

#### LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SΤ

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Grow. Participate. Serve.

**Come check** out our G.P.S. Fair for opportunities to connect with your St. Luke's community.

Sunday, August 10 8:30am-12:30pm This month's focus: Learning with St. Luke's Children's Ministry **Music & Arts Center for Spiritual** Engagement

Get Connected!

# Bringing Hope to Sterling!



If you were anywhere near Sterling, Colorado in early July, you probably heard all the chatter about the crazy kids from Highlands Ranch coming to help the town. Last September, floodwaters washed down from the mountains onto the unsuspecting town of Sterling Colorado bringing not only damage to buildings and houses, but bringing along tons and tons of debris. The town felt pretty forgotten as all the mission teams coming to Colorado swarmed the mountain towns, so when they heard we were coming, they were ready to throw us a party! Churches from all over town wanted to host us and feed us to show their appreciation, we ate like kings all week! The Jr. High mission team continued on page 10



## AUGUST 2014

## **Organ Sunday** (all services) -August 24!

We continue the tradition of showcasing St. Luke's diverse Allen digital computer organ in a Sunday dedicated to the organ and it's repertoire. Rev. Dr. Janet's sermon will include the world premier of Canadian composer, Denis Bedard's "Variations on

The Summons." This new and exciting work was written for our organist, Ken Mervine. He will also include works that feature the glorious capabilities and versatility of our grand organ!

# Welcome Rev. Patricia Shaffer!



We are very pleased to announce that Rev. Patricia Shaffer has joined the St. Luke's staff team as our guarter-time Visitation Pastor!

Pastor Pat will help extend our Care Ministries by making hospital and care center visits, offering grief support classes, officiating at memorial services and by helping to connect people to our Care Ministries. She is passionate about

all aspects of church ministry and has in-depth experience providing spiritual care to people in a wide variety of circumstances. As an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Patricia served as a Chaplain at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Hospital, Associate Minister at Grace Presbyterian Church and Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church. She retired a few years ago and is happy to now creatively combine her love for ministry with caring for her grandchildren, traveling, being with her family and engaging in her many other interests.

Since coming to St. Luke's two years ago, Pastor Pat has been serving in our Care Ministries and in our Children's Ministries and has already created many connections within the community. She is highly skilled, compassionate, and brings wonderful leadership expertise to our community. We are truly delighted to welcome her as a member of our team.

Pat, her husband Bill, and mother Agnes Simmons are all involved in our St. Luke's community. Pat and Bill's children live in the area, too, including son Brian and daughter-in-law Shawna, daughter Beth and grandchildren Devan (11), Brooklynn (8), and Brinley (3). Pastor Pat loves to cook, garden, and hike and walk in the mountains. She also enjoys movies, theater, and an occasional Rockies game.

Our sincere welcome to Reverend Patricia Shaffer and her family!

Sunday Worship Services: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, Contemplative Service (Check website for dates & times)

Sunday School: Adult, Youth & Children: 9:30am & 11:00am

*Nursery available for:* 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am services

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# New Classes Pilot COVENANT Bible Study from Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes

**Rev. Janet Forbes** Senior Pastor There's a brand new bible study coming to St. Luke's! Everyone, from the beginning student to the biblical scholar, is welcome!

Covenant is an in-depth group Bible Study that centers around our relationships with God, with each other, and with the world. It differs from other Bible studies in that it emphasizes the biblical concept of Covenant—the enduring commitment between God and people—as a unifying pattern throughout the entire Bible. It underscores the unique relationship

that God chooses with us as God's people.

The 24-week study covers the whole Bible by moving between the Old and New Testaments—discussing books from each in a way that shows the interconnectedness of scripture as a whole. Each week's episode includes Covenant Bible Study creates a learning experience where scripture meets everyday experience. It builds trust in others as well as confidence in scripture.

a 20-minute video conversation between biblical experts that stimulates further discussion and reflection among the group members.

These conversations, held around a handcrafted table, serve as a model for the kind of learning and sharing that is central to Covenant Bible Study. Through community—through shared reflection and engagement together—we can best discover the Bible's transformative power.

To help the Covenant group deal with busy schedules, the episodes are structured in a modular way to provide flexibility without sacrificing committed study. Three 8-episode segments each explore a different aspect of Covenant life. Each will examine what Covenant means, and the progression of a Covenant relationship with God.

**Creating the Covenant** examines how the Covenant community is created and established.

**Living the Covenant** focuses on how the community lives out their Covenant in faithful love—how it's applied to actual relationships in everyday life.

**Trusting the Covenant** looks at the crises that sometimes call Covenant life into question, and how we are restored to trust in God when troubling things happen.

Covenant Bible Study creates a learning experience where scripture meets everyday experience. It builds trust in others as well as confidence in scripture. And it provides an exciting new opportunity to better understand God's call, God's love, and God's unexpected favor.

I'm enjoying all of the online resources and mobile applications that support this study! Check out www.covenantbiblestudy.com You'll also want to use a study bible in the new translation, the Common English Bible.

Sign up at the Learning Opportunities and Get-Connected Center in the Fellowship Hall. Four different classes will be offered.

Won't you help us with the pilot?

-Rev. Janet

# From Rev. Janet: Thank You for a Time of Renewal!

I am deeply grateful to the Staff Parish Relations Team and Dr. Melanie Rosa, the Mile High-Pikes Peak District Superintendent, for their granting of a renewal leave from August 25 to October 3. Even though the United Methodist Church offers the possibility of a renewal leave after every six years of service, this will be my first experience in 35 years of ministry. Bob and I will enjoy some extended time with family: first, my brother, Joe Forbes, in New York who is awaiting heart transplant surgery, and then, Bob's brother, Stephen Marchionda, in Barcelona, Spain. I'll spend a few days in continuing education and a few days at the beach as well! I am grateful to Rev. Ryan, Rev. Sallie, and our amazing staff team for covering my responsibilities in this time away. Thank you!

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# **SHINE & Storyline**

Wow! Summer is flying by and Fall is almost here! But let's not get ahead of ourselves. There's been some exciting things happening, so let's stick with the Summer excitement for just a minute.

Rev. Ryan Canaday Associate Minister

I am totally stoked about SHINE (St. Luke's young families group) and what we've been up to this Summer. We kicked things off with a little one-night camping trip at Chatfield State Park. More than









#### Now on to Fall.

50 of us gathered to hang out and play. What a blast! We've also been doing "Summer Nights Out." These are monthly gatherings where we meet at the Fox & Hound for food/drinks, games,

and some good ol' fashioned hanging out and getting to know one another. Thanks to the St. Luke's Nursery for allowing us to drop off our children for a couple of hours on these evenings! Speaking of the St. Luke's Nursery... In June SHINE organized a fundraiser in

order to give back to the space and folks who have given so much to our kiddos. We raised the necessary funds to remodel the Nursery. Selling ice cream bars on a couple of hot, sunny, Sundays just outside the church doors seemed to do the trick ... thank you St. Luke's folks for giving to this wonderful

project. Check out the renewed Nursery when you get a chance! There is more to come from SHINE. Next up: an end-of-summer **BBQ** at Northridge Park on Aug. 17. Stay tuned for details! If you have any questions or want more info on SHINE,

contact Rev. Ryan at ryan©stlukeshr.com or 303-944-5061.

I am equally excited about our new Storyline groups that will be starting this Fall. During the Spring and Summer we spent time piloting two of these Storyline communities: 8-10 of us gathered in living rooms each week for eight weeks, and it has been pretty awesome! Our hope has been to clearly see what God has been doing in our lives and to find our subplot in God's bigger story. We heard one another's stories-the good, the bad, and the ugly-and embraced these stories. We discovered our own stories and what roles we might play in joining with God to live the best stories possible! Things got real. Things got deep. Community happened. I can't wait for these to launch on a bigger scale this Fall! Ten of these groups will be meeting for eight weeks at various times throughout the week in homes and at St. Luke's. I hope you plan on signing up for one of these! If you have any questions about these new Storyline communities, contact Rev. Ryan at ryan@stlukeshr.com or 303-944-5061.

## Grace & Peace, Rev. Ryan

# Connection

We are all connected to one another. Even though I know this, it always seems to surprise me. This summer has been no exception. We traveled to Honduras for my

Rev. Dr. Sallie Suby-Long Associate Minister

daughter Rachel's wedding. The blending of cultures and families and languages and generations was invigorating! Although we had never met Rachel's students or the teachers and administrators of Abundant Life Christian Schools where Rachel and her new husband Jake are teachers, they completely welcomed us. Because the people in the community of La Union, Honduras love Rachel and Jake, they automatically extended their kindness to us. The language differences didn't matter at all. The connection of the spirit did matter – a lot. Their hospitality was humbling and deeply appreciated.

Connection is vital to the human spirit. Rev. Ryan and I were surprised one Sunday when, on the same day, we both selected the exact same quote on connection from Brenae Brown's book, The Gifts of Imperfection. Rev. Ryan used the quote in his sermon. I used it for an opening reflection at the Center for Spiritual Engagement retreat. I think it is worth repeating: "Connection is the energy that exists between people when they feel seen, heard and valued; when they can give and receive without judgment; and when they derive sustenance and strength for the relationship".

As it turns out, we are wired for connection. We all need connection to thrive emotionally, physically, spiritually and intellectually. We become more connected by being willing to tell our stories and listen to others stories. We feel connected by feeling our pain and the pain of others and also by feeling shared joy.

As Brown says, we need to let go of the myth of selfsufficiency because it is one of the biggest barriers to connection. Many times we are wiling to extend a helping hand but we are reluctant to seek support when we need it ourselves. For true connection we need to be willing to give and to receive. If connection is the energy that is present between people, it must move in both directions.

We have lots of opportunities for connection at St. Luke's! There are opportunities to both give and receive. Our Stephen Ministers are available for one on one spiritual care and support, the ministries of The Center for Spiritual Engagement (see page 5 for details) are specifically designed to foster connection to ourselves, to one another and to God. The upcoming Storyline and Covenant groups are created to enhance connection with one another, too. And, these are just a few of a multitude of ways you can connect more deeply. Meaningful connection often requires courage and sometimes vulnerability but the fulfillment that results is life-giving.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please stop by the Information Center,

by the front door, where you will find the complete and

updated Prayer Concerns list or view the listing on our

website. Contact Rev. Sallie Suby-Long or Brenda Schafer if you have any additions/removals. 303-791-0659 x32, leave

a note on the front desk, or email sallie@stlukeshr.com or



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# Monday Mornings at McDonald's I've been having coffee here

**Lynda Fickling** Director of Servant Ministry/ Spiritual Director for 20 months now, every Monday morning and I've chatted with a lot of community is thriving

interesting folks. The community is thriving with conversation and observation.

We step into our community to be a part of it and end up meeting God in these new friends.

Take some time and drop by to say hi and watch the world with me. I suggest you find a place of peace yourself to watch life and seek out the God moments of life. They are around us every day. They are in the people we meet every day. They are in us...if only we take the moments to stop and rest.

Join me anytime between 8:30-10:00am at the McDonald's on the corner of Highlands Ranch Parkway/Broadway. All are welcome...all conversations are welcome! See you there!

# **Seniors Dining Out**

Want a fun, interesting and low stress way to meet and get to know other people in the church? If you are not already signed up, you might consider Seniors Dining Out. This is an activity for singles as well as couples. We are put in groups of 7 or 8 and about once a month we meet at a local restaurant, on an agreed date, for a meal. No muss, no fuss, no dishes to wash! Groups rotate every September and March. That way we have a chance to meet and get to know other people on a regular basis. If you would like to get in a group, contact Walt Havens at 303-791-2766. He will be making up the new groups in August!

# "A New Beginning" 12-week Divorce Recovery Seminar

## Mondays starting September 8, 6:30-9:00pm

For those who are separated or divorced, this workshop brings healing from a Christian community.

Cost \$100 ~ Contact Larry Sears 720-524-0440 lrsears©q.com Scholarships are available. Please keep in mind your friends, all are welcome

# You're Invited To A Hospitality Appreciation Breakfast

\*Childcare is available with reservations 48hrs in advance sam©stlukeshr.com

### WHEN: TIME: WHERE:



Brenda Schafer Office Administrator

## LATEST ENTRIES TO PRAYER LIST:

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Carol Gabert Jennifer Smith Roman Koep (Elizabeth Bauer's step-uncle) Peter Young Bob Halderman Adam Fuller (Lisa Phillips' nephew) Betty DeBerry John Dunbar Carol Gill Lynne Harris Peter Waldheim Lee Rozinski (Val Clarks sister)

## SYMPATHIES TO:

Nancy Severns on the passing of her father, Robert McBride Roger, Vicki, Abby & Hailey Lauer on the passing of Vicki's nephew, Wes Hawkins John & Sharon Williams on the passing of John's mother, Eileen Williams Roger & Melissa Wester on the passing of Roger's mother, Jeanne Wagner Andrea Mezger on the passing of her brother-in-law, Joe Hanley Courtney, Sierra (5) & Maya (3) O'Malley on the passing of husband/father, Patrick O'Malley (Little School father) Bruce (16) & Dillon (14) Carble on the passing of their mother. Any Carble, daugh

Bryce (16) & Dillon (14) Carlyle on the passing of their mother, Amy Carlyle, daughter of Glenn & Trudy Turner

Dave & Jana Money on the passing of Dave's father, Dr. Mark Money Gary & Laura Butler (Little School teacher) on the passing of Laura's father, John Swenson Bruce & Kelly Stahlman on the passing of their son, Mark Stahlman Bob & Sharon Oliver on the passing of their friend, Mitch Leos Brian & Terri Ary on the passing of family friend, Garrett LaForce Jordan & Nancy Obertier on the passing of their friend, Bill Harold

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Bret & Jenna Wilcox on the Rid birth of their daughter, Cora Hazel Wilcox & big brother Coley, too!

Rich & Martha Boon on the birth of their grandson, Ivan (Ike) Francis Anderson, parents Chris & Sara Anderson Matthew & Sara Rodgers on the birth of their son, Theodore Rodgers & big sister Elinor, too!

SATURDAY AUGUST 16, 2014 9:00-10:30am

### **RE:** ST. LUKE'S FELLOWSHIP HALL

- NOT ON A TEAMYET BUT WOULD LIKE TO BE YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US! RSVP to LYNDA FICKLING 303-791-0659 x20
- **GREETERS** RSVP to LISA PHILLIPS lisaphill4@aol.com
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connection • inspiration • transformation

The Center for Spiritual Engagement's annual retreat in July provided rich opportunities to reflect on our

journey over the past four years and to consider where the spirit will lead us going forward. We took time to reflect on how each of us has experienced Connection, Inspiration, or Transformation through our activities during the past year. We are working to define our Mission and the Goals that will guide us as we plan for the coming year. We'll be launching our new website in the early fall.

Outdoor Adventures: Our goal is to provide experiences in which we can connect more deeply with ourselves, with one another, with God, and with our beautiful world.

On Saturday, June 28. Our own Janet Johnston, a trained naturalist, led us through the trails of Castlewood Canyon seeking the birds that make the canyon their home. Janet taught us to recognize many birds by their unique songs. We identified more than 14 species, including the delightful chickadee, the "hospitality bird". The chickadee's warm song invites other birds in, with the message that "this place" offers food and water for all. It was a beautiful, musical morning for



connecting with one another, and with God through God's marvelous Colorado summer landscape.

July 26 we canoed on Lake Dillon out of the Frisco Marina. We followed protected channels exploring inlets and islets, where we spotted nesting bald eagles. One of the islands offered a delightful beach for a picnic.

#### Upcoming Adventures:

Two-year Anniversary Celebration: Our Outdoor Adventure Team has been leading trips for two years, and we want to celebrate! Come join us on Saturday September 20 for a potluck picnic. Location TBD. We'll share photos and reflections, and hopefully generate some feedback from the past and for the future.

Speaker Series: Our annual speaker series begins in September and will continue to create opportunities for connection as we consider the inspirational and transformational messages of thought leaders within our community.

- Tuesday, September 16 (6:30-8:00pm): Paths to Better Family, Workplace & Personal Relationships with Carl Cleveland. Join us for an evening of interactive discussion about how we can strengthen our ability to connect authentically with those who matter most to us: our families, our friends, and our co-workers. We'll meet in the St Luke's Fellowship Hall. (Suggested donation to support this ministry - \$5)
- Tuesday, November 4 Save the Date: Kimba Ashworth, Certified Eating Psychology Coach, joins us again for an evening of learning and sharing around a favorite subject, FOOD. We will revisit those important connections between brain, body, and behavior. Just in time for the Holidays, Kimba will share nourishing and sustainable strategies to help us get the most out of our celebrations with food and family, without all the angst. (Suggested donation to support this ministry - \$5)

#### **Classes and Experiences:**

- Embracing Spirituality Thursdays, September 18-November 6 (8 weeks) 6:30-8:00pm. We will be using the devotional book "A Faithful Heart: A Daily Guide for Joyful Living" by Sally Dyck. For more information, contact sam@stlukeshr.com, renaeparra@aol.com, jenita@pcisys.net.
- Contemplative Writing with Marty Shopes Thursdays, Sept. 25-Nov. 6 During this 7-week class you will create a story from a vividly remembered life event. Marty Shopes, a professional writer, emphasizes individual instructor interaction and coaching. Using specific steps, Marty will help you develop the significance in your experience with great texture and nuance. Class is limited to 6 students, so sign up NOW. Classes will meet from 6:30-8:00pm beginning September 25.
- Mindful Presence has moved to 10:00am on Mondays. Each Monday you are invited into St. Luke's Chapel for quiet meditation. Begin your week by giving yourself permission to enjoy time for devotion, stillness, prayer and reflection. For more information contact sam@stlukeshr.com

First Steps: Our trained holy listeners continue meeting to plan for the integration of holy listening opportunities into our programs for children and youth. Trained in the First Steps Methodology, Holy Listeners will be available to meet with a child or teen experiencing a crisis (divorce, loss of a loved one, illness, bullying...) to help them know they are cared for, taken seriously, and that they are loved. The intent is to help them realize they have the inner wisdom of God to make good choices and to move toward health and healing.

# Church **Pictorial** Directory

Calling all members and those who call St. Luke's home. We are creating a new church pictorial directory and want your picture. You can have your picture taken at Bettinger's Studio (2431 S. University Blvd. Denver 80210) until December. If you prefer you may also have your picture taken from Sept. 19-27 at the church. There is no sitting fee. Those having their pictures taken will receive a 5x7 photo and directory free. There is no obligation to buy any photos but you may purchase additional ones if you desire. Schedule your appointment at pictorialservices. com (Bettinger's studio) or at 303-400-6023. We will also be scheduling appointments between services in August for photos to be taken at the church. Pictures will be ready for Christmas gift giving. Any questions contact Deb at dhofer744@gmail.com or 575-302-3017.

# **Thank You** from Imagine No Malaria

Imagine No Malaria is an extraordinary ministry of the people of The United Methodist Church to eliminate death and suffering from malaria in Africa by 2015. Every 60 seconds, a child in Africa dies of malaria. Millions of lives, slipping through life's precious net. Imagine No Malaria is more than just a campaign against a disease that kills children and destroys families. It's a movement, to make real change in the world. With a total global goal of raising \$75 million to improve health infrastructure and empower a sustainable victory over the disease, Imagine No Malaria is our opportunity to rethink how we reach beyond St. Luke's, opening doors to those who need it most. Through education, treatment, and prevention by bed nets and mosquito control, we can celebrate with the children of sub-Saharan Africa.

Thank you, St. Luke's, for exceeding our goal for the campaign to eliminate malaria in sub-Saharan Africa. Our final net amount for Imagine No Malaria was \$25,150.91.Thanks be to God for your generosity and vision!



Woof! Woof! Meow! Jake, Max, and Shea here to bring you up to speed on what we are sniffing out at the church.

# come back!

It began with an amazing Sunday School version of our VBS curriculum. We had so much fun learning to Imagine, Build, Work, Grow and Walk with God through Cooking, Art, Games, Cinema and Science - what a blast! And then it was time for 2 sessions (morning, June 23-27, & evening, July 8-11) of the "Workshop of Wonders" Vacation Bible School where over 150 volunteers served nearly 350 children. We filled the entire church full of love, excitement, fun and learning. Thanks







to ALL who made VBS such a memorable experience. And the cherry on top of our ice cream mound of fun and learning was that we collected over 1000 items for the Interfaith Community Services Pantry for our VBS mission! Then there was Family Camp wow! - a full recap will follow in our September issue. We also had Wacky Wednesdays (see article on this page) and then in Sunday

School we've been learning all about Daniel in the Lions' Den! Roar! And the Nursery was remodeled! A HUGE thank you to SHINE, St. Luke's young families group, for the remodel. Our Nursery is often the first experience a child may have at our church and our caring staff knows the importance of creating a warm, loving environment. SHINE families held fundraisers and worked tirelessly over just two days to paint, clean and assemble much needed new

furniture. The results are a bright, beautiful, functioning space for our children and staff. THANKS!! And we'll end our summer with a fun PAJAMA SUNDAY on Aug. 24 - Wear your pajamas and bring your backpacks for a special blessing and celebrate the end of summer and the start of a new year with us!

## Registration is NOW OPEN for the

2014-15 Sunday School year online www.stlukeshr.com/children and paper forms are available at the church. Children need to be enrolled for each new school year. Our Sunday School year kicks off Sept. 7 with the kids moving up to their new grades. We have so many exciting and meaningful things planned. AND we can't do it without our wonderful volunteers. Thanks to YOU for sharing your gifts with the children each year. Now is the time to sign up to serve for the coming year. Come serve with us - one Sunday or lots! We need to fill 25 servant spots each week(!) so there's plenty of room for all. And we have a wonderful servant training planned for Sept. 9. ONLINE SERVANT SIGN UP will also be available this year! Watch for info to come SOON!

#### Mark your calendars:

- Aug. 10 Sunday School enrollment begins (register online)
- Aug. 17 SLY, Jr. Summer Mission
- Aug. 24 Pajama Sunday/Blessing of the Backpacks & Teachers (Wear your pajamas and bring your backpacks!)
- Aug. 31 No Sunday School Enjoy Family Worship
- Sept. 7 Sunday School Promotion Sunday!
- Sept. 7 SLY, Jr. Kick Off!
- Sept. 9 Safe Sanctuary Training
- Sept. 19 Family Movie Night
- Sept. 21 3rd Grade Bibles Sunday
- Sept. 28 Acolyte Training (2nd-6th grade) Doggie Kisses and Kitty Snuggles,









Sharon Oliver Director of Children's Ministry Samantha Leahy Director of Early Childhood Ministry

Stephanie Kirk Children's Ministry Coordinator



# Attention: All 5th & 6th graders - SLY, Jr. is starting!!!

SLY, Jr. is St. Luke's 5th & 6th grade service and fun club and our first gathering together will be our Summer Mission Project - August 17 from 2:00-6:00pm!! We will harvest produce from the St. Luke's garden and take it to Warren Village and get a tour and learn all about this amazing facility that helps single parent families. Please rsvp to sharon@stlukeshr. com if you can come and if you are bringing a friend (friends are always welcome!) We will need a couple of drivers so email Sharon if you can help that afternoon. Our annual kick off is Sept. 7 at 5:30pm with a parent info meeting. As always, bring a friend!



# Wacky Summer!

Our Wacky Wednesdays summer program provided an excellent opportunity for children to be socially interactive, while enjoying a variety of activities, crafts and Bible stories. We had around 70 kids each of the 6

Wednesdays and they had fun learning about the animals of the Bible including whales, snakes, birds, ants, lions and sheep this summer! Wacky Wednesdays is a long tradition at St. Luke's and is a great partnership between



Children's Ministry and Little School. Anne Hamilton (a Little School teacher) who has been directing the program for the past 8

years says, "It's a joy to see on the kids' faces how much fun they have." Thank you to Anne, Tami Clement (who has helped organize this program for more years than she can remember), the caring teachers and supportive assistants and the St. Luke's staff. Thank you to those who attended, we are grateful to be able to extend love and care to your children. Hope to see you again next summer!



Director of

Little School

Little School News: Little **School Bells** Will Be



**Ringing!** Little School has had a wonderful break, giving the staff time to relax and refresh. It is amazing however, that it just seems like yesterday was graduation! We pray that

your summer has been filled with fun family times making memories.

We are already excited about the new school year that is beginning Sept. 2 & 3. We have lots of wonderful families that will be returning to spend another year with us, and plenty of new families that are starting! Our enrollment is filling, but we would be happy to talk with anyone about the possibility of enrollment! Just email Ms. Kay (Kay©stlukeshr.com) if you are interested.

Please mark your calendars for our Open Houses in August. Our evening parent open house is designed for parents only. Please try to find a sitter or send at least one representative parent. These are fun and packed with all kinds of information and an opportunity to talk with your teacher personally. The children's open house drop in, is a great way for them to meet their new teacher, see their classroom and make new friends!

### Parent (only) Open House Wed. evening Aug. 27

- MW & MWF parents meet with Teachers downstairs 6:30-6:50pm
- TTH & TTHF parents meet with Ms. Kay upstairs in the Sanctuary 6:30-6:50pm
- Transition Time 6:50-7:00pm
- MW & MWF parents meet with Ms. Kay upstairs in the Sanctuary 7:00-7:20pm
- TTH & THF parents meet with teachers downstairs 7:00-7:20pm

### Children's Open House Thurs. morning Aug. 28

- MW & MWF children 10:00-10:45am
- TH & THF children 10:45-11:30am
- Explorers 10:00-10:45am

With summer days fleeting, please enjoy the days to come and we will see you soon!

### Blessings, Ms. Kay and staff

"Children go where there is excitement and stay where there is love.'

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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





Annual Pie, Prayer and Purpose program - Sunday, August 24 (2:00-4:00pm Fellowship Hall) Our Mission Recipient will be FACES family advocacy group. Come learn about this wonderful mission and how to widen your circle of prayer. We will be toys for FACES advocates to give to their families. A list of toys they need will be available at sign up. The event is FREE, but we like you to sign up so we know how many pies we need.

Family Night at Warren Village was a great success again this year, with UMW serving a picnic at Cheesman Park to the families. As usual the highlight was the donations of books we bring for all the children. In a few weeks we will take our donations of books for the mothers. Thanks and blessings to the 20 people who donated food, helped prepare the meal or went to serve and visit with the families. Meeting with these families is a huge opportunity for connection and we have heard in reply how much they value the time we take to prepare this meal and spend time with them.

Social Action: Campus Assaults - As part of our Social Action, Sylvia Brady and Sharon Smith collaborated to write and mail a letter to the Provost and Vice Presidents of five different Colorado Colleges, requesting their attention considering campus sexual assault and advocating for a safe and welcoming campus environment for all young women. This letter will also be sent to the Colorado Legislature when it reconvenes in January.

The Christmas in July Sewing Bee for UMCOR held by Itch to Stitch was great fun and a success. The Itch to Stitch group will continue to collect flannel to make diapers and nightgowns for the UMCOR Infant Newborn Kits. This is an on-going mission for our group, so we still have a need for more flannel. Please place your flannel in the UMCOR bin in the missions closet.

On Saturday, September 20 St. Luke's will be hosting the Mile High/Pikes **Peak District UMW meeting.** The church will be full of about 100 women from Methodist churches around the area. The theme of this year's program is Environmental Justice. Any woman from St. Luke's is welcomed and encouraged to attend this meeting!!! The schedule runs from 8:30am-3:00pm. Registration is required as meals will be provided. Approximate registration cost is \$10. Please contact Betty Ludlam or Renae Parra if you are interested in attending. (bludlam©wyoming.com or renaeparra©aol.com)

## Subgroups of United Methodist Women at St. Luke's:

Women are welcome to attend a subgroup of UMW anytime during the year!

Women's Night Out - First Monday, 6:30pm Check Sunday bulletin to see where we will meet in September. Contact Elaine Carlstrom ecarlstrom@comcast.net or Jean Dunn jd-teacher@hotmail.com

Itch to Stitch - Second Saturday 10:00-11:30am. Meet in church basement. All skill levels welcome! We will be making baby blankets for FACES, the mission focus for our Pie, Prayer and Purpose program Aug. 24. You are welcome to contribute your handiwork to this project. Still collecting flannel for UMCOR diapers and nightgowns. Place in UMCOR bin in mission closet. Contact Fran West 303-797-7107 mfranwest©gmail.com

Common Thread - meets First Thursday at 10:00am, usually at the church. Call Caroline Butler for more info 303-797-3225

Simply Saturday Helping Hands - Meets random Saturdays throughout the year. Contact Janet Sackett for more info jsackett@comcast.net

Women's Monday Night Bible Study - Second Monday, 6:30pm Rm 213. September starts the new DVD/Book in the series "Sisters: Bible Study for Women - Unfailing Love, Growing Closer to Jesus". If you would like to order a book prior to the start of the new series please contact Janet Sackett or Lisa Phillips(jsackett@comcast.net or lisaphill4@aol.com)

Book Group - Fourth Monday, Room 206, 7:00pm. RenaeParra@aol.com for info.

- Aug. 25 "I am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai (No Potluck in August) Sept. 22 "Three Weeks with My Brother" by Nicholas Sparks

#### Save the Date:

Sun., Aug. 24 (2:00-4:00pm) - St. Luke's UMW Fall Kick Off "Pie, Prayer and Purpose" program Sat., Sept. 20 - Mile Hi Pikes Peak District UMW Mtg at St. Luke's Fri. and Sat., Oct. 17-18 - Rocky Mountain Conf. UMW Mtg. at Parker UMC Tuesday, December 2 - Candlelight Dinner

## MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

Highlighting Mission Opportunities: For more about missions supported by St. Luke's, contact Jerry Hertzler 720-480-0476, jmhertzler©comcast.net or Scott Hetherington 484-883-0778 scott.g.hetherington©gmail.com

## Are You a Renewed Treasures or Love INC Volunteer?



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If you volunteer for Renewed Treasures or another Love INC gap ministry, you are truly a "work of heart" for the SW metro area and are greatly appreciated. In order to show the gratitude you bring, the Love INC Board of Directors and Staff are inviting its volunteers to an **Appreciation Barbecue on Sunday, August 17 at noon** in Clement Park. You will have an opportunity to meet other involved volunteers and friends in the community. Pavilion/Shelter C will be used for the event and is accessible when entering from Pierce St., the East side of the park. Entertainment will be provided by Collective Fusion. Great food, fun and games will also be featured. Remember to RSVP to the Love INC

officenews©loveinclittleton.org or 303-798-0037 if you can attend.

# It's Coming: Love INC Empty Bowl Event Save the Date: Thursday, October 2

It will take place 6:00-9:00pm at the Terrace Gardens Ken Caryl Event Center, 11851 Shaffer Dr., Ken Caryl, CO 80127. The national founder of Love INC, Virgil Gulker, is the keynote speaker. In addition to the presentation, guests will have an opportunity to select their favorite hand-crafted bowl and bid on silent auction items. A simple meal of soup is served up with love for the journey with the less fortunate in our community. For more information about Love INC and purchasing tickets, go to the Love INC website: www.loveinclittleton.org. It is not too soon to take that step to support this worthy cause.

# **Relay for Life - Young People Rock!**



It started with thunder, lightening and pouring rain, but we persevered! On Friday July 25, several people from St. Luke's UMC participated in the Relay for Life to help raise funds for the American Cancer society. Our group of young people - AJ and Hope Preble and their friend Britney were our stars! They walked during the night under starry skies. AJ completed 22 miles! Way to go Preble family! Thank you to all the St. Luke's people who participated on the team, made donations, made baked goods and scarves to sell, bought T-shirts and dedicated luminarias to loved ones. So far we have raised \$530 for the American Cancer Society and more is still coming in. This is a really fun event for youth and

families - we invite you to come and experience it next time! -Betsy Keyack

# St. Paul's UMC Sunday Meal Program

CHANGE CHANGE CHANGE

There's a NEW way to sign up to help feed the homeless down at St. Paul's. Please sign up ONLINE www.stlukeshr.com or at the kiosk in Fellowship Hall to volunteer.

We help the third Sunday of each month. (Pam Wiethoff 303-204-0252)

# Common Table and Executive Team Happenings

## Celebrating Rev. Ryan's Ordination

On June 29, we gathered for a discussion around Rev. Ryan's recent ordination. We talked about the history of ordination, the process (long, thorough and involved), and how Ryan's life will be different now that he's ordained (not a lot of change, just a little less supervision, but continued connection with the community of Elders in the Rocky Mountain Conference). The best news for all is that Ryan will continue to serve St. Luke's!

# Future Common Tables

## We are currently planning for another Common Table on Sunday, September 28, from 6:00-8:30pm

around a potluck dinner (don't worry, the Broncos have a bye that week). As we gear up to take on another 501(c)(3)organization (First Steps), let's explore what they are, how they've benefited our church so far, and how they fit in with the mission and values of St. Luke's.

## You are Welcome at The Table

Common Table is an opportunity for everyone to have a voice in the activities of the church. This isn't just for leaders (but we encourage all church leaders to be present, so they can be part of the discussion). Our goal is for everyone to be a part of the conversation – to build dialogue and trust within our church community. No conversation is off limits. All are welcome. If you have suggestions on ways to make the conversation more welcoming, or topics for dialogue, please contact Susan McIntosh (commontable©stlukeshr.com)!

# Executive Team Changes

In order to encourage additional dialogue and provide members of the congregation direct access to leadership, the Executive Team will be open to all who are interested in attending, starting with the next meeting on October 20. The general session will start at 6:30pm, and if an executive session is needed (if the Executive Team needs to discuss issues of a more confidential matter), it will start at 7:30pm.

# Learning with St. Luke's

You are invited to deepen your spiritual journey as you connect with opportunities to learn and grow.

## Visit www.stlukeshr.com for

information on current, upcoming, and regularly offered classes. Sign up for all classes at the Learning Opportunities and Get-Connected Center in the Fellowship Hall at St. Luke's.

# Sunday Mornings:

CAFE ST. LUKE'S Join Rev. Sallie, Monty Hoffman and Lynda Fickling for a one hour session that will introduce you to St. Luke's. With coffee and conversation, we will discuss our history, the United Methodist Church, our programs and ministries. All are Welcome! Conversation continues every Monday at McDonald's (Broadway/ Highlands Ranch Pkwy from 8:30-10:00am, excluding holidays). Time/Place: 9:30am 2nd Sundays (excluding Dec.) in Rm 212 Contact: Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20 Lynda©stlukeshr.com

### CHRISTIAN CONNECTION

Adult class studying books of topical interest, chosen by the class. Our fall studies include What We Talk About When We Talk About God by Rob Bell and The Evolution of Faith: How God is Creating a Better Christianity by Philip Gulley. All are welcome.

Time/Place: Sundays 9:30am in Rm 213 Contact: Ron & Suzanne Humphreys 303-795-6486 rbhumphreys©comcast.net

### **OPEN MINDS: A SPIRITUAL**

DIALOGUE Adult class that works to strengthen faith journeys through studies of religion, philosophy, science and history. Past studies include God and Empire, Falling Upward and Bridges Out of Poverty. All are welcome. Time/Place: Sundays 9:30am in Rm 210 Contact: Raina Powell 303-795-8457 rainapowell©aol.com

## SERVANT BY DESIGN Discover

who you are! Why are you here? What do you do best? What are you passionate about? What are your priorities? Join us for this 8-week course in discovering and affirming the person God made you to be. **Time/Place:** 2015 TBD

**Contact:** Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20 Lynda©stlukeshr.com and Renae Parra renaeparra©aol.com

# During the Week:

**STORYLINE (NEW IN 2014)** Storyline communities believe that people who live clear, meaningful lives have the greatest influence on culture. The goal is to help people create life plans that give personal vision and clarity while considering spirituality, family, friendships, and career. What kind of story is your life telling? *Times/Place:* Nine 8-week classes meet at various times throughout the week in homes and at St. Luke's. *Contact:* Rev. Ryan Canaday 303-944-5061 ryan@stlukeshr.com

#### COVENANT BIBLE STUDY (NEW

IN 2014) An in-depth group Bible Study that explores our relationships with God, with each other, and with the world. It differs from other Bible studies in that it emphasizes the biblical concept of Covenant—the enduring commitment between God and people—as a unifying pattern throughout the entire Bible. The 24-week study (in 8-week sessions) covers the entire Bible discussing the interconnectedness of scripture as a whole. Through community we can best discover the Bible's transformative power. Times/Places:

- Wednesdays midday 11:30am-1:00pm Brown-Bag Lunch (Val Clark) Begins Sept. 17 in Rm 210
- Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:00pm (Rev. Janet Forbes and Bob Davis) Begins Oct. 8 in Rm 206
- Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:00pm (Jack Goodman) Begins Sept. 17 in Rm 213

 Monday evenings 6:30-8:00pm (Diana Stephens) Begins Sept. 22 in Rm 137 (Music Room)
Contact: Rev. Janet Forbes 303-791-0659 x13

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#### **BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY**

A 10-week Bible Study for women featuring The Patriarchs—Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. **Time/Place:** Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm in Rm 210 beginning Sept. 25 **Contact:** Kristin Foster 303-346-2799 kristinfoster 13©gmail.com

#### COMPASSIONATE LIFE DISCUSSION

**GROUP** Drop in anytime to discuss a variety of books and engage in conversation about faith and life. Recent books include Karen Armstrong's *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* and Emmett Fox's *The Sermon on the Mount*. *Time/Place:* Thursdays 9:00am Rm 212 or offsite *Contact:* Amy Dobronyi 720-344-3503 amyd©statmedicaltraining.com

#### **CONTEMPLATIVE FELLOWSHIP** A

time of study and prayer for those following the path of the Christian mystic. Books and videos are available to introduce newcomers into enriching fellowship.All are welcome! *Time/Place:* Thursdays 6:30pm in the Chapel *Contact:* Glenda Watson 303-768-9156 glendagwatson©aol.com and Marshall Kuhn 303-931-5473 marshal.kuhn©hotmail.com GAP GROUP Discuss spiritual topics, chosen by the group. All are welcome. Preparation not required. Time/Place: Wednesdays 6:30pm in Rm 122 Contact: Bob Oliver boboliver©pcisys.net

**GENEALOGY 101** Who is my great-greatgrandfather and where did he come from? Learn the basics for your start in researching your family tree. All are welcome. *Time/Place:* 2nd Saturdays 10:00am in Rm 206 (Conf. Room)

**Contact:** Sylvia Brady 303-955-0457 jonsyl©comcast.net and Les Ludlam 303-451-5141 Iludlam©wyoming.com

#### A PLACE AT THE RIVER: STORIES TO INSPIRE FAITH IN ACTION This series

of 5-week classes will tell stories of people in need of justice and mercy as well as of people who are putting their faith into action. Using videos, books, devotions, scripture, prayer, music, and field trips, we will explore the different ways we can respond to current issues through acts of kindness and justice. *Time/Place:* Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm in Rm 212 beginning Sept. 17

**Contact:** Betsy Keyack 303-346-7057 bkeyack©att.net and Patricia Westlake PtrcSwst©gmail.com

#### WESLEY WRITERS Provides an

opportunity to share stories, learn techniques for writing, develop a biography, and receive tips on how and where to publish. *Time/Place:* 10:00am-noon, 3rd Saturdays Rm 206 (Conf. Room) *Contacts:* Sylvia Brady 303-955-0457 jonsyl©comcast.net or Les Ludlam 303-451-5141 Iludlam©wyoming.com

# Occasional Classes:

### THE UNITED METHODIST

**CHURCH** Join us for an introduction to the history of Methodism. *Time/Place:* Varies. Please check the bulletin. *Contact:* Monty Hoffman msaffordexp©aol.com

#### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show how to get out of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely. *Time/Place:* 2015 TBD

**Contact:** Michelle Mostowy michelle.mostowy©intergraph.com and Sharon Williams sharonewilliams©juno.com

# Center for Spiritual Engagement:

(See Speaker's Series & Class listings on page 5)

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# Upcoming Events!

- Aug. 10:Trip to Water World
- Sept. 7: SLY Kick Off for all parents and youth
- Sign up to receive our emails and Check www.stlukeshr. com and click on "Youth" or "SLY"

for up-todate info on programs, activities, opportunities and more!



## Sundays:

- 9:30-10:30am SLY AM A look at the Bible
- 6:00-7:30pm SLY PM All sorts of fellowship and fun activities are happening Sunday nights in the youth room! Check out our website for details.

## Wednesdays:

- Summer 6:00-8:00pm For boys: STMs - Frisbee and food For girls: GEMs – Fun stuff!!!
- Starting August 27: Homework/Tutoring Hour
  5:30-6:30pm – A chance to get your homework done and even get help if you need it!
  Wed. SLY 6:30-8:00pm – Youth directed fellowship activities!

# ON THE SLY: What a Summer!

This summer has gone by so fast, but I guess that's what happens when you're having fun! We kicked off the summer with another AMAZING trip to Guatemala. In early June, 25 youth and adults went down to build a kitchen for the local school and get clean water to the surrounding villages. Thanks to the support of the St. Luke's congregation, the kitchen will be ready to use this month and over 40 families received water filters. However, as usual, the people



**Dave Laurvick** Director of Youth Ministry



**Amy McMullen** Assistant Dir. of Youth Ministry

of Guatemala left an even bigger impact on us! Many of the youth were overheard exclaiming how bad they want to go back next year.

Two weeks later, our Jr. High Team went up to Sterling, Colorado to do relief work from the floods that hit our state last fall. We learned that many mission groups have come to Colorado to help, but they are all going up to the mountains to help. What people don't realize is that all that water had to go down stream somewhere, and it landed on Colorado's plains. The town of Sterling was so grateful that we were coming, nearly the whole town was buzzing about it! Check out the article on page 1 to read more about our experience in Sterling.

Our Sr. High spent the end of July on the Navajo Reservation in Crownpoint, New Mexico. They worked hard in the heat doing anything from painting and flooring to roofing and drywall. Lots of

new skills were learned, and lots of new friendships were formed. It truly was an amazing opportunity to experience another culture.

We have lots of end-of-summer activities coming up as well. To celebrate (or mourn) its ending we are having an all-girls lock in at the church, and taking everyone to waterworld. Also, if you have a student interested in participating in SLY, make sure to attend our Annual SLY Kick Off on September 7th! It's for all youth and their parents! This is where you'll find all the information you need about the coming year as well as fill out all the important paperwork, and there will be food!

SLY (St. Luke's Youth) is an inclusive group for all 7th-12th graders that focuses on fellowship, fun, and finding out what this God thing is all about! As always, we have lots going on and are so excited to grow closer while having fun and being the hands and feet of Christ! **–Yours in Christ, Dave & Amy** 



The Second Wind Fund is an outgrowth of several teen suicides in the 2000-2001 school year at Green Mountain High School. As a result of these tragic occurrences, the people at Green Mountain Presbyterian Church dedicated their annual picnic in 2001 to raising funds to try and help out the staff at Green Mountain HS. They managed to raise nearly \$500 with what was originally thought of as a one time event. Their funds were given to people in the mental health community, and The Second Wind Fund was born. It has been in existence for 13 years, and to date

has provided therapeutic counseling for over 3600 teens considered to be at risk to suicide. During the 2013/2014 school year they served over 500 teens.

## The 13th Annual Second Wind Walk/Run will take place at Jefferson County Fairgrounds on Sept. 21 10:00am-3:00pm 5K • 3 mile walk • 1 mile walk

Second Wind Fund saves lives by connecting children and youth at risk of suicide with professional, specialized therapy and by paying for up to 12 counseling sessions. Your help and support is critical to Second Wind Fund's ability to continue this life-saving work.

Event Details and Registration: **www.secondwindwalkrun.org.** You can register a team of friends or colleagues with any team name (one individual registers then there is a team option).

continued from page I was also featured in not one, but two town newspapers!

Our visit was not all fun and fine dining, the work on this trip was HARD! Perhaps some of the hardest we have done. One site we worked at had the foundation of their home left destroyed by the flood. While their upper level stories were safe, their basement is no longer safe to live in, thus it needed to be filled four feet high with sand. So, shovel by shovel, the youth worked in 90 degree weather to fill it up.

Our other site was not as lucky as the first. This homeowner's 100 year old farmhouse was completely destroyed by the flood. That was not all though, her over 150 acres of land was riddled with debris including tons of heavy wood and trees. The only thing to do with all the wood is to burn it, but in order to do that safely it has to be gathered and moved to a large pile free from overhanging trees. This was the hard and dirty work done by these youth, sometimes digging out and carrying logs three times their size. Teamwork was definitely an important factor when trying to carry those heavy logs!

Although the work was good and the free time fun, many of the youth said that their favorite part of the trip was getting to hear the stories of the homeowners we were helping. Building relationships with the town, God, and each other truly is what this trip was all about.



# Nunsense **Auditions:** Aug. 23 & 24!

Mark your calendars! The Wesley Players is excited to announce auditions for our fall musical, Nunsense, which will play in the

Fellowship Hall October 24-26, 2014. The show is a fictional fund-raiser put on by the Little Sisters of Hoboken to raise money to bury sisters accidentally poisoned by the convent cook, Sister Julia (Child of God). It is a series of comic scenes, songs and dances demonstrating the nuns' particular performing skills.

#### Auditions will be held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church on Saturday morning, August 23 at 9:00am and Sunday, August 24 at 1:00pm. You do not need an

appointment, and you need only come to one of the two audition days. We will need to have a completed, signed audition form, including conflicts, and signed Covenant (indicating you have read the pack of information and agree to the policies) before we hear you sing. Please prepare and memorize 16-32 bars of a song from a Broadway show. Bring sheet music with you (not a chord chart or lead sheet) in the correct key. The accompanist will NOT transpose. The music should be clearly marked and easy to read. You may not use a CD or karaoke track or sing acappella. Wear something comfortable that you can move in. We will be doing cold readings and a short dance audition, as well. If you have tap or ballet experience, that is a bonus. Please bring the appropriate shoes and be prepared to demonstrate!

### Go to www.stlukeshr.com for more information,

including a rehearsal schedule, character descriptions, a synopsis, as well as information about the Attendance and Tech Support policies. These policies are new for the 2014-15 season. You must sign a document indicating that you have read and understand them. We look forward to seeing you at auditions!! If you are unable to attend Sat. or Sun. auditions and need information on how to submit a video and what needs to be included, or if you have any questions at all, please contact Melanie Kirkpatrick 303-906-7088 or melanie.kirkpatrick@gmail.com.



James Ramsey Director of Music & Arts Ministries



Kenrick Mervine Associate Dir. of Music Ministry/ Organist



Jennifer Ferguson Associate Director of Music Ministry



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

# Youth Music Starts in August! Soul Purpose & SLYJO begin Aug. 17!

Do you know a youth (grades 7-12) who loves to sing or play an instrument? Soul Purpose, the St. Luke's youth choir, and SLYJO (St. Luke's Youth Jazz Orchestra) will be starting again on Sunday, August 17. SLYJO performs for fun events like the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Jazz and St. Luke's. We are especially in need of trumpets and trombones, but all students with an interest in jazz are welcome! SLYJO rehearses at 3:30 in the music room on Sundays. Soul Purpose sings for church services about once a month and for special occasions during the school year. All voice types welcome! Soul Purpose rehearses after SLYJO at 4:30 on Sundays in the music room.

See you August 17! Contact Jennifer Ferguson at jennifer@stlukeshr. com with any questions.

# **Music Ensembles kicking** off for 2014-2015 - Join Ŭs!

From bells to brass to choir to the Ministers of Swing, all ensembles will be starting again for the fall. If you sing, play, or just want to get involved, there is a place for you in at least one of our 20+ music and drama groups. Please visit our website and contact any of our music staff for more information about specific times and dates for rehearsals!



**STEPHEN LIAS** *Gates of the Arctic:* World premiere complemented by stunning visual images, in honor of the 50th Anniversary of America's Wilderness Act

**ANTONIN DVORAK** "Finale" from Cello Concerto: Aris Doike, Young Artist Concerto Competition Winner

RIMSKY-KORSAKOV Scheherazade: Charles Wetherbee, Concertmaster/Soloist

> Tickets are available at www.stlukeshr.com: \$10 Students/Senior (general admission) \$20 Adult (general admission) \$30 Premium seating (front center rows)

More information and tickets: http://boulderphil.org/concerts/ opening-night or call 303-449-1343 x2

# PRESENTS "SCHEHERAZADE" Saturday, Sept. 13, 7:30pm at St. Luke's

A benefit concert for the band program at John Wesley School in Santa Cruz del Quiche and Lemoa, Guatemala

A feast for the senses! Gorgeous photos complement a world premiere by "adventurer-composer" Stephen Lias inspired by Gates of the Arctic National Park in Alaska. Then 21-yearold Young Artist Concerto Competition winner Aris Doike performs Dvorak's melodic and virtuosic Cello Concerto. We conclude by celebrating the arrival of the Boulder Phil's new concertmaster, Charles Wetherbee, as he leads us into the exotic sound world of Scheherazade.

The Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra is one of Colorado's foremost professional ensembles, whose concerts at the University of Colorado's Macky Auditorium are broadcast statewide on Colorado Public Radio. Now in its 57th season, the Boulder Phil reaches audiences of 20,000 across the greater Denver area in addition to thousands of 4th and 5th grade students through its Discovery Concerts.



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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.

For the most up-to-date calendar of events check www.stlukeshr.com



Many thanks to Brion Antinoro for hosting our FLU SHOT CLINIC on Sundays, Sept. 7 and Oct. 5.

#### GET CONNECTED

# Welcoming our newest members

Bob and Lynne Belleville Reason for joining: "We were drawn by your friendliness and warmth. We share your values; we enjoy the music, service, pastors, and ministries. We appreciate that you are an inclusive community as Jesus taught us to be."





*No picture available:* Torin and Quaintance Blair Noah, Arabella, Quinnlin and Atia

> Chris & Catherine Doernbrack Jacob and Ben

Reason for joining: "As a congregation you have made us feel so welcome. We love all the activities you have that make it so much fun to get involved. Since coming to St. Luke's, church has gone from something we need to do to something we look forward to doing."



# Seasoned Voyagers Interesting Summer

June - We had a voyage to visit ancient Maya culture via a terrific exhibit at Denver's Museum of Science and Nature. We were conveyed by RTD bus - driven by a gentleman of Mayan heritage. We visited the Mayan (thanks

A 55+ MINISTRY

for chocolate guys, I'm a theobromine addict) cultural exhibit, lunched at cafeteria and then were on our own to enjoy any other regular "standing exhibits" which were quite interesting.

July - Star Gazing after dark at Littleton's Southbridge Park.

**August 24 -** We will reprise a voyage to beautiful, nearby Roxborough Park for a live concert by Skanson/Hanson (Guitar/Mandolin.) Watch (or signup on web and watch) for email blast with details, as we get closer. Hopefully weather will cooperate!

**September -** Finally we close our summer season in September (23rd likely) with a "leaf peep" voyage to Echo Lake Lodge, part way up on road to Mt Evans. Promises to be great viewing.

Consider taking advantage of one or both remaining summer voyages and watch for other great things all year.

-David Lamoreaux