



# The Chronicle

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 2011

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and much more!



St. Luke's production of *Broadway on Broadway* was well received by audiences on Friday and Saturday, March 4 & 5. The talents of over 120 St. Luke's congregants were on display and delivered with joy to audiences. Songs from *Show Boat*, to *Oklahoma*, to *Wicked*, and to *Guys and Dolls* helped illustrate the diverse themes of life and left the performers and audience nostalgic and rejuvenated. Proceeds will benefit St. Luke's expanding Drama Ministry.

## Ministry Fair April 3

Come to Fellowship Hall between and after services on April 3 to celebrate **Family & Fellowship Ministries** as they share their ministry with St. Luke's!

Visit booths sponsored by:

### Family Ministries:

Children & Youth

### Fellowship Ministries:

UMW

(United Methodist Women)

Men's Ministry

Seasoned Voyagers

Performing Arts Academy

Family Events

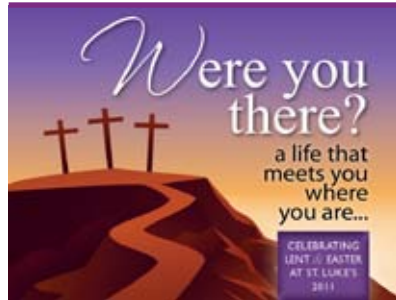
Dinner Groups

and other small groups.

This is a great way to meet the people who serve on these teams, find information about service and support opportunities. For more information check out our Ministry Catalog at the website under 'Ministries' or at the Get Connected Center at church.

### Questions?

Contact Karin Wesson 303-683-0196, [karin@thewessons.com](mailto:karin@thewessons.com) or Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20, [lynda@stlukeshr.com](mailto:lynda@stlukeshr.com).



## LENTEN SERIES

### March 8: Fat Tuesday

5:30pm: Pancake Supper and Races

### March 9: Service of Fire & Ashes

7:00pm: in the Sanctuary

### March 13: Lent 1

Rev. Bradley Laurvick

*Were You There...*

*And Will You Go There?*

Prepare by reading Mark 1 and 2

### March 20: Lent 2

Rev. Bradley Laurvick

*Were You There...*

*In the Middle of the Storm?*

Prepare by reading Mark 3 and 4

### March 27: Lent 3

Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes

*Were You There...*

*When Hope and Healing Held Hands?*

Prepare by reading Mark 5 and 6

### April 3: Lent 4

Dr. Stephen Collins

*Were you There...*

*When They Pointed Their Fingers?*

Prepare by reading Mark 7 and 8

### April 10: Lent 5

Rev. Bradley Laurvick

*Were You There...*

*When Things Got Uncomfortable?*

Prepare by reading Mark 9 and 10



### April 16:

### Easter Fun Day

10:00am-noon

### April 17: Palm Sunday

Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes

*Were You There...*

*When Jesus Went to Town?*

Prepare by reading Mark 11

Service of Baptism at 12:30pm in the Chapel

### April 19-23: Holy Week

Prepare by reading Mark 12-15

*Maundy Thursday Service of Communion and Anointing*

April 21 at 7:00pm

*Good Friday*

*Tenebrae Service of Darkness*

April 22 at 7:00pm

### April 24: Easter

*Services of Resurrection*

Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes

*Were You There...*

*For the Surprising Ending (Or Beginning!)?*

*Sunrise Service*

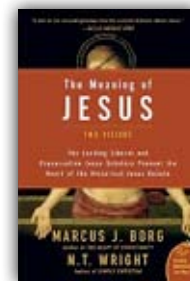
at Shea Stadium

with St. Andrew and St. Luke's Youth  
6:00am

*Sanctuary Services*

8:00, 9:00, 10:00, & 11:00am

6:34pm



## LENTEN STUDY

Based on *The Meaning of Jesus* by Marcus J. Borg and N.T. Wright

*Rev. Tony Ashworth – Wednesdays*  
beginning March 16 at 6:30pm

*Rev. Bradley Laurvick – Saturdays*  
beginning March 19 at 7:00am  
at the Egg and I

**Sunday Worship Services:**

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

6:34pm: Fusion

Contemplative Services also offered

(Check website for dates and times)

**Sunday School:**

Adult, Youth &amp; Children:

9:30am &amp; 11:00am

**Nursery available for:**

8:00, 9:30 &amp; 11:00am services

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**Melanie Kirkpatrick.....x11**

Assistant Director of Children's Ministry

**Samantha Leahy.....x40**

Director of Childcare

**Chris Wilterdink.....x14**

Director of Youth Ministry

**Susan Johnson.....x19**

Assistant Director of Youth Ministry

**Erin Laurvick.....x41**

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**Dr. James Ramsey.....x23**

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**Kenrick Mervine.....x33**

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**Kay Coryell.....x36**

Director of Handbells &amp; Children's Music Ministry

**Matthew Rose.....x37**

Director of Instrumental Music Ministry

**Ernie Rodgers.....x44**

Fusion Worship Leader

**Carrie Mallery.....x35**

Assistant Fusion Worship Leader

**Jenna Wilcox.....x43**

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**Brenda Schaffer.....x10**

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**Lisé Takayama.....x16**

Assistant Director of Finance

**Lynda Fickling.....x20**

Director of Servant Ministry/Spiritual Director

**Barry Curtis.....x39**

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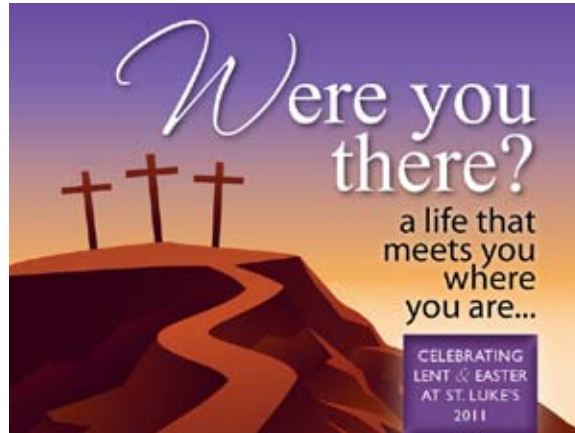
**Rev. Janet Forbes**  
Senior Pastor

## Were You There? A Life That Meets You Where You Are...

### CELEBRATING LENT AND EASTER AT ST. LUKE'S

Who is Jesus? The question seems simple and straightforward. But the answer is complex and subtle because it concerns the present identity of a person who lived in the ever more distant past. Whereas the question, Who was Jesus?, requests information that would identify him in his own time and place by referring to his date and place of birth, parents, occupation, social status, and time of death, asking, "Who IS Jesus?" signals an interest in his current identity.

One of my favorite books about Jesus is by Leander E. Keck, Professor of Biblical Theology at the Yale Divinity School. Keck is a frequent scholar in the Disciple Bible Study Series, Jesus in the Gospels. In his book, *Who is Jesus? History in Perfect Tense*, he writes about the "is-ness" of the Jesus that was. Did you catch that distinction?



Keck remembers that the ancient Greeks used the perfect tense of a verb to distinguish the ongoing impact of a completed action from its occurrence in the past. "The door was opened" asserts that a past action caused the door to be no longer shut, though it might have been closed later. "The door is opened," on the other hand, asserts that it still remains open as the result of past action. So, to speak of history in perfect tense is to consider the ongoing-ness of something from the past, namely Jesus.

Our Lenten Series from Sunday, March 13 through Easter, April 24, *Were You There? A Life that Meets You Where You Are...*, is the invitation to explore the ongoing meaning—the perfect tense—of Jesus. What does it mean to be a follower, a disciple, of Jesus? How does he always seem to meet us in new and fresh ways in each season of our spiritual journey?

In listening to persons who are seeking the spiritual life, I have learned that many people are skeptical about "organized religion", but are compelled by what it means to follow Jesus! The exploration of that hunger leads people to communities of persons who share the friendship, the convictions, the transformation, the hope of the Christian life.

Our Spiritual Formation Team will offer a Lenten study based on the book, *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions*, by scholars (Marcus J. Borg and N.T. Wright) who write from opposite ends of the theological perspective.

The season of Epiphany ended with the family party of Fat Tuesday on March 8 with pancakes, games, and masquerading. Lent began with Ash Wednesday with the flashing of our Lenten hopes in the fire!

Join us in worship as we seek a holy Lent by exploring the life that meets us where we are.

Grace, —Rev. Janet

## Mission Opportunities

Our mission to feed the homeless at St Paul's in Denver is in need of volunteers to keep the program running. It requires 2-3 hours of your time on any 3rd Sunday of the month (approx 7:30 am to 9:30 am). Groups, families, singles all are welcome. Sign up at the Mission Kiosk or call Marie Blue 303 683 2601 for details. Thanks!

## Pictorial Directories have gone to press:

Thanks to all of you who were photographed for St. Luke's 2011 Pictorial Directory. We had a record number of participants, and this directory will be a great addition to your household and a useful resource for new members. The directories will be printed and ready for pick-up here at St. Luke's in April. We will make an announcement when the directories arrive. If you haven't yet received your free 5"x7" print, it will be with your directory when you pick it up. Please call Jill Wright at 303-927-6345 (jill@jillwright.com), or Kris Kinney at 303-346-2740 (kmk830@earthlink.net) if you have any questions.



**Rev. Bradley Laurvick**  
Associate Minister

## Exploring The Meaning of Jesus

I am very excited to invite you all to join Rev. Tony Ashworth and me in exploring “*The Meaning of Jesus*”. During Lent,

beginning Wed. March 16 or Sat. March 19, we will be offering a book group to learn and share in conversation.

In “*The Meaning of Jesus*” N.T. Wright and Marcus Borg, leading Jesus scholars conservative and liberal respectively, each offer their perspective on some of the most important, exciting, and confusing issues of who Jesus is: his life, teachings, death, resurrection, and divinity.

Join Rev. Tony Wednesday nights at St. Luke’s, 6:30-8:00pm starting March 16, or me Saturdays at The Egg & I (HR Pkwy and Towncenter), 7:00-8:30am as we read this book one chapter a week, one conversation at a time.

## St. Luke’s to Develop Relationship with a Local School

Do you want to find new ways to engage in serving our local community? The Missions Committee and other interested people are working with the Douglas County School District to develop a partnership between St. Luke’s and a school in our local community. As you know, we already have a close relationship with the John Wesley School in Guatemala and it will be great to help a school close to home as well. Please contact Betsy Keyack, [bkeyack@att.net](mailto:bkeyack@att.net) if you would like to help start up this project.

## Just Faith – Just “Get Out There” *by Betsy Keyack*

You may have seen the commercials for a cruise line that urges people to “get out there.” That is what we do as part of the educational process in our Just Faith classes. We embark on field trips called “Border Crossings” in order to have personal contact with people who are poor and marginalized in our local community. We have interacted with homeless people and their advocates; senior citizens in a Latino neighborhood; people with HIV; prisoners who are seeking to connect with God; day laborers who are vulnerable to exploitation; and women who are being empowered through their micro-businesses. We learn a great deal from these people about what God is calling us to do to live our faith.

One of our most powerful Border Crossings has been with Randle Loeb. Randle is a well-known and respected advocate for homeless people in Denver. He, himself, is homeless. Currently he lives at St. Paul UMC in Denver, serving as custodian. Randle is on the board of Colorado Coalition for the Homeless and is a member of numerous committees dealing with the issues of homeless people. Randle conducts educational walking tours in downtown Denver. From these tours, we have learned about the needs of senior citizens, education of homeless children; what it’s like to be in a shelter like sardines on a cold night; affordable housing and gentrification of downtown neighborhoods; the Catholic Worker house model; the impact of drug addiction and mental illness; the needs of homeless teenagers; health care for homeless people and the effect of city laws.

The HAAT Force, a community-wide group led by Peter Reif and others, to address homelessness in the south Denver suburbs, grew out of a Border Crossing in 2009. This winter, HAAT volunteers have distributed a large number of cold-weather hotel vouchers to homeless people in our local area. St. Luke’s has been very supportive of this effort.

A key thing I learned from Randle and the Border Crossings is that in order to understand the needs in the community it is essential to go out and talk with people and listen to them. In order to take action, it is very effective to join with people who are interested in the same needs and are in fact already working to address those needs. Finally, it is okay to try different things in order to figure out how you want to make a contribution. According to scholar and educator Myles Horton, “We make the road by walking!”

## 100 People, 100 Trees

*by Betsy Keyack* It was a cool October day in 2010 with light rain falling. We were at the Sand Creek Greenway, a natural area being restored where the Stapleton airport runways used to be. There were 100 of us. We were people of all faiths, including Jews, Christians and Muslims. We gathered for prayer led by leaders of the different faith traditions. Then we set about our task - to nurture the environment by planting 100 trees. We wanted to show solidarity in our common value of caring for Creation. Our work was called the “Peace Forest.”



The Peace Forest project was initiated by Rev. Rebekah Simon-Peter of Bridgeworks, a non-profit that creates bridges of understanding among faith traditions in the context of the care of creation. (See <http://bridgeworksrepresents.org/default.aspx>). The effort was co-sponsored by the Denver-area Abrahamic Initiative and the non-profit Colorado Interfaith Power and Light (see <http://www.coloradoipl.org/>).

Lise Takayama and Edee Worth from St. Luke’s were among the volunteers planting trees. In addition, Nancy Abbot, Lise Takayama and Betsy Keyack donated trees in memory of loved ones.

Another Peace Forest planting in the Denver area is planned for this year. Stay tuned for information if you would like to participate. In addition, Rebekah plans to start a Peace Forest in every state. What a wonderful way to express our values!



**Lynda Fickling**  
Director of  
Servant Ministry/  
Spiritual Director

## We are Called to Serve

*"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*

**Greeters:** Possibly the easiest, but most important job in our church! We are the first step in being invitational—by just offering a hand, SMILING, and saying WELCOME. We are the hosts and our mission is to make our guests (and members) feel comfortable from the minute they walk through the front door. Easy, right?! You can do it! Spiritual Gifts: Helps, Hospitality Contact: Karmie Hilleary 303-683-4696 karmie@comcast.net or Valerie Goodstein 303-799-0907 valgoodstein@hotmail.com

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

**Fellowship Events Team (FET):** Calling all cooks, event planners, servers, helpers to set up/clean up for special fellowship events at St. Luke's (dinners, breakfasts, picnics, meetings or banquets) Team members attend meetings to prepare for events and work in conjunction with other ministries to provide guidance and tactical support for special events. This team also includes our Sunday Morning Fellowship-Coffee & Donuts Team, which provides the enjoyment of food and fellowship on Sunday mornings. Let's get our parties rolling! Spiritual Gifts: Helps, Hospitality, Service, Creative Communication, Leadership, Administration Contact: Lisa Lehnus 303-346-8114 llehnus@yahoo.com or Mona Daniels 720-348-1662 moandtroy@msn.com

**DenUM (Denver Urban Ministry):** We are currently in need of intake volunteers to assist families who come to DenUM for food and infant item needs. By working in DenUM's Outreach Services department, you'll interact face-to-face with those who are vulnerable in our community. You'll share our food resources, referral information, and encouragement to help them get back on their feet. We need people who are interested in serving on the front lines and who have basic computer skills. Volunteers at DenUM commit to a three-hour shift each week and we provide all the training you need. Contact Amanda Baker amanda@denum.org to join our incredible team of volunteers!

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,

**As of March 1, 2011** 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

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| Jerry Miyaki (Mike's uncle)   | Mike Quinn<br>(Pat Ludwig's nephew)                                  | <b>ARMED FORCES:</b><br>Corporal James "Jim" Harding,<br>Mark Thompson, Ed Herring,<br>Josh Brady, Jeremy Brady,<br>Colin Gabriel, Dustin<br>Ellington, Christopher Gardner,<br>Shane Boeding |
| Maria Viera Harris<br>(friend of Cindy Barlow)                              | Dick Dunham  | <b>SYMPATHIES TO:</b><br>Carl & Joanne Cleveland on<br>the passing of cousin's great-<br>grandson, Benjamin   |
| Norma Whitaker's mother, Jane<br>Denise More<br>(friend of Jenny Stevenson) | Kenny Sharpe   | Steve & Jimetta Pyles on the<br>passing of their nephew, Tim<br>Pyles   |
| Helen Mueller<br>(Cindy Markham's mother)                                   | Bernie Battaglin   | Mildred Moodie on the passing<br>of her sister, Violet Lesch  |
| Annie Schoenbals (friend of the<br>Muscianisi family)                       | Peter Waldheim   | Sandy Gibbons on the passing<br>of her father, Warren H<br>Wyckoff  |
| Jason Ritter<br>(Ryan Hooke's teacher/coach)                                | Dayna Paxton<br>(Craig Ballard's sister)                             | Brian & Elizabeth Bauer on the<br>passing of Brian's cousin,<br>Katie Noll Williams   |
| Sonia Cajanda (Mercedes<br>VonNormann's sister)                             | Rev. Eric David<br>(friend of Victoria Mason)                        | Rake & Jennifer Jiang on the<br>passing of Rake's uncle, Na<br>Shushan  |
| Erika Waldheim (friend of<br>Peter & Alicia Waldheim)                       | Myles Krick<br>(friend of Amy McDowell)                              | Ollie Fields and family on the<br>passing of his mother, Edith<br>Fields Sanlo  |
| Dustin Baird<br>(friend of Lucero's)  | Carolyn Cooper<br>(Angela Fuller's friend's 8<br>month old daughter) | Paul & Mary Novak on the<br>passing of Mary's mother,<br>Gwen Ogden   |
| Betty Kieser<br>(Bonnie Funk's mother)                                      | Mike Eckhoff<br>(Mary Harper's son's friend)                         | Mike & Christina Dumpert on<br>the passing of Mike's father,<br>Marty Dumpert   |
| Mandy Paul (family friend of<br>Kay Swanson)                                | Friend of Brian Welch  | Caroline Butler on the passing<br>of her friend, Janet Lehman   |
| Scot Trosper<br>(Norm Veach's nephew)                                       | Connie Bruhn<br>(Cheryl Wolff's sister)                              | Mark & Patti Speedy on the<br>passing of their brother-in-<br>law, Jim Freeman  |
| Jeff Lee  | Ruth Johnston<br>(Grace George's sister)                             | Peter & Sandi Thompson on<br>the passing of their sister-in-<br>law, Schelly Thompson   |
| Scott Ragan (Brian & Tonya<br>Stegman's cousin)                             | Frank James<br>(Kathy Swier's uncle)                                 | Val Clark on the passing of her<br>father, Casey Clark  |
| Jacob Dunning (Brian & Tonya<br>Stegman's nephew)                           | Karin Mason<br>(Victoria Mason's sister)                             | Bobbi King and Marie Blue on<br>the passing of their friend,<br>David Joseph  |
| Janet Stegman (Brian Stegman's<br>mother)                                   | Alex Daniels (Nancy Lataitis'<br>family friend)                      | Ken & Betsy Keyack and family<br>on the passing of Ken's father,<br>Robert Fong   |
| Bob Dover<br>(Cindy Gothard's father)                                       | Steve Marschke   | <b>CONGRATULATIONS TO:</b><br>Chino & Kate Crespo on the<br>birth of their daughter,<br>Tegan Lee Oldham Crespo<br>- big-brother Duncan &<br>proud grandparents, Dee &<br>JeanAnn Duncan      |
| Kathy Rich (Ms. Kay's friend)   | Kevin & Renee Parker<br>(Michelle Walters' friends)                  | Jake & Kathleen Kennedy,<br>proud grandparents of<br>grandson, Max Kennedy<br>Gibbons   |
| Mary Severns (Bob McBride's<br>Son-in-Law's mother)                         | Mary Hogan<br>(friend of Sharon Scholle's)                           | Dick & Maryann Weil, proud<br>grandparents of grandson,<br>Corbin Weil  |
| Mel Ludlam<br>(Les Ludlam's uncle)  | Bill Harold<br>(Nancy Obertier's cousin)                             | Chris & Emily Wilterdink<br>on the birth of their son,<br>Graham Christopher  |
| Jane Riegel   | Keaton Wong<br>(friend of the Takayama's)                            |   |
| Curtis Hall<br>(Debbie Newby's brother)                                     | Darrell & Billie (wife)  |   |
| Bob Worth<br>(Edee Worth's husband)   | Aderman (friends of Rick &<br>Louise Jasper)                         |   |
| John Thompson<br>(Julie Ramsett's father)                                   | Jack Fleming<br>(Julie Brower's father)                              |   |
| Rick (Rachel Nolder's<br>co-worker's brother)                               | Richard Swier<br>(Dan Swier's father)                                |   |
| Joyce Buchanan<br>(Joan Goddard's mother)                                   | Lori Lieberman<br>(friend of Jane Damsgard)                          |   |
| Gerry Wright<br>(Gail Abernathy's mother)                                   | Donna Craven<br>(friend of Cindy Barlow's)                           |   |
| Bob Lucero<br>(Gov Lucero's brother)  | Linda Fligg  |   |
| Ed Murrow<br>(Dave Murrow's father)   | Kevin Freymeyer<br>(friend of Greg Nolder)                           |   |
| Roger Schoenwald<br>(Val Clark's friend)                                    | Michael & Lona Cram<br>(friends of Nita Dunn)                        |   |
| Stanleigh Chism<br>(Val Clark's friend)                                     | Randy Still (Rake & Jennifer<br>Jiang's neighbor)                    |   |
| Don Leidig (Bob & Christy<br>Rowe's friend)                                 | Steve Irons (Bill Lee's friend)                                      |   |
| Betty Dunlap  | Jackie Durban  |   |
| Patty Norton  | Doug Bryden<br>(Kay Swanson's father)                                |   |
| Cathy Horvath<br>(friend of Lisé Takayama's)                                | William Dunn<br>(family from Little School)                          |   |
| Tom Gabel<br>(family friend of the Haas')                                   | Scott Sheffield (Alicia<br>Waldheim's friend's son)                  |   |
|   | Ellen Ursin (Lynda Fickling's<br>mother)                             |   |
|   | Laura McCoy (Kay Oscati's<br>neighbor)                               |   |



**Rev. Les Ludlam**

St. Luke's Lay Associate Pastor  
1993-1997

## More from Les Anniversary Remembrances

It was Palm Sunday, March 26, 1961. The day began cloudy and threatening. Snow was forecast for the mountains, but I could care less. This was our wedding day! By evening Betty and I would be husband and wife!

Rev. Bob Stabenow, the Associate Minister at 1st Methodist Church had finished our prenuptial counseling meetings, the rehearsal had gone pretty much as expected, and it seemed there was nothing else for me to do in preparation.

Betty was getting ready at her parents home; I was with my family, fidgeting as much as anything else. "It seems," I foolishly thought, "that grooms don't have so much to do to prepare for the wedding."

I was dressed and would get a boutonniere later at the church. The Buick was serviced and washed, all my clothes were packed and ready, the books for school were in the back of the car, so I could be ready for classes that started the following week. I needed something to help burn off the nervous energy, so I began to worry.

Betty's brothers, Roger and Dick had been teasing me earlier about kidnapping her after the ceremony and holding her hostage for a while. "They wouldn't do that!" I thought, "Or would they?" The horrible possibility began to wear on my mind, unlikely as it was. "Don't worry, we'll get you and Betty to our Edsel after the wedding and you can use it on your honeymoon trip," said my father, "we will drive your Buick till you get back." The Edsel was barely a year old and was certainly more elegant than the '55 Buick, so I enthusiastically agreed to the plan.

The wedding began at about 2:00pm, after the church had been cleared following Sunday worship. I waited nervously in the small room just off the main church sanctuary with my best man, Jim, and the groomsmen, Billy and my brother, Jerry. Rev. Bob offered a short prayer and then, as the organ music began, he said, "Let's go," and then turning to me with a mischievous smile, continued, "Unless you want to back out..."

We started in... I walked to the altar area with the Rev. Bob and the groom's men and watched the back of the church for the arrival of the bride. The music swelled and the strains of the wedding march filled my brain. Betty and her dad appeared and I caught my breath.

There was the love of my life, looking more beautiful than I had ever seen before! She was looking at me and smiling as she walked down the aisle on her father's arm. I took a deep breath and fought back the tears that were trying to well up in my eyes. I still get a lump in my throat when I recall that moment!

In what seemed an instant, Betty was standing beside me; we had said our vows, we had exchanged rings and the minister had declared us husband and wife. We had knelt for a prayer at the end of the ceremony. When the prayer was over, we stood and kissed and then prepared to recess up the center aisle.

But as we stood up to begin our recession up the aisle, Betty discovered that she was standing on one of the underskirts of her wedding dress! She began to lean forward. I quickly caught her, steadied her and in split-second, she was able to free her foot. Just as a picture was being taken, we straightened up and then walked together up the aisle. I felt that disaster had been narrowly avoided.

Immediately following the ceremony, we proceeded to go downstairs to the fellowship hall in the church basement. There was the usual reception line, guest book, or eand refreshments. We had mints, nuts, cake, ice cream, coffee and tea. There were hugs and kisses and tears of joy; then the wedding presents were opened.

I kept my eyes on Betty's brothers, but nothing out of the ordinary seemed to be happening; it appeared that their threat had been just that, something to have fun with my mind.

Betty disappeared to change from her wedding dress into her "going away" outfit and my father slipped the keys to the Edsel into my pocket and I gave him my keys to the Buick. As the reception began to wind down and Betty and I went upstairs and out of the church and through a shower of rice. We quickly walked to the side of the church where the Edsel was parked, our bags discreetly hidden in the trunk, and got in. As we drove away, we saw the '55 Buick sitting in front of the church, elegantly decorated with crepe paper and soap for the windows. (*Mom would tell us later that they received quite a response of honking and cheering as they drove the Buick to their home.*)

Weddings have changed dramatically in several ways since 1961. In many ways, however, they remain the same. The elegance of the location and ceremony, the money spent, the special things that may be done by bride and groom, do not change the significance of this holy event nor affect the quality or longevity of the marriage. Commitment to the vows made and regular reinforcement that seeks none but good for your partner **do** make the difference.

Betty and I will be celebrating our **50th wedding anniversary** on March 26. There will be an old-fashioned reception at the church that afternoon and you're invited to stop by, enjoy some mints and nuts and coffee or tea, and share memories. **God bless us all! Rev. Les**

Celebrate with us  
March 26, 2011  
2:00-4:00pm

## A message from the Seasoned Voyagers

No, we are not well-seasoned with salt and pepper and other spices, nor are we full of recipes that we hand out to people. We are a group of older adults well versed in the habit of living and gaining wisdom. We want to share who we are with others. In return, we want you to share with us in fellowship and fun that can only be found at St. Luke's. As a side note, opportunities to participate will not be limited to St. Luke's members. Other people living in the surrounding communities will be welcomed into our Seasoned Voyagers group.

When does this all begin, you ask? How will I know if I want to attend and be part of this group? Well, we are currently in the planning stages and want to start in the fall with a get-acquainted meeting. However, as we put together this special and unique program, we invite you to start looking for members of our core team. **They may have badges saying "Ask Me About Seasoned Voyagers" or they may just look like "Seasoned Voyagers."** Just ask someone you see. If they don't know, maybe together you can find one of us hanging out somewhere.

If you want more info about what we are doing, please feel free to go to the St. Luke's Home Page, find the Quick Links button below the picture and scroll down to Email Lists. Click on that button, and it will take you to a page full of emails. Scroll down to the end of that page where you will find "Select a List." Click on that button and you will find Seasoned Voyagers. If all this sounds too complicated, just call Ann Roadarmel at 303-792-5110, or email me at [alroadarmel@gmail.com](mailto:alroadarmel@gmail.com) for more information. We would love your ideas and thoughts about what programming you think might be needed at St. Luke's for our Seasoned Voyagers, and if you want to be on our core team we would be glad to have you. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 1:00pm and finish before 2:30pm.



## Tucker & Jake's Take

Woof! Woof! Ruff! Ruff! This is Tucker & Jake. We are on the Children's Beat, sniffing out and reporting all the latest news.

We are so excited about **Twinderella!** Over 40 kids tried out for the play and will be practicing every Wednesday between now and May 6. (We tried to convince Ms. Sharon to write parts for us, but I guess Cinderella & Bob didn't have dogs. Maybe next year...)

Also, **SLY, Jr.** (those fun 5th & 6th graders) had a great time celebrating Fat Tuesday on Tuesday, March 8. It was a fantastic celebration and now we are focusing on Lent with our next SLY, Jr. gathering on March 20 at 5:30pm. We will have a special guest who is an expert at ceramics and will show us lots of cool techniques to paint ceramic crosses. Only \$10 a person and you get to keep your cross after it's been fired in a special oven. Maybe we can paint with our paws!

Tucker!! Did you hear?? Bunnies are coming! **Easter Fun Day** is the most FUN DAY of the year! Bunnies. Cotton Candy. Games. Easter Egg Hunts. The Bounce House. Can you believe it? In just a few weeks it's going to be here! Make sure you mark your calendar for Saturday, April 16, 10:00am to noon. The Easter Bunny is going to be ready and waiting. You have to be there!

But Jake.....as great as that is.... it's not even the biggest news cooking. Something big is happening downstairs. Ms. Sharon and Ms. Melanie are stirring something up for this summer. It's been hard for me to concentrate, because they've been working in the kitchen, pulling out the pots and pans and mixing up a plan for kids to carry out God's Recipe. They're dancing. They're singing. They're putting on their aprons and getting ready for the **"Shake it Up Café" Vacation Bible School!** Morning VBS is from June 20-24 and evening VBS July 12-15 this year! With chef's hats and cookbooks, surrounded by checkered tablecloths and chalkboard menus, kids are going to mix up the ingredients for following God. Oh, I hope they are cooking up some yummy dog treats, too!

**Online VBS enrollment begins April 11 online and closes May 27 for morning VBS and July 1 for evening VBS.**

This is Tucker & Jake, wagging our tails and sending wet doggie kisses. We promise to stay on this developing "Shake it Up Café" story and promise to share more details next month!



**Sharon Oliver**  
Director of  
Children's Ministry



**Melanie Kirkpatrick**  
Asst. Director of  
Children's Ministry



**Samantha Leahy**  
Director of Childcare

## St. Luke's Kids Growing with God

### Upcoming Events BUZZ:

**Wed. Mar. 8 - CDT Rehearsal** 5:30pm

**Tuesday Mar. 15 - Children's Ministry Team**  
Meeting 6:30pm - All are welcome

**Wed. Mar. 16 - CDT Rehearsal** 5:30pm

**Sundays Mar. 20-April 17 - PEAK Sunday School "Garden of Gethsemane"**  
9:30am

**Sunday Mar. 20 - SLY, Jr.** 5:30pm - Ceramic  
Crosses \$10, Community Meal \$2

**Wed. Mar. 23 - CDT Rehearsal** 5:30pm

**Wed. Mar. 30 - CDT Rehearsal** 5:30pm

**Apr. 3 & 6 - Children's Ministry Fairs**

**Wed. Apr. 6 - CDT Rehearsal** 5:30pm

**Monday, Apr. 11 - VBS online signup begins**

**Wed. Apr. 13 - CDT Rehearsal** 5:30pm

**Saturday Apr. 16 - 10:00am-noon**

**EASTER  
FUN  
DAY!**

**Sunday Apr. 17 - PALM SUNDAY**

(Sunday School Procession in Worship)

**Wed. Apr. 20 - CDT Rehearsal** 5:30pm

**Sunday Apr. 24 - EASTER** (No Sunday School)

**Wed. Apr. 27 - CDT Rehearsal** 5:30pm

**Sundays May 1-May 30 - PEAK Sunday School "Garden of Gethsemane"** 9:30am

**Sun. May 1 - SLY, Jr.** 5:30pm - Progressive Dinner

**Wed. May 4 - CDT Rehearsal** 5:30pm

**Thur. May 5 - CDT Rehearsal** 5:30pm

### Twinderella

**Friday May 6 - Children's Dinner Theater**  
Dinner 6:00pm, Show 7:00pm

**Sunday May 15 - SLY, Jr.** 5:30pm - Mini-Golf

**Friday May 27 - Family Movie Night "Tangled"**  
6:45pm

**Sunday June 5 - PROMOTION SUNDAY**

**Sunday June 5 - SLY, Jr.** 5:30pm - Picnic

**Wed. June 8 - Wacky Wednesdays** 9:30am

**Wed. June 15 - Wacky Wednesdays** 9:30am

**Mon. June 20- Fri. June 24 -**

9:15am-12:15pm

**VBS (Morning Session)**

**Wed. June 29 - Wacky Wednesdays**

**Tues. July 12- Fri. July 15 -**

5:45pm-8:00pm

**VBS (Evening Session)**



### News & Notes:

**Congratulations!** The following children completed the God & Me curriculum in January and were honored on Scout Sunday Feb. 13: Kameron Butler, Madison Fry, Nicholas Fry, Alina Harper, Quinton Krochta, Samuel Maddux, Owen Metz, Evan Stogsdill, Matthew Torgerson, Alex Willman, Mike Willman

**DVDs available!** "Joy Around the World" Pageant DVDs and "Snow White" Children's Dinner Theater DVDs will be available on Sundays - \$1 donation appreciated for each.

**SLY Jr. collected 555 toothbrushes!!!!**

Way to go SLY, Jr. and St. Luke's! Pictured at right: Mission Team lead Laura Richards packing up the toothbrushes to take to Guatemala.

**Visit [www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com) for upcoming events. If you have any questions** about Children's Ministry programs contact Sharon Oliver x27 [sharon@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sharon@stlukeshr.com) or Melanie Kirkpatrick x11 [mealnie@stlukeshr.com](mailto:mealnie@stlukeshr.com)





**Kay Swanson**  
Director of  
Little School



## Little School News: March Merriment!

The Leprechauns will be merry and about, causin' mischief and trickery! They seem to like to come into our rooms and turn things about and leave green footprints everywhere... and if you look hard enough there will be gold hiding in secret places! We love this month and just enjoy all the fun we are having.

ENROLLMENT is still available for our Tuesday and Thursday classes from 9:00am-1:00pm for 3's and for our 4 year-old's. PLEASE let your friends know that Little School still has room for their child! We would love to have them!

Little School will be closed for Spring Break March 21-25 so our teachers can have a respite with their families. We are looking forward to coming back refreshed and ready to have a fabulous April and May. Can you believe that we are getting so close to the end of school - 12 weeks! WOW!

Blessings, -Ms. Kay and Staff :-)

# Wacky Wednesdays

Summer FUN at St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Each week children will enjoy  
music, crafts, chapel time and games.

The theme this year is:



Open to all children age 3 (by Oct. 1, 2011) through 3rd grade!

(Must be independently potty-trained to attend.)

**TIME:** 9:30am-noon  
**WEDNESDAYS:** June 8, 15, 29  
July 13, 20, 27

Registration is \$15.00 per day per child.  
(This helps cover the cost of supplies, snacks and teacher salaries.)

If you have any questions regarding registration contact:

Tami Clement at [ma3clement@aol.com](mailto:ma3clement@aol.com)

Registration forms available at the Little School/  
Superintendent's Office. **We will not be able to refund the  
money for any days your child does not attend.**  
Please complete one form for each child attending.

Return them all to the main Church Office  
**NO LATER than SUNDAY May 22, 2011.**

## Golf Event 2011!

Remember that feeling when you made the last payment on your vehicle and it was yours, free and clear? Even if you're personally buried in a 5 yr. loan you can share in that feeling at St. Luke's. Last August under the able leadership of Rich Krening we paid off the loan for the SLY bus!

Eight years ago a foresighted group of parents led by Dan Raap realized Old Blue (a 15 passenger airport van) wasn't the safest nor the most reliable transportation for our kids so they purchased the bus we have today. Fortunately credit was available. However how to pay it off? Cue the men in funny shorts.

A golf event was born (in case you're wondering, a church can't refer to it as a "tournament"). The event has been a great success. Not only has it provided us the necessary revenue, but it's provided a way to socialize with 90 of our closest parishioners. It's also been a great way for folks to expose friends and neighbors to our culture (most definitely "Invitational"). The first two years were played at Highlands Ranch GC, then three years at Fossil Trace GC where our own Jim Hajek is Head Professional, and finally returned to HRGC the last two years.

Typically \$30 per entry goes towards the fund which by itself wouldn't have paid-off the loan in my lifetime. Hence sponsorships and silent auctions were necessary. Several of our member business persons have supported us year-in and year-out. Others have solicited items for silent auctions and to support the raffle. Finally there's an anonymous benefactor who has generously contributed. The staff at St. Luke's has also been supportive with golf jokes from the pulpit and clever videos and skits. Without the support of these people and those that have served on the committee over the years we wouldn't be where we are.

So what's next? Well we need to start planning for the next one. While the current bus has been a wonderful tool, a smaller bus that doesn't require a commercial driver's license would be useful. Rather than buy a new one now, we're going to build a little equity first. Typically we have around 90 participants of which 25% are women. Given that it's possible to field 144 players, the focus for this year is on participation rather than fundraising although sponsorships will remain available.

Fortunately Arrowhead GC (<http://www.arrowheadcolorado.com>) has offered us a very aggressive bid this year. This first-class venue has stunning views of natural rock formations throughout the course and is sure to be an attraction. We also hope to reduce the entry fees. The package includes complimentary non-alcoholic drinks and snacks on the carts as well as a buffet afterwards and a drink voucher. I think you'll find this to be a terrific value.

**Save the date:  
August 27 at  
1:30pm.**

-John Church, St. Luke's  
Golf Committee

## Joining St. Luke's

All are welcome into the community of St. Luke's. Should you be ready to take the next step and become members, here are the simple steps:

Please fill out the New Member Card located in our friendship pad and/or at the Get Connected Center.

Then you may simply hand the card to one of our Pastors or Lynda Fickling our Director of Servant Ministry.

She will then need to meet for a few minutes to go over the New Member Packet and have your picture taken.

We look forward to you becoming a member of our family!

For more info, please contact Lynda Fickling [lynda@stlukeshr.com](mailto:lynda@stlukeshr.com) or go to this link [http://stlukeshr.com/p\\_join.asp](http://stlukeshr.com/p_join.asp)



*"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."*

**Warren Village** On January 25th, United Methodist Women served dinner at Warren Village. They served about fifty people who were able to take leftovers home for lunch the next day. Additionally, two hundred children and adults books were handed out.

#### **Subgroups of United Methodist Women 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:** First Saturday of the month, 8:30-10:00am. All women ages 18 and older are invited to join us in mission work, time for faith, devotions and building relationships.

- **April 2:** Missions and the joy they bring (Edee Worth)
- **May 7:** Labyrinth (Fran West & Janet Sackett)
- **June 4:** UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). We will be putting together "Birthing Kits"

For more information, please contact Elena Lynch at elenaclynch@gmail.com or Lynda Fickling at Lynda@stlukeshr.com. Visit stlukeshr.com Quick links, Email lists to add your name to the email distribution 'list. Childcare: sam@stlukeshr.com or 303-791-0659 x47 at least 24hrs in advance.

#### **Evening Book Group:**

Fourth Monday of the month, 7:00pm Room 206

- Mar. 28 - *The Girls* by Lori Lansens
- Apr. 25 - *Modoc: The True Story of the Greatest Elephant that Ever Lived* by Ralph Helfer

For more information, please call Renae Parra at 303-683-0872. To be added to the email mailing list, RenaeParra@aol.com

**Itch to Stitch:** Itch to Stich recently provided eighteen blankets for the Vets, seven fleece blankets for the Oklahoma Indian Reservation, twenty-four baby hats for Mommy Rocks, twelve hats for Kaps for Kendall and twelve hats to be sent to Guatemala.

Third Wednesdays of the month, 7:00-8:30pm downstairs near the Children's Library

For more information, please call Fran West at 303-797-7107.

#### **Women's Night Out:**

First Monday of the month, 6:30pm various locations

- Apr. 4 - Little Anita's
- For more info, please contact Sandy Frasier at Sandy.Frasier@yahoo.com or Elaine Carlstrom at ecarlstrom@comcast.net.

#### **Mark Your Calendars:**

- **Saturday, Mar. 12** - District Spiritual Day (Castle Rock)
- **Saturday, Mar. 26** - 50th Anniversary Reception for Betty and Les Ludlam
- **Sunday, May 15** - United Methodist Women Spring Tea
- **Sunday, Sept. 11** - Fall Kick-off
- **Nov. 4** - United Methodist Women Hosting World Community Day

#### **Upcoming Rocky Mountain Conference United Methodist Women Events** [www.rmcmw.org](http://www.rmcmw.org)

- **Spiritual Life Retreat:** April 29-May 1, 2011 Y Camp of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO
- **School of Christian Mission:** July 21-23, 2011 First UMC, Boulder
- **District Annual Meeting:** Sept. 17, 2011

Visit [www.UMWOnline.net](http://www.UMWOnline.net) to network with others, as well as get and share resources.



## *Journey toward Wholeness*

### ST. LUKE'S UMC SPIRITUALITY AND WELLNESS WORKSHOP SERIES 2010/2011

#### **A Workshop Series responsive to St. Luke's Wellness Inventory.**

For more information contact Rev. Sallie or any member of the Spirituality and Wellness Team.

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relationships, St. Luke's is in a position to think more broadly about what we can do to promote and nurture the development of more Assets among our children and youth. Workshop participants broke into small groups to share specific ideas about how St. Luke's can develop greater capacity to help our children and youth build more Assets into their lives. In a large group closing Dr. Max summarized and concluded with the challenge that each and every member of St. Luke's can help create the Gracious Space necessary to nurture competent, caring, and responsible children and young people, by practicing the Assets Building approach. We have an opportunity to live out our congregational baptismal commitment "to be the sisters and brothers, uncles and aunts, grandfathers and grandmothers in Christ;" to help our children and youth "grow to full humanity, through living the teachings of Jesus Christ: Love, Acceptance, Justice, and Hope." It was an evening full of Gracious Space.

If you were unable to attend the Building in Gracious Space: Assets Building – A Strength Based (and Gracious) Approach to Helping Children and Youth Thrive workshop, Ken Fong videotaped the large group sessions (Thank you Ken), and you can contact Rev. Sallie to arrange to view the video.

The Spirituality and Wellness Team plans to email a follow-up survey to all participants who provided email addresses. We invite you to give us your feedback about the Assets Building workshop and provide your ideas for future Spirituality and Wellness workshops. In addition, the survey will investigate interest in a deeper exploration of the Assets Building approach, as well as what that might look like as a St. Luke's education activity. We invite your participation in planning these activities.

**Save the Date!** The final Workshop in the 2010/2011 series: **Tuesday, April 5, 6:30-8:30pm – St. Luke's Fellowship Hall**  
**Gracious Space: Living with Wellness** Facilitator: Jane Mountain, M.D., Author, Speaker, Retired Physician

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## Great Turnout for 3rd Wellness Workshop

Sunday Feb. 20 at St. Luke's Dr. Dana Max, Clinical Psychologist specializing in Youth and Families, engaged more than 65 participants in learning about the Assets Building approach for nurturing competent, caring, and responsible children and youth. Initiated by the Search Institute in 1995, and based on research among 250,000 American youth grades 6-12, the Assets Building approach has defined 40 Assets that all young people need to develop in order to navigate successfully through childhood and adolescence. The 40 Assets incorporate both External Assets (for example, family support, a caring neighborhood, adult role models, creative activities, a religious community) and Internal Assets (for example, achievement motivation, integrity, planning and decision making, self-esteem). Many children and youth have fewer than half of these Assets, leaving them significantly at risk for engaging in risk-taking behaviors, including drug and alcohol abuse, depression/suicide, sexual activity, violence, and poor performance in school.

As a community of faith that already recognizes the value of intergenerational

## The Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra Delights St. Luke's

On February 20th, the Boulder Philharmonic with special guest soloist Richard Stoltzman, came to town and filled the Sanctuary with fun, exciting and beautiful music. We were very grateful they joined us as part of our benefit concert series this year.

Although the final numbers have not been tallied yet, proceeds from this concert will go towards building materials for the adobe homes for the widows of Lamoia, scholarships for the children at the John Wesley School

and instruments for their new music program at the school. Because everything went so well, both St. Luke's and the Boulder Phil decided to book the next concert on February 26, 2012! Mark your calendars now! If you were one of the 350 that came, you know how great they were. If you weren't able to come, you don't want to miss the chance to hear this wonderful professional orchestra perform. As one of our members put it, "Convenient, affordable, and fabulous!"



**James Ramsey**  
Director of Music  
& Arts Ministries



**Kenrick Mervine**  
Associate Dir. of  
Music Ministry/  
Organist



**Kay Coryell**  
Dir. of Handbells  
& Children's Music  
Ministry



**Matthew Rose**  
Dir. of Instrumental  
Music Ministry



**Jenna Wilcox**  
Director of  
Drama Ministry

## Welcome Jenna Wilcox!

We are pleased to announce that Jenna Wilcox has come aboard at St. Luke's in the newly created position of Director of Drama Ministry!

As of March 1, Jenna Wilcox joined the St. Luke's staff as the Director of Drama Ministry as part of the Music and Arts Ministries team. She brings a unique wealth of knowledge of theater and a passion for community building through the arts. Jenna is a Colorado native and has been active in churches from her early youth. From holding babies in the nursery when her mom volunteered for Sunday service to teaching 3rd grade Sunday School, Jenna has long been exploring her heart and calling for ministry. As a young person she sang in every choir she could and acted on stage at every opportunity. Her experience in liturgical drama and choral music lead her to pursue a degree in Musical Theater from Friends University in Wichita, Kansas. It was there that she discovered her love of directing.

Upon arrival at St. Luke's Jenna and her husband, Bret, fell in love with the community. She and Bret helped paint the set for *The Music Man* before attending a service and have participated in every Wesley Players production since. We are delighted and blessed that they, along with their adorable son, Coley, have made the St. Luke's community their spiritual home. Welcome Jenna! Break a leg!



## Jazz at St. Luke's on April 10!

On April 10 at 7:30pm, Message Serving the Word will join St. Luke's for a benefit concert. Message Serving the Word is a jazz trio from Phoenix, AZ that promotes a Christian message through jazz music. They are very entertaining and fun to listen to. In addition, the Ministers of Swing and the St. Luke's Youth Jazz Orchestra will also perform for the concert. All are invited. Suggested donation at the door.

## Registration for the Performing Arts Academy is open!



*Building skills and confidence through the performing arts in a safe space for learning*

Register early and receive a PAA water bottle or register a friend who has never been to PAA and receive a PAA backpack. Go to [www.stlukespaa.org](http://www.stlukespaa.org) for more information or contact James Ramsey or Jenna Wilcox at [jim@stlukeshr.com](mailto:jim@stlukeshr.com) or [jenna@stlukeshr.com](mailto:jenna@stlukeshr.com)

**Wellness continued from page 8** Dr. Mountain will help us identify ways that our faith can support us in growing more resilient, managing challenging life circumstances, and integrating spirituality and wellness into all aspects of our lives.

For more information please contact anyone on the Spirituality and Wellness Team: Renae Parra, Cindy Raap, Jane Staller, Brenda Schaefer, Bryan Hutchinson, Jenita Rhodes, Lynda Fickling, Rev. Janet Forbes and Rev. Sallie Suby-Long



### Upcoming Events

- \* **March 13 SLY PM:** A Worship Service for Lent. Join us to center yourself to begin thinking about Easter, what it means to live without, preparing for the new life that comes with the spring.
- \* **March 20 SLY PM:** Got a minute to win it? Come and play some silly games with your friends – who knows, maybe you'll win a million of something...
- \* **March 27 SLY PM:** A relaxed movie night for you and your buds.
- \* **April 3 SLY PM:** Ready for Easter? Easter is later than usual this year, giving us more time to enjoy the spring as we get ready for the Resurrection story!
- \* **DON'T FORGET WEDNESDAY NIGHT SLY! EVERY WEDNESDAY 6:30pm**  
See Ms. Susan for details.
- \* **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](http://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!
- \* **Check [www.stlukeshr.com/sly](http://www.stlukeshr.com/sly)** for up-to-date info on programs, activities, ministry opportunities and more!

## CHRIS'S CORNER Preparing for Summer Missions

Yes, you are smack in the middle of the longest stretch of school. You are probably dying for spring break to get here and summer feels like a long way away! But fear not, summer is closer than you think – and so are the mission trips!



This year, the Sr. High (graduated 9-12 graders) will work with MoTown Missions in Detroit doing Urban Renewal projects. This will be a very interesting trip with plenty of cultural opportunities around Detroit and the work will take us into some of the most impoverished areas of the city. This trip will cost \$475 per participant, and you need to get registered by March 27. There are 40 spots available for youth. To register, pick up a registration packet at church, or go to [stlukeshr.com/sly](http://stlukeshr.com/sly) and download your own. The registration packet is a 2-page application plus 2 recommendation forms. A \$200 deposit in addition to these forms saves your spot on the trip. Get your forms in ASAP to get your spot!

The Jr. High trip details are still being finalized, but those youth who are graduated 6-8 grade interested in this trip should save July 5-10. Historically, we keep the Jr. High trip shorter, cheaper, and closer to home than the Sr. High experience. This trip will involve at least 3 days of volunteer work and a bit of travel. The Jr High Mission experience is designed as a 'getting your feet wet' trip, that will expose youth to volunteer and service in a safe, fun, and meaningful way.

**For Parents/Adults –** These trips only happen because adults from St. Luke's make time in their busy schedules to support these trips with their physical presence. The adults who have traveled with us on mission experiences in the past have called them 'surprisingly meaningful' 'wonderful' and 'eye-opening'. Please prayerfully consider if you have the time and energy to be an adult sponsor on a mission experience this summer. If you would like more information, or talk over experiences in person, please contact me! - [chris@stlukeshr.com](mailto:chris@stlukeshr.com) or my cell 303-260-8221.



**Chris Wilterdink**  
Director of Youth Ministry



**Susan Johnson**  
Assistant Director of Youth Ministry



**Erin Laurvick**  
Intern in Youth Ministry

### WELCOME

Graham Christopher Wilterdink!

Born February 26, 2011 at 10:44am  
8lbs 2oz • 20.5 inches long



### EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Plan to join us and St. Andrew at Shea Stadium at 6:00am for our annual Sunrise Service. We offer communion, a brief message, and plenty of songs by our two excellent youth choirs!

## H.A.A.T. Force Update: Homelessness Awareness/Action Task Force: South Metro "Addressing the Unaddressed"

CONTRIBUTORS as of 2/3/2011: \$12,030

CHURCHES: St. Luke's UMC, Highlands Ranch, CO; First Church of Christ Scientist, Englewood, CO; First Presbyterian Church, Englewood, CO; Columbine United Church, Littleton, CO; High Plains Region, Episcopal Diocese of CO; Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Centennial, CO; St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Centennial, CO;

St. Gabriel the Archangel Episcopal Church, Cherry Hills Village, CO

INDIVIDUALS: 30

OTHER: Arapahoe County Human Services, Qwest

Clients Served: 216 adults, 38 children

Funds Used: \$10,215.00

Funds Available: \$2,089.00

**Wow!**

for more info contact Peter Reif



**Dave Cupp**  
Director of Finance



**Lisé Takayama**  
Assistant Director  
of Finance

**Thank You** for Your Continued Support. We're off to a good start for 2011. Thank you for making this happen.

**A New Giving Opportunity For Non-Weekly Givers.** Those who give their offering to St Luke's each week have the opportunity to enjoy the experience of dedicating their

giving at the altar in worship every Sunday. Yet, those who elect to give by some method other than placing their offering in the offering plate on Sunday morning don't get to enjoy the same experience. We want everyone to have the opportunity to participate in the Sunday offering and serve as a role model for generosity and stewardship with our children and others around us.

We're proud to announce a new program that will allow everyone to participate in the Sunday offering. We have a new laminated card that you can place in the offering plate each Sunday signifying that you are a non-weekly giver who has elected to give your offering by using our electronic transfer program, transferring stocks, or writing checks monthly, quarterly, or annually rather than placing your offering in the offering plate on a weekly basis.

This new card is about the size of an offering envelope and we're calling it the "Non-Weekly Offering Card." The cards may be found in the Information Display in the foyer or at the Get-Connected Table. Simply pick up one of the cards as you enter the Sanctuary, place it in the offering plate and know

that your gifts will be dedicated as an act of worship.

We have a wonderful St Luke's family who supports St Luke's with their generosity and strong stewardship commitments. This little card is just another way to bind us together as a church family and bring enrichment to all of us as we dedicate our tithes and offerings on Sunday. Thank you to sister congregations who have graciously shared this practice with our Finance leaders.

**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:

- 1. General Fund and Capital Campaign:** All methods.
- 2. Grocery Cards:** Cash, check, scheduled automatic withdrawal from checking accounts.
- 3. Special Events:** Depending on the type of event may include cash, check, PayPal and online credit card 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.
- 4. Plus:** We're anxious to consider any reasonable method you know about that we haven't adopted.

## An excerpt from a letter **from Inter-Faith Community Services to St. Luke's**

**Dec. 27, 2010:** Thank you so much for being a sponsor for our Adopt-A-Family Program this holiday season. Because of the great generosity we witnessed, more than 2,500 children, parents and seniors were taken care of through the program! This year we had more families and seniors in need, and donations were down drastically. I was worried about how we were going to pull this off. Once again this amazing community came through to help those who are less fortunate. Thank you so much for making our motto of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" ring so true this holiday season!!

## DenUM – 30 Years of Supporting Our Denver Community

Denver Urban Ministries (DenUM) is celebrating their 30 Year Anniversary. DenUM's mission is to serve the immediate and long-term needs of the most vulnerable in our community, looking beyond crisis to a society of equality, justice, and compassion. If you are looking for an opportunity to support the less fortunate within our Denver community, then DenUM is a great option. You can help through donations of food, money, and volunteering.



The greatest food needs consist of soup, pasta, beans, cereal, and peanut butter. All of these items can be dropped in the large bins within the

donation closet in the church entry. The top volunteer needs include Food Intake Volunteer, ID Clinic Volunteer, and Job Services Receptionist. Special events that could use your support are:

**VIP Program** – a pilot to engage volunteers in a meaningful way if they can't commit to a regular schedule at DenUM.

**Mother's Day Diaper Drive** – a new project being launched as a spring activity to support families with young children and as an alternative to just food donations.

**Hope Benefit Silent Auction – May 4 6:00-8:00pm** – an opportunity to learn more about DenUM client stories while supporting the agency financially.

To learn more about DenUM and these specific opportunities, please contact: Amanda Baker at 303-350-5066 or amanda@denum.org or Brad Bonjean at 720-217-9936 or bonjeans@hotmail.com.



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 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.*

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## Join us for Coffee & Conversation



about the History of St. Luke's, the United Methodist Church, our programs and ministries. **9:30am any 2nd Sunday of the month: March, May, July, Sept. or Nov.**

Meet Rev. Janet Forbes & Lynda Fickling in Room 213 for an Orientation of St. Luke's. All are Welcome!

### MARCH 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>BRINGING JOY TO Life</b> Epiphany Sermon Series 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship -Rev. Sallie Suby-Long & Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes 11:00am: Confirmation Class 5:30pm: Community Meal (\$2) 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	<b>27</b> 6:00pm: Common Table 6:30pm: Women's Evening Book Club	<b>28</b> <b>MAR 1</b>	<b>2</b> Little School Career Day 6:30pm: Parent's Depression/Bipolar Support Group 6:30pm: Wed. Night SLY	<b>3</b> Little School Career Day 9:30am: Children 'n Chattin' Playgroup 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship	<b>4</b>  7:00pm: Broadway on Broadway	<b>5</b> 8:30am: Simply Saturday 10:00am: Guatemala Packing 2:00 & 7:00pm: Broadway on Broadway
<b>6</b> <b>BRINGING JOY TO Life</b> Epiphany Sermon Series 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship -Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes 9:30am: Caring Connection Gathering 11:00am: Confirmation Class 12:15pm: Gracious Space 5:30pm: Community Meal (\$2) 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	<b>7</b> 6:30pm: Women's Night Out 6:30pm: Divorce Recovery Workshop	<b>8</b> 1:30pm: Stewardship Team 5:00pm: SLY, Jr. 5:30pm: Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner/Games 6:30pm: Finance Team 7:00pm: Lay Leadership 7:00pm: Missions Team	<b>9</b>  1:00pm: Seasoned Voyagers 6:30pm: Wed. Night SLY 7:00pm: Ash Wednesday Service	<b>10</b> 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship	<b>11</b> Confirmation Retreat Guatemala Mission Trip, Week 1 Team (thru 3/20) 5:45pm: Parent's Night Out 6:30pm: UMW Missions Study	<b>12</b> Confirmation Retreat 9:00am: Sanctuary Care Team 6:45pm: Bridge Club
<b>13</b> Lent begins 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship -Rev. Brad Laurvick 9:30am: Cafe St. Luke's Confirmation Retreat noon: UMW Team Meeting 5:30pm: Community Meal (\$2) 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	<b>14</b> 6:00pm: Live, Laugh, Love Club 6:30pm: Divorce Recovery Workshop 7:00pm: Trustees	<b>15</b> 6:30pm: Children's Ministry Team 7:30pm: Planned Giving Team	<b>16</b> 6:30pm: Parent's Depression/Bipolar Support Group 6:30pm: Wed. Night SLY 6:30pm: Lenten Bible Study 7:00pm: Itch to Stitch	<b>17</b> 9:30am: Children 'n Chattin' Playgroup 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship	<b>18</b>  Guatemala Mission Trip, Week 2 Team (thru 3/27)	<b>19</b> 7:00am: Lenten Bible Study 10:00am: Wesley Writers
<b>20</b> 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship -Rev. Brad Laurvick 11:00am: Confirmation Class noon: Youth Leadership Team 12:15pm: Spiritual Formation Team 5:30pm: Community Meal (\$2) 5:30pm: SLY, Jr. 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	<b>21</b> Little School break 6:30pm: Divorce Recovery Workshop	<b>22</b> Little School break 6:30pm: Learning Differences Group 7:00pm: Staff Parish Team	<b>23</b> Little School break 1:00pm: Seasoned Voyagers 6:30pm: Wed. Night SLY 6:30pm: Lenten Bible Study	<b>24</b> Little School break 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship	<b>25</b> Little School break	<b>26</b> 7:00am: Lenten Bible Study
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