The Advent of Joy

Celebrating Advent & Christmas at St. Luke's 2010

November 27
Hanging of the Greens...8:00am-noon

November 28
ADVENT 1
TREE LIGHTING.................6:34pm

December 4-7
HOLIDAY SHOP
December 5
ADVENT 2
Chapel Communion...........8:00am
CANTATA..................9:30 & 11:00am

December 7
UMW CANDLELIGHT DINNER........................................6:00pm

December 12
ADVENT 3
CHILDREN’S PAGEANT........3:00pm

December 15 & 16
LITTLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 17 & 18
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL FEATURING AMAHL & THE NIGHT VISITORS.......7:00pm

December 19
ADVENT 4
Candy Cane Sunday
Service of Baptism........12:30pm
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL FEATURING AMAHL & THE NIGHT VISITORS........2:00pm

December 24
CHRISTMAS EVE
1:00 & 3:00pm............Children
Puppets, Youth Choir, Cherub Choir,
Primary and Junior Prayz, and Youth
Handbell Choir

5:00 & 7:00pm..............Traditional
Chancel Choir, Instrumentalists,
Handbell Choir, Soloists, Brass and Organ

10:00pm....................Communion
Communion Service, Soloists and Organ

December 25
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

December 26
No Sunday School or SLY AM/PM

January 2
EPHPHANY!
KINGS........8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

Feeding of the 5,000
by Rev. Brad

I have said it for years- “there are some things that are only possible when people come together”. U2 says it well when they sing, “oh can’t you see what love has done”. This year’s Feeding of the 5000 is the epitome of those two quotes. In one weekend, our community raised 60,000 pounds of food. We needed both trucks for the first time in the event’s history. The day our trucks arrived, DenUM had completely bare shelves-something they won’t see again for a while because of the generosity of each person that participated this year.

This event is about more than just food. The other thing that is beyond comprehension is the sheer participation of the St. Luke’s community in the event. We had over 300 people work at least 3 hours (most worked more) over the course of the weekend. The rough estimate is somewhere around 1,500 hours of service offered. That is an amazing gift- to DenUM, their clients, our community, and to each other. I love watching people really get to know each other while in the midst of the Feeding of the 5000. Serving side-by-side is a great way to grow as St. Luke’s Family.

Thank you for being a part of a church community that makes service and giving like this possible. Thank you for believing things like this are possible. Thank you for giving of your time, energy, and pantry. This year’s event was both blessed and a blessing- and you helped make that happen.

Giving Thanks for Fall!

October 24 brought glorious weather for this year’s Fall Festival! All who came were able to enjoy freshly grilled lunches, time on the bouncy castle, face painting, cookie frosting, pumpkin decorating, and games. The food was delicious and filled the air with the aroma of a good old fashion cook out. This year’s festival helped raise over $500 of additional money for youth mission projects! Thank you to all the volunteers who made the festival possible and thank you to everyone who stayed, played, and supported youth missions in the process! Welcome Fall!
Thanksgiving: Prepare for Praise

Sandwiched somewhere between Halloween and Christmas is a Thursday holiday that is slowly becoming more miniscule in the minds of millions of Americans – Thanksgiving. If you search hard, you might find one small section of Thanksgiving cards, autumn decorations, and a turkey platter amid the aisles and miles of Halloween costumes, Christmas decorations, and toys.

For some, Thanksgiving is a day to get a list together prior to a day of marathon Christmas shopping. Somehow our perception of Thanksgiving Day has gone askew. We’ve forgotten the reason for celebration that first Thanksgiving. Gratitude for survival!

Historically we think of Thanksgiving as a time of feasting for the settlers and native peoples. In the fall of 1621, the Pilgrims had been in America less than a year. During those months, over half their original population died from disease or starvation. The Pilgrims hosted the first feast not to try out their latest recipes, but to celebrate life with generous friends and give thanks to God for provision in difficult circumstances.

Perhaps you’d like to redirect your family toward gratitude this year. Just as many enlist the help of an advent wreath to prepare for the celebration of Jesus’ birth in December, focus on thanks-giving this November by doing the following:

• **Week 1** – Write Bible verses that name the attributes of God on fruit-shaped cut-outs. Place them in a basket or cornucopia. During a time of family devotions or at a meal, have each family member select a fruit from the basket and read the verse aloud. Then discuss ways your family has experienced each of God’s qualities.

• **Week 2** – Think about reasons for ingratitude. Most of us are incredibly blessed, yet we find reasons to complain. This week, any time a family member complains about something, have them place money in a jar. Your family can decide the amount. Then at the end of the week, donate the money to Daddy Bruce to help with Thanksgiving meals.

• **Week 3** – Think of someone you love and appreciate, but rarely see. Make plans to call, send a card, or visit that person. Find out if there is a special need, pray with the person, and provide materially or with an act of service.

• **Week 4** – Focus on praising God. Let each family member select a song or hymn. Sing a different one at each meal instead of saying a blessing. Thank God for material provision, physical health, spiritual blessings, our country, our church, and family.

These are just a few ideas to help you get started. Use your creativity to come up with others and enjoy making Thanksgiving a holiday to remember.

Blessings,  
Rev. Janet Forbes  
Senior Pastor

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**2011 Pictorial Directory:**

Thank you to the 165 families and individuals who have been photographed, or who have made appointments to be photographed, for the directory! We’d love to have more participation, and there’s still time to be included by scheduling your appointment at Bettering Photography’s studio through January 8, 2011. Please visit stlukeshr.com/photodirectory or contact Jill Wright, 303-927-6345, jill@jillwright.com for details.

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**Attention Parents of College Age Students:**

It’s hard to believe but the first semester of college is rapidly coming to a close and it’s time to start thinking about those COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES that we send to our college age students each fall. Whatever we need is the NAME, CURRENT SCHOOL AND COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS of your college student (or any graduated St. Luke’s youth) so that we could send a package to in order to let them know we’re thinking about them and miss them! These care packages will be filled with home made cookies and snacks that will help get them through finals! We will be packaging and mailing these boxes on Sunday Nov 28 after the Tree Lighting service. If you would like to DONATE 3-6 DOZEN COOKIES please let us know, as well. Send your addresses to Sandy Larson at larson6872@msn.com. If you would like to donate cookies you can reply to that e-mail as well. Thanks for your help with this project!
O Christmas Tree!
One of the joys of this time of year for me is the Lighting of the Christmas Tree. I have always had a special place in my heart for Christmas trees—in fact when I was 3 I stood out by the curb crying as the garbage truck took our family tree away. But as I have gotten older my connection to this powerful symbol has only deepened.

It is said that Martin Luther was the first to put lights on a tree in his home— the evergreen symbolizing life in winter and the candles symbolizing the light of Christ. We also adorn the tree with special symbols. Christmons are special ornaments that are all Christian symbols, though the tradition of ornaments comes from the hanging of gifts on the tree, which is a symbol of the gift of Christ at Christmas. That is a lot of meaning packed into something often put into a corner.

We will light our St. Luke’s family Christmas tree on Sunday night, November 28 at 6:34pm. I hope you will come join us as we usher in all of this meaning into our sanctuary and into our lives together.

A Christmas Service of Baptism
Sunday, Dec. 19 at 12:30pm

Christmas Sunday is a traditional and joyous time to celebrate the sacrament of baptism, an experience of faith in Jesus Christ, the rite of initiation into the family of God, and an act of grace. Following the 11:00am service on Sunday, December 19 at 12:30pm, we will offer a special Service of Baptism for persons of all ages. Please call Brenda in the church office (303-791-0659) to indicate your desire to visit with a pastor about this opportunity.

Take a Tag, Grant a Wish
Share Christmas joy with children and families in need by taking wishes off the Giving Tree. The Tree will be on display in the Narthex starting Nov. 14 and will be covered in “wishes” from needy children, teens and adults who wish to open a gift on Christmas morning. Simply take a tag (make sure you detach and fill out the lower portion and leave it in the basket), purchase your gift and return it to St. Luke’s by Nov. 28. Your gift will mean the world to someone in need.

Grief Support Group
Holidays lived in the absence of someone dear can be very difficult times. Customary routines are adjusted, some never to be repeated in quite the same way. Easy-going laughter, once so natural, may become awkward or even altogether missing. Gift-giving, once filled with fun, may seem empty and sad.

Significant loss, whether through death, divorce, or estrangement, brings about many changes in life and how we go about functioning during the holiday season. People who are grieving have many questions: How can I make it through all the events of the holidays while missing so desperately the one I love? Would I be better off to ignore the holidays this year? Should I act as if everything were normal? Should I make major changes in my holiday rituals?

If you are grieving a loss, this Grief Support Group is for you. If you have questions about how to go through the holiday season in the midst of grief, this group is for you. If you have experienced loss in the past, and have suggestions for others coping with holidays, this group is for you.

When: Thursdays from 5:00-6:30pm
November 4, 18, December 2, 9

Where: Room 210 (next to the Chapel)

Facilitator: Sallie Suby-Long, please register with Sallie 303-791-0659 x32 or sallie@stlukeshr.com

Evening Prayers with Communion
Wednesdays from 5:45-6:30pm in the Chapel
Each Wednesday the Chapel will be open for evening prayers, music, and to receive holy communion. Everyone is welcomed.
**REACHING OUT**

We are Called to Serve

We invite you to stop at our Get Connected Center to discover more about our programs and ministries.

“People need exercise for physical health and service for spiritual health. We learn from the scriptures but we grow by serving others.” – The Externally Focused Church

**Usher Team:** Assist in the weekly Sunday services and special events. Ushers typically serve on a quarterly basis. If you would enjoy serving our community on Sundays, please contact Shawn Slade 303-660-6113 shawn.slade@leicaus.com

**Soundbooth/Media Team:** This team is responsible for the sound system you hear during Sunday services and also help with various events at St. Luke’s. This behind-the-scene team works at preparing slides, videos and working closely with the Worship Planning Team. Contact Tim Boles 303-791-9643 tmboles@aol.com

**Grocery Certificate Team:** Help sell our grocery certificates from King Soopers, Albertson’s, Safeway and Grocery Certificate Team: 303-791-9643 tmboles@aol.com

**Communications & Outreach Team:** Do you enjoy writing? We are seeking individuals to help writing articles for our chronicle and local newspapers. If you enjoy creating and like to work at home, this is for you! Contact: Amy Ash 303-799-6079 aash71170@aol.com

**Volunteer Resources:** Rocky Mountain UMC Conference Volunteers in Mission - [http://65.110.74.16/rmcprojects.asp](http://65.110.74.16/rmcprojects.asp)
Denver Post Community - [www.denverpostcommunity.com](http://www.denverpostcommunity.com)
Metro Volunteers - [www.metrovolunteers.org](http://www.metrovolunteers.org)

**Love INC:** Love in the Name of Christ is a network of churches that links church ministries and volunteers to our neighbors in need. Volunteers are needed for different times and areas. Contact: Rev. Doug McKinney 303-732-5925 doug@loveincdenver.org

To Discover more about your own Spiritual Gifts and where you may serve best, visit [stlukeshr.com/p_volunteer.asp](http://stlukeshr.com/p_volunteer.asp) and beginning serving where God has given you talents and gifts!

If you are searching for a place to connect at St. Luke’s, please contact Lynda Fickling, Director of Servant Ministry 303-791-0659 x20 lynda@stlukeshr.com or Karin Wesson, Team Leader for Lay Leadership, 303-683-0196 karin@thewessons.com

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**PRAYER CONCERNS**

As of October 28, 2010

Please stop by the Information Center; by the front door; where you will find the updated Prayer Concerns List (on yellow paper) and the Armed Forces Prayer List (on blue paper). Look it over and Rev. Sallie Suby-Long know if you have any additions/removals from either list. 303-791-0659 x32, leave a note on the front desk, or email at sallie@stlukeshr.com

Paula Strader (Sandy Miyaki’s sister)
Lori Lieberman (friend of Jane Damgard)
Schelly Thompson (Sandy Thompson’s sister-in-law)
Mark Bartellena (Mike Huchins’ cousin)
David Joseph (friend of Bobbi King/Marie Blue)
Daniel Winkle (friend of Gail Staun)
Darrell & Billie (wife) Adersman (friend of Rick & Louise Jasper)
Ron Magaunghey (friend of Rick & Louise Jasper)
Jerry Miyaki (Mike’s uncle)
Rosie Shau (friend of Eric Ranick)
Lolita Fernandez (friend of Joely Maddux)
Zach Bingham (nephew of Ashlee Favelin)
Bill Harold (Nancy Oberert’s cousin)
Donna Coaven (friend of Cindy Bardlow)
Maria Viera Harris (friend of Cindy Bardlow)
Mary Hogan (friend of Sharon Scholle’s)
Norma Whitaker’s mother, Jane Dennis More (friend of Jenny Stevenson)
Emily Greenby (3yr old, Little School)
Thebna Noah (friend of Rachel Nedler’s)
Joan Dixon (friend of Eileen Late)
Keaton Wong (friend of the Takamousa’s)
Chris Kellemen (friend of Joely Maddux)
Jack Fleming (Julie Brower’s father)
Richard Swier (Dan Swier’s father)
Brenda Zachek (friend of Kathy Swier’s)
Dean Mathena (Rick Jasper’s friend)
Terryl Bohn (friend of Lizé Takayama, Kam Boles, & Joely Maddux)
Helen Mueller (Cindy Markham’s mother)
Bertha Ruth
Ann Schoenholtz (friend of the Mascurich family)
Jan Rufien
Susan Robertson (sister of Janet Sackett)
Brianna Bennett (Lynette McKinney’s cousin)
Jason Ritter (Ryan Hooker’s teacher/coach)
Sonia Cajandia (Mercedes VonNormann’s sister)
Mary Darston (Diana Starnes’ mother)
Brian Rosetti
Jim Eckberg (Kris Reif’s brother)
Bucky Thompson (friend of the Capell family)
Linda Ready
Ralph Cordonnier
Cherie Hill
Nelson family
Erika Waldheim (friend of Peter & Alicia Waldheim)
Dustin Baird (friend of Lucero)
Michael Van Baal (Lucco’s Kindergarten teacher’s brother)
Dallas Bluck (Terry & Janet Walter’s daughter)
Jan Cook (Amy Curtis’ mother)
Frank James (Kathy Swier’s uncle)
Betty Kieser (Bonnie Funki’s mother)
Sara Wright (Kathy Swier’s friend’s daughter)
Bill Havens (Wal Havern’s brother)
Jennifer Havens
Bruaden Fuller (Janet & Wally Sackett’s grandson)
Robertha Towell (Jan Streay’s sister)
Bob McCorkle (family friend of Kay Ocais)
Mandy Paul (family friend of Kay Swanson)
Scott Veach (Nern Veach’s nephew)
Gail Shaw
Natalie Murrow
Ed Murrow (Dave Murrow’s Dad)
Todd Smith (Lori Smith’s husband)
Jeff Lee
Norma Harris
Scott Ragan (Brian & Tonya Stegman’s cousin)
Jacob Dunman (Brian & Tonya Stegman’s nephew)
Janet Stegman (Brian Stegman’s mother)
Martha Smith (Brian Smith’s mother)
Pam Haag (friend of Brian & Jenni Smith)
Suellen Oliver (Bob Oliver’s mother)
Cindy Gauthard
Bob Dower (Cindy Gauthard’s father)
Chad Swier (Kathy Swier’s son)
Kathy Rich (Mr. Kay’s friend)
Susan Hooke
Mary Severns (Bob McBride’s Son-in-Law’s mother)
Mel Ludlam (Les Ludlam’s uncle)
Cindy West (Les & Betty Ludlam’s daughter)
Jane Biegel
Curtis Hall (Debbie Newby’s brother)
Bob Worths (Edee Worths husband)
Bonnie Williams
Bernie Battaglin
Linda Keller (Candy Keller’s mother)
John Thompson (Julie Ramsett’s father)
Bob Halderman
Sally (Sandy Murray’s mother)
Sandy Murray

**ARMED FORCES:**
Corporal James “Jim” Harding, Mark Thompson, Ed Herring, Maj. Steve Wrezinski, Josh Brady, Jeremy Brady, Calvin Gabriel, Dustin Ellington, Lt. Jeff Hamer, Christopher Gardner, Shane Beeding

**SYMPATHIES:**
To Erin Brown on the passing of her friend, Kathy
To Chris & Nicole Eubanks on the passing of Nicole’s grandfather, Milan Pavelic
To Scott Hannum on the passing of his mother, Nancy Hannum
To Glen & Trudy Turner on the passing of Glen’s mother, Dorothy Turner
To Kay Swanson on the passing of her friend Shirley Quall

**CONGRATULATIONS:**
To Don & Jen Koenig on the birth of their daughter, Joleigh Elizabeth on Sept. 8
To Greg & Blair Strickland on the birth of their son, Gregory on Oct. 9
To Frank & Linda Harris on the birth of their granddaughter, Lucy Elaine on Oct. 19
More from Les
“Theology of Parenting”

There are issues inherent with parenting. Dealing with these issues requires attitudes and actions I call the “Theology of Parenting.” It is not limited to father and mother alone, it involves the entire family, teachers, adult friends, and anyone who acts as a role model for a child. My own theology of parenting developed through the learning process of Betty's and my experience as parents and grandparents.

The first thing Betty and I had to come to terms with, was when our eldest Jim, arrived in our young family in 1965. We learned quickly that he did not really "belong" to us. Instead, we belonged to him! Children are precious gifts from God, placed into our care. We never “own” them. We are stewards! No decisions could be made or actions happen without first thinking of their impact on the baby!

After his birth, Betty and I could not do anything we wanted to do without first considering his needs and well-being. We had certain responsibilities for this new person, responsibilities that would continue for life. The realization of this responsibility scared me a little.

The second thing we had to deal with was that our son learned by watching; he imitated what we did, not what we said. Jim watched me working on our car one weekend and the next week he had to dump all my tools out of my toolbox to work on his toys. We quickly learned that if we wanted him to do something or behave in a certain way, we had to set the pattern.

Sociologist Pat Hershey Owen tells us, that “play in every culture is truly a child's preparation for life.” Jim's play often imitated some of the patterns he saw in his parents. Those things that interested us, also interested him. Cub Scouts was particularly fun for Jim; Betty was a Den Mother and I was the Cubmaster. Scouting was important to us and became important to him. (By the way, I still think we would have won that Pinewood Derby, if we'd used just a little more graphite on the wheel axels!)

The third thing we had to deal with, was that all people, especially young children, need to develop and reinforce a sense of self-esteem. Parents are the primary catalysts in a child's development of that self-esteem. We learned to look for every legitimate chance to praise him when he had done something well. When he made a mistake or misbehaved, we learned we could achieve more progress by criticizing and correcting the action, not the child. We learned not to say, "I don't like you," but say instead “I don't like what you did.”

The fourth thing I had to learn to deal with is the fact that children are all different. Betty and I had no precedent or pattern to predict how Jim, or first child, might react to a particular situation; we had no previous experience to draw upon. When his sister, Cindy arrived, our experiences as parents were different! We learned, as parents, to expect the unexpected, and be flexible. We had to open and honest with Jim and Cindy at a very early age. Kids have great "lie radar," they can tell if they're being put on in an instant!

Fifth, if we are to keep our children close to our hearts, we must let them go. Whether of not they or we realize it, children spend most of their pre-adult lives preparing to leave. But do we, as parents, always see them that way? As children grow, we must give them as much freedom as they are mature enough to handle safely. Experience, painful as it can sometimes be, is the most profound and lasting teacher. If our children are to grow, they must have the freedom to try, to fail and to try again. This kind of freedom, however, is very tricky. How much freedom is enough at a particular age? There is no formula, it takes wisdom and judgment and a lot of patience.

And finally, once our children are grown and gone from home, parenting is not done! We are parents for life, even though we are not perfect! And now, our son, Jim's, eldest daughter, Audrey, has started her final year of high school and is preparing to "leave the nest" for college. (That makes me feel really old!)

I recognize that Jim has dealt with the same issues as a parent that Betty and I dealt with when he was growing to adulthood. His love and patience and influence on her as she has grown now show up in her values and maturity. The cycle continues.

The process of parenting is one of constant change and adjustment. It is a process of stewardship, recognizing that our children, just as we, belong to God, alone.

Our children can become our friends; they can become quite close. It often depends on how much freedom they had to develop their own patterns of dealing with life and the world as they were growing up.

The Theology of Parenting is that our children belong to God and we, as parents, are stewards, caring for them all our life. As God's stewards, as we respond to the unexpected turns and twists in our children's lives, we must always place the child's real needs first when unexpected situations confront them and us. Sometimes the appropriate response means we must sacrifice our pride, sometimes it means we must sacrifice much more.

God bless us all! Rev. Les

Thanksgiving Volunteer Opportunities

The Epworth Center will be providing food baskets for the needy again this year. Volunteers are needed to assemble and deliver baskets on Saturday Nov. 20. A special registration is now open for St. Luke's members. Please visit their website at denverfeedafamily.org. Follow the Volunteer link. When you see the picture of Daddy Bruce's car, click on the bumper sticker that says "God Loves You". It will take you to the volunteer information form. You may also call Rev. Felicia Euell at 303-296-6287.

The Missions Team will also be collecting money for food baskets beginning the first of November. One Thanksgiving basket costs $30. Please look for the table in Fellowship hall.

St. Luke's will also be supporting the Denver Inner City Parish with their Thanksgiving meal and food baskets. Last year we donated over 500lbs. of potatoes. Collection of perishable items will begin the middle of November. Please call Juanita at the Parish if you would like to help assemble their baskets or serve a meal, 303-629-0637 ext.10.

Supporting Guatemala

A few members of St. Luke's Missions team recently traveled to Guatemala to select new students to be sponsored for next year's enrollment at the John Wesley School. In Guatemala rural children are only able to complete up to 6th grade at the most, with many dropping out by 3rd grade to work for their families. A sponsorship allows these students to continue on in school and be supported in their education. In December, we will have a table in the Fellowship Hall where you can learn more about the sponsorships and select a student to sponsor.

Also, in December, we will be starting our Christmas program to supply milk to the families in Lemoa, Guatemala. The cost is only $12.50 for a can of this enriched powered milk, which can last up to 3 months. This makes a wonderful gift to these families, who are not able to afford this luxury for their family.
Annual Children’s Christmas Pageant - Dec. 12
This year’s pageant is “Joy Around the World!” Our director and pageant writer, Linda Walker, is teaming some of the Sunday School curriculum stories with the traditional scripture story and mixing in lots of Christmas carols to form this year’s pageant. The pageant will be held on December 12th. All children age 2-grade 6 are welcome to participate; we practice the songs during music time at Sunday School and will have a dress rehearsal on the morning of Sat. Dec. 11. If your child is interested in having a specific role in their office about the people of St. Luke’s vision for our church’s future. They really want to hear from you and what are your visions for Children’s Ministry in St. Luke’s future. Please share your ideas with them by giving them a call at the church office or dropping a line in an email. They would love to hear from you! Also don’t forget to turn in your Be Blessed and Be a Blessing 2011 pledge cards. If you need a card, just let us know!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving! Love, Bongo

Nsery News: As the weather turns colder outside and the days shorter, we understand how difficult it may be to bring young children to church. Our Nursery is available 8:00am to noon for ALL Sunday worship services and staffed with loving caregivers to keep your little ones happy and warm. We invite you to take time to attend church for quiet reflection to gather strength for the week ahead and to build your relationship with God and one another. We are your extended family - here to help.
Little School News: Feasting & Fun
Little School will have a very busy time with Halloween behind us and Thanksgiving and Christmas upon us! Rev. Brad’s chapel time will be about the Widow’s Mite and how we can give generously! November is a time of celebration and feasting while we learn about our heritage and how America was founded. The children will be busy reading books about Pilgrims and Native Americans and we will top it all off with our Annual Feast! The children get to sample traditional foods from turkey to pumpkin pie. Their costumes always make a festive celebration and Ms. Kay gets to wear her Pilgrim outfit for the 16th year! LITTLE SCHOOL TAKES THEIR FALL BREAK - NOV. 22-NOV. 26 to spend time with their families during this wonderful time.

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We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving! GET READY because Little School Registration begins in January 2011... more to come!

Blessings, —Ms. Kay and Staff : - )

First Workshop Spawns Small Group
Approximately 50 people attended the first Spirituality and Wellness Workshop, “Gracious Space: Enhancing a Spirit of Compassion and Understanding” on Tuesday, September 21. We shared in large and small groups our individual experience of creating and receiving the acceptance and compassion that Gracious Space confers in our lives.

Several participants expressed interest in a small group to explore more deeply the concept of Gracious Space. The Spirituality and Wellness Team will host a conversation on Sunday, November 7 at 12:15pm in Room 212. During this gathering, we will review the concept of Gracious Space and formulate a plan for further study and application.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 6:30-8:30pm for the next Spirituality and Wellness Workshop, Living in Gracious Space: Strategies for Managing Stress. This session will be facilitated by Andi Pusavat, Counseling Psychologist and Director of the Iliff School of Theology Counseling Center. We will continue exploration of Gracious Space as we learn new approaches for coping with stress and for living life with a greater sense of peace and purpose.

Getting to know a new church is often overwhelming and simply... not simple!

We offer to you, 3 simple ways to discover more about our community and how you may get connected easily.

Please join us at one or all three of the following sessions in order of your needs or preferences. We will be offering these monthly, so the choice is yours! For more information, stop by our Get Connected Center located in our large foyer.

Questions? Contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20 Lynda@stlukeshr.com *childcare and/or Sunday school is available

Three Simple Ways: 9:30am Sundays Rm. 206
1. 2nd Sunday of the Month: Café St. Luke’s Fellowship, coffee and conversation covering the History of St. Luke’s, how to find the answers to all of your questions about our community and a tour of the facilities.
2. 3rd Sunday of the Month: Connecting to St. Luke’s Discover our programs and ministries. How do you volunteer to serve and where can I serve inside and outside of the St. Luke’s community? What are my Spiritual Gifts and why do they matter?
3. 4th Sunday of the Month: My Spiritual Growth How does one continue their journey of faith as an adult? Together we will explore the answer to this question and introduce you to some of our classes.

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Subgroups of UMW at St. Luke’s UMC:
Remember to check out the Interest Groups and find your spot to help us fulfill the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women.

Simply Saturday: Meets first Saturday of the month. For more information, please contact Dawn Johnson at djohnson636@gmail.com.

Women’s Night In: Fourth Monday of the month, 6:00pm Fellowship Hall. November 22—“Breakfast for Dinner” For more information, please contact Fran West at 303-797-7107.

Evening Book Group: Fourth Monday of the month, 7:00pm Conference Room.

• November 22 Stones into School by Greg Mortenson
• December 20 The Christmas Bus by Melody Carlson

For more information, please contact Sandy Frasier at Sandy.Frasier@yahoo.com or Elaine Carlstrom at ecarlstrom@comcast.net.

M I S S I O N S

We’d like your help as Love INC moves forward to bridge the gap of loneliness for elders in our community. Statistically, 66% of our elders in facilities in this country today have an average of one visit per year. They are forgotten. I’m pleased to share that one of our most fun and impactful activities from last year is returning as a new Gap Ministry for Love INC, “Brighten an Elder’s Day”.

Cindy Chumacas with St. Luke’s United Methodist Church has agreed to take on this GAP Ministry and lead orientations and coordinate visits. Love INC is partnering with Bessie’s Hope, a local non-profit organization, to bring joy into the lives of our resident elderly in two local nursing homes. These group visits transform the atmosphere by engaging each senior in a number of activities and conversations. So far the response has been great! God’s love was evident on October 19 when our first group of volunteers visited Clare Bridge of Highlands Ranch. This heartwarming experience creates a unique bond and team spirit among the volunteers. They often report that they receive more from the visits than the elders.

We are looking for 6-18 volunteers to attend each visit. Adults, teens and even children are welcome. Tuesday visits will be held at Clare Bridge of Highlands Ranch, 9160 S. University Blvd., Highlands Ranch, CO 80126 and Saturday visits will be held at Cherrellyn Manor House Care, 5555 S. Elati St., Littleton, CO 80122.

The following is a list of the visitation dates already scheduled:
Sat., Nov. 6 - 9:30-10:00am (Orientation) 10:00-10:45am (Visit)
Tues., Nov. 9 - 5:45-6:15pm (Orientation) 6:15-7:15pm (Visit)
Sat., Dec. 11 - 9:30-10:00am (Orientation) 10:00-10:45am (Visit)
Tues., Dec. 14 - 5:45-6:15pm (Orientation) 6:15-7:15pm (Visit)

Please contact Cindy Chumacas at 720-320-7255 or email, cac1162@yahoo.com if interested in any or all of the dates!
The Wesley Players Invite You to “A Christmas Festival” December 17-19

The Wesley Players welcome you to A Christmas Festival featuring Amahl and the Night Visitors - A story of a little boy transformed by the Holy Child. This special Christmas production will open with vocal and instrumental selections that will set the mood. Members of the Chancel Choir and Youth Choir and many of our instrumentalist will present a few of our favorite Christmas carols and a couple of unique numbers which will prepare hearts of all ages for our second act, Amahl and the Night Visitors. Amahl is a young boy who walks with a cane and lives with his widowed mother in a small town around the time of Jesus birth. When we meet Amahl and his mother they are at the end of their material means and Amahl’s mother tells him that they may have to become beggars. Three majestic kings arrive and ask for accommodations for the night. The kings are visited by a shepherds chorus and teach Amahl and his mother about the Holy Child they seek. This is a powerful story which will touch your heart and warm your spirit.

Performances are Friday Dec. 17 at 7:00pm, Saturday December 18 at 7:00pm and Sunday December 19 at 2:00pm. For those who would like a night out, plan to purchase tickets for dinner and the show. The Benefit Dinner is at 6:00pm on Saturday and the cost for the evening is $40 per person ($30 is tax deductible) with a front row reserved seat. Childcare (5 and younger) will be available for both of these performances at no additional cost. Admission is a tax deductible) with a front row reserved seat. Childcare (5 and younger) will be available for both of these performances at no additional cost. Admission is a

Broadway On Broadway!
The Wesley Players is working now on an original compilation of great Broadway hits from the past and present. Interwoven by our very own Jack Kennedy, these acts will have something for everyone. Ranging from South Pacific and Annie to Ragtime and Grease we are covering Broadway's history and including numbers for children, youth and adults. These numbers vary in sizes as well as if you love to sing solo there are numbers for you. If you prefer to play in a large group, there are numbers for you. We have included many group numbers and there will be some dancing. Plan to join us now for this thrilling production!

Auditions will be the evening of November 19 and the afternoon of November 20. Music selections for these auditions will be available outside the music office starting November 1. We will hold callbacks for this show on December 8. Callbacks will include learning additional music and additional dance. We begin rehearsals January 5 and will run Wednesday evenings, Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons through the end of February. We will perform the first weekend of March. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be available in the beginning of November. You can auditions to only perform in one number or as many as we can make work. All are invited and all will be cast. Check out our list of selected songs and let the excitement brew!

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Denver Celebrates Native American Heritage Month
“Honoring and Offerings to the Ancestors”
St. Luke's will be hosting a special event in celebration of the National American Indian Heritage Month on Sat. November 13 at 7:00pm. The show will feature internationally acclaimed, Red Feather Woman, (Rose Red Elk) and The Seven Falls Indian Dancers. Red Feather Woman (Rose) is an award winning recording artist, traditional Native American storyteller/singer songwriter and author. Weaving traditional Native American stories with her original contemporary acoustic style music, will leave you spell bound with her enchanting oral storytelling expression and song. The Seven Falls Dancers will share their traditional Jingle Dance Story of healing, Fancy Shawl - Fast dance imitating the butterfly and the Grass Dance - Northern male dance. The dancers will be adorned in their colorful traditional regalia; will embrace the audience with an exhilarating touch of the authentic culture of the Plains Indians. This family friendly all American Indian production and cast will be the leading and most entertaining show in Denver during the Native American Heritage month. The all star assembly promises to educate, enlighten and entertain with an evening of traditional Native American stories, dance and music. Arts and Craft tables will be on hand, proceeds will support UMC Native Ministries, and Alternative Voices public radio.

Admission is free and a freewill offering will be taken to honor the performers and support non-profit Native Ministries.

Co-Sponsored by the United Methodist Native Ministries, AlterNative Voices Native, public radio, Red Elk Enterprises, St. Luke's Methodist Church. For more information contact www.alternativevoices.org; www.redfeatherwoman.com; www.sevenfallsindiandancers.com
**Upcoming Events**

- **November 14 – Youth Sunday!** Worship with us at 8, 9:30, & 11 to explore ‘Digging Into Youth’. Several youth preachers will share the pulpit with Janet to share about some of their most transformational experiences in mission.
- **November 21 – DenUM’s Food For All.** Up until November 21 SLY is collecting non-perishable Thanksgiving foods like instant potatoes, yams, cranberries, and gift cards to help families in need. Bring donations to the youth room up until the morning of November 21.
- **SLY PM Dinner** every regularly scheduled Sunday night at 5:30, $2 Donations appreciated! You can now sign up to help provide dinners online www.stlukeshr.com/sly/sundaydinners Having parents help provide a group meal in the middle of 4 hours of youth activities allows our youth to set aside blocks of time at church! We thank you for your help!
- **November 28 – Annual Tree Lighting & College Care Pack Packing.** Join us and bring the family for a night of Christmas carols, the lighting of our annual tree, snacking on homemade cookies, and packing up finals care packages for college students.
- **December 5 – Annual Christmas Video Scavenger Hunt for SLY PM.** Special start and end time to be announced!
- **Check out** www.stlukeshr.com/sly for up-to-date info on programs, activities, ministry opportunities and more!

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**Chris’s Corner**

*Post-Feeding of the 5,000 Continuing the Miracle*

The Feeding of the 5,000 raised over 60,000 pounds of food to stock DenUM’s shelves, and hungry families around Denver will use that food to create memories and meals until the end of the year. The last big event that Denver Urban Ministries hosts to fill their 2010 shelves is the annual Food For All. Our group will participate on Sunday, November 21 to provide Thanksgiving meals to hungry families across the metro area.

All month long we’ll be collecting non-perishable Thanksgiving-related items like cranberries, instant potatoes, and canned vegetables. In addition to food items we are also collecting donations to purchase grocery store gift cards for families to buy their own Thanksgiving turkeys. Donations of food and money will be taken all the way up until Sunday the 21st, and your generosity is encouraged. What better way to continue the miracle of sharing?

Youth are invited to stay after church on Nov. 21 to head downtown to deliver the food and sort donations until about 3:00pm that afternoon. I’ll be slinging cans and jars alongside you!

— Peace and Love, Chris

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**Pumpkin Patch Thanks!** Thank you to all those who worked and shopped at this year’s Pumpkin Patch! It felt like a very successful year, and we will publish our final earnings for the year in the December Chronicle. The Pumpkin Patch is a success only because of your support!

**2011 Confirmation Classes**

Information will be available to register for 2011 Confirmation Classes by Thanksgiving. If you (or your youth) are in 8th grade or up, they can participate in this spring’s Confirmation classes which take place from 11:00am to noon Sunday mornings. Classes begin in January and end in May. These classes help youth learn more about their personal faith, and whether they want to become members of the United Methodist Church.

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**Ministry Fair for January 9:** Come to Fellowship Hall between and after services on January 9 to celebrate Missions and Support Teams as they share their ministry with St. Luke’s! This is a great way to meet the people who serve on these teams, find information about service and support and to see how our congregation ministers to our community and to our world.

For more information on how St. Luke’s serves, check out our Ministry Catalog at the website under ‘Ministries’ or at the Get Connected Center at church.

The audit team has completed their work of reviewing our financial records for the years 2008 and 2009 and have submitted their report to the Finance Team. The team members are Jim Wolff, Team Leader, Mike Ramsett and Tammy Schugel. In selecting members for this team, the Leadership Team always seeks persons who are members or constituents of St Luke’s and have experience in the finance and accounting fields. Preferably, they have either worked in auditing or have worked in auditing at some point in their career. The objective of the audit team is to determine the degree to which the transactions they select to review comply with the church policies, guideline, and procedures.

The audit report for 2008 and 2009 indicates that “Tests related to internal control over receipts and expenditures have identified no excursions from established internal control practices. The design of internal controls appears appropriate and designed to prevent fraud and material misstatements at a reasonable level of assurance. Based on the results of the tests of internal controls and review of the bank activity, it appears that the reports of St. Luke’s United Methodist Church at December 31, 2008 and 2009 fairly represent the financial condition of the organization.”

Pick and Choose Your Method Of Giving to SLUMC.

We have many ways for you to make your giving to SLUMC easy and convenient. You may want to consider one of these convenient methods for your contributions. In addition to cash and checks, we offer online credit card transactions, stock transfers and scheduled automatic withdrawals from checking or credit card accounts. The following is a general summary:

- **General Fund and Capital Campaign, Grocery Cards, Special Events, plus, we're anxious to consider any reasonable method you know about that we haven't adopted.**

**Thank You!** (from Rev. Patricia Sailors-Westlake)

I would like to thank everyone who helped in so many ways to make my move to a new home so smooth, pleasant, and efficient. A special thanks to Nita Dunn for organizing my move, the packers, and the unpackers all did a magnificent job of sorting and storing, and setting up my new place. Not only did you save me a great deal of stress, you made what could have been a hassle into a fun project full of laughter and great memories. Thank you to everyone who brought meals on the day before, the day of and the day after the move. I am settling in and love having St. Luke’s visitors.

_May St. Luke’s be showered with blessings of grace._

This Joint is Jumpin’

We are back in full swing at St. Luke’s! On any given evening, and through most days, starting just before sunrise, we’ve got classes, resource groups, missions teams, worship, contemplative services, music, drama rehearsals, and support groups underway. We’re so proud that so many of you have stepped into leadership or sponsor positions supporting these wonderful and important sessions! Our church home is ALIVE with such tremendous energy.

In order to make sure your meetings go well, please be sure you keep Brenda Schafer, our Office Administrator, in the loop with meeting time changes and reservations. You can reach her at the church office, or leave a voice message if you’ve missed her to make sure your room reservations are finalized. If your group needs to reschedule, or skip a session from time to time, please let her know about that, too, so others can use the space.

If you need something special, be sure Brenda knows about that, too. We need advance notice so the rooms can be set up and you can get underway without any delay. This includes any special equipment like sound, power, chairs, and tables. Please don’t borrow any equipment from the Sanctuary or other rooms; it’s often where it is because someone reserved it in advance and it’s really tough when items disappear and our technical team can’t find them and have to scramble for Sunday services.

We’ve also got our electronic locks fully programmed. Brenda finalizes changes as needed so we’re open in plenty of time for your afterhours sessions, and so that doors are locked on time as we work to make sure everything is secure once people have left.

If you want to double check meeting times, contact a leader, or visit one of these groups just to check them out, our website includes an up-to-date calendar that’s always open for review so you can make plans. We truly appreciate your helping us to make sure there’s always plenty of room for ALL of you, ANYTIME! Thank you for all you do for St. Luke’s and each other, we appreciate it!
**Thanksgiving Celebration**

On Tuesday Nov. 23 at 6:30pm, we'll join with our neighbors, Christ Lutheran Church, for a service of thanksgiving and communion, followed by dessert and fellowship. Childcare provided.

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

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