

MISSIONS



Rev. Calob Rundell
Lead Minister

St. Luke's is excited to provide a wide range of mission opportunities, ensuring that every member of our congregation can find a meaningful way to help others in need.

We support missions both locally and around the world, with opportunities to volunteer directly in the programs

we partner with or to participate in fundraising efforts. Through our many ministry areas including Children, Youth, Seniors, United Women in Faith, Music & Arts, the Center for Spiritual Engagement, and more, we provide diverse and impactful ways for individuals to give back and make a difference. **Here are just some of the main missions that we currently support churchwide.**



HAAT FORCE South Metro provides sanctuary to homeless members of our community during severe winter weather. In addition to motel room vouchers, volunteers offer support services and counseling to help those experiencing homelessness find opportunities to enter permanent housing. Caring staff and volunteers assist families with children, handicapped individuals, people with pets, and others with challenging medical conditions. With its focus on the neediest in the Littleton and Englewood areas, HAAT FORCE has enjoyed great support from our congregation since its inception more than 10 years ago. **Contact Betsy Keyack, bkeyack@att.net**

WE DON'T WASTE provides food to people, not landfills. Across Colorado one in three people experience food insecurity. Meanwhile, up to 40% of food produced in the United States ends up in landfills where it produces harmful greenhouse gases. The organization recovers quality, unused food from producers, restaurants, event venues and other sources and distributes it to local nonprofit partners and mobile markets. Volunteers from St. Luke's are invited to assist with food recovery initiatives. **Learn more by visiting wedontwaste.org or contact Alan Babcock, albab930@gmail.com**

LOVE INC (Love In the Name of Christ) unites churches in a mission to mend community brokenness by caring for people in all areas of life. St. Luke's is one of dozens of participating area churches, and many volunteers from St. Luke's have served our community by participating in Love INC activities over the years. Love INC volunteers assist in providing weekly education programs; they listen, pray, provide resources and encourage those who call for assistance. Other volunteer opportunities include working in the Renewed Treasures store, a self-supporting retail operation, helping their furniture ministry and diaper ministry; driving those who have appointments; and assisting in fielding phone calls in the Connection Center. **For more information visit: LoveINCLittleton.org or contact Bill Shaffer, shaffwls@gmail.com**

BLUE BIN supports Veterans who are in transition housing at the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless. Pick up non-perishable goods and drop them in the Blue Bin outside St. Luke's front door. **Contact Steve Blue or Dave Laurvick, dlaurvick5@gmail.com**

GIVING HEART Drop-in center in Englewood providing meals, laundry, showers, medical assistance, and a peaceful environment for people experiencing homelessness. Website: www.givingheartenglewood.com
Contact Betsy Keyack, bkeyack@att.net

WARREN VILLAGE has a vital mission to enable low-income, single-parent families to achieve sustainable personal and economic self-sufficiency. St. Luke's members have successfully supported this Denver-based organization with Methodist roots for decades. **Visit warrenvillage.org for more information**

FEEDING OF THE 5000, our annual fall food drive supporting the Food Exchange Resource Network (FERN), is a St. Luke's tradition and now a partnership with St. Andrew UMC and their pantry. FERN feeds 500 families in need each week. Be a part of the team to help plan and organize this annual event or sign up to help collect food! **Contact Amy Antinoro, rkymntnrph@hotmail.com**

THURSDAY LUNCHES Volunteers prepare and distribute sack lunches every Thursday at 10:30am for delivery to the Denver Public Library for distribution to housing insecure individuals. We also support AfterHours Denver Ministry's annual **CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK** event on Christmas day to provide needed items to those experiencing homelessness. **Contact Sam Leahy, sam@stlukeshr.com**



PURA VIDA supports indigenous people in the Western Highlands of Guatemala. Nearly every year, St. Luke's members participate in mission trips to Guatemala to foster relationships and construct homes. There are additional opportunities to participate in the mission trips virtually. Church members also provide scholarships for students and at Christmas they contribute to the Guatemala Milk Program. Our Youth and Children's Ministries have also raised funds for water filters for Guatemala. **Contact Laura Richards, co.richards2020@gmail.com and Betsy Keyack, bkeyack@att.net**

COMMUNITY GARDEN We average about 80 pounds of food harvested from our church garden each year! We partner with Grow Local CO, Garden in a Box and the Integrated Family Services food bank. Our garden is growing each year with the support of St. Luke's volunteers. **Contact Nichole Rairigh, nichole.rairigh@gmail.com**



UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF - UMCOR

works in communities left vulnerable by disaster, working alongside United Methodist churches and local partners to address immediate needs, as well as achieve sustainable recovery. UMCOR volunteers typically work in a "second responder" role:

- Providing essential relief supplies.
- Supporting long-term rebuilding efforts.
- Assisting communities as they adapt to their "new normal."

UMCOR sponsors projects to address root causes of hunger, improve community health, and assist refugees. St. Luke's members have served all around the world on UMCOR projects, particularly disaster relief. **To see what interests you, visit umcor.org. Contact Betsy Keyack, bkeyack@att.net**

SEDALIA ELEMENTARY READING & MATH BUDDY PROGRAM Pairs volunteers with grade school students to support basic reading and math skills. **Contact Sam Leahy, sam@stlukeshr.com**

FLORENCE CRITTENTON A family resource center providing education and healthcare for teen mothers and their children. **Website: www.flocrit.org, Contact Carolyn Maddox, cjmaddox@ecentral.com**

COLORADO FEEDING KIDS provides nutritious meals to families, schools, food banks and others in Colorado and around the world. A fun event for families, volunteers can pack meals that are given free of charge to those experiencing food insecurity. **Contact Linda Babcock, lindababcock38@gmail.com**

ADVENT GIVING TREE & LENTEN MISSIONS offers opportunities to support many of our mission partners during these specific seasons. Lenten Mission typically collects needed items. Advent Giving Tree is a combination of donated items as well as monetary support for some of our partners. **Contact Sam Leahy, sam@stlukeshr.com**

Please find additional information about volunteer opportunities on the St. Luke's website: www.stlukeshr.com>Ministries>Missions or scan the QR code



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*Learn to do good;
 seek justice;
 rescue the oppressed;
 defend the orphan;
 plead for the widow.*

-ISAIAH 1:17

