



# The Chronicle

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## Wednesday Night Live

**Need a 'faith-fill' by Wednesday night?** St. Luke's is introducing a new fellowship program this fall called Wednesday Nite Live or WNL! If you and your family would like to gather in the nurturing, Christian environment of St. Luke's for a mid-week spiritual lift, WNL is for you! WNL is designed to nourish our spirits as well as spark our sense of community.

Every Wednesday evening St. Luke's will provide adults and children opportunities for learning, faith building, renewing old friendships, and creating new relationships. St. Luke's favorites including Disciple Bible Study and Cherubs Choir will be on the program as well as some new programs like Kidz Prayz, a 45 minute program for children to learn about music in a fun, groups atmosphere featuring St. Luke's brand new Orff instruments.

WNL programs begin Wednesday, September 12th. To ensure success and adequate preparation for the Wednesday evening programs, we ask that you register you, your family and friends on or before September 12th. (We need to know whether we'll have 5, 50 or 500 folks!) Don't worry if you cannot participate this fall, you'll have another opportunity to register for the WNL program in November for Spring season beginning in January.

Please consider joining us on Wednesday evenings this fall. We invite you to celebrate God's presence in our lives and support one another through our life journeys. Register NOW and experience the spirit of St. Luke's! Please complete and return the WNL registration form found on page 9 into the church office or WNL box in the Narthex. You may also mail it to: *St. Luke's WNL, 8817 South Broadway, Highlands Ranch, Colorado 80129* – Or register online at [www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com).

For more information on WNL or to take part in its development, contact Tammy Bell at (303) 791-0659 or [tammy@stlukeshr.com](mailto:tammy@stlukeshr.com).

## Not Under Construction The Elevator Campaign at St. Luke's

By Coleen DeGross

"St. Luke's is an inclusive community of faith, seeking to meet people where they are..." This is, in part, the mission statement of St. Luke's. But experiencing all that St. Luke's has to offer is harder for some of us than it is for others. Differently abled members and visitors face very real barriers in experiencing the fullness of Christ at St. Luke's.

Choosing between worship service and Sunday School because it's just too difficult to do both is a reality for some of our members. Did you know that people in wheelchairs have to go outside St. Luke's in order to get from the sanctuary to Sunday School? Did you know that they have to fight traffic, traveling through the parking lot to get from one floor to another, because the sidewalks aren't fully accessible? These scenarios don't even take into account the elderly, or people who come here with knee injuries and the like.

John Mann believes that building an elevator will change all of that. Part of the plan for our new sanctuary, building the elevator was postponed while some electrical issues were sorted out with Douglas County. And now it's time to get started.

"The elevator shaft is already built, and

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**SLY Missions Trip to Mexico** *Yes, it was hot, but the 11 youth and 3 adults from St. Luke's had a memorable and spirit-filled week, July 9-16, doing missions work and making new friends in San Luis Rio de Colorado, Mexico. Details to come in our next issue.*

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# Pastors notes

## Thank You and Best Wishes to Deb Juarez!

Deb came to St. Luke's in 1993 because, "I was looking for a good youth group to work with." Simultaneously, St. Luke's was looking for someone to help with Jr. High. What a match! She volunteered until 1995, when she took six months off after Margaret was born. She returned to her volunteer work with youth, then in the fall of 1996 came on our staff part-time, as director of Jr. High ministries.

In 1995, Deb began the process to become a diaconal minister, a service ministry with a focus on youth. One of my clearest memories is her interview with SPRC, as she began that process. Her joy in working with middle school youth came bubbling out. She reported that after the hiatus to have a baby, as she was driving to the church for a youth function, she was so excited, and thought to herself, "Oh my gosh, this is a sickness! I didn't know how much I missed it."

Among other things, Deb has lead confirmation for several years. One of her delights has been helping the youth write their faith statements, and watching them grow in their faith. She also involved our youth in the Special Olympics, and was part of the planning for our "special needs" worship service earlier this year.

Deb finished her educational requirements for the diaconal ministry, and was consecrated in June of 1999. Part of her career goals has been to expand her ministry, while keeping her focus on youth. She has recently accepted a position with Hope United Methodist, where she will be Minister to Youth, as well as begin a young adult ministry, and be involved in the worship services there.

Thank you, Deb, for your ministry to St. Luke's, through your work with youth, leaders and staff; with relationships, retreats, "Columbine" and confirmation. We will miss you, but trust your "sickness" will be contagious with the people at Hope.

*Dick*

"One thing I really like about teaching Sunday School is that you get to know the names and personalities of all those smiling little faces you see in church every week." - *Liesje Johnson*

"I want everything we do in the Sunday School classrooms to touch every child with the love of Christ, but most of all I want the people who serve and volunteer within children's ministry to be fulfilled by their service and grow personally in their faith." - *Jenita Rhodes*

"After a week of total craziness at work, spending an hour of fun spiritual growth time with these kids is a breath of fresh air. And even the few hours of prep time are personally rewarding - it's nice to have a chance to think about some of the foundations of our faith in a simple, understandable, back to basics format, and then come up with creative and fun ways of sharing that." - *Carla Donelson*

"Teaching Sunday School is fun and easy and a very manageable commitment, and you're guaranteed hugs in the future from those children you're teaching today." - *Shari Larsen*

"I love being with the kids. They're just so fresh and excited to learn and it's very rewarding being a part of their childhood experience teaching them a little bit about church and God." - *Jana Money*

"One thing I love about teaching these kids is their sense of wonder. It really makes me feel refreshed in the way I look at the world." - *Mike Dowell*

"There's something about construction paper, glue sticks, crayons and smiles from little faces that gets my week going in the right direction." - *Sharon Oliver*

**Consider Teaching Sunday School -  
it could be one of the most rewarding things you ever do.**

"For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." - *Jesus, Luke 13:15*



## Prayer Chain

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

- John Platt, Lorna Knudsen's friend;*
- Greg Duncan;*
- Crystal Arndt's parents, Lois and Wally Clary;*
- Kathleen Vervalin's father, Bob Ferriter;*
- Stewart Brown;*
- Renie Sanek's sister, Ruth McWilliams;*
- Margaret Payne;*
- Mike Stephen's dad, Ralph Stephens;*
- Tammy Bell's friend, Clay Pablau;*
- Don Bowen;*
- St. Luke's Youth Mission Team to Mexico;*
- Kyle Exline Boose;*
- Kerry Timm;*
- Yvonne Malabed, (Mary Anne Eagelston's mother);*
- and*
- Neil Thompson.*

We continue to pray for:

- Norma Harris;*
- Sharon Scholle's cousin, Bill Proctor;*
- Sandy Murray;*
- Jan Standly, Joy Damsgard's sister-in-law;*
- Staff/Parish Relations Committee; and*
- Meri Bennett's brother-in-law, Bill Jordan.*

We extend our prayers and sympathy to:

- Kathy Gross and family on the death of her grandmother, Anna Gereben.*

## Births

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

- a daughter, Julia Lynn,*
- to Jim and Christine Archer on 6-17-01.*

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

## New Members



*Welcome!*

### June/July 2001

Kim and Chris LaMee  
6873 Big Horn Trail  
Littleton, CO 80125  
Madeline and Olivia

Jennifer and Gregg White  
7302 South Moore Court  
Littleton, CO 80127  
Mia and Evan

Rhandi and Eric Gallegos  
1025 East Cobblestone Dr.  
Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

Kim Rosenhrantz and Kory Nelson  
540 South Forest Street #4-202  
Denver, CO 80246

Samantha and Mark Richardson  
10025 South Blackbird Pl.  
Highlands Ranch, CO 80130  
Sydney and Dane

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we've already raised more than \$25,000 (of the \$65,000 needed) towards the cost of the elevator," says Mann.

The "Not Under Construction Zone" near the church office is the work of an anonymous elevator fairy. Elevator signs throughout the church are helping to raise awareness about the accessibility issue.

St. Luke's Youth (SLY) made a video from the perspective of someone in a wheelchair getting from the sanctuary to Sunday school. The video will be shown during August services to help raise awareness about the elevator campaign.

"If people understand about the need for an elevator and pray about it, the right things are going to happen," says Mann, who hopes that the congregation will be able to celebrate having enough money for our elevator at the Fall kickoff on September 9.

Donations payable to St. Luke's, marked "Elevator Fund" in the memo section, may be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office. If you have any questions, call John Mann at (303)932-2712.



## The Conveners

What are Conveners, and why would you want to meet them? St. Luke's ministry structure is designed to support and facilitate all our small groups to work toward their goals and to be Invitational, Relational, and Missional. All small groups (e.g., a fellowship group, adult Christian education class, a working team) will be supported by one of six Ministry Support Teams. These Teams are contacts and supporters for all the ministries in their area; the Conveners head the Ministry Support Teams. Conveners bring together representatives from all small groups in their domain to decide how the needs of each small group can be met, and how the groups can best work together to further the ministries and missions of St. Luke's. On page 5 in *The Chronicle*, the six Ministry Support Teams and their areas of concentration are described. The Conveners will play important roles in helping all the member-ministers of St. Luke's focus on whatever St. Luke's ministry they are passionate about. Each brings experiences and passion for St. Luke's to their position. They also are a few examples of the many volunteers who are the ministers of our church. Below, the Conveners are listed by Support Team, with what they told *The Chronicle* they were passionate about.



#### Education: Dave Money

*Passion:* Dave is an attorney but is working on being licensed to serve as a local pastor. He especially enjoys preaching when Dick Evans is away. You might remember his appearance in costume last year as Rev. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism.

#### Fellowship: Heather Harding

*Passion:* "Helping people discover their faith."

#### Ministry Development: Martha Boon

*Passion:* "I am passionate about people. People being connected in some way with our St. Luke's community. By being connected we develop deeper relationships with each other and God. I love being involved, working with others and exploring the potential of our church!"

#### Missions: Laurie Gilbert

*Passion:* "I've always been interested in mission work. I can't think of a better way to share my God, my faith and my love for all of God's people. I've always liked the 'hands on' experience missions offers. Also, meeting people one on one enhances the sharing life experience for me. I've noticed through out the past years, that if I just push out of my comfort zone even a little, enough to put God's love into action, he always takes care of the details."

#### Operations: Dave Rhodes

*Passion:* "I feel a lot of ownership towards St. Luke's. It's our responsibility as a congregation to take care of our church."

#### Worship: Kay Coryell

*Passion:* "I am passionate about letting the children of St. Luke's know they are an important part of our congregation, and by their participation in the many activities provided them such as music/theatre ministry, missions or even being a greeter or acolyte, they will learn and grow in Christ."

#### Ministry Council: Monty Hoffman

*(Helps coordination and mutual support of cross-area programs and ministries)*

*Passion:* "I want people to know that's God's grace is abundant, and that God wants to be a part of their lives, and it will make their lives fuller."

#### Executive Board: Dave Laurvick

*(Provides church-wide policy and administrative functions)*

*Passion:* "The church family and their sense of mission."

# The "Lay"test News: St. Luke's: A Growing Place, A Place to Grow

*A Message from our Lay Leaders - By Monty Hoffman*

St. Luke's is a fast growing church and much of our effort and money over the last ten years have gone to building the infrastructure and space that this required. Since the new sanctuary has been finished, the leadership of the church has tried to shift the focus to another type of growth, your growth in your relationship with God. Over the last year, St. Luke's members have been working on a new vision and a new structure of ministry to implement it. The primary goal of being invitational, relational, and missional is not just to connect you with St. Luke's, but to help you connect with God.

Look around you as you walk into St. Luke's on a Sunday morning and you will see the challenge that is faced in accomplishing this. You will see people who have been members for over fifteen years and people who are there for the first time. There are people there that are life long Methodists, people who come from other religious traditions, and people who have never had a church home before. Our diversity creates a very dynamic church but it makes planning a program very difficult.

How are we trying to deal with this problem? By pushing the control and decision-making on what program we will have down as far as we can, to each individual member. We are trying to create a system that evolves program out of the passion, desires, commitment, and needs of every one of you. We are trusting in you and in God to create a program at St. Luke's that keeps us connected with each other and keeps each of us connected to God.

How can you become involved in this? If you are a long time member, you should keep asking what do I need and what do I need to do? In her book, *The Battle for God*, Karen Armstrong makes the point that how we are religious and spiritual and what we need from a church and from God changes as the world changes around us. A recent Newsweek article stated that we process more information in a week than our grandparents did in their lifetimes. Our world is changing very quickly. If you feel like it is just not the same church it was when you joined, you are right. I would also suggest that you are not the same person that you were when you joined. Your needs and what you do to stay connected have also changed. The leadership at St. Luke's is trying to give you the power to create the solutions to your needs and to give you the opportunity to do what you need to stay connected to St. Luke's and to God. You need to make a commitment to continually look for your place at St. Luke's; no matter how often that place changes.

If you are new to St. Luke's or new to the church experience, I urge you to find another hour a week for church. Use that hour to look around at St. Luke's to find out what your passion is and what you feel God is calling you to do. You may find your call singing in the choir, attending an adult education class, playing softball, serving people at DenUM or at Safe at St. Paul's, or changing a light bulb in the sanctuary. Church is about a lot of different things for different people and at different times in our lives. When you find your call, make every effort to become involved in or create a program that connects you to St. Luke's and to God.

Whether you have been here 15 years or 15 minutes, we want you to help us create a program that serves the needs of St. Luke's and the world around us. We want you to help us create a program that keeps everyone of us connected to each other and to God. We want you to help us create a program that will allow you to grow in your relationship with God.



## Corner

Wondering how to start getting involved with folks at St. Luke's? Your trusty Trustees have a plan to get you started. Its time to plan the **fall clean-up**. Now this is WAY different than the spring clean-up, so please mark your calendars now for **September 22**. This time we're working to get the information out earlier, 'cause you see at the spring clean-up, while we had some fantastic volunteers, we just didn't have enough to get through our list.

This time we're asking you to pull together in your small groups. Initiate a challenge. You know, the tintinnabulators vs. the chancel choir, men's group vs. women's, Sr. High youth vs. Jr. High, you get the idea. We're organizing things to be done so a group of people can tackle them as a team. Thanks to all who regularly volunteer. And the rest of you... come on down! Sign up in the office.

## Little School Planning for a GREAT New Seventh Year!

Little School will kick off their seventh year (can you believe it?) with two open houses (we're just getting too big - a blessing however). Please follow the schedule listed below and watch your mail for details:

- Aug. 29 - PDO: Mon/Wed 6:00-6:45pm
- Aug. 29 - Mon/Wed/Fri AM 6:00-6:45pm
- Aug. 29 - Mon/Wed/Fri PM 6:45-7:00pm
- Aug. 29 - Mon/Wed 6:00-6:45pm
- Aug. 30 - PDO: Tues/Thu/Fri 6:00-6:45pm
- Aug. 30 - Tues/Thurs 6:00-6:45pm
- Aug. 30 - Friday Bunch 6:45-7:00pm

We are very excited to welcome new teachers to Little School Staff. Ms. Laurie, PDO staff; Ms. Pam and Ms. Marla, 4 year old teachers; and Ms. Susan (a current teacher) will add two more days teaching 3's, Ms. Susan, Ms. Carolyn, Ms. Vicky (a returning favorite teacher) and Ms. Georgie (yes! she's back) will all be helping as assistants. We are very thankful to have such a wonderful staff for next year. If anyone is still

interested in being part of Little School, please call.



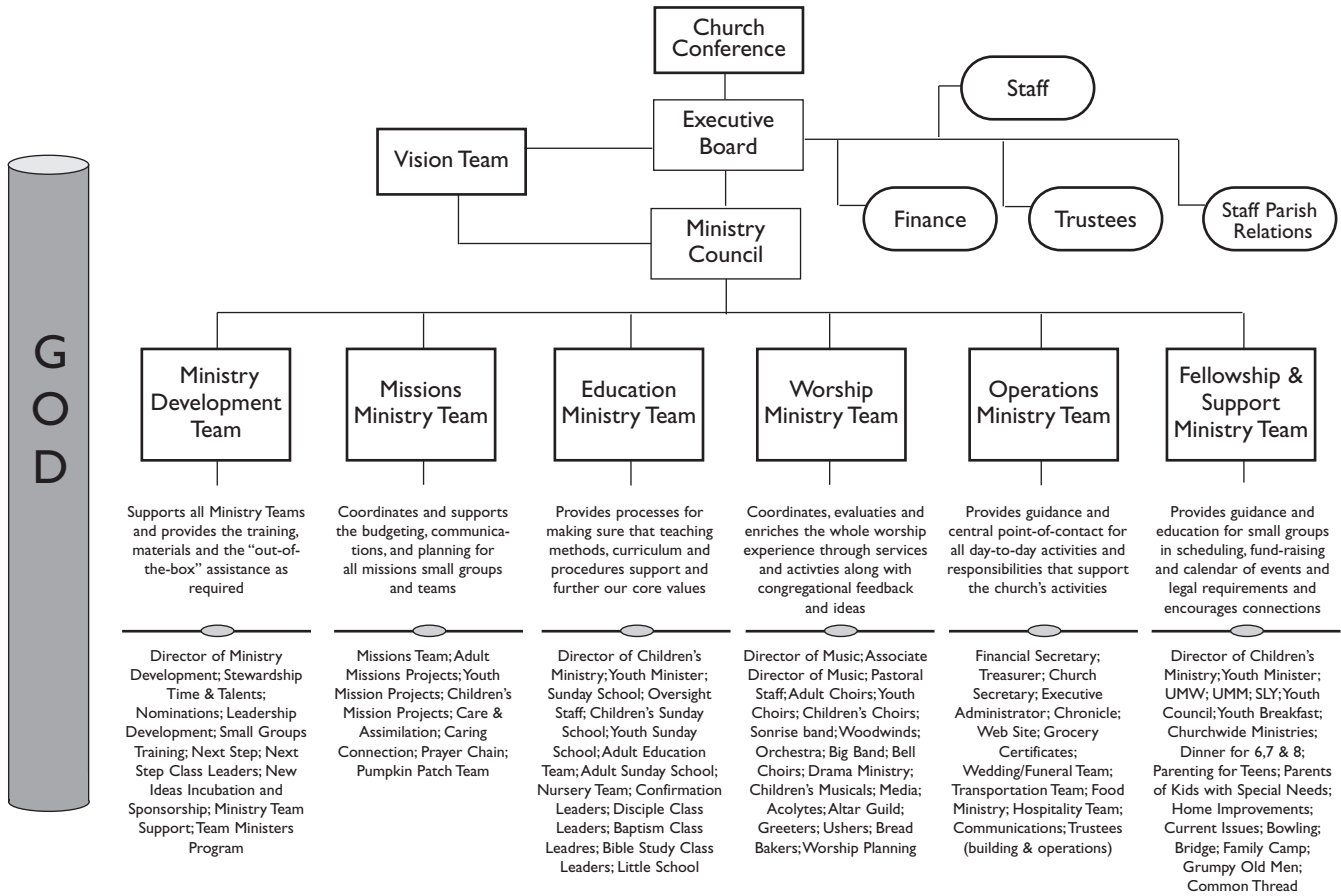
We are also very pleased to have a new play area for fall. Because we will have 277 students next year, we were desperately needing more playspace. Steven O'Neal, is helping to complete the playground as his Eagle Scout project. The area will be finished and ready for our use starting in September. We thank Steven and his parents for all of their support to our little ones and thanks to Ken Fong and the Trustees for their continued support and work with Little School.

We are looking forward to another successful year. We welcome visitors, volunteers, and anyone who would like to read to our students, share a hobby or teach something new and unique! God's blessing to you and we hope that you have had a terrific family summer!

Lovingly,  
Ms. Kay ☺

**St. Luke's is designed to empower small groups to meet the needs of our church and communities. This structure will enable many of us to fulfill our core values of being Invitational, Relational and Missional.**

Please contact Tammy Bell if you'd like to explore opportunities for you to be empowered to serve through St. Luke's.



*St. Luke's Congregation and Community*

(These lists are a sample of the small groups, and are not intended to be complete.)



**United Methodist Women:** Find your niche and some fun with UMW's Circles! Study, fellowship and new friends await you.

Check out the current circles:

**Women's Book Club:** Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 11 or 11:30 am. Members meet in homes and read books on a wide variety of subjects. Contact Pat Reinhardt at (303) 799-4433.

**Working Women's Circle:** Meets the 1st Monday of every month at a local restaurant at 6:30pm. The circle reviews current books, careers and fellowship. Circle is now 10-12 members. Contact Julie Love-Ott at (303) 683-1454.

**Women's Breakfast Club:** Meets two Fridays of each month at member's homes from 9:00-11:30am. Great for book reviews, hobbies and fellowship. Contact Julie Ramsett at (303) 904-4709.

**Playgroups:** Children's playgroups of all ages meet to offer new Moms support and fellowship, while children play and make new friends. Contact Amy Slade at (303) 471-5393 to join a current group, or for new Moms, to begin a new playgroup for infants. If you're currently in a UMW playgroup, please contact Amy and give her an update on your group's members.

UMW is ready to help facilitate the development of new groups as well. If you have an idea and would like to start a new fellowship circle, please contact Amy Slade at (303) 471-5393.



**Elevator Fundraiser**

Psst! Are you buying flower bulbs to plant in the fall? Buy 'em through us, and help make \$\$ for our elevator fund! They're cheap (\$5), they're pretty, and they're guaranteed to bloom! Look for the bulb table in the Fellowship Hall after any of our August services.

Thanks for your support!

- St. Luke's Youth (SLY)

## DenUM is Looking for a Few Good Volunteers!

Denver Urban Ministries is looking for people to help them with their mission to serve people who are poor. Some of their needs include: Afternoon Phone Receptionist, Resource Assistant, Web site development and data entry for a new Urban Strategy Project, Legal Services Attorneys and Legal Services Paralegals, Spanish Translation for flyers and signs and Job Center Receptionist. DenUM's Volunteer Coordinator is Paris Dunning, 303-355-4896, X207.

Katy Mitchell at DenUM is looking for young professionals (approximately 22-35 years old) who can give a total of about 15 hours over 2 months' time with the Next Step Program. This program is focused on teaching students the importance of volunteerism and encouraging them to become active leaders in their communities. Next Step volunteers would work directly with Junior and Senior High students in their schools and in community service projects. Katy can be reached at 303-355-4896, X308.

### Christmas in August?

Are we nuts? Not exactly. What we are is hopeful that you'll chill out and send in Christmas memories, poems, favorite family customs, and prayers for our 2001 Advent Booklet. Not a writer? Not to worry, Bunky. We'll write it for you with your ideas. Since Advent begins this year after Thanksgiving, we aren't starting as early as it seems. We have an Advent folder in the metal file cabinet outside the main church office. Can we talk? Call (303) 790-9498 or (303) 791-3479, Vickie and Cathy respectively, and we'll put a light on for you. THANKS!!!

**United Methodist Foundation seeking part-time (25-30 hours per week) bookkeeper/secretary. Contact Managing Director at 303/778-6370 or email [umfinc@qwest.net](mailto:umfinc@qwest.net) for more information.**

## Get a Kick out of St. Luke's at the Fall Celebration 2001

*The fall season at St. Luke's starts with a band and a pig as we begin Celebrating St. Luke's, Sunday, September 9th.*

First, join your St. Luke's community for worship (8am, 9:30am & 11am) when we honor the multitude of people who are serving in St. Luke's many church and community ministries.

Second, this is a day of beginnings. Children will move to their new grades in Sunday school. The new Ministry Support Teams will begin working to enhance every small group experience (see "Meet the Conveners" on page 3).

In addition, we're celebrating God's work through St. Luke's: small groups, teams, activities, personal relationships, personal and spiritual growth, and missions. Now that's something to celebrate! A ministry fair will be part of the celebration providing opportunities to learn how to join the fun and fulfillment of St. Luke's small groups.

**The party starts at Noon, Sunday, September 9th** with lunch (roast pig and other items) and music by the KOOL-105 band! Finally the fun continues as Wednesday Nite Live kicks off on Wednesday, September 12th (see WNL on page 1). WNL will provide Christian music programs for children, and adult small groups, discussions and educational programs.

So join in on the excitement - catch Celebrating St. Luke's and prepare to pig out, dance (or not), and celebrate all we have done, and all we will do together. It all kicks off September 9th!

### THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON RECEIVING

## Sharing and Learning at DenUM *By Dennis Becker*

At St. Luke's "Invitational, Relational, Missional" are not only core values on paper. People actually believe and live by these core values. St. Luke's provides invitational, relational, and missional opportunities for its members and constituents.

Anne Necker volunteers with Denver Urban Ministries, or as it is more commonly known, DenUM, one of the missional opportunities at St. Luke's. DenUM is supported primarily by area United Methodist Churches. DenUM's Outreach Service Center at 1717 E. Colfax provides emergency services such as staple, non-perishable food; clothing for men, women and children; funds for utilities and rent and infant supplies of formula, food, diapers and clothing. Furniture is also available. DenUM provides all of these items free or at a very small cost. Other services include job listings and training clients in job application and interviewing skills. Computer training and tutoring clients working on their GED is also available.

Anne has been volunteering at DenUM for over eight years. She currently volunteers two mornings a week. She has worked in job readiness and counseling. Currently she works in Outreach Services doing data entry on the services people receive and greeting people as they come in and help determine what they need.

Certainly the service that DenUM provides to those in need is very important and a way that people can walk in the path of Jesus. But what's in it for Anne? She says the volunteering at DenUM "Grounds me and roots me in reality. We deal with life at its most basic level—food, clothing, shelter—the absolute necessities." A self-confessed "dumpster diver", Anne scrounges in trash cans on her daily walks. She is appalled at what people throw away. "We who have so much are so careless." Anne tells a story of rescuing a small panda bear holding a beach ball from a trash can. Before she could even get it on the shelf at the Outreach Services Center, a client spotted it as a birthday gift for her daughter and was grateful to have this discarded toy to give away.

Anne also sees the joy of generous sharing. Clothing is available at DenUM for 25 cents per item. When one client had only 50 cents to pay for three items of clothing, another client gave him the last 25 cents to make the purchase. One person with very little gladly shared with another.

What can you share at DenUM? At the very least, remember to bring your donations each month and place them in the DenUM bins at the back of the fellowship hall. Or if you'd like to become more missional, call Paris Dunning, Volunteer Coordinator at (303) 355-4896. Paris will match your interests and skills with DenUM's needs and plan a schedule that works for you. You too can learn while you serve.



## Children's Ministries Team Update

Vacation Bible School a huge success! We had 128 children participate and the feedback so far is very positive. Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers. The donation of your time, talent (and in some cases food) made VBS a wonderful experience for all involved! We look forward to next year's program with great enthusiasm.

**Friday FRIENDS** (Fellowship, Relations, Interacting, Embracing, Nurturing, Disciples, Sharing) Program for 1st through 5th graders will be starting up again on the first and third Fridays of August. For more information please contact Sandi Thompson at (303) 791-3407. Kids are welcome to bring a friend to join them in this evening of fun and fellowship.

Planning for **Sunday School 2001-2002** is underway. Please consider being a part of St. Luke's Children's Ministries – **TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** There are opportunities to serve available in the nursery, preschool, elementary, junior high and high school to share the teaching responsibilities or just help out. We are also looking for individuals to be part of a team of Sunday School superintendents that help each Sunday by directing visitors to their child's classroom, answering general questions, and collecting attendance and offering from the classrooms. Substitutes are also needed to help fill in for illnesses and vacations on an occasional basis.

Curriculum and supplies are provided. Each classroom has a **TEAM** of 4 to 12 individuals that share on a rotating basis the planning, teaching and assisting duties each Sunday. We recruit our teams for a full calendar year, August to August, but because of the size of our teams and the rotating schedule you are only in the classroom 2 or 3 times each month.

We have a great group of teachers and volunteers returning, but we are always looking for good people who want to grow and learn as they help nurture our children in God's word. Having children in Sunday School is not a requirement.

Sound exciting? It is! Contact Pat Dunnigan or Jenita Rhodes at (303) 791-0659 if you are interested in teaching or volunteering for Sunday School or stop by the Children's Ministry table in the narthex.

Sunday School Teacher's Orientation for returning and new teachers will be Saturday, August 18 from 9:00 to 11:30 am. All teachers will receive an invite and agenda in the mail. If you don't receive an invitation or if you are interested, please contact Pat Dunnigan or Jenita Rhodes at (303) 791-0659.

**SUNSCREEN REMINDER:** At times the children in Sunday School may be let outside to play for a short period so it would be a good idea to have sunscreen applied prior to coming to Sunday School.

**REMEMBER** to watch for your **FAMILY NUMBER** if your child is in Nursery or Sunday School. The number box is to the right of the altar (above the choir seats.)

Would you like to receive e-mails regarding Children's Ministries information? Go to St. Luke's website, [www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com), click "Join an E-mail List" and sign up.



For the challenge of an exciting evening of bridge, come join the St. Luke's Bridge Group. We aren't avid blood-thirsty players who know every card in everyone's hand by the third trick. We are your run of the mill social players who sometimes aren't even sure what our own cards are. In fact, we welcome beginning players. If you are just learning to play, don't hesitate to call one of our 'experts' (defined as someone who knows just a little bit more than you do) if you have a question.

The St. Luke's Bridge Group is a social gathering for those of us who enjoy playing bridge. The group is open to anyone who wants to play regardless of skill level, and because of the way we switch partners, a beginning player can do quite well. Single players can easily be accommodated; I have been doing it for years.

We meet every first Saturday of the month at the church except on holiday weekends. Our next meetings are on September 8th and October 6th, Saturdays at 7:00 pm at St. Luke's. If you have any questions or would like to join us for a stimulating evening with the Bridge Group, please call John and Andrea Mezger at (303) 791-7350 or Harvey Eastman at (303) 791-1519. Be sure to bring a dish of your favorite snack or dessert, as our bridge games can bring out an appetite.

## Vacation Bible School 2001





## Ask about Musical Opportunities Coming this Fall!

Check out the latest music news in the next issue of *The Chronicle*. There are lots of exciting opportunities for fall, see Carrie Mallery or Jim Ramsey if you'd like more details right away. Don't forget to sign your children up for the "Wednesday Night Live" Cherubs Choir and Kidz Prayz programs. *Sign up form on Page 9.*



## Come Bowl with the St. Luke's Strikers

The St. Luke's Strikers is a mixed bowling league which meets on Monday evenings at 6:15 pm. We are a fun league which emphasizes friendship rather than competition. We

meet at the AMF Bowling Alley on Broadway between Littleton Blvd. and Belleview, across from Wendy's, a mere 10 minute drive from the St. Luke's church. Though some members of the league can bowl fairly well, many of us have commonly made our acquaintance with the gutter. All players will be given a handicap based on their average score, a procedure which puts beginners on a nearly even par with experienced bowlers.

Skill is NOT a requirement; all that is required is that you have FUN. Beginning bowlers actually help their team as they inevitably improve their score over the year. Meanwhile, we try to organize teams to have both experienced and beginning bowlers. At the end of the year, we have a banquet with fun and prizes, many of which even a beginner has a chance at winning.

I encourage you to join our league. It is great exercise, lots of fun, and terrific company on a Monday night. Hammering the pins is a fantastic way to work off any stress from a day of work, a Monday at that, and for only about \$10 per week, about the cost of a movie. If you have any questions or would like to join please call Harvey Eastman at (303) 791-1519 or Peter Thompson at (303) 791-3407, and come to join us on August 27th at the AMF Bowling alley at 6:15 pm. If you decide you can't make the commitment, you can sign up as a substitute bowler; and if for any reason you have to quit, there is no commitment to continue.

## DenUM's Wish List

Men's Clothing:

Pants, shorts, shoes, shirts

Larger sizes for men and women

Clothing for interview and/or office jobs

Steel toed and/or heavy work boots

Underwear:

men's and women's, must be new

Non-perishable food, especially canned meat and canned fruit.

Also need canned veggies, soup, juice; pasta, rice boxes, mac and cheese, peanut butter

Baby formula, baby food, diapers

Beds, dressers, kitchen tables and chairs  
35mm Camera and Digital Camera

Computers:

486's with 32 megabytes of RAM or 400 megabytes of hard drive memory;

Pentium computers of any size;

please call about computer accessories.

For larger items, please call ahead to DenUM to make sure they have room that day for the items – (303) 355-4896.

Thanks for your support!

## DenUM "DOVE Days" Are Rewarding *By Betsy Keyack*

During May and June, several people from St. Luke's had some rewarding adventures through DenUM's Outreach Volunteer Experience (DOVE) Program. In May, my husband (Ken Fong) and I, along with our daughters, age 7 and 12, spent a day at the Delaney Farm of Denver Urban Gardens. This farm provides space for many families to grow organic produce but it also aids in feeding those in need in Denver. We worked at the farm on behalf of Project Angel Heart, which provides meals to people with HIV/AIDS and terminal illnesses. Delaney Farm is located in the Aurora countryside. On this mild, sunny day, we were responsible for weeding the sugar snap peas garden. It was overrun with weeds, so we really got a sense of accomplishment from our work. The girls also enjoyed finding numerous ladybugs and other insects, as well as, of course, playing in the dirt!

In June, Ken and I, along with Christy Hudson from DenUM, delivered meals for Project Angel Heart. In 2001, this agency will deliver the equivalent of 184,000 meals to an estimated 500 clients. Project Angel Heart depends on more than 225 volunteers per week to serve their clients, and they welcome additional help. On our DOVE Day, Ken, Christy and I delivered about 20 nutritious lunches to people in the Capital Hill area, greatly helping the recipients. I also spent a day with two energetic members of our youth group, Cassie Johnson and Emmy Bauer, at the Food Assistance Program in Denver. At "lightning speed" we packed over 230 food assistance boxes with juice, canned meat, cereal, fruit, vegetables, pasta and peanut butter. We all thought it was fun and it was satisfying to know that we helped feed that many families!

On the same day we were at the Food Assistance Program, Lisa Heaton and Sharon Zavacki, along with their children, went to a holistic elder care center in Denver. The center is a pleasant-looking house in a nice neighborhood near City Park. The DOVE participants had a great experience. Lisa's kids asked "When are we going back?" and they plan to do so. While at the elder care center they did things such as working outside in the garden, folding laundry and carrying groceries into the house.

I highly recommend DenUM's DOVE Program. It is very satisfying to go out and help people. DenUM is aware of the needs of the local community. Through DOVE, one can have a fun and rewarding outreach experience that could be for 1 day or 1 week, with your interests in mind. DenUM can be reached at (303) 355-4896. Ann Necker (303) 721-9512 is St. Luke's contact with DenUM.



## August SLY Activities

### Sunday, August 5

1:00-9:00 p.m. UMYF Day at Water World. Meet at St. Luke's at 1:00, return by 9:00

### Tuesday, August 7

9:30-10:30 a.m. Breakfast Club  
Adult Leader – Dave Guevara  
6:30-9:00 p.m. Volleyball – Hope UMC  
Last Volleyball for the Summer!

### Saturday, August 11

Special Olympics – Check SLY Line for details.

### Sunday, August 12

9:30 & 11:00 Youth Sunday School  
5:00-6:00 Youth Choir  
6:00-6:30 Youth Supper  
6:30-8:00 Meet the God Squad –  
Your chance to ask a panel of religious leaders from different faith traditions what they believe.

☀ SLY – a place to grow, love, pray and laugh ☀

**Youth Leadership Team** Youth Council has changed both its name and its structure. We are now the Youth Leadership Team and as for the structure, well it's both smaller and larger. For more information and applications, see Jim Ramsey.

**New Sixth Grade Youth** Now is the time you have been waiting for, time for SLY. There is a special program just for you! We normally meet at the same time as Middle School and Senior High SLY, we just do our own thing. Led by Hal Timm and Joyce Carnes, Sixth Grade SLY gathers for fun and fellowship. Our kickoff is planned for mid- to late August, so watch details in the bulletin.

SLY-Line: 303-654-7315  
Youth@stlukeshr.com

Deb Juarez: 303-932-0536  
Deb@stlukeshr.com

### Tuesday, August 14

6:15-7:00 Breakfast Club – Note  
Change in Time!!!

### Sunday, August 19

9:30 & 11:00 Youth Choir Sings  
6:00-6:30 Youth Supper  
6:30-8:00 God Squad Revisited

### Tuesday, August 21

6:15-7:00 Breakfast Club – Note  
Change in Time!!!

### Friday, August 24-Saturday, Aug. 25

Youth Leadership Team Planning Retreat

### Sunday, August 26

9:30 & 11:00 Youth Sunday School  
6:00-6:30 Youth Supper  
6:30-8:00 Fears & Relationships –  
led by Dave & Chris

### Tuesday, August 28

6:15-7:00 Breakfast Club – Note  
Change in Time!!!

## Wednesday Nite Live “WNL” Registration Form

### **Cherubs Choir:** 6:15-7:00 pm

Janet Harm, Stacey Baird, Sharon & Bob Oliver  
Musical and movement experience for 3 yrs to Kindergarten.

Yes # of children \_\_\_\_\_

### **Kidz Prayz I and II:** 6:15-7:00 pm

James Ramsey, Carrie Mallery, Heather Harding & Kay Coryell  
The Kidz Prayz program is a place where kids can sing a variety of Christian songs and play several different kinds of instruments while praising God. All children in Kidz Prayz will participate in the Christmas and Spring musicals. This brand new program will enhance your child's musical learning while opening new opportunities of learning for others. All children are encouraged to join and participate.

Yes Kidz Prayz I (children 1st-3rd grades) # of children \_\_\_\_\_

Yes Kidz Prayz II (children 4th-6th grades) # of children \_\_\_\_\_

### **WNL for Kids:** 6:15-7:00 pm

Jenita Rhodes  
A time for fellowship & fun where children are embraced and guided as they journey together.

Yes # of children \_\_\_\_\_

### **WNL for Adults:** 6:20-7:00 pm

Cindy Raap & Michelle Barr  
Various opportunities for adult fellowship and support to rejuvenate your spirit.

Yes # of participants \_\_\_\_\_

### **Disciple IV:** 6:30-8:30 pm

Carl Cleveland & Dennis Becker  
This 32-week Bible study will discuss Old Testament Writings and the Gospel of John; 1,2,3 John; James; Jude and Revelation in the New Testament. This Disciple experience is open to anyone who has completed one or more of the other Disciple studies.

Yes # of participants \_\_\_\_\_

### **Community Dinner:** 5:30-6:30 pm

Would you support Community Dinner for \$4/person; \$2/child under 12?

Yes

Registrations for Kidz Prayz are due by September 12th

Please return this registration form to the church office or place in the WNL box in the Narthex or mail to:  
St. Luke's WNL, 8817 South Broadway, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

Please contact Tammy Bell to share your comments, ideas or if you'd like to serve on any WNL programs.  
Email: Tammy@StLukesHR.com Phone: 303-791-0659

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**Sunday Worship Services**

8:00 a.m.    9:30 a.m.    11:00 a.m.

**Sunday School Classes**

9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Adult, Youth & Children's Classes  
Nursery available for all services.

**Ministers**

All people of St. Luke's.

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Dr. Richard Evans.....	Senior Pastor
Bonnie Funk.....	Church Secretary
Jim Ramsey.....	Director of Music Ministry
Carrie Mallery.....	Associate Director of Music
Deb Juarez.....	Director of Youth Ministry - Jr. High
Pat Dunnigan.....	Co-Director of Children's Ministry
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