

Guided by the spirit of God, St. Luke's is an inclusive community of faith, seeking to meet people where they are, growing together toward full humanity, through living the teachings of Christ: Love, Acceptance, Justice and Hope

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.

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The Chronicle

A NEWS & INFORMATION EXCHANGE FORUM

DECEMBER 2001/JANUARY 2002



'Tis the Season to Experience "The Birth of Hope"
Carols and Cookies! St. Luke's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was a chance for us to enjoy time together to reflect on the beginning of the Advent season and prepare for the Birth of Hope.

RECEIVE THE BIRTH OF HOPE:

Come celebrate
Christmas Eve with us!
St. Luke's will offer three
different kinds of services:

A worship experience especially for
children at 3:00 p.m.

Carols, Scriptures and a message
from Dr. Dick Evans
at 5:00, 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.

And from 11:00 p.m. to midnight,
you can stop by any time, take
Communion, then stay as long
as you like for music and
meditation by candlelight.

Church Conference: Time for the Future

You are invited to participate in
the annual "town meeting" of the
St. Luke's community on

Sunday, January 6th at 7pm.

We will hear about the best of 2001
from different groups in our church,
and will hear plans for 2002 and
beyond. Our church budget is
presented and voted on, and there
will be formal and informal
discussion of St. Luke's plans. This is
a chance to see the big picture of
our St. Luke's community, and to
participate in discussions and
decisions about our future. So, bring
a dessert, join the celebration, and
help your investment in St. Luke's
pay dividends. Call Tammy Bell in
the office 303-791-0659 x20
if you want more information.

Missions Team Invites You to Join Us!

Do you have a passion for getting out in
the local or worldwide community to
help others? If so, you may enjoy being
on the Missions Team! We are looking
for additional members who can con-
tribute in several possible ways. We need
more liaisons to our local community
agencies – to make St. Luke's visible to
them, bring back their needs to the con-
gregation, set up hands-on outreach
opportunities and deliver donations. Also
needed are liaisons between the Missions
Team and some of the many small
groups at St. Luke's, so that these groups
can get help setting up outreach projects.

Another important aspect of our work
in which new team members could
help is Missions-related education.
We would also be thankful for
volunteers to coordinate some of our
proposed family-oriented Mission
experiences. In addition, we welcome
ideas and people for new Missions/
Outreach projects! The next Missions
Team meeting will be on January 3,
2002 from 7-8 p.m. at the church.
Please feel free to come and check us out
– or call Betsy Keyack 303-346-7057
or Andrea Mezger 303-791-7350 for
more info.

Bonfils Blood Bank Holiday Challenge

Our local Bonfils Blood Bank is sponsoring a Holiday Challenge from December 15
through January 13. Local churches will be competing for the most donations of
blood during this period. Monetary prizes will be awarded as follows: First place
\$250; second place \$150; third place \$100.

The Bonfils Blood Bank is located in the shopping area on the northwest corner of
Highlands Ranch Parkway and Broadway (where Kinko's is). You can stop by or
make an appointment by calling 303-363-2300.

Come to Bonfils to donate blood and tell them you're from St. Luke's! You will not
only be helping to save someone's life, but also supporting St. Luke's in the Holiday
Challenge. If we win a prize, the money will be donated to the United Methodist
Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

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The Chronicle

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastors notes

Who are we as a church? Well, we have many people, and many answers. On the first year anniversary of their joining St. Luke's, we ask people to give us some feedback about their church experience and expectations. Recently on the back of one of those sheets, was this reflection.

On my first visit to St. Luke's, I came because my son and daughter-in-law were seeking a new church home, and I wanted to worship, as a family, with them. Since my own personal growth and spiritual journey had been "stuck" for some time, I really didn't care where I attended church. I was just planning to be a Sunday worshipper anyway! What a surprise it was to me to read in the bulletin that "St. Luke's is an inclusive community of faith, seeking to meet people where they are..." Daring to believe that I could come with all my doubts and fears, I felt an acceptance and hope long forgotten. At the end of the service when we sang, "What does the Lord require of you-to seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God," an excitement stirred within me that THESE were realistic behavioral goals I could joyfully work toward!

This past year since joining I have felt that I am being called back into a more meaningful life and into service again. Being a part of {various ministries through the church} is a beginning for me, and I plan to continue to seek more new ways of living out St. Luke's goals of being Invitational, Relational and Missional.

Thank you St. Luke's for all you've been for me and are yet to be!

We won't be all things to all people, but let's keep striving to be Invitational, Relational and Missional, and to "grow toward full humanity, as we see it in Jesus Christ."



Drek Judy David

In this season of sharing, we rejoice in the gift of the Christ, the gift of one another, the gift of community, the blessing of hope, and the hope of peace...

...for you and the whole Family of God.



Prayer Chain

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

Julie Beekhuizen;
Jenny Lee;
Olivia Murrow;
Ryan Swier;
Maria Foxes' father;
Judy Pruitt, Jean Ann Duncan's cousin;
Thornton Publishing Company;
Jan Rufein;
Carolyn Dean's nephew, Ryan Nelson;
Billie Marvel's mother, Frances King;
Robin King;
Fred Venable;
Terri Beecher's friend, Leslie Brangham;
Michelle Tinsman's mother, Pat;
Deb Juarez' brother, Chris Alphin;
The Beckie Family, friends of the Wangness Family;
Dick Evans;
Meri Bennett;
Bill Jordan;
Dave Cupp's dad, Jim Cupp;
Jimetta Pyles' mother, Lola Johnson;
and Cindy Hagan.

We continue to pray for:

Stewart Brown;
Jan Standly, Joy Damsgard's sister-in-law;
Kyle Exline Boose;
Sandy Murray;
Renie Sane's sister, Ruth McWilliams; and
Zach Cervi, friend of Dianne Johnson.
Dianne Johnson and family on the death of her uncle, Bud Bolan;

We extend our prayers and sympathy to:

Mary Godsey and family on the death of her aunt, Vida Light;
Julia Murrow and family on the deaths of her uncle and aunt, Carl and Daphne Broberg;
Robin Herbert and family on the death of her father;
Carolyn McIntosh and family on the death of her mother, Wanda Soren;
Connie Shoemaker and family on the death of her father, James N. Johnson;
Janet Fetbke and family on the death of her husband, Bill Fetbke;
Jenita Rhodes and family on the death of her brother-in-law, Jerry Pauley; and
Andy Hankins and family on the death of his father, Tom Hankins.



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

A daughter, Claire Virginia, to Christy and John Wohleber on 11-29-01.

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

Wednesday Night Live

Need a 'faith-fill' by Wednesday night?

St. Luke's is continuing the Wednesday Nite Live programs! WNL is designed to nourish our spirits as well as spark our sense of community. 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!

Every Wednesday evening St. Luke's will provide adults, youth and children opportunities for learning, faith building, renewing old friendships, and creating new relationships. "The World's Most Dangerous Bible Study" for youth, WNL Kidz Club, and Cherubs Choir and Kidz Prayz are proven to be very educational and enjoyable for 3 to 18. Home Improvements remains a favorite for adults. New Christian education programs are also stirring such as Remedial Christianity! Adults are encouraged to fill out the survey on the WNL registration form at right. We want to meet your needs and look forward to hearing what WNL small groups you would like to participate in!

Oh, don't forget, WNL offers you and your family a night out of your own kitchen too! Yes, we will continue to offer WNL Community Dinners starting Jan.9! Many of you (nearly 100 people every week) shared in this time of fun and fellowship during the last few months! Dinners are provided by members and constituents of St. Luke's. Sign up in the Narthex to participate!

WNL Winter/Spring programs begin Wednesday, January 9th. To ensure success and adequate preparation for the Wednesday evening programs, we ask that you register you, your family and friends on or before January 9th. (We need to know whether we'll have 5, 50 or 500 folks!)

Please consider joining us for WNL! 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 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.

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

"WNL" Registration Form

WNL Small Groups for Adults:

6:15-7:15pm

Michelle Barr

WNL for Adults wants you to have the opportunity to get a mid-week uplift or time just to spend with members of your church family. We want to know what small groups you would like to see being offered during WNL. So take this opportunity to tell us what it is that you need from your church. There are some interests that have already been expressed for WNL for Adults! Please use this survey to express your interest in either one of those groups or to share another idea of your own! As we gather interests and form new groups, you will be personally invited to participate. Thank you!

United Methodist Women's Bible Study Circle

Yes - # of Participants _____

I could help Lead _____

Active Parenting Study Group

Yes - # of Participants _____

I could help Lead _____

Other Needs?

Home Improvements: 6:15-7:15pm

Natalie & Dennis Rodriguez

The Home Improvements small group is open to all couples for fellowship and support. Discussions range from family, parenting, relationships to faith development issues. Social gatherings are created from time to time outside of the WNL program.

Yes - # of Participants _____

Community Dinner : 5:30-6:30pm

Join your church family for WNL Community Dinners. St. Luke's members provide good meals and service with a smile as people gather together for fellowship. Allow yourself a night out of your own kitchen and join your St. Luke's family for dinner every Wednesday. Menus will be provided in the Narthex and in the church office. Suggested donation for dinner: \$4/person; \$2/child under 12?

Yes, I/We will attend dinners on a regular basis.

Cherubs Choir : 6:15-7:00pm

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

Yes - # of children _____

Kidz Prayz I and II: 6:15-7:15pm

James Ramsey, Carrie Mallory & Kay Coryell

Last semester was a HUGE success for the Kidz Prayz programs. Kidz Prayz allows kids a chance to sing a variety of Christian songs and play several different kinds of instruments while praising God. This semester all children in Kidz Prayz will participate in the Spring musical. The program will enhance your child's musical learning while opening new opportunities of learning for others. All children are encouraged to join and participate. Please know, consistent attendance is key for the quality of Kidz Prayz programs.

Yes Kidz Prayz I (children 1st-3rd grades)

of children _____

Yes Kidz Prayz II (children 4th-6th grades)

of children _____

Kidz Club: 6:15-7:15pm

Kari Wangness & Jenita Rhodes

Kidz Club is a great opportunity for kids to discover what it is to be a Christian, grow in their faith and build deeper, closer relationships with each other, their mentor leaders and God. Kidz Club mentors and children alike enjoy lively discussion and at times games and crafts.

Yes - # of children _____

Ages of children: _____

WNL for Youth: 6:15-7:15pm

Aaron Shipman, Sharon Zavacki & Susan Hooke

"The World's Most Dangerous Bible Study" is still on! A blending of the secular and the sacred as Jr. and Sr. High explore the emotions of pop music and the personalities of the bible.

Yes - # of participants _____

Remedial Christianity: 6:15-7:30pm

Fred Venable

A major emphasis of the class will be to look at our understanding of our faith, see what we need to update, or upgrade, and then make positive changes. There is one person who should not enroll in this class: the person who is rock solid, who has all the answers, and who is not willing to explore, and think new thoughts. However, if you have questions, some doubts, and wish to venture on the something better, "come on down".

Yes - # of participants _____

Nursery is provided from 6:15-8:00pm.
Call Lynne Butler for more information or for reservations at 303-791-0659 ext.47.



Music Notes: Upcoming Events in 2002

February 16, Saturday "A Classical Evening at St. Luke's" 7:30p.m. A special concert showcasing many of the talented musicians of St. Luke's.

March 17, Sunday "St. Luke's Ensembles Benefit Concert" 3:00p.m. All of the ensembles of St. Luke's Music Program will join together to present their best music of the season.

April 13, Saturday "Ministers of Swing (Big Band) Dinner/Dance" 6:30p.m. Mark this on your calendars now. This event will sell-out fast.

May 4, Saturday "All-Church Variety Show" 7:00p.m. It's not too early to start planning your unique act for this fun all-ages show.



*To our St. Luke's
Friends & Family -*

*Warmest blessings
of peace and joy
for Christmas and
throughout the
New Year!*

*James & Leigh
Ramsey*



St. Luke's Music Ministry

*Please contact James Ramsey at the church
303-791-0659 ext. 23 with any questions.*

Alpha Ringers Handbell Choir

*Rehearsal time: Tuesday 6:00-7:00pm
Lisa Lewis*

Ministers of Swing (Big Band)

*Rehearsal time: Saturday 10:00-11:00am
James Ramsey*

Brass Ensemble

*Rehearsal time: Saturday 9:00-10:00am
Erik Wangness*

Chancel Choir

*Rehearsal time: Thursday 7:30-9:00pm
James Ramsey*

Children's Choir

*Rehearsal time: Sunday 8:45-9:25am
Kay Coryell*

Flute Ensemble

*Rehearsal time: Saturday 8:00-9:00am
Ruth Smith*

Youth Choir

*Rehearsal time: Sunday 5:00-6:00pm
James Ramsey*

Wednesday Night Live Music:

*Rehearsal time: Wednesday 6:15-7:00pm
Cherubs Choir: age 3-kindergarten*

Janet Harm

Kidz Prayz I: 1st-3rd grade

Carrie Mallery

Kidz Prayz II: 4th-6th grade

James Ramsey

Sonrise Band

*Rehearsal time: Monday 7:30-9:00pm
Jim McCurry*

Tintinnabulators Handbell Choir

*Rehearsal time: Tuesday 7:00-8:30pm
Lisa Lewis*

*Thank
you*

I have so many thoughts about our Chancel Choir. There is so much love and prayers for the members and I'm so glad to be a part of this worship. I thank each one for what they have done for me. Many blessings and prayers go for each one and may we all find peace in the days to come.

Love, Norma Harris



Rev. Dave Money

by Joyce Rovetta

"What," you might ask, "Does a quarter-time associate pastor do for St Luke's?"

"I assist Dick Evans in anything and everything he needs," Dave Money replies; listing pastoral visits, worship service and pastoral representative on committees as good starting points. "I want to be a generalist, helping with everything and learning everything. It doesn't take long to fill the allotted 10 hours of work a week," he adds.

But Dave Money has been active in the Methodist church for a long time as a layman and is delighted to accept this assignment for his first appointment as a licensed local pastor, which allows him to participate in all the sacraments at St Luke's. He plans to work on a Master of Divinity degree at Iliff sometime in the future.

"I was appointed to St Luke's by Bishop Warner Brown on September 9, 2001. What a momentous time to enter the ministry," he paused.

He and his wife Jana and two daughters, Andrea (12) and Erica (5), moved from Salt Lake City to Denver in 1998. His second day in Colorado at the Annual Conference in Ft Collins, he introduced himself to those at lunch and said he was looking for a church. Sitting next to him was Dick Evans who happily announced, "I have a church for you." The commute from Ken Caryl began.

Dave still practices law as a corporate attorney for the First Data Corp, the world's largest processors of credit and debit card transactions. He calls his transition from lawyer to preacher was more divine "nudging" than the cataclysmic experience of Paul on the road to Damascus. He just began doing more and more for the church.

As a layman in Utah, he began serving on the Conference Board of Pensions and Health Insurance that oversees health and retirement programs for hundreds of clergy and lay employees in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. He is now chairman.

The Money's called Salt Lake City home until 1998. He and Jana were high school sweethearts in Salt Lake City and he went to the University of Utah for a degree as a wildlife biologist. Then he learned that PhD's in wildlife biology were still looking for jobs. So he pursued a Master of Business Administration to have more marketable skills. His courses in business law lead him to continue on into Law School at the University of Oregon.

Being in the Methodist minority surrounded by the strong majority of the Latter Day Saints (Mormons) in Salt Lake City could be thought provoking. It gave extra opportunity to think about just who Methodists are as a faith community, Money reflects.

The family finds Denver like Salt Lake City on steroids, just the opposite side of the same mountains and a bit more diversified. His daughters liked the St Luke's youth programs from the beginning. "If we had stayed in Salt Lake, my daughter Andrea would have been the lone third grader to receive her first Bible from the church. Here I well remember the day she got hers and I helped hand out 50 others."

DAVE MONEY – BITS & PIECES

- Born in El Paso, TX
- Married to wife Jana for 25 years
- Favorite color: hunter green
- Pet Peeves – mean people
- Hobbies: Work, Work, Work. Okay, if you insist, he might sail his 18 foot sailboat in Chatfield Reservoir
- Places he's lived: Cambridge, MA; Los Angeles, CA; Oregon and Utah
- If you could have dinner with anyone, who would it be? "Jesus, of course. Or Abe Lincoln if the Lord was busy."

New Members



Welcome!

December

Amy & Patrick Haze
2345 West Gold Dust Trail
Highlands Ranch, CO
Jake

John Merchant (Caroline)
9550 South Bellmore Lane
Highlands Ranch, CO
Austin, Joshua & Matthew

Barbara & Mont Mowder
2357 West Bitterroot Place
Highlands Ranch, CO
(Amy Haze)

Karin & Scott Wesson
10003 South Cottoncreek Drive
Highlands Ranch, CO
Kelsey, Allison, Jacob & Jenna

Are you ready to take the Next Steps?

Next Step is for anyone who is interested in learning more about St. Luke's and how to become a member. Classes provide information on St. Luke's history and stewardship program, ministry opportunities and United Methodist history. It's very enjoyable and educational. January's class dates start on Wednesday, January 9th at 6:30 and continue on Sunday, January 13th & 20th at 9:30am. Those who are ready to become members of St. Luke's may then participate in the worship service on Sunday, January 27th at 9:30pm as they are recognized as new members of our church family. Please call Tammy Bell for more information at 303-791-0659 ext.20 or email tammy@stlukeshr.com.

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON RECEIVING

Too Young To Quit

By Dennis Becker

Dorothy Day is one of three remaining charter members of St. Luke's UMC along with David and Meryl Cupp. Dorothy has been around so long that she doesn't wear her name tag because "Everyone knows me. Besides, I tend to lose them," she says with a twinkle in her eye. When older members return to St. Luke's for special events, they are sure to look up Dorothy to get all the latest news. In case you don't know Dorothy, she's the soprano with the beautiful white hair in the choir.



When the Days and their daughter and family, the Dykstras, were looking for a Methodist church home after moving to Denver, they attended several churches. But none really seemed to fit. Someone suggested that they try St. Luke's even though the church was just getting started in a school. The Days and Dykstras came, and received a warm, friendly, St. Luke's welcome. Dorothy has been here ever since.

It didn't take long for Dorothy to get to work in the church. This small, fledgling congregation of about 50 members needed a financial secretary to count the offerings and keep the financial books. Dorothy volunteered and was financial secretary for about 16 years. When the choir started, there was Dorothy and she has been there for the last 20 years. She is also the church historian and has a collection of every church bulletin and Chronicle plus a number of the initial documents.

Dorothy is a very caring person. Whether a person needs a ride to church or an ear to listen, Dorothy is available. She has brought numerous people who were looking for a church home into St. Luke's. Whenever someone has a need and she can meet that need, she will be there. She does this on her own, saying, "I'm too busy to get involved in a formal caring program." Dorothy has also provided numerous physical additions to St. Luke's. For example the baptismal font is a memorial gift in memory of her son, James.

Dorothy keeps active outside the church as well. She bowls once a week and is an member of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority. When most people are thinking of retirement, Dorothy has been a Teacher Assistant for first grade at Greenwood Elementary School in Greenwood Village for the past 16 years. She works with the children in reading, performs preparation work for teachers and is with the children at recess and during lunch period. She says to the children who want to stay in when the weather is chilly, "If I go out, you go out." One child whose grandparents live some distance away asked Dorothy, "Will you be my grandmother?" And of course, Dorothy couldn't refuse. This was another opportunity to share her wisdom with the younger generation. Dorothy will never retire as long as she can do the work. She really believes "Rest is rust."

When asked why she is involved in all of these activities when many people would be taking it easy by the time the reach her age, Dorothy replied, "Oh it makes life so much more interesting."

Oh yes, in the midst of all this activity, Dorothy found time recently to celebrate her 80th birthday. She is also an excellent model for aging gracefully.

Merry Christmas from Little School



Little School will be having a very fun filled season getting ready for the birthday of Baby Jesus! Our classrooms are filled with happy children, Christmas carols, yummy smells and laughter.

Our little ones will also be learning about other cultures and traditions including Hanukkah and Kwanzaa! Along with our learning we will be having our traditional Pajama Day and a very special visitor!! (Can you guess who?) Little School will hold it's annual Christmas programs on Dec. 14, 19, and 20th with a wonderful Christmas play preformed by Ms. Pat's Explorer's and Ms. Maryann's four year olds, and as a surprise treat, our own Ms. Lynette will be singing for us. This is always a very wonderful gift for our parents from their children.

All of the Little School staff were treated to a staff retreat at a very wonderful Christian retreat center in November. We had an opportunity to laugh and cry together and become much closer as a staff. A surprise creation will be hanging in Little School as a result of our fun time together! Be watching!

The children of Little School participated in a Thanksgiving Food Drive and we collected TONS of food for several organizations: Denver Inner-city needful families, a mission church in Mexico, Inter-Faith Task Force Food Pantry and Urban Ministries! We felt very proud of our families for sharing so generously!

In 2002 we are looking forward to many wonderful learning opportunities, the addition of some children's chapel time with our very own St. Luke's Aaron and other staff members, and hopefully some new play equipment outside!

From all of our precious children and staff at St. Luke's Little School, we wish you a very blessed Christmas and many wonderful family memories.

Lovingly,
Ms. Kay ☺



SLY Activities

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 25..... Merry Christmas!
Jan. 1..... Happy New Year!
Jan. 6..... All Church Charge Conference, 7pm
Jan. 8..... Highlands Ranch Breakfast Club @ Einstein's resumes, 6:30-7:00am (note the time change)
Jan. 9..... Arapaho Breakfast Club @ Einstein's (across the street from AHS) 7:00-7:20am
Jan. 13..... SLY resumes with Youth Choir at 5pm, meal at 6pm, and SLY Program from 6:30-8pm
Jan. 18-21..... Winter Mission Trip (watch the mail for details)
Jan. 20..... Littleton UMC Dance from 7-11pm
Jan. 27..... Regular SLY schedule
Feb. 1-3..... 6th Grade Winter Retreat (tentative)
Feb. 3..... "Souper" bowl Sunday: Superbowl Party and Canned Food Drive at the Church
Much, much more to come!
Always check the bulletin or the SLYline (303)791-0659 x45 for changes, updates and details.



d SLY - a place to grow, love, pray and laugh d

Dear SLY Family:

Wow! So much has happened over the past four months now. You are a wonderful group, and I am having a great time getting to know you and spend time with you. When you are not here at SLY activities, I really miss you.

Well, by the time you get this, Christmas will be upon us, and I would encourage you and your family to participate in the various opportunities for praise and fellowship here at St. Luke's. This Christmas, the youth participated in the **Christmas tree lighting** on the 2nd, a **video scavenger hunt** on the 9th which was a riot, and held our annual **youth Christmas party** was on the 16th. It has been a fabulous way to end 2001. If you are interested, there is a **dance at Wheat Ridge UMC** on Dec. 30 from 7 - 11pm. It is \$2.00 plus a can of food to donate to get in. If you need more info, call me at the church or listen to the SLYline.

SLY activities resume on January 6th with the **Charge Conference**. This is a business meeting of the church to which all persons are invited, and all members, including those youth who have been confirmed, can vote on matters of church business. **Breakfast Club** resumes on Tuesday the 8th for Highlands Ranch area youth, and the Arapaho Breakfast Club begins on Wednesday, the 9th. Our first **SLY meeting** will be on Sunday, January 13 at the usual time of 6pm-8pm.

We will be having a **winter mission trip** over Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend. The details, including the registration forms for this event will be sent to your house during the coming weeks. Along with the registration form, you will receive a calendar of events for January through March which will also highlight upcoming events for the Spring and Summer. Talk with your family and mark your calendars to join us for fun, fellowship, service, and praise!

In Christ's Service,

Aaron J. Shipman

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Thanks! SLY did a great job assisting the UMW with the Annual Candlelight Dinner.



Dinner for 6/8 - Sign up now!

Hey everybody! here's a great way to have fun. Meet together in a totally relaxed environment, get to know people in the church better, make new friends, engage in lively conversation, and show off your favorite dishes. Participants are divided into groups of three or four couples (your choice) and each couple hosts one informal dinner, cookout, or whatever you like—during a four month period. The hosts provide the entree and the others bring the rest of the vittles. This program has been successful for years because it's so enjoyable. So, if you haven't tried it yet, sign up now—you'll be pleasantly surprised!

Groups are being formed now for February through May. Sign up sheets will be on the bulletin board December 30 through January 20, or just pick up the phone and call Dottie or Carl Braun at 303-471-4185. All those who sign up will receive a letter at the end of January with the names of their group and instructions. (Note: whenever possible, new participants will not host the first dinner during the period.)

Sign up now and enjoy the fun and fellowship!



UMW Fall Events - Big Successes!

UMW would like to thank everyone for participating in the St. Luke's **Pancake Breakfast** during September. The event was a lot of fun for flapjack flippers and eaters but it also raised \$800 for the New York Relief Fund. Many blessings for doing your part.

As American as Apple Pie! The UMW **Pie Event** was a great success this year with church members buying hundreds of pies. The event was full of messy fun and fellowship. In addition, proceeds were donated to UMW Global Missions who provide funding for women and children organizations in need. Thanks to everyone for a great event!

UMW also held their annual **Candlelight Dinner** on Thursday Dec. 6 to record attendance. A delicious meal of cranberry chicken and fixin's was prepared and then served with the assistance of the St. Luke's Youth group. The servers were extremely courteous and a big thanks goes out to Aaron and his crew and to all of those who participated in making the evening possible. Lovely seasonal music was provided by Linda Walker with accompaniment from Carrie Mallery. The night was capped off with a lively presentation from Kim Tetreva, who helped us remember to look for the gift inside the gift. It was a meaningful and moving presentation for all who attended and helped us to reflect on what this season is truly all about.

For more information on UMW and future activities please contact Carolyn Becker at 303-683-7080 or email clbfruit@att.net or Marcia Enger at 303-471-7463.



Children's Ministries Team Update

Candy Cane Sunday was December 9. The children learned how the candy cane is a Christian symbol of Christmas and how its color and shape have a special meaning.

The Children's Service for Christmas Eve will be at 3:00pm. Join us for a special service for the children of our St. Luke's Community.

Sunday School Music Time has become a big hit with the kids! They do traditional kid's Bible songs, music from our Sunday School curriculum and seasonal songs. **Linda Walker** is organizing with help from **Bonnie Funk, Stephanie Babcock and Marie Larson.** Age 3 - 1st have music every Sunday for 15 minutes at the beginning of the 9:30 Sunday School hour and 2nd - 5th every other Sunday at the end of the 9:30 hour. We need additional people to be able to have music every Sunday for the elementary kids and would love to have someone who plays the guitar. Contact Jenita Rhodes at 303-791-0659 or Linda Walker at 303-470-6145.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR DECEMBER 23 WORSHIP. Nursery is available for the babies and 1 year olds. Regular Sunday School will resume on December 30.

Family Worship will be January 6. Sunday School will be open for Nursery through 4 year olds. Children ages kindergarten through 5th grade are encouraged to attend the Epiphany service with their parents.



Wednesday Night Kidz Club is a great opportunity for kids to discover what it is to be a Christian, grow in their faith and build deeper, closer relationships with each other, their mentor leaders and God. Beginning on January 9, the program will be divided into two segments. The first segment is from 6:15 pm to 7:00 pm for kids not involved in the music programs on Wednesday. The second segment is from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm for kids whose parents are participating in a St. Luke's study of their own. To expand our Wednesday Night Program, we are looking for **MENTORS.** People who love kids and want to play a roll in the development of their spiritual growth and just be their friend. You'll work in teams with another one or two adults for one or two Wednesdays a month through the end of May. What an exciting and fulfilling way to grow in your faith and serve the children of St. Luke's.

A big **THANK YOU** to all the parents who have already volunteered to help in their child's Sunday School Class. If you have not signed up yet, please do so the next time you are at church. Parent volunteers are an important part of our Sunday School program and the kids really enjoy the attention!

Mark your calendar! - Our next **Sunday School Teacher Workshop** will be February 23 from 8:30 am to 11:00 am in the pre-school open area.

WRITER WANTED. The Children's Ministries Team is searching for a writer to join them. If you have a way with words and want to be involved with future of St. Luke's please contact **Jenita Rhodes** at 303-791-0659. Meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm and would involve writing articles for *The Chronicle* and the bulletin.

Remedial Christianity

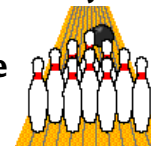
By Fred Venable

My new class called Remedial Christianity, based on the book of the same name, got up and running recently. Two once a week sessions are being held. One meets at 11:00 Sundays, and one at 6:30 Wednesdays. Both sessions are currently recessed for the holidays. They will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 2 and Sunday, Jan. 6.

My favorite Wayne Dyer quote is "The human being is the only being who, after he reaches enlightenment, then has to go back and reconstruct his life." Really, one doesn't have to reach "enlightenment" (whatever that is) to need a reconstruction. We've all been taught, either formally or informally, from when we were toddlers, what Christianity is, and much of that needs to be rethought. Much that my mother taught me as a child was reworked when I got to seminary, and much that I was taught in seminary has been reworked since. It has all been an "enlightening" experience.

Now that experience, in a positive way, is being made available to you. Don't fret that you've missed a couple of sessions. Come on and jump in. We've got room for you. I promise you that in four-five months you'll be glad you did.

10 Good reasons to join the St. Luke's Bowling League



1. Great exercise.
2. Good company.
3. Makes up for a Manic Monday.
4. Pretend the head pin is your boss's head.
5. If you are the boss, pretend the head pin is a difficult client's head.
6. Much more fun than a movie, but about the same price. Cheaper if you include the food.
7. You will have a Ball.
8. Great discounts on bowling at other times.
9. You can be a turkey and feel good about it.
10. The best way to end a game is to strike out.

Come join us at the AMF Bowling lanes on Broadway just north of Littleton Blvd. We start at about 6:15 every Monday night with practice bowling. If you haven't bowled before, you are in good company, and you do get a handicap. We are a mixed league (men and women), so bring your spouse.

For information, please call Harvey Eastman at 303-791-1519 hseastman@mactec.com or Peter Thompson at 303-791-3407 silyp@aol.com



Mission Experiences Offered for Families and Adults

In the coming year, there will be many opportuni-

ties for families and adults to participate in mission trips and outreach experiences. The following are the planned trips and programs that are great opportunities for families:

New Year Opportunities! *A Note from Tammy Bell*

The new year will bring some exciting changes for my family and me. As February roles around, we will be packing our bags and heading out to California! Living in California and living that life without you, our family at St. Luke's, will make this opportunity a challenge as well as an adventure. We are going to seriously miss you. I have thoroughly enjoyed being the Director of Ministry Development. My Care and Assimilation responsibilities have provided me the opportunity to meet so many of you. It has given me the chance to truly share life with you and for that I am very thankful. Okay, let's be honest, I've been on staff as the Director of Ministry Development for a year and a half now and I know some of you are still wondering what in the world I do! It's important for you to know there is an additional avenue for you to express your needs to staff. If you want to share a joy or concern, have new ideas for classes or worship, want to become a member – well, basically if you want to talk about you or how you are connecting with your church you may call the Director of Ministry Development. Could the Director of Ministry Development be an opportunity for you? It's possible if... you would enjoy entering attendance each week and getting a feel for who is connecting within St. Luke's. You'd understand how important it is that others feel welcomed at St. Luke's and that they have opportunities to give and grow through various ministries. It's possible if... you would feel rewarded by communicating often with small group leaders about the ministry fair, their special events, increasing their membership and sharing the churches values. You would feel encouraged when receiving phone calls or visiting with members and constituents as they share new ideas for small groups, Sunday school classes or their desire to give more of their time and talents. As you share with them, you would be motivated by the fact that we are living out our core values by inspiring people and challenging them enough so that they ask for more. You may really enjoy being the Director of Ministry Development if... you would find pleasure in watching the church programs expand so that people's needs are met. You would be passionate about creating environments where people are accepted for who they are and challenged to grow in their life journey. You would enthusiastically assist the Ministry Development team as they find and develop church leadership to create new small groups and special events. Now I need to be honest, this position would only be for those who thrive on new ideas, who love change - no - chaos - no a better word would be GROWTH and who thoroughly enjoy working with people! So, does it sound like something you would be interested in doing? If so, please call me for more information on this new staff opening. I would love to share the job responsibilities in detail and invite any of you to apply if interested. You may also check out the job description on our website at www.stlukeshr.com. Feel free to contact me, Tammy Bell, at 303-791-0659 extension 20 or by email at tammy@stlukeshr.com. Till February, I am looking forward to continuing this journey with you, growing with you and being challenged with you. Keep searching and keep asking! If there is anything you need in your journey right now - ASK!

DenUM Outreach Volunteer Experience (DOVE), Denver – This program enables participants to work for 1 to 5 days in the local community. The settings are varied and include serving and delivering meals, helping senior citizens, saving lives by packing medical supplies for developing countries or helping with food distribution. This program is year-round and will accommodate families on the different school calendars.

Family Weekend Urban Encounter – This program is led by Denver Inner City Parish. It starts on Friday evening and ends mid-day on Sunday. Three types of activities are involved: education, service and relationship building. Families will participate in service projects, a walking tour of the West Denver community, dinner at a community restaurant, a discussion with local students, bilingual community theater and worship at a local church. (There is also a Day-Long Urban Encounter Program for Adult Groups).

Hispanic Mission, Muscatine, Iowa, Summer 2002 (in early planning stages) – United Methodist Missionaries Ron and Cathy Whitlatch are starting a ministry to the Hispanic population of Iowa. For several years, our church has helped finance Cathy's work as a missionary in Argentina and we are thrilled to be following her to her new assignment! Cathy and Ron currently have a small and struggling Hispanic congregation. They need leaders for a Vacation Bible School in the summer (in English) and need to have a ramp for disabled people built on the back of the church.

These are some additional opportunities for adults and older children:

UMCOR Depot, Baldwin Louisiana, October 5-12, 2002 – A group from the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church will be leading a trip to the UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana. The group will be processing supplies for disaster relief around the world, distributing food, renovating houses, and performing service to the local community. Cost is \$750 per person for travel, food and lodging. The registration deadline is August 1, 2002. The contact person is Holly Ludlam, 719-634-5576.

Rocky Mountain Conference Medical Mission Trips – Are you a doctor, nurse, dentist or other healthcare provider? The United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) has a Fellowship of Healthcare Volunteers that goes on medical mission trips. UMVIM coordinators are looking for interested individuals to participate. Many project locations and sources of medical equipment and medicines have already been identified. If you would like to use your skills on a medical mission trip, contact Holly Ludlam at 719-634-5576.

The "Lay" test News: One Does What One Can

A Message from our Lay Leaders - By Monty Hoffman

Last month I attended, along with many other members of St. Luke's, the funeral of our friend and long time member, Bill Fethke. We mourned his death and celebrated his life. The many people who attended the funeral witnessed his impact on St. Luke's and the Highlands Ranch community.

Many people recalled stories of Bill's involvement in musical groups at St. Luke's and in Highlands Ranch, but my best memory of Bill involved a time when he was the chair of the finance committee at St. Luke's. When I first joined St. Luke's, the finances of the church were tenuous. At the end of one month, we didn't have the money in the bank to pay our pastor. Bill made an appeal from the pulpit to give a little extra that month.

In that appeal, Bill told a story that I don't remember, but the punch line has always stuck with me as some of the best advice I have ever gotten. It was, "One does what one can". At that time at St. Luke's, it was easy to look at all the obstacles that we had to overcome and become despondent. Bill's point was that all we had to do was what we could and God would take care of the rest. He was right. If you look at St. Luke's today, it functions not because one or two people do everything, but because many people do what they can and let God take care of the rest.

It has also been good advice in my personal life. My faith tells me that I don't have to save the world, someone else has that job. All I have to do is what I can. Whenever I feel overwhelmed by life, I just remind myself to do what I can and that God will take care of the rest. Whenever I remember that, I think of Bill and smile.

Like to Play Cards? Join the St. Luke's Bridge Group



When: First Saturday of Each Month-7pm

Where: St. Luke's UMC

Next Meeting: January 5th, 2002

Who We Are: A Social Gathering for those who enjoy playing bridge.

For the challenge of an exciting evening of bridge, come join the St. Luke's Bridge Group.

We meet every first Saturday of the month at the church except on holiday weekends. Our next meetings are on January 5th and February 2nd, Saturdays at 7:00 pm at St. Luke's. If you have any questions or would like to join us for an animated evening with the Bridge Group, please call: John and Andrea Mezger at 303-791-7350 Harvey Eastman at 303-791-1519 (or email at hseastman@mactec.com).

Be sure to bring a dish of your favorite snack or dessert! Our bridge games can bring out an appetite.

An Advent Celebration! St. Luke's Wesley

Players presented Mary & Joe 4 Ever Friday and Saturday nights, Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.

Many thanks for the donations given to support the Cambodia Mission Project. Thanks also to everyone who made the evening possible and to those who came to enjoy this magical event.

