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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

Nursery available for all services.

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The Chronicle

**MARCH 6
Help UMCOR**

On March 6, the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering will be taken. This special offering goes to UMCOR. Where exactly does the money for One Great Hour of Sharing go? First, it is used as a fund for immediate disaster response.

It is also used to pay for the administrative expenses of UMCOR, which are a small percentage of its budget. Thus, when you donate to a particular disaster relief effort or to a hunger-related project, 100% of your donation will go to that cause! The OGHS offering is also used to help under-funded projects.

Please consider giving generously to One Great Hour of Sharing. UMCOR is truly a wonderful and effective organization, helping millions of people in the United States and around the world!

**MARCH 6
Support women worldwide**

International Women's Day is Sunday, March 6, and Denver is celebrating by having a unique event. International Women's Day in Denver will feature the premier showing of "The Day My God Died," narrated by Tim Robbins and Winona Ryder, a film documenting the tragedy of child sex slavery and profiles of courageous people that need our support to stop this business.

In addition to the movie, there will be a Women's Non-Profit Expo and entertainment by local artist Elea Plotkin.

International Women's Day

Sunday, March 6

The Oriental Theatre, 44th & Tennyson

Expo opens at 1:15 p.m.,

Film begins at 2:15 p.m.

Expo closes at 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 available from Dottie Mann (303-932-2712), at King Soopers, through Tickets West, or online at www.orientaltheatre.net.



Photo by Sharon Oliver

**MARCH 19
Easter Fun Day**

Join us for St. Luke's annual morning of fun, Saturday, March 19, from 10-noon, rain or shine.

We will have games, giveaways, prizes, cotton candy, crafts, a bouncy castle, balloon animals and, of course, the Easter Bunny!

**MARCH 11 & 12
Melodrama returns**

"Pure as the Drive Snow"
Boo! Cheer! Hvea great time!
March 11 & 12, 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's

**RIGHT NOW!
Registrations for
'Up With Youth' are here!**

Pick them up in between the coke machines downstairs and turn them in ASAP! This is a Conference Retreat for grades 9-12 and takes place from April 1-3. Register today.

see more SLY news on page 4

**MARCH 21
WNO (Women's Night Out)**

March 21 @ Celtic Crossing

(Castle Pines Parkway)

**MARCH 5
Dinner Dance**

6-9:30 p.m. - \$10 to dance all night!

**MARCH 6
Weaving tapestry of faith**

A retreat to uncover and examine our faith journey in the company of sisters.

April 8-10, at the YMCA of the Rockies in beautiful Estes Park

Facilitated by Rev. Janet Forbes and Pam Rowley

Sign-up deadline is Sunday, March 6. You can sign up after church at the retreat table or through Amy Holton by calling 303-683-5407 or aeholton@msn.com. We hope to see everyone there for a wonderful weekend!

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ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Message from our Senior Pastor, Rev. Janet Forbes



The many faces of Jesus

Who is Jesus? The question seems simple and straightforward. But the answer is complex and subtle because it concerns the present identity of a person who lived in the ever more distant past. Whereas the question, Who was Jesus?, requests information that would identify him in his own time and place by referring to his date and place of birth, parents, occupation, social status, and time of death, asking, "Who IS Jesus?" signals an interest in his current identity.

With Marcus Borg, Professor of Religion and Culture at Oregon State University, and author of *The Heart of Christianity*, coming to St. Andrew United Methodist Church on March 18 and 19, I am returning to questions about the intentional Christian life. What does it mean, as our Mission Statement asserts, to "grow toward full humanity by living the teachings of Jesus: love, acceptance, justice, and hope"?

I am currently reading a book, *Who is Jesus? History in Perfect Tense*, by Leander E. Keck, Professor of Biblical Theology at Yale Divinity School. Keck is a frequent scholar in the *Disciple Bible Study Series*. He is interested in the "is-ness" of the Jesus that was. Did you catch that distinction?

Keck remembers that the ancient Greeks used the perfect tense of a verb to distinguish the ongoing impact of a completed action from its occurrence in the past. "The door was opened" asserts that a past action caused the door to be no longer shut, though it might have been closed later. "The door is opened," on the other hand, asserts that it still remains open as the result of past action. So, to speak of history in perfect tense is to consider the ongoing-ness of something from the past, namely Jesus. (Those of you who are students of rhetoric note that I also preach in perfect tense in order to set images in current reality!)

Our Lenten Series, "The Many Faces of Jesus," is the invitation to explore the ongoing meaning - the perfect tense - of Jesus. What does it mean to be a follower, a disciple, of Jesus today? In listening to persons who are seeking the spiritual life, I have learned that many people are skeptical about "organized religion", but are compelled by what it means to follow Jesus! The exploration of that hunger leads people to communities of persons who share the friendship, the convictions, the transformation, the hope of the Christian life.

Join us in worship as we seek a holy Lent by exploring the many faces of Jesus.

Grace, Rev. Janet

THANK YOU FROM ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

On Sunday, Jan. 30, a delegation of leaders from St. Luke's greeted the new congregation of St. Andrew United Methodist Church on their first Sunday in their new church home in Highlands Ranch.

With a creative welcome cookie basket from Amy and Barry Curtis and words of "Welcome to the neighborhood", Martha Boone offered gracious words of partnership and futuring. Rev. Harvey Martz, Senior Minister, responds:

Dear (Rev.) Janet (Forbes):

On behalf of all of us at St. Andrew Church, I want to thank you for the presence of your delegation in worship with us on January 30. We were extremely complimented that St. Luke's leaders were with us that day to welcome us to the neighborhood and to extend the hand of United Methodist friendship and collegiality.

We are also grateful for the cookie and balloon bouquet which you sent and which did not, I am sad to say, last long enough for me to get even a crumb or morsel from its clever arrangement.

As you and I have said to each other, there are so many ways that our congregations can reinforce the good things we are doing and can collaborate to do even more important things together in the future. And there is such a dire need for strong United Methodist voices in a region where people have many literalist choices for church but not enough mainstream and progressive opportunities like the ones our congregations offer so well.

We look forward to new adventures and new chances for ministry together as sister congregations.

Thanks you again for your gracious welcome!

*Peace,
Harvey Martz, Senior Minister*

Membership Classes at St. Luke's

To join in covenant with the family of St. Luke's is a promise to care for this community with all your heart and soul. We worship together, pray together, and are there for one another. We are a missional church. Involved in the surrounding community and the world beyond our door.

We are a church with the following vision: "Guided by the Spirit of God, St. Luke's is an inclusive community of faith, seeking to meet people where they are, growing together toward full humanity, through living the teachings of Christ: Love, Acceptance, Justice and Hope."

We will be offering the following dates for our "Next Step" class. Lunch with Rev. Forbes is included. Please select the class you would like to attend and call Lynda Fickling for a reservation 303-791-0659x20 or lynda@stlukeshr.com. Childcare is available by calling 303-791-0659x47.

*Wed., March 16, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Membership Ceremony on Sunday, March 20

Sunday, April 17, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Membership Ceremony on Sunday, April 24

Sunday, May 15, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Membership Ceremony on Sunday, May 15



Garage Sale great success

The Guatemala team netted a little over \$3,000 from the recent garage sale.

We were prepared to start at 10 a.m., but we discovered people arriving around 8. In fact, we had made about \$500 by the official opening time.

The entire fellowship hall and narthex were filled with merchandise when we started, plus there were chairs in classroom and in the hallway.

Photos by Ken Fong



On group must have taken an hour to cram everything in their truck to go to Mexico (!).

We responded to our opportunity to help!

I wanted to let everyone know what a generous, caring congregation we truly are. Two recent events asked for donations. The first was the Tsunami disaster in the Indian Ocean. We responded, and \$7,676.57 was raised by our congregation.

The next was one of the United Methodist's churches "Special Sundays." This Sunday was Jan. 16, 2005 and is called "Human Relations Day." It provides support for more than 30 church-based community developers working in racial and ethnic-minority communities in the United States and Puerto Rico. We raised \$315 for this event.

For your generosity: "Thank you."

Peter Reif, co-chair Missions committee

It's almost here again... Mission's Sunday that is

This year Mission's Sunday will be April 3. We have many activities planned, including having our dear friend, Tapiwa Muchera back to speak to us. For those of us newer to St. Luke's, Tapiwa is from Zimbabwe and served as our Missionary in residence for a period of time. He also led us on our first international missions trip to Zimbabwe, where we made many new friends and continue to support our church's work in that country.

But this is not just about International missions. Many of the local organizations that we support will be with us to provide information about their programs and how we can become more involved with them. Watch for further information.

A thank you from Women of St. Luke's

Thanks to Women of Note for their wonderful concert to benefit the redecorating of the Fellowship Hall. Through very generous donations, they donated \$1800.00 to the redecorating fund. With this generous donation, The Women of St. Luke's are able to purchase the new carpet for the entry of the church.

Never read a flat-page Bible again

TRAVEL TO THE HOLY LAND: NOVEMBER 7, 2005

Rev. Janet Forbes and Bob Davis will be leading a 10-day educational tour/spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Israel and Palestine), leaving on Monday, November 7, 2005. Janet and Bob have traveled with Educational Opportunities Tours to the Holy Land several times and trust their assurances of safety. Holy Land tourism worldwide has returned to near record levels.

This journey of a lifetime includes roundtrip airfare from Denver to Tel Aviv, deluxe motorcoaches and guided sightseeing to the major biblical/archeological sites in the Galilee, Nazareth, Megiddo, Caesarea, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, and Qumran. Lodging is in first-class hotels in Tiberius and Jerusalem with full Israeli breakfast buffets and dinners each day.

The educational theme of the tour

is "Jesus: His Life, His Time, His Land, His Hebrew Faith". The evening Lecture Series by biblical scholars are Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus, Jesus' Ministry in the Galilee, Impact of the Galilee on Jesus, and Geography and Its Impact on the Bible.

Highlights of the trip will include Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum; Masada (King Herod's mountaintop fortress overlooking the Dead Sea); the opportunity to renew baptism in the Jordan River, a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee, and a "float" in the salty Dead Sea.

Janet and Bob hosted an information gathering on February 27 at 1:00 p.m. Call Janet if you missed this chance to talk.

You may also view an itinerary at eo.travelwithus.com. Click on the links to the Classic Holy Land Tours.

You may register on-line or pick up a Registration Form in the church office. The tour host is Rev. Janet Forbes. The tour number is 31780.

In September, Janet will offer a class on the "The Geography, Politics, and Religions of the Middle East" to review how the issues of land, spirituality, and relationships continue to shape the Holy Land today as Christianity, Judaism, and Islam intersect. Recommended reading includes *The Source*, by James A. Michener, a novel about the excavation of a tell in Israel in which the history of the Hebrew/Jewish people unfolds as the archeologists dig!

Also, *Abraham, A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths*, by Bruce Feiler, whose engaging style explores the texts and legends about Abraham, the father of monotheistic faith.

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Chris' Corner

Be A Prayer Player

Prayer has been the focus of many stories recently in the news, and we are introducing our youth to the concept of community prayer through our Prayer Partners, adults that are praying specifically for our youth currently enrolled in our Confirmation program.

The more we talked about with youth about praying, the more we realized what a difficult thing it can be to do! Sometimes we get intimidated by our feelings, or don't believe that we have the words we need to express our true emotions to God. Sometimes, we're not even sure if there is a God, and if not, then why would we pray anyway? Sometimes, we confuse wishes or hopes with prayer, sometimes we aren't sure what to pray for. Sometimes we think God's a shrink so we only go to pray when we have problems, and sometimes we just don't feel like praying.

Well, prayer can be an anytime thing! It doesn't have to be overly formal, or performed in complete silence with shimmering light glowing through a stained glass window. It can be in your car, it can be before dinner, it can be at work. It can be out loud or under your breath, it can fill your mind with joys or with concerns. It can be about serious issues or simple joys, about family, friends, and even (gasp) yourself.

It is not selfish or one-sided, but a way to begin dialogue with God. Prayer can work miracles and prayers can be answered. Prayer promises change.

That promise is what we have conveyed to our youth and their prayer partners for this session of Confirmation. The high school years contain some of the most challenging games a person will ever face, and it always helps to have another player on your team when facing challenges. So lend some support to yourself and others this Lenten season by becoming a prayer player.

In Christ, Chris

Thanks to all adults who have agreed to become prayer partners for this year's Confirmation Class of 41 students. Your prayers are appreciated!

Watch for more information about Love, Not Sex

This lock-in will take place on April 22 and is offered for Senior High youth who are interested in learning about the emotional and spiritual dimensions of sexual activity in the life of teens today.

We need youth for Youth Sunday!

This year, Youth Sunday is on May 1, so we have just about two months to prepare this service. We welcome creative voices and need actors, singers, musicians, and people with no discernible talent whatsoever for skits, ushering, communion, greeters, and planning this exciting and non-traditional worship time.

Please contact either David Ashby or Chris if you are interested in participating.

Holy flamingo's!

Keep watching for the St. Luke's Flocking Flamingos to show up in your yard! They are still migrating and a close friend might make a request for you soon! To date we have raised nearly \$500 toward the youth scholarship fund with flocking and our fundraiser at Boston's Gourmet Pizza.

Loving hearts needed

As I walk through our church each week, I notice new faces that I didn't see the week before. Sometimes with those new faces come smaller faces. As our nursery grows, I find the need for more hands to wipe the tears, more arms to give hugs, and more smiles to be spread around. We are currently looking for moms, dads, grandparents, aunts and uncles who are wanting to help in those categories.

Great fringe benefits: all those extra hugs when you're there.

Please contact Kristina Linn at 303-791-0659 ext 40, or stop by the church office for an application. Immediate positions are available.

SLY Calendar Double-Shot

APRIL

- 1-3 Up With Youth
- 3 Regular SLY AM
Regular SLY PM
- 6 SLAM – Spiderman 2
- 10 Regular SLY AM
Regular SLY PM
- 13 SLAM – Enemy Mine
- 17 SLY AM – Confirmation Sunday
SLY PM – Progressive Dinners
- 20 SLAM – The Muppet Movie
- 22 Sr High Lock-In "Love, Not Sex"
- 24 Regular SLY AM
Regular SLY PM
- 27 SLAM – Fly Away Home

MAY

- 1 Youth Sunday
SLY PM District Worship
- 4 SLAM - Stargate March
- 2 SLAM – Napoleon Dynamite
- 6 SLY AM Worship
SLY PM Worship @ Heritage UMC
- 9 SLAM – Willow
- 11 YOUTHQUEST @ Buena Vista
- 13 Grades 6-8. Register ASAP.
- 13 Regular SLY AM
Regular SLY PM
- 16 SLAM – Jesus of Nazareth
- 20 Regular SLY AM
Regular SLY PM
- 23 SLAM – Ella Enchanted
- 25 Good Friday Services
- 27 Easter – No SLY AM or PM
- 30 SLAM – Dodgeball
- 31 Chris' Birthday

Missions options

There may still be spaces left on this summer's mission trips. Check with Chris to see if you can still get in!!!

Jr High Mission Trip – Full Service will travel to Whispers of Hope Horsefarm in Wichita Falls, TX from June 5 – 12. Trip cost is \$150 per youth. Applications are available downstairs between the pop machines. This year you need two recommendations! They are bright orange and also on the wall.

Sr High Mission Trip – Mission Definition will fly to Caguas, Puerto Rico from July 9 – 17. Trip cost is \$700 per youth. Applications are available downstairs between the pop machines. This year you need two recommendations! They are bright orange and also on the wall.



Vacation Bible School

VBS will be June 27 - July 1 from 9-noon. This year we will be at the Circle G Ranch: Where God is at the Center and the Love Never Ends. Children will learn that God's door is always open for them through games, crafts, music and Bible stories. Registration closes June 1 and you may pick up a form from the church office.

Children's Ministry Calendar

- Sun. Feb. 27 PEAK Adventures 9:30 Elem SS 5th Rotation Begins – Triumphal Entry
- Tues. Mar. 1 Children's Ministry Education Team Meeting 7:00 8:30
- Wed. Mar. 2 Lenten Activities for Elementary Kids 6:15-7:30
- Sun. Mar. 6 SLY Jr. 5th & 6th Grade Fellowship 6:00-8:00
- Wed. Mar. 9 Children's Ministry Fellowship Team Meeting 9:30-11:00
Lenten Activities for Elementary Kids 6:15-7:30
- Wed. Mar. 16 Lenten Activities for Elementary Kids 6:15-7:30
- Sat. Mar. 19 Easter Fun Day 10:00 – 12:00 Rain or Shine!
- Sun. Mar. 20 Palm Sunday – Parade of Palms for Sunday School 4's through 6th grade
- Wed. Mar. 23 Lenten Activities for Elementary kids 6:15-7:30
- Sun. Mar. 27 Easter – NO Sunday School - Only Nursery to 2's at all services
- Wed. Mar. 30 WNL Kid'z Club 6:15-7:30
- Sun. Apr. 3 SLY Jr. 5th & 6th Grade Fellowship 6:00 – 8:00
- Tues. Apr. 5 Children's Ministry Education Team Meeting 7:00-8:30
- Wed. Apr. 6 WNL Kid'z Club 6:15-7:30
- Wed. Apr. 13 Children's Ministry Fellowship Team Meeting 9:30-11:00

Mommy & Me

The Mommy and Me playgroup ranges in ages 9 mo. up to age (almost) 2 yrs. (that's our oldest). Contact person: Erika Brimberry, 303.470.5752 or e-mail: karielee@aol.com

Amy Antinoro has the next age group 4 to 6 (or almost 6 - that runs into school-age).

Her number is 303. 663.6656 and e-mail: rkymntnrph@hotmail.com

Kim Marlow and Martha Person's have the newest group birth to about 6 months.

For this group contact Kim Marlow at marlowkk@yahoo.com or marthapersons@hotmail.com Their numbers are (303) 471-9336 or (303) 662-1054.

Lenten activities for elementary kids

If you haven't been attending, NOW's the time to start. Each Wednesday during Lent our elementary kids will be having fun learning about the symbols of the Lenten Season. We'll be doing a craft, playing games and even cooking our own snack for one lesson. Join us in the Computer Lab in the Goliath area. Contact Jenita for more information or to help out.

Children's Education Ministry Team

We will again be meeting the first Tuesday of every month to begin planning our Summer Sunday School events and select the PEAK Adventure curriculum for the 2005-06 Sunday School year. Our first meeting will be March 1st at 7:00 in the Mark Room downstairs. If you have been a guide or workshop leader and would like to have input on the lessons we will be studying here is your chance. If you are interested in getting involved in this exciting program, get in on the planning process and Come! Call or e-mail Jenita to get involved.

Triumphal Entry

On Feb. 27 PEAK Adventures 9:30 Elementary Sunday School began their Lenten unit of study. Each workshop will be focusing on Jesus' eventful entry into Jerusalem and the week to follow. The Cooking Workshop will be sampling Biblical foods, the Video Workshop will watch "The Story Behind the Cross," the Science Workshop will be looking a fossils (you have to come and see how this is tied in to Easter!) and Storytelling will be assembling Hygiene Bags for the homeless and learn how Jesus instructed his disciples to be servants to all. The Computer, Games and Workshops will be just a fun and thought provoking.

Toiletry items needed

PEAK Adventures – Elementary Sunday school will be making Hygiene Bags for the homeless as part of the Storytelling Workshop beginning on Feb. 27 through April 3. We are asking for donations of the following items to fill these bags:

- Wash cloths, tooth brushes, lip balms, combs,
- Travel-sized toothpaste, bar soaps, shampoos, conditioners, deodorants, lotions and tissue packs.

Please leave your donations in the box in the Goliath Area downstairs. The bags will be distributed to the Denver homeless through the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless. For more information, please contact Jenita Rhodes or Susan McIntosh.

Children's Ministry volunteer needs

•Sunday School Teachers for the 11:00 4 and 5 year old class. The curriculum is easy to follow and the kids are fun to be with. You will be part of a team of adults and youth who are helping to build a spiritual foundation our youngsters. All supplies are provided and in the classroom ready to use. THIS IS NOT AN EVERY SUNDAY COMMITMENT! Call Lynne Butler to sign on.

•Volunteers for 1-hour shifts at Easter Fun Day. Face painting, ring toss, cookie walk, making cotton candy or balloon tying are just a few of the spots we need to have individuals. Call or e-mail Lynne Butler to reserve you slot.

•Cooks and table decorators for the Children's Dinner Theater, April 22. We will be cooking a kid's dream meal of Mac & Cheese, hot dogs and chicken nuggets. Then stay and enjoy an entertaining evening of "Kid's Theater". You won't want to miss out. Call Lynne to offer you culinary and decorating skills.

Would you like to help, but prefer not to be with kids? No problem! We have a variety of one time tasks or monthly duties that you could do to help out with the ministry of providing programs for our children. Please call and see how you can help! God Bless.

St. Luke's Holiday Shop 2004 was big success

Thank you to all of the many wonderful people who generously volunteered their time, made cookies, gave donations of wrapping supplies and gifts, and especially to those of you who brought your children to shop! St. Luke's family- you are wonderful!! Our goal was to make enough money at the Holiday Shop to purchase two new high chairs for the Fellowship Hall and provide lunch for Vacation Bible School volunteers. Because of you, the Holiday Shop was incredibly successful — we will be able to purchase three new high chairs and provide two lunches for VBS.

Planning is already taking place for Holiday Shop 2005. If you are interested in volunteering either now or later this year, please call the number below. Also, if you have found old wrapping paper, new items that you were planning to re-gift, extra ribbons, gift boxes, etc. as you were putting away your holiday things, please think about donating them to the Holiday Shop. We accept donations any time during the year! Please contact Amy Antinoro at 303-663-6656 if you have any questions, would like to volunteer, or have a donation.

Again, thank you!!!

Let's celebrate!

Our apologies for missing our February birthdays last month. We hope you had a great day!

February Birthdays

1-Feb Tom Suby-Long	15-Feb Lynda Fickling
1-Feb Donna Richardson	15-Feb Dan Gross
2-Feb Christie Vandenberg	15-Feb Jeff Madsen
2-Feb Dennis Rodriguez	15-Feb Donna Jones
2-Feb Mark Richardson	16-Feb John Ramsett
3-Feb Leslie Courtage	17-Feb Arthur Adams
3-Feb Caroline Merchant	17-Feb Dean Markham
5-Feb Connie Shoemaker	17-Feb Kristi Dale
5-Feb Marybelle Menzel	17-Feb Andrew Martin
5-Feb Kelsi Hertzler	17-Feb Kathryn Van Horne
6-Feb Betty McIntyre	18-Feb Nancy Abbott
6-Feb Trudy Turner	18-Feb Chad Butler
6-Feb Bob Fretz	19-Feb Marian Fuller
6-Feb Jan Stull	19-Feb Robert Leggett
6-Feb David Allen	19-Feb Jenita Rhodes
6-Feb Jessica Pedley	19-Feb Tim Boles
7-Feb Krystn Myers	19-Feb Becky Hutchins
8-Feb Mary Brackett	19-Feb Greg Smith
8-Feb Sandy Larson	19-Feb Holli Sparks
8-Feb Peter Fletcher	21-Feb Laurie Ross
9-Feb Rachel Nolder	21-Feb Tony Hildebrand
9-Feb Bopha Sun	22-Feb Bill Brackett
9-Feb Zachary Adams	22-Feb Vicki Pedley
11-Feb Christina Manthey	23-Feb Eric Swick
11-Feb Julie Hammer	23-Feb Alex Fort
12-Feb Rachel Walberg	24-Feb Brad Bonjean
14-Feb Marie Fornof	26-Feb Duane Kroeger
14-Feb Kay Coryell	27-Feb Samantha Richardson
14-Feb Carolyn Maddox	27-Feb Don Appleby
15-Feb Dave Laurvick	27-Feb Stephani Barber

March Birthdays

1-Mar Scott Fickling	14-Mar Christa Hall
1-Mar Mike Mara	16-Mar Deliah Dykes
1-Mar Shawn Funk	17-Mar Pat Keleher
2-Mar John Fuller	18-Mar Terry Walters
2-Mar Steve Beekhuizen	18-Mar Courtenay Bumpas
2-Mar Terri Church	18-Mar Lauren Adams
2-Mar Carol Rod	19-Mar Rebecca Givens
2-Mar Steven McCasland	20-Mar Betty Halderman
2-Mar Christine Archer	20-Mar Jim McCurry
2-Mar Karen Meade	20-Mar Bruce Pawley
2-Mar Kellie Balu	20-Mar Doug Luallen
4-Mar Jordan Obertier	21-Mar Marta Dowell
4-Mar Jim Wolff	21-Mar Melissa Wester
4-Mar Kathleen Brown	22-Mar Mel Scott
4-Mar Juli Schuett	22-Mar Eric Johnson
6-Mar Diane Tolleson	22-Mar Kate Duncan
7-Mar Deola Luallen	23-Mar Robert Sala
7-Mar Jim Matsey	23-Mar Andy Hinds
7-Mar Mark Birkholz	24-Mar Tom Van Denover
7-Mar Scott Ludwig	24-Mar Kim Joseph
8-Mar Linda Babcock	24-Mar Kiflam Hurlbut
8-Mar Mike Stephens	25-Mar Pam Taylor
8-Mar Jason Koenig	25-Mar Kathy Robinson
9-Mar Brad Chase	25-Mar Brett Vasten
9-Mar Marge Harper	26-Mar Francine Ferguson
9-Mar Janet Maxwell	26-Mar Denise Allen
9-Mar Liesje Johnson	27-Mar Marilyn Ayers
10-Mar Mary C. Harper	27-Mar Rick Dryer
10-Mar Frank Rod	27-Mar John Caldwell
10-Mar Susan Hardy	27-Mar Allison Drake
11-Mar Terry Montagne	28-Mar Gretchen Samuels
12-Mar Carole-Sue Woodrich	28-Mar Sheri Henry
13-Mar Katie Hjellum	28-Mar Georgie Washington
14-Mar Hal Timm	29-Mar Charles Rovetta
14-Mar Lynda Drake	30-Mar Jennifer Jensen
14-Mar Celeste Drinkard	30-Mar Kendra Lindahl
14-Mar Maria Lawson	31-Mar Geoff Bumpas

entryway and hallway quickly, we took the direct route — same slightly tinted white that we already had in place. And that new paint looks fantastic! Then we moved on to the hard stuff — our Fellowship Hall.

Over a period of several weeks and LOTS of meetings and e-mails, final color combinations were narrowed. Again and again paint boards were studied, repainted, and studied some more. Votes were taken, finally painters were hired, and suddenly ideas became our reality!

Our shared thanks go to all of you who have shown support of various music and fellowship events the Women of St. Luke's group is hosting as we continue efforts to secure funds necessary to finish the tasks in queue.

Next up, updating carpeting of these areas. If you'd like to see the sample, please stop by the office. As our funds grow, we'll provide new more durable entryway floor coverings that are much more suited to welcome our growing numbers of members, constituents and first time visitors.

After that, it's onto other small and larger projects we're sure you'll notice as well. If you want to be a part of these efforts, please reach out to Joy Wardroup (wardroup3@msn.com), Ken Fong (kfong@att.net), or call the office and leave a message with Bonnie, our doors are always open!

Thank you to all of the committee members, and all of the sponsors of these efforts. Together we make a terrific team!



Mission to Lemoa, Guatemala

On Friday, March 4th, 2005, St. Luke's will send a team of 20 people to a small mountain village in Lemoa, Guatemala, for a 10-day mission. The team will be assisting local workers on a construction project already in progress. The team and local villagers will host a three-day Bible Day Camp. We've been told to expect 300-500 children on any given day!

The Guatemala Mission team and Trustee's would like to share a great big THANK YOU to all who helped and/or participated in the Garage Sale held on January 22nd. We were prepared to start the sale at 10 a.m., only to discover people started arriving at 8 a.m.!

People came from all corners of the city. Over \$3100.00 was made in just a day.

The Guatemala Mission Team and the St. Luke's Youth Mission Team would also like to say THANK YOU for all who assisted, participated, and made the "Taste of Guatemala and Live/Silent Auction" so much fun! Many happy tears were shed, cutting and dicing up the chili's and onions for the authentic Guatemala cuisine. Also, special THANKS to Kathy Balu for her leadership skills in the kitchen!

Our very own Youth Director, Chris Wilterdink, did an awesome job as the Auctioneer! You really missed out if you didn't get to see Chris in action. The grand total for this event came to \$4,682.00. The funds will be divided for International Missions and the Youth Missions.

As always, we couldn't have had this much fun and success without all of the members, constituents, friends and family of St. Luke's. We thank you for your love and support and look forward to sharing our experiences with you.

Please keep the following team members in your thoughts and prayers as we journey on to share life in Guatemala. Gene and Dawn Branch, Dale and Kathy Balu, Rev. Janet Forbes and Bob Davis, Cathy Dunwody, Mark Ely, Kris Eckberg, Ken Fong and Betsy Keyack, Laurie Gilbert, Suzanne Humphreys, Jennifer Jensen, Andrea Mezger, Jan Stull, Bev Suttman, Terise Harrington, John and Sharon Williams.

Construction continues in Kielce

We have a special bond of friendship with the Methodist Church in Kielce, Poland. It started with a mission trip taken by Betsy Keyack and Lisa Lehnus in 2003. On this trip, Lisa and Betsy assisted at an English Christian Family Camp in the mountains.

You may recall that in December 2003, we were blessed with a visit by Pastor Janusz Daszuta, his wife Bozena and children Kamila and David. Since the summer of 2004, the church in Kielce has been undergoing massive renovation in order to make room for a growing congregation (sound familiar?). Recently our congregation made a \$1000 donation toward this construction project.

Pastor Janusz sent us the following words of appreciation through Peter Reif of the Missions Committee:

"I would like to thank you for your part in getting the gift of your church to us. Please, inform your people, that we have used it to pay it as a down payment for our church construction for ceramic tiles on the floor of our church. Thank you again. May the Lord bless all who helped us in need. Yours in Christ, Janusz."

Pastor Janusz extends an open invitation to anyone who would like to come to Kielce to help with the construction or to participate in one of the many camps his church sponsors. In addition, Bozena Daszuta, who is a teacher of English, would be delighted to have pen pals for her students!

A time to build up...

Hello everyone!

Just wanted to update you on what has been happening with Project H.O.P.E. in the last few months since I have been home. The volunteers I work with in Zimbabwe are continuing to do regular visitations to all our orphans out in the rural areas. Many have improved health and all our kids have started back to school. Benji and Chipso are excited to send their midterm grade reports soon and are really loving boarding school.

As for me, I had a great visit with my family over the Christmas break. The first week of January I attended a conference for my mission board and was approved as a long term missionary back to Zimbabwe.

I was fortunate to be able to spend the last few weeks in Kentucky with many of my old friends and a few new ones. It was a great time of renewal for me. I will now be traveling for a while to raise support for the outreach project and hope to return to Zimbabwe in April or May depending on how soon I am granted a work visa.

Please continue in prayer for the children in Zimbabwe and for the country itself. Elections for political parties will be held March 31st so please pray for peace during that time and for God's will to be accomplished. Hope you are all doing well. Let me know what you have been up to!

*Wenyu Munashe,
Janine Roberts*

Sunday School and Missions Projects

Over the months of January and February, the Sunday School classes raised \$523.63 to send to UMCOR to aid the victims of the tsunamis that struck in December. Jenita and I kept track of the donations, using a dollar chart, and had to keep adding to the chart — we thought \$200 would be a reasonable goal, but the kids blew us away!

Our children are eager to help others and the Sunday School program continues to encourage and nurture that desire. During Lent, we are collecting items and creating hygiene packs for the homeless. These packs will be delivered to the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless. Feel free to come see all the items we're collecting on our display board in the basement.

I would encourage all of the families in our congregation to look at what they can do as a family mission. If you need help with selecting a project, feel free to visit the missions kiosk in the fellowship area, or to talk with me or a member of the Missions Committee.

*Shalom,
Susan McIntosh, Missions — Sunday School Liaison*