

**Sunday Worship Services (Summer Schedule)**

9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday School Classes (Summer Schedule)**

9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Adult, Youth & Children's Classes

Nursery available for all services.

**Ministers**

All people of St. Luke's.

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**Deadline for *The Chronicle***

All articles for the August issue of *The Chronicle* are due

**July 23**

Please place them in *The Chronicle* box at St. Luke's or e-mail to Bob Oliver (oliver210@aol.com).

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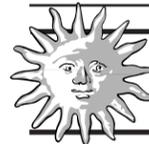
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# The Chronicle

A NEWS & INFORMATION EXCHANGE FORUM

JUNE/JULY 2000



**Summer Schedule (June 4 – September 3) Worship Services: 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**  
 Sunday School available during both services. See You There!

**Church Picnic: Fun in the Sun!**

*By Elizabeth Bauer*

June 11th proved to be a perfect day for St. Luke's summer picnic!

The fun included music ranging from Britney and the Backstreet Boys to the YMCA, Electric Slide, and Little Chicken Dance (how many times did we hear "Bye Bye Bye" - they were all requests!)

\* Pastor Dick Evans led a spirited and spirit-filled human train around the parking lot to "Locomotion"

\* The dunk tank got people wet, but the rain held off until the end

\* Beads, tattoos, sweets walk, chicken limbo, and Dino jump room for the kids

\* Staff members were seen in a heated squirt gun battle around the picnic tables, and we found out that when Esther is cornered she can get creative (she didn't have a squirt gun, but a well-tossed cup of water evened the score with Dick)

\* A delicious potluck of salads and desserts

\* A run to the store for more burgers and hot dogs (the miracle of the loaves and fishes came to mind)

\* Next year, a sunscreen booth?

\* Special thanks to all of the groups and individuals who pitched in to make the picnic a great success and fun for all ages.

Statistics:

People who signed up for the picnic: almost 200

People expected at the picnic: 250

People actually at the picnic: over 300!



**St. Luke's Casting Call: *Godspell***

What? St. Luke's UMC newest Ministry – Drama!  
 The St. Luke's Wesley Players will present their debut production this Fall: *Godspell* – Conceived and directed by John-Michael

Tebelak, Music and New Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

Based on the Gospel according to Matthew, *Godspell* features several well-loved songs including Day by Day, Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord, All Good Gifts and By My Side. The show is a unique reflection on the life and parables of Jesus that uses a variety of theatrical traditions like vaudeville, acrobatics, pantomime and clowning.

When? Auditions: Shortly after Labor Day  
 Timeline: Rehearsals: 2x week for Sept. and Oct., more often in Nov.  
 Confirmed Production Dates: Friday, Nov 17 and Saturday, Nov. 18

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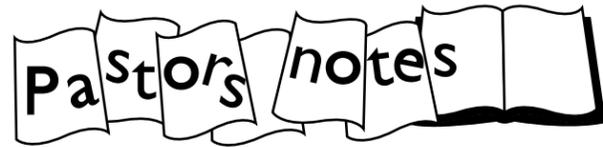
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# The Chronicle

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"Even if you're on the right track, if you just sit there, you'll get run over."  
- Will Rogers

St. Luke's is on the right track, in many, but not all, ways. In either case, one of my goals is that we not "just sit there." The Strategic Planning Committee has been working to assess the tracks we are on, as well as what future tracks might look like. It turns out that this is a lot more difficult than it first appears! Developing an instrument to gauge satisfaction—for example, with current programs—is relatively easy. Much more difficult is reflecting on our core purposes, and imagining a future that is not just a "new, improved" version of the past and present.

Here are some questions we are asking. I invite you to reflect on them, and to share your thoughts with any of the committee members.  
(Heather Harding, Peg Long, Connie Shoemaker, Roy Palmer, Steve Plain, Esther Miyahara-Cho and Richard Evans.)

Who are we as a community of faith? What is distinctive about St. Luke's? What are our greatest strengths? What are our greatest needs? What are our values as a community of faith? Who is God calling us to be at this time and place? In the next one to three years? What would be the most elegant (least bureaucratic), effective structure to enable us to fulfill that calling? How do we organize for accountability, diversity, flexibility and creativity?

How do we not reduce life's complexities to simplistic slogans, but fully engage life's joys, sorrows, and ambiguities? How do we meet people of all ages and places where they are, and encourage each one's faith development? How do we expand our personal and social horizons? How do we provide for significant connection within St. Luke's, and with the whole Family of God?

How do we help each person "grow to full humanity as we see it in Jesus Christ" (what we pledge at baptism)? How, in practice, do we "seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with... God" (as we sing in our benediction)? How do we help each person identify her/his ministry, and consciously see that as a part of our ministry in the world?

If you could identify one thing that would make the biggest difference for St. Luke's in the next three years, what would it be?

You get the picture. We're on many right tracks. Let's not just sit there.  
Shalom,

*Dick*  
Richard Evans

Announcements are due in the office by **3:00pm on Tuesdays**.  
(Note this is a new day and time). Announcements will run for two(2) weeks only.  
Call Bonnie in the office if additional time is required.

**UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS BOOKS! New E-Mail Address: stlukeshr@uswest.net**  
The old address (stlukeshr@aol.com) will be good through August. Thanks.



## Prayer Chain

Please keep these members and friends of St. Luke's in your prayers:

*Penny Goodman, friend of Carole Sue Woodrich;*  
*Chris Allthin, brother of Deb Juarez;*  
*Debra Burke, friend of Cindy Markham;*  
*Norma and Floyd Harris;*  
*Bryan Hill;*  
*Carolyn Salmans, friend of Sharon Scholle;*  
*Joanne Lee, mother of Bill Lee;*  
*Becky Heilman, mother-in-law of Valerie Stack;*  
*Gene Thomas, father of Theresa LaRock;*  
*Ed Shamis, uncle of Theresa LaRock;*  
*Sandi Thompson;*  
*Connor Kercheval; and*  
*Ruth Schneider, mother of Wendy Adams.*

We continue to pray for:

*Joy Damsgard's niece's fiance, Shawn Kovac;*  
*Margaret Payne;*  
*Laura Griffith's mother, Carol Pifer;*  
*Mary Oetli;*  
*Marshall Kuhn;*  
*Denise Hull, friend of Ginny Proulx;*  
*Lauryn Updegrove; and*  
*Crystal Arndt's mother, Lois Clary.*

We extend our prayers and sympathy to:

*Sharon Scholle and family on the death of her uncle, Paul Brewer; and*  
  
*Sandi Lindahl and family on the death of her mother.*



Please join us in prayers of joy and thankfulness on the following births:

*A son, Matthew William Johnson, to Mark and Amy Hertling Johnson on 5-3-2000.*

If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office or Dianne Johnson (303-791-3477).



## June/July SLY Activities

Saturday, June 17

6:00-10:00 p.m. Pool Party and Barbecue at Lauren's. Check the Youthline for directions.

Sunday, June 18

10:30-11:30 a.m. Youth Sun. School Classes

Tuesday, June 20

9:30-10:30 a.m. Breakfast Club  
6:30-9:00 Volleyball

Thursday, June 22

Mid-week Missions: Check Youthline for details

Sunday, June 25

10:30-11:30 a.m. Youth Sun. School Classes  
11:30 a.m. Alamosa Mission Team Meeting

Monday, June 26

SLY In charge of Crafts at Vac. Bible School

Friday, June 30

Check Youthline for details.

Sunday, July 2

10:30-11:30 a.m. Youth Sun. School Classes

Tuesday, July 4

No Breakfast Club Today!!!!

Thursday, July 6

Mid-week Missions: Check Youthline for details

Sunday, July 9

Alamosa Mission Team leaves.

10:30-11:30 a.m. Youth Sun. School Classes

Tuesday, July 11

9:30-10:30 a.m. Breakfast Club  
6:30-9:00 Volleyball

Thursday, June 13

Mid-week Missions: Check Youthline for details

Sunday, July 16

10:30-11:30 a.m. Youth Sun. School Classes

Tuesday, July 18

9:30-10:30 a.m. Breakfast Club  
6:30-9:00 Volleyball

Thursday, July 20

Mid-week Missions: Check Youthline for details

Sunday, July 23

Session II Youth Sun. School Classes Begin  
10:30-11:30 a.m. Youth Sun. School Classes

Tuesday, July 25

9:30-10:30 a.m. Breakfast Club  
6:30-9:00 Volleyball

Thursday, July 27

Mid-week Missions: Check Youthline for details

Sunday, July 30

10:30-11:30 a.m. Youth Sun. School Classes

### Do you enjoy working with children of all ages?

Perhaps you could join us as a caregiver in St. Luke's nursery this fall! You must be at least 13 years old and be CPR certified by this fall. Please call Stacy Baird at 303-470-5270 for an application. Thank You!

**Summer Sunday School** is changing to a whole new format. There will be two sessions. Session 1 begins June 4 and ends July 16. Session 2 starts on July 23 and ends September 3. There will be three classes each session. Youth will have a choice of which Sunday School class they would like to attend. Classes are for the first session are:  
*Go For It* - led by Tom Pauldine and Joe Pedley. All youth grades 6-12. Meets in 6th grade Sunday School Room  
*Veggie Video's* - led by Kathy Balu, Kendra Mitchell, Lynda Drake Grades 6-8. Meets in 7th-8th grade Sunday School Room  
*Make a Joyful Noise* - led by Chris Richards and Leigh Ramsey. Grades 9-12. Meets in Youth Room.

Classes for the second session are:

*Faith in Action* - led by Lynda Drake and Laurie Gilbert. Grades 6-12.  
*Make a Joyful Noise* - led by unknown music lover. Grades 6-8.  
*Great Moments in Sports* - led by John Mann and Hal Timm.

**Summer Volleyball** will be starting in June. SLY will visit a different United Methodist church each week and play volleyball with youth from all over the Denver area. We play on Tuesday evenings throughout the summer. This is drop-in volleyball - no teams, non-competitive volleyball - just an opportunity to get out and have some fun with other youth. Parents and other adults, we need volunteers to drive to volleyball each week. We start Tuesday, June 6 and will go to Littleton UMC. Parents, we need drivers each Tuesday night throughout the summer. Watch for more details in the bulletin. Special thanks to Jody Anderson for setting the schedule for the whole summer.

**Pool Party** Saturday June 17 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. at Lauren's. Lauren Blakely has arranged for us to have a pool party - barbecue at the pool across the street from her house. All youth grades 6-12 are welcome. Parents, we need help with the barbecue and food stuff. If you can help, please call Dottie at 303-932-2712 after June 11th. See you at the pool.

**Elitches in August** If you missed the trip to Elitches because you were still in school, out of town or just plain busy, you have a second chance for Elitches fun with SLY. We will be going again on Thursday, August 3. Once again, we can get cheap tickets but we must buy them soon. If you want to go and need to buy a ticket sign-up on the youth bulletin board and give the money to Deb no later than June 11. Questions, call Deb!

**Mid-week Summer Missions** (formerly Middle School Missions) Once again SLY will be busy with Mission work all summer. Of course we will try to work in some fun along the way. We are still working on the full schedule - but I can tell you we will be going out on Thursdays and will do something at Temple Hills on July 27 and going to Elitches on August 3rd. Watch the bulletin and check the Youthline for information. Our first outing will be on June 15.

Youthline: 303-654-7315 Deb Juarez: 303-932-0536 Dottie Mann: 303-932-2712

*Congratulations to another of our Graduates: Christine Parisi*  
*We wish you well and pray that God's blessings will be with you as you continue to grow, learn and live.*

## Wake Him Up

By Tim Richter

In the book "Hurricane" by James S. Hirsch, a noteworthy story is told. The story goes that an obese farmer was sleeping in the attic of his hut, when the hut somehow caught fire. The village people rushed to save the farmer, but the man was too fat and the attic too small to maneuver the farmer over the stairs. The village people worked desperately, but without success, to save the man. Then the village wise man came upon the scene and shouted "Wake him up! Wake him up and he'll save himself!"

A portion of my youth was dominated by the partying nightlife, and during that time, I considered my father to be among the biggest schmucks on the planet. He openly exhibited all the traits of his generation, including being in bed by 9 o'clock nightly. I was certain I'd never be like the old man. Of course, as I grew older, the more important things in life took precedence over partying, recovering from hangovers began to feel more like recovering from major surgery, and I eventually found myself retiring earlier and earlier in the evening. At the same time, my father's intelligence apparently grew, for I no longer consider him a schmuck. "Wake him up and he'll save himself!"

For well over 2 decades, I rejected religion. I always felt, and tried to express, genuine concern and compassion for others, but so many other aspects of the religious scene seemed to defy logic. Then last year, I read In God's Truth by Nick Bunick. The book was different than anything I'd ever read. I followed it up with another one of Bunick's books. Then I read several books about documented angel sightings. From angels, I went on to reading about the extraordinary lives of several Saints. I couldn't get enough. "Wake him up and he'll save himself!"

Even then, I wasn't all that interested in organized religion. I'd been exposed to some Bible Thumpers before, and I certainly didn't want to be one of them. But my wife seemed to think the heathen needed to be saved, so she used our



**Q: What is the United Methodist General Conference? What were some highlights?**

**A:** Last month, I returned from attending the 2000 United Methodist General Conference, held this quadrennium in Cleveland. The General Conference is a legislative assembly made up of 1000 delegates, representing some 10 million United Methodists worldwide, who gather every four years to consider all matters of church doctrine and structure, and decide church law for our denomination. We voted on hundreds and hundreds of pieces of legislation on issues ranging from gun control (which we voted to support) to the ordination of homosexuals and holy union of gay and lesbian couples (which we voted not to support). For truly inquiring minds, I point you to [www.GC2000.org](http://www.GC2000.org) for full and detailed coverage of the actions taken at General Conference.

For my part, I attended General Conference to represent the national Task Force on Korean American Ministries. General Conference voted to accept the recommendation of the Task Force to create a National Council on Korean American Ministries, and granted 2.9 million dollars to support the growing ministries of the Korean American community for the next quadrennium-that's church talk for "four years". The many ethnic caucuses present at General Conference celebrated this outcome as a first step towards overcoming the marginalization experienced by all immigrant communities in the UMC, and a signal that the time to contribute the diverse gifts and genuine presence of ethnic communities to the future leadership of the larger UMC had come.

One of the most characteristic and important aspects of the United Methodist Church is that we are committed to include all voices in our decision making processes, on all levels of our church structure. General Conference delegates included youth and young adults, men and women, people of all colors, races, abilities, opinions, and beliefs, speaking in many languages. Once during the Conference, when interpreters for a group of African delegates could not be found among us, the presiding Bishop halted all proceedings, and suspended our work until the interpreters could be found. One of the most important parts of what it means to be United Methodist for me is that we are committed to inclusivity. This doesn't mean that we are always successful at living up our own commitments-but it does mean that we will never quit struggling with our own excluding prejudices and continue to strive toward our vision of abundant life for all of the people of God.

*Do you have a question about the Bible, a spiritual matter, St. Luke's or religion? Our brave Associate Minister, Esther Miyahara-Cho, is willing to take a stab at the answer. E-mail your questions to The Chronicle at [oliver210@aol.com](mailto:oliver210@aol.com) or put them in our folder outside the church office. Thanks!*

daughter as an excuse to get me to St. Luke's. That first Sunday, as I entered the church, I kept an eye to the sky prepared to dance at a moments notice, but the anticipated lightning strike never materialized. I had made it in undetected. Or at least I thought so until some clown introduced us to the entire congregation. Now, several months later, I enjoy being a contributing member of St. Luke's. With a reduced fear of the lightning bolt, I proudly attend every Sunday, scanning the congregation for people I can introduce. "Wake him up and he'll save himself!"

On a recent business trip in Dallas, I participated in a training workshop. One of the workshop procedures involved the simple decision-making process of listing pros and cons on a sheet of paper. On the return flight to Denver, I used the same

decision-making tool to determine if after 11 years with the same company, it was time for me to consider a change. The test was conclusive, and as the plane returned to earth, I began planning my new job search. I thank my old company for sending me to the workshop. "Wake him up and he'll save himself!"

Every single one of us is traveling through our own personal evolutionary process. Throughout the journey, many beliefs previously thought to be absolute certainty are later surrendered to new convictions. Sometimes the transformation is gradual and painless; sometimes it's a torturous struggle. Regardless, as individuals and as a society, challenging our beliefs, even our most sacred convictions, is the avenue to growth and improvement. "Wake him up and he'll save himself!"

## New Members

# B

*Welcome!*

May 2000

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*Confirmands:*

Caitlynn Allen	Keven Allen
Eric Alpert	Stephanie Babcock
Allison Beecher	Michael Beecher
Kirsten Bomberger	Stefanie Datson
Kurin Dowell	Allison Drake
Matt Eden	Ashley Hause
Katie Hjellum	Greg Hottman
Joshua LaRock	Mandy McLeland
Justin Pauldine	David Riley
Eric Rudd	Kevin Sims
Ben Smith	Maddie Smith
	James Van Horne

### Saying Goodbye to Old Friends/Members

Blair, Maria, Colin and Carly Hayes  
Evergreen, CO

Bradd, Valerie, John-Luke and Ariana Duvall  
San Francisco, CA

Clyde, Mary, Austin and Colette Langley  
Washington, DC

Dan, Laura, Perrin and Loew Thompson  
7056 Mariners Court, Tega Cay, SC 29708  
E-mail: [T719330@aol.com](mailto:T719330@aol.com) Ph: 803-548-5919

Brian, Jennifer & Clay Davis  
Dunwoody, GA

*Prayers and best wishes to them!*



## James Ramsey

Director of Music Ministries

Moving into St. Luke's new sanctuary space this spring has been interesting for all of the staff. For Jim Ramsey, who has been the St. Luke's Music Director for just shy of a year, it's just another shift in a life that has moved across the country many times, from north to south and east to west.

Jim was born in Lincoln, Nebraska where his parents attended the University of Nebraska. At the age of three, the family moved to Iowa. After another move within Iowa, the family finally relocated to Milan, Tennessee. Jim earned a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Middle Tennessee State University, where he began conducting. After that, Jim had a life-changing experience while working in a vaudeville-type show at a hotel in Cripple Creek, Colorado. Ten years ago this June 14th, Jim "connected" with his wife-to-be, Leigh. She was visiting from Rochester, New York to see some friends who happened to own the same hotel where Jim was working. They later discovered that Jim had actually had dinner at Leigh's parents' home some three years earlier while in Rochester, and had briefly met Leigh at that time. After nearly a decade, Jim still sounds like he can't believe his good luck as he tells this story. He soon decided to relocate to Rochester to earn a Master's degree in Conducting from the Eastman School of Music.

Since that time Jim's professional career has included four years of teaching 6th-12th grade music in a Rochester suburb, a role as Assistant Director of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus, and a semester as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Music at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington. He is now pursuing a DMA in Choral Literature and Performance at Colorado University in Boulder.

Jim's ties to church music began early. His father, a Diaconal Minister of Music, worked with the First United Methodist Church in Milan. When asked if he had a favorite hymn, Jim said he had 817 favorite hymns, then corrected himself by explaining that there are more that aren't in the hymnal. He believes that music is an integral part of the worship experience. As he puts it, "music has a tendency to move the spirit," both by leading us into a different spiritual plane and by physically involving the congregation through the act of singing.

Jim's non-musical interests include many kinds of sports, played throughout high school and college. He still enjoys playing volleyball, football and golf when he gets a chance. His commute from his home in Westminster makes participation in some St. Luke's activities challenging, but both Jim and Leigh manage to play an active part in the life of the church.

**Attention Singers!** If you'd like to join a group of musicians who will sing different styles of music in a contemporary fashion, then come to the first rehearsal on June 6th in the Asbury Room (choir room). Lisa Lewis, Lise Takayama and Jim Ramsey will be leading this vocal ensemble for the 9:00am Sunday summer service. With the exception of the first rehearsal, regular rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer at 7:00 in the Asbury Room.

If you'd like to join the Summer Choir (intergenerational choir), please come to the first rehearsal on Sunday, June 18, from 9:30 - 10:30 in the Asbury Room (choir room). The Summer Choir will participate in the second service at 10:30 throughout the entire summer. All are welcome whether you have a little or a lot of singing under your belt.

If you have questions regarding any of these choirs for the summer, please contact James Ramsey at [jamesramz@aol.com](mailto:jamesramz@aol.com) or 303-466-0080. See you there!



### Summer Volleyball Drivers Needed

Each summer St. Luke's youth get together with youth from United

Methodist Churches around the Denver area to play volleyball. We meet on Tuesday nights and visit a different church each week. It is a great way for youth to spend a week night and the adults have lots of fun as well. If you can drive please sign-up on the bulletin board or call Deb Juarez at 303-932-0536. Thanks.

### Mid-week Summer Missions: Volunteers Needed

For the past two summers, St. Luke's (SLY) youth have not only participated in mission trips out of town, they have also worked each summer on a variety of service projects in the Denver Metropolitan area. St. Luke's youth have led play time at a day shelter, read stories at a low income summer day camp, helped Special Olympic athletes have fun at Olympic Village, and built trails at Temple Hills. SLY will continue this summer tradition and invites adult members and constituents to join us in our missions programs. We need a minimum of two adults to volunteer each week in order to provide safe supervision of youth on this projects. Please take this opportunity to work with some great kids and be a part of St. Luke's ministry with youth. Watch the bulletin for dates and details or call Deb Juarez at 303-932-0536 for more information.

### The "Lay" test News: Means of Grace

A Message from our Lay Leaders - By Monty Hoffman

Grace-The favor and love of God; influence of God operating in man to improve and strengthen.

The favor and love of God is one of the things that we seek in our relationship with God. How? Through means of grace, including prayer, study of the word, communion, fasting, community of faith, and acts of mercy. I thought I would split these into two columns and include my thoughts and experiences on prayer, study of the word, and communion this month and the other three next month.

How is your prayer life? Mine is erratic, hectic, often interrupted, and not well planned. It's like the rest of my life. Eric Smith, the pastor at Scott UMC, suggested that one of the problems that we have is that we assume we all know how to pray when most of us are not really very good at it. I think I'd like to take the opportunity to learn how to do it better. Anyone know a good prayer teacher we could bring to St. Luke's?

When we talk about the study of the word, most of us think about the Bible, and that is certainly where our Christian education should begin and stay centered. A couple of years ago, I realized that I wasn't getting as much out of Bible study as I had before, so I decided to spend more time studying Christian thought and theology that had evolved from Biblical sources. It turned out to be fascinating. Many of the parts of Christian theology have a history that would be the envy of any daytime drama. Discussions on some of the early doctrines such as the Trinity lasted for hundreds of years. The meetings about them included political maneuvering, threats of ostracism and even murder. It really has helped me put the ideas in context. It has given me comfort that, if I struggle to understand something, that I am not the first and that even the early leaders struggled. Finally, I have realized that I don't have to have the answers to everything right now. God will be patient with me as I explore my faith.

I used to think that the Methodist belief of an open table at communion was simply another expression of our belief in God's Love for all people. While that is part of it, I was also informed that it is a reflection of John Wesley's view of communion. Wesley did not view communion as something to open only to believers as a reward for their faith. He viewed it as a means of grace for sinners and thought that they should partake as often as possible until they got their faith right. As I have thought about that viewpoint, it certainly gives communion more meaning in my life. Maybe someday I can get it right.



### Happy Summer from Little School

Little School is taking a well-deserved summer break and already planning for an exciting 6th year! LITTLE SCHOOL WILL OFFICIALLY BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 11th. If you have not returned paperwork or medical papers, please do so by AUGUST 1st, 2000. Please remember that in order for your child to attend Little School all papers must be turned in. you will be hearing from your new teacher and Little School sometime in August. Please also remember that Little School will begin using Kid Totes this fall so PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE A NEW BACKPACK. These provide LOTS of extra space, hold all of your school items (clothes and lunch, artwork and school papers) and the best thing is that children can carry them themselves!!! Moms you are going to love them! They will be available at our open house on either September 6th or 7th for a minimal cost of \$2.00 to \$3.00. Also, for those of you that are tackling potty training, remember that children need to be completely potty trained (all independent toilet use, no pull-ups!) for preschool. Parent's Day Out children do not need to be potty trained but it would be helpful!

We hope that everyone is having a really relaxing, fun summer. We know that this is the best season to spend time with your family. Don't forget to make homemade ice cream, plant vegetables and watch them grow, run through the sprinklers with your kids, and read, laugh and hug!  
See you in September!  
Lovingly,  
Ms. Kay ☺

**Habitat** *Continued from Page 5*  
Plymouth Congregational, Golden UMC and Calvary Episcopal of Golden. In 1998, the Loaves and Fishes silent auction, held at St. Luke's, raised enough money to fully sponsor a home in Lakewood for the Garcia family. Last year, we worked with Loaves and Fishes to construct a house in Aurora for Sharla Ailes and her children during the Habitat "Blitz Build".

This year, Loaves and Fishes is turning its attention to northeast Colorado to help the Ft. Morgan affiliate with their build in Brush. While there is no shortage of land in that area, the Ft. Morgan group is in need of volunteers and funds. Loaves and Fishes is planning a silent auction for September 16th to raise the money for this build. The house's foundation will be poured by the end of June and we will be looking for volunteers to start building in July.

St. Luke's also participates in Habitat's Women's Build through UMW. The Women's Build is planned and built under the direction of women. This year, the Women's Build is raising money through the 2000 Sunset Magazine's Rocky Mountain Idea house, a showcase of products and design ideas in Parker. The Women's Build is looking for volunteers to help sell tickets and provide informal tours of the house. In exchange for volunteer efforts, the funds raised at the Idea House will go toward the \$40,000 sponsorship of the Women's Build site in Denver. Anyone interested in helping out with the Idea House should contact Deb Byrne at 303-791-7107.

Habitat of Metro Denver is currently in desperate need for land in the metro area due to the shortage of affordable and available parcels. If you know anyone who can either offer land for a reasonable price or donation, please contact Lynne Brown at the Habitat office at 303-534-2929. Future projects in the Denver area will depend on Habitat's ability to acquire more land soon.

No experience is necessary to work on a Habitat house. In fact, as many who have worked on these projects can attest, there's always a lot of trial and error involved and the team leaders provide great instruction. There are plenty of non-construction opportunities as well. In addition to the Idea House, Habitat work sites also need volunteers for registration tables, merchandise sales and food preparation. Getting involved is as simple as a call to the Habitat construction hotline at 303-380-1188.



**Inspiration Quote:** "I have four things to learn in life: to think clearly without hurry or confusion; to love everybody sincerely; to act in everything with the highest motives; to trust in God unhesitatingly." *Helen Keller*

**Thank you, once again,** for your wonderful ideas, suggestions, and comments on our surveys. We are currently in the process of forming new circles based on your responses, as follows:

- Women's Book Club*, Marilyn Birky 303.471.9257
- Working Women's Restaurant Club*, Amy Antinoro 303.663.6656
- Women's Breakfast Group*, Jean Theobald 303.791.9826

If you marked any of these groups on your survey you should be contacted with more information very soon. If you are not contacted or did not have the opportunity to fill out a survey and you are interested in one of these groups, please call the persons listed above. We will be updating our bulletin board with information regarding these circles as meeting dates are scheduled, and additional information becomes available. So please stop by and take a look!

**We also want to thank** everyone for their patience as we continue to review the surveys. We are looking into everyone's suggestions and ideas and will continue to update you with information on new circles, meetings, and special events as they are planned!

**Note: Our bulletin board** is currently being updated for summer. Please keep up to date with information that will be available on our bulletin board. For example: Women's Fall Retreat dates and information; The Taste of St. Luke's Event - cookbooks for sale and a sampling of recipes from the cookbook; Circle meeting dates and information; other special event dates and information. Additionally, if you have questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns for the UMW please use our noteboard that is posted on our bulletin board. We would love to hear from you!

**Many Thanks to Kathy Stealey**, her committee and all who attended and participated in the Spring Luncheon and May Day Event! Thank you for your great ideas, organization, and commitment in making it such a success! We have received thank you cards from some of the recipients which are displayed on our bulletin board.

**A Taste of St. Luke's:** The recipes are in! Thanks to everyone who submitted recipes, they all sound wonderful! We have been busy sorting through and organizing the recipes to send to the publisher. We are currently planning a special event to introduce our cookbook to you all. We will update you with dates and information as it is scheduled!

### GODSPELL

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Producer's Note: I realize the whole summer is ahead of us but - no doubt, the summer will FLY and Fall will be upon us before you know it! Please, mark your calendars and save some time for Drama Ministry at St. Luke's UMC!

**Who? YOU!** The Good News! There is something for everyone in Drama Ministry. "It takes a village" of talented and enthusiastic people to create a successful drama. With that said, please prayerfully consider what role you might like to play on the Drama Ministry Team!

**Help Wanted:** \*Artistic Director Costume Designer Make-Up Crew  
Publicity Team Sound & Lighting Designer and Team Stewardship Team  
Set Designer & Construction Volunteer Coordinator(s) Performing Ensemble

### OK, I'm interested - what now?

\*There is one role that must be filled this summer: the Artistic Director. If you are a constituent of St. Luke's UMC and are interested in being considered for the role of Artistic Director, please contact me for more information.

If you'd like to participate in any other way - GREAT! Let me know of your interest with a note in the Drama Ministry folder, an e-mail, a phone call, etc. I'll keep you informed of how the production progresses. Note: The real work for *Godspell* (behind the scenes) will kick into high gear in early September.

Thanks for your interest in Drama Ministry at St. Luke's UMC!  
Leigh Ramsey, Drama Ministry Producer and Chair

# Thanks to the 1999-2000 Music Team

The music program at St. Luke's UMC has been witness to a great deal of growth and enthusiasm this past year! Since fall, we have seen our ranks, as well as our musical offerings, grow in many ways. In large part, the vibrancy and growth is due to the hard work and dedication from all of the Music Team Coordinators and Directors over the past year. It's been an incredible year for music here at St. Luke's and we look forward to many more to come.

**Ruth Smith** coordinated The Flute Ensemble, which met every Saturday Morning at 8:00. She led this amazing group of women in worship services and special events such as the Tree Lighting and UMW Candlelight Dinner this past year. Ruth also aids in coordinating needed solo players from the ensemble to accompany various anthems for the Chancel Choir or other ensembles. Her time and energy was priceless. *Thank you Ruth for your dedication to the music program at St. Luke's.*

**Glenn Harm** coordinated The Brass Ensemble, which also met every Saturday morning at 9:00. He led this talented group of brass players in many services throughout the year including Christmas caroling and The Tree Lighting. Glenn also helped coordinate brass players for special occasions with the Chancel Choir. His time and energy was a valuable asset to the group. *Thank you Glenn for your dedication to the music program at St. Luke's.*

**Jim McCurry** coordinated the Sonrise band which led the music at the 8:30 Sunday worship during the fall and explored new venues by participating in various services during the spring. In addition, Jim also helped lead them in the annual St. Luke's Fall Kick-off and the special memorial service for Columbine. His time and energy was greatly appreciated. *Thank you Jim for your dedication to the music program at St. Luke's.*

**Carrie Mallery and Bob Whetson** co-coordinated the Big Band, which rehearsed on Saturday mornings at 10:00. Only in it's second year of existence, they have helped the big beat move to new heights in a very short amount of time. Carrie and Bob have both helped keep these "band dudes and dudettes" stay in tune and playing the good stuff. In addition to the church services, they have played for a benefit concert and a dinner dance this past year. *Thank you Carrie and Bob for your time and energy and for your dedication to the music program at St. Luke's.*

**Diane Whetson** directed the Youth Choir (Grades 6-12) which met every Sunday evening. The Youth Choir has made many forward strides this past year in ensemble singing thanks to Diane's hard work. In addition to church services, she helped prepare the youth choir for the Christmas Festival program and the Youth Sunday. *Thank you Diane for your dedication to the music program at St. Luke's.*

**Kay and Ed Coryell** coordinated and directed the Children's Choir, which met every Sunday morning. The group performed for the 9:30am and 11:00am preludes at church services throughout the year. Kay and Ed also helped prepare forty Children who joined in the Christmas Festival. On March 12 during the consecration service, the Children's Choir performed a special composition Ed wrote specifically for the occasion. What talent! *Thank you Ed and Kay for your dedication to the music program at St. Luke's.*

**Leisje Johnson** directed the Cherubs Choir, which met on Wednesdays. Her hard work showed every time we saw the Cherubs participate during the prelude at the 9:30 church services throughout the year. The enthusiasm Leisje projected to the kids and time and energy given was amazing. *Thank you Leisje for your dedication to the music program at St. Luke's.*

**Lisa Lewis** directed the Tintinnabulators Handbell Choir, which rehearsed on Tuesday evenings at 7:00. She led a dedicated and loyal group of "ringers" throughout the year who performed in many services and special occasions. One of these special occasions included an invitation to perform with the Highlands Ranch Chorus Christmas Concert. Lisa's time and energy was a valuable asset to this group. *Thank you Lisa for your dedication to the music program at St. Luke's.*



## Rehearsal Times & Contacts:

**Chancel Choir**  
Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
Contact: Jim Ramsey 303-466-0080

**Tintinnabulators Handbell Choir**  
Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Contact: Lisa Lewis 303-221-6323

**Cherub Choir**  
Wednesdays 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.  
Contacts: Leisje Johnson 303-791-0875

**Children's Choir**  
Sundays 8:55 - 9:25 a.m.  
Contact: Kay & Ed Coryell 303-741-1748

**Youth Choir**  
Sundays 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Contact: Diane Whetson 303-791-4397

**Sonrise Band**  
Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Contact: Jim McCurry 303-470-6198

**Flute Ensemble**  
Saturdays, 8:00 a.m.  
Contact: Ruth Smith 303-683-0676

**Brass Ensemble**  
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.  
Contact: Glenn Harm 303-683-8248

**Big Band**  
Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.  
Contacts: Carrie Mallery 303-346-8685  
Bob Whetson 303-791-4397

Childcare is provided for Chancel Choir and Tintinnabulators.



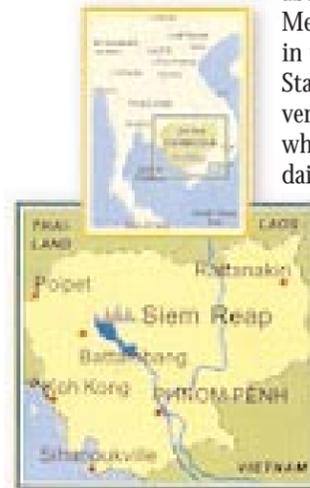
## Sonrise Band

Sonrise has been tapped to support the new 9am service each Sunday throughout the Summer. We will be leading the congregation with praise songs for the prelude, and will periodically be backing up the two new vocal ensembles that will presenting special music. We are also on line to play a few instrumentals as our additional contribution to the special music offerings during the Summer. Please join us at 9 o'clock each Sunday as we sing praises unto the Lord!

## Fun Facts About Cambodia

By Marla Vasten

In mid-July, a new friend will arrive at St. Luke's - Dalay Dy from Siem Reap, Cambodia. She will be here to learn more about the United Methodist Church in the United States, and will be very interested in what goes on in our daily lives.



However, her visit will also be an opportunity for all of us to learn more about her culture and her homeland. Here are just a few

facts about the land she comes from. Hopefully we can prepare for her visit by learning more about her world.

- Full name of her country:** Kingdom of Cambodia
- Size of Cambodia:** 11,224 square miles
- Population:** 10.5 million
- Capital city:** Phnom Penh (1 million people)
- Language:** Traditionally Khmer - also French and English
- Religion:** 95% Buddhist, also Muslim and animist. Christianity (now that it is no longer outlawed), is gaining a following as well
- Government:** Transitional democracy
- Head of state:** King Norodom Sihanouk
- Prime Minister:** Hun Sen
- Major products/industries:** Rice milling, fishing, wood, textiles and rubber



Cambodia's history stretches back for thousands of years. Over the course of their history they have been ruled by the Thai, the Spanish and Portuguese, and the French, and have been independent since 1953. Archaeological evidence shows that prior to 1,000 BC Cambodians were living on a diet of rice and fish, and were living in houses on stilts - just as they do today.

## Taste of Cambodia & Silent Auction

Saturday, August 12, 2000

To support the mission trip to Siem Reap

People needed to:

- help prepare food
- help prepare event or help clean up
- donate an item for auction (new items or antiques) or a service

Ideas: Sports or other entertainment tickets; use of a condo; baskets of cooking supplies; babysitting, ironing, car wash, lawn mowing, meals or other household services; professional services; food, quilts, collectibles, or other products. Items need to be donated as soon as possible. Please call Jan Stull (303) 470-8046 with question and ideas.

Dalay Dy comes from the French colonial town of Siem Reap, which is the capital of the province of the same name. The town is nestled between rice paddies and stretches along the Siem Reap River. It is a developing tourist destination due to its proximity to the Angkor temples; which have been compared in architectural significance to the Great Pyramids, the Taj Mahal, and Machu Pichu. However, there is so much more to Siem Reap and Cambodian culture than can be explored in such a brief summary. Hopefully you will have some time before and during Dalay's stay to learn more about the country she comes from, and St. Luke's efforts to make a lasting and significant contribution to her homeland. Join us at one of our Cambodia Missions Committee meetings!

Cambodian Mission Committee:  
Dale Balu (303) 971-1726  
Laurie Gilbert (303) 791-1328

Nita Dunn (303) 791-6575  
Taste of Cambodia Silent Auction:  
Jan Stull (303) 470-8046



**Dalay Dy, from Siem Reap, Cambodia, will be visiting St. Luke's this summer.**

## Habitat for Humanity

By Steve Plain

Habitat for Humanity International was founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller and since has housed over 450,000 people in more than 90,000 houses in 64 countries. Habitat International is on track to complete its 100,000 house this September. Locally, Habitat is supported by the Metro Denver affiliate and other affiliates around the state. The Metro Denver affiliate will build 22



homes this year, bringing its tally to 164 by the end of the year.

One of the most commonly asked questions about Habitat is "How do the homeowners get selected?" The answer is very carefully. To qualify, each family must put in 500 hours of "sweat equity" working on Habitat homes and afford a no-interest mortgage equal to a quarter of the family income and ranging from about \$800 to \$1,900. They must also pay a \$1,000 down payment. The program provides an avenue for hard-working families to purchase their own home and supports them throughout the

process. In fact, these families often become some of Habitat's most dedicated volunteers even after their homes are completed!

St. Luke's is actively involved in Habitat for Humanity and since 1998 has been involved with the Loaves and Fishes Project - a group of seven area churches that pools its volunteers and financial resources to champion a new project each year. In addition to St. Luke's, the other participating churches are Littleton UMC, 1st Presbyterian of Golden, Smokey Hill UMC, 1st

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