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*Join us in growing toward full humanity through living the teachings of Christ: Love, Acceptance, Justice and Hope.*

**Sunday Worship Services**

8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

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9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. – Adult, Youth & Children's Classes

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# The Chronicle

*For your calendars*

**Celebrate the Advent Season at St. Luke's**

**November**

- 27 Hanging of the Greens, 8 a.m.-Noon  
Kid's version (decorate downstairs), 9 a.m.-Noon
- 28 Lighting of the Tree Celebration, 6:30 p.m.  
SLY – guest speaker – Troy Golding, 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
Motivational speaker "CHOICES"

**December**

- 3 & 4 HRCC Holiday Concert, 7:30-9:30 p.m.  
(Highlands Ranch Community Chorus)
- 4 UMW Children's Holiday Shop, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Cantata Dress Rehearsal, 9-11:30 a.m.
- 5 Cantata Performance, 9 & 11:00 services
- 7 UMW Candlelight Dinner, 6-8:30 p.m.
- 9 Sound of the Rockies Benefit Concert, 7:30-9 p.m.
- 10 & 11 Church Directory Pictures  
Friday – 3-9:20 p.m. & Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 11 Littleton Chorale Holiday Concert, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- 16 & 17 Little School Christmas Program, 10 a.m.
- 17 Churchwide Caroling, 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
Dinner 5:30 p.m., Caroling 6-7:30 p.m., Cookies 7:30-8:30 p.m.
- 18 Caitlin Bauer Holiday Shoppers Childcare, 9 a.m.-Noon  
SLY – Wild Lights at the Zoo, 6-9 p.m.
- 24 Christmas Eve Services  
Children's Service, 3:00 p.m.  
5 & 7 p.m. services  
10 p.m. – Service plus Communion
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Regular Sunday Services, 8, 9:30, & 11  
No Youth Sunday School

**January**

- 1 New Year's Day  
No Youth Sunday School
- 9 Three Kings Sunday – Epiphany  
15-foot puppet service  
UMW Pancake Breakfast, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

St. Luke's United Methodist Church,  
Christ Lutheran Church &  
St. Mark Catholic Church  
present

Lyrics by **Tim Rice**      Music by **Andrew Lloyd Webber**

**November 12 & 13, 2004 - 7:30pm**  
**November 14, 2004 - 3:00pm**

St. Luke's United Methodist Church Sanctuary  
8817 S. Broadway • Highlands Ranch

For ticket reservations visit [www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com)  
or call 303-791-0659 ext. 41  
\$2 reservation fee • Donations to benefit Denver Urban Ministries (DenUM)

**Please join us** for a spectacular performance of the rock opera depicting the last seven days of Jesus' life. The production is a truly grand ecumenical effort with almost 100 members and constituents from St. Luke's, Christ Lutheran, St. Mark and other area churches joining forces both on-stage and behind-the-scenes.

This year's production will benefit Denver Urban Ministries (DenUM) an organization committed to nourishing urban life and providing resources for persons in crisis. In addition, the St. Luke's Mission Team is hosting a "Dinner

for DenUM" at 6 p.m. Saturday prior to the show. Tickets are \$50 per person (\$40 tax deductible) and include a four-course gourmet meal as well as a ticket to that evening's performance. There are only 100 seats available for "Dinner for DenUM," so make your reservations early if you'd like to attend this special event.

Tickets are available for a \$2.00 reservation fee through the St. Luke's website or by calling the reservation line. We look forward to seeing you!

*Leigh Ramsey, St. Luke's Drama Chair*

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The Chronicle

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Message from our Senior Pastor, Rev. Janet Forbes**



**CONVERSATIONS WITH JANET**

I'm looking forward to the performance of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, a musical to be presented by the music and drama ministers of St. Luke's United Methodist, Christ Lutheran, and St. Mark Catholic churches, November 12-14. With cast and band, the presentation will feature more than 70 persons of all ages! The set is being constructed and will be evident in worship services for the next month.

I saw *Jesus Christ Superstar* for the first time at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., for my birthday when I was 16 years old. As an aspiring musician, my parents wanted me to experience this new phenomenon, a rock opera! We were in the second balcony; but it hardly mattered! The players were so small; the sound was so loud! It was wonderful and transforming for this child of the '60s!

As Mary Magdalene sang of her love for Jesus, as Judas struggled with his militant commitments, as the agendas of the Pilate and Herod were revealed, I began, also for the first time, to consider the humanity of these beloved characters. What relationships were at the heart of this band of believers? When we read between the lines of the biblical story, what emerges about love, betrayal, and vision? The Bible came alive with possibility, with tragedy, with hope!

I look forward to participating in this event with a sermon series based on *Jesus Christ Superstar*. I will use songs from the musical as text for the sermons. I thank our musicians for serving as bearers of the scripture.

On October 31, Jesus, Mary Magdalene, and Judas ask the question, "What's the Buzz?" This song "sets the stage," if you will, for the unfolding story. What was Jesus' agenda concerning the proclamation of the Kingdom of God? Did his followers understand the radical nature of messiah?

On November 7, King Herod's song "tempts" Jesus to be king! Did anyone understand the kingdom of justice and peace?

On November 14, Mary Magdalene will sing "I Don't Know How to Love Him." I will preach on the witness of this faithful disciple and explore the legends about her that have most recently been brought to light in Dan Brown's *The DaVinci Code*.

May *Jesus Christ Superstar* bring fresh, challenging, enlivening insights into the nature of the one we seek to follow!

*Rev. Janet Forbes, Senior Minister*

**Are you a widow or widower?**

Would you be interested in coming to our dinner meeting on Oct. 20th at 6:00 p.m. at Country Buffet to enjoy a meal and a short meeting to make our plans for the next upcoming events, especially with the holidays coming up. We have about 20 members and would like to have you visit us.

*Grace Fawcett 720-981-1340*

**Prayer Chain Update**

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

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|------------------|-------------------------|
| Bob Abbott       | Carolyn Dean            |
| Marvin Mauck     | Norma Arnold            |
| Mandy            | Marian Kline            |
| Mark Brewer      | Betty Pfaffengut        |
| Sharon Griffith  | John Murphy             |
| Audrey Stange    | Sylvia James            |
| James Wakefield  | LouNell Olson           |
| Maxine Bauer     | Clarine Ransick         |
| Gerry Wright     | Grace Fuentes-McCurdy   |
| Norma Harris     | Evelyn Bossalina        |
| Dorothy Olney    | Bill Leslie             |
| Rex Cochran      | Ann Sims                |
| Stu Robinson     | Avis Stanley            |
| Diana Carlet     | Marcus                  |
| Scherry Mitchell | Carmen Fuentes          |
| Jacqueline Zgoda | Cindy Wick              |
| Wendy Johnson    | Jeff Patefield          |
| Kris Kinney      | Brad Chase              |
| Madilyn Johnston | Susan Stanley's parents |

**Members who have moved:**

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:

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|---|--|
| Troy & Dawn Anderson<br>Ashlynn, Tatiana, Zane and LaTasha<br>1842 Ruby Ln.<br>Henderson, NV 89014-4000 | Lawrence & Linda McGuin<br>Emmanuel<br>San Antonio, TX                   |
| Scott & Karen Eden<br>Matt & Kelly<br>14155 Harclief Ct.<br>Haymarket, VA 20169-3269                    | Nancy Ohlander<br>P.O. Box 741<br>Golden, CO 80402                       |
| Jeff & Amy Johnston<br>Aubrey, Colin & Halle<br>2144 Riding Trail Dr.<br>Chesterfield, MO 63005         | John & Kristin Perry<br>Jackson<br>2221 Halsted Ct.<br>Aurora, ILL 60504 |

**Church Directory Photos**

This is to update existing families and to provide portraits of new church families.

November 4 - For those wishing Christmas cards. This is your only chance for Christmas card photos at the church.

November 11 & 12 - For up to 35 families each day.

There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex, where the available time slots are posted. First come, first served!



**Chris' Corner**

Missional, even though the word may not exist in proper English, it accurately describes much of the activity and energy that I have witnessed here at St. Luke's. Mission work provides many of our youth with a chance to see outside of themselves, if only for hours, days, or weeks at a time. I have had many of the best experiences of my life on Mission Trips, both as a youth and as a leader.

My mission work has taken me across this country and this hemisphere, with trips ranging from the rugged beauty of the Black Hills in South Dakota and the Grand Tetons of Montana, to the urban settings of Detroit and Belize City, our Spanish-speaking neighbor Mexico, and to the Islands of the Bahamas where the natural beauty of the land is offset due to the incredible disparity between the haves and the have-nots.

I have been blessed in having the opportunity to serve the greater good along side my friends and mentors, but unfortunately, these trips only last for a week or slightly more. St. Luke's has amazed me with their constant efforts toward consistent and on-going missions. Just looking at some highlights of outreach and mission programs that we sponsor is truly incredible...

- Caring Connection is a vast network of caring souls that can easily be accessed for support in difficult times.
- The PraFor those wishing Christmas cardsyer Chain always has a list of people that are supported through prayer.
- We support the Cambodian Initiative through monetary funds and personal commitments to improving the quality of life in that country.
- We support a refugee family state-side.
- We are a food and supply donation center for DenUM and UMCOR.
- We team up with World Vision and Warren Village for events throughout the calendar year.
- Numerous other mission activities take place here throughout the year that I simply do not have space to list.

Some folks talk about the purpose driven life, and what meaning that can add to daily activities. The purpose of my life is to serve, and I encourage exploration into the vast landscape of mission opportunities here at St. Luke's. I cannot say what the purpose of life is, but the purpose of a life should be directed toward something greater than the self; a community, a cause, a family, or a mission for the greater good.

*In Christ, Chris Wilterdink*

**Mission Definition**

*by Kristin Mossman*

Mission *n.* kind of task to be carried out to obtain a result. This is what mission means to someone who has not had the wonderful experience to go on a mission trip. A mission trip to me is where a group of people come together and make a difference. On a mission trip you make amazing friendship that will last you a life time. You get to help people in need, I can not tell you how awesome it feels seeing the smile of a life you just changed.

Most importantly you get to grow in your relationship with God. You will come to find that no matter what he will always be there. A mission trip is tons of fun we are always making the best of everything. I encourage everyone to go on a mission it will be a experience you will not forget, this I can promise you.

**Pumpkin Patch Wrap Up**

We are still calculating the final numbers that we were able to raise for the 2005 Youth Mission Trips. Apart from some vandalism, the Patch this year felt like a huge success! We also had a great time with the Fall Festival, thanks to all of you who came, had fun, and made our mission trip goals easier to reach!

A giant thanks to Cindy Raap who organized the giant orange beast and to thanks those who volunteered their time.



**SLY News**

**November SLY Calendar**

- 3 SLAM Liar, Liar
- 7 Worship Sunday
- 9 CoffeeTalk
- 10 SLAM Miralce
- 12-14 YLC Retreat
- 14 No SLY PM (Go see *Jesus Christ Superstar*)
- 17 SLAM *The Matrix*
- 19 Nuggets Game 7 p.m.
- 21 Food For All @ Park Hill UMC
- 24 No SLAM (Happy Thanksgiving)
- 28 SLY PM Guest Speaker Troy Golding
- 29 Boy's Night Out (MNF)

**Upcoming Special Events**

**Food For All** We will be collecting canned food until Nov 21 to put together Thanksgiving bundles for the less fortunate this Thanksgiving season. The Food For All program runs through Park Hill UMC, and after we collect the food, we get to join other churches and youth groups in putting together the bundles. We will meet at St. Luke's at 12:30 p.m. on the 21<sup>st</sup>, load up the food we've collected, and go pack bundles until about 5 p.m.. Adults are needed for the transport to Park Hill, contact Chris with any questions or to volunteer.

**Speaker Troy Golding** The SLY PM program on Nov 28 will be a motivational speaker named Troy Golding who discusses the choices that every adolescent faces today. He will speak from 7:30 – 8:30 after the tree lighting.

**Nuggets Game!!!** On Friday Nov 17, youth and their families have the opportunity to take in a Nuggets game against the Chicago Bulls. We will be meeting at the Pepsi Center, the game starts at 7 p.m.. The \$25 tickets are available in the foyer on Sundays and from Bonnie or Chris all week long. We have 100 tickets and when they're gone they are gone! Come and join in the fun!

**YLC** It's already too late to sign up for this district event, but keep an eye out for *Youth Quest* and *Up With Youth*, which both take place in the spring!



## November birthdays

1-Nov Jay Hjellum	16-Nov Mark Johnson
2-Nov Pauline Havens	17-Nov Karlene Butler
2-Nov Kevin Hanson	17-Nov Kathy O'Meara
4-Nov Bill Roadarmel	18-Nov Mike Riegel
4-Nov Peggy Fretz	18-Nov Steve Riley
4-Nov Lauren Seeberger	18-Nov Martha Boon
4-Nov Kristine Fong	18-Nov Brooke Graham
5-Nov Elizabeth Laurvick	18-Nov Jane Damsgard
5-Nov Dayna Newby	19-Nov Norma Harris
6-Nov Gail Carlson	19-Nov David Hubbard
6-Nov Stephanie Babcock	19-Nov Charles Harris
7-Nov Linda Lukas	19-Nov Lise Takayama
7-Nov Dee Kinney	20-Nov Jeff Williams
7-Nov Kevin Cleveland	21-Nov Doug Knispel
8-Nov Michael Ramsett	21-Nov Susan Martin
8-Nov Stephen Hensen	21-Nov Roy Palmer
8-Nov Linda Moore	21-Nov Doug Sundlof
8-Nov Ben White	21-Nov Kim Marlow
8-Nov Eric Alpert	22-Nov Linda Allen
9-Nov Michael Miller	22-Nov Kara Fern
9-Nov Jimmy Walker	23-Nov Marie Blue
9-Nov Natalie Barnard	23-Nov Eric Ransick
10-Nov Mark Shinn	23-Nov Steve Ashby
10-Nov Scott Kasch	23-Nov Gary Gilbert
11-Nov Chris Marvel	23-Nov Shelly Selover
11-Nov Robin Andriunas	24-Nov Judson Byrn
12-Nov Sharon Scholle	24-Nov Doug Wagner
12-Nov Laurie Belmear	25-Nov Bill Curnow
12-Nov Michele Banza	25-Nov Kam Boles
13-Nov David Lamoreaux	26-Nov Tom Strasheim
13-Nov Sally Brown	27-Nov Ken Payne
13-Nov John "Jechura, Jr."	27-Nov Cindy Barlow
13-Nov Ron Thorne	27-Nov Matthew Larson
13-Nov James Ramsey	27-Nov Jacques Annandale
13-Nov Jennifer White	28-Nov Mark Levorsen
13-Nov Laura Wetherington	29-Nov Karen Eden
14-Nov Gail Abernathy	29-Nov Gragg White
14-Nov Paul Porter	30-Nov Dean Luallen
14-Nov James Van Horne	30-Nov Nancy Van Dyke
15-Nov Brion Antinoro	30-Nov John Mezger
16-Nov John Williams	30-Nov Natalie Rodriguez
16-Nov Jeanette Newville	30-Nov Ben Smith
16-Nov Candy Keller	

## Guatemala Mission Trip has 3 new openings available!

Currently we have 15 members signed and ready to head to Guatemala on Friday, March 4th- Sunday March 13th, 2005. We will be working on a Building Project and Bible School for the local children of Lemoa, Guatemala. Mark Ely, our team leader, has graciously offered to open up 3 more spaces! Information packets and applications will be available in the office.

Please call Laurie Gilbert for more information or to turn in your application and your \$200.00 down payment at 303-791-1328.

## Have the courage to examine our faith

Janet Forbes came back recently from being the speaker at a Spiritual Formation Weekend in a large U M church in North Carolina. I was intrigued when she said she found a lot of members in that church with an "unexamined faith."

My picture of an "unexamined faith" shows a person thirty, or fifty, or seventy years of age who has never questioned what was poured into him/her prior to that age. "It is what my grandmother taught me and that's good enough for me." I don't know your grandmother, but I do know that what mine taught me is not good enough for me. My grandmother was essentially in the "dark ages," compared to what a whole host of more informed teachers have since laid on me. And the same is true for my mother, and for "Brother" Bonner who was my favorite pastor when I was a kid.

I made a sentimental journey back to Alabama five years ago, and attended my church when I was in high school. The pastor, probably under forty, and with a Doctorate, preached a sermon he could have preached if he was preaching as a pre-college student ("preacher boys" they're called down south). In other words, he preached what his Sunday School teachers taught him, rather than what he learned from four years of college, three years of seminary, and another three years getting his Doctorate. Why? No doubt because that is what his congregation wanted to hear. That sounds harsh as all "get out," but I came away thinking not much had changed in that church in the fifty-plus years I have been away. I also thought that people in my former churches need to do some re-examining of what I said back then. And fifteen years from now people who listen to me now will need to re-examining of what I am saying.

Socrates said four hundred years before Jesus, "The unexamined life is not worth living." And Jesus repeatedly said, "You have heard, but I say unto you." The challenge in St. Luke's is to have an "examined" faith, one that survives after some tough questions have been asked, some more realistic attitudes have been considered, and more up-to-date information reviewed. I'm told that Bill Selby, an early St. Luke's pastor, used to say in discussions, "I challenge you to re-think that."

May we in St. Luke's be a people who have the courage re-examine our faith and our lives. It can be better than it is. And, and this I know, one never gets to an age when a person never needs to re-examine his/her faith and life. I never want it to be said about me: "Dead at thirty, buried at eighty." Oh, make that eighty-five, or ninety. Eighty seems terribly close.

*Fred Venable, associate pastor*



## Music Ministry Notes

**St. Luke's Annual Christmas Cantata**  
Two Services  
December 5 at 9:00 and 11:00

**Benefit Concert Series**  
Sound of the Rockies  
Christmas Concert  
December 9 at 8:00  
in the Sanctuary  
The Sound of the Rockies regular ticket price is \$20 for their Christmas concert.  
**This Concert is Free,** however, donations are accepted and will benefit the Jargba Family from Liberia.

**Kidz Prayz I and II**  
Begins again in January. More information to come in the December Chronicle.

**Christmas Caroling:**  
Sponsored by Music Ministries and the Caring Connection  
December 17 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
This year will have a caroling party that starts at the church with hot soup and bread before we take our voices out. We'll then return for some hot cocoa and treats after a hard night of caroling. All family members are invited to participate so mark your calendar now before you forget. We'll begin taking reservations for dinner in December.

**Littleton Chorale Concert**  
Littleton Chorale will present George Frederick Handel's Messiah at St. Luke's on Saturday, December 11 at 7:30. James Ramsey will be conducting the Littleton Chorale and the Mercury Ensemble, a professional orchestra. Ask Jim about tickets.

## Children's Holiday Shop

St. Luke's Children's Holiday Shop provides a Christmas shopping experience for children up to age 12. They can purchase gifts for family members, teachers and others on their shopping list. They can avoid mall shopping and get great gifts at discounted prices ranging from \$2.00 - \$7.00. Adult volunteers will help children with shopping and will wrap their gifts while they wait. The shop will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Adult volunteers are needed to help set up on Friday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 a.m. - noon and to help on Saturday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> from either 8:30 - 11 a.m. or 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, you may sign up in the Narthex between services beginning on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Donations needed: wrapping paper, gift boxes (to make wrapping those odd shaped gifts easier), gift items to add to the shop (new items please), gift tags and tape. Donations may be dropped off in boxes marked Holiday Shop located in the Narthex.

Proceeds made through the holiday shop will go towards purchasing two additional highchairs for the Fellowship Hall and one luncheon for Vacation Bible School volunteers. The church provides lunch each day for all volunteers helping with VBS. Each lunch costs the church approximately \$100.

Call Amy Antinoro if you have any questions; (303) 663-6656.

## From the Trustees

Haven't found the right small group yet? Here's an idea we hope you'll consider — especially if you have experience in any aspects of home or commercial construction, maintenance or repair. Or simply a desire to get first hand experience with these kinds of projects and have some fun with a very dedicated Trustees team. Ever ask yourself, what's a Trustee? Well, to some extent, as all of us work to maintain and protect our church home and the people who come here for any reason, we're performing a role of a trustee.

The Trustees of St. Luke's would like to extend an invitation to you to join our organization. We meet on the second Monday of every month in the 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom in the basement at 7:00 p.m. for about an hour.



## Join in the many Christmas traditions at St. Luke's

## Churchwide "Hanging of the Greens"

Saturday, November 27 \*8:30 a.m.-noon  
The sound of Christmas carols, the smell of hot cider and the fellowship of friends... our community of faith. Come join together for a festive morning as we decorate our church home for the holidays. Adults will help with the hanging of the wreaths and garland, set up and decorate the tall, tall tree, and string the lights inside and out. A continental breakfast will be provided. All are needed and all are welcome! \*Nursery available with reservations at 303-791-0549x47.

## "Hanging of the Greens for Children"

Saturday, November 27 \*9 -11 a.m.  
While adults are involved with the decorating of the church's main floor, our children will be happily involved with decorating the Elementary/Youth Sunday school area downstairs.

## Tree Lighting Celebration

Sunday, November 28 \*6:30 p.m.  
Bring a plate of cookies to share and come celebrate with your St. Luke's family the Lighting of the Tree. Our Cherubs Choir, Youth Handbells and Youth Jazz Band will provide music. Carols, cookies, and fellowship-what a great way to start Advent!

## Poinsettias for the Christmas season

The Altar Team will be having a box at the Grocery Certificate table. If you would like to contribute the cost is \$10.00 a plant. A special acknowledgment will be inserted in the bulletin before Christmas if you'd like the plant to be In Memory Of or in Honor Of someone. The plants will be used to decorate the altar area and then will be donated to the Meals on Wheels program.

**A BLESSED THANKSGIVING TO ALL!**

## Care Squares

The Crochet Circle is requesting donations of "CARE SQUARES" which we will assemble into a patchwork afghan for residents of local nursing homes. We have placed a collection basket in the narthex.

CARE SQUARE specifications are as follows:

- item may be a square OR rectangle
- may be crocheted or knitted
- any size
- any color
- any pattern
- yarn must be washable & dryable
- please tie off your loose ends





# Children's Ministry: it's happening!

## Little School is always thankful!

The weather is warm and the colors are bright, The children are happy and everything's right! We had fun with our pumpkins, scarecrows and such, This time of year, we love so much!

On November ten and eleven, we'll have pictures done and our looks are from heaven. We'll put down our money because we'll be betting For Christmas we know what the family is getting!

Now we are talking of pilgrims and feasts, all of God's critters and each living beast. We will gather to eat and say our prayers We are so many we will be going upstairs!

Our monthly theme is goodness this time, God is great and to us HE is fine! We count all our Blessings and smile every day, For God has provided in so many ways!

So thank you for prayers and a place to learn For wonderful teachers who have such concern For books, and blocks and crayons too, There is always more learning than we can do.

Down in the hallways laughter is heard, And sunny days are greatly preferred. Come and visit and you will all see What the Lord has given to you and to me!

*Blessings, Ms. Kay*

## A chance to share your faith

Parents, teachers, grandparents, neighbors, we all have an opportunity to make a difference in a child's life. Come to the **Children's Ministry Winter Workshop, Saturday, November 13 from 8:30 to 10:30.** We will have ideas for stories, games songs and lessons that you can use with your child, grandchild, friend or in the classroom. Become more comfortable sharing your faith with the most precious, our children. Childcare is available with a call to the Childcare Reservation Line, 303-791-0659 x 47.

## YES, YOU HEARD RIGHT! THE SLY, JR LOCK-IN IS HAPPENING!

Friday, November 5 at 6 p.m. to Saturday November 6 at 10 a.m. is the Second Annual SLY, JR Lock-in. Bring a friend or come make a new one as we eat, run, sneak, and snack. Everyone MUST have a reservation AND a permission slip to stay. For questions, a TO BRING LIST or the necessary documents, call Jenita at the church office.



## God and Country Program at St. Luke's

This is a Bible based curriculum where the children read scripture lessons and then design projects to put into action what they have learned. Any girls and boys who are in grades 1 through 12 may participate even if they do not belong to a Girl Scout, Boy Scout or Camp Fire group. They need only to have an adult counselor who will meet with them to help guide they through their projects. One of our pastors will be available on THIRD Sunday of the month to review and discuss each project. For more information or to sign up contact Jenita Rhodes or the church office.

## Family celebrations

**Hanging of the Greens, Saturday, Nov. 27 from 9 a.m. to Noon** is a family event for kids 4 to 14. We will decorate our Sunday school class rooms and the open area (Goliath) make an ornament to decorate our tree and one to take home. We will, of course, be doing our life-sized nativity for the wall again this year. Don't miss out! Contact Lynne Butler to find out how to get involved. **Please Parents, we ask that you either volunteer this block of time by decorating the main floor of the church or by helping with our festivities downstairs.**

**Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Sunday, Nov. 28 at 6:30.** Join in the fun as we begin the Christmas at St. Luke's, (and celebrate our hard work from the day before). We will gather in the Narthex to be entertained by several of St. Luke's amazing musical groups and the Cherubs Choir. **We ask each family to bring a generous plate of cookies to share following the ceremony.**



Above: The youth choir sings the Prelude on Oct. 10. Below: Christian Fickling working at the Pumpkin Patch.



Many of the 43 third-graders who received Bibles two weeks ago proudly display what will become a treasure in their futures, according to Rev. Janet, who shared her own, rather battered Bible with the group and encouraged them to make sure their Bibles eventually take on a "used look." Photo by Sharon Oliver

## St. Luke's Children's Sunday School Programs

are a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn about God's Love. It includes classes during the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services for 2 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade year around. Nursery is provided for all three services for children 0 through 3 years. Classes are held in the classrooms on the lower level. A superintendent is on duty during both services to answer any questions and provide directions to classrooms. Our programs are designed and use materials that lead children to apply biblical teachings to their everyday lives. Our teachers are all dedicated volunteers who are eager to share their love for Christ with our children. We encourage parents to time their own Sunday School classes with their children's and attend worship service as a family.

**Joy Trek** – Sunday School at 9:30 and 11:00 for children 2 years old through Kindergarten. Children begin developing a strong faith foundation by learning a Bible story, singing songs, doing a craft or playing a game each week.

**PEAK Adventures** – Sunday School at 9:30 for our 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Children explore a biblical lesson through a different workshop each week. The workshops include Art, Computer,

Cooking, Games, Science Drama and Video. On Oct. 24 PEAK Adventures 2<sup>nd</sup> Rotation began, People Who Made a Difference. We will be learning about Deborah, Jeremiah, the Samaritan women at the well and about how each of us can MAKE A DIFFERENCE in the lives of those around us.

**Summit Seekers** – Sunday School at 11:00 for our 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders. We begin with a high energy music and praise service presented by a group of St. Luke's Youth, followed by a lesson and activity where we learn about the Bible and how to apply it's teaching to our everyday lives.

The **Faith Harder Memorial Library** is always open! CHECK IT OUT in Goliath (the Elementary/Youth open area). Books and Videos may be checked out for a three-week time period. Parents, please look around your homes for items that might be over due and return them as soon as possible. Donations of new or used books and videos with a Christian theme and in good condition are always accepted.

Have questions? Can't wait to get involved? 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.

We look forward to hearing from YOU!