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AIDS Walk 2005 - St. Luke's Team from left to right:

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Support Youth Missions and the Katrina Damaged Gulf Coast!

Due to the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the Gulf Coast, the Sr. High Youth Leadership Team has decided to abandon all earlier plans and take the 2006 Sr. High Mission Trip to areas of the Gulf Coast affected by Hurricane Katrina! This means that by supporting the Pumpkin Patch, you will be directly benefiting residents of the Gulf Coast, the residents of our own state, and our other youth missions programs. The Jr. High Trip will stay here in Colorado because you don't need to travel very far in these difficult times. Please swing by the Pumpkin Patch for details on both of our upcoming trips!!!





Dear Friends:
The United Methodist Church is a global church. Christ is the center of our life together, and in Christ we find meaning for our individual and corporate lives. It is easy for us North American Christians to distance ourselves from the realities that daily confront our sisters and brothers around the world. I will come to the table remembering our connections to the Mayan people of Guatemala who have suffered from 36 years of civil war with a loss of more than 200,000 persons. The first WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY was celebrated November 1, 1936, in a Presbyterian church in Pennsylvania. It came as clergy responded to the crushing ordeal of the Great Depression. Church people discovered they could raise more money to alleviate suffering by working together than they could do alone. This cooperation spread with the budding ecumenical movement, and within a few years, the Federal Council of Churches, the predecessor to the National Council of Churches, adopted the idea.

We will gather as a family of faith on Sunday, October 2nd, for a celebration of our global connections. The servers will be dressed in ethnic costumes from around the globe as they share homemade breads from many cultures. We will sing songs from the world community. As we gather at the table of our Lord, we will remember that we are in the presence of Christ and our brothers and sisters world-wide.

As you come, hear these words of St. Augustine, spoken on a Sunday long ago as he invited his flock to the Lord's Table: *"The apostles explain the meaning of this bread to us with the words: 'We who are many are one bread, one body; O sacrament of love! O sign of unity! Whoever seeks life can find a source of life there. Let them come forward and let them be incorporated, and they will be given life!'"*

-Rev. Janet

CELEBRATION SUNDAY AND BRUNCH Sunday, October 23

You are invited to join with the members and friends of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in a BRUNCH to be held on CELEBRATION SUNDAY, October 23. A brunch will be offered to all members and guests in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30. p.m. The congregation will be our guests for this meal to share in fellowship and thanksgiving as we remember God's bounty in our midst. There will be puppets, balloon animals, and face painting!

CELEBRATION SUNDAY will help each of us to consider prayerfully the management of the resources with which God has blessed us. The Stewardship Team, chaired by Scott Wesson, is asking each of us to consider investing in our spiritual lives through disciplined, proportional giving. For those who have never participated in this covenant of grace, you are invited to consider beginning the journey, to "give as you are able". For those who give a percentage of their income now, you are invited to take another step or two this year toward the biblical goal of the tithe or 10% of the household income for God's work.

Rev. Keith Watson, pastor of the Wilson United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs, will be our Celebration Sunday guest preacher. Rev. Keith began his ministry in the Rocky Mountain region as an associate pastor at St. Andrew UMC. He served in Limon, Sterling, Longmont, and Greenwood Springs. While serving as the Superintendent of the Wyoming/Northeast Colorado District, his personal witness to the spirituality of giving transformed many lives.

Begin now to consider your spiritual discipline of giving. Each one of us should ask: "What is God asking of me as I seek to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ?" On CELEBRATION SUNDAY, everyone will be given the opportunity to respond to that question by making a commitment to God through an estimate of giving.

"All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you. (Deuteronomy 16:17)

From the Missions Committee

There's nothing like new school supplies. I love the fresh notebooks, unsharpened yellow pencils, and unopened bottles of white glue. These items bring back memories of preparing my school bag (no back packs then!) for the first day of school. Best of all was the new box of Crayola crayons, all in order with nice sharp points – none broken, none missing. They even smelled great.

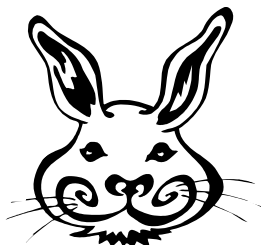
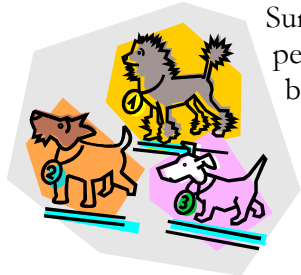
Today I had the opportunity to deliver the many pounds of school supplies donated by St. Luke's to Colorado Coalition for the Homeless at 21st and Champa. There were many bags to haul, but no nearby parking space. However, from a line of people outside waiting for their appointments, a young man and his five year old son offered to help. We paraded up the street and into the building with the supplies. After we brought in the last load, I offered the boy a box of Crayolas for his help. He beamed up at me, and then checked with his dad to make sure that it was OK. He opened the box, and he touched every last crayon. Selecting one purple Crayola, he handed me the rest of the box and said "thank you". When I explained that he could keep the whole box, he lit up with a smile that made my day.

Thank you, St. Luke's, for your kind and generous donations.

On behalf of the Missions Committee



A FAMILY SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE ANIMALS will be celebrated on Sunday afternoon, October 4, at 4:00 p.m. on the front lawn. All pets are welcome, under restraint. Refreshments will be served to all!



Winter Survival Kits for the Homeless

On Sunday Oct. 23, 2005 the Mission's committee will be sponsoring a program for Winter Survival Kits for the Homeless of Denver. We will be working with Colorado's Coalition for the Homeless on this project. We will have collection boxes out to collect items for these kits. We need personal hygiene products, travel size, such as soap, shampoo etc. Also we need gloves, hats etc. Please see our display for a complete list of items that we will need to put these kits together.

On Sunday Oct. 23, 2005 we ask everyone that can attend to please join us and put together these kits. Parents please bring your children. This is an excellent way for them to get involved. We will start at Noon immediately after the 11 AM service. We will service lunch and then put the kits together.

So don't forget, help us in this collection drive. And then join us in putting together these kits. Two years ago we put together almost 400 kits. We would like to match or surpass that number this year.....

JOIN US IN HELPING THE HOMELESS IN DENVER

PEAK Adventures
9:30 Elementary Sunday School
Workshop Rotation Units for 2005-06

September 11 – October 16

The **Story of Creation** unit uses the Bible story included in Genesis 1:1 - 2:4. It is the story of the beginning of the universe and this passage tells us: That all of it came into being through God's creative activity; About the six days of creation (light and darkness; sky and water; land, sea, and plants; sun, moon, and stars; fish and birds; animals and humans) and the seventh day, a day of rest. That God "saw that it was good"; That humankind was created in God's image and that God blessed them and asked them to take responsibility of the world. Children will:

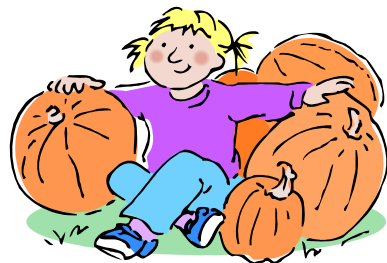
- Discover God created the world and every thing in it.
- Understand that they are created in the image of God.
- Recognize that everything God created is good.
- Understand that God provides for all of creation.
- Learn to gain an appreciation of all God's creativity.
- Learn to accept responsibility for God's world.

Sly, Jr. starts October 2nd.

Our 5th and 6th grade fellowship group will meet in the Goliath area from 6:00 until 8:00. Dinner will be served followed by Silly Game night. Come join in the fun and bring a friend! Please sign up on the elevator lobby bulletin board downstairs or contact Jenita Rhodes by phone or email.

**Fall Festival,
 Sunday, October 16 from
 10:00 to 2:00.**

Support the youth missions and enjoy games, pumpkin painting,



a clown and bouncer. The elementary youth will be sponsoring a Hurricane Relief Walk where you can challenge a kid to "lap the church" for a pledged amount. Proceeds from the Walk will go to UMCOR.

Third Grade Bibles will be presented October 9th at the 9:30 and 11:00 services. We are asking parents to **reserve your child's Bible** before **October 5th** by contacting Jenita Rhodes at 303-791-0659 extension 27 with the correct spelling of their name and which service you will be attending. Reservations can also be made on the list outside of the third grade Sunday School room. We are also looking for several parents, who would be willing to help with a reception given in honor of the third graders in Sunday School fol-



lowing each presentation. Helpers are needed to setup at 9:00, clean up at 12:00 or provide food. Sign up when you make your reservation.

Become An Asset Builder

Some of you may have heard about the 40 Development Assets established by the Search Institute from a survey they did of youth some years ago. I have been continually intrigued by how we as adults not only can but have a responsibility to surround our children and youth with these positive experiences and qualities they need to grow up to be healthy, caring and responsible adults. Please check out their web site at www.search-institute.org and stop by the Children's Ministry bulletin board in the elevator lobby downstairs to get more information and see how you can become an Asset Builder.



PEAK Adventure Event Schedule

October 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 SLY Jr. 5 th & 6 th Grade Fellowship 6:00 – 8:00.	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 th Grade Bibles 9:30 and 11:00 Services	10	11 Children's Ministry Education Team Meeting	12 Children's Ministry Fellowship Team Meeting	13	14	15 Discovery Club, Respite Program for Special Needs
16 Fall Festival in the Pumpkin Patch 10:30 – 1:30 God & Country	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 PEAK Adventures 9:30 Elem. SS 2 nd	24	25	26	27	28	29
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November 2005

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20 God & Country	21	22	23	24	25	26 Hanging of the Greens 9:00
27 PEAK Adventures 9:30 Elem. SS 3 rd Rotation – The Gift of Jesus	28	29	30			

18 New Stephen Ministers Begin Training

Caring ministry at St. Luke's will be expanding soon as the first group of members are began Stephen Minister training on Sept. 6, 2005. At the completion of their training in December, the class will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers. They will then be ready to start their ministry in providing one-to-one care to individuals experiencing difficulties in life.

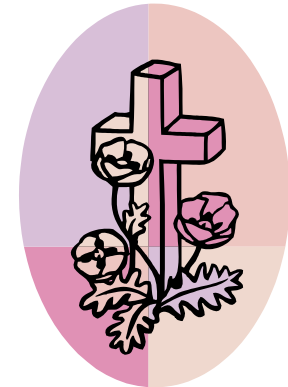


"Stephen Ministry training combines sound theological principles with contemporary psychology", says Rev. Janet Forbes, who, along with Stephen Leaders Pam Rowley, Sally Suby-Long, Doug Rowley, Sherry Merrill and Sue Townsend will teach the class. "The training is top-notch. The skills our Stephen Ministers learn and practice prepare them to provide a very high level of Christian care giving. The training is intense because it explores some serious life issues, but it is also a growth-producing and enjoyable experience."

The 50 hours of Stephen Ministry training is broken down into twenty 2-1/2 hour sessions that will be held on Tuesday evenings.

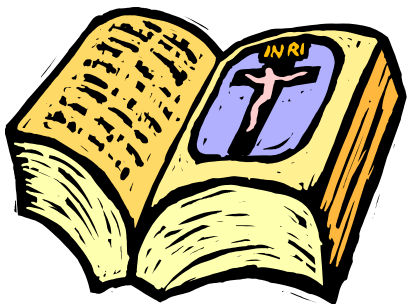
Among the topics are:

- Feelings: Yours, Mine and Ours
- The Art of Listening
- Distinctively Christian Caring
- Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly
- Maintaining Boundaries in Care giving
- Confidentiality
- Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief
- Caring for People, before, during, and after Hospitalization



"Before becoming a Stephen Leader, I went through the Stephen Minister training myself", says Sherry Merrill. "I expected to learn a lot about care giving, but didn't anticipate the personal and spiritual growth I experienced. Looking back, perhaps what I enjoyed most was the Christian community formed with everyone in our training class. Our trainees are in for a really neat experience."

"We expect the impact of Stephen Ministry on our congregation to be tremendous," says Rev. Forbes. "People whose needs might otherwise slip through the cracks are coming face to face with Jesus' love through their Stephen Minister. Our new class will help us touch that many more lives with the Gospel".



Please lift up the training class in your prayers over the coming months and watch for regular training class updates in the Chronicle and Sunday bulletin.

BRING YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Reverend Janet Forbes

"You shall go there, bringing...your tithes and your donations, your votive gifts, your free-will offerings..."
(Deuteronomy 12:5-6)

As we prepare ourselves prayerfully for **CELEBRATION SUNDAY, on October 23**, I want to respond to several requests to share the origin of the biblical phrase "tithes and offerings".

The **TITHE** represents 10% of the bounty with which God blesses us. It is also the symbol that Paul uses when he writes to the young churches of the first century. He calls for "**proportional giving**". We are to give in proportion to what we have earned, in proportion to what we have accumulated, in proportion to what we possess. We are to give in proportion to how we have prospered under the grace of God. So, "tithing" is a symbol for planned giving. Tithing helps us give significantly in a systematic way. It is a planned share in the purposes of God. Tithing reminds us that we are all stewards, and not owners. A tithe is a guide toward responsible, healthy, significant faith-promise giving.

A **TITHE** represents what you plan to give to the ministry and mission of the church. It is your plan – freely decided upon. It is promised out of your financial means, and cheerfully given. The tithe is the amount we bring weekly or monthly as an act of worship.

Next we are enjoined to bring our **OFFERINGS**. The Bible knows at least two kinds of offerings, which have connection with our lives today. First, there are the "**votive offerings**". Votive offerings are part of a vow or promise, or they represent a specific act of thanksgiving to God, or a personal act of devotion. Advent and Easter offerings, gifts to missions, bequests, and memorials are in the category of votive offerings.

LIFESpot looking for adult volunteers!

LIFESpot, a store-front ministry for Jr. High and Sr. High youth, is looking for adult volunteers to staff their counter and serve up some love during the week.

A brief training event, a background check, a letter from your pastor, and an interview with other LIFESpot volunteers is required before you begin.

If interested please
 Minister with
 St. Andrew UMC

contact Mike Ratliff,
 Youth at
 303-794-2683.



www.lifespot.org

Our Mission:

We welcome you to our Christian family, where we share life.

Wherever you are in your faith journey,

*You are accepted and encouraged to grow
 spiritually.*

Join us in growing together toward full humanity

Through living the teachings of Jesus:

Love, Acceptance, Justice and Hope

October

- *Pumpkin Patch Oct 1 – 31**
- 10/2 – SLY AM Worship
SLY PM - *District Worship*
- 10/5 – SLAM
- 10/9 – Regular SLY AM
SLY PM - *Jazz @ St. Luke's Concert (7 pm)*
- 10/12 – SLAM
- 10/16 *Fall Festival 10 am – 2 pm*
- 10/16 – Regular SLY AM
Regular SLY PM - *Corn Maze*
- 10/19 – SLAM
- 10/23 – Regular SLY AM
Regular SLY PM - *DenUM Game of Life*
- 10/26 – SLAM
- 10/30 – Regular SLY AM
Regular SLY PM - *Orange Gourd Manipulations*

November

- 11/2 – SLAM (6:30-8:30 pm)
- 11/4-6 – *Youth Leadership Conference*
- 11/6 – Regular SLY AM (9:30 am)
SLY PM - *Go to Fiddler (3 pm)*
- 11/9 – SLAM
- 11/13 – Regular SLY AM
Regular SLY PM - *Core Lead Night (6-8 pm)*
- 11/16 – SLAM
- 11/20 – Regular SLY AM
Regular SLY PM - *Open Mic Coffee House Night*
- 11/23 – SLAM
- 11/27 – Regular SLY AM
SLY PM - *Tree Lighting (6 pm)*
- 11/30 – SLAM



Fall Festival October 16 10 am - 2 pm

Temporary Tattoo Parlour

Bean Bag Toss

Sack Races

Stilt Walking

Bouncy Castle

Photo Booth

Pumpkin Painting

Freshly Grilled Lunches



Chris' Corner – Super Supporters

Supporting youth ministry and missions is not difficult here at St. Luke's. You know that every October the Pumpkin Patch rolls around. And you know that by purchasing your pumpkins and other fall decorations, like gourds, cornstalks, and straw bales, at the Patch you help financially support our summer youth mission trips. You know that every dollar raised at the Patch gets our youth to their destinations and back, purchases materials for them to work with, and spreads love and compassion to communities far away from Highlands Ranch. Music Ministries is doing their part to support youth missions. On October 9, you can come to the Jazz @ St. Luke's Concert with donations to benefit youth missions at 7 pm.

You also know that on October 16 the Fall Festival returns! By attending the Fall Festival with your family and friends you support youth missions with your donations for temporary tattoos, popcorn, freshly grilled lunches, photo booth pictures, bouncy castle jumps, stilt-walking, pumpkin painting, bean bag tosses, and sack races, you again help financially support youth missions. Amazing what a few of your dollars can do for the lives of our youth and the communities we serve!

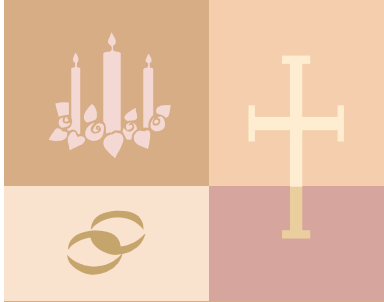
But youth ministry and missions is so much more than dollars and cents. Youth ministry is about maturing experiences and mentoring, and that is why I invite you adults out there to experience and take part in the many youth ministries we offer. We have been averaging over 40 youth on Sunday mornings and over 50 youth on Sunday evenings since our Fall Kick-Off, without even counting those involved in youth music! Our youth are hungry for maturing experiences, and we need adults who can help by donating their time and presence in youth ministry. Supporting youth ministry and missions is not difficult, and we would love to have you minister along side other adults and youth.

Peace and love, Chris

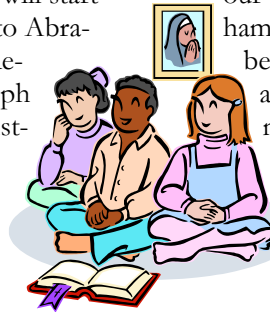
- Registrations for this year's Youth Leadership Conference from November 4 – 6 are now available. Check the info wall downstairs or check with Chris to register.
- Shortcuts to Manhood (**STM**) and Girls' Enrichment Ministries (**GEMS**) will continue into the school year thanks to the awesome response we got from youth and parents this summer. Look for special events in the coming months for each of these small groups.
- There are still openings to fill for the Pumpkin Patch! Check in with Chris or Ann, or find the sign up sheets in the Fellowship Hall to add your name to the schedule. Shifts are two-hours long. Youth and adults, if you work 15 hours, you'll receive a \$100 credit towards next year's mission trip, and you can earn \$50 for working 8 hours. Youth, remember that your parents can donate time to your cause (if they don't go on a mission trip themselves), so sign up to work the patch as much as you can!



Joy Trek Sunday School



Joy Trek Sunday School is in full swing again. The smallest of God's Children, our 2's through Kindergartners, will have a fun and busy fall downstairs. We have a full schedule of St. Luke's families who are serving as teachers at 9:30 and 11:00 as well as in music and as superintendents, greeters. Our Sunday School year runs from September 11 through August of 2006. The children stay in the age group they are currently in, **even as they** have birthdays, and we promote them to the next age group the first weekend in June. We will start our year by learning about "God's Promise to Abraham". From there we move into "Isaac and Rebekah" and then we will learn about "Joseph and His Coat of Many Colors". At Christmas we anticipate the Messiah's arrival. The children learn these stories through music, games, crafts and listening as the stories are read to them. We hope you will join us some-



St. Luke's: 20 people strong at AIDS Walk

St. Luke's had a great turnout for this year's AIDS Walk Colorado. "More than we've ever had before," according to Betsy Keyack who has walked in this annual event for years. The 20 people from St. Luke's were treated to beautiful weather during the 5k walk, which took place Sunday morning, August 21st at Cheesman Park in Denver.

Rebecca Neitert and her daughter Elizabeth were excited to be part of the St. Luke's team. Rebecca says of Elizabeth, "she initially heard about AIDS through classroom conversation and immediately came home to ask me all about the disease. When she heard how it affects children and innocent victims, she instantly wanted to be part of the team she'd heard about at St. Luke's." Elizabeth raised \$625 and even donated \$50 of her own hard-earned money to the cause.

During the walk, Betsy Keyack was moved by a woman who cheered "Thank you very much!" from her apartment balcony down to the group, and Kelsy Wesson said, *"I liked seeing the variety of people at the walk--old, young, people in costumes, people in wheelchairs. It was great to see so many different people participating!"*

"It's a great family activity, meaningful and fun at the same time," said Bob Oliver, who brought his whole family.

Scott Wesson had this to say about his AIDS Walk experience. "We walked in the AIDS Walk this year because we wanted to do something missional to help those afflicted with this terrible disease Because my son Jacob isn't yet old enough to go on a mission trip, we thought this was a great way to get him engaged in mission activity at the local level. It was great!" Jacob Wesson added, "I liked seeing how many people wanted to help other people end AIDS."

Susan McIntosh, Sharon Oliver, Betsy Keyack and Jenita Rhodes were integral in making the AIDS Walk part of the SLY Jr. "Missions Mania" summer activities. The Sly Jr. group (5th & 6th grade fellowship at St. Luke's) even got together and tie-dyed shirts so that everyone could have matching shirts at the walk. The group looked great!

The St. Luke's team raised over \$2000 towards charities that benefit AIDS research and treatment. Thank you to all who walked and thank you to all who made contributions and helped organize this event. We had a great time and hope that even more join us next year!

-Sharon Oliver

WNL

Wednesday Night Live

Join your St. Luke's family for a mid-week program created for everyone! Dinner (bring your favorite fast food to eat together in the Fellowship Hall), faith development and support for all ages and music programs for children are offered. Our goal is to provide a safe, nurturing and inviting environment that gives our community the opportunity to create deeper relationships with each other and grow in their faith.

Fast Food Fellowship

Everyone is welcomed to bring their favorite fast food and enjoy the fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. Our doors will open at 5:00pm.

Childcare & Movie Room

Childcare is available from 6:00 to 9:00pm in the nursery for 0-Kindergarten and in the 2-year-old Sunday school classroom for the 1st-6th graders. The older kids will have a video and game board games to enjoy.

Contact: For reservations call 303-791-0659 x47

Cherub's Choir

A music and movement program for children 3 years-kindergarten. The children learn about Christian values through song and develop motor skills through movement and playing instruments. They perform for a few Sunday worship preludes throughout the year.

Parents welcome at rehearsals.

Begins September 14th
6:30-7:15pm; David open area

Directors: Stacey Baird
303-470-5270, Nancy Betts &
Suzanne Sharpe



Kidz Prayz I & II

Kidz Prayz I is an opportunity for children from 1st-3rd grade and



Kidz Prayz II is an opportunity for children from 4th-6th grade to participate in learning to sing and play instruments as well as have fun. The Kidz Prayz

program is designed to develop cognitive skills by engaging your child in a variety of musical activities.

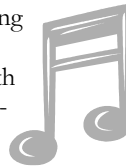
Begins September 14th from
6:15-7:00pm; Asbury Music Room

Director: James Ramsey
303-791-0659

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.

Begins September 14th
from 7:00-7:45pm; As-
bury Music Room
Contact: Kay Coryell
303-791-0659 x43



Puppet Ministry

The Puppet Ministry is a newly formed ministry, beginning fall of 2005. If you love participating in a highly unique way to convey Biblical stories to a diverse community and audience, then this is the ministry for you!



Come and join in the fun. All are invited.

Begins Sept. 14th
Wednesdays at
7:00pm.

Drama Team Leaders:
Steve and Cathy Collins
303-346-0275

Discernment 201

We focus on supporting one another in hearing God's call in our lives through a community of faith. We hope to increase a sense of listening to God in ourselves, through others, and in everyday occurrences. We provide an opportunity to clarify and expand our understanding of call, ministry, and the process of discernment. All are welcome to participate in this spiritual journey.

Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:00pm
Contact: Yvonne Amrine

720-733-1491

Home Improvements

Home Improvements is open to couples for fellowship,



support and discussion on varied topics relating to family, parenting, enhancing relationships and exploring our faith journeys.

Begins Sept. 15th 6:30-7:45pm
Matthew room

Contact: Terry & Cindy Gothard
303-346-1567

Fiddler on the Roof

Performance dates are

November 4, 5 & 6 at St. Luke's.

Rehearsals: 3 times a week in the months preceding the performance,
6:00-7:30pm

Contact: Leigh Ramsey
303-904-9951



Sonrise Band

The Sonrise Band plays for the 8:00am Sunday morning worship services throughout the year playing a range of music from contemporary to gospel. Wednesday from 7:30-9:00pm in the Sanctuary

Coordinator: Carrie Mallery
303-791-0659 x35

SLAM

St. Luke's At the Movies, a progressive-minded bible study that compares modern movies to biblical stories and themes. Offered for 7-12 graders during WNL. This program looks at both new and classic movies, discovering themes that link films to faith.

Wednesday nights, 6:30-8:30,
Youth Rooms

Contact: Chris Wilterdink
303-791-0659 x14

Hey, have you been out back lately? Four major projects have come together this summer that together make the most wonderful impression. First, our heartfelt thanks to Brian Sorsby for finishing the permanent wiring and plumbing on our memorial water feature.

Thank you Matt Ransick for your Eagle Scout project, a new deck and arbor add to the enjoyment of the Dorothy Day meditation garden.

Thank you to David Fox whose Eagle Scout project has been to modify our playground to the delight of our children, parents and trustees alike as sand boxes are moved away from the doors, and new fencing and gates allow our lawn mowers easy access for grass cutting! Finally, there's nothing like a

good coat of paint and the trustees are crossing the exterior painting off the list for this season with that project completion.

Please take some time to enjoy the wonderful improvements and share our thanks with these people -- take a look soon -- there's a most incredible view of St. Luke's right in our own back yard!



Thoughts from Fred

I have never written a book review. And this is not one: instead of a review it is a suggestion of a book for you. So this is a commercial. The book is "Getting Oriented," authored by Paul Alan Laughlin, a former classmate of Dick Evans. His first book was "Remedial Christianity," which some of you will remember.

This book is not about getting "oriented" in a different situation or environment, as Katrina evacuees are doing. Rather it is about getting acquainted with the religions of the Orient. The subtitle of the book is "What Every Christian Should Know about Eastern Religions, but Probably Doesn't." Copies of this book should be available on our book table.

Why should we know Eastern Religions? The simplest and most comprehensive answer is "Enrichment." Is Colorado history enough for our students to learn, or should they also learn United

States history, and then World history? The answer is obvious. A narrow, parochial view of Christianity is inadequate in the new world which is on our doorstep, and which we must engage.

Too many adults are stymied with the Christianity they learned in sixth grade Sunday School. A good start, but they should go further. Understanding Eastern religions can be an enlarging of our Christian spirituality. If you happened to have the "Christianity-is-the-only-true-religion-and-the-only-way-to-God" type of religion, this book could be an immense help. If you are of that type, you should get to know the Eastern religions now, and save later embarrassment, because in heaven God just might put you in the same locale with the Hindus, Buddhists, and Taoists. God does have a sense of humor, you know.

Fred Venable, friend of St. Luke's

It hardly seems it's been over a month since I started this new position. It's been an interesting time of discovering, analyzing, reporting and planning. You know, when you move into a new home it takes a while to get everything in its place and get organized. Merging two work spaces together and getting organized has been no different. It was easy to turn the scheduled 30 hour work week into 45-50 hours after I got through the first week.



In addition to getting "settled in" there was the urgent need to provide Reverend Janet with the data and assistance she needed to get her letter to you regarding our financial situation. Also there was a need to assist the Stewardship committee as they plan for our annual stewardship program in October.

Your response to Reverend Janet's letter has been very positive. Some have included checks to catch up on promised amounts, some have made new promises (1st time pledges) for specific giving amounts for the remainder of the year and others have shared with me their plans to repeat their annual plans for giving later this year. If the response trend continues during the next few days, the results will make it much easier to manage the cash flow for the remainder of the year. Together with your responses, close examination and tracking of our program spending and a little faith, WE (all of us working together) will make it successfully through the end of the year. It wouldn't be St Lukes if we didn't face some challenges along the way.

I was pleased to receive calls from a few members that needed to discuss their giving plans and check the status of their giving. This is one of the benefits of having this new position of Director of Finance in place. I make it a point to be in the office every morning from 8 to 11:30 so you can call me when you have the need to. The remainder of my hours are random as needed to meet the needs of the job

which easily translates into the 30 hour commitment.

I've already figured out a way for us to help each other---that makes it a win win deal for both of us. If every family will turn in a planned giving commitment card, I will be able to do a better job of projecting our income for 2006. You will be given that opportunity in October as we begin our plans for 2006. In return, I will commit to making sure your leadership team has good financial information to use in their program planning to keep us on a zero deficit spending plan throughout the year. Remember, you can get with me and adjust your giving plan up or down anytime you need to do that---promotions, raises, inheritances, sickness, job changes, etc. By so doing I can adjust our anticipated income up or down and work the changes into our budget plans for the year. Working together we can help St Luke's (our church) become a stronger church.

Reminder: The leaves are beginning to turn in the mountains which means it's not too early to start your year end tax planning and make plans for any special giving you will want to do at the end of the year---stocks, cash, etc. Call me if I can be of assistance in developing your plan.

Dave Cupp
Director of Finance

Invitational
Relational
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Introducing a new Ministry



New Arrivals

Callie Piper Brimberry
born 9-14-05 at 12:06pm
7lbs. 8oz 20 1/4" long

Proud parents:
Erika & John Brimberry

**ST. LUKE'S
PRAYER CONCERNS**

Ghandhi said, "*You must be the change you want to see in the world.*"

St. Luke's is going to be starting a Social Concerns Ministry Team, to enable our congregation to be more involved in the change. This may done in many different manners, as small as providing information to the congregation about how to conserve natural resources, or providing a class or two on the UM Social Principles, or as large as coordinating a vigil or letter-writing campaign to encourage a change of national policy. If you are interested in being a part of this new Ministry Team, please join us at 12:00 on October 9th in the conference room. Please contact Susan McIntosh to RSVP (phone: 303-347-0727).

Our Sympathies:
To Julie & Jim Ott and family on the passing of Julie's father, Robert Love, September 1, 2005.



Bob Abbott/James Wakefield (Jan Stull's father)/ Maxine Bauer (Brian Bauer's granother)/Gerry Wright (Gail Abernathy's mother)/Rex Cochran/Jacqueline Zgoda (Laura Zgoda's mother-in-law)/ Madilyn Johnson (Katie Johnston's 1 yr. old cousin Carolyn Dean)/Norma Harris/ Clarine Ransick (Eric Ransick's mother)/ Darcy Wells (friend of the Tolleson's)/Cindy Wick (Jean Brown's sister-in-law)/Jeff Patefield/Nancy Rawls (Betsy Keyack's sister)/Jackie Durban/Linda Heister (Tammy Heister's mother)/Estelle West (Fran & Bob West's daughter)/Jennifer Emerson-Roy (Harry & Nancy Cushing's niece)/ Donny Stone (Rebecca Cushing's friend)/ Deb Murphy (Little School mom)/Syd Harrison (friend of Brad Chase)/Edna Kibbie (The Walter's family aunt/gr. aunt)/ Erin Morgan (The Walter's family friend)/The Kuhl Family/Patricia McManaway (Christine Harris' mom)/ Julie Reagan (Christine Harris' sister)/ Marge Snoddy (Kam Boles friend/neighbor)/Dorothy Lloyd (Sheri Shea's mother)/ Jim Llyod (Sheri Shea's father)/Creston Walker(friend of the Damsgards & Cronins)/George Murphy (Barb Decker's mother's partner)/Jack Taylor (Loree Kohrs Friend)/ Maima Sehkar (young girl from Liberia); Jeff Bryden (Kay Swanson's brother)/ Loretta McFarlin (Meera Goel's friend's mother)/ Bob Lanham (Ann & Jan Holly Lanham's son/brother)/Holly Lanham – prayers for her husband Bob/Frances Boles (Tim Boles' mother)/ Cherlyn Nursing Home/Steve Riley's mother/ Natalie Murrow/Eldon Ashbaugh (Marilyn Ayers' friend)/Andy Bingaman (friend of Joy Damsgard)/ Lisa Maciejewski (Jennifer Jiang's sister)/Erienne Romaine (Raap's family friend)/Marlyn Gaskin (friend of Diane Whetson)/Kurt Mohr (friend of Chris Richards)/Kieser (Bonnie Funk's mother)/ Virginia Hall (Nancy Chase's mother)/Susan Bakken (friend of Nancy Chase)/Karen Gumz (friend of Sandy Thompson)/John Thompson (Julie Ramsett's father)/Nancy Obertier/Don Craig (Marcia Ben-shoof's father)/Bob Cady (Wally & Janet Sackett's brother-in-law)/Jim Ott/Pat Dublin (Bob Davis' mother)/Wendy Walker (friend of Sheri Shea)/ Shaun VanDyke (gr. Nephew of Bobbi King)/Olivia Murrow/Eileen Williams (John Williams' mother)/ Laurie & Mike Ross & family/Adrianna Avenell (Kathy Swier's sister-in-law)/Dale Avenell (Kathy Swier's father)/Randy Avenell (Kathy Swier's brother)/Pat Kent

Ministry Opportunities – August 2005

Prayerfully consider *your* part in St. Luke's!

"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."

Ephesians 4:11-13



Children's Ministry: Serve with our most precious gift...our children. In order to have a successful program, we need everyone's help. There are many different ways to serve. Please contact Jenita 303-791-0659x27 or Lynne 303-791-0659x11

Church-Wide Ministry Team: We sponsor events throughout the year, which promote fellowship and fun for the entire St. Luke's community. Our season is heating up and we could use your help! Events on the calendar- Ministry Fair, Fall Hayride, Hanging of the Greens and our Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. If you feel called to serve on this team, please contact David & Gretchen Armijo 303-791-0340.

Adult Librarian: We need help organizing our Adult Library located in the conference room. It would be a gift to many! Contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20.

*"...serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."
1 Peter 4:10*

Ushers: Assist in the weekly worship service by ensuring worshippers are attended to before, during and after the service. Inviting those who would enjoy serving on this team to contact Jim Freeman 303-683-9832 or Greg Nolder 720-344-0566

Greeter: Possibly the easiest, but most important job in our church! We are the first step in being invitational~by just offering a warm handshake and sincere "Welcome". We are the hosts and our mission is to make our guests (and members) feel at home. Greet on rotating Sundays either 8, 9:30 or 11. We are looking for people to cover the front door, and both side doors. Need a BIG team!! Contact either Karmie Hilleary 303-683-4696 or Lisa Williams 303-303-683-7056

Guest Service Station: Information central for St. Luke's! Great way to meet people and be helpful by answering simple questions, give direction to classrooms... all in all, be our minister of concierge! Choose to serve one Sunday a month (at the service convenient to you) 30 minutes prior to the service time. Please contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659x20

Welcome Team: Looking for friendly, outgoing people to serve on this team whose mission is to welcome friends who have been visiting St. Luke's for awhile. Drop off our welcome package and say hello! No experience necessary, you only need to be willing to serve! Please contact



Dee Duncan 303-471-6685 or Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20

St. Luke's United Methodist Church invites you to find new life through Jesus Christ. Engage your heart and mind within a community of faith that seeks to integrate scripture, tradition, reason and experience. Wherever you are in your life, you will be accepted and encouraged to grow spiritually, live relationally and walk in mission, as you relate your daily life and your faith.

All articles, photos and notices for the Oct. issue of *The Chronicle* are due:

Oct. 10th

For more information, please contact the church office

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Fax:303.470.5615

St. Luke's Youth ext. 45

Childcare reservations: ext. 47

www.stlukeshr.com

Emergency

Janet Forbes: 303.241.9312

Dave Money: 303.932.1035

Sunday Worship Services

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

Sunday School Classes (adult, children & youth)

9:30 a.m. & 1100 a.m.

Nursery Available for all services

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 Rev. Dave Money Associate Pastor..... ext. 33
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