be his first Sunday with us!

Chris is currently working part time as a Youth Assistant at St. Andrew's UMC. He has a Bachelor's Degree in English, Education Emphasis from Colorado State University and taught Freshman English last spring at Cherokee Trail High School.

Chris comes with lots of enthusiasm for working with our youth and great organization and interpersonal skills. While in college Chris, worked at Old Chicago. Perhaps we can convince him to put those pizza-making skills to work as well!

All Youth and Parents are invited to a special Ice Cream Party to welcome and get acquainted with Chris on Sunday August 15, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the

## DEVOTIONAL

### The Old Barn

A stranger came by the other day with an offer that set me to thinking. He wanted to buy the old barn that sits out by the highway. I told him right off he was crazy. He was a city type, you could tell by his clothes, his car, his hands, and the way he talked. He said he was driving by and saw that beautiful barn sitting out in the tall grass and wanted to know if it was for sale. I told him he had a funny idea of beauty.

Sure, it was a handsome building in its day. But then, there's been a lot of winters pass with their snow and ice and howling wind. The summer sun's beat down on that old barn till all the paint's gone, and the wood has turned silver gray. Now the old building leans a good deal, looking kind of tired. Yet, that fellow called it beautiful.

That set me to thinking. I walked out to the field and just stood there, gazing at that old barn. The stranger said he planned to use the lumber to line the walls of his den in a new country home he's building down the road. He said you couldn't get paint that beautiful. Only years of standing in the weather, bearing the storms and scorching sun, only that can produce beautiful barn wood.

It came to me then. We're a lot like that, you and I. Only it's on the inside that the beauty grows with us. Sure we turn silver gray too, and lean a bit more than we did when we were young and full of sap. But the Good Lord knows what He's doing. And as the years pass He's busy using the hard wealth of our lives, the dry spells and the stormy seasons, to do a job of beautifying our souls that nothing else can produce. And to think how often folks holler because they want life easy!

They took the old barn down today and hauled it away to beautify a rich man's house. And I reckon someday you and I'll be hauled off to Heaven to take on whatever chores the Good Lord has for us on the Great Sky Ranch.

And I suspect we'll be more beautiful then for the seasons we've been through here ... and just maybe even add a bit of beauty to our Father's house. May there be peace within you today. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. I believe that friends are quiet angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly.

*Author Unknown*

## SLY News

As this goes to press our Senior High Mission Trip has just returned from Duck Valley Indian Reservation in Owyhee, Nevada. This group of 27 worked on homes-painting, building decks, stairs and roofing for the Shohone and Paiute Indians. Our Junior High Mission Trip is currently in Rapid City, South Dakota working in retirement homes, a boys club ages 5-15, youth and family services and a rescue mission. Our Pumpkin Patch funds have been put to good use this month- you can look forward to full reports in the near future!

## Calendar

We have lots going on in August, so please plan to join us as we worship, study, play, plan for the fall and welcome Chris Wilterdink on August 15, our new Director of Youth Ministries!

**Sunday, Aug. 1** Sunday School 9:30 a.m., No evening SLY

**Monday, Aug. 2** Youth Leadership Team meeting, 6-9 p.m. This is the group of youth that work together to assist Chris in planning our Youth Ministries. Contact Martha at ext. 19 if you are interested in being part of this team.

**Tuesday, Aug. 3** Last Summer Volleyball for the year. Hosted by Grace UMC. Meet at St. Luke's at 6:15 p.m. Return at 9 p.m.

**Wednesday, Aug. 4** Trip to Water World, Meet at church at 9 a.m., return at 5:30 p.m., Cost \$17. You must RSVP on Sign Up Sheet or call 303-791-0659, ext. 19.

**Sunday, Aug. 8** 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, SLY Evening Program, 6-8 p.m. Movie Night

**Wed. Aug. 11** Mid Week Missions, Food Bank of the Rockies, 8 a.m.-Noon, Meet at St. Luke's. Wear work clothes and closed toed shoes.

**Sunday, Aug. 15** Chris Wilterdink's First Sunday! Ice Cream. Party, 6:30-8 p.m., All parents and youth invited to welcome and get acquainted with Chris.

**Sunday, Aug. 22** 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Evening SLY, 6 p.m. Dinner, 6:30 Messy Games

**Sunday, Aug. 29** 9:30 a.m. Sunday School FALL KICK OFF! Parents and Youth of all 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders come to learn about SLY and plans for the Fall of 2004! Don't miss it!

## September Highlight

**Friday, Sept. 17** 7:30 p.m. St. Luke's is hosting a concert for the band Foolish Things. We will be selling tickets for \$5 and are inviting youth from our community and surrounding UMC churches.

For updated information, call the SLY line, 303-791-0659, ext. 45 or call Martha at 303-791-0659, ext. 19.