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and much more!



Into the Woods

March 4-6!

The Wesley Players hit the stage with an epic fairytale about wishes, family, and the choices we make. *Into the Woods* takes everyone's favorite storybook characters and brings them together. The Tony Award-winning book and score are both enchanting and touching.

The story follows a Baker and his wife who wish to have a child, Cinderella who wishes to attend the King's Festival, Jack who wishes his cow would give milk, and a Witch's curse!

Tickets are \$12 in advance (stlukeshr.com) and \$15 at the door. Saturday night offers a benefit dinner at 5:00pm which includes premium seating. Contact Melanie Kirkpatrick at melanie.kirkpatrick@gmail.com.



View Rev. Janet's entire video message on St. Luke's website.

A MESSAGE FROM REV. JANET

Retirement from St. Luke's

Nearly twelve years ago, on May 16, 2004, I began my appointment as Senior Minister of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. In the intervening years, you have blessed me and Bob with your spiritual tenacity, leadership for change, and creative energy! Thank you for opening your homes and hearts to us, for partnering in our mission to live the teachings of Jesus, and for sharing in the richness of God's grace.

I will retire on June 30, 2016. This is the right time for me to retire as God is preparing St. Luke's for its next chapter of ministry. My transition into retirement over the next six months will allow for the launch of a new model of pastoral leadership, a Lead Clergy Team. Revs. Sallie Suby-Long and Ryan Canaday will join with a new colleague in a co-pastoral team in Spiritual Life, Worship and Missional Life, and

Community Life. This model is actually making official the leadership style that we already practice!

Rev. Dr. Melanie Rosa, Superintendent of the Mile High/Pikes Peak District of the Rocky Mountain Conference, has already met with our Staff Parish Relations Team to review the United Methodist appointment process. I covet your prayers for this new pastor and partner.

There are so many things that I want to do in retirement. I want to get my piano proficiency back. I want to learn to play my hammered dulcimer and join a Scottish dulcimer ensemble. I want to enjoy my Native American flute as I walk the Camino pilgrimage in Spain. I want to plant a summer garden, hike in the Colorado high country, and wet more than a few fishing flies! After satisfying some of these yearnings for recreation and rest, I'll offer myself for transitional leadership in changing, conflicted congregations.

So many emotions. So much to say. I will miss you! For now, let it be the two words that have so often been in my heart and on my lips during these years of sharing life with this beloved community: **Thank you.**

Grace, *Rev. Janet*

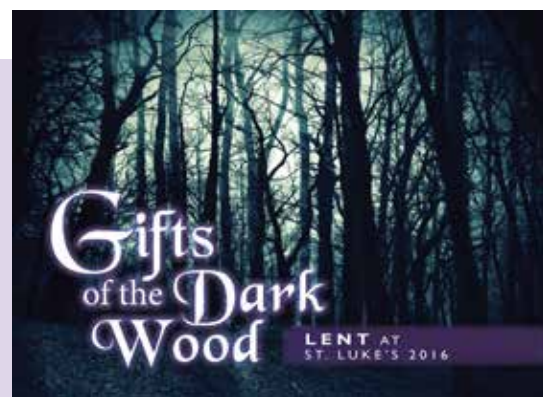
GIFTS OF THE DARK WOOD: LENT AND EASTER AT ST. LUKE'S

Jumping out of the boat, Peter walked on the water to Jesus... he lost his nerve and started to sink. He cried, "Master, save me!" Jesus didn't hesitate. He reached down and grabbed his hand."

— Matthew 14: 22-33 *The Message*

Our worship series for Lent (Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10 through Easter Sunday, Mar. 27), based on a book by the same name by Eric Elnes, is about seeing life through new eyes, recognizing that experiences of failure, emptiness, and uncertainty are as critical for finding our way through life as they are unavoidable. We will see how experiences of life through the dark wood are actually clues to our calling or life path. How can the struggles of life be the seedbed of spiritual awakening to the fullness of life?

The Gifts of the Dark Wood is augmented by the Wesley Players presentation of Stephen Sondheim's musical, *Into the Woods*, on March 4-6, a whimsically enticing visual adventure following the intertwining path of unlikely storybook characters on a journey deep into the darkness and light found only in the woods.



Ash Wednesday Feb. 10: *Where We Find Ourselves*

Feb. 14: *The Gift of Uncertainty* — Ryan Canaday

Feb. 21: *The Gift of Emptiness* — Ryan Canaday

Feb. 28: *The Gift of Being Thunderstruck* — Janet Forbes

Mar. 6: *The Gift of Getting Lost* — Tonya Whaley

Mar. 13: *The Gift of Temptation* — Janet Forbes

Palm/Passion Sunday Mar. 20:
The Gift of Misfits — Janet Forbes

Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Mar. 24-25:
The Gift of Disappearing

EASTER Mar. 27: *The Gifts of the Wood*
— Janet Forbes and Ryan Canaday

Sunday Worship Services:

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

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

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Rev. Janet Forbes
Lead Minister of
Community Life

How Do United Methodist Congregations Get Their Pastors?

The United Methodist Church has a unique way of matching pastors and congregations. Rather than local churches hiring and firing their own pastors—as in some denominations—United Methodist bishops appoint pastors to serve in local churches and other ministry settings. One advantage to this process is that a local church never has to go without a pastor. Likewise, a pastor (specifically, a full member of an annual

conference in good standing) never goes without a setting for ministry. The primary goal of the appointment system is to match the gifts and graces of a particular pastor to the ministry needs of a particular congregation at a particular time. This itinerant system dates back to American frontier days when circuit riding preachers traveled on horseback from town to town. At that time, bishops matched preachers to circuits four times a year. Now bishops typically fix appointments once a year at the meeting of the annual conference in June. Most clergy move to their new appointment on July 1 each year.

To understand the appointive process, it helps to know a little about how the United Methodist Church is organized. We are a connectional church. That means individual congregations are part of a larger network known as an annual conference under the leadership of a bishop. Most annual conferences consist of several districts. Ordained clergy are members of an annual conference rather than a local church. Our St. Luke's clergy are members of the Rocky Mountain Conference, which includes Colorado, Utah, and the southeastern half of Wyoming. Bishops are responsible for assigning pastors to churches. Ordinarily, district superintendents assist the bishop in prayerfully making appointments. They generally meet with pastors and representatives of local churches every year to assess the effectiveness of ministry there. The superintendent of the Mile High – Pikes Peak District is Rev. Dr. Melanie Rosa.

The staff-parish relations committee represents the congregation officially in this process. With the announcement of the retirement of Rev. Janet Forbes, the staff-parish relations committee will be in conversation with the superintendent through a church profile and position description. The process always involves consultation.

If you have questions about the appointment process of the United Methodist Church, direct your inquiry to the chairperson of the Staff Parish Relations Team, Rachael Owens, or any of the clergy team.

THE TURNING OF THE YEAR Fat Tuesday to Ash Wednesday

The Christian calendar tells the story of Jesus in two cycles of time. The year begins with the Christmas cycle of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany as we celebrate Jesus' birth. The story culminates in the Easter cycle of Lent, Easter, and Pentecost with the wonder of resurrection.

The turning of the year from one cycle to the next is marked by two very different holidays...just 24 hours apart. Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, on Feb. 9, is the last day of the season of Epiphany. Another name for Mardi Gras is Shrove Tuesday, a day to confess our sins and have them shriven or forgiven. After confession, everyone eats a meal of pancakes, using up all the eggs and butter in the house.

When we wake up on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10, the Christian year turns 180 degrees. We turn from watching a manger in Bethlehem to a cross on Calvary. The Bible tells us that before Jesus began his ministry he prepared himself by spending forty days praying in the wilderness. We call these forty days Lent, and Lent is the time when Christians prepare for the celebration of Easter. The word, Lent, is from the Anglo-Saxon word, lencten, meaning the lengthening of the days or the coming of spring.

Some people still give up something during Lent, maybe a favorite food. In the Middle Ages, everyone had to go without eating meat or fat or eggs for the whole forty days. Other persons take on something new during Lent. They honor their bodies. They eat well. They exercise daily. They lose weight. Or they reconcile a relationship. They spend time with their children. They reconnect with their spouse. They settle an old fight. Or they decide to do something for other people. They fast one meal a week and give the money to relieve hunger. They ride a bicycle to limit global warming. They practice acts of kindness.

Our 2016 Lenten worship series, GIFTS OF THE DARK WOOD, is a forty-day, intensely focused period of personal reflection and community discernment through prayer, scripture reading, holy conversation, and fasting. We make a commitment sacrificially to lay aside things we ordinarily enjoy and to re-evaluate our faith journey by asking some hard questions. What do I need to let go of so I may be more faithful or whole in my relationship with God? What spiritual practice might I take up to bring me closer to the person God is calling me to be?

Following Jesus in the way of the cross means giving ourselves fully and sacrificially for the concerns of God's heart. In saying yes to Jesus, it is his cross we are lifting, his cause we are embracing, and his life mission we are supporting. Saying yes to Jesus is an all-out, all-in commitment to go where Jesus goes, be who Jesus is, do what Jesus does, and give what Jesus gives for the life of the world that God loves.



Rev. Ryan Canaday
Lead Minister of
Worship &
Missional Life

Why Worship Redesign?

Allow me to speak personally for just a moment... So many people are longing for an authentic connection to God and one another. The “one another” part is the kicker. People haven’t given up on God or the spiritual, but we don’t want to walk through it alone. This God stuff, this spiritual stuff is too big—the questions are too big. We have a longing not just to experience authentic connection with God, but we desire this same connection with other people. We want to journey through the spiritual together. We need one another.

But we have to be honest with the current religious [particularly Christian] landscape here in the United States. Sociologists of Religion and Church Historians tell us that we are living in a post-Christian world, that Christianity and the Church have been in a long term trend of decline. The recent [May 2015] Pew Research Center report confirms this decline. 35,000 Americans were surveyed. The percentage of adults who describe themselves as Christian dropped eight percentage points in seven years—from 78% to 70%. That’s significant. Every Christian denomination has experienced decline. Mainline Protestants have been no exception. In 2007, there were 41 million of us. Today, 36 million. That’s a big drop. The Pew report also revealed to us the number of “nones”—those who don’t affiliate with any religious tradition—in the U.S. This number is on the rise. This number has increased by 19 million since 2007. The “nones” are the fastest growing group in America. Today there are approximately 56 million religiously unaffiliated adults in the U.S. Stunning!

The headlines capitalized these statistics. The headlines were clear:

Christianity is in decline. Indeed, the entire religious landscape of America doesn’t have a very bright future. But here’s what we didn’t see if we just read the headlines—and it’s fascinating!

When we read further in the Pew report, we see that 49% of Americans report to have had some sort of spiritual or mystical experience that has transformed their life. That’s nearly half of all Americans! In 1962 Gallup asked the same question—only 22% answered ‘yes.’ Later in the Pew report, they asked, “Have you experienced deep peace and well-being in the past week?” 65% of the people said yes. “Have you had a sense of awe and wonder at creation or the universe in the past week?” 52% said yes. That’s huge!

And get this: 75% of those surveyed said they are looking for a sense of purpose and meaning and they see that as having something to do with their spiritual life. That statistic didn’t make the headlines.

These numbers are just as important as all of the statistics on decline. They tell us something so important. People are experiencing God, the Divine, the Spirit, the Meaningful. And people are looking to make sense of it all. We want to journey with others through the spiritual. We don’t want all the answers or better explanations of particular doctrines. No, we want to journey with a tribe.

So, back to my original question. ***Why worship re-design?***

What if we saw Sunday morning worship as an opportunity to start signing “YES” on all the permission slips? The sunset last night, it did something to me, it filled me with a sense of awe...YES, of course it did—that’s God moving in our midst. Playing with my kids in the park last week, all of the sudden I was filled with a sense of gratitude...YES, of course you were—that’s God and the ongoingness of creation. In my suffering, the community prayed, and I could actually feel their prayers...YES, of course you did—the Divine energy was present in that moment. This is what it means to proclaim the God who is with us, not a God who is “up there somewhere,” but a God who is with us—with us in all of it. Mountains, sunsets, laughter of children, the sense of not being alone in our struggle...these things reveal to us the God who is with us. It’s written in creation. How might this transform the way we think about worship?

One more word on the why of worship re-design. The “nones” [and the “dones” who we didn’t even mention in this article...but another fast growing group. These are the folks who were once active in the Church, but no longer participate] have spoken clearly. There’s lots of research that could be mentioned here, but simply put: the church experience has been shallow, irrelevant, and exclusive for so many—the deep questions and doubts have largely been dismissed. Remember, we want to journey together...even when it’s really messy and uncertain. The worship experience can’t just be about coming to church and getting the “feel-goods” about our favorite song or hymn, a nice sermon, or a soothing prayer. Nothing wrong with this, but it can’t stop there. If our Sunday morning worship services don’t engage the real questions, the questions that people are actually asking, then what are we doing? If our worship isn’t inspiring us to live a better story and go out into the world to make a difference, then what are we doing? If our worship services aren’t inspiring us toward our mission of living the teachings of Jesus: love, acceptance, justice, and hope, then seriously, what in the heck are we doing?

Speaking of “what”...in this article we dealt with many of the “whys” of worship re-design. In the next one, we’ll deal with the “whats.” Let’s continue to do this together. Let’s continue to journey together. It’s what we do best.

Grace & Peace, *Rev. Ryan*



Rev. Dr. Sallie Suby-Long
Lead Minister of
Spiritual Life

Navigating Change & Transition

The most predictable thing in life is change. We’ve all heard this phrase and we’ve all experienced change many times. But if we experience

change so often, why does it bring so many unexpected emotions? Can’t we simply become proficient with change and move through it with intentionality and ease? From a psychological perspective, the answer is no, we can’t. We can, however, learn how to make sense of change and the emotions that go with it. Change of any kind can often be accompanied by unexpected feelings of anger, disorientation, joy, sadness, excitement, uneasiness, and anticipation, to name just a few.

We recently experienced a change when we sent our youngest daughter off to college (well, actually it was 18 months ago, but this fact will help to make my point!). We planned for it, we were excited for her new opportunity, we were proud of all she had accomplished and we were, and still are, very proud of who she is. She was ready to go. Now, 18 months later, I still keep a nightlight on in her room and find that our home feels just a little too quiet. I also got teary the other night when we were watching an episode of *Modern Family*; Claire and Phil Dunphy’s daughter was dealing with the adjustments of college life. Keep in mind that *Modern Family* is a comedy! *continued on page 5*



Lynda Fickling
Director of
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Get CONNECTED

We Invite you to take our
Spiritual Gifts Assessment

Our Spiritual Gift assessment will help you discover and define the special abilities God has given you. You have a unique and valued role; no one is without a gift and purpose. United Methodists have believed, from the beginning, that each of us is called to participate in the outreaching ministry of Jesus Christ. John Wesley described this work in simple, practical terms: "Do all the good you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can."



Putting our faith into action is at the very heart of our Christian calling. By volunteering to serve, every person in the church has the opportunity to live their calling more faithfully. Extend your gifts to the blessings and healing of the world.

Visit: www.stlukeshr.com, ministries, spiritual gifts assessment

I look forward to walking with you on your journey -

Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20 lynda@stlukeshr.com

Welcoming our newest members

of St. Luke's and their reasons for joining our community.



Steve Stine

"When I moved to Denver I shopped many churches. St. Luke's was the friendliest church with a complete program."

**Andrew
& Kit
Campbell**



Betsy Elliott (no photo available) *"I feel lead by God to become part of the St. Luke's family"*

If you are interested in making a deeper commitment by Joining St. Luke's, please contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20 lynda@stlukeshr.com or visit www.stlukeshr.com

"A New Beginning"

12-week Divorce Recovery Seminar

Mondays starting March 7 from 6:45-9:00pm

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

Cost \$100 (Scholarships are available.)

Contact Larry Sears 720-524-0440 lrsears78@comcast.net

Please keep in mind your friends, all are welcome.

Team Kick Off Recap



*Redesigning
Our
Future*

ST. LUKE'S
TEAM
KICK OFF

We had a fulfilling morning again this year. Thank you to all who attended!

The discussion flowed from blessings of music, blessings of our mission/vision statement in video (check out facebook and our website to watch!), to blessings of prayer, to where the St. Luke's "net" was born from, to why the worship redesign and how it affects our net, to why the clergy team model and how does it affect the net, to how does your team affect the net, to how do you take this net out into the world, closing with blessings to one another.

Here is a quote from the Guest Services Team on how they affect the net of St. Luke's:

"The Guest Service Station is the first point of contact for new comers as well as regulars. We look out for new attendees that may be unsure where to go and help them along. We introduce them to our community by giving the welcome bag and also by giving them a tour of the premises, if needed. And of course, we also help our regular members find their way as requested. We are just a wealth of knowledge about events, classes, daycare, etc. As the 'host' figures to St. Luke's community we try to make our 'guests' welcome by showing interest in their wellbeing, needs, etc. We keep an eye on unattended children that might have drifted away from their parents. Their safety is our concern." —Team Lead: Mercedes von Normann

Thank you to our presenters: Roberta Hamilton & Patrick Griggs, Kristin Foster, Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes, Rev. Ryan Canaday, Rev. Dr. Sallie Suby-Long, Dr. James Ramsey, Scott Wesson, Faith Atkins and Samantha Leahy. Thank you to Ken Fong for his tech help, to Sharon Oliver on her logo design and the Fellowship Events Team for a delicious breakfast. Thanks to the Equipping Ministry Team (EMT) for their hard work in inviting our leaders to serve this community.

We base our work from Ephesians 4:11-12 (NRSV)



"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ..."

We look forward to next year's Kick-Off – ALL are welcome to join in the celebration of our community!

**Interested in being on a team at St. Luke's? Contact an EMT Co-Lead: Sandy Larson larson6872@msn.com or Lynda Fickling lynda@stlukeshr.com



From Rev. Sallie continued from page 3

Thankfully my patient husband, surprised by my tears, quickly figured out my emotional state and just let me be. (Good call, Tom!)

While my mind is settled with our youngest daughter being in college, my emotions are clearly not. Even though the change happened months ago, it appears I am still in transition. *Change is situational.*

Transition is psychological and includes an ending, a neutral zone, and then a new beginning that happens over time (Bridges, 2004). Whether a change is anticipated and positive (having a baby, sending a child to college, starting a new job, retiring, etc.) or unanticipated and painful (the loss of a loved one, health issues, job loss, etc.) we're likely to experience a wide range of emotions that sometimes surprise us.

With the hope of offering some new ways to navigate transition as we are in the midst of change at St. Luke's and as we all experience transitions in our own lives, Rev. Janet, Rev. Ryan and I recommend a terrific book: *Transitions - Making Sense of Life's Changes* by William Bridges. If you would enjoy connecting with others regarding change & transition, you're invited to a conversation on **Sunday evening, Feb. 21 from 5:30-7:30pm**. Send me an email and I will pass along details! Sallie@stlukeshr.com.

***Trust the Process of Change
Honor it, Respect it, Revere it.***

-Melody Beattie

Warmly, *Rev. Sallie*

Learning Opportunities

Visit www.stlukeshr.com to sign up for certain classes or visit the Get-Connected Center in the Fellowship Hall at St. Luke's or contact Lynda@stlukeshr.com with any questions.

NEW: THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (SIGN UP ONLINE) Monty Hoffman will facilitate this group that looks at history and beliefs of Methodism and how we approach them in the context of our St. Luke's community. All are Welcome!

Time/Place: **Sundays** – Feb. 21 & 28, 11:00am-noon

BETH MOORE: The Children of the Day, a study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

Time/Place: **Thursdays** – Feb. 18-Apr. 21, 6:00-8:00pm.

Contact: Kristin Foster kristinfoster13@gmail.com

St. Luke's Men will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb 23, 7:00am, at The Egg & I, Highlands Ranch Town Center **Contact:** Les Ludlam at lludlam@wyoming.com



Annual Diaper Drive is On

February is Love INC (In the Name of Christ) month at St. Luke's. Therefore, it's time for our annual diaper drive. The drive lasts this entire month. You have plenty of time to purchase diapers, wipes, or to make a monetary contribution. Your donations are given to Love INC's Dipes & Wipes and Haven's Hope distribution programs. Diaper sizes 4, 5, and 6 are desperately needed.

The diaper drives over the last four years have collected tens of thousands of diapers and thousands of wipes for Love INC. St. Luke's members also made generous monetary donations that enabled many more diapers to be purchased. Love INC's staff and volunteers are appreciative of St. Luke's eagerness to assist those in need in our community. Way to go!!

Let's have another successful diaper drive this year. Your donations of diapers, wipes, and money can be made in Fellowship Hall. Make checks payable to Love INC. Remember, sizes 4, 5, and 6 are requested by the Love INC staff.



Christmas in the Park

Thank you to over 60 folks from St. Luke's who joined another 600 volunteers for Christmas In The Park handing out cold weather supplies, treats and gifts to over 600 of Denver's homeless individuals and families. Many were there for the first time and others have made this a family tradition to serve on Christmas Day.

Christmas in the Park is organized by After Hours, an alternative church group that St. Luke's supports each Monday by making and distributing sack lunches to the hungry and homeless in Civic Center Park. This year, over 700 sleeping bags were collected, in addition to 600 IKEA bags, winter coats, blankets, socks, underwear, toys, diapers, hygiene products, scarves, gloves, a hot meal, and more.

One thing that makes this experience so powerful is the large number of people who delay their Christmas Day festivities to come together in community and spread joy to those less fortunate. Thank you to the record number of donations of hats, gloves, hand knitted scarves, socks and hand warmers. We are a giving community. For more information on ways you can support through donations or to serve in the park contact sam@stlukeshr.com

Children's Ministry News

Praise, Play & Prayers with St. Luke's Kids

This is YOUR year to serve in Sunday School. It's good for your soul, your heart and your spirit.

Go to stlukeshr.com, click on "calendars" across the top and then click on "children's ministry servants" and sign up! We need YOU and Sunday School is an awesome place to be on a Sunday morning - come join us.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

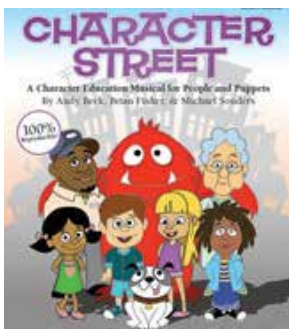
(check our website for full calendar)

- Feb. 9 (TUE) - 5:00-7:00pm - SLY, Jr. FAT TUESDAY RSVP with Ms. Sharon (Bring \$5 for pancake dinner) We will help SLY run the event.
- Feb. 12 (FRI) - PNO Parent's Night Out 5:45pm Contact Ms. Sam for more info
- Feb. 14 (SUN) - Family Worship Sunday. No Sunday School - Nursery is available for age 4 and under.
- Feb. 17 (WED) 6:30pm & Feb. 21 (SUN) 10:45am - Children's Dinner Theater AUDITIONS - All children in grades 1-6 are eligible. Rehearsal will be Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Dinner and show is April 29 6:00pm.
- Feb. 19 (FRI) - PLAYGROUP 9:00am - All are welcome!
- Feb. 19 (FRI) - FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT "Shaun the Sheep Movie" rated PG 6:45pm
- Feb. 20 (SAT) - Parent's Time Away 9:00am-noon Contact Ms. Sam to rsvp and for info
- Feb. 21 (SUN) - 9:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL: Joy Trek (PreK: 2-4 yrs.) begins 3-week lesson: "The Prodigal Son"
- Feb. 21 (SUN) - 9:30am Special PEAK K-4th Grade SUNDAY SCHOOL "Lent"
- Feb. 21 (TUE) - 5:30-7:30pm - SLY, Jr.
- Feb. 28 (SUN) - 9:30am PEAK K-4th Grade SUNDAY SCHOOL begins 4-week lesson "Garden of Gethsemane"



Children's Dinner Theater Auditions Feb. 17 & 21!!

Join us for our annual children's dinner theater! This year we will once again be partnering with KidzPrayz and with the Guatemala outreach team for our mission focus. What a successful partnership! Our production will be "Character Street" - a fun



musical tale from the creators of "Tweet!" All children in grades 1-6 are welcome to participate. Auditions will take place Feb. 17 at 6:30pm and again on Feb. 21 at 11:00am. All will get a part in the play. Rehearsals begin March 9 and continue every Wednesday from 6:00-7:30pm until the show on Friday April 29 at 6:00pm. Don't miss out on this St. Luke's tradition.

Awesome

Our 5th & 6th grade service and fun group "SLY, Jr." had an AWESOME lock in on Jan. 29. 44 kids played and sang and painted and ate and learned what it means to recognize awesomeness in this world and to do awesome things. Thanks to the staff who participated and all of the volunteers who helped make this overnight event so special. We brought in lots of food for the United in Orange food drive and lots of balls of plastic yarn from grocery bags to make a waterproof mat for the homeless.



Sharon Oliver
Director of
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Samantha Leahy
Director of Early
Childhood Ministry



Stephanie Kirk
Children's Ministry
Coordinator

St. Luke's Kids
Growing with God

Register Now for the 2016 Family Camp Olympics

This summer, St. Luke's will hold it's first Family Camp Olympics! Along with our usual fellowship and fun, our families will have the opportunity to compete in daily events such as the mini golf tournament, tug of war, and relay races, to name a few.

In addition to our Olympic games, we will also enjoy traditional Family Camp activities, including the tubing hill, a day at Winter Park, the low ropes course, waterfall hike, plenty of fellowship, and of course delicious breakfasts and dinners. Most nights we will finish with s'mores and songs at the campfire before we head off to sleep under the stars.

Family Camp runs July 22-29, 2016 at Snow Mountain Ranch (SMR) in Granby, Colorado. SMR offers tent/RV sites, as well as yurts, cabins, and lodge rooms. You can camp for a few nights, or stay the whole week!

Registration has already begun for this fun annual event. Be sure to book your site now, as sites do fill up fast. For more information, visit <http://stlukeshr.com/familycamp>, or contact slumcfamilycamp@gmail.com if you have questions. We hope your family will be a part of the St. Luke's Family Camp family





Kay Swanson
Director of
Little School



Little School News:

February Fun at Little School

February, is a very fun time at Little School with our Scholastic Book Fair (Feb. 2-6) and our wonderful DAD'S SATURDAY!

Feb. 6 - Dad's Saturday - is a special time for Dads, Grandpas, Brothers or Uncles to join us for a morning of crafting and

conversations! The children are so proud to bring their special person to school and make Valentines for their wives and moms! We don't get to see the Dads too often so this is one of our favorite days to give them some extra special attention and time!

Little School will be off Feb. 15 for President's day and closed on Feb. 16th for Parent-Teacher Conferences. This is a very valuable time for parents to meet with their child's teachers. We find that open communication with our families makes for a very successful year!

FOR THE 4TH YEAR IN A ROW - YOUR PRESCHOOL HAS BEEN NOMINATED AS THE BEST PRESCHOOL IN DOUGLAS COUNTY! We have been so blessed to be chosen for this award for the last three years and would be overjoyed to be chosen again. Not only does this make us all proud, but it increases our enrollment and continues our notable image in the community. The prize for winning is a year of advertising for our school and recognition by everyone! **Voting is open Feb. 9-29th.** You can access the website at Macaronikid.com and look for **GOLD DAISY Award voting form!** **PLEASE HAVE YOUR WHOLE FAMILY VOTE!**

Thank you for your continued support and faith in your preschool program at St. Luke's!

Blessings from Ms. Kay and Staff

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

St. Luke's Little School - Best Preschool in Douglas County 2013, 2014, 2015



United Methodist Women 2015 Year in Review:

Our St. Luke's United Methodist Women's objective is to engage and energize our community of women to be more involved in Mission; to provide compassionate service and advocacy for women, children and youth, here at home and around the world. We have proudly promoted and supported the purpose of UMW at our team meetings and at our three events with emphasis on Mission, Spiritual Growth, Education, Social Action, and Leadership. This Mission giving not only strengthens us in our faith, but enhances our individual spiritual growth, our discipline, our leadership, our friendships. And enjoyment ~ is one of the many blessings we receive.

We were proud to support and donate to Denver Children's Home, Urban Peak, Women's Bean Project, Guatemala Water Project, Guatemala Milk Project, HAAT force and look forward to another year of mission giving in 2016.

We would like to welcome our 2016 Slate of Officers: President - Sharon Smith, Secretary - Brenda Hart, Treasurer - Alicia Nelson, Spiritual Growth - Fran West, Education and Interpretation - Linda Streaty, Communications - Diana Stephens, Team members - Peggy Fretz; Maggie Giardina; Ann Newton; Betty Ludlam - UMW District President - Advisor; Rev. Dr. Sallie Suby-Long, Minister Advisor

Mentoring a new team: Six members of the UMW leadership team attended 'Mission, Mentoring & Celebrations' at Tri-Lakes UMC in Monument on January 23rd and donated to their mission of collecting socks. They learned from mentors to help them with their new positions.

SAVE THE DATES:

2016 UMW CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 12 - Spiritual Day Apart, Castle Rock
- April 1-3 - Spiritual Life Retreat, Estes Park
- April 24 - UMW Spring Celebration - Tea and Textiles
- August 28 - Fall Pie and Prayer
- December 6 - Candlelight Dinner

INTEREST GROUPS of United Methodist Women at St. Luke's UMC: Starting off the New Year in faith and fellowship

Itch to Stitch: *Who we are:* We are a group of ladies who help by using our talents of knitting, crocheting, or sewing to benefit others in our community and nationally. New members always welcome! Want to learn to knit, crochet or sew, we have some wonderful teachers. *What we support:* Lap Blankets to the Veteran's Administration Hospital; Blankets and Baby Layette to Children's Hospital; Hats for Soldiers through Warmth for Warriors; Prayer Shawls for our congregation through Stephen Ministry and Holy Listeners *When we meet:* The second Saturday of each month, year round, from 10:00am - noon **Contact:** Fran West at 303-797-7107 (mfranwest@gmail.com)

- **January 9:** "Diana and Cathy taught a crochet class. Six ladies started on their adventure in crochet!
- **February 13:** 9:00am-1:00pm "Patches & Potluck" Potluck brunch and quilting projects. Bring your cutting board, scissors, sewing machine and a breakfast item to share.
- **March:** Continued work on quilting projects.

Remember to Check out Our Facebook page! "St. Luke's UMC Itch to Stitch Guild"

Book Group: Fiction, Non-fiction, Informative, Fun. Fourth Monday, Room 206, 7:00pm (6:15pm Potluck) **Contact:** Renae Parra (renaeparra@aol.com) 303-683-0872)

- **February 22:** "Whistling Past the Graveyard" by Susan Crandall
- **March 28:** "Go Set a Watchman" by Harper Lee

Common Thread: Friendship, Fellowship, Caring, Sharing, Fun. First Thursday of each month, 10:00am. Meets at the church. **Contact:** Caroline Butler (carolinebutler@q.com) or Betty Smith 303- 797-3225.

As you can see, our interest groups ~ **Support** you thru friendship and fellowship ~ **Keep** you in Prayer ~ **Give** you a new insight into books ~ **Enhance** your handiwork skills ~ **Satisfy** mission needs ~ And... they supply you with **Renewal**. Women are welcome to attend an Interest Group of UMW anytime during the year.

For further information about UMW go to www.stlukeshr.com or email us umwinfo@stlukeshr.com. Coming soon: a new St. Luke's UMW Facebook page!



"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."



Trustees Corner

Under the leadership of Pastor Tonya, our Trustees, Pastoral Staff, Ushers, and Boy Scout Troop team members are working to document and update Accessibility for all who spend time at St. Luke's. You may have already noticed temporary signage on seats in past drama performances. Now we're moving ahead with providing similar improvements to our Sanctuary to facilitate movement in and out of the space with ease for all for our worship services.

Past improvements completed include the push button operated front door entrance, and putting entrance and parking lot lights on timers. We've got large print hymnals and



Bibles, and amplifiers to loan to individuals who would benefit during services or performances in the Sanctuary – please connect with an usher or one of our

sound booth techs if you would like to learn more about these options.

Outside we've increased the number of parking spaces for those with the ADA hang tag, and guest spaces for anyone who would benefit from a shorter walk into our main front doors. You may not realize that we also have additional ADA marked spaces at the lower level, NW entrance. From this location, on Sundays during worship hours, you can enter the church at the lower level at the double doors, go through the open Goliath children's space, up the ramp, and take the elevator on your left to the main level for services and classes.

Once we've finalized Sanctuary ADA seating signage placement, we'll order more permanent markers for seating, providing space for anyone who uses accessible seating including walkers, wheelchairs, or motor scooters, as well as for their family or friends so that everyone feels more welcome at St. Luke's.

Our next item on the plan is an accessible bathroom. This includes adding a push button door opener to provide easier entry into our larger Family Restroom on the main level. Please see the Benefactor's Wish List for 2016 for additional information. We invite your feedback on additional ideas, suggestions, or improvements – please feel free to speak with any of our pastors, staff, trustees, or simply place a note in the Suggestion Box in the office lobby. We appreciate your input!

United Methodist Ministers: Elders and Deacons - What's the Difference?

by Rev. Dr. Sallie Suby-Long, Ph.D.,
Lead Minister of Spiritual Life

simple questions. As you may know, Rev. Janet and Rev. Ryan are Ordained Elders in the United Methodist Church. I am an Ordained Deacon in the United Methodist Church. In short, Deacons are Ordained United Methodist specialist clergy. The diaconate, (the function of diakonos meaning servant or steward, ambassador or representative), is traced to Acts 6 & 7 in which Stephen, Philip, and others were called to administer charitable functions of the faith community.

Are Deacons Ordained Ministers? Yes. Like Elders, Deacons are fully Ordained Ministers in the United Methodist Church. Deacons are specialized clergy with expertise in a particular field or fields. For example, Deacons may specialize in counseling, teaching, health care, community organizing, nonprofit management, administration, children's ministries, information technology, chaplaincy, or any number of other specialties.

Are Deacons Appointed by the Bishop? Yes. Like Elders, Deacons are appointed by the Bishop, however, unlike Elders, they are responsible for finding their own employment. Once a Deacon finds a position, the Bishop is asked to officially make and bless the appointment. Deacons are not part of the UMC itinerancy process. In simple language, itinerancy in the UMC means Elders are appointed by the Bishop and often move from church to church as needed several times throughout their Ministry career. Since Deacons have professional specializations and find their own employment, itinerancy generally does not apply to UMC ministers who are ordained as Deacons.

Do Deacons Serve in Churches? Deacons may be engaged in ministries inside or outside the church setting. The purpose of a Deacon's ministry is to connect the church with the world. This "bridging" responsibility means Deacons can serve in a variety of professional and community settings including churches, schools, universities, hospitals, and community organizations, to name a few. For example, UMC Ministers who are ordained as Deacons may be professors, nurses, teachers, administrators, counselors, videographers, IT specialists, musicians, principals, doctors, lawyers, missionaries, and the list goes on and on. They often hold joint appointments in a faith community and in another settings. Deacons are ordained to ministries inside and outside the church that address a variety of the needs of God's people.

Do Deacons Complete Seminary Training? Yes. Deacons complete seminary training. Like Elders, they may complete the Master of Divinity degree, or Deacons may choose a different seminary degree that aligns with their area of ministry. Often, Deacons have specialized training in another field as well.

How Do I Fit Into This? Here's my personal example of what it means to be in ministry as an Ordained Deacon! Prior to joining the clergy team at St. Luke's, I held leadership positions in university settings, nonprofits, and businesses for over 22 years. I traveled frequently working with leadership teams across the country. My responsibilities included leadership, teaching, marketing, human development and management. I've earned a Ph.D. in Education with an emphasis in Psychology and Leadership and a Master of Science degree in Higher Education/ Human Development. I have certifications in a variety of human development tools such as the Myers Briggs Type Indicator, Appreciative Coaching, Spiritual Direction and Brain Technologies Assessment Tools. I am also certified in Conflict Resolution and Negotiation through studies with the Conflict Management Institute. In the midst of engaging in a career I loved, I became aware that many of my clients and students were seeking additional opportunities for spiritual growth. This was compelling to me. So, with a desire to deepen my capacity to offer spiritual and psychological support to others, I completed a Master of Arts degree in Pastoral and Spiritual Care at Iliff School of Theology. To make a long story at least a little shorter, I was ordained as a United Methodist Minister and I have had the honor of serving at St. Luke's for nearly 7 years. My primary areas of specialty as a United Methodist Minister include leadership, counseling/ psychology, spiritual formation, and development. In addition, I am presently on Creighton University's dissertation faculty and I teach doctoral students in their Interdisciplinary Leadership Program. I also do occasional consulting work with the leadership development company Ki ThoughtBridge and I'm engaged in research with colleagues through the International Leadership Association.

God invites all of us to minister in many different ways. While the primary Ministry of an Ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church is to extend excellent leadership within the Church setting, the primary Ministry of an Ordained Deacon is to create faith connections in the world and to lead in a variety of professional settings.

About a decade ago, I shared with Rev. Janet that I was experiencing a call to further ministry but that I didn't picture myself in the usual role of a Church Minister and Preacher. She said, "You could be a Deacon!" And I said, "What's a Deacon?" Some of you might be wondering as well. So, let me try to answer a few

Our Mission: To promote healing and wholeness by creating opportunities for authentic connection, and by providing experiences that inspire and transform.



Visit our website stlukesce.org to learn more!

Experience CSE in 2016

There is an interval of quietness between the celebrations of Christmas and the beginning of the new year. It's often a time of reflection on the past year and a gathering of energies for the one ahead. Perhaps we have set new goals for ourselves; perhaps we have considered a new vision for living the days ahead. The Center for Spiritual Engagement was born of the desire to experience opportunities to connect in new, authentic ways with one another, to think about ourselves and our world in new ways, and to transform the ordinaries into extraordinaries. Happy New Year! We hope you will join us for some of our activities as you journey through 2016.



Speaker Series! *Catch Yourself Coming Alive*

Tuesday, March 1, 6:30-8:00pm, in St. Luke's Fellowship Hall. Our Spirituality and Wellness Speaker Series presents "Catch Yourself Coming Alive" with **Schawn Kellogg, RN, MDIV**. Schawn is a faculty member for

the Institute for Life and Care and an ordained Deacon in the United Methodist Church. She finds joy in joining others on their journey of self-discovery and transformative, sustaining spiritual growth. Everyone has a connection to self that can link directly to their life's meaning and purpose. Join us as we begin to consider what makes us come alive, what surprises us, what lights us up, and what gratifies us. Sharing self-awareness in our relationships and in our communities is strengthening and can be a next step in searching for Spiritual satisfaction. For further information, contact julie.polikoff@msn.com. Childcare is available with a 48-hour reservation (sam@stlukeshr.com).

Hikes! OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

MINISTRY: Thank you to everyone who has completed our on-line survey to identify new activities, strategies, and locations for our Outdoor Adventures. The survey is still available, and you can complete it anonymously by going to the following url: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WGFTQHH>.

Saturday, March 12: Join us for Snowshoeing at Kenosha Pass.

We visited the Pass in September to experience fall colors in the high country. We decided to return in winter to consider how snow transforms familiar landscapes. This is a popular destination, so we'll want to get an early start; we'll meet at St. Luke's at 7:30 am to carpool. Temperatures can be quite chilly, so dress warmly, and in layers. We're planning an optional lunch stop at DW's 285 Diner near Conifer. Bring your own snowshoes. For more information contact janestaller@gmail.com.

Save the Dates for future Outdoor Adventures:

April 9 – O'Fallon Park near Evergreen

May 7 – TBD

June 11 – TBD

Classes & Experiences!

BALLROOM DANCE: Friday nights starting Feb. 5, Come Dance with Us! The Center for Spiritual Engagement presents Ballroom Dancing with Steve Collins in St. Luke's Youth Room (6:30-8:00 pm). Connect with your inner dancer, as you learn the basics of the swing, waltz, foxtrot, cha cha, and rumba. Singles and couples are welcome; all dancing levels also are welcome. We recommend leather-soled shoes. These weekly drop-in classes continue through Feb 26. Recommended donation \$10/person/class (janestaller@gmail.com).



YOGA: Morning Yoga with Gargi continues on Thursdays through February 25 (9:00-10:15am) in St. Luke's Chapel. The class combines spiritual reflection with the discipline of yoga. Drop in once or come as often as your busy schedule allows. Suggested donation - \$10/class. (renaeparra@aol.com)



Thank You!!

The UMW leadership team wishes to give Thanks and Appreciation to the many teams that have assisted us in the past year at all of our UMW celebrations: The Pastoral Team; Office and Facilities Staff; Children's, Little School, and Youth Ministry Staff; Music and Arts Staff; Trustees; Tech Team; Photographers; Bus drivers; And our Annual Men's Waite staff.

A 'Gift in Mission' to the HAAT force has been given in your honor to a UMW outreach program. We look forward to continuing this friendship and connection.

The Itch to Stitch Guild would like to send our thanks and gratitude to all of our Care Angels who provide us with care squares, blankets, and scarves & hats and baby items donated anonymously. Thank you so much for all of your talent and help!

We would like to give our thanks and appreciation for the following outgoing UMW team members. Thank you for your time, talents, gifts, and service! Nancy Mussetter, Secretary & Trudi Mathews, Treasurer



Upcoming Events!

- * **Feb. 7:**
9:30-10:30am SLY AM - Paul
1:00-3:00pm Confirmation Class
(parent mtg. 2:00pm)
No SLY PM- Go Broncos!!
Win The Super Bowl!!
- * **Feb. 9: FAT TUESDAY
PANCAKE FUNDRAISER!!!**
5:00-7:00pm
- * **Feb. 10:** No SLY, Ash Wednesday
- * **Feb. 14:**
9:30-10:30am SLY AM - Christi
No Confirmation
5:30-6:00pm SLY Dinner - \$2
6:00-7:30pm SLY PM - JUMP
STREET!! Bring Money
- * **Feb. 17:**
5:30-6:30pm Homework Hour
6:30-8:00pm Wed. SLY - Finger
Painting
- * **Feb. 19-21:**
9th/10th grade retreat!
- * **Feb. 21:**
9:30-10:30am SLY AM - Paul
1:00-3:00pm Confirmation Class
(parent mtg. 2:00pm)
5:30-6:00pm SLY Dinner - \$2
6:00-7:30pm SLY PM- Human
Hungry Hungry Hippos
- * **Feb. 24:**
5:30-6:30pm Homework Hour
6:30-8:00pm Wed. SLY -
Minute to Win It
- * **March 11-13:**
Confirmation Retreat
- * **Sign up to receive our emails
and Check www.stlukeshr.com
and click on "Youth" or
"SLY" for up-to-date info on
programs,
activities,
opportunities
and more!**



Sundays:

- 9:30-10:30am – SLY AM
Exploring life issues and the bible
- 5:30-6:00pm – Community
Dinner - \$2 per person.
- 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:

- 5:30-6:30pm – Homework Hour
- 6:30-8:00pm – Wednesday SLY
Activities

ON THE SLY: Kicking Off the New Year at SLY

Along with the New Year came a new confirmation class. 17 eager and ready eighth and ninth graders started their confirmation journey early this January. Confirmation is a ten week class where the students explore their own faith and beliefs while learning the history of the church and what it means to be a United Methodist. Each Sunday these classes mix a little bit of learning, a little bit of faith, and a whole lot of fun! At the end of the class, if the student decides to be confirmed, they will become their own, independent member of St. Luke's. The confirmation completion ceremony will be in early April.

It's hard to believe how fast time is going by as we are already in the heart of the season of Lent. To kick off this season, SLY put on their annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner. This is always such a fun event. There was games and crafts and of course lots of pancakes! The proceeds from the Fat Tuesday Dinner go to our summer mission trips. Thank you to all who came and helped make this year's event such a success!

Later in February, we will be having our first ever retreat for just our ninth and tenth graders! We will be heading down to Ponderosa Camp for a weekend full of faith, self-reflection, and of course fun! The weekend plan has been put together by one of our own former SLY graduates, Liza Nolder! Look for a recap of the retreat by one of our students in next month's news letter! *Yours in Christ, Dave, Amy & Jeremy*

United in ORANGE FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE vs. CHARLOTTE is ON!!!

**Bring your non-perishables to Fellowship
Hall from now until NOON Game day Feb 7.**

It's all about feeding hungry people... and ORANGE CRUSHING the Charlotte kitty cats. It's all about the count - so bring it early and bring it often!!

What to bring: Whole grain cereal, Fruit in water or juice, Meat (canned in water when possible), Vegetables (low or no sodium), Beans- dry or canned, Whole wheat pasta, rice or other whole grains, Powdered or shelf-stable milk, 100% fruit juice, Pasta sauce, Peanut butter, Soup, Canned meals, Mac & Cheese & other boxed meals



Dave Laurvick
Director of
Youth Ministry



Amy McMullen
Assistant Dir. of
Youth Ministry



Jeremy Brown
Assistant Dir. of
Youth Ministry



Presented by St. Luke's Youth

When: Tuesday February 9th, 5:00-7:00pm

What: Crafts, Games, Fun, and of course
PANCAKES!!

Why: To Support SLY and their Summer
Mission Trips!

(Suggested donation: \$5 per person)

Who: Anyone and everyone is welcome! There
will be fun for all ages!

We'll See You There!!



Mission Trip Dates

Guatemala May 27-June 5

Sr. High (current 9th/10th/11th/12th
graders) Slidell, Louisiana **June 18-26**

Jr. High (current 6th/7th/8th graders)
Rapid City, South Dakota **July 10-16**

College/Young Adult (tentative)
Crownpoint, New Mexico **July 31-Aug. 6**



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Director of Finance

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Thank you for your generosity.



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Wind Ensemble - Playing for You!

The St. Luke's Wind Ensemble will be sharing music **Sunday, February 21** during the 9:30 and 11:00 services. This ensemble is a cross-generational group that loves to make music. We invite any and all of you who play a wind instrument to join us Saturday mornings. Our literature ranges from "The Magnificent Seven" to Lenten favorites like "Beautiful Savior." Come join us! Contact Kay Coryell at kayc@stlukeshr.com.



Join our Music and Arts Ministries!

The Music and Arts Ministries are open to anyone who desires to share their musical gifts and talents at St. Luke's and the greater community of Highlands Ranch and surrounding areas. Each ensemble and performing group is committed to the ministry at St. Luke's through practice, fun and fellowship! A few ensembles continue year-round, however a typical season for most ensembles is September through May. Join us and share in this spiritual gift! For more information, browse the Music and Arts Brochure on the St. Luke's website.



A 55+ MINISTRY

Seasoned Voyagers Double Header, February 9

The next trip for St Luke's Seasoned Voyagers will be to Boulder with two stops, the Chautauqua Dining Hall for brunch before heading to NCAR for a tour of the famous I. M Pei

building and its National Center for Atmospheric Research.

Save Tuesday, February 9 and sign up on Sunday. \$20 includes the brunch, bus and tours. Contact Rich Krening rkrening@msn.com

UMW Umbrella Defense



On Sunday, February 7, 2016, the Super Bowl will take place at Levi's® Stadium in Santa Clara, California. And like any big sporting event, a game like this intensifies the space where human trafficking can occur. That's why United Methodist Women has asked members to join the **Intercept the Traffickers photo campaign** and open your umbrellas to raise awareness of human trafficking. Thousands will travel to the San Francisco Bay Area to take part in Super Bowl festivities. Among the travelers will be those arriving by force, fraud, or coercion—they will not be there of their own free will but as victims of human trafficking. Our Umbrella Defense will be a sign of Hope, Caring and Recovering Grace.



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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.*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Brenda Schafer
Office Administrator

***Don't you be afraid,
for I am with you.
Don't be dismayed,
for I am your God.***

***I will strengthen
you....*** –Isaiah 41:10

PRAYER CONCERNS

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 brenda@stlukeshr.com

LATEST ENTRIES TO PRAYER LIST:

Debi Sheppard
Jane Riegle
Natalie Murrow
Havana Gilbert – Gary
& Laurie Gilbert's
granddaughter
Dan Keyack – Betsy
Keyack's father
Nicolette Vega
Gracie Billups
Carol Carnahan
Fran West
Ken Reck
Dan Swier
Jerry Hecht

Beth Turner-Vega
Sage Felux
John Herr
Andy Geppert – Brian
Bauer's brother-in-law
Joanna Murray
Alexander Murray
Robb Suby – Rev. Sallie
Suby-Long
Mike Nappa – Lynda
Fickling's friend's
husband
Peggy Olson
Rich Krening
Kam Boles

Izzy Turner
Laura Weatherson
Carol Jarecke – Betty
Halderman's friend
Paul Hubbard – Val Clark's
friend
Carol McClure – Janet
Johnston's sister
Zella – Eric Ransick's
colleague's daughter
Diana Davidson – Marty
Davidson's mother
Sage Hughes – Peter & Linda
Young's granddaughter
Dina
John Brendlinger

Bertha Roth
Pam
Shawn Sheppard
Charlie Williams
Jan Munoz
Grace George
Laura Fitch
Von Kays – Les Ludlam's
cousin
David Johnson – Kerry
Tamberelli's father
Audrey Davis
Jim Savage – Betty
Halderman's friend
Kristin Flores – Friend of
the Halderman family

John & Pam Catlett –
Jane Staller's sister &
brother-in-law
Barbara Bernado –
Little School parent
Morgan Johnson – Nancy
Abbott's daughter's friend
Glen Barta – Natalie
Barnard's father
Kathy Herring –
Les Ludlam's sister
Eric Harper
Hank Ellison – Liz Lersch's
father
Julie Bisbey – Rev. Sallie
Suby-Long's sister
Betty DeBerry
Arnie Van Hoosen –
Jay Van Hoosen's father
Sharon Scholle

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Chris & Katherine Dorenbrack on the birth of their
daughter, Caroline, and to big brothers Jake & Ben too!

SYMPATHIES TO:

Mike & Julie Ramsett on the passing of Julie's mother,
Betty Thompson

Dave Laurvick on the passing of his aunt Marge Nordemeyer

Friends & Family of Nicole Weber

Friends & Family of Shelly Campbell Dana

Eric & Debi Ransick on the passing of Eric's sister, Myra
Lane Ransick

Ed Cooper on the passing of his father, Charles Cooper

Anne Herrington on the passing of her daughter

Val Clark on the passing of her friend, Penny Juday

Steve & Renae Parra on the passing of Renae's aunt,

Lucille Bauerle

Monty Hoffman & Raina Powell on the passing of

Monty's mother, Maureen Hoffman

Rick & Sue Townsend on the passing of Rick's mother,
Mildred Markwell

Devon & Betsy Brown on the passing of Betsy's grandmother,
Minnie Blair

David Lamoreaux on the passing of his friend, Cynthia
Marquette

Dan Outcalt & Yvonne Armine on the passing of Yvonne's
brother, Gregory Arnold

Barbara Gillick on the passing of her husband, Bruce Gillick