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Pink Houses, Wood Piles and Bugs, Oh My!

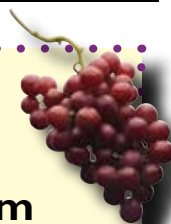


A Recap of the SLY Junior High Mission Trip to Alamosa by youth reporters Christi Thompson and Caitlin Bauer

It was a dark and stormy night when we went up to Alamosa... Okay, well, maybe not. But it was still a great adventure! The adventure started the minute we left the church. A bus and a van full of teenagers is bound to bring some laughs. There are two words that sum up our fun experiences on this mission trip: Matthew Bacon (otherwise known as Bacon Boy). On the bus ride up, we stopped at a gas station, and Bacon and Austin Raap got what looked like lighters, but really were stunning shockers. After playing

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The St. Luke's Diet: Food for Your Soul FALL KICK OFF & MINISTRY FAIR! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 • 9:00am-1:00pm



- It's time to go on a diet! The St. Luke's Diet! Join us on September 10 to discover the many ways that St. Luke's can help provide "food for your soul." Experience an environment of fun and fellowship with those passionate about helping people experience serving through St. Luke's. Learn about ministry opportunities, share stories and re-connect with one another.
- Kick off fall with a commitment to nourish your soul!
- **Ministry Fair in the Fellowship Hall:** Small groups will have booths with information and opportunities for people to sign up for activities, programs and classes. **Lunch** from 10:30am-1:00pm. Mark your calendar and join us!



Finding Thin Places

From August 11-14, Rev. Dave and Mark Ely of Pura Vida (our Guatemala mission connection) led a group of eight people on a mountain spiritual retreat high above Breckenridge. They stayed in Francie's Cabin, a cozy and comfortable part of the 10th Mountain Division Association's hut system, nestled in a beautiful meadow at 11,246 feet above sea level. The theme of this retreat, "Journeying Through Thin Places," was taken from Rev. Janet's doctoral study in Wales last month. Borrowing from ancient Celtic concepts, the retreat participants—through prayer, readings, and discussion—considered we can find the "thin places" where the veil between us and our God is the thinnest. The metaphor of this process being a spiritual journey was reinforced by the group's hikes through the breathtaking mountain scenery—including a journey to the top of 13,600-foot Crystal Peak! (See photo above of Rev. Dave Money on Crystal Peak.) The food and fellowship were first rate, too.

Wednesday Night Live Starts Sept. 13th!

St. Luke's is THE place to be on Wednesday nights! Wednesday Night Live (WNL) has been going strong for many years now at St. Luke's, offering our church family a chance to reconnect mid-week. Everyone is welcome to bring their fast food to the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:00pm and then take part in the many opportunities offered every Wednesday night.

Childcare is available from 6:00-9:00pm in the nursery for 0-Kindergarten and in the 2-year-old Sunday school classroom for the 1st through 6th graders where they will have videos and board games to enjoy.

Music opportunities on Wednesdays include Kidz Prayz I & II, Children's Tone Chimes, Cherubs Choir and Sunrise Band.

There will also be adult education classes: Servant By Design (8-week commitment), Gap Group (drop-in), Disciple 1 (Sept.-May commitment), Disciple 2 (Sept.-May commitment) and Short Term Disciple (8-week commitment). Youth in grades 7-12 can hang out at SLAM (St. Luke's at the Movies) and watch a movie and have some great discussion – never homework, always popcorn! And if you want to express your dramatic side, you can participate in the Puppet Ministry.

Pick up a WNL flyer on Sunday in the Narthex, check out stlukeshr.com or contact Lynda Fickling at x11 or lynda@stlukeshr.com for more information and contact info. We'll see you on Wednesdays!

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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Rev. Janet Forbes
Senior Pastor

THE SPIRITUALITY OF CELTIC CHRISTIANITY

As a part of my doctoral studies in postmodernism, I went to St. Deiniol's Library in Hawarden, Wales to study Celtic Christianity this summer. I decided to pursue this course because I am Scottish on the Forbes side of my heritage and wanted to study the spiritual roots of my family. I also know that many persons at St. Luke's live out of the Celtic theological perspective of grace and goodness.

Christianity first came to the Celts of the British Isles in the 2nd century, during the Roman occupation. But it was not until late in the 4th century that the distinct characteristics of Celtic Christianity began to emerge. Following the Roman withdrawal from Britain at the beginning of the 5th century, there were nearly 200 years of separation between the Celtic and Roman churches, when the Celtic church developed its unique style and outlook.

The Celtic church celebrated grace and nature as good gifts from God and recognized the sacredness of all creation. It had a love of mysticism and poetry. It had a respect for the leadership of both men and women. Great monasteries emerged and provided community cohesion. Christians walked great distances to participate in worship, study, and care. Pilgrimage became a metaphor for a life seeking God.

The roots of Celtic Christianity reach deep into the mysticism of John, the name associated with the fourth book of the New Testament. According to Celtic tradition, when John leaned against Jesus at the Last Supper, he heard the heartbeat of God. So, the Celts birthed a spirituality of listening for the life of God in ourselves and in all creation.

The Roman and Celtic churches did not meet again until the Roman mission to Britain in 597, when there was considerable disagreement between them. This eventually led to the Synod of Whitby in 664, where the Celtic church argued from the authority of John, and Roman church appealed to the authority of Peter.

Because of the judgment against the Celtic church, the way of John began to be lost. Celtic monastic communities were replaced by Benedictine ones, and strict uniformity to Rome was enforced. Gradually, worship came to be identified with the indoor Roman church sanctuary, rather than the outdoor Celtic sanctuary of earth, sea, and sky.

Pockets of resistance continued to flourish, as notions of the goodness of God's creation challenged the theologies of sin and judgment. For centuries, the riches of Celtic spirituality were guarded in the oral tradition. Generations taught the early prayers to their children. These prayers were sung or chanted

at the rising and setting of the sun, in the midst of daily work and routine, at the child's birth, or a loved one's deathbed. These were the prayers of daily life celebrating the God of Life within all life, with the created world as God's dwelling place.

The recent revival of interest in the Celtic tradition reflects its contemporary relevance toward creation mysticism, ecological concern, the identification of Christ with the poor and a commitment to working for justice and non-violence.

I am most drawn to the Celtic practice of anamchara, or soul friend. We recognize the importance of sharing our journeys with spiritual friends. We strengthen each other and join our passions in missional ways that make a difference for others as well.

*In our journeying this day
keep us, Father, in your way.
In our play and in our work
guide us, Savior, by your word.
In our thoughts and in our talk
may we, Spirit, with you walk.
In our friendship let us be
in the Blessed Trinity.*

—Rev. Janet



Special thanks to the Fellowship Events Team for a fabulous Church Picnic on August 6th!



continued from page 1 around for a while, Bacon and Austin (along with everyone else on the bus) decided Bacon Boy should shock his braces. The result was anything if not amusing. He totally spazzed out in front of 25 other people. More fun ensued when we got to the church we were staying at. This included Bacon shocking his braces with two shockers and Jon Coryell eating about five red ants, one of which bit his tongue. Enough said. We also had a great deal of fun on our Wednesday Vacation Day at the Great Sand Dunes and Zapata Falls. On our way up to the Sand Dunes, we learned Colby Butler knows all the songs from "High School Musical". Several people tried to jump over Chris Wilterdink at the dunes, some made it, some wiped out. This included Katie Stull, Tristin Crouse, and Madison Smith, among others. Later at Zapata falls, several people fell in or were close to it, including Caitlin Bauer, and Gina Thompson. However, the most noticeable fall was Chris Stevens, who tripped and fell down the waterfall. Throughout the trip and even on vacation days, Katie Stull, Karinne Ammer and Ashley Martin always looked their best!



Our mission trip was not all fun and games (well, except to Jordan Fickling). Monday morning we arrived at our worksites. We saw a bright pink house, piles of rotting wood, and we would later find bugs galore! We were helping out an elderly lady named Tina. Her sister Cora had passed away in February, so we helped tidy up at Cora's house so it could be resold, and we fixed up Tina's house to make it nicer for her. Before we even started working, we learned an important lesson: drink water! Tina's house we undertook several big projects. On Monday, we moved piles of wood and patched the stucco to get the house ready to paint. It was this day that we discovered the masses of bugs. On Tuesday at Tina's house we continued to tidy the backyard and repair the house. Thursday, we got right back to work. We started painting the pink house an off white with teal trim. Three brave girls, Kristin Speedy, Lauren Stanley, and Allison Wesson, undertook painting up high on the scaffolding. Friday was rush day, because we had to finish EVERYTHING up. We did touch ups on painting, painted shutters, built a new shed, and tidied up with flowers and decorations.

At Cora's house, we did some similar jobs. On Monday, we undertook clearing out one of her rotting wood piles and her log cabin shed. In the shed we found a variety of disturbing items, including a jar of gray pickles found by Darian Sidebottom. To clear out the wood, we formed an assembly line. In the end everyone was in it, but it started with about five people, including Jacob Wesson and Hans Wangsness. On Tuesday, we started loading up a dumpster with another assembly line. Even though it was boring, Evan Oliver kept us amused. When we came back to work on Thursday, we started to clean out Cora's room. We didn't realize there was a secret back room, supposedly containing a bed, all we saw were boxes and clothes. Jordan Fickling and Paige Smothers had the unpleasant experience of almost being squished by boxes. Friday, our final working day, the log cabin shed came down. This was accomplished by the all-woman demolishing team. This team was made up of Kara Fong, Emily Seale, who only had the use of one arm, Kristen Wangsness, and Christi Thompson, along with a giant sledgehammer. Trevor Streaty reported that, in the end, it was all worth it to see Tina smile.



After a hard days work, we always had devotions to look forward to. These were always very emotional, and helped everyone out, but if you needed a shoulder to lean on, Rachel Kuhl was always there. And if we just needed a smile, we went to Emily Haskins. On our very first night, we were all bitter about how Tina wouldn't let us get rid of what we considered junk. But Susan Hooke showed us that on a mission trip we shouldn't be so worried about ourselves, but instead about the people we're serving. After that, we all complained a lot less.

We couldn't have done this mission trip without our wonderful adults: Chris Wilterdink, Emily (the future Mrs. Wilterdink) Hallowell, Susan Hooke, Mike Stanley, Lorie Martin, Ken Fong, Ann Smith (who unfortunately had to leave early), and LeRoy Butler. We had a ton of fun on this mission trip. If you couldn't, if you didn't, or if you're new, you should come along next year! As Chris Wilterdink says, "The cows wake up in the morning! And this is what they say... Moo, moo, moo, moo, what they say is moo, moo..."

FELLOWSHIP

Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry at St. Luke's is a laid-back way for all interested men to enjoy supportive fellowship while growing in spirituality. Past activities have included monthly breakfasts, career planning programs, youth mentoring, annual men's retreats, church maintenance and clean-up, plus various social events and outings. Rev. Les Ludlam, a former St. Luke's pastor, along with Rev. Dave Money, are planning new ways to help keep the men of St. Luke's connected to God, their families, and each other. Meeting times and places vary, so check the St. Luke's website for current information or contact Rev. Les at lludlam@wyoming.com or Rev. Dave at dave@stlukeshr.

BOOKS



Check It Out

by Joanne Cleveland
"A Country Heart"
 by Lu Ann Bearden

For those of you who have been

members of St. Luke's since the early 1990's, you might remember Lu Ann Bearden. Lu Ann was an active member here at St. Luke's and chairperson of the grocery certificate program for many years.

Lu Ann has written a book about her life for her grandchildren and their children so they might know and understand their family history and what her life was like growing up in a small Texas town. A copy of "A Country Heart" is in the Vickie Ferguson Library here at St. Luke's.

Lu Ann has survived a chronic disease, divorce and separate accidental deaths of two children with grace, compassion and a sense of humor still intact. Here is an excerpt from the closing of her book, not to ruin the ending for you, but to inspire you to read the rest of it for yourself.

"Therefore loved ones, kids, grandkids, and great grandkids, have a wonderful life. Love God and love your family and friends. Give back to society, when you can. Enjoy the season, the weather and small daily blessings in your life, as well as the big ones. God will help you get through the bad times. Everyone has them, sometimes. Seek Him and allow Him, as well as people He sends to help you, to comfort you and guide you. Pray for His will to be done. Allow Him to send you to others. You are an awesome and precious individual."

SERVING ST. LUKE'S



Lynda Fickling
Director of
Servant Ministry

We are Called to Serve Serving Opportunities September 2006

"A ministry of serving others is an act of love for and devotion to Christ" ~Romans 12:3-8

Bread Bakers: In joining this Hospitality Team, you will be baking four mini loaves to be used in our red "Visitor Bags" to welcome the first time guest to St. Luke's. The baking schedule is planned in advance so that we can share in this labor of love. Contact: Karin Wesson 303-683-0196 karin@thewessons.com

**Spiritual Gifts: Helps, Hospitality*

Fellowship Events Team: Seeking someone to maintain the kitchen (upkeep, supplies...) during September and October. If you are interested and can lend a hand, please contact Caroline Butler 303-797-3255 cb3225@aol.com or Lisa Lehnus 303-346-8114 lehnlus@yahoo.com

**Spiritual Gifts: Helps, Hospitality, Administration, Knowledge*

Grocery Certificate Team: We need folks that can sell these certificates between services on rotating Sundays. Great way to meet new people and help St. Luke's at the same time! Contact Deb Payne kendebe@earthlink.net 303-942-1534.

**Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Helps*

Children's Fellowship Team: This team expands the ministry for the children of the church and community through social gatherings that include Fall Festival, Hanging of the Greens and Easter Fun Day! Contact: Lynne Butler lynne@stlukeshr.com 303-791-0659 x11 or Jenita Rhodes jenita@stlukeshr.com 303-971-0659 x27

**Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Helps, Hospitality*

Office Help: Be a welcoming face and helpful servant on Sunday mornings in the church office. Answer phones and simple questions one Sunday a month. Contact: Bonnie Funk 303-791-0659 x10 bonnie@stlukeshr.com

**Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Helps, Hospitality*

***As we list the Spiritual Gifts, you may have one or more than one in each area. For further information regarding your Spiritual Gifts/Passions contact Lynda Fickling lynda@stlukeshr.com or 303-791-0659 x20. Realize your potential for living a God-centered life! Join us for the "Servant by Design" class starting Sept. 13th! See page 6 for more info.**

MISSIONS

Potato Gleaning - Alamosa, depart 5:00pm October 6, return October 7 evening; for all ages; for more information contact: Betsy Keyack 303-346-7057.

The September "mission of the month" is Poland and Zimbabwe. We provide support, clothing, medicines, and personal care items for children living in UMC orphanages in Zimbabwe. St. Luke's has a sister church in Kielce, Poland. Your donations will go toward church renovation and maintenance and/or English Bible camps.

PRAYER CONCERNS



Week Ending August 4, 2006

Gerry Wright (Gail Abernathy's mother)
Carolyn Dean
Jeff Patefield
Nancy Rawls (Betsy Keyack's sister)
Deb Murphy (Little School mom)
Syd Harrison (friend of Brad Chase)
Dorothy Lloyd (Sheri Shea's mother)
Jack Taylor (Loree Kohrs' friend)
Bob Lanham (Ann & Jan Lanham's son/brother)
Lisa Maciejewski (Jennifer Jiang's sister)
Erienne Romaine (Raap family friend)
Marlyn Gaskin (Diane Whetson's friend)
Karen Gumz (Sandy Thompson's friend)
Wendy Walker (Sheri Shea's friend)
Eileen Williams (John Williams' mother)
Cindy Barlow
Carol Eckberg (Kris Reif's mother)
Yvonne Schmidt (Laura Kubl's mother)
Sturgis Wetherington
Jerry Heinz (Rachel Nolder's father-in-law)
Bill Lee, Jr.
Grant Larson
Linda Kercheval (sister of Tony Palizzi)
Susan Fritz (friend of Kay Swanson)
Ursula Cherry (friend of Trudy Turner)
Richard Vanderkooy (brother-in-law of Rick and Robin Fort)
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)
Shaun Van Dyke (Bobbi King's great nephew)
Louis Pressel (Carolyn Warden's cousin)
Kathy Eccles
John Poole (friend of Joy Damsgard)
Chris Goldsberry
Kris Kinney
Lucas Ryskamp (former LS student)
John Sudol (Joyce Carnes' cousin)
Jan Dickson (Bobbi King's friend)
Jessie Meyer (friend of Gail Abernathy's)

Marie & Maima Sebkar
Dwight Griggs (Susan Hooke's father)
Corky Strader (brother-in-law/uncle Miyaki family)
Suzanne Ross (Tasia Matthew's teacher)
Delores Gardner
Dick DeWire (friend of Pat Ludwig)
Joey Miyaki
Kim Friel (friend of Lynda Fickling)
Amy Curtis' sister, Kay
Beth Turner
Pam Taylor
Donna Duffy's father-Ace
Al Bierman (Sandi Thompson's friend's husband)
Walt Brewer
Marcie Weeks (Jenita Rhodes friend)
Julia Muse (Karin Weispfenning's friend)
Jenni Keefer (Mike Hutchins' daughter)
Barbara Barth
Carol Abbott
Ken Boos
Grace Fawcett
Emily Seale
Landon Orcutt & parents Mark, Gretchen, brother Mike (Linda Walker)
Rebecca Nietert
Grace McCurdy
Glenn Barta (Natalie Barnard's dad)
Ed Somer (Cindy Somer-Larsen's father)
Carroll Larsen (Kevin Larsen's father)
Megan Jordan
Judy Jordan (Megan's mother)
Joseph Streaty (Jon Streaty's brother)
Hank Ott
Dallas Belt (Dave Rhodes' friend)
Eric Edelen (Lise Takayama's nephew)
Carol Taylor
Beta Collins (Barb Decker's friend)
Sally Morton (Lisa Williams mother)
Carol Carnaham
Bob Streaty (Jon's brother)
Natalie Murrow
Terry Walters
Erin Ortiz (Walter's family friend)

HAYRIDE & COOKOUT

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship at the **St. Luke's Fall Hayride and Cookout.** We will enjoy a hayride, campfire, food, s'mores and singing!



Date: Sunday, October 8, 2006

Location: Stockton's Plum Creek Stables
7479 W. Titan Road (West of Santa Fe on Titan)

Time: Arrive by 4:00pm for a 4:30pm hayride departure
The Youth hayride will depart at 5:00pm

After the hayride, we'll have a campfire, cook hot dogs and make s'mores. A beverage and chips will also be provided. Bring a blanket, flashlight and hangers for roasting hotdogs and marshmallows.

Sign up before and after the 9:30am service on September 17th, September 24th and October 1st. Cost is \$10/adult, \$8/child ages 2-11 and free for children under 2.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Slade at 303-660-6113 or denverslade@msn.com.

NEW MEMBERS



**Greg & Eden Burks
(Zoe)**

"Joining community, to meet people, explore spiritual opportunities."



**Edith Hanson
(husband Mike)**

"To find a good guidance to grow in our marriage, and have a good foundation to start our new family."



**Steve & Judy Jordan
(Megan, Nathan and Chris)**

"As a family we all felt at home the first day we visited St. Luke's. The spiritual feeling and Rev. Janet's sermon spoke to us. We look forward to growing our spiritual knowledge and fellowship with our new family here at St. Luke's."



**Rev. Les & Betty
Ludlam**

We welcome them back to St. Luke's where Rev. Les served as our Associate Pastor. Rev. Les will be teaching a class this fall. Betty will also be teaching a class plus is the leader of our Women's Breakfast Club. Welcome Home!



Ken & Linda Ready

"We feel there is a comfortable blend of tradition. Openness to ideas. Rev. Janet's compassion in her sermons."



Brenda Schafer

"I enjoy the warm, open fellowship. I look forward to the weekly sermons to challenge me in my walk."



Fred & Gail Strawn

"We needed a Colorado church home. Created a list of possible churches to visit. Started with St. Luke's. Felt very comfortable. Never got to others. This church feels like a good 'home' for us."

We invite you to become members of St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

Our "Next Step Class" will be Sept. 17 from 11:00am-2:30pm. Lunch with Rev. Janet is provided. Childcare is available by making a reservation at least 24 hrs prior to the event at x47. To register, contact Lynda Fickling x20 or lynda@stlukeshr.com

FELLOWSHIP

Family Camp 2006: Jam-packed with Activities I

by Caroline & John Merchant

We had another fantastic weekend at Family Camp 2006! We set up camp at Winding River Resort in Grand Lake on Thursday, July 13. We were joined that evening by Janet Forbes and Bob Davis and the Glen and Laurie Cunningham family.

On Friday and Saturday, the rest of the families trickled in: Brion and Amy Antinoro, Craig and Jan Ballard, Patrick and Roberta Griggs, Bert and Jan Stull, Pam and Sydney Wiethoff and Phil and Jill Wright. Children were treated that afternoon to stories and crafts led by Caroline Merchant. That evening we enjoyed a potluck dinner and fellowship by the campfire.

Saturday was jam-packed with activities: Some families went horseback riding, some went hiking and others drove the scenic Trail Ridge Road through the heart of the Rockies. In the afternoon there were more stories and crafts, wading in the Colorado River, and napping for tired parents. Evening brought another potluck supper followed by campfire songs and more fellowship.

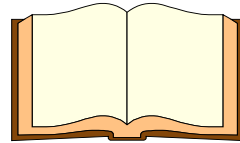
We arose Sunday and had an informal 8:00am worship service led by Patrick and Roberta Griggs. After a park-wide chuckwagon-style breakfast, we said goodbye to a few families. We enjoyed a low-key afternoon and evening, and the rest of us broke camp Monday morning.

Planning for Family Camp 2007 will begin in late fall. If you're interested in helping to plan next year's event, call John or Caroline Merchant 303-791-6251, or john.merchant1@comcast.net.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

3rd Grade Bibles 9:30 & 11:00 Services, Oct. 15



Children's Ministry at St. Luke's values the children of our community and welcomes any opportunity to help in their knowledge of the teachings of Christ and to enrich their spiritual journeys. As part of this commitment, it is a tradition at St. Luke's to present all the third grade students in our church with a Bible. This year the date for this special occasion is Sunday,

October 15th at the 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Services.

If your child is in third grade this year, please reserve your child's Bible by contacting Jenita Rhodes at x27 with the correct spelling of their name and which service you will be attending by Wednesday, October 11th. 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 following each presentation. Helpers are needed to setup at 9:00, clean up at noon or provide food. Sign up when you make your reservation.

On the day of the presentation, please have your child in the Goliath area (the Youth/Elementary open area downstairs) by 9:15 for the 9:30 service or 10:45 for the 11:00 service. This will enable us to check off their names, line up and walk up to the Sanctuary to receive their Bibles. After the presentation and Children's Time, **ALL THIRD GRADERS ARE INVITED TO RETURN TO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR A RECEPTION IN THEIR HONOR.** A group picture will be taken at that time.

If your child is unable to attend, a Bible will be presented to them during Sunday School at another time. Should you have any questions, please call Jenita Rhodes at 303-791-0659 x27.

We look forward to presenting your child with their own Bible. It is our hope that this Bible will always hold a special meaning and be used for many years to come.

Most classes will begin the week of Sept. 10th, with the exception of Faith in Action and Short Term Disciple. To register or for more information go to www.stlukeshr.com, sign up in the narthex between services, contact a class facilitator or contact Lynne Butler.

Classes fill up quickly so sign up now!

Adult Education Team – Lynne Butler 303-791-0659 x11 lynne@stlukeshr.com

Meets the 2nd Tues. of each month at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room. The Adult Education Team's mission is to revitalize and expand the adult education offerings. Join us!

Disciple is a series of classes (32 to 34 weeks) for those who are ready to take an in-depth look at the Bible and find more meaning in the Word. Classes meet once a week. You must complete *Disciple 1* but then may take classes in any order you choose.

Disciple 1 (2 class times offered)

– WED evening • Classroom A

Facilitator: Bob Davis

– THURS morning • Matthew classroom

Facilitators: Janet Forbes, Betty Ludlam

In this class, you read the entire Bible over the course of the study. You will then discuss with classmates what you discovered.

Disciple 2 (3 class times offered)

– SUN evening • John classroom

Facilitator: Audrey Elling

– WED evening • John classroom

Facilitator: Randy Dunn

– THURS morning • Classroom C

Facilitators: Pam Rowley, Steve Collins

After you have read the Bible in *Disciple 1*, you will learn how to apply the teachings of Jesus in your everyday life.

Disciple 3

– SUN evening • Classroom A

Facilitators: Keri Madsen, Elizabeth Bauer

Why do we think and do things we don't know anything about? We are a product of our history and we have a rich history. In this class, you will learn more about where you came from.

Short Term Disciple

– WED evening • Classroom C

Facilitator: Les Ludlam

Many people want to learn more about the Bible but don't have time to spend 34 weeks doing so. These classes are only 8 weeks long and you cover all of the Bible but in shorter portions. There are currently four 8-week classes that will be offered over the next year and you take only the classes you are interested in – Introduction to the Old Testament, Introduction to the New Testament, Introduction to Genesis and Introduction to Romans. We will begin with Introduction to the New Testament.

Servant by Design

– WED 6:30-8:30pm • Matthew classroom

Facilitator: Lynda Fickling

LifeKeys, a spiritually-based comprehensive program for discovering your: • Life Gifts • Spiritual Gifts • Personality Type • Values • Passions

...in other words, explore a multi-faceted approach to understanding the best ways to add meaning and purpose to your life! This is an 8-week course.

Women's Faith Based Book Club

– THURS morning • Classroom A

Facilitators: Lisé Takayama, Diane Tolleson

This group meets to read and discuss selected faith based books in a warm and casual setting.

The Bible: The Book that Bridges the Millennia and Living the Questions

– THURS morning • Conference Room

Facilitator: Lynne Butler

In Part 1 (this fall), we have an opportunity to explore answers to the following questions: How do we look at our world? How did the people in ancient times look at the world? How do our worldviews affect the way we understand the Bible? Where did the Bible come from? How has the Bible sustained people of faith through the ages? How will the Bible carry us into the next millennium?

We begin Part 2 (this winter) with Jesus. We will journey through time to the present. Since the Bible is authoritative for Christian faith and practice, we want to comprehend its message. We gain a stronger sense of identity, strength, and hope in learning more about our spiritual heritage. We invite you to join us on a journey that we pray will deepen your knowledge of the Bible and strengthen your faith in Jesus.

Living the Questions (in the spring) is a small group study and an ideal springboard for the task of reimagining Christianity for a new millennium. Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, and Bishop Jack Spong are among the contributors. Each session is an immersion in one of the major themes of Christianity that is being rethought as part of the radical reformation of basic Christian doctrine already emerging in the world. We'll discuss some of the tough questions in our lives these days.

You do not have to sign up for all three of these but may register separately for each class.

Faith in Action

– SUN 6:30-7:45pm • Matthew classroom

Facilitators: Betsy Keyack, Susan McIntosh

Beginning Sept. 24th, we will explore ways we can put our faith into action in the local community and around the world, through book studies, discussion, field trips and projects. The first week we will look at how the Bible and Jesus urge us to put faith into action. Then we will have a 4-week study of the book by Rev. Donald Messer/Bob Dole/George McGovern entitled "Ending Hunger Now." During this session, we will go to Denver Urban Ministries to learn about poverty and homelessness issues in our community. Then there will be a 4-week study based on Donald Messer's book about AIDS, "The Conspiracy of Silence." Later we will be learning more about the United Methodist Social Principles, take field trips to Colorado service agencies that St. Luke's supports and participate in missions and social justice action projects. This is a drop-in class – come whenever you would like based on time and interests.

Pastor Book Club

– 4th MON of the month • Matthew classroom

Facilitator: Janet Forbes

Each month Rev. Janet will recommend a faith based, new and exciting book to read. Then the group will meet to discuss. This is a drop in class and all are welcome each month.

Live, Laugh, Love Club

– Last TUES of the month • Classroom C

Facilitator: Erika Brimberry

A ladies group that focuses on building character traits and family values in children. The monthly workshop includes a short reading and discussion about a value such as honesty or gratitude, a take home project that will help teach children these values through simple activities, a simple craft project, plus activities including letter writing, scripture discussion, prayers and support.

Gap Group

– WED 6:30pm • Conference Room

Facilitator: Jim Hemphill

Interested in examining and enhancing their personal belief structures, we progressively explore various and differing spiritual perspectives. We compare thoughts with each other in an effort to enhance our own beliefs. Prompted by considering books selected by the class, members openly share their thoughts.

Christian Connection

– SUN 9:30am • Classroom B

Facilitator: Scott Wesson

This adult Sunday school class uses an open discussion format for 3-10 weeks on both topical and spiritual studies. We are engaged in ongoing mission projects, social gatherings and support each other through friendship and prayer. Registration is not necessary. Contact the facilitator to get the current book.

Study of Christian Thought

– SUN 9:30am • Classroom A

Facilitators: Ann and Bill Roadarmel

Guided by the principles of scripture, experience, reason and tradition, this class is designed to "cover what you missed in Sunday school and confirmation." It promises to challenge our beliefs, expand our understanding, and examine how we as Christians arrived at where we are today. Registration is not necessary. Contact the facilitator to get the current book.

Visit stlukeshr.com and click on the forum link. Then watch for the offerings below to be up soon!

Forum for Devotional Studies

Did you know that *The Upper Room* sends us a daily devotion on our St. Luke's website? We will be linking this daily devotion to St. Luke's forum. Each day, you can read the devotion and, if you would like, discuss your thoughts and feelings about the devotion with others on the forum. This forum is intended for people attending and associated with St. Luke's.

Forum for St. Luke's Adult Education

Have you ever attended a class at St. Luke's and wanted to have more conversation about a topic than time allowed? Or maybe you were doing your weekly class reading and you had a question about a topic. Each Adult Education class offered at St. Luke's will be set up with a thread at our forum site. You will be able to go and discuss your thoughts with other class members.

Servant Spotlight: Bob Davis

by Jill Wright

As a structural engineer, Bob Davis has lent his professional expertise to projects involving everything from residential homes to gold mines. And while his vocation puts food on the table, it's mining of a spiritual nature that feeds his soul.



Bob, who is leading a Disciple I class starting Wednesday evenings in September, has been an avid Disciple student since the late 1980s. He enjoyed the classes so much he repeated them for multiple sessions, each time mining new nuggets of wisdom.

"The first time I repeated Disciple, I noticed that I picked up new things. Each time I re-read the Bible, it spoke to me in a different way, and as I encountered new life experiences, I found that I interpreted certain parts of the Bible differently," Bob explains. "After taking the class so many times, it seemed natural to transition into a facilitator role." He has been leading Disciple classes since the early 1990s.

Bob was born in Kansas but spent the bulk of his youth in Denver. He graduated from George Washington High School and UC Boulder with a structural engineering degree. In 1989, his job took him to Grand Junction.

Although his job and volunteer activities as a Scout Master were fulfilling, he hungered for more spiritual nourishment and began looking for a church in Grand Junction. His sister recommended a Methodist church because, Bob jokes, "she said they accept just about anybody!"

Bob soon found himself in attendance at First United Methodist Church one Sunday morning. As fate would have it, the sermon that day was delivered by the church's associate pastor: a talented, pretty, and – Bob soon learned – single clergywoman named Janet Forbes. Bob promptly joined a Bible study group that Janet led. The amiable teacher notwithstanding, the group quickly became near and dear to Bob's heart.

"It was a great time," says Bob. "There were about 25 to 30 of us in the group, most of us in our thirties and going through many of the same things in life. We all grew very close." He also participated in a men's group and other Bible study groups.

As Bob grew in his personal faith, his friendship with Janet also deepened. In 1991, Bob and Janet were married. Over the next 11 years, the couple moved from Grand Junction to Denver, then Denver to Cheyenne, Wyoming. In 2003, Janet and Bob returned to Denver when Janet was appointed Senior Pastor at St. Luke's.

At St. Luke's, Bob ushers at Sunday services, participates in United Methodist Men, and is passionate about missions work. While in Cheyenne he went on a mission trip to Honduras. Recently, he went to Guatemala with a St. Luke's contingent.

"What I love about St. Luke's is its energy, its youth, how quickly things move and how easily the church gets involved in missions work," Bob says. "At St. Luke's, people don't come just to 'be at church on Sunday,' they come because they want to do more and get involved. It's exciting!"

To register or learn more about Disciple classes, or other adult education offerings, see page 6 or call Lynne Butler at x11 or visit stlukeshr.com.



LITTLE SCHOOL News



Kay Swanson
Director of
Little School

Welcome Back!

We are so excited about the beginning of Little School's 12th year! Hopefully we all have had a wonderful summer with lots of time for rest and relaxation! Little School has been very busy this summer cleaning, installing new linoleum in classrooms and sprucing up the place. It looks fantastic!

Open House for parents was held on Thursday Aug. 31 and the children will come to visit their new classroom on the 5th of Sept. **Little School officially begins Wed. Sept 6th for MW/MWF classes and Thurs. Sept. 7th for T/TH students.**

We would like to welcome two new teachers to Little School this year Ms. Linda Leahy is joining us, teaching both a 3 yr-old class (MWF) and a (T/TH) four-year-old class. She moved to Colorado to be close to her family, Samantha Leahy and grandchildren. We are so excited to have her on board! Her wonderful smile and her teaching experience will be a great addition to our children and staff! Also joining us this year in Shelley Ritchie, a newcomer to Colorado from California. Shelley will be teaching our older fours class on T/TH. She came from a similar preschool and has TONS of experience to help our fours get ready for kindergarten. Our classes are full with the exception of our **EXPLORERS** classes (designed for children who could attend kindergarten, but parents are choosing to give another year.) Please let your friends know about this very unique and special class!

If you are on our waiting list, or would like to be placed on our list, please email Little School at little.school@stlukeshr.com. We will continue to add children as places become available.

Please **mark** your calendars on **Sept. 19th** for an Eagle Scout Fundraising Barbecue. Matthew Thompson (his mother Sandi Thompson is a teacher at Little School) is raising money to place new cabinetry in the Sunday School/Little School classrooms downstairs. All the teachers and church volunteers will greatly benefit from more storage! More information will be coming out soon!

As children return to their busy school schedules, we encourage parents to not forget about "down time", where children can just use their imaginations! We are looking forward to another year of adventures and learning! Remember you are always welcome at Little School!

Blessings, ms. Kay ☺

New DVDs in the Faith Harder Library

The popular "Veggie Tales" series is now available in DVD format! Moral lessons, manners and Bible stories are skillfully told by Bob the Tomato and Larry the Cucumber in this popular series. Be sure to visit the library downstairs in Goliath and check out a Veggie Tale DVD soon! While your child is browsing the video section, you can find valuable resources in the parenting section of the library. There are many books on raising children, dealing with adolescents and teens, as well as picture books to share with your child on subjects such as welcoming a new baby, illness, death, moving, dealing with difficult people, etc. One such book is *Enemy Pie*, where one little boy learns the recipe for turning an enemy into a friend.



Jenita Rhodes
Director of Children's
Ministries



Lynne Butler
Assistant Children's
Ministries Director

Check out the Children's Ministry table at the Ministry Fair on Sunday September 10 for upcoming events and how to get involved!

PEAK Adventures starts Sept 10!

An exciting year has been planned for our 9:30 Workshop Rotation Sunday School. Our 1st through 6th graders will be able to experience Bible based lessons through:

- cooking or tasting different treats
- creating a piece of art
- watching a video of the story
- exploring related topics in our science workshop
- reenacting the story in storytelling
- learning additional facts in computers
- playing games that demonstrate the theme

We will begin with the unit "Out of Egypt" which uses the Bible story included in Exodus 2-14. God worked through Moses to free the people of Israel from slavery. God works through ordinary people to do God's work in the world today.

By the end of this unit children will:

- identify the Exodus as the defining event in the lives of the Hebrew people
- discover that God wants all people to be free, to be treated with respect, justice, and kindness
- recognize that, like persons of Bible times, they are called by God and can respond to God's call in many different ways
- be assured that they can trust God's guidance and God's care and know that God is always with them
- be shown how God can work through people to accomplish God's work on earth
- discuss how God is present with people in the world today, even where there is suffering and trouble
- be reminded that they can turn to God when they are troubled or afraid, and know that God hears and cares

Live B.I.G. at 11:00

Our 11:00 children's Sunday School will have an exciting new curriculum for this year's program – "Live B.I.G.", a DVD-based Sunday school resource designed to excite and enrich your children's spiritual lives by bringing their everyday real world experience into Sunday school.



What is Live B.I.G. all about?

- it catches children's attention
- it also makes the lesson stick by integrating the ways children learn – hearing, seeing, then living what they learn
- it's children living out their belief in God
- it will reach your children with today's teaching tools
- it's an innovative interactive format that engages children of all ages and brings role models from diverse backgrounds into your classroom
- it's children's curriculum with an imagination
- IT'S THIS YEAR'S 11:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL THROUGH 6TH GRADE!

We will have one preschool class for children ages 3 to 5 years and one for elementary 1st through 6th grade. Come check it out and you'll want to get involved! Contact Jenita Rhodes or Lynne Butler to register your child or volunteer.

"Believe in God, believe also in me." –John 14:1

God & Country Begins in September

Children's Ministry at St. Luke's will be offering an opportunity to participate in the God and Country Program again this year. This is a Bible based curriculum for children in 1st through 12th grade where they read scripture lessons, complete projects related to the lesson and put what they have learned into action in their daily lives. Any girl and boy may participate even if they do not belong to a Girl Scout, Boy Scout or Camp Fire group. They need only to have an adult mentor who will meet with them to help guide them through their projects. One of our pastors will be available on the 3rd Sunday each month to review and discuss each project.

Anyone interested should come to an informational meeting on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 12:15pm in classroom B on the main floor next to the sanctuary. Please bring your mentor or parent along! We will determine what books and materials will be needed at that meeting. The programs and age levels are God & Me for grades 1-3, God & Family for grades 4-5, God & Church for grades 6-8 and God & Life grades 9-12. For more information or to sign up, check out the Children's Ministries Information Board in the elevator lobby downstairs or the Kid's Page on the St. Luke's website. Should you have additional question, please contact Jenita Rhodes at x27.

Acolyte Training

Attention: All 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders: Sign up to be an ACOLYTE! What is an Acolyte? An Acolyte is a person who lights the candles at the beginning of the worship service and puts out the candles at the end of the service. But there is really more to it than just candle lighting. We will have a training on September 25th from noon to 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Children who have been to training need only come to pick their dates on the schedule. You will be able to sign up for several Sundays throughout the year for either the 9:30 or 11:00 (especially the 11:00 service!) Please contact Jenita Rhodes if you are interested in being an Acolyte at the office or call her at 303-791-0659 x27.

Sly, Jr. 5th & 6th Fellowship

After an active summer of Mission Mania outings, Sly, Jr. is ready to kick off a new year. Our first gathering will be Sunday, October 1 from 6:00-8:00pm. We will start with a scrumptious supper followed by activities you will not want to miss! Our theme (what will it be this year, frogs? mazes? rocks?) and calendar will be unveiled as well as the date for our annual LOCK-IN! Yes, parents you can join in on the fun. Sign up sheets will be available for each date.



Discovery Club needs your help!

Discovery Club, Respite Program for Special Needs Children and their siblings will begin Saturday, Oct. 21st. This program is designed to provide the specialized care needed for children with a disability while their parents have some time for themselves. This is a joint effort by Easter Seals or Colorado and St. Luke's Children's Ministry. We meet from 10:00am until 4:00pm on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Adult or youth volunteers are needed to be a companion and helper to the kids during the day. A professional director and staff provide the activities and any training necessary to provide a safe environment for the children. Please contact Jenita Rhodes to get involved in this heart warming program.

Sun. Sept. 3

Labor Day - NO Sunday School
– Only Nursery to 2's 9:30 & 11

Sun. Sept. 10

Kick Off Sunday - Ministry Fair
Fall Sunday School begins –
PEAK Adventures 1st Rotation
"Out of Egypt"

Sun. Sept. 17

God & Country Information
Meeting 12:15-1:00pm

Tues. Sept. 19

Children's Ministry Education
Team Meeting 7:00 – 8:30

Sun. Sept. 24

Acolyte Training Noon-1:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Sun. Oct. 1

Sly Jr. 5th & 6th Grade
Fellowship 6:00-8:00pm.
Dinner Provided

Sun. Oct. 15

3rd Grade Bibles 9:30 and 11:00
Services

Wed. Oct. 11

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

Sun. Oct. 15

Fall Festival in the Pumpkin Patch
10:30am-1:30pm
God & Country Program
12:15-1:30pm

Tues. Oct. 17

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

Sat. Oct. 21

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

Sun. Oct. 22

PEAK Adventures 2nd Rotation
"Talents and Treasures"

MUSIC & DRAMA



James Ramsey
Director of
Worship & Arts



Carrie Mallery
Associate Dir. of
Music Ministry



Kay Coryell
Assistant
Music Director

Drama News

Mark Your Calendars Now - The production of *The Sound of Music* is coming November 3, 4 and 5 to St. Luke's by our very own Wesley Players. If you'd like to help with any part of the production behind the scenes, please contact Jim Ramsey or Sharon Oliver, producers, at jim@stlukeshr.com or sharonoliver@pcisys.net or call the church at 303-791-0659 x23.

Weekly Schedule for Music Ensembles

(Please note start date for each group)

tuesday

6:30pm Youth Handbell Choir (Aug.22)
7:30pm Tintinabulators (Aug. 22)

wednesday

6:30pm Kidz Prayz I and II (Sept. 13)
6:30pm Cherubs Choir (Sept. 13)
7:00pm Tone Chimes (Sept. 13)
7:30pm Sonrise Band (Sept. 6)

thursday

6:30pm Women of Note (Sept. 7)
7:00pm Grace Notes (Sept. 7)
7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sept. 7)

saturday mornings

8:00am Flute Ensemble (Aug. 26)
9:00am Brass Ensemble (Aug. 26)
9:40am Ministers of Swing (Aug. 26)
10:30am Wind Ensemble (Aug. 26)

sunday

8:30am Children's Choir (Sept. 10)
4:00pm Youth Jazz Orchestra (Aug. 27)
5:00pm Off-Notes Youth Choir (Aug. 27)

Bluegrass/Old Time Gospel Group (Matt Rose) - tbd
Rhythm Saints (Mel Scott) - tbd

All are invited to join the music and drama program. Questions about any ensemble, please contact Jim at 303-791-0659 x23 or jim@stlukeshr.com or go to our website **www.stlukeshr.com** to read descriptions about each group.

Upcoming Concerts and Recitals

Voice and Instrument Recital - Sunday, September 17th at 7:00pm
featuring solo, duet and small ensemble talents of St. Luke's.

Sound of the Rockies Benefit Concert - Thursday, Sept. 21st at 7:30pm
Barbershop Chorus performs their award-winning International Competition program with top ranked quartets from the area.

Prism Benefit Concert - Saturday, October 14th at 7:00pm
featuring the Wind Ensemble, Ministers of Swing, St. Luke's Youth Jazz Orchestra, Flute Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, and more.

NURSERY NEWS



Kristina Linn
Childcare Coordinator

Nursery Now Hiring

Looking for a fulfilling part time job? Like flexible hours? Want a fun atmosphere? St Luke's

is the place for you. We are currently looking for a couple of fun adults who would like to work in the nursery. As our church grows, so does the need for childcare. If you're interested in playing outside, board games, coloring, racing some cars or reading some books, pick up an application in the church office today. If you have any questions, contact Kristina Linn at kristinalinn@netzero.net or 303-791-0659 x40.

A Note For Mom and Dad from your Child:

Hey Mom and Dad! Please remember to bring me a diaper bag when we use the nursery. You can fill it with all the stuff that makes me feel good. Just remember to label my blanket and cups, everyone seems to have the same cup I do and it can get confusing. Sometimes they take us outside so don't forget to lather me up with the sunscreen, too. I know sometimes you might get lonely so if you just need a hug or something, feel free to come and visit me. Thanks Mom and Dad, you guys are great.



Nursery Hours

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| Sunday | 8:00am-noon | Ages Newborn to 3 years | No Reservations Required |
| Tuesday | 9:00am-noon | Ages Newborn to 11 years | Reservations Required |
| | 6:00-9:00pm | Ages Newborn to 11 years | Reservations Required |
| Wednesday | 9:00am-noon | Ages Newborn to 11 years | Reservations Required |
| | 6:00-9:00pm | Ages Newborn to 11 years | Reservations Required |
| Thursday | 9:00am-noon | Ages Newborn to 11 years | Reservations Required |
| | 6:00-9:00pm | Ages Newborn to 11 years | Reservations Required |
| Saturday | 8:00am-noon | Ages Newborn to 11 years | Reservations Required |

You may make a reservation by emailing kristinalinn@netzero.net; the St Luke's website, stlukeshr.com; or call 303-791-0659 x47. All reservations need to be made 24 hours prior to the event you wish to attend.

To schedule childcare for an event, please contact Kristina Linn by the 15th of the month prior to the event. (ie. contact me by August 15th for an event in September.) You may contact me at kristinalinn@netzero.net or 303-791-0659 x40.

CYCLING CLUB

A cycling club is being formed at St. Luke's. Starting in September, the group will ride one Saturday morning each month. All levels welcome. Details are being finalized, so watch for more information in the bulletin or visit our table at the Ministry Fair. Questions, please contact Shawn or Amy Slade at 303-660-6113 or denverslade@msn.com.

DON'T MISS!

September 2006

- 9/3 – No SLY AM or PM
(Labor Day)
- 9/10 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
Bible Boot 9:30am (9-12 Grades)
SLY PM Fall Kick Off 6-8pm for
youth grades 7-12 and parents
- 9/12 – Bible Boot 5:30pm (7-12 Grades)
- 9/13 – SLAM 6:30-8:30pm
- 9/17 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
Bible Boot 9:30am (9-12 Grades)
SLY PM 6-8pm Summer
Mission Trip Reports
- 9/19 – Bible Boot 5:30pm
(7-12 Grades)
- 9/20 – SLAM 6:30-8:30pm
- 9/22-9/24 – Who Are You...(and
who are you going to be?)
Jr. High Retreat for all 7&8
graders. Flyers & registrations
now available
- 9/24 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
Bible Boot 9:30am (9-12 Grades)
YLT noon
SLY PM 6-8pm
- 9/26 – Bible Boot 5:30pm (7-12 Grades)
- 9/27 – SLAM 6:30-8:30pm

October 2006

- 10/1 – The Pumpkin Patch Begins!
- 10/1 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
Bible Boot 9:30am (9-12 Grades)
SLY PM 6-8pm Baking Cookies
for College Kids
- 10/3 – Bible Boot 5:30pm (7-12 Grades)
- 10/4 – SLAM 6:30-8:30pm
- 10/8 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
Bible Boot 9:30am (9-12 Grades)
SLY PM 6-8pm Hayride
- 10/10 – Bible Boot 5:30pm (7-12 Grades)
- 10/11 – SLAM 6:30-8:30pm
- 10/15 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
Bible Boot 9:30am (9-12 Grades)
SLY PM 6-8pm Corn Maze
- 10/17 – Bible Boot 5:30pm (7-12 Grades)
- 10/18 – SLAM 6:30-8:30pm
- 10/22 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
Bible Boot 9:30am (9-12 Grades)
YLT noon
SLY PM 6-8pm
- 10/24 – Bible Boot 5:30pm (7-12 Grades)
- 10/25 – SLAM 6:30-8:30pm
- 10/28 – Warren Village Haunted House
- 10/29 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
Bible Boot 9:30am (9-12 Grades)
SLY PM 6-8pm Pumpkin Games
- 10/31 – Bible Boot 5:30pm (7-12 Grades)
- 10/31 – The Pumpkin Patch Closes!

SLY: ST. LUKE'S YOUTH



Ann Smith
Assistant
Youth Director

Chris Wilterdink
Director of
Youth Ministries

CHRIS'S CORNER

Welcome to Fall 2006!

School is back in, so you know it's time for SLY to get geared up again for an awesome fall! You'll always see a 2-month calendar on our pages in the *Chronicle*, and for more information on our programs you can check the weekly bulletin, or either of our bulletin boards (Fellowship Hall and downstairs by the soda machines). We've got some new things kicking off this fall, and I hope you'll come and check out all of them! Here's a quick rundown of what we've got coming at you:

SUNDAYS

- **SLY AM** – Jr. High (7-8 grades) & Sr. High (9-12 grades) each meet in the youth rooms during the 9:30 service on Sundays for discussion and lessons for the day.
- **Bible Boot** – Learn Bible basics and find out new details about those stories you remember from being little. There are two different sections of this class, 9-12 graders can choose either this or SLY AM on Sundays at 9:30. There is no homework for this class, but be prepared to share your opinions and learn new things about the Bible. This class will meet in Jim's office downstairs.
- **SLY PM** – 7-12 grade youth group at its best. A mix of fun activities (hayrides, corn mazes, scavenger hunts), group building activities, and serious discussions happen every Sunday night from 6:00-8:00pm. Dinner is served at 6:00pm, programs start by 6:30pm.

TUESDAYS

- **Bible Boot** – The second section of Bible Boot is for everyone 7-12 grades and covers the same lesson topic from Sunday, but with different perspectives. This class meets in the Sr. High room downstairs from 5:30-6:30pm and gets out in time for youth handbells! Again, no homework and I'd love to see you there!

WEDNESDAYS

- **SLAM** – In the Sr. High room on the big screen TV we screen movies, have popcorn, and look for images of faith in that night's movie 6:30-8:30pm. We watch comedies, dramas, action movies, chick flicks, and everything in between. So grab a friend, come share some popcorn, and look at the messages Hollywood is putting out today.

We of course have special events too, like our Jr. High Retreat "Who Are You.. (and who do you want to be?)" on September 22-24, and I want to see a bunch of you there! Remember to keep checking out www.stlukeshr.com/sly, the youth bulletin boards, and the weekly bulletin to keep on top of all our awesome activities. I'm looking forward to getting to know all you youth better this school year!

Blessings, –Chris

There's Nothing Fair About Hunger

Twenty-eight youth from St. Luke's got a taste of hunger at the 30-Hour Famine on August 5 and 6. And a taste of how a hungry person feels when faced with the sights and smells of food that s/he cannot eat. Activities during the day included packing bags of food at the DenUM Food Pantry, shopping for a family of four at the grocery store and sitting through a movie without theater popcorn or other snacks. When Sunday morning's breakfast was delivered to the Senior High room, famine participants watched in agony as friends munched on gooey, warm donuts. There's nothing fair about hunger. By the end of the 30 hours, the youth had a greater appreciation for the effects of hunger, the tough choices that hungry people face everyday and the ways each one could begin to help hungry families in our area and around the world. Thanks to everyone in the congregation that supported our efforts through prayer, fasting or a monetary donation!

Sign Up for Pumpkin Patch Hours beginning Sep. 10!

The sign up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings and in the church office during the week. Work 15 hours, earn \$100 toward missions.

Fall Kick Off September 10th

– 6:00-8:00pm for all youth and their parents.
Dinner included!



**Jr. High
Retreat 2006:
Who are you...(and
who are you going to be?)**

Get a brochure and register by Sep. 17 for this fall's Jr. High retreat in Allenspark, CO.
Cost is \$70

SLY SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP



Mississippi United Methodist Katrina Response

An U.M.C.O.R. Partner Organization
 Regional Disaster Response Office, Central
 1400 Leggett Drive
 Biloxi, Mississippi 39530
 E-Mail: mississippicol19@bellsouth.net

August 5, 2006

St. Luke United Methodist Church
 Attn. Chris Wilterdank
 8817 S. Broadway
 P.O. Box 8129
 Highlands Ranch, Colorado 80129

Greetings Chris and Youth Team Members,


I send greetings to you from God the Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and from the Mississippi Gulf Coast. We wish the best for you in your ministry as you continue to minister unto others.

Thanks for taking time out of your schedules to assist us in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Secondly, I want to thank you for donating over \$1,300.00 in tools for our relief effort and building materials. Words alone can't express our gratitude for your love, concerns, compassion and gifts. The homeowner you assisted may not have the opportunity to express their thankfulness; therefore The Central Disaster Response Team would like to say "thank you" on their behalf.

Thanks for being the church in action and mission. Again, we thank you and team members for coming to the Mississippi Gulf Coast to support us while we progressively recover from Hurricane Katrina.

When you gather to pray, please remember us here on the Gulf Coast of Southern Mississippi.

Grace and peace,



Reverend Elijah Mitchell
 Regional Disaster Response Coordinator, Central
 United Methodist Katrina Response
 (228)-234-2814, cell
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"Healing Hearts and Homes"

FINANCIAL UPDATE



Dave Cupp
 Director of Finance

Thank You For Your Great Response

-AGAIN! I'm happy to report that for the second month in a row our income exceeded the budgeted amount. This

excess amount for July was approximately \$21,000. Likewise, our expenses were less than budgeted by approximately \$4,000. You are to be congratulated for this great response. Also, our staff and work teams are to be congratulated for their responsible spending practices and help in keeping our expenses under control.

With your continued support we are in a position to meet our goal of completing the year without spending more than we collect. This is a necessary goal to accomplish and one that has not been achieved in recent years. I encourage you to continue staying current with your giving plan and I will continue to monitor the budget.

We will have to continue being careful with our spending but it's gratifying to know we should not have to make any drastic program or staff cuts. Again, THANK YOU!

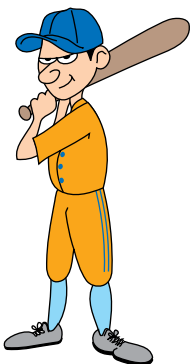
Over \$100,000 of Annual Income and Over \$12,000 In Grocery Coupon Sales Now Comes From Electronic Funds Transfer Program (EFT):

Are you taking advantage of this easy way to make your offering or buy grocery coupons? Each month we have more participants in the EFT program both for general pledges and for grocery certificates. We now have 30 participants in the general offering program and the number participating in the new grocery coupon program continues to grow. Sign up forms are located on the brochure rack in the Narthex area by the front door.

Can You Believe It's Been A Year?

August 1st was my anniversary as your Director of Finance. Gee, how time flies when you're having fun. I feel we have made some good accomplishments during this first year toward fiscal responsibility and risk reduction. There are still things we need to do which will make the second year almost as much fun as the first. Don't forget that I always welcome your questions and suggestions. You can call me at x24 or email davecc@stlukeshr.com.

SOFTBALL UPDATE



by Bill Dearasaugh

Both the St. Luke's co-ed church league softball teams finished well this season. The St. Luke's Blue team, managed by Michelle Lamoreaux, finished third in league play, then won two games before losing two in the double-elimination final tournament. The St. Luke's Red team, managed by Kate Crespo, slipped a little in the latter part of the regular season, finishing seventh place in the eight team league. However, they picked it up at tournament time going all the way to the championship game, and finishing second. By the way, during the season, in the head-to-head game, St. Luke's Blue beat St. Luke's Red in a closely contested game. **Much thanks to Michelle and Kate for their efforts this season. Be sure and join us next season!**



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SEPTEMBER 2006 CALENDAR

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|
| 3 8, 9:30, 11am: Worship | 4 | 5 LS Parent Open House 6pm: New Stephen Ministers Class starts | 6 First Day of Little School | 7 7pm: WON restart 7:30pm Chancel Choir restart | 8 1:30pm: Golf Tournament | 9 8am: Work Day |
| 10 8, 9:30, 11am: Worship 9am-1pm: FALL KICK OFF & MINISTRY FAIR noon: SLY YLT | 11 6:30pm: Women's Night Out 7pm: Trustees | 12 7pm: Adult Education meeting | 13 WNL BEGINS | 14 | 15 6pm: Choir Retreat | 16 |
| 17 8, 9:30, 11am: Worship 11am: Next Step Class God & Country starts 7pm: Vocal & Instru- mental Concert | 18 | 19 LS Barbeque Fundraiser | 20 WNL | 21 | 22 SLY Jr. High Retreat | 23 SLY Jr. High Retreat |
| 24 SLY Jr. High Retreat 8, 9:30, 11am: Worship noon: SLY YLT 4pm: Blessing of the Animals | 25 | 26 Leadership Dinner 7pm: SPRC | 27 WNL | 28 | 29 | 30 6pm: Stephen Ministers Potluck |
| October 1 Worldwide Communion Pumpkins Arrive Pumpkin Patch 8, 9:30, 11am: Worship 6pm: SLY Jr. | 2 Pumpkin Patch | 3 Pumpkin Patch | 4 Pumpkin Patch WNL | 5 Pumpkin Patch | 6 Pumpkin Patch | 7 Pumpkin Patch |