

The CHRONICLE



Highlands Ranch, Colorado

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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and much more!



**October 4 and 5:
Bring non-perishable
food. Help us fill
DenUM's shelves
and feed the hungry!**

Throughout the weekend of October 4 and 5, St. Luke's will be concluding its 25th anniversary year with the *Feeding of the 5,000: We Need U2*. Thanks to everyone who participated in 2007, we exceeded our goal and actually gathered enough food and donations to feed 7,000 people for Denver Urban Ministries. An incredible miracle! Because there are some things that can only be accomplished when people come together, we are proposing an audacious goal to conclude our 25th anniversary celebration and to engage a broader participation from the entire Highlands Ranch

Community. Through the help of local churches including St. Andrew and Christ Lutheran, our goal is to raise enough food for 1,000 meals per day from October until the end of December or 90,000 pounds of non-perishable food. Monetary donations are also accepted (\$1 approximately = 1 pound of food). All monetary donations are used by DenUM to purchase food at cost.

To top off the weekend, join us for a special worship experience featuring the music of U2 led by our Fusion Band and other members of the community as we celebrate this amazing event at 7:34pm on Saturday, October 4th and at 7:34pm on Sunday, October 5th.

Highlands Ranch and the surrounding community have the capacity and the heart to make this kind of a difference in the lives of so many. Join the *Feeding of the 5,000: We Need U2* campaign by participating and engaging friends, family and co-workers to be part of this miracle and let's make a difference now!



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.

All are welcome!
Whether you've
been here 1 day or
25 years, come join
us for some great
discussion and
coffee!



Planting Hope

by Elise Collins

The Hayman Fire began June 8, 2002 and burned many acres over the next few days. On the Junior High Mission trip, we worked with C.U.S.P. (Collation for the Upper South Platte) to rehabilitate the Hayman Burn area.

The first day of the mission trip, we set off in the bus to a Methodist church near Woodland Park where we'd be staying. When we arrived, we were invited to stay for their youth group meeting where we learned more about Psalm 23 and played a sheep and shepherd game.

The next day, we started working. We helped plant grass seed, watered aspens, and laid out straw to help stop erosion. At the end of the day during our devotion we drew a campfire and wrote what each part represented.

The third day, we helped clear out dead brush and other wood, and sent it through the wood chipper. That day's devotion was giving everyone compliments on what they

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTORS

Sunday Worship Services:

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

Sunday School:

Adult, Youth & Children:

9:30am & 11:00am

Nursery available for

9:30am & 11:00am services

Church Office: 303-791-0659

Fax: 303-470-5615

St. Luke's Youth.....x45

Childcare Reservations.....x47

Email: office@stlukeshr.com

Website: www.stlukeshr.com

Staff:

Rev. Janet Forbes.....x13

Senior Minister
Emergency: 303-241-9312

Rev. Pam Rowley.....x32

Associate Minister
Emergency: 720-348-1528

Rev. Brad Laurvick.....x12

Associate Minister
Emergency: 720-296-1251

James Ramsey.....x23

Director of Music Ministry & the Arts

Kay Coryell.....x36

Associate Director of Music Ministry

Ken Mervine.....x42

Organist/Accompanist

Josh Carr.....x44

Fusion Worship Leader

Carrie Mallery.....x35

Assistant Fusion Worship Leader

Chris Wilterdink.....x14

Director of Youth Ministry

Susan Johnson.....x19

Assistant Director of Youth Ministry

Marcus Carlson.....x27

Minister to Children and their Families

Lynne Butler.....x11

Assistant Director of Children's Ministry

Kristina Linn.....x40

Director of Childcare

Lynda Fickling.....x20

Director of Servant Ministry

Bonnie Funk.....x10

Church Secretary

Dave Cupp.....x24

Director of Finance

Lisé Takayama.....x16

Assistant Director of Finance

Barry Curtis.....x39

Facilities Manager

Kay Swanson.....303-791-1982

Director of Little School



Rev. Janet Forbes
Senior Pastor



Rev. Pam Rowley
Associate Minister



Rev. Brad Laurvick
Associate Minister

Spirit is Alive: Fall at St. Luke's

Blessings to all of you!

As we all begin to settle back into life after summer, we cannot express how much we are looking forward to this fall at St. Luke's. With so many wonderful ministries continuing, new ministries beginning, it is obvious to us that the Spirit is alive and moving through our community.

This fall, there is a lot of preparation going on. We are preparing our new building. The staff is preparing to incorporate the "Three Simple Rules" into every aspect of our ministry. We have Sunday School teachers preparing to engage our children. We have youth sponsors preparing to connect with our young people. We have people preparing to take Adult Education classes (which you can sign up for in Fellowship Hall at the red table.) We have facilitators preparing to make those classes life changing. We have people preparing to become Stephen ministers to care for our community. We have musical groups of all kinds preparing to offer

us ministry through song. We have mission teams preparing to serve. We have hospitality teams preparing to welcome every person who enters our doors with love and radical hospitality. We have teams preparing for what will be the largest food drive in Denver's history, accompanied by an amazing worship service set entirely to the music of U2. We have families preparing their calendars so they can participate in the many ministries of St. Luke's while balancing all of life's other demands.

This list could go on. There is so much being prepared for. The question to ask amidst all of this preparation though is, "What are we preparing for?" Though there are many answers to that question, we can trace some themes. We are preparing so that you can serve others. We are preparing so that you can be served. We are preparing to experience God's grace in worship. We are preparing to take God's love into the world. All of these answers share one thing in common... we are preparing for God – in what ever way that experience will come, however it will transform us.

So as we settle into life after summer, whether you are preparing for something at St. Luke's or for one of the many other things on your calendar, may we all pause and pray together, "God, help us to prepare for You", because God certainly has prepared something amazing for us.

Be Blessed and Be a Blessing,

—Rev. Janet, Rev. Brad, and Rev. Pam

From Rev. Brad... We sure had a lot of rain in August. Sure, the meteorologists are giving measurements and comparing historical averages, but it doesn't any of that to know that we sure had a lot of rain. I can tell because on my walk with our dog Jack we wander along a creek. The creek is usually six inches deep. When I walked this morning I saw something completely different... the water line was two feet above where it usually was. In fact in some places, you could see where it had crested the bank two feet on each side.

That's a lot of water.

What was interesting was looking at the edge of that water line. It was covered with debris. Sticks, trash, plants, dirt... all sorts of stuff that had been flushed out of the stream. In the overwhelming rush of water, the little stream had been emptied of all of the things that didn't belong.

That's a lot of meaning.

What does it mean for us to be washed of all debris. What kind of things lie in our lives and souls that only impede the flow of our daily lives? And what would it take to see those things washed away? Well, for me that answer can only be God. I try. I really do try to get rid of all the debris that collects in my life – the mistakes, the shortcomings, the feelings of failure, the ups and downs that leave me feeling like a little creek with a lot to overcome. And yet, there are some debris that I can't eliminate.

And then it happens... a giant downpour. A rush beyond any forecast that fills my life.

It is God's grace. And like we sing at Fusion, "Hallelujah! Grace like rain falls down on me." And suddenly in that rush I am made new, the debris is washed away, and I am changed. And like that little creek near my house, I believe the evidence can be seen by those who see me.

As God's people, we are deeply blessed by a God who will pour out grace on us in such life changing ways. It is my prayer that we – as individuals and as a church family – will experience and cherish this flow of grace every day. God's grace is constantly outpouring, may our prayer together be to enjoy it and all that will come because of it.

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

Letter to St. Luke's

St. Luke's gave Katie a grant toward her participation in Come Let's Dance. Here's her recount of the experience.

Dear family and friends:

You will all be relieved to know that I have safely returned from my adventure to Uganda! I am in one piece and beyond a few bumps, bruises and possible stomach parasite, I am nothing but better off.

I'm sure you're all curious about our projects and experiences, and although this letter barely even scratches the surface, here is a basic idea of our projects in Nanasana. Come Let's Dance has 4 main projects at the moment. First is the kids' house. A man named Wilfred runs the orphanage and as a 23-year-old newlywed, he needs as much financial and physical help as he can get to support his 30 plus kids. Beyond that, Come Let's Dance recently bought farmland (well, more like jungle right now) to grow food and maybe raise livestock for the kids' house. This will not only provide food for the kids at the house, but could potentially act as a source of income as well. The third main project helps a slum called Katonga near Kampala. Many parents can't afford to send their kids to school so volunteers keep the kids out of trouble through a makeshift daycare during the week. And the final project tries to provide the women of Katonga with a source of income. This entire concept sparked the establishment of a sewing and bead-making shop five minutes from the slum itself.

As I said, this cannot even begin to describe the absolutely amazing people I got to know, the horrendous poverty I experienced, or the indescribable love I felt from these people, but logistically, that's what we did. I focused was on the kids' house and the slums. We performed general maintenance on the house, held babies who rarely get touched, and helped the house moms with their duties at the kids' house among other things. In the slums, we played with kids who never get the opportunity to learn, got to know their mothers, helped financially support businesses in an effort to provide a hand up rather than a hand out, pay medical bills for patients who would otherwise (and still sometimes do) die at Mulago Hospital, and get to know the street kids in an attempt to one day send them from the streets of Kampala back to the village they came from looking for work.

I just want to make sure you all know how incredible you have been through my journey. I have found my purpose in life and it's all thanks to you. I could never have taken this trip without your continuing support and I cannot thank you enough. I know I will one day (hopefully soon) return to Uganda to continue the relationships I have built and continue serving the greater purpose for which I am meant.

Thank you all for changing my life and the lives of the destitute in Uganda. You have forever made the world a better place so thank you so incredibly much!!! Please feel free to contact me or check out the Come Let's Dance website at www.comeletsdance.org with any questions or concerns and for further donation opportunities.

I love you all very much and again thank you with all of my heart!

Katie Van Horne

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303-470-0655 or 303-947-4589

Pura Vida's Education for Life Benefit Concert 2008:

Join us Thursday, Sept. 18 at

The Soiled Dove Underground
7401 East 1st Ave, Denver

[www.taverhg.com/soiled dove](http://www.taverhg.com/soiled-dove)

Tickets available in the Narthex.
Featuring Face & Mile 21 a cappella.

All proceeds will go to the building of
the John Wesley School in Guatemala.

Western Midwest Floods - UMCOR is involved in helping the people in the Midwest recover from the devastating floods. If you would like to contribute, you can write a check to St. Luke's UMC with "UMCOR #901670 - Midwest floods" on the memo line.

Mission Opportunity - A recent visitor to our church, Kathy Hess, runs a mission to help repair United Methodist churches in San Antonio. She invites all to come and help! Both professionals and non-experienced people needed. See www.churchconnectionstx.com for more details or call 210-872 6329.

Food Bank - As a result of our special "Fill the Truck" food drive for DenUM's food bank in May and June, we delivered about 2000 pounds of food to DenUM. Yes, we all really did donate a ton of food! On Thursday morning, July 24, DenUM ran out of food (despite our 1 ton donation) and had to turn people away. They went out and purchased some food for the afternoon. The last time DenUM ran out was last January. In June 2008, 1129 families were served with emergency food compared with 555 families in June 2007 - a 100% increase! DenUM and their clients really appreciate the food we donate!

Pop Cans for Milk!

Let's get going on raising money by turning soda cans into milk money! There is a place called Can Land in north Denver that pays \$0.70 for each pound of cans brought to them. They are open on Saturdays and we could meet one or two Saturdays this Summer and have a caravan of cans and kids to this place. One giant can of powdered milk only costs \$12.00 and will provide enough milk for a family for 2 months. Let's make a difference in the life of a kid!

PLAYGROUP

Saturday, September 13: Playgroup Extravaganza

10:00am-noon at the St. Luke's playground (weather permitting).

All kids ages newborn-5 years old are invited to join us for a morning of play time and new friends. Parents come and meet some of our church families and sign up to be a part of a new St. Luke's Playgroup. We will have snacks and a lot of fun things to play with so you can sit, rest and chat. Please RSVP by September 10 to Kristina Linn 303-791-0659 X40 or Kristina@stlukeshr.com



Lynda Fickling
Director of
Servant Ministry



We are Called to Serve

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

Puppet Ministry: This ministry conveys Biblical stories to a diverse community and audience. We could use up to 4 (at least 2) committed adults for the team. They would

attend rehearsals and perform with the team. Support is needed in making props, costumes and helping set up and take down. If you are interested in joining this unique and very popular (!) ministry, contact Steve and Cathy Collins 303-346-0275 scecollins@earthlink.net

Get Connected Ministry Team: Our "Get Connected" table is located in the Narthex. It is our information stop for all members and guests. Our vision/mission is to help each person to connect to St. Luke's in anyway that they need. To serve on this team, all you

need is the ability to talk to everyone about everything! Open on Sunday mornings, serving 30 minutes before or after services, one Sunday a month. Spiritual Gifts: Helps, Service, Hospitality. Contact: Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659x20 lynda@stlukeshr.com

Ushers: Open invitation to all that are interested in serving as ushers during our worship services. Ushers typically serve on a quarterly basis. If you would enjoy connecting to our community through ushering, please contact Shawn Slade at 303-660-6113 denverslade@msn.com

Guest Service Station: If you enjoy being invitational and relational, please consider serving as our "conciierge." 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

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!

MOVING ON

Members Who Haved Moved: August 2008

It is always difficult to say good-bye to dear friends. May God's Peace, Grace and Love be with them always, as they begin a new journey away from their St. Luke's community:

David & Gretchen Armijo
(Christine (CU) and Caroline)
12048 157th Ct. NE
Redmond, WA 98052

Tim & Cathy Brewster
(Eric, Clinton and Nolan)
Minnesota

Donna Duffey
Bremerton, WA

Mike & Susan Stanley
(Lauren and Jessica)
4091 Willow Creek Drive
Gibsonia, PA 15044

Eric & Kari Wangsness
(Kristen, Hans, Nels, Thea Grace)
Chicago, IL



Week Ending August 29, 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 Hutchins' 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
Tim Kessler (Jenny Stevenson's friend)
Amy Rezvani (friend of Eileen Law)
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)
Robert McGill (Sharon Oliver's father)
Maureen Hoffman (Monty Hoffman's mother)
Beverly Dodds (Terri Korpals' 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)
Richard O'Neill (Becky Hutchins' father)
Carol Bryden (Kay Swanson's mother)
Lori Lieberman (friend of Jane Damsgard)
Jed Bennett (Fred & Jean Bennett's son)
Thelma Ready (Ken Ready's mother)
Margie Stephenson (friend of Kathy Hess)
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)
Pam Wiethoff
Brenda Schafer
Harriet Smith (Dewey Smith's mother)
Charlie Rufien
Dylan Church
Dolores Freel (Val Goodstein's aunt)
Jack Allison (Jim & Joy Damsgard's friend)
Janusz Daszuta (pastor from Poland)
Andrew Jones (friend of Renee Sanek)
Carol Eckberg (Kris Reif's mother)
Dennis Urban (friend of Sharon Scholle)
Rey Lucero (Gov. Lucero's father)
Barney Kirkpatrick (Kerry Lucero's uncle)
Dustin Baird (family friend of the Lucero's)
Charlotte Tiernan
Helen Bartz (Bev Tripple's mother)
Ken Ready
Janet Wilson (Betty McIntyre's sister)
Wally Speers
Beryl Abbott (Nancy Abbott's mother-in-law)
- SYMPATHIES:**
- To Jeff & Karen Jussell and family on the passing of Jeff's mother, Dorothy Jussell, Aug. 22
- To Angela & Bobbi Chaplin and family on the passing of Angela's step-father, Donald Dancy, Aug. 27
- To Katie & Jeff Newell and family on the passing of Katie's mother Jodie, Aug. 27

THE SPIRIT OF ST. LUKE'S



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

More from Les: The Professor Marvelous Science Kit

"Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, listen carefully! Here is an opportunity of a lifetime! A chance that may never come to you again! For a limited time only, you too can personally experience the mystery of the power of the universe! Folks, I'm talking about the Professor Marvelous Science Kit. With it you can amaze and entertain your friends, even impress your teachers. Send now to receive this one-of-a-kind kit. The kit is available by mail, only from Professor Marvelous. Send one dollar, no coins please, in a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to Professor Marvelous Science Kit, P. O. Box 8, Del Rio, Texas and prepare yourself for excitement as you explore the unknown! Allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery, please."

Allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery, please."

As a kid, I was a sucker for these radio ads. Anything that represented itself as scientific or technical was something I just had to have! I finally cajoled my mother into letting me mail a dollar to Professor Marvelous. But first, she had these standard questions for me:

"What are you going to do with it?" "How long will it last?" "What will you throw away to make room for it in your room?"

I thought, "When would my mother learn that my science collection might one day hold the cure for some terrible illness or offer the solution of some difficult scientific question?" My mom lived too much for today, she had no vision for tomorrow, no desire to explore the unknown! But, she gave me the dollar anyway and told me to wrap it in paper so the money wouldn't show through the envelope.

After two weeks, the advertisement for Professor Marvelous advertisement was no longer on the radio. Then I began to worry, "Could someone have stolen my dollar from the mail? Had they sold out of the kits and didn't have any more to mail out?" What was taking so long? My agony and anticipation continued for three more excruciating weeks. I had all but given up hope and then one afternoon, I arrived home from school to find my self-addressed envelope lying on the kitchen table. My kit had arrived! With trembling hands, I tore open the envelope to get at the treasures inside.

From the envelope fell three sheets of paper, a balloon, a small plastic magnifying glass, and two small iron magnets. "Congratulations," said the top of the first page, *"you are the proud owner of the Professor Marvelous Science Kit, please follow the instructions carefully to get the most out of your kit."*

"1. For the lesson on Newton's second law, find two billiard balls."

What is this? They didn't say anything about buying something else!

"2. For the lesson on Newton's third law, blow up the balloon, then let it go."

What? Like I've never done that before!

"3. For the lesson on the power of the sun, hold the magnifying glass in the sunlight, above a small piece of paper." This was getting complicated, and anyway, it was a cloudy day!

I looked at the meager contents of the envelope with disdain and disappointment. "Is that all there is? What's so amazing about this stuff? I can't impress any of my friends with a balloon or this cheap magnifying lens!" My anticipation had gone far beyond the reality of that one-dollar Science Kit. I had gotten so wrapped up in the preparations that I had lost sight of the kit's purpose. I was disappointed because I had built up expectations that the kit was never designed to fulfill.

Just as the Professor Marvelous Science Kit failed to live up to my 9-year old expectations, I believe we all have, at times, tended to generate higher than realistic expectations for a particular anticipated event or place, and allowed us to stray far from reality.

Think about some new thing that may be coming into your life. It may be a long-anticipated vacation trip, a new car, a new pet in the home, a planned visit from a friend you haven't seen for a long time, a new business venture, or perhaps, a new class you will be starting soon.

We approach these things with anticipation and anticipation is good, it means we have hope. Without hope, life cannot be lived to its fullest. And anticipation is so much fun! Anticipation, by itself, can be as romantic as desired; we can fantasize at will, but it does not necessarily force us to deal with reality. Each new thing or situation in our lives contains certain realities that we may have conveniently ignored or forgotten in our anticipation. The glossy advertisements, the sales person's words or our own expectations may have distorted reality. We may overlook the potential new demands on us or increases in the commitments we must make. Balance is needed! We must allow ourselves to be open to the "Professor Marvelous Science Kits" of today and our expectations must be balanced by the facts of the situation before we proceed. Then, living life with hope day-to-day can offer us unlimited opportunities to feed our souls.

God Bless us all! —Rev. Les

NEW MEMBERS



Sam & Teri Burget
Joshua and Amanda
"It meets the needs & wants of our family."



Cindy Chumacas
Autumn Challice
"To be part of a church family."



Scott & Sue Jones
Wesley, Will and Mitchell
"We love this church and feel at home here."



Jeff & Katie Newell
Kaitlyn and Joshua
"St. Luke's welcomed us with open arms, understood where we were in life and promised to guide us into faith."



Marc & Rhonda Ratcliff



Jennifer Utter
"St. Luke's is a very strong community and very welcoming towards everyone and I wanted to become closer to God through such a great community."



Rick & Sheri Crabtree
"We found a community that is focused on God's Service."



Aloysious & Aletha Fahn
Elizabeth, Christon, Philip and Elydia



Ann Marie Hayward
Spencer
"To be a part of a religious community and raise my child to know Christ on a deeper level."



Christine Holman & Darwin Walrath
"We found St. Luke's UMC and felt a calling from God to grow together and serve in Christ's ministry."



Jason & Megan Pressman
Luke and Thomas
"We immediately felt welcome and really connected to the sermons and the people."



Eddie & Kara Schwalm
Ty and Emry

WELCOME



Lynne Butler
Assistant Director of
Children's Ministry



Kristina Linn
Director of
Childcare



Marcus Carlson
Minister to Children
& their Families

CHILDREN & FAMILY CORNER Tradition!

Recently, we had a performance of *Fiddler on the Roof* here at St. Luke's. One of my favorite characters in this musical is Tevye, the family father who is seeking to preserve tradition in his family and community. When I think about my own family growing up, and my family now, I think about some of the traditions that shaped me, and will

shape my own children. Tradition is a lost art in our busy society, yet is critical to the emotional, spiritual, and communal formation of all kids and families. It is these traditions that add life to the chaos that can be daily family living. Tradition is also important to our church life as we celebrate and remember various events from scripture and history. Tradition molds our worship to give it that stability and sameness that we need in a fast changing world. It is tradition that passes on the influence of those who came before us. Traditions enhance holidays as well as ordinary events, and they allow families to come together. Traditions are critical to Children's Ministry and we will continue to add to the many great traditions and rites of passage that already exist. I want to encourage every family at St. Luke's to think about your own traditions in your family, some of the past (that may bring about fond and/or painful memories) and the traditions of your family now (no matter what "family" looks like at the moment) and to explore adding some traditions to your family life. Maybe talk with another family you know from work, school, your neighborhood, and here at St. Luke's and share some ideas and dreams with each other.

—Marcus



LITTLE SCHOOL News



Kay Swanson
Director of
Little School

It's Back to School Time!

Welcome to the 14th year of Little School! We are up and running despite some left over dust, and construction details! We love our new "digs" and you will notice that the LITTLE SCHOOL/Sunday School office has been moved to the bottom of the main stairway. This is much more convenient for Sunday School and Little School parents! With the walls being freshly painted, new flooring, doors and windows, we are off to a clean start. We thank all those who helped to get the school ready for the beginning especially our teachers and those that helped on Saturday August 23rd!

We have added some new staff to our Little School family this year. Ms. V (Kay Vandenburg), Ms. Erika (Devlin) and Ms. Dawn (Burger) will be joining our Four year old team. Ms. Carol (Verk) will join the Three's team. Ms. Karen (Engler) is now working full time instead of part-time and Ms. Sue (Feiler) will be our new permanent substitute.

Our dear Ms. Vicky, has taken a leave of absence to continue her cancer treatments and Ms. Jan is also taking a leave of absence for personal issues. We ask for you to keep both of them in your prayers.

We are excited to have Mr. Marcus on board as Minister to Children and Families and we are looking forward to his involvement with Little School. He will be helping with chapel this year as well as other pastoral staff members!

AS ALWAYS WE ENCOURAGE CHURCH MEMBERS TO BE A PART OF LITTLE SCHOOL. WE LOVE HAVING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP IN THE CLASSROOM, READ TO THE CHILDREN OR PARTICIPATE IN FUN ACTIVITIES! Please remember if you are retired, the children love connecting with our wonderful seniors! Some of them live far away from their grandparents and this is a great way for them to interact with you!

We ask your prayers as we begin another year of preschool. We are very blessed to have such a beautiful new space for our little ones to laugh, love and learn in! Thank you so much for supporting this extremely valuable ministry!

Lovingly, —Ms. Kay & Staff!—)

CALENDAR

September 7

Fall Kickoff!

September 23

Children's Ministry Team
Meeting 7:00pm

October 5

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

October 18

Discovery Club

October 19

Fall Festival

October 28

Children's Ministry Team
Meeting 7:00pm

Fall Registration & Needs Thanks to all of our parents and families who completed registration forms for this year and for those who were able to volunteer to help in all the areas of need. If you have not done a registration form yet, please see Lynne Butler as they are critical to our planning. Congratulations to the winners of the Jamba Juice gift cards and the winner of lunch with Rev. Janet. Thank you so much for all of the help with our programs and ministries to children and families. We still do have some needs that we could use more folks for. We need more workshop leaders (Sunday at 9:30am, 4-6 week commitment in the areas of science, art, games & storytelling) and curriculum is provided. We also need more adults to be a presence and sit with kids as a part of our Kids Own Worship service on Sundays at 11:00am. Please contact Marcus (x27, marcus@stlukeshr.com) for more information or to sign up to help.

Fall Lineup We have an exciting program for kids this fall! **At 9:30am** our Sunday School program continues. Kids under 2 will be in the nursery. We will have pre-school class for kids ages 2 through 4. Our kindergarten through 4th graders will be a part of our Peak workshop rotation program. This year, our 5th & 6th graders will be in their own class to enhance their growth called Tweens ROCK (which is a part of our Tweens Scene ministry to 5th & 6th graders). Sly, Jr. (also a part of our Tween Scene ministry) will meet on the first Sunday of each month starting in October from 5:30-7:30pm. **At 11:00am** we will be doing Kids Own Worship led by Marcus and a team of volunteers. Kids ages 5 and up will check in before the 11:00am service, then will head to service with their families. After children's time, they will be invited to join the Kids Own Worship service which will feature music, a short teaching (on a variety of subjects about church and Christianity such as the 3 simple rules, communion, baptism, etc.) and some experiential learning activities related to the lesson. *As always if you have ideas, needs, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Marcus or Lynne.*

Thank You St. Luke's

Jessica and I would like to thank all of the people of St. Luke's for the warm welcome we have received. We are so excited to have our family be a part of this great community and are excited about ministry here. I am excited to be a part of continuing and enhancing a great ministry to children and families and want to especially thank the staff, staff parish, and the search committee for their warm welcome and support.

—The Carlson Family
(Marcus, Jessica, Micah & Abby)

OUR COMMUNITY

St. Luke's Fall Hayride and Cookout

Sunday, September 28 - 4:00pm

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. We will enjoy a hayride, campfire, food, S'mores and fellowship with one another.

- Date:** Sunday, September 28, 2008
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.

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 7, 14 or 21. Cost is \$10/adult, \$8/child ages 2-11, and free for children under 2.

Volunteers are needed to help. Shopping, set up, clean up, sign up table, etc. Contact Amy Slade to help out. We can't do it without you!

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



Got Community?

On August 3, the St. Luke's Community gathered for our Annual church picnic. A fun time was had by all, courtesy of our Fellowship Events Team. Co-Leaders Mona Daniels (& Camille, Gracie and Henry!) and Lisa Lehnus who did a superb job at organizing this event! Chef Dave Laurvick, Chef Troy Daniels and Chef Bill Lee, cooked us up delicious hamburgers & hotdogs- yum, yum! And many thanks to all the families who donated our sides and desserts. Why is it we always have way too much desserts and ... who minds?!!

Thank you 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 heaviest canopies ever out of the garage!

Thanks to Ed Law who entertained us with his great music! And thanks to Tim Boles for setting up the sound system!

Our Children's Ministry provided games for us to enjoy! Thanks to Lynne Butler for getting that all organized!

Thanks to Chris Wilterdink for filling up those "wet" water balloons all by himself!! And to Rev. Brad leading us in our annual water toss! Have we got Community - YOU BET WE DO!!

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 AM 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: Co-Presidents – Fran West, Janet Sackett
 Secretary/Communications – Lori Lockrem
 Treasurer – Amy Curtis
 Spiritual Growth Coordinator – open
 Secretary of Program Resources – open

Weaving Prayer into Everyday Life: The fall kickoff Event is "Weaving Prayer Into Everyday Life." It will be held on September 14 from 2:00-4:00pm. The event will begin with pie and a social time in the Fellowship Hall. Next, everyone will move into the sanctuary for a devotion led by Patricia Westlake. It will be followed by a prayer program led by Pam Rowley, Lynda Fickling, Sally Suby-Long and Leigh Ramsey. Please sign up to attend and/or bring a pie.

UMW Mission Project: We have chosen UMCOR as our on-going mission project. We are collecting supplies for Bedding Kits, Sewing Kits and Layette Kits. These are the kits UMCOR needs the most. They are needed for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. Supply lists and a collection box can be found by the UMW bulletin board.

Mark your calendars:

- Sept. 7 UMW Mission Team Meeting
- Sept. 14 UMW General Meeting: "Weaving Prayer into Everyday Life"

Subgroups of UMW at St. Luke's UMC:

- **Evening Book Group:** Fourth Mondays of the month, 7:00pm Conference Room New book choices are being made for the fall. For more information, please call Fran West at 303-797-7107.
- **Itch to Stitch:** Second Wednesday of the month, 7:00-8:30pm - Mark Room. Please call Fran West at 303-797-7107. 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.
- **Scrapbooking Circle:** Every other month, 7:00-10:00 PM Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Christy Wohlleber at 720-344-3516. 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!
- **Women's Night Out:** First Monday of the month, 6:30 PM various locations For more information, please contact Lynda Fickling Lynda at 303-791-0659x20 or lynda@stlukeshr.com or Renae Parra at 303-683-0872 or renaeparra@aol.com.

St. Luke's Staff: Welcome Marcus Carlson!

by Amy Ash

This July, St. Luke's welcomed Marcus Carlson as the new Minister to Children and their Families. Marcus comes to St. Luke's with over nine years of ministry experience as an intern, youth minister and director. He has served in United Methodist churches in Colorado, Indiana and Michigan. Marcus completed his Bachelor of Youth Ministries at Eastern

University in St. David's, Pennsylvania. He has also earned a Certificate in Youth Ministry and a Master of Arts in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary in Colorado Springs. Marcus was first called to ministry as a high school freshman outside of Syracuse, New York, through Young Life ministries.

Marcus married his high school love, Jessica. They live in Colorado Springs with their two children - Micah, age three and Abigail, age one. The Carlson family (pictured above) also cares for two dogs and one cat. Marcus and Jessica own a business called Colorado Carlson Company. When he is not working, Marcus enjoys spending time with his family, hiking, mountain biking and especially napping in his hammock. Marcus is also an avid reader who often reads several books simultaneously. He focuses primarily on classics and theology. One of the books currently on his list is *Three Simple Rules* by Ruben P. Job.

This position is a change for Marcus as he will be working closely with younger children and their families as opposed to teenagers. Marcus is excited about the new challenge and feels that it will be a great fit as his young family is a top priority. After some further observation and evaluation, he would like to move toward developing a holistic family ministry using the Equipping Model of ministry which is based on Paul's teaching in Ephesians 4:

"It was He (Jesus) who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers to equip God's people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up until all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV)

The ultimate goal for Marcus is to have people at St. Luke's serve in children's ministries because they feel passionately and not just out of a sense of obligation. Helping Marcus achieve these goals will be a pleasure as he is an enthusiastic and valuable addition to the St. Luke's staff.



Servant Spotlight: Audrey Elling

by Michelle Ellis

Audrey Elling has been a Colorado resident for the past 20 years and has called St. Luke's home for the last six years. She grew up in Massachusetts, north of Boston,



moved to Cincinnati for high school and attended college at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

She has spent her career in the communications industry working in radio, television, cable, and satellite television doing production, management, training and development and customer

service. Audrey currently has two jobs: her "day" job is as the executive director for the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences – Heartland Chapter. She also does freelance voice-over work, primarily narration and industrial productions. She is a volunteer with Rocky Mountain PBS and with the Women's Crisis and Family Outreach Center and is an avid student of Shotokan karate.

A mother of two grown children, Erik and Marina, Audrey first came to St. Luke's when she attended a support group for parents. "At the time I was hurting and in need of support, just having been divorced, and couldn't bear anybody else passing judgment on me," Audrey stated. "I figured if everyone were as kind as the women running that group, then I needed to be here!"

In addition to attending the support group for parents, Audrey has been involved in the first three Disciple classes, acting as a facilitator for two of them, and is looking forward to taking the fourth one this fall. She was a greeter for a couple of years and occasionally helps Ken Fong by narrating his scripts various video projects.

Additionally, Audrey is a Stephen Minister, which she says is one of the coolest opportunities she has ever had. She said, "The community of Stephen Ministers is one of the finest groups of people I've ever known, and I'm honored to be working with them – and learning from them – as the program grows."

Audrey says she volunteers for many different reasons, primarily because she feels it's her responsibility as a citizen of creation to give, in order to offset all that she takes. She continues, "I see so much in the world that needs fixing, and instead of getting overwhelmed with it all, I choose smaller, manageable endeavors so that I can feel like a part of the solution. Plus, the volunteer opportunities at St. Luke's make me feel good – either because they're fun, or they challenge me to learn (which I love!), or because I'm involved with some kindred spirits."

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did that day.

The fourth day we dug up baby trees with shovels and pickaxes to be replanted in a burn area. For devotion we had communion and made a giant cinnamon roll style hug.

On the last day of the trip we went to Cave of the Winds as a surprise outing and had lots of fun looking at cave bacon, cave popcorn, stalactites,

and stalagmites. When we arrived back at the church, we were welcomed by our families and friends.

The mission trip was fun because we got to hang out with our friends (playing air hockey, foosball, hide and seek, Frisbee, and spoons) and since we got to help the environment. Over the course of trip we learned more about our relationships with God and the world around us. The Jr. High Mission trip of 2008 was a blast!



MUSIC & DRAMA



James Ramsey
Dir. of Music
Ministry & the Arts



Kay Coryell
Associate Dir. of
Music Ministry



Ken Mervine
Organist/
Accompanist

Save the Dates!!!

Night at the Improv
Sept. 20 at 7:00pm
Fellowship Hall

If you enjoy the hit T.V. show "Who's Line is it Anyway," then you'll love watching two of our newest drama improv teams (SLIP - St. Luke's Improv Performers and WITY - Wesley Improv Team for Youth) compete against each other. The evening will include light refreshments and donations will be accepted for Mission of the Month.



Dancing for DenUM
Oct. 17 at 6:30pm
Southridge Rec Ctr.

The Dinner Dance is sponsored by Denver Urban Ministries and features the Ministers of Swing. Tickets are \$30 per person in which \$20 is tax deductible. Greg Strickland, executive chef for the Hyatt Classic Residence will prepare the meal.

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN

November 7, 8 and 9

The Wesley Players presents a fun-filled show for the whole family featuring your favorite Peanuts characters live! You won't want to miss this wonderful musical that takes place on "an average day in the life of Charlie Brown." Show times and dates are November 7 at 7:00pm, November 8 at 3:00 and 7:00pm, and November 9 at 3:00pm. The show is free, however, this year's donation beneficiaries are the John Wesley School in Guatemala and the Women's Crisis Center in downtown Denver.

Serve, Connect and Transform: Come and Join the Music and Arts Ministry!

The Music and Arts Ministry is a diverse community working together to create ways of sharing the Gospel through drama and music. They reach members of St. Luke's and the greater community with a wide variety of talents and gifts in worship services as well as outside of the context of worship in the form of productions or concerts.

Many of the Music Ensembles at St. Luke's begin during September and are open to everyone. Share your gifts, be part of something fun, and make a difference in the community of St. Luke's and beyond. To find a description of each group or to learn more about the Music and Arts Ministry at St. Luke's, please go to our website and click on Music and Arts. If you have questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to contact James Ramsey or Kay Coryell. We're looking forward to another exciting year!

Children

Cherubs Choir (age 3 to K): Sept. 10 from 6:30-7:15pm

Primary Prayz (1st-3rd grade): Sept. 10 from 6:30-7:20pm

Junior Prayz (4th-6th grade): Sept. 10 from 6:30-7:20pm

Tone Chimes (4th-6th grade): Sept. 10 from 7:25-8:00pm

Youth

Youth Music Rally (7th-12th grade): Sept. 7 from 3:30-5:30pm

Off-Notes Youth Choir

St. Luke's Youth Jazz Orchestra

Youth Bell Choir (7th-12th grade): Sept. 9 from 6:30-7:30pm

Adults

Tintinnabulators Adult Bell Choir: Sept. 2 from 7:30-9:00pm

Chancel Choir: Sept. 4 from 7:00-8:30pm

Brass Ensemble: Sept. 6 from 8:00-9:00am

Ministers of Swing: Sept. 13 from 8:00-9:30am

There are also other groups that rehearse throughout the year but rehearse at various times. These ensembles include:

Old Time Gospel Group (Matt Rose; Music Team Leader)

Grace Notes (Marge Harper; Music Team Leader)

Flute ensemble (Ruth Smith; Music Team Leader)

Women of Note (James Ramsey; Music Team Director.)

The Wind Ensemble (Kay Coryell; Music Team Director) will begin rehearsals in January.

DON'T MISS!

September 2008

- 9/4 – Donut Whole 6:45am © MVHS
 9/7 – **Kick Off Sunday**
 - Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
 - Bible Boot 9:30am
 - WITY Improv 11am
 - SLY PM : Fall Kick-Off
- 9/10 – SLAM 6:30pm
 9/11 – Donut Whole 6:45am
 9/14 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
 - Bible Boot 9:30am
 - WITY Improv 11am
 - SLY PM: No Harm in Having Fun
- 9/17 – SLAM 6:30pm
 9/18 – Donut Whole 6:45am
 9/21 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
 - Bible Boot 9:30am
 - WITY Improv 11am
 - SLY PM: No Harm in Worship
- 9/24 – SLAM 6:30pm
 9/25 – Donut Whole 6:45am
 9/28 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
 - Bible Boot 9:30am
 - WITY Improv 11am
 - SLY PM: No Harm in Trusting Each Other

October 2008

- 10/1 – SLAM 6:30pm
 10/2 – Donut Whole 6:45am
 10/5 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
 - Bible Boot 9:30am
 - WITY Improv 11am
 - SLY PM: Pumpkin Unload & Tailgating Party
- 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: No Harm & Changing the World
- 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: Do Good/Finding Direction (Corn Maze)
- 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: Do Good: Trick-or-Treat for DenUM
- 10/29 – SLAM 6:30pm
 10/30 – Donut Whole 6:45am
 10/31 – **Pumpkin Patch Closes**



Chris Wilterdink
 Director of
 Youth Ministries



Susan Johnson
 Assistant Director
 of Youth Ministries

CHRIS'S CORNER

3 Simple Rules? That's all!?

That's right, during the fall and winter seasons the entire church will look at 3 simple rules for living. And yes, these 3 simple rules can help make sense of your teenage world. Now in my experience, the fewer rules you live your life by, the better the rules have to be (and the harder they will be to follow 100% of the time)! As near as I can tell, each of us will have to learn how to live these rules out as well. So instead of just telling you

what they are, SLY will spend time at SLY AM and SLY PM figuring out how to live these rules out. Plus, I will write a little up about each rule for October, November, and December.

You got a little sneak peek of the first rule of living in last month's Chronicle from me, so allow that to marinate until the follow up next month. Ready for the rules?

1) Do No Harm.

2) Do Good.

3) Stay in Love with God.

These rules are simple, easy to remember, and best of all will make your life way easier to live, once you've figured out how to live out these rules everyday.

Join us in September and October as we discover just what it means to "Do No Harm" and how it can change the world that we live in. Our Fall Kick Off on Sunday, September 7 is open to youth and parents and I extend an invitation to families new to SLY and also those who have already shared experiences with us. We will talk about the upcoming fall and winter events and make some important introductions to different people and new spaces!

Looking forward to kicking this school year off right! *—Peace & Love, Chris*

★ **Earn Mission Trip Credit for Next Summer by working the Pumpkin Patch!**

Current 6th-12th graders and their families are eligible to earn \$50 or \$100 credits toward next summer's mission trips by signing up for Pumpkin Patch Shifts!

- Sign up for Patch hours in the Fellowship Hall any time! 2 hour shifts available all week long.
- 8 hours=\$50 credit, 15 hours=\$100.
- Parents & other family members can earn time for their siblings.

★ **2008 Fall KickOff: Sunday Sep. 7.**

- All youth and parents encouraged to attend
- Pizza for dinner at 5:30, fun, games, and information follow until 7pm.

★ **Join the SLY or SLY Parent's Email List!**

- Go to www.stlukeshr.com/p_emaillists.asp and scroll to the bottom of the page. Input your name and your preferred email address.
- Select either the SLY or SLY Parents email list and click subscribe.
- You will begin to get email updates from Chris and Susan immediately!

FROM SUSAN... "It IS great to be here!!!"

That statement has truly taken on a new meaning for me and I can honestly say that I feel it whole heartedly. I have missed being here as much as I would have liked since April so very much. Since then I have been through and completed five weeks of radiation in combo with 24/7 chemo "to go". There have been times of extreme fatigue, nausea, vomiting, rashes and lots of other great side effects. I continue to do a once-a-week infusion of chemotherapy that is not as evasive but still makes me tired and plays with my white and red blood cell counts and some times makes me nauseous. The end is in sight, though. I should be done by the end of September. This fall I will have a PET Scan to determine if there is any more cancer anywhere. I want to *thank all of you* for all of your support, love and prayers through this entire journey. You have all been the hands and arms of Christ for me in sharing your time (taking me to radiation and home again), talents (knit shawls and hats, cooked meals, kind hand made cards) and gifts (we have been so blessed with gifts of money, restaurant cards and grocery cards.) I can't imagine a more compassionate group of people anywhere on earth.



I am back just in time for everyone's favorite time of year. Yes, you guessed it, **Pumpkin Patch**. Fall really is one of my favorite times of the year and

I love the patch. Sign up sheets will be in Fellowship Hall beginning Sept. 7 for unloading day and the entire month of October. Remember that the hours that youth and parents work goes directly towards a credit on the cost of the youth mission trip during the summer. Pumpkins arrive October 5th right around noon. Don't miss the fun!!

TRUSTEES CORNER

Our Best Work Day EVER!!!

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped us to turn construction drywall dust into sparkling refreshed classrooms on our work day just in time for our kick offs for Sunday School and Little School programs! Other volunteers tackled sprucing up the outside, some worked on inside repairs, and others worked on wiring for the new addition spaces! What a turnout! To everyone who contributed to our Bold Venture campaign, we are so grateful to report our long anticipated Refurbishment 'To Do List' is shrinking! We are truly blessed!

Now onto the Addition - Completion target is mid November!

An update on our Donor Opportunity is as follows:

Chapel

- Altar Furnishings & Kneelers:	TBD
- Sound Equipment:	\$3,000-\$5,000
- Art work	TBD
- Musical Instruments	\$7,000-\$22,000
- Stained Glass:	TBD
- Video Equipment:	\$8,000
- Window Coverings:	TBD
- Chairs	\$3,500

Two new Adult Ed Classrooms

- Chairs	\$1,500
- Tables	\$ 500

Youth Addition & Breakout Rooms

- Sound equipment	\$3,000-\$5,000
- Video equipment	\$2,000
- Furniture	\$10,000

Please contact Ken Fong for more information. *—Sandi Miyaki*



Bold Venture Update

As we transition from a heavy focus on the refurbishment projects in our lower level to our new addition, emotions run the gamut from chaos to

anticipation. Tracking through open walls and dangling wires as you walked through our mess, often with younger children in tow, we've heard stories of your own remodeling challenges. You've shown patience

Our current anticipated goal for completion is mid-November, just in time for our Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations.

and offered encouragement to our staff and our contractors, and we are grateful. Flexibility and communication have been key to our managing a multitude of concurrent projects with a common goal of launching a successful fall kick-off for our Children's Ministry, Little School, and Adult Education programs. Take a closer look – our shared vision from last year is becoming a reality!

Once the steel, concrete, and roof are in place for the addition, we'll be closer to two of our most important elements of this project, our Chapel and Senior High classrooms. Watch for an invitation to participate in the dedication of these areas as soon as spaces can be made safe for your entry. We'll be asking you to write your wishes and dreams for these spaces on the studs before our contractors enclose and finish them. Our current anticipated goal for completion is mid-November, just in time for our Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations.

We appreciate the dedication and hard work of the members of our Building Committee, our Staff, and all of you. Thank you for your continued encouragement and flexibility – and for answering our calls for volunteer help – we truly appreciate it!

FINANCIAL UPDATE



Dave Cupp
Director of Finance



Lisé Takayama
Assistant Director
of Finance

HOW ARE WE DOING FINANCIALLY:

Our July collections were within a couple hundred dollars of what I had projected for July. The only problem with this is the fact that we need to do some catch-up for some previous months that were a little short. With our new fall season upon us, 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.

THANKS to Our Money Counting Teams: One of the ways we insure privacy of your donations and security of our funds is by having two teams of money counters to count our collections. Each team has four members and there are two teams which permits a bi-weekly rotation. Four member teams allows us to always have two or more persons present with the cash while the counting is in process. Several team members have been doing this volunteer job for several years.

Hats off and thanks to the following volunteers. When you see them give them a "thank you" for there work.

Team:

Jean Ann Duncan
Caroline Butler
Kay Oscai
Betsy Keyack

Team:

Billie Marvel
Alberta Haas
Jane Riegel
Kathy Enloe-Miller

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.



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 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 2008 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 Kickoff Sunday/Ministry Fair 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship "Three Simple Rules" - Rev. Janet Forbes 9:30am: Orientation of St. Luke's 5:30pm: SLY PM 7:34pm: Fusion Guatemala Medical Mission Trip	8 5:30pm: Little School Board 6:30pm: Women's Night Out 7:00pm: Trustees	9 7:00pm: Emmaus Reunion Group	10	11	12	13 7:30am: Men's Breakfast
14 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship - Rev. Janet Forbes 9:30am: Cafe St. Luke's 5:30pm: SLY PM 7:34pm: Fusion	15	16	17 6:30am: SLAM	18 7:00pm: FACE Concert Fundraiser for the John Wesley School	19  6:30pm: Chick Flicks	20 10:00am: Discovery Club 7:00pm: Improv Night
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