



Highlands Ranch, Colorado

The CHRONICLE

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Dinner Dance for DenUM

Friday, Oct. 17 - 6:30pm

Join St. Luke's Ministers of Swing at the Highlands Ranch Rec Center at Southridge: Wildcat Auditorium (4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.)

Ticket Prices for Dinner & Dance: \$30 per person

Menu includes wine, appetizers, soup/salad, prime beef entrée, sides and dessert prepared by Executive Chef Greg Strickland

To purchase tickets online go to: www.denum.org or www.stlukeshr.com click on Dancing for DenUM

Fundraiser proceeds benefit the outreach and job services programs at DenUM.

DenUM's approach to providing outreach services motivates individuals, creates genuine relationships, involves the community, and prevents future poverty. DenUM also works with unemployed, underemployed, and hard-to-employ individuals to assist them in obtaining and maintaining employment.

Medical Mission Trip Miracle *by Doug Rowley*



The surgical mission trip to Camanchaj, Guatemala has been a blessing in my life. The Salud y Paz clinic has been able to serve the people

of Guatemala, where health care is deeply compromised due to abject poverty. The trip affirmed my faith by giving me the opportunity to step outside my comfort zone, trusting that God had prepared me for the challenges of caring for the Guatemalan people. What a joy it was to collaborate with a community of health care givers, not only from St. Luke's, who desired to make a difference in their world, reaching out to redefine the word "neighbor". The patients at the clinic, their families and the Camanchaj community have showed us boundless grace by their gratefulness, trusting that we could heal their pains and improve their lives. What a great way to be the hands of God! *—Karin Wesson*

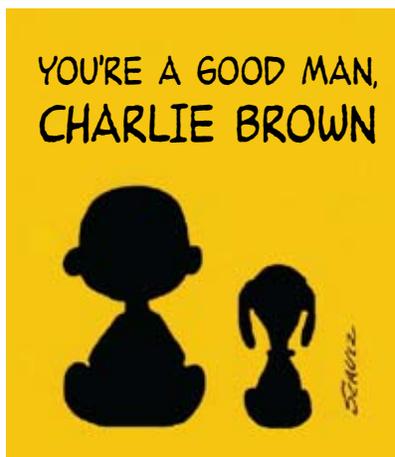
"To the world you might be one person, but to one person you just might be the world" –Anonymous

Wednesday, September 3, in Guatemala, was pretty much an ordinary day. I was running our Surgical Mission at Camanchaj, screening gynecologic and obstetric needs, and performing much-needed gynecologic surgery for women in this remote district of Guatemala. Our 30-member team had put in about 9 hours work and was preparing to wind down and go back to our hotel for the night.

Suddenly, our Pura Vida liaison ran into the room and told me that the local fire/rescue team, the Bomberos, were on the radio with an urgent problem. They were inbound with a young woman in the process of childbirth. There seemed to be a possible problem with the umbilical cord, and the bombers knew that there were obstetric doctors at the Salud y Paz clinic. The wanted to know if we would be willing



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Peanuts Gang Comes to Life! Nov. 7-9

by Mercedes McClure

What better way to spend an evening than attending another fabulous play at St. Luke's?

The practices and preparations for this popular family play are in full swing. This November, the Music and Arts Ministry of St. Luke's will be bringing to life this complex character and his friend Snoopy in an ingenious adaptation of "an average day in the life of Charlie Brown".



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Thanks Miss Lynne! *by Sharon Oliver & Marcus Carlson*



A **Great Big Thanks** to Lynne Butler for her many years of dedicated service to children, families, and St Luke's. Lynne is stepping down from her position as Assistant Director of Children's Ministry after seven years of service on staff.

Lynne's dedication to St. Luke's made an impact on the families she served. Jill Wright confirms, "I've known Lynne for six years and have always been in awe of the workload she carried and how well she carried it out. Whether it was Sunday School, VBS, kids' drama events, or the many other programs she had a hand in, they were always exceptionally well organized and fun. She is not only one of the hardest workers I

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Sunday Worship Services:

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am
7:34pm: Fusion

Sunday School:

Adult, Youth & Children:
9:30am

Nursery available for
9:30am & 11:00am services

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Rev. Janet Forbes
Senior Pastor

Hearts for Ministry:
What Do I Really Care About?

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6: 21)

"Hearts for Ministry" is the theme of our upcoming campaign to encourage us to be faithful in ministries envisioned for 2009. It is more than a theme—it's an effort to show how our congregation can make a lasting different in the lives of children, youth, adults, and families.

Stewardship always asks the question: What do I really care about? In what will I invest my life and my resources? I would like for more and more families to enter into the joy of investing in St. Luke's and spiritual formation. Commitment Sunday is November 16 – With Glad and Generous Hearts.

Our Hearts for Ministry Team is asking each of us to consider disciplined, proportional giving. For those that give a percentage of their income now; take another step to two this year toward the biblical goal of the tithe or 10% of the household income for God's work.

Stewardship is not about money, it's about what we do with our money. Our pastoral team will be sharing what God has to say about the vital role of stewardship in our personal lives.

Author Rich Cunningham has described the four purposes of giving.

- Give to honor God. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. -2 Corinthians 9:7

- Give to serve the needs of others. A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you. -Matthew 35:40
- Give so that you may deepen your spiritual journey. Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. -I Corinthians 4:1
- Give out of gratitude to support the life, ministry, and mission of St. Luke's. Remember the Lord your God for it is the Lord who is giving you power to make wealth that God may confirm a covenant. -Deuteronomy 8:18

Our giving and our sharing of our money is a deeply spiritual, devotional act. Giving is a spiritual exercise, a spiritual discipline just like prayer is a spiritual discipline. Prayer is not something optional if we have decided to follow Christ. It comes with the job description. Serving other people is not something optional. It is one of the spiritual practices. Worshipping God is not something we vote on. It is one of the spiritual practices. It is the same with giving. It is an act of devotion. It is a spiritual discipline for all Christians just like praying or serving or worshipping. And that is why we call the act of bringing a portion or our resources forward to dedicate to God's work an offering, instead of a collection. It is an offering of our lives and ourselves and our treasure. The money symbolizes our lives and our work. It is a very spiritual thing. We are not balancing the budget here in this act, we're balancing our lives.

As we seek to live by three simple rules to do no harm, to do good, and to love God, let us do so with



Janet -Rev. Janet

HEARTS FOR MINISTRY

COMMITMENT SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 16



Welcome Laura!

Laura Hehner, a third year student in the Masters of Divinity program at the Cliffliff School of Theology, joins

the staff as pastoral intern from September 2008 to May 2009. She is the recipient of the Schlessman Grant in Parish Ministry and has asked to learn about pastoral leadership at St. Luke's. She will participate in preaching, worship, pastoral care, and administration.

MISSIONS

"Miracle" continued from page 1 to see this woman, or if they should continue down the mountain to Chichicostanago where the district hospital would be able to care for her. The only problem was, that was another 40 minutes away, on a good day! Since the other two doctors were in surgery, it fell to me to make the call... sure, go ahead and bring her here.

Until they arrived, about 15 minutes later, I could only guess what disaster we might be getting into. When they arrived, I quickly jumped into the ambulance and examined the mother-to-be. Fortunately, there was no cord problem. But she was in hard labor, and 9 centimeters dilated.

We took her into the clinic and she was immediately surrounded by 8 excited nurses, doctors, and supporters, including her own personal Chaplain (Pastor Pam). The woman's name was Juana, and she only spoke K'che. Fortunately, we had Juan Toj, local translator, who is fluent in K'che, Spanish, and English. We passed information to him and he to her—and vice-versa. We made her as comfortable as possible on an exam table. It was a chilly day, and no heat, so we found extra blankets for her and started an IV. We used the portable Ultrasound machine to monitor the baby—head first with good heart beat—everything was good!

It wasn't too long until she was completely dilated and ready for pushing. Since this was her first baby, we needed to coach her a bit on just how to push the baby out. I told Juan, he told Juana, and she pushed like a trooper! The surrounding team members became a cheering squad that would make the Denver Broncos proud!

After nearly 3 hours of pushing, with Kam Boles and Lisa Hajek helping, I began to worry if Juana would have the strength to deliver normally. I began to think we might have to do cesarean section for delivery. We had the means to do to this, but hopefully it would not be needed. When I expressed my concerns aloud, it got very quiet in the room, then Pastor Pam spoke up and said "Let's all pray for Juana." Then she led us in a beautiful prayer, asking for strength for her to be able to push her baby out. And... in a few more minutes she did!

I helped guide Stephen, one of our team members who is a pre-med student, to deliver his first baby! And it was a beautiful baby girl! And you can imagine the cheering then!! Juana had a smile from ear to ear, but she was exhausted. In fact, we were all exhausted.

At this point, I was under the impression that we would safely transport Juana and her newborn down to the hospital for routine post-partum care. But, I was informed that the care that she would expect from the hospital would be minimal, and in fact they would likely send her back home immediately! So we decided to keep Juana and her daughter until we were sure they were stable and safe. Fortunately, one of our nurses, Karin Wesson, had newborn nursery experience. We found a set of blankets and "ski cap" for the baby to keep her warm. Juana was so grateful for the care she received, she named the baby Karin, after the nurse that cared for her during that first night.

By the time the team left the clinic and arrived back in Chichicostango, it was very late and we were starving! But we all felt the satisfaction of a job well done. The next morning, Juana and baby Karin were doing great and were sent back home with their family. What a story the child will have to tell when she grows up! How many of her friends will be able to say they were born surrounded by 8 crazy gringos??

Assistance Needed - The Mission Team has received a request from a member of St. Luke's to give some assistance to a man being released from prison in November. It is our belief that we should give a helping hand to all of God's children without passing judgment. He is determined to go to school and become a productive member of society.

We are asking for new or near new clothing in the following sizes: Pants-38/32, casual shirts L/XL, dress shirts 16 1/2 34/35 and shoes, 9 1/2. A gift card or grocery certificate would be greatly appreciated.

He is dreading the coming holidays and being all alone—would anyone like an extra guest? *Questions or concerns?* Call Jan Rufien 303-979-3491 or 303-883-4892.

Wanted: Drivers - The Mission Team has coordinated rides for both the Fahn family and Marie and Maima Sehkar, for many months and even years. We would really like some additional drivers.

Both families feel it is important that they attend St. Luke's every Sunday. They have no transportation of their own, so have asked for help from their friends at church.

For the Fahn family, you need seats for 6 ADDITIONAL passengers—for Marie and Maima, any family car is sufficient.

Drivers would only be asked to drive 1-2 times a month, depending on how many respond to help. *Please contact* Jan Rufien 303-979-3491 or 303-883-4892.

FROM REV. BRAD



Rev. Brad Laurvick
Associate Minister

Leaving Your Mark

During construction this last month, I had the opportunity to wander through some of the "transition area". This isn't the new construction, but is the area of our existing structure that will be transitioned into new space. As I wandered through, I saw the exposed inner walls of some of our classroom space, and the bare floors of our former youth rooms. In these spaces, I saw the names and messages of members of St. Luke's, written when these areas were first built.

Some of these people are no longer at St. Luke's, some are, some have gone off to college and come back. No matter who the person is, how long their relationship with our community, what comes to mind in a literal and metaphorical sense is how all of these people left a mark on St. Luke's.



It is my hope that we all will have a chance to write in the new space ourselves. One thing I know we are all doing even without a marker—whether we know it or not—is leaving our mark on this community. Your presence and participation in our community changes us. You leave a mark that will stay long after you leave—and at some point, hopefully in many, many years, we all will. But we leave a mark here. The interactions we have with one another, the children we teach, the Bible studies we ask questions in, the pumpkins we buy, the offerings we give, these are all ways we are signing more than our names to this community—they are ways we are building this community in a way that will outlast the building itself.



Lynda Fickling
Director of
Servant Ministry



We are Called to Serve

Serving God by Serving Others in the Church, Community, and the World

Guest Service Station: If you enjoy being invitational and relational, please consider serving as our "conierge." After the greeters, you are the next person guests see. Help them locate rooms, answer simple questions and be welcoming to all that enter our doors on Sunday mornings. Serve one Sunday a month for 30 minutes. Please contact Debbie Miller 303-791-8921 mills1414@aol.com

Missions Team: Help St. Luke's reach outward to help people in our local community and throughout the world. We coordinate collection of food and supplies for local & international organizations; organize outreach projects; manage a budget; educate church members on the needs of the community and people worldwide. If

you are passionate about missions, please join us. Contact Jan Rufien 303-979-3491 jc.rufien@comcast.net

Grocery Certificate Team: Help sell our grocery certificates on Sunday mornings. A wonderful way to meet and welcome others here at St. Luke's. Contact Terri Church 303-768-0197 coloradochurch@msn.com

Fellowship Events Team: Do you enjoy cooking, planning, decorating, set/up and clean/up for special events? This team needs you! We have a big event coming up Oct. 17th (Dancing for DENUM) and need your helping hands to serve a wonderful ministry! Contact Lisa Lehnus 303-346-8114 lehnu1@yahoo.com or Mona Daniels 720-348-1662 moandtroy@msn.com

Visit www.stlukeshr.com **and take the mini-assessment under Serve then contact Lynda Fickling** lynda@stlukeshr.com **who will walk with you through the process of applying your gifts to serving in the world!**

Realize your potential for living a God-centered life!



The 5th Annual St. Luke's Golf Tournament raised approximately \$8,500 towards the repayment of the St. Luke's Ministry in Motion van! Everyone had a great time and a big congratulations goes to the winning team of Marty Davidson, Bob Beaty, Bob Athey and Chris Pratz.



AIDS Walk Colorado:

On Sept. 6, several members of St. Luke's walked with about 8000 other folks to raise money to battle HIV/AIDS infection and support those already infected. The team of 13 raised almost \$500. You can still help! Go to www.aidswalkcolorado.org. You'll be able to make a donation so that our team can reach our goal of \$2000!

NOTE: Don Messer, who joined us on our walk, was recently named the Chairperson of the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund!



Week Ending October 3, 2008

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

- Gerry Wright (*Gail Abernathy's mother*)
Beth Turner
Jennie Keefer (*Mike Hutchins' daughter*)
Brian Day (*Eileen Law's nephew*)
Norma Harris
John Covey (*friend of Ross Barnard*)
Amber Cunningham (*friend of Amy Antinoro*)
Kristi Fesler (*Mona Daniel's friend*)
Norm Keller (*Candy Keller's father*)
Pat Clem (*neighbor of Doug Wagner*)
Alberta Haas
Warren Goss (*Charlie William's friend*)
Jim Bailey (*Melissa Moberly's father*)
Ronda Olson
Paula Strader (*Sandi Miyaki's sister*)
Judy Austin (*Mary Jo Weber's sister*)
Gail Carlson (*Mike Hutchin's neighbor*)
Pat Dublin (*Bob Davis' mother*)
Robert Abbott, Sr. (*Nancy Abbott's father-in-law*)
Al Tulenko (*Bobbi King's neighbor*)
Matthew Peterman's cousin, Matthew Julie Hayes (*friend of Susan Werthington*)
Susan Johnson
Jan Lanham
Bernice Haskell (*friend of Steve Marshke*)
Stephanie Stanley (*Jane Damsgard's aunt*)
George Hutchins (*Mike Hutchins' father*)
Sharon Liston (*Cindy Raap's mother*)
Maureen Hoffman (*Monty Hoffman's mother*)
Beverly Dodds (*Terri Korpala's mother*)
Bob Ross (*Edee worth's brother*)
Brent Webber (*friend of Nancy Cushing*)
Jack Miller (*friend of Susan/Laura Northrop*)
Diane Baker (*Mary Romke's sister*)
Grace Hagman (*friend of the Cushing family*)
Susan (*Jill Wright's aunt*)
Alice Brimberry (*John Brimberry's mother*)
Vicky Stone (*LS teacher*)
Jennifer Valdez (*Gov. Lucero's cousin*)
Paula Peterson (*friend of Rachel Nolder*)
Amy Spicher (*Doug Spicher's mother*)
Carol Bryden (*Kay Swanson's mother*)
Lori Lieberman (*friend of Jane Damsgard*)
Thelma Ready (*Ken Ready's mother*)
Thelma Hodge (*Meryl Cupp's mother*)
Herb Siewert (*Heather Swanson's uncle/Ms Kay*)
Patty Hertel (*Sandy Thompson's sister*)
- Diane Wieland (*friend of Bobbi King's*)
Loraine Berg (*friend of Bobbi King's*)
Brenda Schafer
Harriet Smith (*Dewey Smith's mother*)
Charlie Rufien
Dylan Church
Jack Allison (*Jim & Joy Damsgard's friend*)
Janusz Daszuta (*pastor from Poland*)
Andrew Jones (*friend of Renee Sanek*)
Dennis Urban (*friend of Sharon Scholle*)
Ray Lucero (*Gov. Lucero's father*)
Barney Kirkpatrick (*Kerry Lucero's uncle*)
Dustin Baird (*family friend of the Lucero's*)
Helen Bartz (*Bev Tripple's mother*)
Ken Ready
Janet Wilson (*Betty McIntyre's sister*)
Wally Speers
Sandy Murray
Richard Beaman (*friend of Jenny Stevenson*)
Katie Dunlap
Bob Halderman
Dennis Smith (*Bob Halderman's nephew*)
Joanne Cleveland
Britney DeBoer (*Ben Miyaki's girlfriend*)
Sharon & Chris (*friends of Linda Burdick*)
Jeff Bryden (*Kay Swanson's brother*)
Myrtle Jones
Jordan Obertier
Shirley Quail (*Kay Swanson's friend*)
Marcia Enger
Charles Annett (*LS-Suzanne MacCorkell's grandfather*)
Sharon Johnson (*Laurie Gilbert's mother*)
Ginny Sparks (*Caroline Butler's sister-in-law*)
Carol Burton (*Melissa Hemphill's friend*)
Gortsema Family (*Caitlin Bauer's friend*)
Scott Goodstein
Alice Johnson (*Karin Wesson's mother*)
- SYMPATHIES:**
To Meg & Mike Mara on the passing of their son, Blake, 9-27.
- CONGRATULATIONS:**
To Peter & Julie Fox on the birth of a daughter, Michaela Jean Fox, born 9-25-08. Proud grandparents: Tom & Maria Fox.

THE SPIRIT OF ST. LUKE'S



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

More from Les: Power in Forgiveness

College students are known for some of the rather bizarre and often poorly thought out stunts they perform. I confess that I was no different.

During my Sophomore year at the Colorado School of Mines, my two best friends, Bob and Russ, were dating two girls, Sue and Patty, who were attending Loretto Heights College, a Jesuit all-girl college in southeast Denver. I would regularly join the four or them because I had the car. I would go as a single because my girlfriend, Betty Hoback, lived about 250 miles away in Grand Junction.

Sue and Patty had a classmate, Jill, who had a reputation as a creative practical joker, and they suspected that Jill was the one who had short-sheeted their beds the weekend before. They wanted to get even. Jill had been complaining recently about her lack of success with meeting nice boys and this generated an idea! Sue and Patty would line her up with a blind date, but in this case the date would really be blind! They'd love to see how she might squirm in that awkward situation!

Since I wasn't known on their campus, I agreed to play the blind date. Sunglasses with side guards, so my eyes couldn't be easily seen, were painted black. I practiced with them a bit to learn how to get around without seeing. This wasn't hard because my eyesight was so poor, I could barely see with out my glasses on. Then the girls arranged the date. To add a little twist to the scam, we decided to go to the Egyptian movie theater on Colfax boulevard!

We arrived to pick up the girls; Russ drove my car since I was "blind." Sue and Patty went to get Jill while we waited in the car. As they approached the car, too late for Jill to back out, they explained my "condition" to her. I was told later that Jill stiffened a bit, and then continued on as if nothing were out of the ordinary.

We drove to the movie: Jill led me to my seat by the hand and then explained the scenes that had no dialogue. She was an angel! Afterward we went to the White Spot Coffee shop for a Coke. While there she turned to Patty and said, "I just wish people wouldn't stare so much! It's really unkind!"

The date finally came to an end, I was exhausted, I had played the charade and it seemed that Jill had bought it. But somehow I didn't feel all that great. I didn't sleep very well that night. I tossed and turned. I thought, "She was really nice, we took advantage of her!" I decided I had to call Jill and tell her the truth if I was going to have any rest.

I called the next afternoon after classes. "Jill, the date last night was a practical joke, I'm not really blind!" After a painfully long, silent moment, She spoke. "You jerk!" Then she hung up. Boy! Did I ever feel great! But, I knew I had done what I had to do.

A couple of months we had all but forgotten our prank. One evening I went with Bob and Russ to Loretto Heights. We started to play some pool at the Student Center, and quite engrossed in the game when a girl I hadn't seen before started watching the game. When Bob and Russ left for a moment to get a couple of Cokes, she walked up. "Hi," she said, "I'm Jill. Glad to see you got your sight back!" I recognized her voice and I could feel my face beginning to glow cherry red. I stammered something incomprehensible, dropped my pool cue and began looking for the door. "Oh, It's OK," Jill said with a smile, "after you called me that afternoon Patty and Sue explained that they had put you up to it." Then she added, with a gleam in her eye, "But you'd just better not leave your car parked on campus or I'll let all the air out of your tires!" When Bob and Russ returned, they looked a little sheepish when they saw Jill and me talking. But later, we started a new pool game with four players.

I had been forgiven a weight of a thousand elephants lifted from my shoulders. I solemnly vowed never to try the "Blind Date Scam" again! But I'll always wonder... was she onto our game all the time? Who was really the butt of the practical joke?

I learned a lesson about the pain of guilt, about the need for forgiveness. About the freedom that comes when we know we are forgiven. True forgiveness means forgetting the past and starting anew. Jill demonstrated that beautifully by joining us in that second game of pool.

Jill could have brooded about it, but she didn't. She could have gotten even by calling my girlfriend, Betty, but she didn't. That is a rare quality. It says something about Jill. I wish her well, wherever she is today.

Thoughts from Psalm 32: *Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.*

God Bless us all! -Rev. Les

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME



Marthel Longabach

Goria Olsen

Rose Templar

"To meet other people and to join a Bible study class."



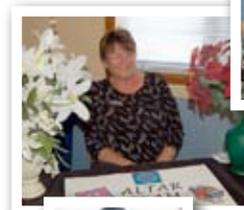
Melinda Dawson

"I like it here - good people."

FELLOWSHIP

Ministry Fair: What a wonderful

sight it was to see so many people "keeping it simple" at this year's Ministry Fair. As we spent the morning surrounded by wonderful opportunities to Connect, Serve, and Transform, it is amazing to see all of our ministries come together in one place. With so much ministry in motion, it is nice to take a moment and really see all of the opportunities to be in ministry and be ministered to. If you missed the fair, be sure to pick up a Ministry Catalog and look for ways you can Connect, Serve, and Transform. Thanks to all of the people who made the fair happen. We are so grateful!





Marcus Carlson
Minister to Children
& their Families

CHILDREN & FAMILY CORNER: The Art of Play

Faith Like a Child... something of very high value in the Kingdom of God, something that Jesus took the time to emphasize as a critical attribute to full and abundant life. One of the beautiful things about Children is their childlike faith. They have not been burned or burdened by the world yet. They have not had the chance to learn so much about God that they lose their spiritual innocence. One of the ways that this childlike faith expresses itself the best is in the art of play. For a child, everything is magical. The value placed on creation by children is something we can all learn from. One of my favorite memories as a kid growing up in Upstate New York was the fall. Picking apples, watching the leaves turn, and most of all the big leaf pile. There is nothing like jumping in a leaf pile. We now have the privilege as a family with our own kids of living in a very old neighborhood with a lot of land and trees. Fall is both beautiful and over whelming as we are inundated with leaves. My favorite moment each fall is when I gather the leaves in the front yard (if I did it in the back yard we would lose the children) and jump for hours with the kids. It is a beautiful moment with my kids, but it also reminds me of the untainted innocence that comes with being a child, the innocence that Jesus was talking about when he challenged all the onlookers to have faith like a child. There have been many articles, shows, books, and specials talking about how critical play is to a child, and how it has become a lost art. Our Little School emphasizes that as a key part of their education model. Our workshop rotation allows for many creative outlets. When was the last time you played? Not just with your kids, but played yourself. Have you ever played hide and seek with your 8 year old... your 3 year old, or better yet your 15 year old? When was the last time you played in the leaves or built a snowman? In the midst of our busy, crazy, driven lives; take some time to play—you might just find God in your play! —Marcus

11:00 am Sunday School Kids Own Worship had to be postponed until January 2009 due to staff transition and a volunteer shortage. We look forward to this great program in 2009 and still need some folks to help volunteer for this. If you can help, let Marcus know.

We have New Nametags Many of you have noticed by now, but we do have new name tags. We made new name tags for several reasons. First, the old ones were very worn. Second, we needed to update allergy information and get correct information from registrations, and third, to assign new numbers to individuals rather than families as it is a safer method. We apologize if this has caused an inconvenience for anyone, but we hope you love the new tags and understand our emphasis on safety. We are getting a new database that will allow us to better keep track of this information which will make it easier and faster to make the tags in the future and make the registration process significantly smoother! If you do not have a name tag, please fill out the half sheet of information to register your children and we will get their tags done as quickly as possible. Also, some of our larger families have asked to have numbers that are closer together. Once the database is in place in full, we should be able to switch the numbers and make this happen for you. As a reminder to volunteers, please be sure to note the allergies on your children's tags, and for parents, please remember to turn in your tag when you pick up your child. Even though many of us know each other well, there are some folks who are new to our community and we want to be as safe as we can!

Third Grade Bibles We will be presenting Bibles to our Third Graders on October 12 in the 9:30 and 11:00 services. If you have a third grader, email their name and what service they will attend to accept their Bible on the 12th. We need this information by October 8th. If your child cannot be present on the 12th, let us know so we can save a Bible for them and give it to them at a later time.



Christmas Pageant - "The Lost Angel" is coming soon! Stay tuned for more information.

Sunday School Right now our PEAK workshops (for grades K-4) are using various workshops (art, cinema, cooking, games, storytelling) to learn about Daniel In the Lions Den and the Three Friends and the fiery furnace. Starting October 12, they will be learning about the three women of faith! We are off to a great start this year and hope you join us! Parents and children: don't forget that we take offering each week as a part of our worship with both our pre-school Joy Trek group and our elementary Peak group.



Kristina Linn
Director of
Childcare

Children's Ministry Needs Thank you to all of our volunteers and their love for children! We always have a need for more volunteers but right now we have four bigger needs. Our first need is more folks to help with our storytelling rotation, particularly in 2009. Our second need is for greeters for downstairs from 9:20-9:40am. We need more folks to help the superintendent, staff and teachers answer questions and direct folks. Training is provided and this is an easy way to serve and only miss a couple minutes of worship. Please let Marcus know if you can help in this or any way. Our third need is for folks to lead the 10 minute worship portion of Sunday School from 9:35-9:45 for our pre school kids. Music, words, and CD is provided. As always we have small holes in our schedule. If you need a copy of the schedule, please let Marcus know.

Our Improved Space Downstairs! If you have not had a chance to go downstairs and see the progress on the children's and Little School areas, you are missing out! What a major improvement and a great blessing to all of the ministries touched by this space, especially Little School and Children's Ministries. Thank you to all of the time, prayers, and gifts that have made this possible! We are excited about the new space and doing everything we can to keep it nice. One of things we have done is to eliminate stapling or taping flyers and signs in the common areas, hallways, and outside the rooms. We do some stapling and taping for year round education stuff in the rooms, but we really want to make the walls and space look as nice as possible. You might have noticed the page holders that are hung up in various spaces. We did this to keep the area looking wonderful, but we need your help. Please do not hang up any flyers or signs on the walls downstairs. We have lots of page holders in great locations for flyers and other information. We also have more we can hang up if you have a suggested spot! When putting flyers up, please do not take any pages out that are directional signs, room names, or any that have emergency plans or information. These are critical to Little School guidelines and Sunday School needs. If you have any questions, let Marcus know!

CALENDAR

October 5

Sly Jr. 5:30-7:30pm

October 18

Discovery Club 10:00am

October 19

Fall Festival After Service

October 28

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

November 2

SLY, Jr. 5:30-7:30pm

November 15

Discovery Club 10:00am

November 25

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



Tweens ROCK: The Children's Program is excited to have a new Sunday School class just for 5th & 6th graders. We will be using the Rock Solid curriculum by Cokesbury aimed at helping these youngsters learn more about growing in faith and community. We will be learning about what it means to be part of God's Family. Part of the curriculum includes service projects, covenanting with God to work on our relationship, and spending time to build relationships among the pre-teens.

SLY, Jr. starts in October and will meet the first Sunday of each month from 5:30-7:30pm for 5th and 6th graders. We are still looking for some parents or volunteers to prepare dinner. In addition to dinner there will be a lesson, an activity, and a discussion time. Our theme for the fall is the "Three Simple Rules" and for the winter we will be doing God in the movies.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



LITTLE SCHOOL News

Autumn Leaves are Falling

As the summer days come and go, Little School is on it's way to another fun year. Our classes are pretty full, although *we do have openings in our 4 year old classes!* Please let your friends and any new neighbors you may know!

The pumpkins make our church look so festive and it adds to the excitement of the Falls days! Our theme for this school year is **FRIENDS** and Mr. Marcus started our new chapel year off talking about who are our friends? This month Ms. Kay will talk about our "spooky" friends that we might be afraid of or don't like. Of course we all know that JESUS is our best friend of all!

Little School teachers will be out October 10th for their continuing education at a conference called "Handprints on the Hearts of Children". This is a wonderful conference put on for Christian Preschools, Day Care Centers and Home Schools. The ECCDA (Early Childhood Christian Director's Assoc.) provides 6 hours of training for a portion of the required 15 hours of continuing education, that all preschool teachers must take yearly. I am proud to serve as the President of ECCDA.

The end of October will be capped off with our **Fall Harvest Parties**, which provide an excellent opportunity for our children to learn about play-acting and imagination. We will have a Costume parade with trick or treats throughout the church! This is a very special time for photos and we all love being creative!!!

Little School collects **Campbell Soup Labels** all the time for educational benefits to our school! We would love to have the congregation join us. The labels from the following products can be used: Campbell Soup, Hunts, V-8 juices, Franco-American products, Pace and Pepperidge Farms! Just bring in the labels and we will do the rest! THANK YOU!

Please enjoy these beautiful days that God has gifted to us!
Blessings, *-Ms. Kay & Staff:-)*



Kay Swanson
Director of
Little School



UMW Fall Kickoff Footnotes We had around 35 ladies gather for our annual fall program. While enjoying the delicious pies, highlights of the coming year were announced and the new slate of officers were elected. We adjourned to the sanctuary for the program: *Weaving Prayer into Our Daily Lives*, lead by our inspiring Spiritual Directors: Pam Rowley, Sallie Suby-Long, and Lynda Fickling. They were joined by Marcus Carlson who spoke of praying with children and Patricia Sailors Westlake who shared comments and read passages from *Everyday Soaring* by Chaplain Lonzie Symonette. We were guided through various ways to weave more prayer into our lives and even made our own prayer book. We had a special opportunity to walk a Labyrinth guided by our quest Jacque Smith from St. Andrew UMC. Our closing was especially dear with a special blessing ceremony of prayer shawls for our congregation, and baby blankets and hats for needy infants; all were handmade by our Itch to Stitch group.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



"The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

St. Luke's UMW Mission Team meets the 2nd Sunday of each month, following the 11:00am service. Everyone is invited to attend. We currently have openings on the UMW board. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Fran West.

Current officers: President – Fran West, Vice President – Sharon Smith, Secretary (& Communications) – Lori Lockrem, Treasurer – Amy Curtis, Spiritual Growth – Janet Johnston, Membership, Nurture, Outreach – ALL, Education Interpretation – OPEN, Social Action – OPEN, Secretary of Program Resources – Renae Parra, Nominations – OPEN (chair & 4 members), Conference Liaison – Betty Ludlam

Theme for year: Weaving prayer into our lives all year long.
Minutes from all meeting may be found on the St. Luke's website.

Mark your calendars:

- October 12: UMW Mission Team Meeting 12 PM Conference Room
- November 9: UMW Mission Team Meeting
- November 30 (December's meeting): UMW Mission Team Meeting
- December 2: Candlelight Dinner
- January 11: UMW Mission Team Meeting
- February 8: UMW Mission Team Meeting
- February date TBD: UMW General Meeting
- March 8: UMW Mission Team Meeting
- April 19: UMW Mission Team Meeting
- May date TBD: UMW Mission Team Meeting
- May 3: UMW General Meeting (Tea)
- June 13: UMW Parking Lot Sale

Subgroups of UMW at St. Luke's UMC:

- **Evening Book Group:** Fourth Mondays of the month, 7:00-8:30pm
 - » October 27 - *"Same Kind of Different As Me"* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore
 - » November 24 - *"Gilead"* by Marilynne Robinson
 - » December 15 - *"Sugar Cookie Murder"* by JoAnne Fluke
NOTE: This is the 3rd Monday. Our plan is to prepare some of the recipes in the back of this book for our meeting and possibly have a gift book exchange.
 - » January 26 - *"The Faith Club"* by Ranya Idrily, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner
 For more information, please call Fran West at 303-797-7107 or Renae Parra 303-683-0872.
- **Itch to Stitch:** Second Wednesday of the month, 7:00-8:30pm Mark Room (#114)
Come enjoy the fellowship of others while crocheting and knitting to benefit those in need. We give handmade items to Warren Village, nursing homes, homeless shelters, hospitals and Missions, as well as provide prayer shawls for people at St. Luke's. We can use all your left-over washable yarn; just place it in the big blue basket in the Narthex. We also continue to collect Care Squares – any size, color, or shape (as long as it's washable)– to be assembled into afghans. Need a refresher course? Several members are patient teachers! Drop in any time between 7:00 and 8:30pm. For more information, please call Fran West at 303-797-7107.
- **Scrapbooking Circle:** Dates TBD for special fundraising events. If you have many unfinished albums on the shelf, you are finishing your first or your pictures are piled in boxes, join us! Bring all your cropping materials and get some pictures in an album. Hours of uninterrupted time with lots of space to work. Just think of the possibilities! For more information, please contact Christy Wohlleber at 720-344-3516.
- **Women's Night Out:** First Monday of the month, 6:30pm various locations
 - » Oct. 6: Shanghai Garden, 2500 E. Arapahoe, Centennial
 - » Nov. 3: Wild Basil, 8247 S. Holly, Centennial
 - » Dec. 2: Candlelight Dinner, St. Luke's
 - » Jan. 5: Romano's, 32 W. Springer Dr., Highlands Ranch
 - » Feb. 2: Treo, 9070 Maximum Dr., Lone Tree
 - » Mar. 2: Elephant Bar, 8121 E. Arapahoe, Greenwood Village
 - » Apr. 6: Brickyard BBQ, 311 E. County Line Road, Littleton
 - » May 4: Las Brisas, 6787 Clinton St., Englewood
 For more information, please contact Lynda Fickling at 303-791-0659x20 (lynda@stlukeshr.com) or Renae Parra at 303-683-0872 (renae@parra@aol.com).
If you have ideas for new groups, please contact a member of the UMW Mission Team.

A Letter from Bishop Elaine

United Methodists throughout the Rocky Mountain Conference,
God wants to work wonders through us. Are you ready?



In July I was consecrated a bishop in our church and assigned to the Denver Area. You and your church are part of an area that includes 262 churches in the Rocky Mountain Conference and 128 churches in the Yellowstone Conference, spread across the states of Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and Montana. I moved to Denver from Seattle over Labor Day weekend, and began my ministry with you on September 1. My husband, Clint, will be traveling back and

forth between Seattle and Denver a good deal while he completes an important environmental clean-up project in Skykomish, Washington. Our three sons, Walker, Micah and Axel, are in and beyond college. Walker has returned to the Seattle area, having finished his undergraduate degree at Harvard. Micah is beginning a year of study abroad in Jaipur, India, and Axel is a sophomore at the University of Washington.

God has been faithful to the human family and to the created world throughout all time. God continues to be faithful to us today. God loves us, cares for us, forgives us when we stumble, and offers us grace upon grace. Thanks be to God for all these mercies!

But God is also on a mission. And God has called and empowered us to be missionaries in partnership. Each and every one of us is an ambassador of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In a thousand ways every day, God offers us the opportunity to share the blessings we have received. In how we treat the people around us and our care for our pets and other living creatures. As we light candles and sing praises, read the scripture. In our volunteer work, tutoring students, cleaning the church building, serving meals, visiting the sick and imprisoned. In a thousand ways every day, our lives matter in God's mission for the world.

I am writing you today to pledge that as your bishop, I want to be in partnership with you to strengthen the ministry of the United Methodist Church in this widespread Denver Area, by strengthening the faith and the faithful witness of every single one of us United Methodists. So, in the days and months and years ahead, I will be working with all of you, trying to open the pathways of faith development and formation among us, so that we will be strong disciples in mission and ministry.

Are you are ready? Great things are going to happen among us as we open ourselves to the wild winds of the Holy Spirit in new and unexpected ways.

God wants to work wonders through us.

I'm ready if you are. *Your sister in Christ, Bishop Elaine*

Servant Spotlight: Sandi Miyaki

by Michelle Ellis



Sandi Miyaki and her husband Mike have been members of St. Luke's for nearly twenty years. Throughout those years Sandi has served in a variety of different capacities, I recently had the chance to chat with her about what brought her here and why she volunteers:

Why did you chose St. Luke's?

I grew up as one of seven kids on a farm in a Methodist Church in a tiny community in central Illinois that had a fly-in pastor. It was one of those places where everyone comes together in times of joy, concern or just a break in the long winters for a casserole supper. In 1990, when I moved to Highlands Ranch I waddled (pregnant with her son Joey) into a couple of different church services with then 2 year-old Ben in tow to differing reactions—but when we came to St. Luke's the welcome we got was just like showing up at my childhood church. The welcome was sincere and warm—a terrific first impression. Then we heard Bill Fethke's chancel choir and left with a hug from Bill Selby and we were hooked. Our music programs are incredible, and although St. Luke's continues to grow, we still have a close community here.

What do you like most about St. Luke's?

When we say there's a place for you here it's a heartfelt message that is shared. It's very much like the small town church I grew up in—amazing support is here in the form of outreach. Joey suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury in the spring of 2006 and we learned first hand how this church responds to care for someone who's hurting. It was truly awesome—from pastoral care, and staff, to Trustees, the Caring Connection, members from Stephen Ministries, nursery staff, prayer chain, and many St. Luke's friends were there for us throughout our surgeries, rehab at Craig Hospital, and outpatient therapies. It was an incredible feeling to have so much steady support.

Which groups have you been involved with at St. Luke's?

- One room Sunday School in our unfinished basement of the first building
- Cooked and served lots of youth suppers
- Trustees
- Fellowship Events Team
- Past member of Little School Board of Directors
- 2008 Building Committee

Why do you volunteer at St. Luke's?

It's simple—because when we joined, we promised we would.

What do you think is the importance of being a servant?

As a Trustee, one thing that troubled me was our general appearance—especially in our children's spaces. Most Sundays, when passing through the hallways to go find one of the boys, I'd hear parents caution their children not to touch the floor, not to pick things up—it was too dirty. In my profession (Sandi's a realtor with Keller Williams' Park Meadows office), I know first impressions count—big time. Did you know when most people enter a home they make up their minds in the first 60-90 seconds if they like it? I felt like I could make a difference, getting a shine on our spaces became a priority for me as a Trustee. My concern was if people didn't stay around long enough to find out who we are, what we do, and what we have—when they need support in their lives or want to be a part of a terrific community they should know we're here. It's a great place.

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Café St. Luke's: Join us for
Coffee & Conversation about our
community 9:30am the 2nd Sunday
of the month. Meet your Barista
Lynda Fickling at the coffee station
located in the Fellowship Hall.



James Ramsey
Dir. of Music
Ministry & the Arts



Kay Coryell
Associate Dir. of
Music Ministry



Ken Mervine
Organist/
Accompanist

The Hedgehog of Hilarity has been Awarded!

On Saturday September 20th, the wit of youth and adults was put to the test in an improv competition that is sure to go down in hilarity history! Playing short form improv, like “Whose Line Is It Anyway”, a team of youth (WITY) battled a team of adults (SLIP) for the coveted prize, The Hedgehog of Hilarity. In the end, the adults won after a close call vote from the audience and we raised just under \$200 for Interfaith Task Force. Thus the Hedgehog of Hilarity will live in Jim Ramsey’s office until the two teams battle again. When, you ask? January 17th, 2009 is the date of the rematch. Be sure to put it on your calendar and ask Jim for a viewing of the prize, it is well worth it.



continued from page 1 Director Dave Laurvick shares, “This production has an underlying theme of the characters ‘coming to life’ right off the drawing board of Charles Schultz, much as we have ‘come to Life’ off of God’s drawing board AND through our personal relationship with Christ. Just as the master artist can ‘erase away’ an errant pencil stroke or quickly change the focus of a characters journey, so too can our ‘Master Artist’ erase away our sins and errors, and move us to a different path.

These characters each hold many of the same human traits, frailties, emotions, hopes, aspirations, and frustrations that the audience holds. We see ourselves in the character of Linus—mature beyond his years, but carries a security blanket. Charlie Brown has yet to fly a kite, punt a football, or talk to the little red-headed girl... but never loses hope that he will someday. We see our innocence in Sally, our humanity in Peppermint Patty, our conflicted self in Lucy, and the ‘Walter Mitty’ adventurer in Snoopy.”

Bring a friend, tell your neighbor but join them for an evening of lighthearted music and laughter as we follow Charlie Brown misgivings of another day and you will be benefiting the John Wesley School and Denver Women’s Crisis Center. With your support, they hope to raise as much as \$10,000!

Performance Times:

Friday, November 7 at 7:00pm

Saturday, November 8 at 7:00pm

Sunday, November 9 at 3:00pm

Tickets available beginning October 12

Reservation Tickets are \$2 each and available from cast members, Sunday mornings and during business hours at the church office.

Gala Benefit Dinner - Nov. 8 at 5:30pm

Gala Dinner Tickets are \$50 (includes \$40 donation)

Production Team:

Director - Dave Laurvick

Assistant Director - Danny McIntosh

Music Director - James Ramsey

Assistant Music Director - Roberta Hamilton-Griggs

Choreographer - Kelly Kates

Cast:

Charlie Brown - Jeremy Brown

Lucy - Leigh Ramsey, Linus - Brian Rollins

Sally - Jenna Wilcox, Snoopy - Patrick Griggs

Schroeder - James Ramsey

Peppermint Patty - Meg Hendrickson

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DON'T MISS!

October 2008

- 10/5 – **Pumpkin Patch Open thru 10/31**
 10/8 – SLAM 6:30pm
 10/9 – Donut Whole 6:45am
 10/12 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
 - Bible Boot 9:30am
 - WITY Improv 11am
 - SLY PM: Serious Stuff: Faith & Sexuality
 10/15 – SLAM 6:30pm
 10/16 – Donut Whole 6:45am
 10/19 – **Fall Festival**
10:30am- 1:30pm
 10/19 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
 - Bible Boot 9:30am
 - WITY Improv 11am
 - SLY PM: Corn Maze, Bring \$10
 10/22 – SLAM 6:30pm
 10/23 – Donut Whole 6:45am
 10/25 – **Warren Village Haunted House**
 10/26 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
 - Bible Boot 9:30am
 - WITY Improv 11am
 - SLY PM: Costume Contest
 10/29 – SLAM 6:30pm
 10/30 – Donut Whole 6:45am
 10/31 – **Pumpkin Patch Closes**

November 2008

- 11/2 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
 - Bible Boot 9:30am
 - WITY Improv 11am
 - SLY PM : Karaoke & Talent Show
 11/5 – SLAM 6:30pm
 11/6 – Donut Whole 6:45am
 11/9 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
 - Bible Boot 9:30am
 - WITY Improv 11am
 - SLY PM: *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown* Matinee, 3:00pm
 Free tix for youth.
 11/12 – SLAM 6:30pm
 11/13 – Donut Whole 6:45am
 11/16 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
 - Bible Boot 9:30am
 - WITY Improv 11am
 - SLY PM: Serious Stuff: Homelessness in Denver
 11/19 – SLAM 6:30pm
 11/20 – Donut Whole 6:45am
 11/23 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
 - Bible Boot 9:30am
 - WITY Improv 11am
 - SLY PM: More Than Thanks
 11/26 – SLAM 6:30pm
 11/30 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
 - Bible Boot 9:30am
 - WITY Improv 11am
 - SLY PM: Tree Lighting Ceremony and College Care Packs
 12/3 – SLAM 6:30pm
 12/4 – Donut Whole 6:45am



Chris Wilterdink
 Director of
 Youth Ministries



Susan Johnson
 Assistant Director
 of Youth Ministries

CHRIS'S CORNER

Do Good: Don't Avoid the Scary

Yes, at the end of October comes the time of year when we are allowed to dress ourselves in the scariest threads that this world has to offer. We have license to become what we fear the most, if even for one night only.

Think back to the first Halloween you can remember as a younger child. Can you recall the frightful sense of anticipation as you suited up for trick-or-treating? The dread feeling of shyness creeping up as you approach the doors at strange new houses? The wide-eyed looks you gave to the ghosts and ghouls as they passed you by on the street? Your first year may have indeed given you some fright. But with each passing year, the costumes seemed less scary, approaching houses less foreign, and the anxiety transformed to genuine excitement.

Likewise, the first time that you address the scarier topics of life the conversations can feel awkward, filled with anxiety, and can leave you staring wide-eyed into uncertainty. Suicide, Drug Use, Sex, Abuse... and yet, the more you face down these scary topics, the more confidence you gain and the less anxiety you feel about them.

This Fall SLY is facing some of these topics head on. In September we invited SPIN (Suicide Prevention and Intervention Network) along with Carrie Hugus to address the topic of suicide. This month on October 12 we will host a SLY PM session open to youth and parents to discuss faith & sexuality. Parents are invited to come with their youth at 5:30 for dinner, and then we will split into smaller groups to discuss different topics with different age groups. The issues that come up with faith and sexuality will of course take more than the normal time we allocate for our Sunday night activities, and we hope to use what we cover as a springboard to a fully dedicated weekend in the Spring on faith & sexuality open to youth and their families.

SLY wants to help get some serious topics on the table in addition to having some fun together. The reason goes back to transforming anxiety into comfort, and facing the scary instead of running away from what causes you fear. See you this month as we stare down some scary things together! *—Peace & Love, Chris*

✦ **Fall Festival:** Sunday October 19 from 10am to 1:30pm. Bring donations to enjoy a bouncy castle, carnival games, face painting, pumpkin decorating and more at our annual Fall Festival! Freshly grilled hot dogs and lunches will be available.

✦ **Warren Village Haunted House and Carnival**

You can sign up to help us put on a haunted house and fall carnival for the families of Warren Village on October 25. Approximately 11am to 9pm. You will earn 8 hours of pumpkin patch credit by helping out! Look for the sign up sheet at church or email chris@stlukeshr.com to get added to the list!

✦ **Faith & Sexuality**

Faith and Sexuality conversations open to youth and parents as a part of SLY PM on October 12. Families invited to attend together, different presentations for different age groups.

Open for Business

The Pumpkin Patch opens up for business on October 6 and remains open all the way until October 31. The patch is our biggest fundraiser of the year for youth missions, and pumpkins, strawbales, gourds and more are available from 11:00am-6:00pm Monday thru Friday and 9:00am-6:00pm on the weekends.

Our patch is entirely stocked by volunteers, the vast majority of whom come from St. Luke's. If you have not yet signed up to work a two-hour shift, there are still open slots in the schedule! Contact Susan at susan@stlukeshr.com to take a shift.

Have a College Age Youth?

SLY will be packing care packages with cookies at the end of November to send away to former SLY kids and members of St. Luke's who are currently college-bound (or just finished!) We need fresh addresses for these care packs, even if you have given us information in the past, please provide us a current name and mailing address. Email this info to chris@stlukeshr.com to guarantee some sweetness before finals!



Keep A Lid On It!

Refurbishment continues this month, moving to our main floor. We're so excited to bring this chapter of the Bold Venture Refurbishments Projects to successful conclusion, and we're asking your help so we make the most of this wonderful investment. This month, our staff has declared a 'Keep a Lid on it!' campaign. We're asking that you and your family use lids to tightly cover drinks and enjoy them with friends and family at a table in the Fellowship Hall before moving into the hallways. In addition to taking care of our church, we want to make sure hot drinks aren't spilled on others as people hurry through the building to their next stop.

We're also initiating a new building and landscaping modification request form to help us get better at maintaining our building and grounds. If your group is thinking about making changes to classrooms, common areas, or our grounds, please pick up a form from Bonnie in the office and follow the instructions to secure approval before you start. This way we can make sure your projects will work for others who use the same spaces and are carefully maintained after they're completed. As Trustees, it's important that we manage changes well, and this request form is the first step to making that happen. —*Sandi Miyaki*

The Bold Venture Takes Shape



The calendar is moving ahead quite well for the Bold Venture construction of a new youth/adult education wing and chapel. The remodeling of the children's ministries rooms is completed with new paint and floor coverings. Little School and Sunday School began with both children and parents celebrating the new, clean space.



The youth wing and chapel/adult education additions are taking shape as flooring and framing are completed. Carpeting has been selected for the Fellowship Hall, Narthex, classrooms, and administrative offices.

The most unsettling news has been the determination by county officials that we must put in another water hydrant. That one new component will add at least \$50,000 to

our expenses as it will involve working under Broadway. The Building Committee will re-think the budget and determine the effect of this decision on the whole project.

Thank you to the Building Committee for their great leadership with A.D. Miller Construction: Scott Kohrs (chairperson), David Rhodes, Randy Larson, Joyce Carnes, Dee Duncan, Ken Fong, Sandi Miyaki, Marge Harper, Peter Waldheim, Tim Krening, and Terri Ary. Dave Cupp and Janet Forbes are staff liaisons.



Dave Cupp
Director of Finance



Lisé Takayama
Assistant Director
of Finance

How Are We Doing Financially?:

Our August collections were a little less than expected by about \$7,500. This leaves us with a year-to-date shortage in collections of about \$27,000. This seems to be a continuation of the trend for the year. We have three months left to get even. Since the new fall season is in full swing, we have the ability to take care of the problem. I'm confident we will be able to do

that in the coming months.

Don't Forget the Extra \$100 Challenge: As you know, I've been encouraging everyone to find an extra \$100 to help bring our giving back in line with what was projected. If all our families gave an extra \$100 or so, it would go a long way toward making sure we have another break even year. The \$100 number isn't a tremendously large number. However, when you consider how many families we have and put all the \$100 together, it becomes a very significant amount—and a big problem solver.

Don't Forget We Have Many Choices To Make Your Giving To SLUMC Easy And Convenient. We currently have around \$500,000 of our general fund and bold venture capital campaign fund donations coming from the electric funds transfer (eft) and online methods—over 100 transactions per month. Plus, we sell about \$70,000 dollars of grocery cards each year through these methods. You may want to consider one of these convenient methods for your contributions.

In addition to cash and checks, we offer credit card transactions (either in person or online), stock transfers and scheduled automatic withdrawals from checking or credit card accounts for you to use in doing your transactions with St Luke's. The following is a general summary:

- **General Fund and Capital Campaign:** All methods. However, you need to call ahead to use your credit card in person here at the office to make sure I'm here to process the transaction.
- **Grocery Cards:** Cash, Check, Scheduled automatic withdrawal from checking accounts.
- **Special Events:** Depending on the type of event may include cash, check, card present credit card and credit card online transactions. The method(s) available at each event will be announced at the time of the event and are at the discretion of the sponsor.

"Miss Lynne" continued from page 1 have known, but one of the most committed to her job in the love she showed to the children and families with whom she worked." Jenita Rhodes adds, "One of Lynne's gifts is her love for people. She would strive to find the best fit for her volunteers, a place where they could enjoy what they are doing and find personal satisfaction at the same time. Lynne is an amazing woman, a super "right hand gal" and my friend. While she will still be serving at St. Luke's, her direction of our Children's programs will be missed."

Lynne has great appreciation for those who she worked with (volunteers and staff) and explains, "The past seven years at St. Luke's have been full of joy and growth for me and the children's program. I am stepping down from my staff position, to spend more time with my family, but am looking forward to the other ways I can continue to serve at St. Luke's. I am so grateful for the life-long friends I have made here and the experiences we have shared."

Her love for children is a great example to us all! Lynne will still be around as a member of St. Luke's and will be volunteering with Children's Ministry some as well. Be sure to offer your thanks to Lynne when you see her!



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



Fall Festival Sunday October 19 10:00am-1:30pm.

Bring donations to enjoy a bouncy castle, carnival games, face painting, pumpkin decorating and more at our annual Fall Festival! Freshly grilled hot dogs and lunches will be available.

Dinners for 6,7 & 8: Now forming for the fall-spring rotation! If you enjoy eating and getting together with friends, sign up for our dinner group! We put you together with other adults who meet at each others' homes for fellowship and a potluck meal. Contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659x20 lynda@stlukeshr.com
Deadline for sign-up is Oct. 26th!

OCTOBER 2008 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 5  8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship 5:30pm: SLY PM 7:34pm: Feeding of the 5,000: We Need U2	 6 6:30pm: Women's Night Out	 7 6:30pm: SLAM	 8 6:30pm: SLAM	 9 No Little School	 10 Mission: Gleaning 7:30am: Men's Breakfast	 11
 12 Stewardship Kickoff 3rd Grade Bibles 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship - Rev. Janet Forbes 9:30am: Cafe St. Luke's noon: UMW Mission Team Mtg. 5:30pm: SLY PM 7:34pm: Fusion	 13 5:30: Little School Board 7:00: Trustees	 14 7:00pm: Emmaus Reunion Group	 15 6:30am: SLAM	 16 6:30pm: Dinner Dance at Southridge	 17  10:00am: Discovery Club	 18
 19  Fall Festival 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship - Rev. Pam Rowley 5:30pm: SLY PM 7:34pm: Fusion	 20	 21 7:30am: Success Connection 6:30pm: Live, Love, Laugh Club	 22 6:30pm: SLAM	 23	 24 6:30pm: Chick Flick	 25 Haunted House At Warren Village
 26 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship - Rev. Brad Laurvick 5:30pm: SLY PM 7:34pm: Fusion	 27 6:30pm: UMW Book Club	 28 7:00pm: Emmaus Reunion Group	 29 Little School Harvest Party 6:30pm: SLAM	 30 Little School Harvest Party	 31	NOV 1
 2 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship - Rev. Janet Forbes 5:30pm: SLY, Jr. 5:30pm: SLY PM 7:34pm: Fusion	 3 6:30pm: Women's Night Out	 4	 5 6:30pm: SLAM	 6	 7  7:00pm: You're a Good Man Charlie Brown	 8 7:30am: Men's Breakfast 7:00pm: You're a Good Man Charlie Brown