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Good Food and Good Fun were had by all at the Annual Church Cookout held Sunday June 3. Activities included the ever-popular Dino Jump and Pop Walk for the kids.



Attention single parents:

If you would like to meet other single, divorced or widowed Moms and Dads at St. Luke's please join us on Wednesday evening, July 11 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the 7th grade classroom on the lower level of the church. We will talk about issues of common concern to parents without spouses, discuss ways that we might support each other and explore possibilities for creating an ongoing group activity within the church community. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board outside the church office or call Sarah Herold at 303-346-7532. Please sign up if you're interested, even if you can't attend this first get-together. There will be childcare in an adjoining room during the meeting.

Cambodian Initiative Consultation - 2001: Conference Update

By Dale Balu

What an experience we had at the Cambodian Initiative Consultation year 2001 conference. Steve Riley and Dale Balu attended the conference and were given time to discuss the St. Luke's UMC mission trip, "Cambodia, Mission Possible". The conference was held at the Cambodian-American United Methodist Church in Long Beach, CA. This church had been recently re-opened (within the previous 3 months) and was literally sponsored by the Local district of the United Methodist church. It was great to see so many people with the same goal, mission to the people of Cambodia. The theme for the conference was "God's Grace as Flowing Water". The conference was sponsored by the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM). David and Shirley Wu were in attendance representing the GBGM. The host of the conference was Pastor Mik Chhuk. Rev. and Dr. Ronald Tompkins was the inspiration for much of this conference. He is the coordinator of the Cambodia Program.

The conference started at noon on Friday, April 20th with, you guessed it, lunch. Steve and I thought we were back in Cambodia. Some of the food was the same as we had in Seim Reap and it was just as yummy. Well, maybe it was not quite as good as we had in Seim Reap, but it sure brought back good memories. A time of fellowship during lunch was our first chance to meet some of the other Cambodian-Americans and other members of churches in attendance from around the country.

The conference started with a prayer from Rev. Samuel Vorn, Chair of the Cambodian National Caucus followed by a welcome from Rev. Mik Chhuk. The Rev. and Dr. Ronald Tompkins lead the group in song. It was particularly interesting to sing songs in English and Khmer at the same time. The first time was difficult but we managed

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**Mark your calendars
now for the
"September Kick Off"
Celebration
September 9th
at St. Luke's!**

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...AND MUCH MORE!

Pastors notes

"Because I believe in it"

Invitational. Relational. Missional.

These are the core organizing values for our Strategic Vision, helping us "grow toward full humanity as we see it in Jesus Christ." We are Invitational to all God's family, and we are invited to grow in faith. We are Relational because God has made us, at the deepest level of life, for relationship with God, with each other, and with ourselves. We are Missional because we believe there is no "them" and "us;" just "us." We are committed to pushing the boundaries of our own experiences, to giving something back to life, and to hope for all of God's people.

These are not new St. Luke's values, as much as a clearer identification of our values. We've been talking about them for nine months now. Recently I received a letter from Ben Coryell, who is 13 years old, about an idea he had for being Missional, "because I believe in it." I was so excited to hear how Ben had grasped being Missional, and was ready to do something. How about you?

Dear Pastor Evans,

I am writing to you about an idea that I think would be beneficial for this church. My idea is that we should have a food bank for the under-privileged people in the Highlands Ranch area. This category would include homeless people, and people who would not make enough money, etc. I think this would be good because we are giving back to the community and becoming closer to God. We could get donations from local supermarkets, and old books from people who go to St. Luke's. They would drop off a book, they maybe didn't want into a box. We could have boxes of basic supplies, such as grains and other essential foods. As I have told you above, I think that it would be a good idea to create a food bank. If you consider this idea, I would gladly help with as much as I can, because I believe in it.

Sincerely,

Ben Coryell

Shalom,

Dick

Confirmands Here are the names of the youth who were confirmed and recognized as new members on 5/20/2001:

Jacques Annandale • John Caldwell
Kevin Frame • Logan Powell Hoffman
Krystn Myers • Steven O'Neil
Christiaan Johann Vandenberg
Laura Wetherington • Kellie Balu
Kyle Colman • Adam Funk
Alexander (A.K.) Hottman
Collin Lennek • Christopher Pedley
Hillary Vervalin • Laura Boon
Kara Fern • Kristen Hertzler
Benjamin Miyaki • Dayna Newby
Kevin Samuels • Rachel Walberg

Congratulations!

Births

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

*A son, Liam,
to Shane and Suzanne Matson, on 1-8-01;*

*A daughter, Riley Grace,
to Shawn and Amy Slade on 4-14-01;*

*A son, William Patrick, to Sean and Jane
(Damsgard) Cronin on 4-23-01;*

*A son, Cole Brian,
to Brian and Elizabeth Bauer on 5-2-01;*

*A son, Logan Trott,
to Jennifer Trott on 5-8-01; and*

*A daughter, Olivia Pearl,
to Chris and Kim LaMee on 5-4-01.*



Prayer Chain

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

*Cinda Funk;
Charlotte Johnson;
Kerry Timm;
Bud and Sharon Scholle's granddaughter, Sarah;
Fran Keleber;
Dawn Hebrink and family,
cousin of Kari Wangsness;
Sandy Larsen's father, Harold Maul;
Amy and Barry Curtis and family;
Sandy Murray;
Meri Bennett's brother-in-law, Bill Jordan;
Tammy Bell's nephew, Jake Graff;
Martha Riley's sister, Charlotte Harris;
William Cronin;
Ted Dykstra, Dorothy Day's son-in-law;
Jenny Hanna;
Jan Standley, Joy Damsgard's sister-in-law;
Mercedes Kent, Ann Necker's mother;
Kathleen Vervalin's father, Bob Ferriter;
Rylee Bell; and Bill Lee, Jr.*

We continue to pray for:

*Stewart Brown;
Norma Harris;
Sharon Scholle's cousin, Bill Proctor; and
Staff/Parish Relations Committee.*

We extend our prayers and sympathy to:

*Peter Reif and family
on the death of his wife, Carol;
Friends and family of Tyler Anthony
upon his death;
Norma Harris and family
on the death of her husband, Floyd;
Holli Sparks and family on the death
of her father, Deon Martin;
Betty McIntyre and family
on the death of her husband, Richard;
Debbie Lawrence and family
on the death of her father;
Angela Chapman and family on the
death of her mother, Karen Dancy;
Greg McCurdy and family on the death of his uncle;
Robert and Marion Leggett and family on the
death of their brother-in-law, Jason Houck;
Betty Halderman and family on the death of her
mother, Peggy McGonagle; and
Keith Ayers and family on the death of his father.*

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

New Members



Welcome!

April 2001

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MEET ST. LUKE'S

Lisa Lewis

By Cathy Randel



Blow the bugles, blast the bagpipes, beat the bass drums for St. Luke's Queen Bee. Or rather, "B" queen. Lisa Lewis has bounced between BANNERS, BREAD BAKING and BELLS at church and handsome BACHELORS, BABIES and game BALLS in her private life.

During the four years that the Lewis' have attended St. Luke's Lisa spent the first three as one of our bread bakers. Now she's taking a break and concentrating on her other two volunteer "B" jobs, banners and bells.

When the church calendar says it's time to change our colors, from purple, to green, to white, it's Lisa who carefully climbs on top of the altar and hangs our handmade gems. Of course, the Altar Guild ladies boast that she's the best!

Her last "B" is by far the biggest. She's simply, the Bell Lady. What's her official title? Lisa says she's called the "Director of the Hand Bells" and has been told by Jim Ramsey that she is the team coordinator. "But I'm the only one on the team," she says, laughing.

On Tuesday nights from 6-7 p.m. Lisa teaches the "Beginners", the Alpha Ringers. She says she usually directs between five to seven people who must be at least 13 years old. Some are oldtimers who just want to get reacquainted with reading music and/or playing bells. And then when they get confident and good enough, and there's an opening, Lisa will promote them into the Tintinnabulators. This more experienced choir meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and consists of twelve fulltimers and four subs. Lisa chuckles and says she thinks that big word, Tin-tin-na-bu-la-tors means "handbell ringers in Pig Latin."

Mrs. Lewis' goal is to have her musicians practice a song for five weeks and then perform it at all three services. That's a long morning, but because it takes so much time to set up and break down the tables and bells, it's the best way to go.

Jim, Lisa's "boss" boasts that, "Lisa is a tremendous asset to St. Luke's music program. Not only does she direct the Tintinnabulators, but she also developed a beginning bell choir to meet a growing interest in the handbell program. The success of both of our bell choirs is a testament to Lisa's leadership and musicianship." BRAVO, Lisa!

Back at home, Lisa has also built a busy life that includes her "B" theme. BACHELOR Eric Lewis met Lisa in Norway in the late 1980's while she taught music at an American school in an oil town. They fell in love, married and had two BABIES, Kjerstin who is now 9, and Stephanie, age 7.

When she finds time away from her volunteer hours at church and her parental duties at the summer swim meets, Lisa brings out the BALLS. She and Eric love to play golf. After pounding the fairway on an afternoon, she'll brace her body for battle on the racquet ball court. At the time of this interview Lisa had won a match and was planning her strategies for the next round in a tournament. Best of luck in your competition, Miss Queen Bee... and a BILLION thanks for all you do for St. Luke's.



Corner

It looks like we've finished winter,
Or so the date may say,
Our bike riders were sidetracked,
As May snow came on a Sunday!

Trustees

Which brings us to remind you,
As all around we hear,
Electric and gas prices are rising,
We'll brace for an EXPEN\$IVE year!

We do love our sanctuary,
Windows and doors are everywhere,
There are bathrooms on every level,
And our classrooms are beyond compare.

After four months and some counting,
We'd like to let you know,
With only one third of the year gone,
The utility budget is already nearly 10% too low!

But St. Luke's members are amazing,
With lots of energy to spare,
So we pray and write a silly verse,
With hopes we'll make you more aware.

With long hot days and eves of summer
We beseech you - we are depending,
As we crank up air conditioners and
sprinklers,
Will you help us to slow our spending?

In the classrooms and the bathrooms,
When you're finished douse the lights.
Use care with the AC and the DC,
We don't want our bills to reach new
heights.

And if all other ideas escape you,
There's another way to score,
When the plate is passed on Sunday,
A little extra donation will help us even
more!

The "Lay"test News: *A Message from our Lay Leaders - By Monty Hoffman* **Just One More Thing To Do or A Means of Grace?**

GRACE- The divine influence operating in people to regenerate, sanctify, or strengthen them.

MEANS OF GRACE- Public Worship, Prayer, Fellowship, Study of the Word, Communion, Acts of Mercy, and Fasting

When I was a young adult, it seemed to me that going to church was just one more obligation, just one more thing to do in an already busy schedule. I stopped going to church and slept in on Sunday mornings. In my early thirties, I started to attend church again and it was a very different experience. It was something I looked forward to doing every week. No matter how hectic the day or week was, I left worship renewed and less rushed as I went about the business of everyday life. Instead of an obligation, it was a gift. Instead of taking my precious time, it added to it.

Had God changed that much in ten years? No, but I had. Being ten years older, I had experienced some things that had given me some insights. I had married and was a parent and understood love at a different level. Even though I wasn't aware of it, God's grace had been active in my life to make me a better person. At the time, I really couldn't have told you what made the experience different, but I think I understand it now.

As time went by, it wasn't about me any more. If I called and offered my services for something and no one called back, I didn't get upset, I called again. God was just reminding me that I had to be as persistent when I was offering my services as when I asked for something. If I had helped someone and got an inadequate expression of gratitude, I didn't get upset, I tried to help again. God was reminding me that I was helping because I was called to, not for the satisfaction of being acknowledged. In other words, my attitude and expectations had changed.

I didn't view my church activities as tasks to be accomplished, meetings to be attended, sermons to learn something from, or gatherings to be entertained at. They had become means of grace, opportunities for God to improve me as a person, a chance for me to work on my relationship with God.

Most surprising, I got back the time I spent working on the relationship. No, there weren't more hours in the day, but life got a little easier. I worried less about things I didn't control. I tried to be more understanding of other people and there were fewer conflicts to take up my time. I was more at peace with myself.

God wants to be a part of your life. God's love and grace are available to all. Look at the St. Luke's calendar. It is filled with activities of all types. Any of these activities can be just one more thing to do or they can be a means of grace. They can be about you or they can be about God and your relationship with God. They can take your time or they can give you time. The choice is yours.



TOYS ¥ TOYS ¥ TOYS

United Methodist Women are sponsoring a Summer Toy Drive during June, July and August. UMW will be collecting new and gently used toys for the nursery and Sunday School classrooms. We're looking for toys that are not only entertaining, but ones that will enhance a Sunday School lesson. Check out the list of toys needed on the UMW bulletin board, located just outside the Sanctuary. Drop the toys in the bin below the UMW bulletin board. Thank You!



On behalf of myself, my family in Wisconsin, Carol's mother Emma and her family, I wanted to write this letter to say "Thank You" to everyone at St. Luke's UMC. The support given to Emma and myself allowed us to care for Carol at home. Without it we could not have done it. I want to thank all the individuals that sent cards and kept us in their thoughts and prayers. And everyone that helped us move.

This allowed me to bring Carol home from the hospice, where she wanted to be, "In my nice big bed." I want to thank Dick Evans for his support during the last six months. His guidance and just being there if we needed anything is greatly appreciated. I also wanted to say "Thank You" to the Caring Connection. This group of individuals especially Lisa Bryan and Marcia Engers attended to whatever needs we had. I cannot say enough good about this group... Thank you. you made caring for Carol possible and I and Emma just can't say enough about you.

Thank You, Peter Reif

To My Church Family:

We would like to thank each person for their prayers, beautiful cards, visits, calls and food during Floyd's passing on. It was greatly appreciated by me, my daughter and son-in-law. We felt that we were helped in a great time of need. God bless each one. In Christ's name,

Norma Harris and family

"Feed Your Soul" Grocery Certificates Program

This program contributes over \$10,000 per year to St. Luke's General Fund, all at no cost to our members, constituents or guests. The contribution is made by the retailers in the program: King Soopers, Safeway, Cub, Tony's and City Market. You buy the certificates at face value and they spend just like cash.

The opportunity to make this program even more successful is within our grasp, too. If about 25 more of us were to begin purchasing and using certificates on a regular basis each week we could double the contribution to St. Luke's – over \$20,000 per year!

You have to go to the grocery store anyway, so why not make the grocery certificates a part of your weekly trip?
- John Seeberger, Deb Payne



Marriage Encounter is specifically designed for married couples who desire to enrich and deepen their relationship.

The focus of the Marriage Encounter weekend experience is on couple communications. In a series of presentations by a clergy couple and three lay couples, a technique of "dialogue" is presented to the group with topical suggestions for personal examinations.

Between presentations, each person has time to reflect, personalize and share their feelings, attitudes, needs and dreams privately with their spouse.

The presentations encourage a focus on the positive strengths couples hold in the marriage relationship. Not a problem solving experience, all couples should have a love and trust relationship entering the weekend.

The purpose of the marriage Encounter weekend is to strengthen the couple's relationship with each other, the couple's relationship with God and thereby strengthen Christ's church.

The next Denver Marriage Encounter weekend is September 14-16.

For additional information, contact Ann and Bill Roadarmel (303)792-5110 Aroadarm@IX.netcom.com or Kendra and Bill Lee (303)740-7831 or other ME couples you may know.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - United Methodist

General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church Affiliate



"Experiencing St. Luke's" is a great way to be informed and reminded of upcoming fellowship events, worship services, Christian education and music activities at St. Luke's. If you would like to receive "Experiencing St. Luke's" emails please call us with your email address or send it to tammy@stlukeshr.com. Office phone is 303-791-0659.

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON RECEIVING

"Hey, I'd Like To Do That"

By Dennis Becker

"I don't like big churches. It's so hard to get to know people. I just don't know everybody like I did in the smaller church." You've heard that many times. Or maybe said it yourself. St. Luke's has found the answer to the dilemma of being a growing church and still keeping people connected.

St. Luke's core beliefs, INVITATIONAL, RELATIONAL, and MISSIONAL encourage people to be connected. During Next Steps, the new members orientation, inquirers interested in joining St. Luke's are challenged to become involved in one relational activity and one missional activity during their first year after joining. Staff members and volunteers provide information about various opportunities.

Does this plan work? Look at these examples from the last nine months. You might even know some of these people. You decide if the plan works.

F. Dee and Jean Ann Duncan have been attending St. Luke's since September 2000 and joined last December. Jean Ann plays in the Tintinnabulators handbell choir, serves on the UMW Board and volunteers with Caring Connection. Together with F. Dee, she has attended the Methodism and Experiencing God classes and the History of Christianity Sunday school class. F. Dee and Jean Ann just signed up for activities that interested them. They like to be with people and find these experiences enjoyable.

Pam and Doug Rowley joined St. Luke's in November 2000. Pam also plays in the Tintinnabulators handbell choir and sings in the chancel choir. Because of her interest in music she simply volunteered to directors, Jim Ramsey and Lisa Lewis.

David and Ann Necker came to St. Luke's from Littleton Methodist Church in November 2000. David was on the Staff Parish Relations Committee at Littleton and was asked to continue that service at St. Luke's. Ann is on the Missions Committee and is St. Luke's liaison to DENUM where she has volunteered for about eight years.

Debbie and Ralph Lawrence also joined St. Luke's in November although they had been attending for about 15 months previously. Debbie is on the Missions Committee, went on the mission trip to Cambodia and is involved with the Heifer Project. She was impressed by the vitality of the church and people interested in the projects. So she reached out and volunteered. She was warmly welcomed!

Dennis and Nancy Becker joined St. Luke's in December 2000. Nancy joined the bread baking team (a bonus is baking extra loaves for home), and attended the Experiencing God class which Dennis assisted in leading. Dennis also attended the Methodism class and writes this column for *The Chronicle*. They participated in Dinner for 8 and made some special friends. They became involved in these activities after saying, "I'd like to do that," and volunteering for them.

The common thread that runs through all of these experiences is that people were interested in—were passionate about—a particular kind of activity. They volunteered for and were welcomed to participate in that activity.

So, if you'd like to make new friends, do what all of these people did. Identify your passion and find an activity to match it. Watch for The Ministry Fair Times or contact Tammy Bell at the church office for possibilities. When you see announcements in the Sunday bulletin or *The Chronicle* for new or continuing activities, say, "I'd like to do that." Then get in touch with the contact person for more information. They'll be your first new friend. Be invitational, relational and missional. You'll be welcomed warmly.



God Be With You, Esther.

On Sun., May 27, a service and reception were held to share stories, show appreciation and say a fond farewell to Rev. Cho.

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to get the swing of it after a few songs. There was discussion of the Cambodian National Caucus Vision and Efforts by the Rev Samuel Vorn and Rev. Somel Om. Then came our 45 minute presentation. It was interesting for Steve and me to figure out exactly how we could spend only 45 minutes talking about our wonderful experience in Cambodia. We had a great short version of the video (approximately 15 minutes) that Ken Fong prepared as well as the digital picture slide show that Steve Plain prepared. Thanks to Dan Raap, we were able to display the digital pictures via Steve's laptop computer on to a screen. It was unfortunate that Dan could not attend as he had hoped so that the people could see live proof of how large this man really is in person. They were able to see several pictures which helped to define the contrast some of us Americans had in Cambodia.

Dale Balu started out the St. Luke's session with a very brief history of the church, discussing how St. Luke's UMC was actually the result of a mission project itself in its beginning by a local sister church, St. Andrews UMC. He went on to say a few short words about how our senior pastor, Rev. and Dr. Dick Evans, started our worldwide focus on missions when he hired Rev and now Dr. Tapiwa Mucherera as St. Luke's UMC missionary in residence in the mid 90's. A very brief discussion of St. Luke's mission trip to Zimbabwe was presented to show how this mission trip inspired St. Luke's to continue to reach out to other Christians in the world through our missions trip to Cambodia. It was pointed out that this mission trip was the vision of our associate Pastor Esther Cho. Rev. Cho went on a trip with the GBGM to Cambodia and visited the Community Center in Seim Reap and after meeting Dalay Dy and Joseph Chan, she inspired St. Luke's UMC to make this mission trip to Cambodia. Dale discussed how Esther's vision of mission to the people of Cambodia soon became the vision of St. Luke's UMC and specifically the Cambodia Missions Team. Dale discussed how the initial plans were to raise \$20,000 and that in the end we raised over \$30,000. This was truly a sign of God

working through this mission. Dale discussed the many ways that we raised money for this mission and how inspired the entire congregation was about the mission. Steve Riley then came up and discussed briefly the Community Center in Seim Reap and the work that our team did on this mission trip. He discussed how our construction expert, Brian Sorsby, lead the work team to accomplish our task with some of the most primitive tools we had worked with in a long time. He discussed the relationships we formed and the bond that each of the mission team members created with the people of Seim Reap at Joseph Chan's Community Training Center. He discussed how Joseph's dream touched the hearts of the missions team and the St. Luke's UMC congregation. We then watched the video showing a brief history of the beginning of the mission vision and the project during all phases of our time in Seim Reap. Steve concluded his presentation with some of his personal stories of how this mission trip had formed a strong bond to the people of Cambodia in his personal life and how he planned to continue his support. He discussed how a member of St. Luke's UMC had discussed how a sewage treatment plant could be put in place on the site. This vision may be the start of Mission Possible II. We ended our session with a question and answer period. Many insightful questions were asked and answered. It was refreshing to see the enthusiasm of the Cambodian-Americans and the Americans from other churches across the country.

Following our presentation we all enjoyed a wonderful dinner, prepared by the ladies of the host church. After dinner we went into the fellowship hall area and were treated to traditional Cambodian live music and dancing from all different age groups within the host church. We adjourned for the evening about 9 pm.

The following morning the conference began with a coffee and social hour. Bishop Mary Ann Swenson joined us this morning with her husband. The live about 30 miles away and traveled to the church via a bicycle made for two. Something that

she loves and is happy to be able to do in the CA area she now serves. Bishop Swenson just recently was transferred to this area and previous to this new assignment she was the bishop of the Rocky Mountain Conference, where St. Luke's UMC is a member. We were able to meet Brigitte Keane, a US missionary assigned by the GBGM to work in the area of Cambodian missions. Brigitte talked about how she was to raise her own funds for this effort and how she needed sponsorship from many churches. Subsequent discussions with her by Steve and myself were conducted and she may travel to our church sometime in the future to speak with us about her project and to solicit our help with her funding. We welcomed her to come to St. Luke's UMC for a visit. Bishop Swenson preached to the conference and showed her personal support for the Cambodian missions project. After several more songs (again sung in English and Khmer simultaneously) we adjourned the service. You guessed it, we had lunch next. A Korean church also brought food for the lunch so we were able to open our culinary horizons even further. At the conclusion of lunch, we had discussions with several of the people from other churches about the details of our trip to Cambodia.

All in all this experience served to show both Steve and me just how much more we could do for the people of Cambodia and just how appreciative the Cambodian-Americans are for support like St. Luke's UMC has given. We are looking forward to the conference next year.



Welcome Dr. Tapiwa Mucherera.

On May 6th our friend and former missionary in residence served as our guest preacher for all three services.

The Other Disciples

By Dave Laurvick

Stories. It was a simple altar drama about women who lived during Christ's time, a few stories of who these women were and how they supported the mission of Christ on earth. So how do I direct women of today and help them relate to and portray those so far removed from us by time? What started as a simple exercise to help make that possible turned into the most powerful and personal church drama I have ever worked on.



The exercise was a simple one, handing out a sheet at auditions that simply said "My name is _____ and I am a follower of Christ." Take some time to think and write about it for a week and bring it back to the first rehearsal. The idea was to find some sort of similarity, a connection of sorts to that old world character and build it to a portrayal of that character. What they brought back a week later was the moving and powerful testimony of the "quiet Christians" who live among us. Stories of their journeys, their trials, the challenges they have faced, and most importantly, a personal witness to the power and presence of Christ in their lives. What I saw and heard that morning led to an instant rewrite of the script and the drama/witness you saw on Mother's Day.

Ask any of the "Other Disciples" about how many times I asked them to look for the "Magic IF" and you will most likely get a roll of the eyes and a bit of a chuckle. The "Magic IF" is a way to find a character within yourself, to ask "What if I were in this situation, what have I done that might be similar and how would I react IF it were me?" And find the "Magic IF" they did, because within each of them WAS one of the "Other Disciples", a disciple who opened herself, shared her story with her fellow actors, with you, and with a very grateful director.

Stories, simply stated, simply delivered, but powerfully presented. The impact of their willingness to share has been incredible in the weeks that have followed. The comments I have received tell me they found a way to reach out, to connect, and support the mission of Christ on earth. Perhaps we all have such stories we can share with each other.



Children's Dinner Theater Rules!

What has 260 legs, a rumbling stomach, and a hankering for culture?

Why, the crowd for the first annual Children's Dinner Theater, of course! Attendees of the inaugural May 18 event enjoyed a repast of hot dogs, dino chicken nuggets, mac'n'cheese, salad, and cookies. Pat Dunnigan and Deb Whitlam made delicious homemade lollipops for dessert. Two short plays presented by members of St. Luke's followed the buffet. Led by Sandi Thompson, the Friday FRIENDS wrote and staged a production about Jesus and his disciples called "Fishers of Friends". The St. Luke's Drama Ministry, featuring Dottie Mann as God, presented the REAL story of Noah. Tons of fun was had by all. Proceeds will help fund Children's Ministries at St. Luke's.



Children's Ministries Team Update

We are sorry, but there are NO openings left for our Seven Summer Fun Days. This program is for children 3 years old through 5th grade and is \$12.00 per child per day. If you have already registered, don't forget Seven Summer Fun Days will be the following Tuesdays: June 12, 19, July 10, 17, 24, 31, and August 7 from 9:30am to 12:00 noon. See you there!

Come join us for Friday FRIENDS (Fellowship, Relations, Interacting, Embracing, Nurturing, Disciples, Sharing) Program for 1st through 5th graders. Kids are always welcome to come and join in. The FRIENDS program meets every other Friday from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. For more information please contact Sandi Thompson at 303-791-3407 or Jenita Rhodes at 303-791-0659. Kids are welcome to bring a friend to join them in this fun evening of fellowship.

During the last week of June, the kids of St. Luke's attending Vacation Bible School, will visit SonCreek Junction and learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus. This program is for children 3 years old through 5th grade who love to learn new songs and games, listen to Bible stories and do a craft or two. Call Jenita Rhodes at 303-791-0659 to see if there is still room for your children to join in.



This summer, beginning June 17—Father's Day, the 11:00 Sunday School will debut a New Look and Sound! Jim Ramsey and company will lead us in some exciting, uplifting praise music, youth will present an occasional Bible Drama and the rest of the time will be filled with One Room Sunday School activity centers. Come check it out. It will be fun!!



The 1st Annual Children's Dinner Theater on May 18 was a Broadway success! Over 130 people were treated to a five-star meal: hotdogs, dinosaur-shaped chicken nuggets, and all the gourmet trimmings. Live entertainment included the premier of the Friday FRIENDS elementary children's program original production of "Fishers of Friends," and the Drama Ministry presentation of "The Rain Man" (Noah, not Dustin Hoffman.) Many thanks

(and two enthusiastic thumbs up) to the cooks, actors, producers, and audience-donors - a fun time was had by all.

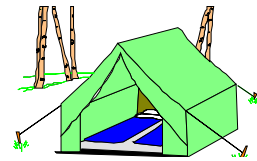
Planning for Sunday School 2001-2002 is getting underway. Please consider being a part of St. Luke's Children's Ministries – **TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We have a great group of teachers and volunteers but we are always looking for good people. Having children in Sunday School is not a requirement. Contact Pat Dunnigan or Jenita Rhodes at 303-791-0659 if you are interested in teaching or volunteering for 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, click "Join an E-mail List" and sign up.



Family Camp 2001

Mark your calendars now for Family Camp 2001 which will be held Friday, August 3-Sunday, August 12 at Alpine lake resort near Divide Colorado (about 1 hour West of Colorado Springs). We now have about 25 sites reserved including tent sites, full RV hook-up site, tepees, and housekeeping tents (canvas cabins with stoves). The campground offers many activities including swimming, fishing, and horseback riding, and of course there are showers, rest rooms and laundry facilities. All ages are invited to attend all or part of the week. early sign ups are best so the campground can be notified as soon as possible and our reservations adjusted. DEADLINE is JUNE 30th - SIGN UP NOW! For more information or to sign up, please call: Brian and Lynne Sorsby (303)471-9077 or Caroline Merchant (303)791-6251 or check the St Luke's website at www.stlukeshr.com.

St. Luke's Little School Needs You!



Little School is looking for Teacher Assistants Mon-Wed 8:30-1:30 and Mon-Wed-Fri 8:30-1:30 (flexible start time). **QUALIFICATIONS:** Desire to work with an incredible staff, love of children and a great sense of humor! Call (303) 791-9182 and let Ms. Kay know.

Summer Music News!

Donations are still being accepted for the Children's Music Ministry program. Thanks to your generosity we are within \$1000 of reaching our goal to fulfill the needs for the instrumentarium for this year. Please mark your checks for the Children's Music Ministry.

Summer Choir

This summer is the perfect chance to try out singing in a choir absolutely risk free. Once each month this summer, singers of all ages will gather downstairs in the Asbury room for a rehearsal on Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 and learn a song to perform during the 9:30 worship service the following Sunday. The rehearsal dates and performances are:

Rehearsal	Service
June 14	June 17
July 12	July 15
August 9	August 12

Children's Music Ministry

Coming this Fall.... An exciting new program for Children's Music Ministry. Your kids are going to love this!

Wednesday evenings from 6:15 until 7:00. Details will be in the next issue of *The Chronicle*. For more information, please contact Jim Ramsey (Jim@stlukeshr.com) or Carrie Mallery (Carrie@stlukeshr.com).

Handbells

The Tintinnabulators and Alpha Ringers are taking a break this summer but will resume rehearsals on August 21. Contact Lisa Lewis for more information on St. Luke's handbell program.

The Ministers of Swing (Big Band)

will have several rehearsals this summer to prepare for their gig at the Highlands Ranch 20th anniversary celebration. Rehearsals are scheduled at 10:00 for June 30, July 7, August 11, 18 and 25. If you are interested in joining this ensemble, please contact Carrie Mallery or Jim Ramsey.

Brass Ensemble rehearsals are scheduled at 9:00 for June 23 and 30. The brass will be performing on July 1 during the 9:30 and 11:00 services – probably something patriotic!

Would you like to perform some special music this summer? Contact Carrie Mallery.



Variety Show features full array of church talent. *Those who came to the All-Church Variety Show on Saturday, May 5th were treated to talents as varied as 4-part harmony to Chinese yo-yo's to humorous readings by our resident story teller, Coleen DeGroff. We are so blessed to have the amazing talent we have at St. Luke's and even more blessed that they have the guts to get on stage and show us us their stuff! Not to mention the culinary talents of those from the Chancel Choir who prepared the tasty deserts for the audience. Thanks!!!*

June/July SLY Activities

Monday, June 25 - Friday, June 29

VBS – Youth doing crafts, assisting with music and playground. (No other Mid-Week Mission)

Tuesday, June 26

9:30-10:30 a.m. Breakfast Club

5:30-?? UMYF Night at the Rockies

Game - Meet at St. Luke's at 5:30. You must have already purchased your ticket.

No Volleyball tonight!!

Sunday, July 1

9:30 & 11:00 Youth Sunday School

No SLY – July 4th Holiday Week

Tuesday, July 3

9:30-10:30 a.m. Breakfast Club

6:30-9:00 p.m. No Volleyball due to holiday.

Wednesday, July 4

No Mid-Week Mission – Holiday

Sunday, July 8

9:30 & 11:00 Youth Sunday School

SLY- Check SLY Line for details.

Monday, July 9

Mexico Mission Team leaves.

Tuesday, July 10

9:30-10:30 a.m. Breakfast Club

6:30-9:00 p.m. Volleyball

Wednesday, July 11

Mid-Week Mission – Check SLY Line for details.

Sunday, July 15

9:30 & 11:00 Youth Sunday School

SLY- Check SLY Line for details.

Monday, July 16

Mexico Mission Trip returns

Tuesday, July 17

9:30-10:30 a.m. Breakfast Club

6:30-9:00 p.m. Volleyball

Wednesday, July 18

Mid-Week Mission – Temple Hills Work Day

Check SLY Line for details.

Sunday, July 22

7:30-11:00 a.m. St. Paul's Soup Kitchen –

Dave Guevara adult leader.

9:30 & 11:00 Youth Sunday School

Commissioning Service for Durango Mission

Trip. Durango Mission Trip leaves Check SLY Line for details.

Tuesday, July 24

9:30-10:30 a.m. Breakfast Club

6:30-9:00 p.m. Volleyball

Wednesday, July 24

Mid-Week Mission – Check SLY Line for details.

Saturday July 28

Durango Mission Trip returns.

Sunday, July 29

9:30 & 11:00 Youth Sunday School

SLY- Check SLY Line for details.

Tuesday, July 31

9:30-10:30 a.m. Breakfast Club

6:30-9:00 p.m. Volleyball

Wednesday, August 1

Mid-Week Mission – Check SLY Line for details.

Sunday, August 5

UMYF Day at Water World - Adult Leaders

Congratulations 2001 Graduates!



Brian Benight graduated from Mullen High School. This year he took second in the State wrestling competition. He will be attending Mt. Vernon College in Iowa on an academic scholarship. He plans to study business or history.



Kristin Benshoof graduated from Thunder Ridge High School where she recently played the piano for the school musical. She also plays the oboe, piccolo, flute, guitar and trumpet. She plans to attend Colorado State University to study veterinary medicine or zoology.



Chris Caldwell graduated from Thunder Ridge High School. He will be going to Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.



Abbey Joseph graduated from Heritage High School. She will attend Northeastern Junior College and plans to transfer to the University of Colorado in Boulder at a later date.



Josh LaRock graduated from Thunder Ridge High School. He was one of the valedictorians and was involved in track, art and music.



Lindsay Miller graduated from Thunder Ridge High School and will be going to University of Colorado in Colorado Springs and will study Business.



Joel Monroe graduated from Thunder Ridge High School. He will attend Colorado State University in the fall and will study forestry, with a fire science. He hopes to be a fire jumper.



Lisa Woodrich graduated from Denver Christian High School. She plans to attend the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA. Lisa has not declared a major but she is leaning towards journalism or elementary education. This summer Lisa will bask in the glory of playing on the state soccer championship team while she waitresses at Village Inn. Stop by and wish her well (leave a big tip, too :))



Recent College Graduates: **Brian Cleveland** graduated from the University of Missouri on May 19th. He will be taking a summer internship in Duluth, Michigan as a copy editor. He plans to travel around Europe in the fall.

Sarah Hankins graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a BA in Speech and Human Communications and a minor in Media Study and Journalism.

Jason Harris graduated from the University of Denver. **Eric Johnson** graduated from the University of Illinois and will be going on to graduate school.

Ryan Swier graduated from Ft. Lewis College in Durango, Colorado.

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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All people of St. Luke's.

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