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# The Chronicle

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Our CSE Spirituality and Wellness speaker series presents

## “Health of the Human Spirit”

*an evening with Brian Luke Seaward, PhD.*

**Tuesday, February 21  
6:30-8:00pm**

Dr. Seaward is internationally renowned as an expert in the field of stress management, human spirituality and mind-body-spirit healing. With wisdom, insight and stories, Dr. Seaward, author of “Stand Like Mountain, Flow Like Water” will guide us as we explore: the interconnectedness between spirituality, health and well-being; our spiritual potential and spiritual health; tools to enhance and sustain connectedness with yourself, your purpose and nature. Times of change bring with it stress, when balance is necessary to stay grounded, centered and connected – to stand secure and strong like a mountain, but to flow like water. We hope you will join us in the Sanctuary for this inspiring evening!  
(Julie.polikoff@msn.com).

## Remembering the Hope of Advent & Epiphany

From an amazing Christmas Cantata to the annual Journey of the Kings, St. Luke's season of hope and light transformed us and brought us together. Let's take that feeling of unity – “ONE LIFE” – into this new year.

## Godspell Coming to St. Luke's in March!

**Save the date:  
March 10, 11 & 12**

In March, the Wesley Players are thrilled to present *Godspell*. This was the first show performed by the St. Luke's Wesley Players - 17 years ago in 2000! It is also the first major musical theatre offering from three-time Grammy and Academy award winner, Stephen Schwarz (*Wicked, Pippin*). Led by the international hit, “Day by Day” (which reached #13 on the Billboard pop singles in 1972), *Godspell* features a parade of beloved songs. A small group of people help Jesus Christ tell different parables by using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques, and a hefty dose of comic timing. An eclectic blend of songs, including pop, folk rock, gospel, and vaudeville is employed as the story of Jesus' life dances across the stage. Dissolving hauntingly into the Last Supper and the Crucifixion, Jesus' messages of kindness, tolerance and love come vibrantly to life. Messages that we all need.

***Come and enjoy the musical!!!***

St. Luke's Wesley Players presents

# GODSPELL

Conceived and Originally Directed by JOHN-MICHAEL TEBELAK  
MUSIC AND NEW LYRICS BY STEPHEN SCHWARTZ  
Originally Produced on the New York Stage by  
EDGAR LANSBURY / STUART DUNCAN / JOSEPH BERKE

**Friday, March 10, 2017 - 7:00pm**  
**Saturday, March 11, 2017 - 7:00pm**  
**Sunday, March 12, 2017 - 2:00pm**

Tickets: \$12/ea  
Dinner Tickets: (March 11, 5:30pm) \$35/adult, \$15/child (12 and under), includes show

St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
8817 S. Broadway, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129  
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GODSPELL 2 REVISED VERSION  
is presented through special arrangement with St. Luke's Theatrical International (S-LTI).  
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by S-LTI. [www.MTDOR.com](http://www.MTDOR.com)

**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:**

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**Rev. Ryan Canaday**  
Lead Minister of  
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# Who are You? And Why are You Here?

In our worship series, we've been going deep into the parables of Jesus. These short stories are meant to surprise, provoke, and inspire. We have been asking questions of these parables: What do we do with them? How do we interpret them? What do they do to us? How are they moving within us, within the community? Yes, we ask the hard questions. But these parables also ask hard questions of us, the hearers and interpreters.

There's an old story told by Jewish Rabbi's. It's a story that's been passed down through the generations. It's a story about Rabbi Akiva.

On this particular day, Rabbi Akiva was in a distant village gathering supplies. He noticed the sun was starting to set. It was getting darker. Walking back to his home, he absentmindedly took the wrong path. By this time the sun had completely set. Instead of arriving at the city gates of Capernaum, he arrived at the gates of a Roman fortress. Suddenly, a booming voice came through the darkness: **"Who are you, and why are you here?"** Rabbi Akiva stopped, looked up, and noticed the Roman guard standing atop the fortress. The voiced sounded again: **"Who are you, and why are you here?"** Being a good, faithful rabbi, he answered the question with a question: "How much do they pay you to stand guard and those questions of all who approach?"

The guard, now seeing that this was not an intruder but a rabbi, answered meekly, "Five drachmas a week, sir." At that point the Rabbi Akiva offered, "Young man, I will double your pay if you come with me, stand in front of my cottage, and ask me those same questions each morning as I begin my day: **'Who are you, and why are you here?'**"

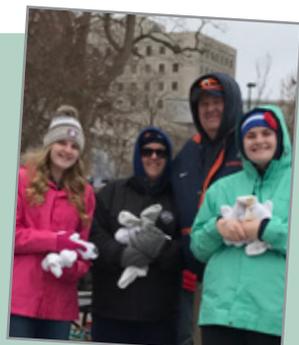
St. Luke's, let's continue to allow the parables to ask us the hardest, the deepest, the most transforming questions: **Who are you, and why are you here?**

Grace & Peace, *Rev. Ryan*

## Christmas In The Park

St. Luke's joined over 500 volunteers this year for **Christmas In The Park** to provide Christmas joy to those less fortunate. With the leadership of AfterHours Denver and the support of so many volunteers, we were able to collect and distribute over 500 coats, 500 sleeping bags, 600 IKEA bags, countless hats, gloves, socks, handmade scarves and holiday treats to many who may be homeless in our city. Thank you to James Bacon for driving the bus and to the many generous folks and entire families from our church who spent time on Christmas morning to put a little more love into the world at this event.

**Together we offer Hope and the weary world indeed rejoices!**





**Rev. Jessica Rooks**  
Lead Minister of  
Community Life

## Speaking Christian

Have you ever questioned the origin of certain Christian words, especially those words which seem irrelevant or outdated in today's culture and religious climate? Or words that historically have been used for control, power, guilt and shame? Words like sin, righteousness, repentance, hell, salvation, or rapture. What does it mean to speak of being 'born again' in our current time, and what did it mean for the earliest followers of Jesus? How can we talk of sin without eliciting feelings of guilt and shame? How does our Christian language attract people to church, or push them away?

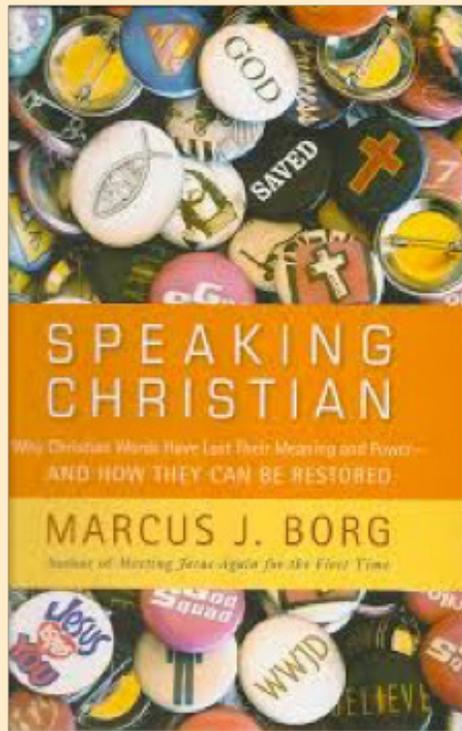
Our Christian language is important, and yet we often take for granted that we understand that language. During Lent, we'll explore the history, meaning, and significance of our Christian language using Marcus Borg's book, *Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power – and How They Can Be Restored*.

Marcus Borg writes this about the book, "Speaking Christian" is in a state of crisis. For many, Christianity has become an unfamiliar language. Even for those who think they speak 'Christian' fluently, the faith itself is often misunderstood and distorted. They think they are speaking the language like it

has always been understood, but what they mean by the words and concepts is very different from what these things meant originally. The book's purpose is to redeem or re-claim Christian language in all of its richness and wisdom."

The class will meet on Wednesday evenings, March 8-April 12 (the time is still to be determined), and sign-ups will begin in February.

Grace & Blessings, *Rev. Jessica*



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

## Compassion, Clarity, Courage

Today as I write we have just celebrated the remarkable legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. So, in my heart I have

been especially reflective about the wisdom and courage of his example. I've been especially grateful for an article published through the Center for Courage and Renewal in which Dr. King's call to compassion, clarity, and courage are underscored.

Author Estrus Tucker reminds us that Dr. King's leadership invites our deep consideration of steps toward communities and societies of hope, equity, and peace. I was moved by these words, "*May we who seek to be a community of courage live up to and live into the most noble dreams of our callings.*" Tucker offered 10 practices inspired by Dr. King's life, words, and actions. I share them with you here.



1. Dare to Love
2. Dare to Forgive
3. Dare to be Non-Violent
4. Dare to See the Other
5. Dare to be Known
6. Dare to Speak
7. Dare to Act
8. Dare to Seek Justice Beyond Self-Interest
9. Dare to Hope
10. Dare to Lead with Soul

*"With patient and firm determination we will press on until every valley of despair is exalted to new peaks of hope, until every mountain of pride and irrationality is made low by the leveling process of humility and compassion; until the rough places of injustice are transformed into a smooth plane of equality of opportunity; and until the crooked places of prejudice are transformed by the straightening process of bright-eyed wisdom."*

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

Wishing You Peace, *Rev. Dr. Sallie*

## Our Monday Park Ministry

December can be a difficult month for folks who may be homeless, isolated or alone. Our Monday Park Team who provide 100 sack lunches each week with your generous donations delivered a little more than lunches to help lift this spirits of those who may be lonely or distressed during this time of year. In the weeks leading up to Christmas we delivered 100 coats to keep folks warm, thanks to the kind-hearted donations of Kim Joseph and Jan Lindquist. Donuts and treat bags filled with sweet holiday treats were handed out to sweeten their day in addition to hand warmers and hats to provide comfort. Each week we had car-filled volunteers to spread cheer through smiles, hugs and kindness to complete strangers. This Advent season found many ways for us to express love to our brothers and sisters in humanity. Too often the trend in our society is for us to be separate from each other especially in times of distress, to cut off from humanity. These simple acts of kindness connect us to each other and keep the Christmas Spirit alive in our hearts and in the hearts of those we touch. Take a few minutes today to express kindness to another and keep the spirit of Christmas going - all through the year. —*Sam Leahy*



## Seasoned Voyagers Update

Tuesday Jan. 17 was the kickoff luncheon

for our Seasoned Voyagers this year. Theme was “Down Memory Lane” and people shared various family recipes from main dishes through breads, cookies and other desserts.

In addition to the food treats, Linda Holloway from “Bessie’s Hope”, which focuses on those living in nursing homes and assisted living and children in crisis, spoke about the services of that group. Bessie was Linda’s grandmother who developed Alzheimer’s and received poor treatment in a nursing home in Texas. She was taken from there and brought to Denver. Linda’s heart was flooded with love for her late grandmother and 23 years ago Bessie’s Hope was born.

I had never heard of Bessie’s Hope prior to yesterday. Linda said 60% of those in homes receive no visitation. In crisis children and young adults are trained to interact with the elderly – to touch, hug, listen, and lead activities. Linda said Bessie’s Hope is the only such organization within the United States. But from it an organization was founded in Germany called “Generation Bridges.”

Linda is a music therapist. She shared with us a song she wrote in memory of her grandmother. “Remember me the way I was and love me the way I am.” The song is amazingly beautiful and touched all our hearts.

**If you wish to learn more about Bessie’s Hope, please, visit [www.bessieshope.org](http://www.bessieshope.org)**

Over the next few months we will have voyages to: private tour of behind the scenes of Coors Field (Feb. 15), Star Wars Exhibit at Denver Art Museum (Mar. 9) and “Hello Dolly” at Lakewood Cultural Arts Center (April).

Sign up for Seasoned Voyagers email list to get notices of all SV happenings and then sign up for them at SV table in Fellowship Hall on Sundays. **Who are the Seasoned Voyagers?:** A 55+ Ministry based on St Luke’s Mission and Core Values of being Invitational and Relational within the broader community of Highlands Ranch and the surrounding communities. Join our email list at [www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com) (under resources). *Thanks!*



by Rev.  
Les Ludlam

## More from Les: Prepare for the Worst but Hope for the Best



“Les, they’re asking for you,” my boss, Ken told me; “You were assigned to the Combination Crude Distillation and Thermal Cracking units when you worked at the engineering group at our Carson refinery. Contract negotiations between the OCAW Union and the Southern California refiners have stalled and the Union is on the verge of calling for a strike by the refinery workers. The company is preparing for the worst by bringing in all their salaried employees who are familiar with the refinery units to operate them in case the hourly workers walk out. Any reason you can’t go to help?”

“Not that I can think of,” I replied, wondering how much I had learned about the combination units was still applicable to keeping the units running smoothly. I had transferred from the refinery to the company’s research center about five years before. But I responded, “Put me on the list of volunteers.” Uncertainty tends to breed fear in our minds and I was nervous, having never worked during a strike before. My mind recalled images of turmoil during past strikes in other industries but I resolved to go work as asked.

The next morning, it began to rain in the Los Angeles area, not too intense, but a steady downpour that would continue off and on for several weeks! It was an ominous sign of coming events.

The Contract with the OCAW allowed for safe handoff or shutdown of any refinery unit if the workers were to walk out. Both sides of the contract dispute put safety above all else. So those of us who had volunteered to work in the refinery during a strike were called to report to the refinery manager and to be prepared to stay inside the refinery for at least a week.

Carpools in company cars were quickly arranged and bags were packed with at least one change of clothes. Hard hats and hard-toed shoes were issued to those who didn’t already have them. Trailers had been brought into the refinery for temporary housing and the cafeteria had been stocked with an extra supply of food. A salaried unit operations supervisor briefed each volunteer on the operation of the unit to which he or she was assigned.

Then, a few mornings later, Union Pickets showed up at the refinery gates, the walkout was upon us! Our carpool joined others slowly driving through the picket line, ignoring the insults shouted at us and hoping things would not get violent. They didn’t. And the rain continued as a seemingly ominous sign.

Once in the refinery, we essentially ended all contact with the world outside the refinery gate. We worked 12-hour shifts and would only see a little television during our meal breaks and just before and after our sleep periods. None of the personnel working in the refinery knew anything about the progress, or lack of it, in the labor negotiations.

Word got around that there had been a plane crash offshore west of the Los Angeles airport; somebody smugly suggested that the rain had brought some sort of curse! It was not until the strike was over that we learned the details of the crash of Scandinavian Airlines flight 933; it was caused by pilot error as it was preparing to land from the west of LAX.

Each of the volunteers was given permission to call home once a day but we were warned not to disclose any details of what was going on inside the refinery. We were well fed and were told to rest as much as possible and to be very attentive to the operation of our refinery units. In many ways, it felt to me like we were in a war! But, some of the other volunteers, who had worked during previous strikes, seemed far more casual about the situation.

In about four days, we were told that the Union and Company negotiators had agreed to begin talks again and we were relieved to hear that a new contract had been agreed upon. The walkout ended a day later; intriguingly, the rain also let up.

This had been my first time for being a part of a strike and it was a learning experience. The learning came as I reflected on how some of my fellow volunteers and the company had behaved. There was mutual respect on both sides of the negotiating table; there was a common goal, but widely differing attitudes on the path to be taken to reach that goal. But there was never a doubt that the Company would continue operating regardless of what the Union said or did. That intention was backed up by the preparations made.

British statesman, Benjamin Disraeli, said in the 1800’s, “I am prepared for the worst, but hope for the best.” The lesson from Proverbs applies to all of us, “Do your best, prepare for the worst—then trust God to bring victory.”

*God bless us all. –Les*

## SHINE: Changes for 2017



by Stephanie Kirk

So you may have noticed that Stephanie is a bit Type-A. Oh, you haven't seen that side of her?! Just ask to see her planner; it's still paper and color-coordinated with at least 12 different pens! The hope is that you benefit from her "extreme organization" far more than you are intimidated by it! With that in mind, we are super excited to be able to present you with our (admittedly tentative) calendar for our events happening in 2017!!! We have listened to your feedback and are working hard to implement your suggestions, requests, and have answers to your questions. So while we're happy to discuss the nitty-gritty details, let's assume that most are really just curious about the big picture! Here are some of the most notable changes happening in 2017:

- 1. SHINE NIGHT OUT** will happen on the 2nd Tuesday of each month! Our location will vary (check the bulletin, facebook, and e-mail for updates) but the time will be consistent. The nursery will always be open from 6:00-9:00pm for \$10 per family with an RSVP to sam@stukeshr.com no later than the Sunday before at 6:00pm. Go ahead and put it in your calendars now as a recurring event!
- 2. CAMPING WILL BE 2 NIGHTS!** Many of you have suggested that it requires the same amount of work to camp for one night or two, and we agree! With that in mind, we will be camping for two nights, June 16-18 (yes, it's now a Father's Day weekend tradition). The other major change this year is location; we are venturing a bit further from home and spending the evenings at the group campsite at Golden Gate Canyon State Park, northwest of Golden. This will be a true (ok, truer) mountain setting with abundant hiking, fishing, campfires, and even optional ranger programs! Cost and additional details will be forthcoming.
- 3. SMALL GROUPS** are being offered! Stephanie Kirk and Becky Mayka will be co-facilitating a women's group called "We're F.I.N.E." that will explore leaning into and living our truth as women (6:30-8:30pm Wednesdays, February 8-March 15, Stephanie's home). Rev. Ryan and Jensen Meier will be co-facilitating a men's "WHY?" group (same time, same dates, traveling locations). We are committed to offering the Family Advent Devotions with the additional parent conversation in December. As more offerings become available, we will communicate with you! Are you interested in leading a group? Have a specific topic in mind? Let's chat and get you the support to facilitate!
- 4. LEADERSHIP TEAM TRANSITION** will happen over the course of the year. We have had a remarkably dedication Leadership Team for the past three years (a HUGE shout-out to Catherine Doerenbrack, Suanne Ediger, and Jim Youll!) and we want to thank them for their commitment by freeing them from all responsibility! Our team currently meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 12:00-1:00pm. Please let Rev. Ryan or Stephanie know if you are interested in joining us – we are only as strong as the amazing volunteers who help lead us!

We are excited to continue to grow our ministry in 2017! We are looking for new ways to serve our community and get kids involved with meaningful mission and relationship as young as we can. We know that parenting is tough; it's often sad to be the hardest best job in the world, and this community of faith allows us to be fully human in our parenting. If you haven't joined us for any events, please know that you are ALWAYS welcome! And if we haven't seen you in a while, we hope to reconnect this year.



**Renae Parra**  
Director of  
Servant Ministry

# Get CONNECTED

*Get Connected at St. Luke's.*

To learn more about opportunities for you to get involved, contact Renae at [renae@stlukeshr.com](mailto:renae@stlukeshr.com).

## Seniors Dining Out

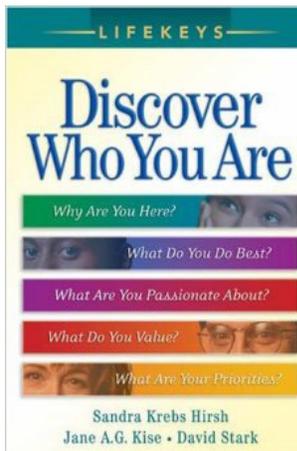
New groups are forming now. Singles or Couples welcome. Each group of 6-8 people usually meets once per month at a restaurant and enjoys a meal together. To be added to a group contact Renae Parra ([renae@stlukeshr.com](mailto:renae@stlukeshr.com))



## "Servant by Design" Class

*Starting Sunday February 12th!*

**Sundays, Feb 12-April 2**  
**11:00am-noon, Room 213**



*Discover who you are... Why are YOU here? What do YOU do best? What are YOU passionate about? What do You value? What are Your priorities?* Begin your journey to a God-centered life by discovering how you are created to be God's hands and feet in the world. Discover your Life gifts, Spiritual gifts, Personality type, Values

and Passion. Book apx. \$17. Facilitators: Renae Parra and Tami Canada. Email [renae@stlukeshr.com](mailto:renae@stlukeshr.com) to sign up.

If you would like to take the Spiritual Gifts Assessment outside of the class, you are welcome to take it online anytime by going to [www.slukeshr.com](http://www.slukeshr.com), ministries, spiritual gifts assessment. I am happy to spend some time talking with you about your results. —Renae

## Divorce Recovery Seminary

Sears ([lrsears78@comcast.net](mailto:lrsears78@comcast.net)). \$100 per person. Scholarships Available - Contact Rev. Sallie at [sallie@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sallie@stlukeshr.com)

returns to St. Luke's. Monday nights starting March 6 (7:00-9:00pm.) Pick up a brochure and registration form at the Get Connected Center. Led by Larry

## Children's Ministry News

Praise, Play & Prayers

### CHILDREN'S CALENDAR:

(check our website for full calendar)

- February 10 (FRI) - **PNO Parent's Night Out** 5:45pm. Contact Ms. Sam for info
- February 12 (SUN) - 5:30-8:00pm **SLY, Jr. IKEA Scavenger Hunt** - rsvp to Ms. Sharon and bring \$ for dinner at IKEA
- February 17 (FRI) - **PLAYGROUP** 9:00am
- February 18 (SAT) - **Parent's Time Away** 9:00am-noon - Contact Ms. Sam to rsvp
- February 19 (SUN) - **No Sunday School** - Enjoy Family Worship
- February 22 (WED) - 6:30pm **Children's Dinner Theater AUDITIONS** "We Are Monsters" (1st-6th grade) (during Kidz Prayz rehearsal)
- February 24 (FRI) - 6:45pm **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** "Trolls"- Join Us!
- February 26 (SUN) - 9:30am **JOY TREK** (PreK: 2-4 yrs.) Sunday School begins 3-week lesson "The Good Samaritan"
- February 26 (SUN) - 9:30am **PEAK** (K-4th grade) Sunday School begins 3-week rotation "Psalms & Songs"
- February 26 (SUN) - 10:45am **Children's Dinner Theater AUDITIONS** "We Are Monsters" (1st-6th grade)
- March 3 (FRI) - **PLAYGROUP** 9:00am
- March 4 (SAT) - **Parent's Time Away** 9:00am-noon. Contact Ms. Sam to rsvp and for more info
- March 5 (SUN) - 5:30-8:00pm **SLY, Jr. - Movie & Service Night**
- March 8 (WED) - 6:00-7:30pm **Children's Dinner Theater Rehearsals** for "We Are Monsters" BEGIN every Wednesday
- March 10 (FRI) - **PNO Parent's Night Out** 5:45pm Contact Ms. Sam for more info
- March 17 (FRI) - **PLAYGROUP** 9:00am - All are welcome!
- March 19 (SUN) - 9:30am **JOY TREK** (PreK: 2-4 yrs.) Sunday School begins 2-week lesson "Jonah"
- March 19 (SUN) - 9:30am **PEAK** (K-4th grade) Sunday School begins 3-week rotation "Symbols of Holy Week"
- March 26 (SUN) - **Acolyte Training** (2nd-6th grade) - 11:30am-12:30pm



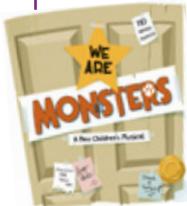
## Children's Dinner Theater AUDITIONS

Feb. 22 at 6:30pm  
Feb. 26 at 10:45am

It's time for our 13th annual Children's Dinner Theater - a chance for children in grades 1-6 to come together and rehearse (Wed. nights as part of Kidz Prayz choir) to put on play while supporting a mission project. This year's play is "We Are Monsters" - a fun musical where monsters and kids discover the importance of friendship and celebrating in the attributes that make each of us different and unique. All will get a part! Dinner and performance is May 5 at 6:00pm!

## SLY, Jr. Lock IN!

Forty two 5th & 6th graders gathered on Jan. 27 to take over the church overnight with food, games, scavenger hunts and learning about "Love Who You Are" - *loving yourself so that you can love others.* Big thanks to all who helped with this event - Revs. Ryan, Sallie & Jessica, Amy & Jeremy from SLY, Ms. Angela, FET and ALL of the parent volunteers! It was a meaningful and FUN night. Join us on Feb. 12 and Mar. 5 for our next SLY, Jr. gatherings! Contact Ms. Sharon for more info.



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Growing with God



**P.R.A.Y. Congrats** to the 20 kids who completed the P.R.A.Y. program (an awards Program of Religious Activities for Youth through Boy & Girl Scouts - *but open to all*) in January! Medallions were presented on Scout Sunday Feb. 5.

**God & Me Class (1st-3rd grade):** Ty Brandt, Liam Brown, Austin Curry, Brennah Dohrman, Cowan Dohrman, Emery Dohrman, Reece Donnell, Austin Maher, Kylie Milks, Pascale Miranda

**God & Family Class (4th-6th grade):** Zoë Brandt, Cora Brown, Taylor Curry, Nate Donnell, Tanner Fischer, Andrew Hathaway, Chris Hauser, Bailey Koenig, Jonah Metz, Mikey Webb

**THANKS to Class Leaders:** Betsy Brown, Cathy Collins, Sharon Oliver, Jack Ramsey, Chris Swanson



**Acolytes!** Big congrats to Charlie Ernster, Tessa Smith, Reece Donnell and Teddy Ernster for completing Acolyte Training last fall (some for a second time as a refresher!) Next training is March 26 at 11:30am, 2nd-6th grade welcome! Email Ms. Sharon to rsvp and for info.

ST. LUKE'S  
**FAMILY CAMP**

**July 21-28, 2017**

**Snow Mountain Ranch**  
Granby, CO

**Sign-up NOW**  
through April 15

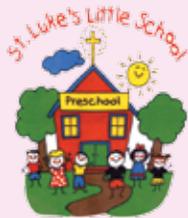
[www.stlukeshr.com/familycamp/](http://www.stlukeshr.com/familycamp/)

If you are interested in going, you need to sign up for your campsite now as they are through SMR on a first come, first-serve basis.

**Fun, Fellowship, Great Food, Tubing Hill, Boating on Grand Lake, Day at Adventure Park in Winter Park, Camping, Hiking, Biking**



**Kay Swanson**  
Director of  
Little School



Little School News:

## Fabulous Fun February!

Little School was off to a grand start in January with all things Western! We had our (pretend) campfires and roasted marshmallows! The highlight of the month was our big Spaghetti Western Dinner! We wanted to share some fun photos with all of you! (see photos below)

**REGISTRATION** for Little School started in January and will continue until all classes are full. If you are still interested in registering for Fall 2017 please contact Little School (303-791-1982) for tour information, or download our registration form on our website [stlukeslittleschool.org](http://stlukeslittleschool.org) Many of our popular classes fill quickly so don't wait! You can always reach Ms. Kay, Director at [Kay@stlukeshr.com](mailto:Kay@stlukeshr.com)



February is a great month for us to share God's love with others. Our Chapel time in February is the 6th Commandment: *"Be True To What Is Really Important"* - the children will learn about how to follow God's rules and make them the most important part of their lives. **DAD'S SATURDAY** will be on

Feb. 11, which is a special time for kids to bring their fathers, grandfathers or a special person in their lives to share in a fun day creating Valentines.



We love to see Dads come and sit in the little chairs and get creative with their kids! Our **SCHOLASTIC Book Fair** will be held from Feb. 6-11 and is open to anyone that would like to find great books for their children. The book fair is open from 9:00-9:30am and 1:00-1:30 pm, before and after school. Please drop by!

**LOOKING FORWARD:** In April (Wed. 1st and Thurs. 2nd) in the morning we offer our children a chance to "think about what they want to be when they grow up" by hosting CAREER DAYS. If you have unique hobby or a job that would be interesting to preschool ages, please come and share with us! We have had everything from a Nurse to a Professional Pole Vaulter! Our parents and friends have wonderful interesting careers! Contact Ms. Kay at Little School (303-791-1982) to help us with these fun days!

It doesn't seem possible that we are already into the second month of the New Year. The kids are continuing to grow, learn and create. Everyday we see them become more confident, more independent and very smart! You are always welcome to come join us, read stories to the children or just tour our fabulous classrooms. Sign up for Career Days and come play with us!!

*Blessings from Ms. Kay and the Staff at St. Luke's Little School*  
*"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 & 2016!

## Get to Know Stephanie

*Stephanie Kirk*



Stephanie has been attending St. Luke's with her family since early 1994! She grew up participating in myriad offerings; Sunday school, confirmation, drama productions, youth choir, every Youth Sunday and Mission Trip she could, and a plethora of leadership opportunities. It's no wonder that growing up, her parents introduced themselves as Alan and Linda Babcock - Stephanie's parents. What a shift it was for Stephanie when she returned from Fort Lewis College, fiancé Paul Kirk in tow, to find herself being introduced instead as Alan and Linda's daughter! Stephanie has served as the Children's Ministry Coordinator since January of 2012 helping with administrative tasks, lunches for vacation bible school, serving the Children's Ministry Team, and helping wherever else she has been needed. In 2016, Stephanie's job title and responsibilities changed to include Family Ministries and she now serves as the primary staff liaison for the SHINE ministry serving our "young-ish" families. Stephanie has implemented additional communication, coordination, and structure to leadership team meetings and feels the additional responsibilities allow her to better assess the needs of both communities - the children and their parents! You may even occasionally see Stephanie offering a Children's Time now and again.

Stephanie and Paul have been married since June of 2010 and are the lucky parents of two little monsters cherubs. Isaiah is a vibrant three year old who loves Sunday School, attending Little School, and all things that go. Naomi is a strong, independent two year old who loves demanding attention, wearing sparkly shoes with twirling dresses, and playing in the dirt. The family also brings their doofy, two year old goldendoodle, Toby, along on their adventures. In addition to chasing after her busy family, Stephanie loves to sing in the Chancel Choir on Sunday mornings, serve on the Fellowship Events Team, and spend as much time playing in her kitchen as possible. She loves St. Luke's and is grateful to be raising her children in the same church she grew up in!



## Congratulations 2016 UMW Leadership Team



*We Welcome A Bright  
New Beginning for 2017:*

### UMW 2017 Lead Team:

**Officers:** President - open; Vice President - open; Treasurer - Alicia Nelson; Secretary - Cathy Collins; Education/Mission - Linda Streaty; Spiritual Growth - Fran West  
**Team Members:** Peggy Fretz, Maggia Giardina, Brenda Hart, Ann Newton, Sharon Smith, Betty Ludlam, Rev. Dr. Sallie Suby-Long

We would love to have you join our team assisting us in our mission to help women, youth and children domestically here at home, nationally around the United States, and internationally.

All of our missions "lift up and give a helping hand" in assisting women to become self sufficient; youth at risk of becoming homeless; advocates for healthy family atmospheres; assisting therapists to aid children of abuse; keeping the homeless warm; and the list goes on. Our hearts are always touched by listening to the Mission Speakers, and the wonderful work they accomplish. And over the years we have supported over 25 different missions. Join our team in this wonderful adventure.

If you are interested in joining the UMW Leadership team, please contact [umwinfo@stlukeshr.com](mailto:umwinfo@stlukeshr.com)

### *We Say "Goodbye" To A Successful 2016:*

**Our St. Luke's United Methodist Women's objective** is to engage and energize our community of women to be more involved in Mission through prayer, study, and love in action serving women, children and youth locally, nationally, and internationally. We have proudly promoted and supported the purpose of UMW at: Our team meetings; Our three annual events - *Spring Tea, Summer's End Pie and Prayer Celebration, Candlelight Dinner*; Our Monthly Missions; and, UMW Sunday with an emphasis on Mission, Spiritual Growth, Education, Social Action, Justice and Leadership.

Our pledge to United Methodist Women Mile High/Pikes Peak District and Rocky Mountain Conference was increased; We donated to the UMW World Thank Offering assisting mission work for Women, Children, and Youth in all 50 states and in 100 countries; Our Pledges to Mission were met; and, We donated to all 5 channels of giving.

We have established and strengthened relationships with several organizations through mission work adhering to and promoting Social Justice, Food Justice, Health Care, and Domestic Violence. These organizations include Cafe 180, Children's Hospital, DenUM, H.A.A.T. Force, Mission U Youth, Quincy Illinois Youth, UMCOR, Urban Peak, Veterans Administration Hospital, Warren Village First Step, and Crisis Center.

In addition, we supported St. Luke's Missions - Congregational Care Ministry, Mondays In the Park, Guatemala Milk Project, Guatemala Water Project, St. Luke's Holiday Shop, and IFCS Giving Tree.

All of our mission work supports these organizations through financial gifts, non-monetary donations and "hands on" assistance. Mission giving strengthens us in our faith, enhances our individual spiritual growth, our discipline, our leadership, and our friendships. Enjoyment is one of the many blessings we receive.

Our three UMW Interest Groups - Book Club, Common Thread, and Itch to Stitch also supported our missions by donating their time, talents and financial contributions.

### **Save the Dates:**

*Join in our Celebrations, Educational Studies and Volunteer Mission Projects.*

- Jan. 21 9:00am-12noon: Mission, Mentoring, Celebration~ Parker UMC. (carpool from church)
- Jan. 27 11:00am-2:00pm: Hostess for Church Women United Luncheon meeting & Fashion Show.
- Feb. 12 8:00-9:15am: Room 206 - UMW Leadership Meeting (all are welcome).
- Mar. 12 8:00-9:15am: Room 206 - UMW Leadership Meeting (all are welcome).
- Mar. 18 9:00am-2:00pm: Mile High Pikes Peak District Spiritual Day, Castle Rock UMC, Theme "Our Spiritual Journey in Community" presented by Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes.

United Methodist Women Enhances your Spiritual Journey; Supports you in Friendship and Fellowship; Keeps you in Prayer, Satisfies Mission Needs, and Supplies you with Renewal. Let us be a part of your journey. If you would like to join us at any of these events, please contact [umwinfo@stlukeshr.com](mailto:umwinfo@stlukeshr.com)



*"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."*

### Interest Groups of UMW at St. Luke's:

**Book Group ~** Fiction/ Non-fiction/Informative/Fun. Fourth Monday, Room 206, 7:00pm (potluck 6:15pm) Contact: Renae Parra ([renaeparra@aol.com](mailto:renaeparra@aol.com))

- Feb. 27 - "The Winter Sea" by Susanna Kearsley
- March 27 - "Circling the Sun" by Paula McLain
- April 24 - "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Kreuger

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

**Itch to Stitch ~** Projects of Crochet, Knitting, Sewing, Quilting donated to Charities. Meets 2nd and 4th Saturday from 10:00am-12:00pm in church basement. All skill levels welcome Contact: Fran West 303-797-7107. Check out Our Facebook page!!! - "St. Luke's UMC Itch to Stitch Guild"

**For further information about UMW:** Email us at [umwinfo@stlukeshr.com](mailto:umwinfo@stlukeshr.com). Look for our brochure at the church entrance - AND we are on Facebook [www.facebook.com/stlukeshrumw](http://www.facebook.com/stlukeshrumw) "St. Luke's United Methodist Women - Highlands Ranch, CO"



## Spirituality and Wellness Speaker Series:

**Brian Luke Seaward** -  
Tuesday, February 21 - 6:30-8:00pm  
*See article on page 1!*

### Classes and Experiences:

The Center for Spiritual Engagement is offering a rich variety of classes in 2017. Please visit our website at [stlukeescse.org](http://stlukeescse.org) to discover our most current offerings. Some classes have already begun, but we have new offerings in February and March. Some opportunities continue on a drop-in basis. We welcome you all!

- **Gracious Space with Jenita Rhodes** starting February 10, 10:00-11:30am at Jenita's house. Gracious Space is a drop-in forum and will meet the 2nd Friday of each month. It will offer a time to renew, refresh, and regenerate. There will be devotions/lessons and time to explore through various art forms. Come when you can to see what exciting things Jenita will bring to your day. (Jenita@pcisys.net).
- **Conscious Cooking with Melinda Davidson – Winter Squashes** Saturday, Feb. 25, 9:00am-1:00pm. Cooking healthy foods is one way that Melinda Davidson expresses her spirituality. In February she invites us into her kitchen to care for ourselves from the inside out with heart-healthy and heart-warming Winter Squashes, the new comfort food. Connect with others as you nourish body and spirit. \$35/person. For more information, [md.md@comcast.net](mailto:md.md@comcast.net).
- **Morning Yoga with Gargi** meets Thursday mornings, 9:00-10:15am, in St. Luke's Chapel. Gargi invites us to turn off our mind chatter, and tune into our bodies. All abilities are welcome. Drop in once, and you'll want to come as often as your busy schedule allows. Bring a yoga mat. Suggested donation \$12/class ([renaeparra@aol.com](mailto:renaeparra@aol.com)).
- **Enneagram II Workshop with Rev. Schawn Kellogg and Shani Jones** Sat. March 4, 9:00am-1:00pm at St. Luke's. This workshop offers more depth, application and understanding of the Enneagram. We will examine what "wings" tell us as well as "complete type" involving our strongest head, heart and gut centers. Case study and application activities will help us consider how understanding our Enneagram styles, as well as those of our coworkers, friends, and family, can bring more harmony to our personal and professional lives. \$20/person. To register or get more information: [Schawn6@hotmail.com](mailto:Schawn6@hotmail.com)



### Outdoor Adventures:

Come join us as we explore beautiful places in Colorado's Front Range:

- **Snowshoeing at Elk Park near Evergreen**, March 18 ([julie.polikoff@msn.com](mailto:julie.polikoff@msn.com))
- **Hiking Matthews Winters Park**, April 22 ([janetjjohnston@comcast.net](mailto:janetjjohnston@comcast.net))
- **Archaeology Hike in Ken Caryl Ranch**, May 20 ([janestaller@gmail.com](mailto:janestaller@gmail.com))

## Trustees Corner

In December our team said good bye to Buddy Key, and thanked him for his service and attention through the past 3 years with our team. Buddy has served as our primary interface for our many outside groups that regularly use St. Luke's to conduct our growing number of 12 step recovery programs hosted at St. Luke's as well as our Scout leadership.

Earlier in January, we added 3 new members to the Trustees Team – Karen Meade, Sandi Thompson, and Lee Seaman. As we start this new year, one question has been asked a few times –

### *What is the role of Trustees at St. Luke's?*

As you might imagine, the Methodists have a handbook that answers this question nicely. Basic responsibilities for Trustees include:

1. **Oversee, maintain and supervise all local church property**
2. **Report annually to the Charge Conference on the state of the church's property, equipment, investments, and resources**
3. **Receive and administer all gifts made to the congregation; make certain that all trust funds of the congregation are invested properly (at St. Luke's we collaborate with the Finance Team and the Executive Team on these decisions)**
4. **Ensure that the articles of incorporation of the congregation are kept up-to-date, if applicable**
5. **Be responsible, in conjunction with the pastors, for all use of the church, building, assets, and grounds**
6. **Maintain adequate insurance coverage on all church property and develop appropriate risk management policies (annual inventories we secure and document from various staff and teams help us in this area)**
7. **Submit the annual budget requests to the Finance Team for insurance, property maintenance and improvement, and new property purchases**
8. **Be accountable to Charge Conference and to the Executive Team.**

Trustees act as the Agent of the Charge Conference in caring for the physical resources of the church and for all legal matters. In early January, St. Luke's annual Charge Conference was convened and St. Luke's staff and collective teams submitted annual reports for review. Working with the pastors, Brenda Schafer, our administrator, compiled the annual report that was reviewed at the meeting. Please connect with her in the office if you'd like to receive a copy of this material.

We are grateful for the time and expertise our team members devote to the success of St. Luke's building, grounds, and assets! Co-chairs for the Trustees Team at St. Luke's are Sandi Miyaki – [sandi.miyaki@realtor.com](mailto:sandi.miyaki@realtor.com) and Ken Fong – [kfong@att.net](mailto:kfong@att.net) if you have any feedback, requests, questions or input for our Trustees team.



## Upcoming Events!

- \* **Feb. 12 -**  
**9:30-10:30am:** SLY AM - Karin  
**1:00-3:00pm:** Confirmation  
**5:30-6:00pm:** SLY Dinner \$2  
**6:00-7:30pm:** SLY PM - Cheese Ball!  
 (Human Foosball)
- \* **Feb. 15 -**  
**5:30-6:30pm:** Homework Hour  
**6:30-8:00pm:** Wed SLY - Swimming  
 at Northridge (bring Rec. ID or \$6)
- \* **Feb. 19 -**  
**9:30-10:30am:** SLY AM - Jeremy  
**5:30-6:00pm:** SLY Dinner \$2  
**6:00-7:30pm:** SLY PM - Jump Street
- \* **Feb. 22 -**  
**5:30-6:30pm:** Homework Hour  
**6:30-8:00pm:** Wed SLY - Dinner at  
 Freddie's (bring \$\$\$)
- \* **Feb. 24-26 -** 9th & 10th Grade  
 Retreat!!
- \* **Feb. 26 -**  
**9:30-10:30am:** SLY AM - Amy  
**1:00-3:00pm:** Confirmation  
 (Parent meeting 2:00-3:00pm)  
**5:30-6:00pm:** SLY Dinner \$2  
**6:00-7:30pm:** SLY PM - Giant Jenga
- \* **Feb. 28 - FAT TUESDAY**  
**FUNDRAISER!** A pancake dinner  
 fundraiser for our summer mission  
 trips!! We need lots of help to pull  
 this off!!
- \* **March 1 - Ash Wednesday**  
 NO SLY
- \* **March 5 -**  
**9:30-10:30am:** SLY AM - Paul  
**1:00-3:00pm:** Confirmation  
 (Parent meeting 2:00-3:00pm)  
**5:30-6:00pm:** SLY Dinner \$2  
**6:00-7:30pm:** SLY PM - Swimming at  
 the Rec Center (Bring ID or \$6)
- \* **March 10-12 -** Confirmation Retreat
- \* **2017 dates to put on the**  
**calendar NOW:**  
*April 22 - Confirmation Service*  
*at 6:00pm*  
*April 30 - Progressive Dinner!!*  
*May 7 - Jr. High Mission Team Meeting*  
*at 11:00am*  
*May 7 - Sr. High Mission Team Meeting*  
*at 12:30pm*  
*May 21 - Graduation Sunday*
- \* **Sign up to receive our emails**  
**and Check**  
**stlukeshr.com**  
**and click on**  
**"Youth" or**  
**"SLY" for**  
 up-to-date info on  
 programs, activities,  
 opportunities and more!



## ON THE SLY: Beyond Proud

PROUD is a word we use to describe how we feel about our youth quite often in SLY. This month however proud doesn't even begin to cover how we feel! Yup... We are beyond proud! If you didn't know, St. Luke's is only one of the over 200 United Methodist churches included in the Rocky Mountain Conference that covers Utah, Wyoming, and Colorado. As with many conferences, there are leadership groups that work to accurately represent all the churches in the conference. One of these groups



happens to be specifically for youth! We had 10 youth attend the Youth Leadership Team (YLT) Conference at the end of January where they met with other youth from all over the conference to discuss social policy and the church's stance in it. Besides learning all about the process of litigation, they came up with a statement they plan to submit at Annual Conference next year!

As if all of this didn't make us proud enough, five, yes I said five of our youth were nominated on to CCYM (Conference Council on Youth Ministries) team! This means these five youth will be meeting with other youth from around the district throughout the year to plan conference wide events for youth ministry and will represent all the youth of the Rocky Mountain Conference! Two things we know are awesome: our youth and God! *Yours in Christ, Dave, Amy & Jeremy*



**Dave Laurvick**  
Director of  
Youth Ministry



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



**Jeremy Brown**  
Assistant Dir. of  
Youth Ministry

## Summer Mission Trips

It's already time to start thinking about our summer mission trips! Our Sr high trip, for current 10th, 11th, and 12th graders will be headed to **Moore, OK** in June. Our Jr. High trip for current 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will be headed to **Albuquerque, NM** in July. Both are sure to be fun and spiritual experiences for all! Spots are filling up quick so make sure to get in your application (located across from the youth office) as soon as possible!! If you have questions or would like to help with our costs contact Dave!

## Confirmation



Confirmation is in full swing and we have nearly 30 youth working hard each Sunday to explore what it truly means to be a child of God! The confirmation retreat is coming up in mid March and is sure to be a spiritual and fun weekend! This group of amazing youth will be confirmed at the 11:00 service on April 23rd so mark it in your calendars!



ST. LUKE'S UMC  
YOUNG ADULT  
MINISTRY

## St. Luke's Young Adults - Join Us!

**TRIVIA NIGHT** - All abilities welcome! We meet at Lodos Bar and Grill (8545 S. Quebec St.) for a night of fun, games, and fellowship. EVERY Tuesday night at 6:30pm for trivia.

**BIBLE STUDY** - We meet on the first and third Mondays of the month from 6:00-7:00pm at Amy's house and then we'll hang out after! It will be drop-in style and made to fit perfectly with the typical busy life of 20-somethings!



## Upcoming Events:

**Ash Wednesday** –  
Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00pm

**Godspell** –  
Friday, March 10 at 7:00pm  
Saturday, March 11 Matinee at Windcrest  
Saturday, March 11 at 7:00pm  
Sunday, March 12 at 2:00pm

**Easter** – Sunday, April 16  
at 6:00, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

**Children's Dinner Theater** –  
Friday, May 5 at 6:00pm

**Mother's Day Dinner Dance** –  
Saturday, May 13 at 6:00pm

**Arapahoe Philharmonic** –  
Saturday, May 20 at 7:30pm



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



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



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



**Kristi Pawley**  
Music & Arts  
Admin. Assistant/  
Accounting Clerk

### Meet the Music Ministry

Welcome back to our series *Meet the Music Ministry!*

## FLUTE ENSEMBLE

What is a flute ensemble? Easy answer – a group of folks who love to play their flutes! This ensemble has been around



a long time, so long that some folks in the early days thought the group should be called the "Flute Loops". Fortunately, the name did not stick! Anyone

who plays flute or has played flute is welcome to join. We play here and there, and sometimes just for the fun of making music together. The group shares in church a couple times each year and sometimes performs for special events. We should also add that breakfasts together and hanging out are a big plus for the group! If you're a closet flautist, please consider connecting with us. Contact Kay Coryell at [kayc@stlukeshr.com](mailto:kayc@stlukeshr.com). For information on all the music groups, please browse the Music and Arts brochure at [www.stlukeshr.com/PDFs/brochures/MusicArts.pdf](http://www.stlukeshr.com/PDFs/brochures/MusicArts.pdf).

## Get to Know Sheri



### Sheri Henry

Sheri joined the staff in January 2014 as the Finance Director. She and her husband, Matt, moved to Colorado in December 2000 and have been members at St. Luke's since 2002. Sheri received her degree in

Mathematics/Secondary Education from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas and later attended the University of Texas – El Paso, where she took business and accounting classes. She has been a CPA since 1994 and has had numerous accounting positions in public companies. Prior to joining the staff at St. Luke's she was Vice-President and Controller for a mid-sized public company based in Highlands Ranch. Sheri has been married to her high school sweetheart, Matt, for 29 years and they have one daughter, Megan. Megan (19) is a sophomore at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington. In her free time, Sheri enjoys attending as many Whitman volleyball games as she can and spending time with family. She also likes piña colodas and gettin' caught in the rain, and the feel of the ocean and the taste of champagne...



**Sheri Henry**  
Director of Finance

## Get to Know Kristi



### Kristi Pawley

Kristi joined the staff in October, 2013, as the Accounting Clerk. She enjoys working at St. Luke's and accepted a second position as the Music and Arts Administrative Assistant in August, 2015. She feels blessed to be part of St. Luke's and to work with the wonderful staff.

She and her husband, Bruce, an IT consultant, have been married for 26 years. They are the proud parents of two sons, Josh (24) and Jacob (20). Josh, a mechanical engineer, lives in Fort Collins and Jacob is a junior at the University of Colorado – Boulder. They enjoy every minute they can spend with their sons. The Pawley's have been members of St. Luke's since 1998 and have volunteered in several areas. Kristi has served on the Finance team, New Jersey college mission trip, and SLY dinner coordinator. She has also enjoyed taking classes such as the Disciple series and facilitating Storyline.

Kristi earned her Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Northwestern State University in picturesque Natchitoches, Louisiana (the oldest settlement of the Louisiana Purchase and the "real" setting of *Steel Magnolias*).

Kristi worked as an IT analyst at Conoco, Inc. in Ponca City, Oklahoma until she became a stay-at-home mom. She is grateful that she was able to be at home with her sons – her favorite "job". Prior to St. Luke's, she worked part-time at WageWorks, Planned Benefit Systems, and Pediatrics 5280.

## FINANCES

## Pick and Choose Your Method Of Giving

We have many ways for you to make your giving to St. Luke's easy and convenient. You may want to consider one of these convenient methods for your contributions. In addition to cash and checks, we offer online credit card transactions, stock transfers and scheduled automatic withdrawals from checking or credit card accounts.



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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

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Contact Rev. Sallie Suby-Long or Brenda Schafer if you have any additions/removals 303-791-0659 x132, leave a note at the front desk, or email [sallie@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sallie@stlukeshr.com) or [brenda@stlukeshr.com](mailto:brenda@stlukeshr.com)

#### LATEST ENTRIES TO PRAYER LIST:

Natalie Murrow	Aloysious Fahn	Norman Edwards –	Heather Young
Debi Sheppard	Roberta Towell –	Ken Sanek's uncle	Mike Middleton –
Kay Swanson	Jon Streaty's sister	Mike Hutchins	Kelly Amadeo's
Stuart Beecher	Mason Brown –	Mike Stevenson –	father
Peter Waldheim	Bruce & Kathleen	Adriana Avenell –	Jackson Gould
Michelle Bergman	Brown's nephew	Kathy Swier's	Meri Bennett
Roger Lauer	Arlene Hutchinson –	sister-in-law	Kris Reif
Kylie Griggs	Bryan Hutchinson's	Allie Warner – Little	Desmond Sainsbury
Mary Walker	mother	School parent	Joel Hollyman
Heather Allen -	Jim George	Joy Devito –	Steve Fuller
Jordan and Nancy	Jordan Obertier	Betty Ludlam's	Eileen Wright
Obertier's daughter	Jerry Hecht	co-worker	

**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

#### SYMPATHIES TO:

David & Kate Gould on the passing of Kate's sister, Ann  
Jimetta Pyles on the passing of her husband, Steve Pyles  
Janet Johnston on the passing of her husband, David Johnston  
Sam & Teri Burget on the passing of Teri's father, Taylor Baird  
Rev. Ryan & Tami Canaday on the passing of Ryan's uncle, John Billington  
Randy & Jennifer Richeson on the passing of Jennifer's mother, Barbara Gaul  
Steve, Joely & Sam Maddux on the passing of Joely's mother, Shirley DeLuca  
Friends & Family of Marilyn Thompson  
Dan & Kathy Swier on the passing of Kathy's friend, Jane Rafferty  
Les & Betty Ludlam on the passing of family friend, Betty Herring  
Friends & Family of Lois Thompson

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Randi & Riley McFall on the birth of their daughter, Rowan Margaret, and to big brother and sister, Patrick & Reagan too!  
Ms. Kay (Swanson) on the birth of her granddaughter, Hannah Christine Swanson  
Brian & Elizabeth Bauer on the birth of their grandchildren, Eleanor Elizabeth (Nora) and Theodore Kennedy (Theo) Alexander

## Planning for Cold Weather Closures



In the event of inclement weather, the pastors and staff of St. Luke's have adopted these procedures:

#### During the week:

- When North Douglas County cancels school, St. Luke's will close the church office and cancel all classes, meetings, and events in the building. All childcare for the day will be cancelled.
- When North Douglas County schools announce an early dismissal, St. Luke's will close the office and cancel all afternoon and evening classes, meetings, and events.
- If there is no school closure, but weather conditions are becoming severe, staff and group leaders will determine by 4:00pm if evening classes, meetings, and events will be cancelled.
- When North Douglas County delays the start of the school day, St. Luke's will open at the normal time (8:00am). All classes, meetings, and events will continue as scheduled.

#### On weekends and holidays:

- The church staff and group leaders will determine whether classes, meetings, and events will be held. All closures will be posted on the St. Luke's website ([www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com)) as soon as a decision is made. The closure of the St. Luke's Little School will also be given to local television and radio stations.