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ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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and much more!



Don't miss our 2nd Annual St. Luke's AIDS Walk



With such a successful AIDS Walk at St. Luke's last year (about 40 walkers and \$2300 going to the Global AIDS Fund of the United Methodist Church), how could I say no to another year? We've set the date for Sunday, September 23, 2007, at noon (following the 11:00am service). The route isn't yet definite, but will probably be around 2.5 K – a little longer than last year.

If you are interested in walking or helping with the walk (staffing a registration table, setting up the route on the date, etc.), please contact me, Susan McIntosh, at susanrmcintosh@yahoo.com or 303-347-0727.



Oh, Boy! Can We Throw a Picnic!

contributions from Amy Ash & Lynda Fickling

St. Luke's celebrated "Christian Home" month Sunday, August 5th at the Annual Church Picnic. A fun time was had by all, courtesy of our Fellowship Events Team. Co-Leaders Lisa Lehnus and Mona Daniels did a superb job at organizing this event! Chef Caroline and Chef Troy cooked us up delicious hamburgers, hotdogs and marinated chicken - yum, yum! And many thanks to all the families who donated our sides and desserts (foodnetwork - look out!).

Friends and families gathered on the church lawn for children's games provided by our "Live, Laugh and Love Club's" Erika Brimberry (along with her husband John, daughters Josie and Callie) and music performed by The Bluegrass Band led by Matt Rose. The hot sticky weather had everyone wondering if we had been transplanted to the Deep South but made the water balloon toss more popular than ever. Thanks to our Youth and their leader Chris Wilterdink for filling up those "wet" water balloons before they took off for "Waterworld"! Rev. Brad led us to the annual toss. This year's winning teams were Page Husa and Rene Meale tying with Sean and Colin Quick. Congrats! The picnic was a great way to celebrate the end of summer with our church family and all involved are already looking forward to the next gathering.

Thanks to all the wonderful helpers on this team and to those who were humbly recruited to setup and take down all those tables and chairs! Thank you Barry Curtis for getting the Fellowship Hall back together! It takes a community to gather together for a great time!! If you love to entertain, cook or are just passionate about lending a hand, contact Fellowship Events Team leaders Lisa Lehnus lehnuisl@yahoo.com or Mona Daniels moandtroy@msn.com. Their next event will be our Ministry Fair in September and the "The Music Man" benefit dinner in



UMW Kick-Off Event

"Pieces of Life and a Slice of Pie"

All ladies of St. Luke's are invited!

Mark your calendars

Sept. 23, 2007 – 2:30-4:30pm

Handmade quilts and the stories behind them will be on display for all to enjoy.

Please contact Fran West 303-797-7107 if you would like to share a quilt.

Sunday Sept. 9 Schedule:

Attend worship at St. Luke's 8:00, 9:30 or 11:00am. Then head to Civic Green Park (behind the Highlands Ranch Library) at 1:00pm to kick off our 25th Anniversary year-long celebration.

Admission is non-perishable food items

- 1:00 - St. Luke's Youth Jazz Orchestra
- 2:00 - Ministers of Swing
- 3:00 - Sunrise Band and Musical Theater Review
- 5:00 - Free Dinner: Feeding of the 5,000
- 6:30 - Three Cord Wonder concert

Sunday Worship Services:

8:00am, 9:30am & 11:00am

Summer Sunday School:

Adult: 9:30am & 11:00am

Youth: 9:30am & 11:00am

Children: 9:30am

Nursery available for
9:30am & 11:00am services**Church Office: 303-791-0659**

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Rev. Janet Forbes
Senior Pastor

Entering the Writing Phase of a Doctor of Ministry

Great news! In a telephone conference with my professors from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey and my Advisory Team from St. Luke's, I received the official approval to launch into the writing phase of my Doctor of Ministry program. I'm sure it was all that wonderful dark chocolate that you've been sending to encourage my thinking!

This is a professional degree for those in leadership in communities of faith. Therefore, the coursework, project, and dissertation grow out of our life together as a congregation. My project, *Pilgrims at the Crossroads: Church in the Intersection*, was our Lenten worship series and class, *The Road Where Faith Is Found*, and has been continued in both the "Bold Venture" and "Got Community" conversations.

My research hopes to strengthen the formation of St. Luke's as a learning community that nurtures individual spiritual journey. A learning community, according to Peter Senge's book, *The Fifth Discipline*, is one that practices the five disciplines of personal growth, awareness of our frames of reference, shared vision, teams that learn and lead together, and the ability to think systemically. When these five disciplines are exercised, the congregation is able to receive new information, embrace change, anticipate its future, and realize its mission.

Over the past six months, we have encouraged people to rehearse their own stories of faith in conversations with each other and the Christian story. When holding these stories in the framework of the disciplines, St. Luke's thrives in all its relationships and realizes its vision of radically-inclusive community.

As this project explores the formation of church in the intersections where people companion each other, an understanding of the power of relationship is foundational. Leonard Sweet says that we need to rediscover the "trimtab factor – the small but crucial element that orients the course of the entire church, as well as the lives of individual Christians... The trimtab we are seeking is the truth of relationship and its power to save." This statement comes from a book that the

church staff studied together in our devotional time, *Out of the Question, Into the Mystery*.

The trimtab, a piece of metal six inches square in the steering mechanism of a ship, creates leverage, allowing a small effort to affect the direction of the large vessel. Right relationship, not right belief, is the trimtab that orients all life.

The way to save the world is not through more rules to live by, but through right relationships to live for. People are fast losing the art of being with one another. So it's not surprising that the number one problem in the world is people's living disconnected lives. They are detached from God, from others, and from creation. People are losing the art of living with one another.

Christian faith is not a resurrection belief, but a resurrection reality. The relationship that transforms

is with a Person, not with events, doctrines, or rituals about that person. In Acts 10, Peter recognized the trimtab factor when he reached across difference to baptize Cornelius, thus becoming a part of a movement that God wanted to bless.

The biblical notion of spiritual journey comes to Abram and Sarah when they are asked to leave the homeland in pursuit of a great blessing. "So Abram went, as the Lord has told him..." (Genesis 12: 4) We

can, like Abram, leave behind our native places – our comfortable, even doctrinaire traditions – and set out for an unknown location, whose dimensions may be known only to God but whose mandate is to be a place where God's blessing is promised to everyone. Have you noticed that Rev. Brad speaks about this gift every time he offers a benediction, "Be blessed and be a blessing"?

The spiritual journey takes courage! Thanks be to God that we have each other as soul-friends and companions! I want to express my deep appreciation for my Advisory Committee who will walk with me through the writing and cheer for me on the day of graduation. Thank you to Jim Ramsey, Jim Wolff, Pam Rowley, Marty Davidson, Steve Collins, and Monty Hoffman.

St. Luke's, keep the chocolate coming! The first draft of my dissertation is due on December 1. Pray for me!

All articles, photos and announcements for the October issue of *The Chronicle* are due September 20th.

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New Worship Service: **FUSION**

by Rev. Brad Laurvick

St. Luke's will be expanding our worship offerings. As we welcome in the new year, we will also welcome two new worship services! To compliment our Sunday morning service, we will be adding an emerging worship service and a contemplative service. I will let Pam give you the details about our new contemplative service, I want to tell you about Fusion.

It's a Fusion of your everyday and something deeper...

There are a lot of things that make this service what it is- the sermons, the music, the time, and so much more... what it all comes down to is the feel. Fusion is about a different feel in worship. This feel means that Fusion is a great opportunity for inviting new people or finding a new way to connect yourself.

Here are some things to think about:

- An evening time means you can hike, bike, ski, garden, sleep in, travel, go to a soccer game, whatever you want and still make worship a part of your schedule
- The music led by Jim Ramsey will have a broad appeal
- A casual style around tables, it is a great service for the entire family
- The unique time (7:34pm) means you can't say you forgot when it was

Exciting Fusion Update!

With the service rolling out in January, we wanted to share a little bit of what Fusion will be with you this fall.

Join us as we preview Fusion
September 23,
October 14, and
November 11

Sunday nights at **7:34**

September Sermon:
"Oops! I Did It Again!"

St. Luke's Fall Hayride and Cookout

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. We will enjoy a hayride, campfire, food, s'mores and fellowship!

Date: Sunday, October 14, 2007

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 time

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 23rd, September 30th and October 7th. Cost is \$10/adult, \$8/child ages 2-11 and free for children under 2.

Volunteers to help assist with the hayride are needed!! Shopping, set up, clean up, sign up table, etc. Contact Amy Slade to sign up to help. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Slade at (303) 660-6113 or denverslade@msn.com.



A Bold Venture UPDATE:

Church Conference Set for Sunday, September 16, to Launch Construction Project



Everyone is invited to attend a Church Conference on Sunday morning, September 16, at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the Church Conference is to authorize the construction planning for the new addition. Mile High/Pikes Peak District Superintendent, Rev. Olon Lindemood, will be present to preside.

The brief agenda for the meeting will be to elect the Building Committee and authorize their entering into a contract with Jim Morgan, our architect, to design final building plans for the new youth/education/chapel addition off the west side of the current facility. Thank you to Scott Kohrs for serving as the chairperson of this phase of the Bold Venture.

A second (and longer) Church Conference will be scheduled later in the fall for the Building Committee to share the final plans, costs, and construction timeline with the congregation and receive its endorsement. These plans will then need to go to the Douglas County Planning Commission and to the Mile High/Pikes Peak District Building and Location Committee for approval and permitting. Scott thinks that we will be able to break ground in the spring and open the new addition in September 2008.

The other projects of the Bold Venture Campaign are also being researched and prioritized for approval by the Executive Board, once we have determined the final cost of the construction. The Staff Parish Relations Committee is preparing their requests for compensation increases and benefit plans for our staff team. The Board of Trustees is determining exact costs for the refurbishment projects, especially carpeting, air conditioning, and additional security measures.

Dave Cupp and Rev. Janet Forbes will serve as staff liaison to the Building Committee. Jim Wolff, as chairperson of the Executive Board, will lead in the decisions to authorize expenditures of the Bold Venture Campaign.

Thank you, St. Luke's, for preparing for our future with your generous gifts!



Rev. Les Ludlam
St. Luke's Lay/
Associate Pastor
1993-1997

More from Les: Lessons from the Clifton Dump, part 3

*I have told you that the Clifton Dump taught me that things are sometimes more dangerous than they appear on the surface and that that one person's trash may be another person's treasure! It had one more lesson for me – **Ugly can become beautiful!***

I visited the area where the Clifton Dump had been on one of my recent trips to see friends and family in Grand Junction. The old Clifton Bridge across the Colorado River is gone, replaced by a new one about a half-mile west. Only the concrete bridge supports remain out in the river channel signaling to the world that at one time, something significant had been here. The dump was filled in and covered with soil years ago and now, tamarack shrubs have grown up; there are stands of cattails growing near the river; and the big old cottonwoods have grown taller and seem to be healthier than I remember from the past.

The area is actually pretty! It's a place where you might want to sit on a picnic bench and watch the birds out on the river as you eat your lunch. The dangerous, odorous, ugly, old Clifton Dump has become a rather

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Lynda Fickling
Director of
Servant Ministry

We are Called to Serve

"Why do we need to know about spiritual gifts? First, we are told to be aware of them. (Visit www.umc.org and take the mini-assessment under Serve then contact Lynda Fickling lynda@stlukeshr.com who will walk with you through the process). Second, we are expected to use them (see below)." —Bruce Bugbee, *What You Do Best in the Body of Christ*

Special Project Contact: Renae Parra 303-683-0872 renaeparra@aol.com Our 25th Anniversary Pictorial Directory is scheduled to be Sept. 16-23. We are in need of folks to register/check in/host our friends that will be having their pictures taken here at St. Luke's! Please contact Renae if can help during this time of community.

Spiritual Gifts: Hospitality and Helps

Missions Opportunity Contact: Betsy Keyack 303-346-7057 bkeyack@att.net Come glean the fields, Sat. Sept. 22, in Alamosa with La Puente mission. We will take the crops we glean to local food banks. Families invited, no age limitations.

Guest Service Station Contact: Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20 lynda@stlukeshr.com Stand and greet our guests on Sunday morning in the Foyer. Great way to meet new folks and help answer simple questions. Choose to serve one Sunday a month, 30 minutes prior to the service. Spiritual Gifts: Hospitality

Puppet Ministry Contact: Steve and Cathy Collins 303-346-0275 This ministry conveys Biblical stories to a diverse community and audience. If you are interested in joining this unique and very popular (!) ministry, contact Steve and Cathy!

Hiring Contact: Kristina Linn 303-791-0659x40 kristinalinn@netzero.com St. Luke's is hiring adult nursery caregivers. Must be 21, willing to work nights and weekends. Pick up an application in the church office or contact Kristina. Help serve our parents and children! Spiritual Gifts: Compassion, 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!*



Week Ending August 25, 2007

To add or remove someone from the prayer chain,
contact Bonnie Funk 303-791-0659 x10 or Bonnie@stlukeshr.com

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| Gerry Wright (Gail Abernathy's mother) | Darryl Griggs (Susan Hooke's cousin) |
| Janet Blatchford (friend of Samantha Leahy) | Heidi (friend of the Hooke family) |
| John Poole (friend of Joy Damsgard) | John Merchant |
| Beth Turner | Edna Earl West (Bob West's mother) |
| Al Bierman (Sandi Thompson's friend's husband) | Jodi Lambert (Bobbi King's dentist) |
| Walt Brewer | Devyn Linn |
| Jenni Keefer (Mike Hutchins' daughter) | Jamie MacNamara (L.S. family) |
| Landon Orcutt (Linda Walker's cousin) | Jill Wright's father |
| Avis Stanley (Joy Damsgard's mother) | Farzan Khan (friend of Manijeh B.) |
| Jim Hertel (Sandy Thompson's father) | Gordon Lewis (friend of Ken Fong) |
| Loyle Mason (Jim Ramsey's gr. uncle) | Grace Sanders |
| Brian Day (Eileen Law's nephew) | Alex Pass (son of a friend of Julie Polikoff) |
| Brent Webber (friend of Cushing family) | Melanie's baby boy Austin (friend of Kam Boles) |
| Carol Merrill (Sherry Merrill's mother) | Nancy Obertier |
| Peter Quick | Tom Hawkins (Virginia Young's brother) |
| Jackie Lehnus (Lisa Lehnus' mother) | Linda Streaty |
| Yates Power (friend of Andrea Mezger's) | Jon Streaty |
| Courtney Nyberg (Kay Swanson's niece) | Susan Hooke |
| Norma Harris | Lonnie Roberts (friend of Susan Hooke) |
| Betty Kieser (Bonnie Funk's mother) | Patricia Ludlam (Les Ludlam's mother) |
| Kendall Griggs (Susan Hooke's uncle) | Ed Herring (Les Ludlam's nephew) |
| Mary (Brenda Schafer's friend) | Kristi Fesler (Mona Daniel's friend) |
| Fanelle Laughlin (Lisa Williams' aunt) | Terri Gaertner (Kam Boles/Lise Takayama's friend) |
| Becky Williams (Jeff Williams' sister) | Ronald Block (Valerie Block's father-in-law) |
| Charles Hardin (family friend of Lisa Williams) | Members of Pat Sabados' family (friend of Kris Reif) |
| Burt Sabli (Diane Whetson's father) | Patricia Sailors-Westlake |
| Jerry Kirkpatrick (Kerry Lucero's father) | Sandy Johnson (Melissa Hemphill's sister) |
| Guillermo Rodrigez, Sr. (Guillermo Rodrigez's father) | Norm Keller (Candy Keller's father) |
| Brian Keefer (Mike Hutchins' son-in-law) | Jan Rusfen |
| Carol Bryden (Kay Swanson's mother) | Jeanine Quick |
| John Covey (friend of Ross Barnard) | Marge Hughes (friend of Barb Decker) |
| Amber Cunningham (friend of Amy Antinoro) | Pat Dublin (Bob Davis' mother) |
| Joyce Martin (friend of Kam Boles/Lise Takayama) | Kami Lamb (friend of Cindy Barlow) |
| Ernie Wight (Elizabeth Laurvick's father) | Juanita Cupp (Dave Cupp's mother) |
| Sharon Zona (Bonnie Funk's friend) | Brooklyn Walker |
| Rylie Krening (grandson of Carleen & Rich Krening) | |
| Tony Yim (friend of Betty/Les Ludlam) | |
| Jules Tim (friend of Betty/Les Ludlam) | |
| Charlotte Tiernan | |
| Skip Kauerz | |

Sympathies:

To Roy & Linda Palmer and family on the passing of Roy's mother, Gloria Jeanne Palmer, Aug. 18;

To Norm Veach and family on the passing of his wife, Lorraine Veach, Aug. 22.

Wyoming Mission Trip: An Adult's Perspective by Julia Murrow

Ten Sleep, Wyoming? Never heard of it? Well, it's less than a dot on the map southwest of Sheridan, yet it's a place of amazing beauty. The Circle J UMC camp is tucked into a green-bottomed canyon with high, majestic layered stone walls covered with crosses placed there by other campers. To our forty-six mission team members, the most beautiful aspect of the camp was the river—cool, gushing, curving river full of boulders and lined by tall, shady trees. With temperatures hovering at 100 degrees, the river was just the ticket to keep us going.

The middle school mission trip consisted mostly of newbies, like me. We looked at the camp the first night and thought, "There's nothing for us to do!" It looked pretty good to us. After a week of painting (some of us still have paint in our hair), moving rocks to make a pool in the river, maintaining trails, moving dirt, weeding, and mowing, the Circle J looked really spiffy! The more intrepid hikers in the group built, erected and painted (twice! -see Chris Stephens article on page 5) our own cross on the top of the canyon, placed in a perfect spot visible from the deck of the main building. Our incredible construction crew built an amazing architecturally significant roadside stand so the camp has a place to store and sell all of its apples that grow on the Circle J's trees. Two groups helped with VBS at the Worland UMC that was about an hour's drive away. Don't think we didn't have fellowship and fun too, for Chris and Susan and the travel committee planned lots of great team-building, spiritual-raising, and just plain fun things to do. Memorable activities included worshipping at the Ten Sleep UMC and doubling their usual attendance, having homemade huckleberry ice cream at Dirty Sally's Ice Cream Parlor and Gift Shop, and best of all, a day of WET at the Thermopolis Hot Springs before heading home from a very successful and satisfying mission trip.

Check Out St. Luke's Website!

If you haven't done so recently, visit www.StLukesHR.com. There you can find the latest calendars; see who's preaching the next few Sundays, check out special upcoming events, and find a full calendar of all the events at St. Luke's. You can also see a copy of the latest bulletin, Catalog of Ministries, and every copy of *The Chronicle*. We post pictures of many of the activities that have occurred recently, such as the picnic and mission trips. We provide services such as online nursery reservations, members' email addresses, and mailing lists for many ministry groups. And we have audio recordings (mp3's) of all sermons, which you can subscribe to as podcasts.

We have also started video recording all the 9:30am Sunday services. If you'd like a DVD copy, please contact one of the techs in the sound booth.



Servant Spotlight: Betty Ludlam

by Michelle Ellis



A Colorado native, Betty Ludlam grew up in the western part of the state with her parents and two brothers. Her early years were spent in the country and by fourth grade her family moved into the town Grand Junction. Church and helping others was always a priority in her mother's life and due to this Betty became very involved with church at a young age. She was active with her mother in women's fellowship groups – many of the groups dated back to the early predecessors of UMW and taught Sunday school with her mother during her Jr. and Sr. High School years.

She met Les Ludlam during her high school years, he attended a rival school. Upon graduation Les left for college and Betty stayed behind to graduate from Grand Junction High School. After a short career at Mesa College she decided to stop the college work and work full time to plan for her wedding and future with Les. They were married in 1961 and have two children.

After Les graduated from Colorado School of Mines the travels with the oil company started. They moved several times, but the one constant was that they always got connected to a United Methodist Church. "Get connected to a church and you have family away from home." "Get involved in the life of the church and you have a move enriched life."

The last move for Betty and Les was to work in Alaska. While in Alaska they worked with a small group to establish a congregation in a "bedroom" community for Anchorage and workers on the North Slope. In 1992 when Les retired from a 31 year career with the same employer, they moved back to Denver.

The first membership with St. Luke's was in early 1993. Betty got involved in teaching Sunday school and the women's groups. She also was on the formation board for Little School. In 1997, after Les had been ordained and was working as Assoc. Pastor at St. Luke's, he was appointed to the church in Wheatland Wyoming. Again, the connection in that church was with UMW and Sunday school. Betty also became involved in the domestic violence prevention project in Wheatland and served on the board for several years.

The second time Betty became a member at St. Luke's was in 2006 when she and Les moved back to Highlands Ranch after retirement to be near the children and grand children. Jim and Cindy and their families all live in Highlands Ranch. The original reason for becoming a member of St. Luke's was location nearest to home and then it became a very welcoming and comfortable place to be. On returning, it just seemed like coming home.

Betty has served as a UMW officer in every church she has attended. She has recently held District offices and is currently the Secretary for the Rocky Mountain Conference United Methodist Women. She believes there are more reasons to have a local unit of UMW in every church more important than "the Discipline requires it."

Spirituality of women and children, supportive fellowship and mission are the key parts of the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women. Betty feels like the best way to be a servant is to follow these principles and the teachings of the Methodist church in order to help others. "I was once called peripatetic by a professor/pastor. I had to look it up in dictionary to find it meant moving about doing many things. I like to be around people and help wherever needed. I guess that's how I would define being a servant."

Wyoming Mission Trip:

A Youth's Perspective by Chris Stephens (8th grade)

On August 14, 2007, the St. Luke's Junior High youth left for Ten Sleep, Wyoming at 6:59am (I know, crazy). We were all tired and some of us got a wink during the 7-hour bus ride. 35 youth and 11 adults got off the bus and moaned from tiredness and stiffness combined at Circle J Ranch. This was my second mission trip so I knew what to expect so I was not as nervous as I was last year.

On Sunday we went to a Methodist Church and it was mainly a elderly church and it made me realize that since we were half the congregation that even in a little town like this, people do not forget God. The church was very open and they let people choose the songs and share events in their lives. The church was absolutely the most moving part of this trip.

We painting brick which was really interesting but disappointing because we had to mark the lines so we knew where to put the tape but Mr. Larson said, "Oh no! We have the wrong measurements." The brick team groaned and started all over again. Some of the youth also did trail blazing which is building bridges and stairs. We also painted a shed with a fish on it, my painting skills need work! The shed was not the only thing painted, we also painted Jon Coryell's except for a 7 on his back, which sunburned.

For Free Time, our group got to play in the creek that ran alongside the camp. We had lots of water fights, did some swimming, and rode mini rapids that bumped our butts as we rode them.

Last day. Those two words ate my heart because I knew that this would be the last time I would see this glorious camp. This was really a fun trip and I can't wait for next year's trip. I wonder where we'll go.



Jenita Rhodes
Director of Children's
Ministries



Lynne Butler
Assistant Children's
Ministries Director



Kristina Linn
Childcare
Director

PEAK Adventures is our 9:30 Sunday School program for elementary aged children. The children explore a Bible story or concept for 4 to 6 weeks as they rotate through a different workshop each week. Our workshops include Art, Storytelling, Computer, Cinema, Cooking, Games and Science. Workshops are lead by teaching teams and grade level Guides rotate with the children and are there to greet the children, take attendance and assist as needed.



All adults are welcomed to join one of our workshops or guide teams and get involved in the fun of learning and growing in their own faith while getting to know our outstanding kids. The topics and dates are listed below.

Rotation 1	Sept 9-Oct 14	6 weeks
<i>Abraham and Sarah</i>		
Rotation 2	Oct 21-Nov 18	5 Weeks
<i>(Stewardship) Samuel, Called to Serve</i>		
Rotation 3	Nov 25-Dec 23	5 Weeks
<i>(Advent) In the Manger</i>		
Rotation 4	Jan 13-Feb 10	5 Weeks
<i>The Beatitudes</i>		
Rotation 5	Feb 17-Mar 16	5 Weeks
<i>(Lent) Mary Magdalene Story</i>		
Rotation 6	Mar 30-Apr 20	4 Weeks
<i>The Road to Emmaus</i>		
Rotation 7	Apr 27-May 18	4 Weeks
<i>Building the Tabernacle</i>		

Volunteers needed for PEAK Adventures are Workshop Leaders, who as a team plan and present the lesson. The most wonderful aspect about the Workshop Rotation System is that only one lesson needs to be planned for each rotation. Then adjustments made to accommodate the age group for that week. All workshop teams do their won scheduling around the other commitments of their team members. The team meets one time before

each new rotation to do the planning and scheduling for that rotation.

Additional volunteers called Guides follow the grade each week. They check the children in and out of the classroom; make sure the regulars have nametags and the visitors properly welcomed. They are also the assistants to the workshop leaders by passing out or cleaning up supplies, helping the children with the activity and keeping all involved with the lesson. No preparation is needed to be a guide, but their presence in the classroom and familiar face is invaluable.



Joy Trek is our 9:30 Sunday School Program for children 2 years old through Kindergarten. Children begin developing a strong faith foundation by learning a Bible story, singing songs, doing a craft or playing a game each week. Lessons are lead by a teaching team and parents are asked to assist several Sundays during the year. What an easy way to renew your own faith journey and grow with your children.

You may volunteer to serve in Joy Trek by being part of our Teaching Team or one of two classroom Assistants. The members of the Teaching Team take turns planning and presenting the

lesson. All curriculum and supplies are provided on a quarterly basis. Because of the high standard we place on the comfort and safety of our children, we assign to each classroom two additional parents of those children who attend to help several time a year. No preparation is needed to assist and subs can easily be arranged by trading with another parent on the schedule.

NEW This Fall:

Children's Worship at 11:00 Our 11:00am children's Sunday School will have an exciting new format for this year. All children from our 4-year-olds



to the sixth graders are invited to come to worship in the sanctuary until after Children's Time. Those who choose will go downstairs for a short worship of their own. The program will include a story that connects to the scripture used in the day's worship and activity to help apply the story to their everyday life. Check will be at a table by the windows in the front of the sanctuary. Children will return in time for the closing benediction. Nursery care is available for children ages 3 and under. Contact: Jenita Rhodes 303-791-0659 x27 jenita@stlukeshr.com

Please note changes in the Sunday School calendar for the 2007-2008 Year This year we are making a change in the No Sunday School Sundays for Christmas. We WILL have Sunday School the Sunday before Christmas, December 23 and WILL NOT have Sunday School on December 30 or January 6 (Epiphany Sunday). Our other NO SUNDAY SCHOOL days will be March 23, 2008 (Easter), May 25, 2008 (Memorial Weekend), July 6, 2008 (4th of July weekend), and August 31, 2008 Labor Day Weekend). Please take these opportunities to attend worship as a family.

God and Country Program For children in 1st through 12th grade Sept. 16 at 12:15 in classroom B St. Luke's United Methodist Church will be offering an opportunity to participate in the God and Country Program. The program is a Bible-based program for youth in grades 1-12. Girls and boys may participate, even if they are not in Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, or Campfire Girls. The levels of the program are as follows: God & Me for Grades 1-3, God & Family for Grades 4-5, God & Country for Grades 6-8 and God & Life for Grades 9-12.

If you and your child are interested in earning these recognitions, please plan to attend the informational meeting on September 16, 2007 at 12:15pm in classroom B on the main floor next to the sanctuary. Registration forms can be found downstairs by the Sunday School rooms and on the church web site. Please fill the form out and return it to Jenita Rhodes in Children's Ministries before the September meeting. This will allow us to have the materials at the meeting.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Cathy Johnson at 303-660-5285, or by e-mail at craftyhomeschooler@yahoo.com.

Acolyte Training Attention All 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders: Sign up to be 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. We will have a training on September 23rd from 12:00 to 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Look for sign-up forms by the Sunday School classrooms, in the Children's Ministry Office or on the church's web page. Please contact Jenita Rhodes for more information.

In October, Look for:

SLY, JR. — 5TH AND 6TH GRADE

FELLOWSHIP This is a great group of kids who meets once a month for fun, food and fellowship. This year we will explore different religions of the world, what they believe and how they celebrate. We will experience a different religion each month, tasting some authentic food, participating in some exciting cultural games and crafts. We hope to schedule additional time for visiting Denver sites.

On Sunday, October 7 from 6:00 to 8:00pm in the Goliath Area we will begin with a look at Islam and the observance of Ramadan which starts on September 12. We will continue to meet on the first Sunday (same time and place) until... THE LOCK-IN on Friday, February 1 at 6:00pm until Saturday, the 2nd at 10:00am! Check out the blanket in Civic Green Park on Sept 9 or the table at the Ministry Fair on Sept 16 for more details.

Third grade Bible Presentation on October 10th at both the 9:30 and 11:00 services. All third graders will be receiving a Bible. A sign up will be available outside your child's Sunday School classroom in mid September. Please verify the spelling of their name and list which service you plan on attending. This



is a special day in the faith development of our children. We don't want anyone to miss out. Contact Jenita Rhodes if you have any question.

Learning to Use My Bible is an introductory course for children who will receive their 3rd Grade Bibles this year from the St. Luke's as well as children through 6th grade. It will teach children the basics of the Bible and also give them the tools they need to use it as a resource and "treasure map" for a lifetime. This special class will be held during the 11:00 Service September 9th through December 23rd. It will be an optional part of the new Children's Church format we will use at 11:00. Parents are welcome to participate, if interested. For more information, contact Lynne Butler at 303-791-0659 x11 or lynnne@stlukeshr.com.



LITTLE SCHOOL News



Kay Swanson
Director of
Little School

Children, Children Everywhere!

St. Luke's hallways are once again filled with the laughter and voices of children and it is a welcome sight to see everyone back again. We have been blessed with enough children to open a new classroom off Goliath, to service another class of Explorers and 4 year olds! The church was very gracious and let us expand to yet another room and we feel so fortunate to have such a wonderful space for Little School.

We are saying goodbye to a couple of our teachers that have been with us for many, many years. We are pleased for their new adventures but they will be sorely missed. Ms. Julie (Paxton)- 10 years, has gone back to teaching high school math, and Ms. Michele (Tinsman) - 12 years has moved on to Heritage Elementary to work with autistic children. We pray for their new positions and wish them well.

When the door closes, we know that God opens a window and he definitely provided us with new faces to fill our classrooms with fabulous teachers! Ms. Eileen (Boyd) will be joining us in the three-year-olds, Ms. Cathy (Schufreider) and Ms. Fran (West), all members of St. Luke's will be teaching in our four-year-old classes and Explorers. Ms. Jan (Patten) will be a new assistant and Ms. Diana (Ropollo) is returning after trying the "real" world! Thank you Lord for the answer to prayers! Our enrollment this year has increased to 263 and we will again have 30 teachers on staff.

We are looking forward to another exciting year. Thank you St. Luke's family for your support and prayers! Please come and visit, you are always welcome!
-Lovingly, Ms. Kay

More from Les: continued from page 3

idyllic setting! Ugly has become beautiful! Things can change for the better! A good lesson from the Clifton dump!

The old Clifton dump had no pretensions, it could be dangerous, it could yield some treasures, and it was always ready to take whatever you brought, no questions asked, no judgment made. There was no one to warn you of the hazards that might lurk in the dump, there was no one to step in on your behalf in you were injured. In its own rough, sometimes brutal way, the Clifton Dump taught the value of wisdom, and its lesson book was experience. But to learn those lessons, one had to go to the dump and face the unpredictability with no reservations.

There are Clifton Dumps around us today. Situations or places, where wisdom is required if we are to travel there. There are things we might hope our children, grandchildren and others we care about might not have to encounter. But there are things they will encounter, sooner or later, things we pray they will be prepared to deal with.

Jesus says, "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves." We know we cannot completely protect our selves and our loved ones from the violence and danger in this world. We do not deliberately put those we care for at risk, and we do not abandon them, we are always there for them, when they need us. But there are times when we must let those we love go to the Clifton Dump, to deal with the world on their own terms, making choices and experiencing the consequences, but always knowing they are not alone. And when they go, they know that there is always a safe, loving place to return if things get too tough. In fact, the longer we try to hold on, the longer it will take for them to learn to deal with the world they encounter. So that they may become "wise as serpents and innocent as doves."

So what does the Clifton dump have to do with us here today? Perhaps it helps us focus on the nature of the love Christ has for all of us, a love that gives us the freedom to stretch and grow, to fail or to succeed, a love that is always with us no matter what. As we scurry about dealing with all the stuff we must do, **let us remember Christ's love for us**, and let us give those we care for the same love and freedom to help them grow in wisdom. God bless us all!
-Rev. Les

Living Faith Seeking Justice Conference, Nov. 1-4, 2007

"Let justice roll down like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" Amos 5:24



The General Board of Church and Society (the United Methodist Church's social action arm) is sponsoring four days of worship and workshops centered on building justice into our lives in Ft. Worth November 1 through 4, 2007.

Through a series of workshops, Bible study, and justice activities around the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, conference organizers hope to:

- Provide resources, techniques and programs to teach and preach the Social Principles
- Train and equip others to understand and live out justice in their lives
- Mobilize others to engage in advocacy and work that transforms the world in the ways of Christ

Some workshops that are currently planned include:

- Just-Art: Building Relationships
- Just-Faith: Spiritual Foundations for Congregational Community
- Just Music—Global Music for Transformation of the World
- The Pastor as Prophetic Preacher and Teacher
- Congregational Community Organizing for Change
- Getting Out the Vote: Congregational Voter Education
- Communication as a Tool for Effecting Justice Ministries
- Economic Development and the Local Church
- The Amos Commission: A Model for Peace with Justice in the Local Church
- Addictions: Booze, Butts and Betting—A Central Conference Success Story
- A Peer Counseling Community Model for Gender Justice
- Health Care for All—A Faith Based Priority
- Local Church as a Center for Addiction Prevention and Public Policy Advocacy
- Mental Health and Wholeness as a Congregational Priority
- The Local Church as a Witness to Racial Justice and Reconciliation
- Restorative Justice: How Do Congregations Practice It?
- No More Killing-- Abolishing the Death Penalty
- The Millennium Development Goals and the Local Church—What Congregations Can Do
- Non-Violent Social Change to Stop the War in Iraq
- Engaging Youth in Non-Violent Social Change through the Local Church
- A Living Wage: Congregations Mobilizing—a Success Story from Arkansas
- Jubilee Advocacy: Rural Poverty and the Church as Change Agent
- Fair Trade: More than Just Coffee
- Connecting Hands on Local Mission with Community Advocacy—Katrina as a Case Study
- Hospitality—Local Churches Advocating for the Human Rights of Immigrants
- Congregational Advocacy for Reproductive Health

If you are interested in attending as part of a group from St. Luke's UMC, contact Susan McIntosh 303-347-0727, or susanmcintosh@yahoo.com

It's Gleaning Time Again - Sept. 22!

by Betsy Keyack

Last September, volunteers from St. Luke's went to Alamosa to help La Puente glean crops and bring them back to local food banks. We are planning another trip on Sat., Sept. 22 for adults and children of all ages!

La Puente is a ministry that serves people in poverty in the San Luis Valley. La Puente has a homeless shelter; serves 3 meals a day, 7 days a week; runs a thrift shop; provides rental assistance and runs a non-profit coffee shop. Every August and September, they organize a gleaning program in the spirit of Ruth and Boaz from Old Testament times. Various crops, such as cabbage, carrots and potatoes, are grown in the San Luis Valley. The crops are harvested by machines, but it is not practical for the machines to go back and pick up what they missed. That is where the gleaners come in - volunteers pick up what the harvesters miss and bring the gleanings back to food banks in their area.

Last year, the Staller family – Jane, Josh and Hannah and I went down on a Friday night for a Saturday gleaning. A group from the Christian Connections Adult Sunday School class went down and back on a different Saturday. This year, I am planning to go down and back on the same day, September 22, and invite anyone to join me! On request, I can help make arrangements for an overnight stay at a Bed and Breakfast, church or motel.

The Stallers and I stayed on Friday night at a lovely Bed and Breakfast in Alamosa. We took an early Saturday morning visit to the Sand Dunes. We then went back to La Puente by 10:00am and received a tour. We ate lunch in the dining room along with the clients who come to La Puente for meals. After lunch, our hosts took us to an organic potato farm. The air temperature was nice—Alamosa is at 8000 feet. We simply picked potatoes off the ground and put them in bags, but it was still hard work. After 1-1/2 hours, we agreed it was time to stop, but we did get a LOT of potatoes in that time. The effort made me appreciate what migrant field workers must go through for their meager wages.

After the gleaning, we did a "must-do" thing—we went back to town and had lattes at the non-profit coffee shop run by La Puente volunteers. All the proceeds go to La Puente's ministries. On the way home, we stopped for dinner. I took our potatoes to Interfaith Community Services in Englewood. The Christian Connections Class took theirs to Inner City Parish food bank in West Denver.

So consider joining me on September 22! It will be a fun, educational and rewarding experience!



SLY PM Fellowship August 19, 2007.

MUSIC & DRAMA MINISTRIES



James Ramsey
Director of
Worship & Arts



Carrie Mallery
Associate Dir. of
Worship & Arts



Kay Coryell
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Music Ministry Start Up Dates

If you'd like to join any of these ensembles which may or may not have already started, please contact James Ramsey or Kay Coryell

Brass Ensemble

August 11 at 8:00am

Cherub's Choir

Sept 12 at 6:30pm

Chancel Choir

Sept. 6 at 7:30pm

Primary & Junior Prayz

Sept. 12 at 6:30pm

Flute Ensemble

Sept. 8 at 8:00am

Ministers of Swing

August 11 at 8:30am

Off-Notes

Sept. 16 at 5:00pm

SLYJO

August 19 at 4:00pm

Tintinnabulators

August 14 at 7:30pm

Tone Chimes

Sept. 12 at 7:25pm

Wind Ensemble

Sept. 29 at 10:30am

Women of Note

Sept. 6 at 6:30pm

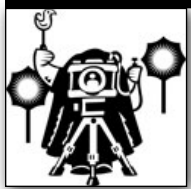
Youth Handbell Choir

Sept. 11 at 6:30pm

Primary Prayz and Junior Prayz

(Children's Choir and Kidz Prayz)

Something new! We are combining Children's Choir and the Kidz Prayz programs beginning this fall and calling the new groups "Primary Prayz" for grades 1st through 3rd and "Junior Prayz" for grades 4th through 6th. Both Choirs will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:20pm and include both singing and playing activities to prepare for worship services throughout the year. The start date for Primary and Junior Prayz is Sept 12th. Questions or information, please contact Kay Coryell at 303-791-0659 or kayc@stlukeshr.com



25th Anniversary Pictorial Directory

The 25th Anniversary Pictorial Directory project is now underway. Portrait sittings at St. Luke's

are Sep. 16-23, 2007. However, studio sittings can be scheduled any time between Jun. 3, 2007 and Jan. 5, 2008 at Bettinger Photography, 2431 S University Blvd. Schedule by phone at 303-400-6023 or online at www.bettingerphoto.com. An appointment table will be in the Narthex starting Aug. 6. Volunteers are needed to greet and sign in families for portrait sittings. Many shifts are available! This is a fun and great way to make a contribution while getting to know other church families. Please check www.stlukeshr.com/photodirectory/ for updates and information.

Performing Arts Academy On Sept 24, the St. Luke's Performing Arts Academy will expand to its next phase. SLPAA will begin offering classes and workshops throughout the year to St. Luke's members and constituents in addition to the community. These classes and workshops are designed to help build and positively reinforce the creative aspects of the arts (music and drama). A variety of classes, workshops and instruction will occur over the fall and spring terms. Registration material will become available after September 9th. Class sizes will be limited. Regardless of your age, if you're looking for ways to enhance your own musical and dramatic experience, you won't want to miss these opportunities to take group lessons or be part of a workshop. Each lesson, class and workshop is taught by outstanding, well-qualified and experienced teaching faculty. The types of offerings for different ages and levels include:

- Musicianship class • Guitar class • Voice class • Acting class • Voice lessons
- Group instrumental lessons (woodwinds, brass) • Drama workshop
- Acting workshop • Piano workshop

The days and times for each class and workshop may vary but primarily will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons. As part of the mission of the SLPAA, a portion of tuition and fees will go towards mission projects supported by St. Luke's. For more information, please contact James Ramsey, founder of the St. Luke's Performing Arts Academy at 303-791-0659 x23 or jim@stlukeshr.com.

The Music Man We have nearly 100 children, youth and adults in the cast—the largest ever—and we're very excited to bring this show to our community and support the Missions program at St. Luke's. Because the Sunday matinee is one of the most popular shows that "sells" out first, *we are adding a Saturday matinee this year for the first time*. Tickets will go on sale beginning September 30th! Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and youth and \$5 for children 12 and under. The Gala Benefit Dinner is on Saturday, October 27 at 5:30pm and will include special guests (TBA) and a silent auction. The missions that benefit from this year's fall production include: *Inter-Faith*, Guatemala, and *Nothing but Nets*. *Inter-Faith* is a local organization helping families and children with basic needs; *Our Guatemalan mission teams* will use donations to aid children and families by purchasing housing material and greatly needed medical supplies; and *Nothing but Nets* is a simple but extremely important project that helps protect children from the spread of malaria by supplying mosquito nets to protect them while they sleep. Three very important mission projects, both local and international, that the drama ministry will support through *The Music Man* performances this fall.

The Music Man

October 26 at 7:00pm,
October 27 at 3:00 & 7:00pm,
and October 28 at 3:00pm.

Sound of the Rockies Benefit Concert You won't want to miss the critically acclaimed Sound of the Rockies in concert at St. Luke's on September 20th at 7:00pm. For this time only, the Sound of the Rockies will perform their amazing show that placed them as one of the top three men's barbershop choruses in the world in recent international competition. Come and enjoy an amazing group of guys performing some of your favorite tunes of all time. Suggested Donation is \$10. All donations will benefit the Global and Colorado Aids Project.

Directions for Singing Concert On Sunday, October 7th, the Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra of St. Luke's with the Applewood Valley Chancel Choir will sing in concert at St. Luke's UMC at 7:00pm. Both choirs will sing selections from the New York City Lincoln Center performance celebrating Charles Wesley's 300th Birthday. Mark your calendars for an inspirational event that features the work commissioned by St. Luke's for the occasion of the Wesley Tercentenary by Andrew Fowler. Dr. Fowler will be present to witness this historic and wonderful occasion.

Jazz At St. Luke's Benefit Concert The CU Jazz band is performing at St. Luke's on November 15th. The benefit concert will also feature the talented Ministers of Swing and St. Luke's Youth Jazz Orchestra. A meal will be served beginning at 5:00 with the concert beginning at 6:30. Tickets will be available beginning November 1st. For more information, please contact James Ramsey.

DON'T MISS!

September 2007

- 9/2 – Chris Wilterdink & Emily
Hallowell get married! *Woo Hoo!*
- 9/3-9/15 – Emily & Chris Honeymoon
Vacation! *Woo Hoo again!*
- 9/9 – **Kick Off Sunday**
Worship at Civic Green Park.
Food and Fun all day long!
SLY PM – Three Cord Wonder
Concert starts at 6:30pm!
- 9/12 – SLAM 6:30pm
- 9/13 – Donut Whole 6:45am
- Youth Disciple 6:30pm
- 9/16 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
- Bible Boot 9:30am
- SLY PM: SLY School for youth
and parents. Come to St. Luke's
at 6pm for information about
SLY activities and events. Parents
and youth highly encouraged to
come together. Bring \$2 donation
for pizza dinner.
- 9/19 – SLAM 6:30pm
- 9/20 – Donut Whole 6:45am
- Youth Disciple 6:30pm
- 9/23 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
- Bible Boot 9:30am
- SLY PM: Trust Games
**Special Time 5:30-7:30pm*
- 9/26 – SLAM 6:30pm
- 9/27 – Donut Whole 6:45am
- Youth Disciple 6:30pm
- 9/30 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
- Bible Boot 9:30am
- SLY PM: Parking Lot Tailgate
Party
- 9/30 – **Pumpkins for the Pumpkin
Patch arrive!** 1:00pm! Come and
help us unload

October 2007

- 10/3 – SLAM 6:30pm
- 10/4 – Donut Whole 6:45am
- Youth Disciple 6:30pm
- 10/7 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
- Bible Boot 9:30am
- SLY PM: Worship Stations
- 10/10 – SLAM 6:30pm
- 10/11 – Donut Whole 6:45am
- Youth Disciple 6:30pm
- 10/14 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
- Bible Boot 9:30am
- SLY PM: Hayride 5:30pm
- 10/17 – SLAM 6:30pm
- 10/18 – Youth Disciple 6:30pm
- 10/21 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
- Bible Boot 9:30am
- SLY PM: Corn Maze
- 10/21 – Fall Festival noon-2:00pm
- 10/24 – SLAM 6:30pm
- 10/25 – Donut Whole 6:45am
- Youth Disciple 6:30pm
- 10/27 – Warren Village Haunted House
noon-10:00pm
- 10/28 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
- Bible Boot 9:30am
- SLY PM: *The Music Man* 2:00pm
- 10/31 – Trick or Treat for DenUM
6:30pm



Chris Wilterdink
Director of
Youth Ministries

Susan Johnson
Assistant Director
of Youth Ministries

CHRIS'S CORNER**Welcome to the Fall!!**

We will have a lot of construction beginning some time this year! We are expanding St. Luke's building and adding a youth wing, and with this new space, we've got some fresh license rediscover and reinvent how SLY does ministry.

Our theme for the year is Extreme Makeover: SLY Edition because we're building some new physical space, but we're also branching out SLY ministries and trying some new things that we've never done before..

September 9: Three Cord Wonder is coming to play from 6:30-8:00pm at our Fall Kickoff in Civic Green Park. The concert is free and these guys rock! Please bring non-perishable food to donate to the Feeding of the 5000 that will be going on all day. With your help, we should be able to collect enough food to feed 5000 meals.

September 16: SLY School at 6pm. Parents and youth are invited to come together to our opening SLY PM here at church to discover the who, what, when, where, and why for all SLY activities. \$2 per person for a pizza.

Pumpkin Patch: The Patch is back, and all youth 6th-12th grades can sign up for shifts to earn credit toward next summer's mission trips. We need to unload on September 30 at 1pm and many hands make light work, so sign up in the Fellowship Hall to help out the Patch!



Fall Retreat: This year's Fall Retreat will be from November 16-18 and is for all ages! That's right we're going to take over Highlands Camp with as many 7-12 graders as we can! Registration brochures are now available at church, the cost is \$100 for the weekend, and we want everyone to come.

www.stlukeshr.com/sly: Our completely new and revamped website is now up and running. Check it out for weekly updates, photo albums that you can add pictures to, the SLY BLOG, and calendars. Now you can also download all registration forms for SLY activities from our paperwork page.

Youth Disciple: Susan Johnson will host a 2-semester Youth Disciple Bible Study at her house, team taught with many of our pastors and staff. I am really excited about this class because it will help youth dig deeper into the Bible and discover new things they can use everyday.

As you can see, we've got a lot to imagine and even more to do. I'm looking forward to building SLY ministries stronger with you this fall.

—Peace & Love, Chris

30-hour Famine—Unforgettable

by Meaghan Johnson (SLY - 12th grade)

At noon on August 10, 2007, a small group of youth from St. Luke's started something incredible: we stopped eating! We would not eat again for the next thirty hours while we brought awareness to starving children around the world.

On Friday evening we met at church for a lock-in, six hours after we had started to fast. We were all kind of hungry, but it wasn't too bad. Mainly, we were just excited to be there together. We went to a movie and had fun goofing around with each other. Soon, however, we were brought back to the seriousness of what we were doing as we learned about the starving children in Africa. While we were only fasting for thirty hours, many of them went three and four days without food, and often there was nothing they could do about it. With that in mind, we went to bed.

Early the next morning we had a juice break, and then headed to Warren Village. Here we were divided into groups to do projects to help prepare for an ice cream social for the kids. We were all beginning to feel very hungry as we were working, and as time progressed, our

energy levels began to fall. By the time we left, all of us were exhausted.

Back to the church, we were flooded with more information about the starving children. Not only were they starving on a regular basis, but they were forced to do more work than we had done! It was very hard to take in. Some of the things we learned were that every three seconds, a child dies of hunger somewhere, and most of the children living in famine areas never get past their fifth birthday. Those that do live in constant fear of war and never having enough to eat. It was very sobering. Says Kristine Fong of the experience, "From the 30 Hour Famine, I experienced how difficult it is to function when you're hungry. Children in Africa—they live with this hunger, and they have to physically work harder than we do. Their lack of food is caused by forces beyond their control—locust, drought, etc.—and the government does little to help."

At 6:00pm we broke our fast with communion served by Rev. Brad. All in all, the 30 Hour Famine was an eye opening experience that we will not soon forget. Go to www.30hourfamine.org/ for more information and/or to make a donation.

FINANCIAL UPDATE



Dave Cupp
Director of Finance



Janet Maxwell
Assistant Director
of Finance

July showed some improvement. We managed to exceed our projected collection income in July by about \$400. However, that still leaves us

about \$22,000 short for the year. As I pointed out in the last *Chronicle*, we are running about 2-3% short of the anticipated income from collections for the year. However, if our collections were 100% of expectations, we would still be struggling to keep expenses down in order to keep within the expected income. This means 2-3% is bigger than it appears.

Summer is fast coming to an end and everyone will be getting back into their regular routines. This would be a great time to make sure you are current with your giving. Somehow we need to stop this trend of almost meeting our goal and get back on track for 100% +.

Our EFT Program Offers You The Opportunity To Enjoy Your Summer And Keep Current With Your Giving.

Now it is possible for you to make automatic scheduled deductions from your checking/savings account or your credit card. You can even go online and do either of these transactions at stlukeshr.com for your general fund and capital campaign fund giving. Twenty percent (20%) of our collections are now coming from this program and the number continues to grow each month.

Make Sure Your Checks Are Marked For Your Capital Campaign Contributions. Now that we are receiving checks for the Bold Venture Capital Campaign, it is extremely important that you mark your check for it's intended use if it is not for the general fund. All you need to do is use "CC" or "BV" for any check amount that goes to Bold Venture. If they are not marked otherwise on the memo line we assume they were intended for the general fund income.

FROM REV. BRAD



Rev. Brad Laurvick
Associate Minister

Hello all! I was sitting enjoying a wonderful summer, and now, out of nowhere, I am writing the September Chronicle article. When did that happen?! There is a lot of wonderful stuff to the fall season though... new school supplies, leaves changing, spice cookies, and of course, the Ministry Fair. Speaking of the Ministry Fair, (So the transition wasn't so smooth, work with me people) make sure you give yourself a little extra time on the 16th of September to explore all of the St. Luke's points of interest. We will be mapping out all of the different ministries at St. Luke's as we look at ways to "Serve and be Served". Being Invitational, Relational, Missional, and Spiritual, is about doing things for ourselves and doing things for others- the ministry fair is a perfect place to find new areas to do so. I know often we can think, "I don't have the time to do anything else." So I am not asking you to commit to anything... yet. I just want you to be willing to investigate. If you never look, you might miss something that is worth making part of your schedule. The ministries at St. Luke's are transformational and life-giving, whether you serve or are served. Ask any of the hundreds of people who know—many of them will be at the ministry fair ready to answer questions and above all, ready to be invite you to look at how the ministries of St. Luke's can make your life more meaningful and connected. **Make sure the ministry fair is on your Sunday morning itinerary, September 16th.**

—Rev. Brad

TRUSTEES CORNER

Making sure our St. Luke's home is always ready

Behind the scenes the Trustees have worked hard this year to stretch our budget in creative ways as our building stretches to hold everyone and our project lists have continued to grow along with our numbers. Examples of these include carpet cleaning, significantly reducing landscape watering when the rains came, and merging Little School phones into our main service contract. We completed patching of our parking lots to slow erosion and proactive maintenance on our furnaces. We replaced inefficient light ballasts, painted several areas and took on other tasks reducing our dependencies on outside contractors with related expenses. We negotiated a favorable cleaning contract and improved our building security through changes in policies and adding technology. By completing these and many other projects, our focus has been on making sure our St. Luke's home is always ready to welcome you, your family, friends, and everyone throughout the community who'd like to make this their church home. With our kick-off, the members of St. Luke's Trustees are looking forward to opening our doors to another terrific year. Welcome Back!

—Sandi Miyaki

WELCOME New Members: August 2007



Dan & Ann Filipiak
"We love the Christian love offered to all people, which we have found at St. Luke's"



Karen Flynn
"I enjoy the dynamic and the upbeat feeling from the staff when I attend. Coming to St. Luke's feels right."



Jay & Jill Lee
"We decided to join St. Luke's because we love the energy, openness and sense of community at this church."



Don & Lonny Leonard
"The inspiring music & preaching."



Norm & Lorraine Veach
*Our Deepest Sympathies to the Veach family on the passing of Lorraine on August 22, 2007



Melanie Veach
"I wanted to find a home church where I could grow and learn. St. Luke's is open and accepting with tons of education opportunities and from what we have seen an outstanding music ministry and embraces all aspects of the worship arts."

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St. Luke's United Methodist Church welcomes you to our Christian family, where we share life. Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are accepted and encouraged to grow spiritually.

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

SEPTEMBER 2007 CALENDAR						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Rev. Brad Laurvick preaching 8, 9:30, 11am: Worship 6:30pm: SLY PM	3 LABOR DAY Church Closed	4 Little School Open House	5 Little School Begins	6	7	8 8am: Work Day
9  KICK-OFF SUNDAY SILVER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 8, 9:30, 11am: Worship 1pm: Celebration at Civic Green 5pm: Feeding of the 5,000 6:30pm: Concert "Three Cord Wonder"	10 6:30pm: Women's Night Out 7pm: Trustees	11 7pm: Adult Education Team	12 6:30pm: Wed. Night Activities Begin	13	14 Choir Retreat	15 Choir Retreat 10am: Discovery Club
16 MINISTRY FAIR Church Directory Photos Rev. Olon Lindemoor preaching 8, 9:30, 11am: Worship 9am: Church Conference 6pm: SLY PM	17 Church Directory Photos	18 Church Directory Photos 7pm: Scrapbook Circle	19 Church Directory Photos 6:30pm: SLAM	20 Church Directory Photos 6:45am: Donut Whole 6:30pm: Youth Disciple	21 Church Directory Photos	22 Church Directory Photos
23  Church Directory Photos 8, 9:30, 11am: Worship noon: St. Luke's AIDS Walk 12:15: Acolyte Training 2:30pm: UMW Quilts & Pie 6:30pm: SLY PM 7:34pm: FUSION Worship	24	25	26 6:30pm: SLAM	27 6:45am: Donut Whole 6:30pm: Youth Disciple	28	29
30  PUMPKINS ARRIVE 8, 9:30, 11am: Worship 4pm: Blessing of the Animals	OCT 1 6:30pm: Women's Night Out	2	3 6:30pm: SLAM	4 6:45am: Donut Whole 6:30pm: Youth Disciple	5	6