



St. Luke's UMC Overview



About Us:

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.

Sunday Worship Services:

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am
Fusion 6:34pm

Rev. Janet Forbes – Senior Minister
Rev. Brad Laurvick – Associate Minister
Rev. Sallie Suby-Long – Associate Minister

Sunday School:

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

Nursery available 8:00am-noon

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Our Values: Invitational • Relational • Missional • Spiritual



St. Luke's is a wonderfully creative, energetic church, engaged with life. Guided by the spirit of God, we are an inclusive community of faith, seeking to meet people where they are, growing together toward full humanity, through living the teachings of Christ Love, Acceptance, Justice and Hope.

Believing that all people are a part of the family of God, we are excited to participate with you in worship service, fellowship, and growth in your spiritual journey. Engage your heart and mind within a community of faith that seeks to integrate scripture, tradition, reason, and experience.

At St. Luke's we are Invitational, Relational, Missional and Spiritual. These core values help to shape who we are and how we connect with one another.

Our History and Future: Growing with Faith



Throughout the 25 year history of St. Luke's, there have been a great number of successes and challenges that have shaped us to be an invitational, mission-oriented and relation-based community. With the help of two local churches and a lot of prayers and support, on March 13, 1983 St. Luke's was chartered as a United Methodist Church with 76 families. The first worship service at 8817 South Broadway, our current building, was held on March 17, 1985. Two more construction phases ensued over the next 15 years completing the current Narthex in 1994

and in 2000 greatly needed space for children's, youth and music ministries in addition to the creation of a beautiful and versatile worship space. In 2008 we completed another construction phase for the building including additional space for Youth Ministries, Adult Education and a Chapel.

Our children's programs, missions and outreach, youth programs, music and drama, and small group/fellowship opportunities and overall membership have continued to grow throughout the last several years. Our current Senior Minister, Rev. Janet Forbes, leads the vision and continues to foster the legacy of the core values that are woven into the fabric of St. Luke's: Invitational, Relational, Missional and Spiritual.

Spiritual Formation – Adult Education: Growing and Learning



There are countless ways for you to grow at St. Luke's. Spiritual Formation and Adult Education are the intentional ways we connect you with opportunities to:

- Engage the inspired and inspiring message of the Scriptures
- Reflect on who we have been, who we are, and who we will be as God's people
- Open yourself to the ways God is present and active in our lives
- Think through and act on our relationship with God's world

Visit www.stlukeshr.com/spiritualformation for information on current,

upcoming, and regularly offered opportunities and to sign-up!

Our Missions: Our Community • Our World



At St. Luke's we are engaged in looking outward to help people in our local community and throughout the world. Our missions team coordinates the collection of food and supplies for local and international organizations; organizes many outreach projects; and manages funds that we donate to local and worldwide

missions. St. Luke's members have provided service from Cambodia to Iowa and back home in Denver. Some of the St. Luke's missions include: Cambodia Mission Possible, Colorado AIDS Project, Denver Urban Ministries, Ecumenical Refugee Services, El Salvador Children's Clothing, Guatemala, Heifer Project International, Interfaith Community Services, Mississippi (hurricane reconstruction), Shannon's Hope, St. Paul's Sunday Meals, Urban Peak, Warren Village, and Zimbabwe Orphanage. At St. Luke's we also support our members and constituents through three groups. The Caring Connection provides support to members of St. Luke's and the surrounding community by making companion visits, taking meals to families in need, running errands or providing transportation. Our group of Stephen Ministers provides one-on-one counseling support to those going through difficult times. The Prayer Chain supports our church family through a prayer ministry.

Our Worship: Surely the Lord is in This Place



Join us to celebrate the blessings of life, give thanks to God, lift up your concerns, renew your faith and restore your soul. The worship experience at St. Luke's is an invitational, relational, missional and spiritual one preparing us to face the challenges of the coming week and reminding us to live our faith every day. Services

include a mix of music, prayer, interaction, Bible readings, and sermons. Regular Sunday Worship services are held at 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, and Fusion at 6:34pm. We joyfully welcome all children at our services. "Children's Time" at the 9:30 and 11:00 services makes youngsters a part of each service. Communion services are usually held on the first Sunday of each month and at Fusion. Come to worship and stay for fellowship.

Our Children: Building a World of Love



Over the last 25 years St. Luke's has worked to create an invitational atmosphere for children to learn more about the Bible and to build a faith-based relationship with God and each other. One parishioner recalls teaching 30-40 children in the original basement that was divided into 6 classrooms, even when there wasn't enough

room to walk between the kids! My how times have changed. Today, children participating in Sunday Morning Christian Education at St. Luke's experience an exciting concept based on the Workshop Rotation Model called PEAK. Children concentrate on one major Bible story for 5 weeks and learn Bible stories in different ways through kid-friendly multimedia workshops such as Art, Cooking, Storytelling, Cinema and Science. Plus, we've added a special curriculum made just for Tweens. Kids Own Worship: Godly Play is our Sunday morning program for children age 4-grade 6 during the 11:00am worship service. Based on the Montessori curriculum it includes music, a lesson told in interactive story format and learning stations for children to further their experience of the story. Our youngest children are also cared for in our Nursery each Sunday and for special events. Special occasions, events and seasonal activities give our children a chance to have fun and strengthen relationships with the St. Luke's community. For our Pre-school age children, St. Luke's Little School is a weekday program designed to provide a developmentally appropriate curriculum and to affirm each child through group and one-on-one interaction.

Our Youth: A Place to Grow, Love, Pray and Laugh



St. Luke's Youth, better known as SLY, are a group of youth in grades 7 to 12 modeling and learning what it means to be an inclusive Christian community. They learn what it means to reach out to others in love, acceptance, and joy through fun, fellowship, Bible study, and educational events and experiences. They model these values

through missions locally, nationally, and around the world. They have served in many communities by working with Habitat for Humanity, repairing churches, building community centers, and working with the homeless. Some of the youth are members of the church, others are from the larger community surrounding St. Luke's, and still others are friends that have been invited to experience SLY.

Our Music & Arts: Make a Joyful Noise



The Music and Arts Ministries are exciting ways to engage in community and praise God at St. Luke's. We are blessed with a variety of talented vocal and instrumental ensembles for adults, youth, and children. Adult music ensembles include the Chancel Choir, Grace Notes, Women of Note, Tintinnabulators

Handbell Choir, Sunrise Band, Ministers of Swing Jazz Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, Old Time Gospel Band, and the Brass, Flute and Wind Ensembles. Youth music ensembles include St. Luke's Youth Jazz Orchestra, Joyful Noise Handbell Choir, and the Off-Notes Youth Choir. For Children, there are also a variety of choirs and groups including the Tone Chimes, Kidz Prayz (Primary and Junior Prayz) and Cherub's Choir. The Arts Ministry includes Puppets, Improv teams SLIP and WITY, and the Wesley Players that reach members of St. Luke's and the greater community through a wide variety of talents and gifts in worship and in productions year round.

Our Ministries: A Community of Faith



At St. Luke's we find that the best way to develop relationships with others is through small groups and fellowship events. In addition to sharing your time and talents with operational teams in the church, many small groups are available for many different interests.

Check out our [Catalog of Ministries at church or online at www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com)



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