



ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Celebrating St. Luke's: Wow-what a party!!

*Celebrating St. Luke's was a bit on September 9th as we gathered together for fellowship and fun. Over 500 people filled the church with conversation and laughter. The highlights of the day were listening (some dancing) to the KOOL 105 band, discussing opportunities with St. Luke's small group leaders, eating dessert, saying hello to friends and meeting new ones, watching John Mann roast pigs, eating dessert, being greeted by an outstanding kitchen team (led by Meg Mara) as they served salad, beans, hot dogs, roasted pig sandwiches and more, eating dessert, sharing summertime stories, children laughing and playing, adults laughing (and some were playing too), did I mention we ate dessert! Celebrating St. Luke's was truly a family reunion. St. Luke's provided for many that day a safe place to have fun and share their life journeys together. In addition, it was clear that many have benefited through St. Luke's small groups and teams. There are so many opportunities for personal growth and enrichment, so many ways one can explore their interests and share their passions, so many chances to not only see but experience God's work through St. Luke's. Thanks to everyone for creating more special memories!*

## Family Camp 2001

by Cathy Randel

Some of the stories coming from Family Camp 2001 that was held August 3-12 in the Colorado Rockies near Divide, are hard to swallow. The leaders, Caroline Merchant and Lynne and Brian Sorsby, are neither confirming nor denying.

First of all, can we really believe Katie Johnston, age 13, when she says Brian and Lynne Sorsby woke up early enough to cook pancakes for everyone? "You could have blueberry, banana or chocolate chip-made to order-and they were really good!!" Katie claims.

And 9-year-old Andrew Crouse maintains, "A lot of people I knew were there... and there were fire pits... they were fun. We got to build a fire and see how big it needed to be." Now really, what little boys like to play, excuse me, "work," around fire?

Andrew's sister, Tristin, age 7, says she became an excavationist at Family Camp. "We were right by a big hill and found lots of things. We found a horseshoe!" Hmm. Was Tristin crossing her fingers when she told this story?

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On September 11, 2001

America experienced a national tragedy. St. Luke's is encouraging our community to gather in prayer and meditation. We seek God's guidance, comfort and eternal hope. Peace.

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# Pastors notes

I know this is kind of strange, but recently I was reading a book about different state mottos. Do you know what the motto of Colorado is? (Neither did I.) According to that book, it is, Nil sine Numine, meaning, "Nothing without Providence." I thought about that in connection with our staff. We have a Providentially outstanding staff, to help lead an outstanding church. Many of our staff work nearly full time, but only a third of us are paid full time. The rest are paid on a quarter- to three-quarter time basis. During September, we added four new staff members. (Aaron Shipman joined our staff in August as Director of Youth Ministries. There is an article on Aaron in this issue.)

Steve Riley, a long-time member of St. Luke's, has taken the full-time position of Executive Administrator, helping us to make the operational side of ministry at St. Luke's more effective.

Dave Money, also a member of St. Luke's, is an attorney for First Data Corporation, but is in the process of working toward ordination. He recently received his "Local Pastor's License," and will be working on our pastoral staff one-quarter time.

Dalai Dy, from Cambodia, is our Missionary-in-Residence. Dalai was with us last summer, and was one of our hosts for our mission trip to Cambodia last January. She will be attending the Iliff School of Theology, but working with us as well, among other things helping us to remember that the world is larger than where we live.

Fred Venable, a retired minister, has "unretired" to join our pastoral staff one-half time. Fred has served churches in Colorado, Idaho and Oregon. He was the first senior minister I worked with at Littleton United Methodist Church, and is one of the few people at St. Luke's who remembers when I had long hair, a handle-bar moustache, and drove an Alfa Romeo convertible.

I hope you will get to know all our staff, as we work together to be Invitational, Relational and Missional, as part of the family of God.

Shalom,

*Dick*

## Disciple Bible Study

**"If you make my word your home  
you will indeed be my disciples." -  
John 8:31**

Are you looking to learn more about the Bible? An opportunity to discuss your faith and develop friendships? Would you like for "the Word" to speak to you in a more meaningful way? Then Disciple Bible Study is for you. New classes for Disciple I, II and IV are starting mid September. Look for more information on the bulletin board outside Classroom A, call Carl Cleveland at (303)791-3874 or e-mail at [clcleveland@qwest.net](mailto:clcleveland@qwest.net)



**Welcome Dalai,** we're so glad to have you! Dalai Dy is our Missionary-in-Residence for the next several years.



## Prayer Chain

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

*World Violence and the New York City/DC/PA victims and families;*  
*Yvonne Malabed, Mary Ann Eagelston's mother;*  
*Marilyn Birky's friend, Natalie;*  
*Christy Wobbele;*  
*Trudi Matthews' friend, Allison;*  
*Jimetta Pyles' mother, Lola Johnson;*  
*Tammy Bell;*  
*St. Luke's Children's Ministry Recruitment Effort;*  
*Joanne Owens, mother of Mitch Owens;*  
*Pat Ludwig's mother, Gwen Quinn;*  
*Olivia Murrow;*  
*Chris Lawrence;*  
*Earl Lawrence;*  
*Redd Guertz' father, Tim Holt;*  
*Margaret Payne; and*  
*Ralph Crawford.*

### We continue to pray for:

*Stewart Brown;*  
*Norma Harris;*  
*Sharon Scholle's cousin, Bill Proctor;*  
*Meri Bennett's brother-in-law, Bill Jordan;*  
*Kyle Exline Boose;*  
*Sandy Murray; and*  
*Jan Standly, Joy Damsgard's sister-in-law.*

### We extend our prayers and sympathy to:

*Kam Boles family on the death of her grandmother;*  
*Lori McMullen and family on the death of her grandmother;*  
*Dave Pavy and family on the death of his mother, Lucille Anderson; and*  
*Yvonne Outcalt and family on the death of her step-father, Paul Butler.*



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

*A daughter, Alexandra Lynn, to Geoff and Courtney Bumpas on July 14, 2001;*  
*A son, Donald James, to Steve and Pam Crawford on July 20, 2001;*  
*A daughter, Emily Grace, to Todd and Kathy Murphy on July 25, 2001;*  
*A son, Douglas Roth, to Angela Holbrook;*  
*A son, Adam Joseph, to Ruth and Randy Smith on August 22, 2001; and*  
*A son, Matthew John, to Caroline and John Merchant on Sept. 11, 2001.*

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

## New Members



*Welcome!*

### August 2001

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Jennifer & Rake Jiang  
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daughter, Jacqueline

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MEET THE STAFF



## Aaron Shipman

by Coleen DeGross

Hey!... Who's the new dude on staff that looks a little like Elvis Costello? (No, not Steve Riley... we'll get to him in another issue). Answer: Aaron Shipman!

Our new Director of Youth Ministries, Aaron Shipman became part of the St. Luke's staff on August 15. He moved to Colorado from New York City, where he worked for the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) of the United Methodist Church. Aaron recruited, trained, and placed missionaries around the world. One of his mission sites was our very own Warren Village in Denver.

He double majored in Religious Studies and Spanish at UC Santa Barbara, where he received his undergraduate degree. At the Claremont School of Theology, Aaron became a Certified Associate of Youth Ministry of the United Methodist Church. After attending the Institute for Youth Ministry at Princeton Theological Seminary, Aaron received his certificate in Youth and Theology.

So... what moved him to travel more than 2,000 miles to join our St. Luke's family?

"I was struggling with aspects of my calling, and thought a lot about where I wanted to be. I felt that my gifts and talents were better suited to a local ministry setting," says Aaron.

When Aaron heard about the Youth Ministry position here at St. Luke's, he was intrigued.

"St Luke's is such an exciting, growing church, where people aren't afraid to think out of the box. The staff is wonderful. The youth program is incredibly strong and vibrant. There's a lot of good stuff going on here."

Aaron envisions building upon our already strong youth foundation by taking the vision for the St. Luke's Youth program and developing it even further—an important step as our church continues to grow.

"I'm really excited to be here, and look forward to working with everyone," says Aaron.

### Aaron Shipman Tidbits

**Where he grew up:** Born in Newport, Rhode Island, Aaron grew up in Bryan, Texas. He moved to San Diego in 1986. Raised by his mother (a hospital chaplain) and stepfather (an electrical engineer), Aaron has nine brothers and sisters. His paternal grandparents were Salvation Army missionaries.

**Favorite things:** Camping, restoring his VW van, playing the guitar, reading theology and sociology books (I am not making this up)

**Favorite music:** Mostly classic rock, blues, and bluegrass. Also likes some contemporary groups like Train, Sugar Ray, Sublime, and the Beastie Boys; as well as some contemporary Christian rock groups like News Boys, DC Talk, and Jars of Clay

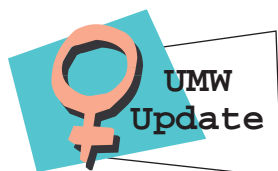
**Favorite colors:** Hunter green, blue, and of course maroon (he's a huge Texas A&M football fan)

**Favorite movie:** "Harold and Maude"

**What bugs him:** No sense of humor. Also closedmindedness. "It doesn't matter to me whether people are liberal or conservative. It matters to me whether they are open to new ideas, dialog, and discussion."

**Favorite TV show:** The Simpsons—"for its theological richness"

**If he could pick any person to have dinner with, who would it be and why?:** "I'm guessing the correct answer is Jesus, but I'm hoping I will have dinner with him someday." After Jesus, who would he pick? "My paternal grandparents (the Salvation Army Missionaries). I would have loved to sit down with them as an adult, to spend some time talking to them as colleagues." **Anyone else?** "I had dinner once with Emanuel Cleaver II, who was a minister and former mayor of Kansas City. He did a lot of work with social justice and politics. Having dinner with him was like a dream come true."



## Apple Pie Event

United Methodist Women is hosting an Apple Pie

Event on Saturday, October 13, 2001. We'll be making delicious apple pies to sell just in time for fall dinners and Halloween. We're looking for women who want to get involved and meet other women of St. Luke's.

Volunteers to help with this fun event can: Donate your time and/or Apple Peeler Corer. The UMW Bulletin Board, located just outside the Narthex, has a sign-up sheet for all the day's events—peeling, ingredients, baking and assembling pies. Lunch will be provided for those who attend.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to donate your Apple Peeler Corer. Please drop it off in the church office before the event. Place your name and phone number on the peeler and we'll return it to you.

For more information, contact Marcia Enger at 303-471-7463.

PIES go on sale September 30th!! Reserve your Apple Crunch Pie—yum, yum.





## Corner

Thanks in advance to all who will come and help us with our work days! **(Next one is Saturday September 22.)**

### Trustees

If you're feeling left out, or would like a project to work on, we've got a terrific idea for you or your group. The Trustees have a work folder that has a list of jobs that need some attention. These can be done with great flexibility, on your schedule. There's small jobs that are quick, and larger jobs that will take some time. And just like your house, our church home has areas that need your special TLC! So if you're interested, please contact one of the trustees, or call our trusty Bonnie in the office, and she'll be glad to direct you our way!

We appreciate the support you give us on work day and every day, Thank You!

## The 'Lay' test News: September: Back-to-School Month

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

As we start a new Sunday School year for the children, it's also time to think about adult education programs at St. Luke's. What classes that are offered would help you in your spiritual growth? Bill Selby used to say that most of us have a 6th grade theology, because that is when we stopped attending Sunday School. It is important to continue with Christian education throughout our lives to continue to grow in our faith.

St. Luke's has several adult classes to meet the needs of its members. Some of the things that are covered include Bible study, using your faith to live a more abundant life, and history and theology of the Christian Church and of the Methodist Church. Classes meet on Sunday mornings and evenings, and Wednesday evenings. Some meet all year long and some are of limited duration, from a week to a year.

I have always found Christian education an important part of growing in my Christian faith. Worship and the fellowship and celebration that go with it are a means of grace, but so is study of the word. Study of history and theology have given me an appreciation of the struggles that people, even very spiritual people, have gone through as they have formulated their beliefs. Learning to use Christian beliefs in living my life has strengthened all of the relationships in my life.

What do you need? There is probably a class that can help you. Take advantage of it.

## Family Camp *continued from Page 1*

Her friend, Ryan Palizzi, also 7, explains his big adventure. "We built another fire pit, and when we went fishing I accidentally threw my pole in the lake." Two boys they didn't know in a paddle boat rescued it for him. We knew we'd be hearing some fish tales, but really!

Tony and Liz Palizzi, Ryan's parents, vow that they hiked and really enjoyed their time. Under duress, Liz confessed that Saturday was the best day because she didn't have to pack up to get there or pack up to go home. Well, now that's one we can believe.

Mother (Tiffany) Crouse agrees. She liked family camp because the kids are older and she could "sit and relax—take a nap and read." Having so many families and friends camping so close—six families in their area and several down the road—was a brainstorm.

Dottie Mann, age 20 something, had the most amazing story, though Ryan landing his fishing pole in the lake was certainly a close second. The following words came from Dottie's mouth, but remember, there were no human witnesses.

"Everybody at camp understands we had Joe, our 10-week-old lab puppy," Dottie begins. "At 6 a.m. Joe wasn't sleeping, so he and I walked to the end of the camp and around a well-used path. The sun hadn't peeked yet. Joe sat down in the path. He was tired... I went over and picked him up to carry him and walked about 10 feet and there he was." Joe and Dottie Mann were face-to-face with a giant bear. Dottie said he was on all fours, eating. He lifted his head a bit and sniffed the air. She thinks he could have weighed as much as

300 pounds! Dottie said she was backpedaling so fast that once she turned the corner, she never saw him again. Uh, huh! Yep, Dottie, your whole church family believes this alleged event. We do. We really do!

Seeing is believing. Those of us who didn't go to the Alpine Lake Resort for old horseshoes, floating fishing poles, singing around a campfire, funny jokes, naps, prayers and pancakes-to-order, will never REALLY know what invitational, missional and relational opportunities and bonds we missed. But we're happy for the gifts you shared, and that's not a fish story.

Don't miss out on Family Camp 2002! Watch for details this winter/spring.



## DenUM's Summer Street Stroll Teaches About Homelessness

by Betsy Keyack

It was a hot, dry June day as the five of us walked around a neighborhood in downtown Denver. Sweating, with water bottles in hand, we asked ourselves "What if we were homeless—how would we quench our thirst on this scorching day?"

We were participating in a DenUM Street Stroll, led by Katy Mitchell, to learn about homelessness. The walk took place in a neighborhood just east of Coors Field. We started at Samaritan House, a homeless shelter that serves about 350 people a night and provides many programs for the residents. Then we passed by Triangle Park, which used to be a place for homeless people to relax, but was closed due to drug traffic. Across the street was Denver Rescue Mission, where people were waiting in line for the Mission to open its doors for meals and shelter. Our walk then took us to St. Francis Shelter, which provides many services to homeless people, including a place to stay during the day. (A person or family can't stay and sit around a night shelter during the day). Across the street was the St. Francis peace garden, which had a mural representing different ethnic groups in Denver. We strolled to the office of the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, an advocacy group. In the same building was the Stout Street Clinic, where volunteer doctors and nurses provide care for a \$5 fee. Down the street was The Spot Café, a safe hangout for low income and homeless teenagers.

What did we learn about homelessness? The majority of homeless families are actually working full-time, but do not earn enough to afford housing, food, clothing and the necessities of life on one or even two paychecks. Finding affordable housing is a big issue—one or even two minimum wage jobs cannot pay for decent housing in Denver. Many hardworking people are living on the edge of homelessness. The fastest growing group among the homeless is children under 17. There are currently 572 emergency shelter beds available in the Denver metro area to persons in families, with an estimated need of 2,110 beds for families on any given night. A point-in-time survey revealed a total of 7,689 homeless people in the metro area. Many homeless people are migrating to motels east of downtown, although the services for homeless people have not followed them.

Katy Mitchell closed our Street Stroll with a responsive reading, calling us to action. From the reading come the following words:

"We cannot merely pray to you, O God,  
to end inadequate housing;  
For you have already given us the  
resources

With which to house the entire world,  
If we could only use them wisely.

We cannot merely pray to you, O God,  
to end poverty;  
For you have already given us great  
minds

With which to search out remedies  
and healings,  
If we could only use them constructively.

Therefore, we pray to you instead, O God  
For strength, determination and  
willpower,  
To do instead of just to pray,  
To become instead of just merely  
to wish."

Amen.

*Thank you* "I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to the entire congregation for welcoming me into your community to serve you and your youth. I especially want to thank all those parents, youth, and congregants who gave to me so generously in helping me establish a home here through their donations of grocery store script, gift certificates, laundry detergent, furniture, and the much needed toilet paper and paper towels. I cannot express fully how thankful I am and what a blessing it is to be here among you."

**Grace and Peace,  
Aaron Shipman**

**Special thanks to the Worship Ministry Team for calling everyone in the St. Luke's directory and personally inviting them to the September 9th Celebrating St. Luke's Event!**

### Marriage Encounter

St. Luke's has a very active Marriage Encounter small group that is always excited about having more couples join the fun. Marriage Encounter is all about making a good marriage even better. It is specifically designed for married couples who desire to enrich and deepen their relationship. During the Marriage Encounter weekend, each person has time to reflect, personalize and share their feelings, attitudes, needs and dreams privately with their spouse. The next Marriage Encounter weekends will be held in:

Salt Lake City, Nov. 2-4

Durango, Nov. 9-11

Loveland, Feb. 8-10

Colorado Springs, Mar. 15-17

Denver, July 26-28

Other Spring 2002 cities and dates are available.

### Flame Small Group Update

If you have attended Marriage Encounter in the past, in any state, country or province, and in any denomination, The South East Flame invites you to join our small group. The South East Flame is a small group at St. Luke's focused on continuing what you experienced at Marriage Encounter. We meet the third Saturday of each month at 7:30 to "Flame", plus hold regular social and family events throughout the year.

Lately we've been choosing fun relationship books to use as a basis for dialogue and sharing. We are just beginning the book "Men Are From Mars". Don't worry if you can't attend every month. Come when you can. Our schedule of meetings through January is:

Sept. 15, 7:30 – Dialogue, Sharing & Social

Sept. 20, 7:30 – Dialogue, Sharing & Social

Nov. 11, 5:00 – Thanksgiving Celebration  
Social Event

Dec. 15, 7:00 – Christmas Party Social Event

Jan. 19, 7:30 – Dialogue, Sharing & Social

Location: Meetings occur at different couples' homes each month

If you are interested in attending and need directions or want to find out more about the local Flame or Marriage Encounter, please contact Ann & Bill Roadarmel at (303) 792-5110

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We look forward to meeting you!

## Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study... Why?

The questions are many,  
The answers are few.  
What's in the Bible  
And how much is true?  
Where should I start  
In the front or the back?  
It's a very large book  
And that is a fact.  
I know that the stories  
have morals and such.  
Is there more to it  
Will I learn that much?  
I know there is symbolism  
Somewhere inside  
But I'm not sure where,  
I could sure use a guide.  
Abraham, Moses, David and Saul  
What are the details. Tell me it all.  
Who is Jesus? And why was he here?  
I know bits and pieces  
But it's not really clear.  
If these are your questions  
And you don't really know  
The answers to life  
And the way you should go.  
Disciple Bible Study  
Is where you should go  
You will get the answers  
To what you don't know.  
I was looking for answers  
In all the wrong places  
But found them among  
My Disciple group's faces.  
As we talked and encountered  
The Word of the Lord  
I learned that the Bible  
Is the same as the sword.  
It is our weapon. To fight evil ways  
That we've fallen into, in all of our days.  
I have gained so much knowledge  
From short readings each day  
And once a week meetings  
Was a small price to pay.  
For now I understand  
That no matter where  
Always and forever  
The Lord, our God, is there!

## THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON RECEIVING

### Being Able To Teach Others Also *By Dennis Becker*

Students chatter excitedly in response to a question or comment by group leader Carl Cleveland. It's hard not to respond to Carl. His easy-going, open, inviting style draws all the group members into the discussion. Everybody learns together.

Carl has been leading small groups or teaching Sunday School for almost all of his eleven years at St. Luke's. He became involved in the Disciple Series when Bill Selby, former pastor, asked him and another person to lead the first Disciple classes at St. Luke's. After agreeing to lead a group, Carl attended the leadership training sessions. Most of the participants in the sessions were pastors. It was somewhat frightening to think that I was to teach the Bible on the same level as them with their seminary training. Since then Carl has taught Disciple I several times as well as Disciple II and Disciple III. This year he will complete the series by teaching Disciple IV. In addition, he has taught the Bethel Series, Experiencing God, several Sunday School classes and other Bible book studies.

*The Chronicle* interviewed Carl via telephone recently and learned that he is passionate about adult Christian education and nurture.

**Chronicle:** Why are you so excited about adult education and nurture?

**Carl:** Being involved in adult education gives me the opportunity to learn to really know people. I like to watch people grow in their knowledge of God's Word and in their faith. The class structure and sharing stimulates this growth.

Leading small groups also helps me to learn and grow in my own faith. I need the structure and discipline of study and prayer. It's easy not to find time for this important part of our lives if we don't have a plan to follow.

I believe that with a strong foundation in God's Word, St. Luke's will be a stronger church composed of stronger individuals.

**Chronicle:** What are some of your favorite experiences in leading small groups?

**Carl:** Well, I remember one class in which one of the women was pregnant and had her baby during the course of the year. At the end of the sessions, the class decided to take a class photo as a gift for me. The class wrote on the bottom of the photo, "We came with lots of questions. We didn't get all of them answered but we have more than when we started." More questions and more people. This picture still hangs in my office.

Sometimes people came to class intimidated about their lack of Bible knowledge. Some of these have gone on to teach other classes and have become leaders in the church. I feel like a proud parent.

**Chronicle:** What would you say to someone who is considering teaching or leading a small group but isn't quite sure they can do it?

**Carl:** If you really want to learn, the best thing is to teach. Don't be afraid. You don't have to know all the answers. Nobody expects you to know all the answers. You'll learn together.

**Chronicle:** If you are fortunate enough to be in a class Carl is leading, as this interviewer has, you'll catch Carl's excitement for nurture and growth and leave a stronger individual.

## SLY Summer Mission Trips: My Perspective *by SLY Member Stephanie Babcock*

Whenever someone would approach me and say, "How was Mexico, Stephanie?" I'd look at them and say, "The long version or the short?" Well, the short version was, in deed, very short. "I spent \$600 to travel 2000 miles from home to be sick in 120 degree heat!" But, there was SO much more than that! I learned more about myself and how God works through me, I witnessed God working through other people, and I saw faith in action from so many people. As I thought about it, I realized that when I got sick, I got sick enough for everyone so that we only had one person down all week instead of different people down through out the week! When I was preparing for Mexico, I was preparing to go serve people who lived in situations that I would have problems adapting to, and I also prepared myself knowing that I was going to see some unpleasant sights. I came back realizing that I had prepared myself for all the wrong things! Instead of serving people down there, I was served by all of them and I still feel blessed by them. Instead of seeing unpleasant sights, I came back home and felt sick in my heart for the things I saw here. I was blessed to be able to go meet the extraordinary people that I did.

After I'd tell people the short version of Mexico and get a look that was incredulous, I'd go back and tell them how blessed I was to go on the trip. I came home and admitted to myself that I had never been so changed based on one experience that I will never forget. I pray for all of the wonderful people I met while I was there, and I also pray that everyone was touched by the trip, no matter

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## Children's Ministries Team Update

**BUILDING A WORLD OF LOVE:** Sunday School Classes are underway for the next year of Sunday School. Thank you to all the wonderful adults and youth who have volunteered to minister to our children each Sunday.

We are always looking for ADDITIONAL STAFF/Parents to volunteer in the classroom.

If you would like to share your Sunday morning's with the children of St. Luke's, please contact Pat Dunnigan or Jenita Rhodes at 303-791-0659.

**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!** We need that information for emergency purposes, creating rosters and birthday lists. Registration forms are available at the Superintendent's desk downstairs.

### HELP CREATE A FEELING OF OWNERSHIP

Children's Ministry would like to support St. Luke's Work Day on Saturday, September 22 by adapting two "Kid Friendly" projects. We will be;

- Cleaning the walls (touching up the paint where necessary) and base boards in the classrooms and the open area in the new part of the downstairs. Bring a couple of rags and a small bucket.
- Pulling weeds and cleaning up the landscaped area around the church. Bring gloves, hand shovels and clippers.

Work will begin at 10:00am, bring a sack lunch then enjoy a cold treat at 2:00.



### CELEBRATE FALL

Fall is a wonderful time of year, especially in Colorado. The Children's Ministry Team would like to take advantage of the beautiful weather while creating an alternative to the expected Halloween traditions. An organizational team is now forming to begin planning our first **FALL CARNIVAL** at St. Luke's to be held in the morning on the Saturday before Halloween, October 27. Ideas such as Trunk or Treating, face painting, games and a Biblical costume contest have been mentioned. Call Pat or Jenita if you would like to join in the fun of planning this event.

## THANK YOU, Sandi!

A huge thank you to Sandi Thompson for all the work she has done for many years with the Children's Ministry Team and most recently **FRIDAY FRIENDS**. She isn't leaving, she is just narrowing her focus to family, work and short term volunteering, (that is narrow for her!) That does leave a **BIG HOLE** in our Friday evening program for our elementary kids. If YOU are interested in helping to continue this program, originally designed to promote leadership skills through creative drama, please contact Jenita Rhodes or Pat Dunnigan at 303-791-0659.

**SUNSCREEN REMINDER:** At times the children in Sunday School may be let outside to play for a short period on our playgrounds. 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 the 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.



## Hip Hip Hooray, Little School is on its Way!



Little School is off and running for its **SEVENTH** year! We are so excited to begin our new year with an additional classroom and a new play area. After many weeks, we will finally have more space to run and play. Thanks to the O'Neal family and the church's financial support!

We are blessed to have a full staff of 29 teachers and classes that are overflowing with wonderful children. We do have some afternoon four year old classes available and our VERY POPULAR Explorers class that is for children who are five but not attending kindergarten. We are hopeful that the word gets out and we can fill those last few openings. We welcome new staff members Ms. Laurie, Ms. Carolyn, Ms. Susan, Ms. Jean, Ms. Pam and Ms. Marla. WOW we are so blessed! We also say goodbye to our dear Ms. Elin who is moving to Venezuela. She will be greatly missed.

Thanks to the great support from all of the church staff throughout the summer. We ask your continued prayers for another successful year and let us know if you would like to come and visit. We always welcome people with unusual hobbies or interesting things to teach our kiddo's. If you are a person that loves to read to children, we would love to meet you! Blessings to all!

Lovingly,  
Ms. Kay ☺

## Dinner for 6/8

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... during a four-month period. The hosts provide the entree and the others bring the rest. Sign up now for this highly successful program. Groups are being formed now for October through January. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board or call Dottie or Carl Braun 303-471-4185. Join the fun!



## Music Notes:

**The Ministers of Swing**, St. Luke's Big Band, began rehearsing in August to prepare for a concert at the Highlands Ranch 20th Anniversary Celebration on September 8th.

Mark this date: November 3, 7:00pm. Dave Glenn, professional trombone player from Washington will be joining The Ministers of Swing for a benefit concert at St. Luke's.

**A Choir Retreat** for the Chancel Choir is planned for Friday, September 21 beginning at 5:30pm until 10:00pm and continuing on Saturday, September 22 at 8:00am until 5:00pm at St. Luke's. This is an opportunity to get a head start on music scheduled throughout the Fall and Christmas seasons. This will be much more than just a long rehearsal. We'll join in some casual and fun music activities and as well as small projects around the church. There is also sure to be great food aplenty! If you are don't regularly sing in the choir, consider joining us on these dates to get a taste of the fun and fellowship happening in this musical group.

If you're a fan of the **Brass Ensemble**, you can hear them on September 30 and October 21 at the 9:30 and 11:00 services.

**Handbells!!** St. Luke's spectacular handbell choirs, the Alpha Ringers and the Tintinnabulators will be playing on September 23 and October 28.

The amazing and energetic **Children's Choir** will be presenting their music on October 14 at 9:30 and 11:00.

On September 16 and October 14 you will hear the exquisite sounds of our **Flute Ensemble** at the 11:00 services.

All of the ensembles at St. Luke's are hoping for more musicians to join them regardless of experience. Do you play an instrument, but don't own one? Let us know and we'll find one for you.

String and woodwind players—we know you're out there. We need you for the Christmas Cantata on December 16. Please contact James Ramsey.

**Wednesday Night Live Music** This is new. This is different. This is an exciting way for children to praise God through music and movement. There will be three programs for children: Cherubs Choir for ages 3 through Kindergarten, Kidz Prayz I for 1st through 3rd grade, and Kidz Prayz II for 4th through 6th grade. During the fall program, we will learn songs, play instruments, do creative musical activities and also rehearse a Christmas musical. If you unfortunately miss the opportunity to register for Kidz Prayz in the fall, you'll have the opportunity to register again for the spring. Get involved!

## 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  
Carrie Mallery

### 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  
Jim 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

Jim Ramsey

### Sonrise Band

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

### Tintinnabulators Handbell Choir

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







## SLY Activities

### SEPTEMBER

- 16..... Regular SLY Schedule
- 21-23.. Jr. and Sr. High Retreat at Singing River Ranch (registration forms available in the office)
- 23..... Youth Choir meets. Concert at Littleton UMC beginning at 6:30 (find your own rides)
- 30..... Regular SLY Schedule

### OCTOBER

- 5..... PUMPKINS ARRIVE!!!!
- 5-31.... Pumpkin Patch Youth Fundraiser (look for sign-ups at SLY activities)
- 7..... Regular SLY Schedule
- 13..... Crop Walk 2 pm at Clement Park - Wadsworth & Bowles (registration forms available in Aaron's office)
- 14..... Church-wide Hayride 4pm
- 21..... Regular SLY Schedule
- 27..... Fall Festival at the Pumpkin Patch 9am-noon
- 28..... Regular SLY Schedule

#### Regular SLY Schedule =

5pm - Youth Choir (7th to 12th Grade),  
6pm - Youth Dinner (all youth 6th-12th)  
6:30-8pm - SLY Meets

Breakfast Club meets every Tuesday at 6:15am at Einstein's Bagels at Highlands Ranch Pkwy. and S. Broadway unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming Dates: Youth Leadership Conference November 2-4 at Estes Park

Always check the bulletin or the SLYline (303)791-0659 x5 for changes, updates and details

## ☀ SLY - a place to grow, love, pray and laugh ☀

Dear SLY Family:

Greetings! I am enjoying getting to know you, and I appreciate your patience as I learn (and relearn) your names, schools, and hobbies. I hope you are enjoying getting to know me, and I would like to give you more insight into my personality.

I love bad analogies. OK, not bad, but ones that require leaps of logic and a little trust to believe they might actually relate to something at hand. Here goes. My experience here at St. Luke's has been very much like my first time surfing: I was excited, I was nervous, a little scared, unsure of my preparedness. I jumped right in and the cold Pacific water felt great, it made me feel alive. I paddled out and waited for the right wave. I tried a few waves that broke too short for a good ride, so I kept going out. Finally a big wave came in that looked perfect. Unfortunately, I paddled at the wrong time, the wave picked up the back of the board and dumped me under, at which point the board smacked me as I went under the water and bounced off of several rocks. The analogy is not that working with SLY is like bouncing off rocks. What my first 26 days have been like the dive into the ocean, with all of the accompanying emotions: a little scared, nervous, unsure. The energy of the group has been like the energy of the waves, tireless, powerful.

The secret to surfing is to not try and master the waves but to be in harmony with their motion and energy. Moving with the motion and energy of SLY we can find new ways to approach the Sunday School hour, see youth as leaders in SLY and the larger church, explore new avenues of mission, and find new ways to reach out to the larger community surrounding the church.

Not everything will work, just like you can't ride every wave, but together, working in harmony, we can catch the perfect wave of the Spirit.

Grace and Peace,  
Aaron Shipman

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### SLY Missions *Continued from Page 6*

how small the difference may be, I don't think that anyone was able to come home and jump right back into life as they knew it without giving Mexico some serious thought.

Without even being home for a week, I unpacked, did laundry, re-packed, and learned how to deal with being sick so that I could leave again, only this time to build a house in Durango, Colorado. Once we were on the road, the trip was fun! I mean, what 7-hour car ride in a 15-passenger bus, pulling a u-haul, with Jim Ramsey driving, wouldn't be fun?!?!? The advances that we made on Laura's (the owner of the new house) house were phenomenal! When we got to the work site Monday morning, it was a cement hole in the ground, but when we left the work site Friday afternoon, there were all exterior walls, interior walls, floors, and things were ready for sheet rock! Of course, especially knowing the youth and Jim, there were injuries. Nothing so severe that it required a trip to the hospital, but LOTS of Band-Aids were used. I became known as Dr. Mom, which was rather ironic because I still didn't feel close to 100%! Yet somehow, that wasn't important, I was more concerned about getting everyone else up to speed so that they could keep working. I even yelled at Jim a few times, "Take a water break! Get a band-aide!" Just being a mom to everyone! The most amazing part of the trip was being able to work directly with Laura and her family... seeing all of the work that we were doing and knowing exactly how much she appreciated it and how much it meant to her!

Durango is another trip that will not be soon forgotten; we have pictures, songs, stories, and yes, I even still have a nickname that will go on for a long time. Being able to do not only Durango, but also Mexico, I felt like I had the best summer; I got to see God in more ways than I even knew existed!!!! Thank you for all of your support and prayers for the teams and for helping us with the funding to be able to go via pumpkins and also all of our other fundraisers!!!

*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.

### Ministers

All people of St. Luke's.

### Staff

Dr. Richard Evans.....	Senior Pastor
Rev. Fred Venable.....	Pastoral Staff 1/2 time
Rev. Dave Money.....	Pastoral Staff 1/4 time
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Carrie Mallery.....	Associate Director of Music
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