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ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Experience Lent & Easter at St. Luke's →

St. Luke's Cancer Support Group

St. Luke's offers a Cancer Support Group for patients, caregivers and families affected by cancer. The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Matthew Room downstairs.

The meetings offer an opportunity to share experiences, stories and feelings, and there is also time to discuss topics of interest. During February and March, we conversed on *Twenty Things People With Cancer Want You to Know*, based on the book with the same name by Lori Hope. The book has a great deal of wisdom for caregivers and friends of people with cancer, including how to listen and be helpful. This is a drop-in group, so feel free to attend any session.

For more information, you can call Rev. Pam at the church office or Betsy Keyack, 303-346-7057.

DAY BY DAY ALONG THE WAY

CELEBRATING LENT AND EASTER AT ST. LUKE'S 2006

JOIN US!

TO SPEAK OF THE WAY IS TO SEEK A PATH, OR TO POINT TO A ROAD, OR TO MAKE A JOURNEY. IN THE BIBLE, JESUS IS IDENTIFIED AS "THE WAY" TO A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, WHICH USHERS IN A NEW QUALITY OF LIFE AND A NEW WAY OF LIVING IN THE NEW COMMUNITY OF COMPANIONS.

OUR LENTEN WORSHIP WILL CELEBRATE THE COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE THAT JESUS GATHERS AND THE JOURNEY THAT WE SHARE.

EASTER FUN DAY

SATURDAY April 8 – 10:00am-noon

Join the fun! There will be the usual fun activities like the egg hunt, a bouncer, balloon animals, fun crafts and games, tattoos, real bunnies, and, of course, the Easter Bunny. We also have some new activities like cookie decorating, picture decorating and a craft that helps us remember the true meaning of Easter. Mark your calendars and plan to spend the morning with us!

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY April 9 – 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am

"THE WAY OF FRIENDSHIP" - Rev. Janet Forbes

When the going gets tough, the tough scram. *Mark 11:1-11*

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE*:

GODSPELL

THURSDAY April 13 – 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE*:

GODSPELL

FRIDAY April 14 – 7:00pm

*Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be identical.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY April 16 – 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00am

"WALK THE WALK" - Rev. Janet Forbes *Mark 16:1-8*

8:00 Sunrise Band

9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 Chancel Choir, Handbells and Brass Ensemble

CONCERT: ROCHESTER BOYS CHOIR

WEDNESDAY April 19 – 7:00-8:00pm

Hear the beautiful sounds of classic 20th century choral literature from this amazing ensemble.

Nursery care is available Sunday mornings.



Godspell Rehearsals are Underway!

The cast of *Godspell* is meeting three times a week to prepare for the services on April 13th & 14th. Don't miss this moving performance as part of our Lenten worship experience.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Rev. Janet Forbes
Senior Pastor

HOLY WEEK: DAY BY DAY ALONG THE WAY

- Rev. Janet Forbes

*Day by day, Oh, dear Lord,
Three things I pray:
To see Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly,
Day by day.*

-Godspell

As we draw near to Holy Week, the last week of the season of Lent, we remember the community of people that Jesus gathers and the journey that we share. What it means to be spiritual friends of Jesus, day by day?

Godspell is the story of Jesus and that community. The Wesley Players will be presenting this musical version of the Gospel of Matthew as the heart of our worship experiences on Maundy Thursday, April 13, and Good Friday, April 14, at 7:00pm.

The first act of *Godspell* is about the formation of a community. Eight separate individuals, led and

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

Sunday Worship Services:
8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

Sunday School:
(Adult, Youth & Children)
9:30am & 11:00am
Nursery available for all services

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Director of Youth Ministry
- Ann Smith.....x19
Assistant Youth Director
- Jenita Rhodes.....x27
Director of Children's Ministry
- Lynne Butler.....x11
Pre-school Ministry
- Kristina Linn.....x40
Childcare Ministry
- Lynda Fickling.....x20
Dir. of Membership Ministry
- Bonnie Funk.....x10
Administrative Assistant
- Dave Cupp.....x24
Director of Finance
- Dan Kuhl.....x44
Facilities/Custodian
- Kay Swanson...303-791-1982
Director of Little School

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guided by Jesus and his assistants, John the Baptist and Judas, gradually come to form a communal unit, a circle of friends. This happens through the playing of games and the telling and absorption of lessons, and each of the eight individuals has his or her own moment of committing to Jesus and to the community. When Jesus applies symbols to their faces, he is having them take on an external sign that they are his disciples. But the internal journey of each character is separate and takes its individual course and period of time, as it is with our journeys of faith. At the end of the first act, the congregation is invited to join the Jesus community through the sharing of communion.

In the second act, Jesus announces: "This is the beginning." By this he means that as the circle of disciples is now formed, they are ready to move through the challenging sequence of events leading to the Crucifixion. When Jesus removes the symbols on their faces, just prior to the events of his arrest and trial, Jesus is saying that they have assimilated his teachings into themselves and no longer need

the outward trappings that brand them as disciples. When Jesus is taken from them at the end, the rest of the company remains fused as a community, ready and able to carry forth the lessons they have learned.

As the last strains of "Long Live God" fade from the sanctuary on the evening of Good Friday, the church will be locked for the vigil of Holy Saturday, the day that Jesus rested in the tomb. It is a day of quiet meditation as Christians contemplate the darkness of a world without a future and without hope apart from God's grace.

On Easter Sunday morning we will gather for four services of celebration (8:00, 9:00, 10:00, and 11:00am) in which we will celebrate the new beginning... the unspeakable joy that comes in the morning!

For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. -Psalm 30:5

-Rev. Janet

FINANCIAL UPDATE



Dave Cupp
Director of Finance

Thank You For Your Great Response

Thought you might be interested in knowing how much we collected for the following events. Your generosity reflects your continued support of our outreach programs here at St Luke's:

- Instrumental Concert for Meals On Wheels-Littleton.....\$1,205.00**
- Special collection for Mayor Hickenlooper's One Congregation-One Family.....\$5,010.00**

The financial numbers are still preliminary since we are not completely finished with converting to the new Church Windows Financial software. That process is about completed. Believe me, it will be a welcomed day when it is complete. I appreciate your understanding through this process.

In January, our general pledge giving was approximately \$7,500 better than we had projected. This is without including any allocation of the lump sum money we received from the green pledge cards which was \$25,350. However, it appears we were about \$6,500 short in February. The year to date figures are still encouraging compared to the first part of last year. The bottom line is reflecting that we are about \$15,000 better than we budgeted for the first two months of the year.

Currently, we have a total of 338 pledges and lump-sum gifts which total \$920,290 which still leaves us about \$17,000 short of the budget for that category of income.

I apologize for presenting the data in such general terms. When the conversion to Church Windows Financial is complete I will be able to "close" the books for January and February and report to you specific results. I thought it was important to let you know at least what the trend seems to be year to date. Keep up the good work. And, as usual, call or email me if you have questions.

Don't Forget to Sign Up For Electronic Funds Transfer: Give yourself some relief. Sign up for the new Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) program we now have for your convenience in paying your pledge. Enjoy the convenience of having your pledge deducted from your account without the hassle of having to write a check. It's easy. You fill out the form indicating monthly or semi-monthly withdrawals, the date(s) you want withdrawals to happen and get the form along with a voided check to me. The number of participants continues to grow each month. Forms are always available in the Narthex.



We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind. -United Methodist Social Principles

The Earth is the Lord's and the Fullness Thereof... Social Principles, The Natural World

by Susan McIntosh

This is the second in a series of articles to help members and constituents of St. Luke's learn a little more about the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church.

Before I get into Methodists and mud, I want to take a minute to tell everyone THANK YOU! If you were in worship on February 19, when we experienced the service in the Kingdom spirituality style, then you heard our challenge to the congregation to help Mayor Hickenlooper's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. As a result of that challenge, we raised about \$5000 to help the area's homeless get into transitional or even permanent housing, and had several members step forward to serve as mentors. These volunteers will help individuals and families learn how to live within a budget and provide other guidance on being a responsible tenant. The money raised will provide a deposit and first month's rent. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me. (Susan McIntosh 303-347-727 or susanmcintosh@yahoo.com)

“...encouraging Methodists at the global, national and local level to work on sustaining the environment rather than abusing it.”

Okay, on to Methodists and Mountain Springs...

As you may recall from my first column, the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church are split into six major sections. The first is titled “The Natural World.” It acknowledges that we are stewards of God's creation, meaning that we need to take care of what has been put under our supervision. Over the last several General Conferences, there have been several resolutions regarding taking care of our natural resources, including one regarding nuclear safety, one that encourages the US to adopt a responsible energy policy, and one encouraging Methodists at the global, national and local level to work on sustaining the environment rather than abusing it.

Reduce, Re-use, Recycle

I'm sure you've heard that statement before; but have you ever considered it to be theological? It goes hand in hand with God's command to Adam to care for the earth and its creatures.

In the Social Principles, the section on the natural world discusses how we, as responsible stewards, need to reduce dangerous industrial waste, protect the health of animals, provide for food safety, and use science and technology to further understand the world and how we can live in it for many years to come.

There are many quick adjustments to one's way of life that will help the earth, and all its creatures; many will save you money, and you may find

yourself enjoying God's creation a little more.

- Celebrate Earth Day (April 22)!
- Turn off the water when you're washing your hands, or brushing your teeth
- Replace lightbulbs with lower wattages, and turn the lights off when you leave a room
- Group your errands so you drive less and use less gas
 - Turn the thermostat down a few degrees
 - Walk to the store
 - Bike or carpool to work
 - Use biodegradable packaging (rather than plastic)
 - Donate your slightly used clothing to the church – the Missions team will thank you
- Buy a used car or a hybrid
- Keep your car in good shape (change air filter regularly, make sure tires are at the proper pressure)
- Re-use your grocery bags (some stores are even offering a few cents back for each bag)
- Try organic foods (no chemicals)
- Visit the local farmers' market (that food doesn't travel an average of 400 miles like the food you may get at the grocery store)
- Eat a vegetarian meal occasionally (there is less drain on the earth's resources in raising vegetables and grain rather than meat)
- Plant a tree, or other plants that may require less water than grass.
- Take a hike in the mountains
- Learn about an endangered animal
- Watch a bird flying

But Do I Have To?

By now, some of you may be thinking, “Oh gee, not more rules to follow!” The Social Principles are not rules, but rather guidelines. As we note every week in the bulletin, St. Luke's (and the United Methodist Church in general), accepts everybody where they are on their faith journeys. How – or even whether – you choose to follow the Social Principles is completely up to you. You may find some elements that truly speak to where you are in your journey. Others may seem too challenging for now or downright silly. That's okay.

No matter how you feel about the Social Principles, I hope that you continue to bring your views and unique perspectives to the table of St. Luke's. It is through continual discussion that we can grow and learn from each other.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Jayne Smith & Dick Dunham



Kris Eckberg Reif

Jason & Kellee Gerig
(Brooks)

Kay Oscail

Membership at St. Luke's? Why?

What are the benefits of being a member? Do I get a special seat in the Sanctuary? A special parking space? How about a free box of donuts especially for me? *Answers:* See below, No, No and No!

Joining the church family is a commitment, a new covenant, and a promise between you and St. Luke's. We are a Covenant Community of Grace. We believe the life of faith is a journey of grace. We shape our life together by grace.

Here is how you benefit by being a member. You belong to:

- a family who will accept you and care for you unconditionally.
- a spiritual family who will support and encourage you on your journey towards a life walking with Christ and a God centered life.
- a place to discover your gifts in ministry

St. Luke's provides you:

Worship to help you focus on God. It prepares you spiritually and emotionally for the week.

Fellowship with other Christians to help you face life's problems with support, encouragement and love. We also enjoy sharing meals and laughter!

Education It's for Life! Learning and growing closer to walking as Jesus taught us, is a life long journey.

Ministry helps you find and develop your gifts/talents to serve others in our church family, community and beyond.

We welcome you and invite you to become members of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Our **"Next Step Class"** will be April 30 from 11am-2:30pm. Lunch with Rev. Janet is provided.

Childcare is available by making a reservation at least 24 hrs. prior to the event at 303-791-0659 x47.

To register, contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659x20 or lynda@stlukeshr.com

PRAYER CONCERNS



Week Ending March 17, 2006

- Gerry Wright (Gail Abernathy's mother)
Rex Cochran
Madilyn Johnson (Katie Johnston's cousin)
Carolyn Dean
Clarine Ransick (Eric Ransick's mother)
Jeff Patefield
Nancy Rawls (Betsy Keyack's sister)
Jackie Durban
Jennifer Emerson-Roy (Harry & Nancy Cushing's niece)
Deb Murphy (Little School mom)
Syd Harrison (friend of Brad Chase)
Erin Morgan (the Walter's family friend)
Marge Snoddy (Kam Bole's friend)
Dorothy Lloyd (Sheri Shea's mother)
Jack Taylor (Loree Kohr's friend)
Ernie Wight (Elizabeth Laurvick's father)
Bob Lanham (Ann & Jan Lanham's son/brother)
Frances Boles (Tim Boles' mother)
Andy Bingaman (friend of Joy Damsgard)
Lisa Maciejewski (Jennifer Jiang's sister)
Erienne Romaine (Raap family friend)
Marlyn Gaskin (Diane Whetson's friend)
Karen Gumz (Sandy Thompson's friend)
Nancy Obertier
Don Craig (Marcia Benschhoff's father)
Wendy Walker (Sheri Shea's friend)
Eileen Williams (John Williams' mother)
Bernie Mezger (John Mezger's father)
Guillermo Rodriguez & family (Gail Abernathy's son-in-law)
Edith Walters (Terry Walters' mother)
Cindy Barlow
Tom Eurton (Amy Holton's uncle)
Carol Eckberg (Kris Reif's mother)
Margaret Hinchey (Kay Swanson's friend)
Cheryl Smith (Joy Damsgard's friend)
Rosie Kovak (Joy Damsgard's relative)
Yvonne Schmidt (Laura Kuhl's mother)
Sturgis Wetherington
Rita Phair (Bob Varto's mother)
Jerry Heinz (Rachel Nolder's father-in-law)
Sandy Ray (Ellen/Lynda Fickling's niece/cousin)
Edith Allen (Susan Stanley's mother)
Norma Harris
Jan Coryell
Louise McGill (Sharon Oliver's mother)
Marie Fornoff's mother, Beth
- Fumiyo Yamamoto (Jon Takayama's grandmother)
Patti Anderson (Nancy Obertier's friend)
Grant Larson
Mrs. Navai (Manijeh Badiozamani's mother)
Pat (Bob Davis' mother)
Linda Kercheval (sister of Tony Palizzi)
Jim DeLuca (father of Joely Maddux)
Susan Fritz (friend of Kay Swanson)
Billie Rhodes (Dave Rhodes' mother)
Ursla Cherry (friend of Trudy Turner)
Richard VanderKody (brother-in-law of Rick and Robin Fort)
Ron Aines (Marshall Aines father)
Tracy Dunbar (friend of the Cushings)
Janet Blatchford (friend of Samantha Leahy)
Carol Anderson (friend of Shelly Bonjean)
Jan Winter (friend of Jenny Stevenson)
Alondra Picaco (co-worker of Jenny Stevenson)
Kristy Svendsen (Sue Townsend's daughter)
Janet Johnston
Krista Smith (Sharon & Dewey's Daughter-in-law)
Callie & Josie Brimberry
Shaun Van Dyke (Bobbi King's great nephew)
Truman King Sr. (Truman King's father)
Sherry Merrill
Louis Pressel (Carolyn Warden's cousin)
Jim Ramsey
Joe Avey
Natalie Barnard
Kathy Eccles
Joh Poole
Tricia Dunlap (Betty & Larry Dunlap's daughter)
Sharon Oliver
- Congratulations:**
To Andrea Price-Stogsdill and Jerry Stogsdill on the birth of a son, Isaac William Price Stogsdill, born March 3, 2006.
- Sympathies:**
To Henri Ferrer and Jim Freeman on the passing of Henri's mother, Henrietta Ferrer, on February 27, 2006.

DEAR ALL OF ST. LUKE'S,

We would like to express our thanks for all of your thoughts and prayers over the last month. We feel very blessed to be a part of this wonderful, caring community. When we look back over the last 2 years of Bob's cancer, we are amazed and grateful for the support we have received from St. Luke's. The prayers for all of our family especially over the last 6 months were very comforting. We have noticed your presence in the bringing of food, the conversations, the hugs, and the cards. We are very appreciative of your gifts with the donations to the church for new candelabras for the sanctuary in memory of Bob. We are thankful for your service to others in the continued care and support of our family. St. Luke's community truly acts with their hearts and offers their prayers, presence, gifts, and service to others. Thank you for your continued support in the weeks to come!

Nancy Abbott, Angela, Adam, Thaddeus, and Quinten Alderson

MISSIONS

“Mission of the Month”

by Betsy Keyack

The Missions Committee will soon be starting a new process that will enable you, the congregation, to participate directly in supporting the mission ministries of St. Luke's. Every month, we will focus on a “Mission of the Month.” During the entire month, we will educate the church about the Mission of the Month, collect monetary donations and provide information on volunteer opportunities and in-kind donations needed. The Mission of the Month program will allow you, the congregation, to decide how St. Luke's gives to missions. St. Luke's giving will thus reflect the hearts and passions of all of you!

During April, the Mission of the Month will be UMCOR/ One Great Hour of Sharing. Future Missions of the Month will include missions such as Zimbabwe, Denver Urban Ministries, Global/local AIDS and Interfaith Community Services. So look for the information each month!

The Missions Committee would also like to express appreciation to the many small groups and ministries within St. Luke's who do their own work to support local and international missions. You are all wonderful! Keep up the great work! We are especially grateful beyond words to the Music and Drama ministries programs who donate the proceeds of their productions to missions ministries!

Guatemala Mission 2006: March 24-April 2

St. Luke's is conducting a return mission trip to Guatemala, from March 24 to April 2, 2006, in Lemoa in the department of Quiché near the highland center of Chichicastenango. Our first mission trip to the region was in March, 2005. Most of the population there is indigenous Mayan. Lemoa was especially hard-hit by massacres and destruction of villages during the years of “La Violencia”, guerrilla rebellion and army repression which ended in 1996. We will be working with local people on two construction projects: at the Methodist Retreat Center and at the orphanage in Lemoa and running a Bible school day camp for several hundred local children. See puravida.org for more details about Lemoa.



Our missionaries are: (back row, standing) Dave Money, Mark Ely, Gene Branch, Laura Richards, Laurie Gilbert, Joyce Carnes, Cathy Dunwody, Kristine Fong, Betsy Keyack, Kelly Estrada, Mario Estrada, Dawn Branch, Carolyn McIntosh, John Williams, Ken Fong (front row, kneeling) Jan Stull, Megan Stull, Kristina Carnes, Shelly Richards, Beth Richards, Sharon Williams, Leslie Ruiz, Ken Decker

One Great Hour of Sharing: Throughout the Month of April

by Betsy Keyack

What do a teenage girl in Mississippi, a fisherman in Sri Lanka and a family in Sudan have in common? They have all been helped by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR is the humanitarian relief agency of the United Methodist Church. When a disaster strikes, it helps with initial relief and is there for years afterward to provide recovery and rebuilding. UMCOR also has numerous programs that address hunger, poverty, self-sufficiency and refugee needs.

I met the distraught teenager from Mississippi when I went to that state last October as a Volunteer in Mission. Our mission team was invited to come to Mississippi by UMCOR, which worked with the Mississippi Annual Conference to establish a rebuilding and recovery program after Hurricane Katrina. Our job was to do mold abatement in devastated homes.

The high-school student we met lives with her mother and sister in Ocean Springs. Her Grandma, a widow, lives next door. During the hurricane, they all waited too long to evacuate. By the time they decided to get going, the water was too high to drive out. Grandma came over and all of them stood on step ladders and other objects in order to keep their heads above the water, which rose to 6 feet. The teenager kept screaming, “I’m going to die!” Grandma had never seen anything like this in all the years of living in her house. Our mission team listened to their stories and gave the teenage girl a teddy bear, which she hugged with appreciation. The entire family is now living in a FEMA trailer and a tent on their front lawn until their homes are rebuilt.

The fisherman in Sri Lanka is participating in a recovery program from the tsunami of 2004. He is being paid to clear the beach of debris so fishing nets won't tear. UMCOR is also providing nets, boats, oars and advocacy so the fisherfolk of Sri Lanka can have a livelihood again.

In Sudan, UMCOR has provided seeds and tools to over 5000 families to enhance their ability to provide food for themselves. UMCOR is also providing blankets, tarps and programs to meet education and health care needs in this ravaged country. UMCOR will soon be involved in the repatriation and reintegration of people returning to southern Sudan.

On Sunday, March 26, the United Methodist Church will be taking up a special offering for UMCOR called One Great Hour of Sharing. The proceeds are the sole means to pay for UMCOR's small administrative costs - UMCOR has only 5 employees. Any additional donations collected are used to fund projects such as the ones described above that need more financial support. Because of One Great Hour of Sharing, every time you give to an UMCOR project, such as hurricane disaster response, 100% of your donation goes to that project!

St. Luke's will be focusing on One Great Hour of Sharing for the entire month of April. Offering envelopes will be available on the missions table, or just designate One Great Hour of Sharing - UMCOR on your offering check.

Thank you all for your past generous support for UMCOR. Let's help continue the great work of our United Methodist humanitarian agency!



LITTLE SCHOOL News

Sun. Apr. 2

*SLY Jr. 5th & 6th Grade
Fellowship 6:00-8:00pm*

Tues. Apr. 4

*Children's Ministry Education
Team Meeting 7:00-8:30pm*

Wed. Apr. 5

*Children's Ministry Fellowship
Team Meeting 9:30-11:00am*

*Children's Lenten Study
6:30-7:30pm*

Sat. Apr. 8

Easter Fun Day 10:00am-noon

Sun. Apr. 9

*Palm Sunday – Children's Parade
of the Palms at the 9:30 & 11:00
Services*

Wed. Mar. 12

*Children's Lenten Study
6:30-7:30pm*

Sat. Apr. 15

*Discovery Club, Respite Program
for Special Needs Children and
their siblings*

Sun. Apr. 16

*Easter – NO Sunday School -
Only Nursery to 2's at all services*

Tues. Apr. 18

*Children's Ministry Education
Team Meeting 7:00-8:30pm*

Sun. Apr. 23

*PEAK Adventures 9:30 Elem SS
6th Rotation: "3,000 More"*

Fri. May 5

Children's Dinner Theater

Sun. May 7

*SLY Jr. 5th & 6th Grade
Fellowship 6:00-8:00pm*

Tues. May 9

*Children's Ministry Education
Team Meeting 7:00-8:30pm*

Wed. May 10

*Children's Ministry Fellowship
Team Meeting 9:30-11:00am*

Sat. May 13

*Summer Children's Ministry
Workshop 8:30-11:00am*

Little School had a fun-filled, green filled month in March with lots of sneaky Leprechaun fun! We also were treated to career days, having many parents come in and share their occupations with us. It was certainly fun to see all the different jobs our parents do and we are blessed with many parents that volunteered for us! Spring

Break was wonderful and we are hoping that it killed some of the nasty germs that are affecting all of us.

April will be centered around new birth and the celebration of Easter! Little School will be closed on Good Friday to allow our staff to attend services. The children will have an opportunity to learn about the beginning of Spring and the promises that God gives us each and every day! The families have been busy collecting items for the new children's cancer wing at Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital. What a wonderful outreach from our school!

April 27th is our Annual Creative Critter's Art Show from

5:30 to 7:00pm—all over the lower level of the church! Everyone is encouraged to attend and see the magnificent display of artwork that takes over the entire preschool. This year our theme is Fairy Tales, encompassing everything from *Three Billy Goat's Gruff* to *Jack and The Bean Stalk*! Over 1600 art pieces will be on display! If you have never experienced this site—PLEASE COME!!! Everyone is welcome!

Registration has been completed and we are again filled to the brim with fabulous children!

If you would like to be placed on a waiting list, please call the school (303-791-1982) and leave us your child's name, birthdate and your name and phone number and we will be very happy to put your child on our list! Remember many changes happen between now and the beginning of school in September, so don't wait!

Happiness to all this Glorious Easter Season!

Blessings, *Miss Kay*

Join Little School Helping Cancer

Kids! Little School is collecting items for a new children's cancer wing at Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital! We would love the congregation to join us in this effort. Items will be collected until March 24th (and beyond) and may be dropped off at the church. Items desperately needed are: NEW!!! polar fleece blankets (child size or twin), individually wrapped snacks and juices and snacks that can be microwaved. PLEASE HELP IN THIS VERY WORTHY CAUSE! Questions? Call Little School (303-791-1982) or talk with Joy Damsgard.

LITTLE SCHOOL TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS NEEDED FOR FALL '06

If you are looking for THE best part-time job and love children, Little School is the place for you! Teachers must be group leader qualified (teacher training and/or a degree). Assistants must have experience working with children. Little School is a Christian preschool for teachers who are fun, flexible and LOVE CHILDREN. Most ideal for mothers that have children in school. If you want to work at the "Best of the Best" preschool - please apply! Applications available in the main office of the church and Little School. Deadline April 30, 2006.



Children Thrive at St. Luke's! At left, children enjoy the Puppet Ministry during the PEAK Sunday School rotation "The Garden of Gethsemane." Above, the Children's Choir performs the prelude for the Sunday morning services on May 12th.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Jenita Rhodes
Director of Children's
Ministries



Lynne Butler
Preschool Ministry
Coordinator



Kristina Linn
Childcare Coordinator



Kay Swanson
Director of Little School

PEAK Adventures Elementary Sunday School at 9:30 will begin a new unit of study April 23-May 21 (*no Sunday School Memorial Day, May 28*) called "3,000 More". This rotation uses the Bible story included in Acts 2:1-47. At Pentecost, the followers of Jesus were empowered by the Holy Spirit and the Church was born. The children will learn that the Holy Spirit can give us the power to teach others about God and live a Christian life.

By the end of the unit children will:

- hear the story of how the Holy Spirit came to the followers of Jesus at Pentecost
- celebrate Pentecost as the birthday of the Church
- learn that the dove, the flame, and the wind are symbols that remind us of God's Spirit
- see the evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence in the gifts, talents, and actions of the people of the church
- learn that the Holy Spirit was sent by God to help us teach others about God, to live in fellowship with each other and to grow together as the Church
- see that the Holy Spirit can help us pray together, care for one another, and work together as the body of Christ

Promotion Sunday will be June 4th!

Wacky Wednesdays start in June! Wednesdays will again be Wacky this summer at St. Luke's. For six Wednesdays in June, July and August children ages 3 to third grade can come and learn about creation through crafts, games, storytime and songs. The dates and times are June 14 and 21, July 12, 19 and 26 and August 2 from 9:30am until noon. Applications are available in the Little School or church office. There is a \$15.00 charge per day per child. You can sign up for one day or all six. Please contact Tami Clement or Jenita Rhodes for more information.

Easter FUN Day: Sat. April 8!
(see cover for details)

Time for Summer Camp!

Templed Hills and other area camps have a summer full of fun just waiting for your children from 4 years old through High School! Pick up a brochure with the information center or click on www.templedhills.org for the exciting descriptions and dates.

Children's Ministry Education

Team This very important team will meet to select the Workshop Rotation Curriculum for PEAK Sunday School on Tues., April 4th at 7:00pm. There will be an abundance of topics to choose from including Daniel and the Lion's Den, Easter People and Making Christ Centered Choices. All past and future workshop leaders, guides, parents, grandparents and congregational members and constituents (is that everyone?) are invited to attend. Come and get involved in this special ministry.

Count Down to Easter! (Children's Lenten Study)

It's not too late to join in! Our elementary kids will be meeting in the Computer (Moses) Room from 6:30-7:30pm on April 5th and 12th. We are having a great time learning about the symbols of Easter and creating a beautiful mobile. Come early, 5:30pm, and enjoy a delicious meal in the Fellowship Hall.

Palm Sunday--Parade of Palms

It is a tradition at St. Luke's to have all our children in Sunday School or worship participate in the Parade of the Palms in our 9:30 and 11:00 worship services on Palm Sunday. Children 4 years old through 6th grade attending Sunday School will walk with their class. If your child is attending worship with you, they can receive a palm leaf and join the parade by coming out to the Narthex before the first hymn.

Treasure Seekers Summer

Sunday School begins June 11th but the planning and scheduling has begun! This summer our children will be hunting spiritual treasures. Adult treasure seekers are needed to help guide our seekers. Families are encouraged to participate together in Sunday School at 9:30 and attend worship at 8:00 or 11:00.

Sly, Jr. Fellowship We are planning some exciting events for the rest of this year, including continuing our Mission Mania summer program. Below are the dates, times and activities as they stand to date. Otherwise unless noted, our "Regular Meeting" time will be the first Sunday of the month beginning at 6:00pm with dinner and ending at 8:00pm in prayer. Friends are always welcome!

Due to a limited budget, we are asking each family to sign up to provide part of one meal.

Volunteers are also needed to help with each evening's activities. There will be a sign up sheet at every outing. Please save Jenita the time it takes to call and SIGN UP! We always have a great time. Thank you so much for your help!

- **April 2nd 6:00-8:00pm A Hoppin' Party** Come eat, play, dance and pray at this fun packed evening of fellowship. Create a froggie bracelet, learn a new dance step (or two) and praise God to music.
- **May 7th 6:00-8:00pm Are We There Yet?** We will continue on the "Journey" we began in October in the Corn Maze by decorating a Mandala, discussing a spider's web and walking a Labyrinth.
- **June 4th 6:00-8:00pm Sly, Jr. Family Barbecue, 6th Grade Promotion and 4th Grade Welcome!** Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will have backyard games and a short program. Please bring yard chairs or blankets for eating and sitting.

Please give Jenita a phone call or email letting her know that you are coming and if you are bringing a friend. It does make planning so much easier! 303-791-0659 ext. 27 or jenita@stlukeshr.com.

Sly, Jr. will be meeting several times during the summer for Mission Mania.

Check the Children's Ministry Web Site (www.stlukeshr.com/children), the Children's Ministry Bulletin board or future Chronicles for more information.

Mark your calendar for Son Treasure Island this year's Vacation Bible School will be June 26 through 30. Planning is now underway. Contact Lynne Butler to get involved. Registration will begin May 1st.

Volunteer Spotlight: Caroline Butler

by Jill Wright



Ever wonder who bakes those delicious loaves of bread that St. Luke's gives its visitors? How about the cup of coffee you enjoy with your after-service donuts? And what happens to the canned foods in that large, impossible-to-miss blue tub in the Narthex?

Caroline Butler is one of the many faces behind these important tasks, and her contributions don't stop there.

A native of North Carolina, Caroline spent 27 years in Omaha, Nebraska, where for many years she directed food service operations for Marriott Business Food Service at Mutual of Omaha. She has two adult sons, one adult daughter, and eight grandchildren. After retiring, then losing her husband in the early 1990s, Caroline's path led her to Denver.

"My daughter was living in Denver, and she has son with Down's Syndrome. I decided to move here to be closer to them and to also help care for my grandson," Caroline says.

Caroline's connection to St. Luke's began before she moved to Denver. "During my many visits to Denver, I attended St. Luke's with my daughter. I met Alberta Haas, and she invited me to join an all-women Sunday school class," she continues. "I really enjoyed that class, and when I moved here, I already felt at home at St. Luke's. The decision to join was simple."

As a retired food service pro, it's natural that Caroline's first St. Luke's volunteer activities were food related. She began making monthly food deliveries to Urban Peak, a job she held for six years. After delivering the food, she'd stick around to help prepare that evening's hot dinner and prep for breakfast the next morning.

Caroline also became involved in Common Thread, an informal social group of women aged around 50 to 92 who meet in each other's homes. She is a co-chair for that group. She also volunteers for Caring Connection, and she makes monthly visits to residents in two local retirement homes. "I really enjoy the visiting people in retirement homes," she says.

Caroline's list of contributions continues: She is involved with the teams that bake loaves of bread for the welcome baskets and count money from the collection baskets. As part of the kitchen team, she also cleans out the fridge and tidies and organizes the kitchen.

Strongly committed to volunteerism, Caroline believes there is something for everyone. "St. Luke's has so many volunteer opportunities – for people of all ages," Caroline says. "Especially for older people. I think sometimes older people fall into a 'been there, done that' mentality, but everyone has something to offer – and we all need to contribute!" Caroline says all the volunteer teams in which she's involved could use more help.

"I get so much out of volunteering," Caroline says. "I love the feeling of making a contribution, and the best part is meeting so many people!"

In her spare time – what little of it there is – Caroline attends Christian Connection classes on Sunday mornings. She always enjoys traveling, mostly by car, to visit family and friends around the country.

Are you ready to volunteer? Find out more by contacting Lynda Fickling at 303-791-0659, ext. 20, or by email at lynda@stlukeshr.com.

We are Called to Serve Serving Opportunities April 2006

Prayerfully consider where to serve at 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

Adult Library Team: Help maintain our new library! Keep track of books coming in and going out. Check weekly on your own time. This team is a part of our Adult Education Team. Contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659x20 or lynda@stlukeshr.com

Adult Education Team: The mission of this team is to revitalize and expand the adult education offerings at St. Luke's. This is the think tank, non-teaching portion of adult education. Meetings held monthly. Contact Lynne Butler 303-791-0659x11 or lynne@stlukeshr.com

Grocery Certificate Team: What a great way to meet lots of people! Every time you sell these certificates, a donation is made by one of the local grocery stores to St. Luke's! Help sell these between services on a Sunday convenient to your schedule. Contact Deb Payne 303-795-2685.

Communications & Outreach: We invite you to explore your creativity and technical skills while helping St. Luke's stay connected. We support staff and ministry teams to communicate their events, classes, missions, etc. to St. Luke's and the community at large. Are

you passionate about writing, graphics, marketing and public relations? Many items are done at your own home! We would love to have you join this team. Contact Lisa Hajek 303-471-0705 lahajek@qwest.net or Jim Ramsey 303-791-0659x23 jim@stlukeshr.com

Sunday Morning Office Help: Seeking someone to serve as our receptionist during our 8am service. Answer important Sunday morning questions (what time is service, Sunday school...) and take messages off our phone system to deliver to the pastors and staff. Please help our church be as invitational and welcoming as possible by offering your time. This job can be shared with others, pick a Sunday-once a month (or more!) and we will build our new Team! Contact Bonnie Funk 303-791-0659x10 or bonnie@stlukeshr.com

Sunday Morning Fellowship-Coffee & Donuts Team: Help clean up after the 11am service (need to prepare our fellowship hall for others to use during the day...does it get messy!!) Please contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659x20 or lynda@stlukeshr.com

On the first Sunday of each month I invite you to attend the "Called to Serve" orientation of St. Luke's. Whether you just started attending or have been here for a while, we welcome you to explore our small groups and programs.
Contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659x20 or lynda@stlukeshr.com.

Don't miss this invitation to serve as Jesus taught us to serve!

"St. Luke's has so many volunteer opportunities – for people of all ages... everyone has something to offer – and we all need to contribute!" -Caroline Butler

MUSIC & DRAMA

Weekly Schedule for Music Ensembles

tuesday

6:30-7:30pm Youth Handbell Choir
7:30-9:00pm Tintinabulators

wednesday

6:15-7:10pm Kidz Prayz I and II
6:30-7:15pm Cherubs Choir
7:15-8:00pm Tone Chimes
7:30-9:00pm Sonrise Band

thursday

6:30-7:30pm Women of Note
7:00-7:30pm Grace Notes
7:30-9:00pm Chancel Choir

saturday mornings

Flute Ensemble, Brass Ensemble,
Wind Ensemble, Ministers of Swing

sundays

8:30-9:15am Children's Choir
4:00-5:00pm Youth Jazz Orchestra
5:00-6:00pm Off-Notes Youth Choir



James Ramsey
Director of
Worship & Arts



Carrie Mallery
Associate Dir. of
Music Ministry



Kay Coryell
Assistant
Music Director

WNL Concert!

April 26 at 7:00pm

Kidz Prayz I
Kidz Prayz II
Cherubs Choir

All Ensembles Concert

May 13 at 7:00pm

HOLY WEEK Worship Experience

Palm Sunday: April 9, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am

featuring Children's Sunday School, Children's Choir, Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble

Maundy Thursday: April 13th & *Good Friday,* April 14th featuring *Godspell* 7:00pm

No tickets required. Doors will open at 6:30pm both nights.

Easter: April 16, Worship Services at 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00am

8:00 Sonrise Band • 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 Chancel Choir, Handbells and Brass Ensemble

Rochester Boys Choir

on tour coming to St. Luke's on Wednesday, April 19th from 7:00-8:00pm.

Come and hear the beautiful sounds from this amazing ensemble of classic 20th Century choral literature. The select 15 member Rochester Boys Choir will dazzle and charm your soul. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to hear this incredible group. **We'll need to house these boys and chaperones, please contact Jim Ramsey at jim@stlukeshr.com if you can help.** Thanks!

Chancel Choir Goes to France

On May 26th, the Chancel choir and a few spouses and friends are crossing the Atlantic to represent St. Luke's in concerts across France for 11 days. We'll begin and end in Paris performing in some of the most famous cathedrals in the world such as Notre Dame and Le Madeleine. More to come in the May *Chronicle*.

2007 Wesley Choral Festival

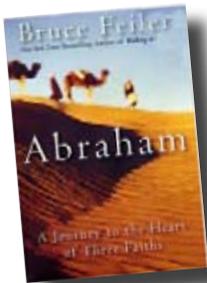
If you've always wanted to go to NYC and sing or simply tour and celebrate the tercentenary of Charles Wesley, then sign up to go with members of the Chancel Choir. The tour/festival takes place from February 15-19 with a gala dinner and culminates with a performance on the evening of the 18th in Lincoln Center at Avery Fischer Hall in which James Ramsey will be conducting. The proceeds from the concert will benefit UMCOR. The performance will also feature a world premiere commissioned work (by St. Luke's) celebrating the life of Charles Wesley. Sign ups are happening now. You don't need to sing in order to go. We'll be staying in Manhattan. More information about the festival is on our website at www.stlukeshr.com. If you are interested, please contact James Ramsey via email only at jim@stlukeshr.com.

Mardi Gras Dinner Dance Recap

This year's Mardi Gras Dinner Dance was a great success! Thanks to the members of the Ministers of Swing, the new Fellowship Events Team, Steve and Cathy Collins and staff. The teamwork was amazing and made this year's Dinner Dance run incredibly smooth. Kudos to everyone who came to the dance floor and had a great time!

For a complete listing and contact info for all of our ensembles and information on upcoming worship opportunities, fellowship and concert events please visit stlukeshr.com.

BOOK REVIEW



Our Sunday School Class, Study of Christian Thought, which meets in Room A on Sunday mornings at 9:30am, has been discussing Bruce Feiler's book *Abraham, A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths*. There have been lively discussions about the role Abraham has played

for all three of the monotheistic religions. Feiler has written a very thought provoking book presenting all three views of Abraham. We have come to learn that the view of Abraham has changed over time, fulfilling a need of the people at specific times in their life journey. Somehow, our differences are not as huge as some of the present time political leaders want us to believe. Abraham could be a uniting force, if people would become more "modest" in their behavior towards one another.

Our journey with Abraham is coming to a close. Our class will be starting Richard Spong's book on a *New Christianity for a New World* on April 2nd. We will take breaks for Easter and will finish around the end of May. Books can be purchased at any of the local bookstores, through Amazon.com via the St. Luke's website or check in our St. Luke's bookstore.

— Ann Roadarmel,
Class Facilitator, 303-792-5110

SLY: ST. LUKE'S YOUTH

April 2006

- 4/5 – SLAM *12 Monkeys*
- 4/9 – Regular SLY AM (Palm Sunday)
Regular SLY PM
- 4/16 – Easter
NO SLY ACTIVITIES!
- 4/19 – SLAM *The Breakfast Club*
- 4/23 – Regular SLY AM
Confirmation Sunday 9:30am
Regular SLY PM
- 4/26 – SLAM *Saved*
- 4/30 – Regular SLY AM
SLY PM Progressive Dinners

May 2006

- 5/3 – SLAM
- 5/7 – SLY AM Worship
SLY PM – Final District
Worship at Hope UMC
- 5/10 – SLAM
- 5/14 – Mother's Day
NO SLY AM or PM
- 5/17 – Final SLAM
Senior Dinner 6pm
- 5/21 – Regular SLY AM
Graduate Sunday,
Regular SLY PM:
Ready for Summer?
- 5/28 – Memorial Day Weekend
NO SLY AM or PM



Ann Smith
Assistant
Youth Director

Chris Wilterdink
Director of
Youth Ministries

CHRIS'S CORNER

Who's Comin' with Me?

Summer is just around the corner, and yes, Yes, YES! THE MISSION TRIPS ARE BOOKED! So now what I want to know is, who's coming with me?

The Jr. High trip will drive down south to Alamosa, CO and work with Christian Community Service Projects (CCSP) to fix up low-income housing in and around Colorado. Alamosa is in one of the 10 poorest counties in the United States, and a large part of the community lives on subsistence farming. CCSP helps keep houses in good condition for the residents of Alamosa with paint, insulation, and landscaping. This trip is for those youth who have completed 6th grade through those who have completed 8th grade. The trip will be from July 9-15, and will cost \$200. Apps are due April 30.

The Sr. High trip will fly down to Gulfport, Mississippi and work in Biloxi on the Gulf of Mexico helping the community recover from Hurricane Katrina. Biloxi was one of the hardest hit areas on the coast with not only homes, but businesses and churches destroyed by powerful wind and waves. Those who have completed 9th grade through those who have completed 12th grade will have the opportunity to rebuild lives as a part of this mission experience. The trip will take place from June 10-17 so that we beat this year's hurricane season. The trip cost is \$450. Apps are due April 23.

As always scholarships are available. The travel plans are set, the work is waiting for us, the only thing missing is YOU! Get a registration sheet turned in so I can serve alongside you this summer!

Let's change the world, –Chris

Senior High Ski Retreat



Youth Quest

Youth Quest: Healing Experience

Four youth and two adults from St. Luke's enjoyed the fellowship and fun of the annual Youth Quest Junior High Youth retreat at Frontier Ranch in Buena Vista, Colorado. The weekend was filled with over 360 youth and adults singing, laughing, snacking, learning, worshipping, (some) sleeping and more! From swimming outside while it was snowing, to enjoying the stories and songs of the keynote speaker, Ed Kilbourne, the St. Luke's contingent left the retreat happy to be part of the family of God.

The retreat's theme, G.O.T.C.H.A (Go On Teaching Christ's Healing Actions), focused on the hurts that we experience throughout our lives and how we, as Christian friends, can help those around us that hurt. The theme was reinforced with workshops, devotions, praise songs and more.

The Youth that attended the event, Katy Drake, Carrie McMullen, Madison Smith and Trevor Sreaty, are eager to share their experience with other Junior High Youth in hopes of increasing attendance at next year's retreat! –Ann

DON'T MISS!

Youth Mission Trips If you are an adult interested in being a sponsor for either SLY mission trip, please contact Chris ASAP for more information!
JH – July 9-15, SH – June 10-17

Confirmation Sunday on Sunday April 23. Our class of 19 youth has almost completed their study, and will make their vows of membership at the 9:30 worship service. Make sure you are there to congratulate them! Also, check out the wall of crosses the prayer partners have given the youth.

Progressive Dinners are on April 30, so have your formal attire ready for SLY PM that night! Come at 5:30 so we have time for pictures.

Way to go on Youth Sunday! What a blast, now I know WWJDORTV!



Youth Sunday



TRUSTEES CORNER

Thank you for Everything!*by Sandi Miyaki*

The Trustees of St. Luke's UMC would like to warmly thank all of you who helped us with our cleaning and "honey do" repair list on our Work Day held Saturday, March 4th. You made such a difference! We rely upon the dedication of all of our volunteers for taking on repairs and maintenance here at our church home. Whether you've got a little extra time or maybe a lot, just like your house, this one really benefits from some good old fashioned elbow grease, expert attention, and creativity.

Our next work day is scheduled for Saturday, May 20 from 8:00am-noon. This is our big spring clean-up where we'll be doing everything from gardening and checking sprinklers to painting and general spring cleaning. The more volunteers we get, the lighter the load is for all of us. We welcome everyone—families, teams, individuals, etc.

Some people have contacted us to let us know they're not available, but would be happy to take a look at our list and take on a project or two throughout the year. This time, Fred Bennett put up a bunch of shelves and this was a great help to us! Thanks Fred!

We're also interested in doing some thorough cleaning and painting or re-organizing of our classrooms during the spring. We invite you, your family, or any groups of people within the church to "Adopt" a classroom. Take a look at the Conference Room and you get an idea of the kind of improvements we've got in mind. Your investment is really one of time. All materials are provided by the Trustees who also work with you to approve the changes you're interested in completing.

Thank you again! If you have any questions for the Trustees, you can drop them off in writing to Bonnie in the office, or email them to Ken Fong at: kfong@att.net

*Women of St. Luke's***Spring Retreat Being Planned!**

The *Women of St. Luke's* are excited to announce they will be hosting a Spring Retreat at our church in May. The date, time and theme have yet to be announced. Pam Rowley will be facilitating the event. All women of the church are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please look for further details as they become available. We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming Events:

April 10 - 7:00pm

Planning Committee Meeting at Cheryl Wolff's home

April 18 - 7:00pm

Scrapbooking Circle, Abraham Room

May 8 - 7:00pm

Planning Committee Meeting at Jean Ann Duncan's home

May 16 - 7:00pm

Scrapbooking Circle, Abraham Room

St. Luke's Senior Dining Out

Senior Dining Out was formed to give senior members of the church the opportunity to meet and socialize in an informal atmosphere. If you like to dine out occasionally with a delightful group of six or eight people then this is the club you should consider joining.

We are putting together new groups and invite you to join us. If you might be interested in being a part of one of the groups please call Walt Havens at (303)791-2766 for more information or to participate. This club is not limited to church members only, so invite friends who might be interested.

UPDATE ON JIM



Our wonderful Director of Worship and Arts, James Ramsey, has been writing a lot lately. By not using his voice, Jim can protect his vocal chords from any further damage.

He has been diagnosed by Dr. Steven Zeitels, a prominent vocal surgeon in Boston, with a polyp on his vocal folds. Jim is extremely pleased with the diagnosis, course of treatment and Dr. Zeitels' voice center staff and resources. Jim knows he is in the best possible hands and is very confident about the upcoming surgery and subsequent FULL recovery.

Jim is currently scheduled for surgery by Dr. Zeitels at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on Thursday, April 6th. He and wife, Leigh, will go to Boston Tuesday the 4th and return to Denver on Saturday the 8th. His recovery includes two weeks of total vocal rest post-surgery then 3 weeks post surgery he can begin small amounts of speaking and singing again - wow!

God is Good, and Jim and Leigh thank the entire congregation for all the prayers and support!



They look good, but can they sing? The answer is a resounding "Yes!" The St. Luke's Chancel Choir poses for a formal photo to be used in various brochures and for their upcoming European trip.



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APRIL 2006 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8, 9:30, 11am: Worship <i>"The Way of Forgiveness"</i> 9:30am: Called to Serve Guatemala Mission UP WITH YOUTH 6pm: SLY, Jr. 6pm: SLY PM	3	4	5	6	7	8
	6:30pm: Women's Night Out		5:30pm: Lenten Supper 6-9pm: WNL 6:30pm: Children's Lenten Study			10am-noon: Easter FUN Day!
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
PALM SUNDAY 8, 9:30, 11am: Worship <i>"The Way of Friendship"</i> 9:30am: Called to Serve 6pm: SLY PM	7pm: Trustees Meeting		5:30pm: Lenten Supper 6-9pm: WNL 6:30pm: Children's Lenten Study	MAUNDY THURSDAY 7pm: Godspell	GOOD FRIDAY 7pm: Godspell	10am: Discovery Club
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
EASTER SUNDAY 8, 9, 10 & 11am: Worship <i>"Walk the Walk"</i>			6-9pm: WNL 7pm: Rochester Boys Choir Concert			6pm: Confirmation Dinner
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8, 9:30, 11am: Worship 9:30am: Confirmation 6pm: SLY PM		6:30pm: Executive Board 7pm: Ministry Council	6-9pm: WNL 7pm: WNL Concert	5:30pm: Little School Art Show		
30	May 1	2	3	4	5	6
8, 9:30, 11am: Worship 11am: Next Step Class 5:30pm: SLY PM	6:30pm: Women's Night Out		6-9pm: WNL		6pm: Children's Dinner Theater	