

*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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All people of St. Luke's.

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MARCH/APRIL issue  
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**February 20th**

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ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# The Chronicle

A NEWS & INFORMATION EXCHANGE FORUM

FEBRUARY 2002



### Big things are happening here! –

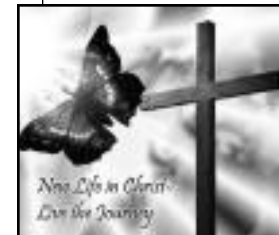
*St. Luke's Annual Parade of our 15ft. high  
Magi at the Epiphany service on January 6th  
started off the New Year in a "big" way.  
Also, we feel extremely blessed to report that over  
2,000 people attended our five Christmas Eve  
Services to celebrate the Birth of Hope.*

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## Lenten Activities at St. Luke's: "New Life in Christ – Live the Journey"



Over the next  
6 weeks, we  
invite you on a  
journey toward  
new life in  
Christ.

Wherever you are in your journey and whatever you are facing today, we invite you to take the time to reflect on your relationship with God, God's will for your life, and how you will respond.

Time for worship and classes will give you the opportunity to contemplate on Christ's journey to discern God's will for his own life and the new life we have received through him.

Here are some of the opportunities to experience Lent at St. Luke's in February as we journey together towards the celebration of new life.

Join us as we "DISCERN THE JOURNEY" from Ash Wednesday, on February 13th, through Saturday, March 30th.

**February 13, Ash Wednesday:** Service 7:30

**February 13 - March 20:** The Lenten Chapel (Classroom B) will be available Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. for contemplation, meditation, and prayer. It will be a quiet place with materials provided to help you discern the meaning of Christ's journey. This is an opportunity to spend time alone—in God's presence—to realize the journey we each travel, discover what it entails, and explore how we each listen to God throughout our journeys.

**February 13 - March 20:** Kidz Club, Wednesday evenings, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., for children in grades 1 through 5. Get connected by spending an evening of fellowship with your friends. We will watch a Bible story video and talk, write, or draw about how the story speaks to us in our daily lives. Then, enjoy a craft or game.

**February 17:** Sunday Worship Service, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. The service will focus on discerning the meaning of Christ's journey and how it relates to our own.

**February 20 - March 20:** "Questions of Faith" Class, Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:15 p.m. Dr. Dick Evans will lead this Christian education class for adults who are discerning their own journeys. This video-based discussion covers some of the basic questions of the Christian faith. We will study and discern together, using passages from the Bible for deeper reflection on the questions of faith.

**February 24:** Sunday Worship Service 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. All-Church meeting for Outreach Opportunities, 10:30-1:00 p.m. A brunch will be served at 10:30, followed by guest speakers explaining Outreach Opportunities.

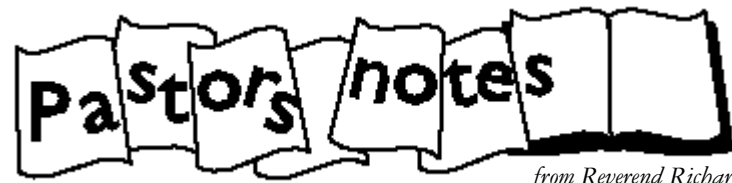
..... more to come in March!

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from Reverend Richard Evans

## The Fleas of Faith: Any Questions?

Faith without questions is weak. Afraid. Faith that is willing to engage its questions is stronger. We are all involved with questions about things that seem to matter a lot at the time, but by this time tomorrow, we may have forgotten them—all the immediate wheres and whens and hows of daily life. And we sometimes lose track of the questions about things that always matter—questions about meaning, purpose, value, life and death.

Sir Francis Galton, a 19th century English scientist, wrote: “Well-washed and well-combed domestic dogs grow dull; they miss the stimulus of fleas.” We need ‘fleas’ to nip at our conscience, to irritate our assumptions, and to disturb our expectations—to ask questions. One of the primary areas of our lives that should be flea-bitten is our faith. Too often we are content to let our faith become a matter of an hour on Sunday morning, with the rest of the week dissolving into job deadlines, kids’ schedules, and household demands.

So why is it that we need the annoyance of fleas/questions? Because the fleas in our faith, or as Frederick Buechner calls “ants in our pants of faith,” are the itches and twitches of doubts that keep our faith awake and moving and growing. Questions grow naturally out of true faith. Questions call us into action, not just agitation. Questions call us to wrestle with our faith. Questions help us grow in our faith.

As a part of our “New Life in Christ: Live the Journey” theme for Lent this year, I will be leading a class on Questions of Faith, a video-based discussion of some basic questions of the Christian Faith. What is God like? What good is prayer? Who is Jesus? Do you believe in miracles? And others. We will study and wrestle together with passages from the Bible which open up deeper reflections on these questions of faith.

This group will meet from 6:30-7:15 p.m., following the community dinner, beginning February 20th. You may sign up in the Narthex.

However you choose to do so, I invite you to Live the Journey.

Shalom,

*Dick*

**SPRC Update: St. Luke's Staff** - Opportunity exists to be a part of the team! St. Luke's Staff Parish Relations Committee is seeking candidates for the Director of Ministry Development. If you would like to share your ideas, or want more information contact Steve Riley, [steve@stlukeshr.com](mailto:steve@stlukeshr.com) . Be sure to send resume and cover letter. A job description is available in the church office. Your referrals are also appreciated. **Director of Ministry Development:** In support of St. Luke's vision in mission, the Director of Ministry Development is responsible for the Care & Assimilation program, small group coordination and leadership development. It is a full-time position which stimulates and cultivates the church values throughout our small groups and structure. Need excellent interpersonal skills, strong organizational skills and computer experience.



## Prayer Chain

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

*Debbie Ransick's mother, Janet Kniskern;  
Dick Evans;  
Mary Ann Eagleston's sister, Barbara Lewis;  
Susie Martin's parents, Tokie and Sam Kanda;  
Felice Plain;  
Brad Chase;  
Barb Tumbleson;  
Pat Dunnigan's granddaughter, Devyn Elizabeth;  
Glenn Turner;  
Bob Ferguson's mother, Nelle Ferguson;  
Greg Duncan;  
Olivia Murrow;  
Cindy Hagan;  
Spencer Tolleson;  
Brittan Griffith;  
Sarah Johnson, Carl and Dianne Johnson's niece;  
Jackie Durban;  
Natalie Rodriguez;  
Crystal Arndt's parents; and  
Jana Money's mother, Doris Baril.*

We continue to pray for:

*Stewart Brown;  
Jan Standly, Joy Damsgard's sister-in-law;  
Kyle Exline Boose; and  
Renie Sanek's sister, Ruth McWilliams.*

We extend our prayers and sympathy to:

*Carl Fitch and family  
on the death of his father, Chester Fitch;*

*Ruth Smith and family  
on the death of her father; and*

*Doug and Pam Rowley and family  
on the death of their son, Douglas Rowley.*



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

*A daughter, Devyn Elizabeth,  
to Kristina Linn, daughter of Pat Dunnigan,  
on 12-29-01;*

*A daughter, Hailey Nicole,  
to Vicki and Roger Lauer on 12-14-01.*

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



## SLY Activities

### FEBRUARY

- 1-3.....6th Grade Winter Retreat
- 3.....‘Soup’er Bowl Sunday!!!  
Youth Leadership Team meets 1pm-3pm  
Joy-Full Noyz Youth Choir practice at 3pm  
‘Soup’er Bowl Party in the Youth Center on the Big Screen @4pm
- 5.....Highlands Ranch Breakfast Club
- 6.....Arapahoe Breakfast Club  
Wednesday Night Live!: The World’s Most Dangerous Bible Study
- 7.....Adult Workers with Youth 7-9pm
- 10.....Regular SLY Schedule
- 12.....Highlands Ranch Breakfast Club
- 13.....Arapahoe Breakfast Club  
Wednesday Night Live! Ash Wednesday Service (no WMDBS)
- 17.....NO SLY ACTIVITIES:  
Presidents’ Day
- 19.....Highlands Ranch Breakfast Club
- 20.....Arapahoe Breakfast Club  
Wednesday Night Live!: The World’s Most Dangerous Bible Study
- 22-23..‘30 Hour’ Famine  
CCYM Spring Plenary @ Northglenn UMC
- 24.....Regular SLY Schedule
- 26.....Highlands Ranch Breakfast Club
- 27.....Arapahoe Breakfast Club  
Wednesday Night Live!: The World’s Most Dangerous Bible Study

### MARCH

- 1-3....Winter Ski Retreat @ Ski Cooper
- 3.....Regular SLY Schedule
- 5.....Highlands Ranch Breakfast Club
- 6.....Arapahoe Breakfast Club  
Wednesday Night Live!: The World’s Most Dangerous Bible Study
- 8-10...Youth Quest for 6th-8th grades in Buena Vista, CO
- 10.....Regular SLY Schedule
- 12.....Highlands Ranch Breakfast Club
- 13.....Arapahoe Breakfast Club  
Wednesday Night Live!: The World’s Most Dangerous Bible Study
- 14.....Adult Workers with Youth 7-9pm
- 17.....Happy St. Patrick’s Day!  
Regular Morning Schedule  
Youth Choir 5-5:30pm  
Progressive Dinner 5:30-9pm

SLY-Line: 303-791-0659 x45  
Youth@stlukeshr.com

Aaron Shipman: 303-791-0659 x14  
Aaron@stlukeshr.com

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

Dear SLY Family:

Greetings! I hope your holidays were blessed and that you have recovered sufficiently. We here at SLY keep on keeping on. There are many exciting opportunities in which youth can be involved, and all you have to do is show up!...For the most part.

Ten youth and three adults spent the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday down in Alamosa, CO hanging dry wall in a **Habitat for Humanity Home**. We had three wonderful days of work, worship, prayer and playing. Through it all, we were able to see God's presence surrounding us in the persons we served, and one another.

The 6th Grade is having a **Winter Retreat at Singn' River Ranch** where we will explore our faith lives and enjoy an afternoon of tubing down a large hill. Soon the 6th graders will be moving up into the Junior High group, and this is a way of giving them one more time to be with each other.

**The Winter Ski Retreat** has moved from February 8-10 to March 1-3. Please mark your calendars. Registration forms will be available beginning February 3. The cost is \$35 and that includes your food, lodging, and lift ticket! You can't beat that with a stick. More details are available from my office.

The **30 Hour Famine** is coming up February 22-23. This is a mission project to learn about world hunger and do something about it. We will be teaming up with Christ Lutheran Church Sr. High to fight hunger and grow together in our faith. Through the course of the famine, we will play, pray, serve, learn, and worship. I encourage any Sr. Higher who is interested in helping save the lives of people all around the world to join us in doing the Famine. For more info, call or stop by my office.

**Youth Quest** for 6-8th grade is coming up March 8-10. The early bird deadline has passed, but if you would still like to go and join the rest of the Junior High, we have room and registration forms available. Space is limited, so please hurry if you want to go.

**Up With Youth** for Sr. High is April 5-7. Registration forms are available from my office and on-line at [www.rmccumc.org](http://www.rmccumc.org). UWY requires that all registration forms be turned in at the same time paying with one check. Since this is the case, all reg. forms are due back into my office by February 24. After that, there will be a late registration fee.

As you can see, there are many retreats, mission projects and special events planned for the Winter Quarter, and I hope that there is one which appeals to your heart, mind, body and soul.

For more information on these and other youth activities, you can call and get the weekly update on the SLYLine, (303)791-0659 x45, or call Aaron, (303)791-0659 x14. Don't forget that we meet weekly for Breakfast Clubs in Highlands Ranch and at Arapahoe High School, we have the World's Most Dangerous Bible Study on Wednesday nights, worship and learning opportunities on Sunday mornings, Joy-full Noyz Youth Choir on Sunday afternoons, and SLY meetings on Sunday evenings.

There is a place here for you. Come and join us!

In Christ's Service,

Aaron







## Music Notes: Wednesday Night Comes Alive!

As we begin another exciting term for Kidz Prayz this spring, I want to share some of the successes of the program. The Kidz Prayz program is designed to enhance each child's cognitive development through musical learning within a Christian environment. Cognitive development is achieved in a variety of means with music making. It primarily is recognized when the child creates music through synthesis of previous learning, consequently the highest form of learning. In addition, the child will also continually expand and advance their gross motor skills by playing a variety of instruments as well as movement. It is our sincere desire not only to foster this philosophy of musical education with Christian values at St. Luke's but also to recognize the importance of music's role in educating the young mind. Last fall, each child had an opportunity to play a variety of instruments both pitched (xylophones) and non-pitched (drums). In addition, they sang in solfège (a system of learning musical pitch) and applied the system to songs of the Christmas musical; and further develop their gross motor skills through rhythmic body percussion (clap, snap and pat) and movement for the Christmas musical taught by Heather Harding.

The focus of each session is obviously based on the musical learning but there are other valuable aspects of the program, as well. Before and after each Kidz Prayz session, we have a prayer. Before the opening prayer, I've found something quite valuable for the Kidz Prayz II children. We have a moment of joys and concerns that has a high rate of participation. It's wonderful to see the children focus on issues, good and bad, in which we simply encourage them to believe in the power and comfort of prayer in our daily lives.

Our final concert will be on **Friday, April 5 at 7:00pm** in the Sanctuary. The Kidz Prayz children will be joined by the Cherub's Choir in a final celebration of music culminating with songs, instruments and movement. If you would like to join the Kidz Prayz program, please be on the look out for registration in August.

- James 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: TBD  
Ruth Smith

### Youth Choir - Joy-full Noyz

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

Rehearsal time: Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm  
Kidz Prayz I: 1st-3rd grade  
Carrie Mallery  
Kidz Prayz II: 4th-6th grade  
James Ramsey

### Sonrise Band

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

### Tintinnabulators Handbell Choir

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

### HANDBELL RINGERS WANTED!

Contact Lisa Lewis, 303-221-6323

## Experience the Music of St. Luke's

### Sunday, Feb. 10

8:00 - Sonrise  
9:30 - Cherubs,  
Youth Choir,  
Flutes  
11:00 - Chancel Choir,  
Ed Law

### Saturday, Feb. 16

7:00 - A Classical  
Evening Concert



### Sunday, Feb. 17

8:00 - Sonrise  
9:30 - Brass,  
Chancel Choir  
11:00 - Brass,  
Chancel Choir

### Sunday, Feb. 24

8:00 - Sonrise  
9:30 - Handbells  
11:00 - Handbells

### Sunday, Mar. 3

8:00 - Sonrise  
9:30 - Chancel Choir,  
Marge Harper  
11:00 - Lisa Lewis/  
Carrie Mallery,  
Chancel Choir

## New Members



Welcome!

### November 2001

Margie & Bob Hardaway  
1354 Forest Trails Drive  
Castle Rock, CO 80104  
children: Lacy, Keith

Shannon & Jeff Lukens  
9691 South Beacon Hill Ct.  
HR, CO 80126  
children: Meghan, Penn, Libby

Katie Valentine & Paul Saunders  
8327 S Upham Way, #212  
Littleton, CO 80128

Michelle & Tom Wetzel  
1096 East Brittan Way  
HR, CO 80126  
children: Kyle, Caden

### January 2002

Anne & Ted Bobkowski  
8100 South Tamarac St.  
Centennial, CO 80112  
children: Kyle, Karen

Lynne Butler (LeRoy)  
2667 West Bitterroot Place  
HR, CO 80129  
children: Kelsey, Colby, Ashley

Ann Haugen  
19611 Crestwood Ct.  
Parker, CO 80138

Jay VanHoosen  
2921 D West Long Drive  
Littleton, CO 80120

Cassandra & Steven McCasland  
9814 South Venneford Ranch Rd.  
HR, CO 80126  
children: Austin, Conner

Nancy Ohlander  
3716 W. Rosewalk Ct.  
HR, CO 80129  
children: Benjamin, Keith

Nathalee & Paul Porter  
784 West Sparrow Hawk Drive  
HR, CO 80129  
children: Allyson, Kirstyn



## Steve Riley, Executive Administrator

by Joyce Rovetta

Steve Riley makes it look easy, but if he volunteered to leap a tall building in a single bound, I wouldn't bet against him. He has been an active member of the St Luke's congregation since 1989. In September 2001, he joined the staff as the first full-time Executive Administrator.

"I was lucky to be in the right place at the right time to take it on," he said. "And it's been everything I expected and more."

Riley knew what he was getting into. In his 12 years with the church he has been involved in the areas the Executive Administrator executes, from programs such as music to raising a million dollars for our last capital campaign.

His interest in guitar led him to found the Sonrise Band that plays contemporary songs the 8 a.m. services. As co-chairman of the Capital Stewardship program, he helped raise a million dollars to enable the construction of building Phase 3, our Sanctuary, at last. On the Staff Parish Relations Committee, he dealt with growing staff needs in a growing church.

Two or three times a year, he said, the Ad Council and staff would face a problem and see the solution in a business/operations manager who would pay attention to the details and crunch the numbers, co-ordinate vendors and trouble shoot, take the day to day detail work off the shoulders of the pastors and program heads and give continuity to the instructions of the part-time staff and volunteer members of the Administrative Council and the Trustees.

When the idea finally came to be, Riley leaped at the chance. Working in the insurance industry for 20 years as a commercial underwriter, manager, agent and team leader most recently for Fireman's Fund Insurance Co., he knows his numbers. But what he discovered when he began a Master's program to advance, was that the human side of business is his favorite thing.

"This opportunity at St Luke's gives me a chance to work with people. I like the day-to-day challenge and it's about as diverse a day as you can imagine. I could start with a clogged sink and move right into a visioning session trying to project St. Luke's mission into the future."

For Human Resources, he will attend a meeting to decide what kind of staff we most need, then conduct interviews to hire them and direct the Human Resource management such as training, benefits and reviews. Financially, he helps the Finance and Stewardship teams set their goals, create and monitor budgets, co-ordinate goals and number trends. Operationally, he follows the lead to the Trustees in building management from construction of the new elevators to keeping the place clean and the drains flowing.

"It takes lots of cooperation from staff and our many capable committee members, but I am the one who must pay attention to the details and answer the questions so the pastors and the program staff can concentrate on their special missions."

In trying to reach Steve for this article, I found him off for the weekend with the church youth in Alamosa where they were erecting drywall and stucco walls for Habitat for Humanity. Not a part of the job, just Steve supporting Aaron Shipman, the youth director, and Steve's son, David, on the project.

### STEVE RILEY - TIDBITS

- Born in Washington D. C.
- Lived in Virginia, Denver and spent one memorable summer climbing mountains in Alaska.
- Married for 25 years to Martha. Two children; Jessica 20 and David 17.
- Favorite color: blue
- Pet peeves: Micro-management. Save the church from it.
- Hobbies: Guitar, computers for fun, Bible study for fun. He recommends Fred Venable's class.
- Who would he invite to dinner? - His Dad who lives in Texas and he doesn't get to see often enough.



THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON RECEIVING

## Worthy to Play the Part

By Dennis Becker

“The man who played Jesus” in “Godspell”, performed by the St. Luke’s Wesley Players is how many children at St. Luke’s know Judson Byrn. Judson says, “Participation in ‘Godspell’ helped me become integrated in church life at St. Luke’s more than any other thing.”



How does it feel to play the role of Jesus? Listen to Judson. “Years ago I saw the movie, ‘Godspell’. The role of Christ impacted me significantly. I felt that Christ was a person who could be sitting next to me. I said that if I ever got a chance to play that role, I would try to do my best to play the part well and to be deserving of the part. Then the opportunity came at St. Luke’s. I thought, ‘Am I deserving to play the part with my human frailties and inadequacies?’ The role is incredibly challenging theatrically, musically and emotionally. I could not have gotten through it without the prayers of many people. It is clear that God touched the lives of many people including my own.”

Coming from experience in community theater in the Chicago area, Judson has performed in other Wesley Players productions including “Mary and Joe 4ever” and a performance for the children about Noah’s ark. Judson also sings in the Chancel Choir. He joined the choir after hearing the choir sing “For the Beauty of the Earth” with Carrie Mallery accompanying on the piano. Feeling a spirit of worship, Judson said, “I belong in that choir.” He is constantly amazed at the talent and unconditional commitment of the choir members, and music ministers (Carrie for her behind-the-scenes contribution and Jim Ramsey for directing). “They sing for the love of music, for each other and for Christ, and deserve recognition for providing a worshipful atmosphere,” Judson said.

Judson has been singing in church choirs since the second grade. He loves to sing and has sung the “Messiah” at least five times. He played guitar in the youth group of a Kentucky church. One summer he and some friends took two months to play in churches across Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. They played in the evening, slept in church basements and traveled to their next engagement.

How did Judson find his way to St. Luke’s? He came to Denver from Chicago. Some of his friends in Chicago had attended Littleton United Methodist Church and knew Dick Evans. They encouraged Judson to try “Dick’s church.” Judson made the connection and has been here ever since. (Thanks, Dick)

Judson came to Denver in the summer of 1993 and joined St. Luke’s in December, 2000. He negotiates telecommunications contracts for Cendant, a Galileo subsidiary. And whenever there is music or drama, you’ll likely see him around St. Luke’s.



## Little School is Jumpin’



After a very busy Christmas season, Little School continues to have much merriment downstairs! January was full of activities including Western fun with the Stock Show and (pretend) campfires! Everyone enjoyed dressing Western, wearing our jeans and cowboy hats! We consumed a whole bunch of marshmallows, a staple for all good cowpokes!

School conferences and Speech and Hearing testing ended our month to help parents prepare for Kindergarten registration and Little School began their registration for fall of 2002. Can you believe it?

CURRENT FAMILIES, SIBLINGS AND CHURCH MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE ALREADY TURNED IN THEIR REGISTRATION FORMS AND WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATION FORMS FOR NEW FAMILIES. APPLICATIONS MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE PRESCHOOL OFFICE DOWNSTAIRS. QUESTIONS? 303-791-1982

February will be filled with LOVE and many activities surrounding Valentine’s Day. We always enjoy making and sharing lots of sweet projects. We are working on getting a new piece of play equipment for our playground and hopefully with good weather we will be able to have it installed during February, ready for spring play! Thanks to an anonymous gift, we will be able to proceed much sooner than anticipated. We are truly blessed and VERY grateful!

Little School continues to maintain its wonderful reputation and outstanding Christian program. We are very pleased to have so many families interested in Little School! PLEASE stop by and visit YOUR preschool any day!

Valentine’s Love,

Ms. Kay ☺



Corner

## Announcing Our Winter Work Day

Please make plans now to join us for our Winter Work Day on Saturday, March 2nd. If you have a task you’d like us to complete, we’ve got our own sign up sheet in the fellowship hall on the east wall. If you’d like to join in as we welcome your support for this quarterly event, then please plan to join us around 8:30 until things are completed. The focus this time is attention to the interior, and our wonderful co-sponsors are the UMW members. We’d like to top the terrific turn out we had in the fall, so come on down!



## Purpose & Passion

Close your eyes and dream of a lush, green mountain setting;

quiet peace and fresh air. Think of putting the past year behind you and visualizing your goals for the coming year. Get excited about your personal spiritual growth and sharing in new friendships.

You’ve just conjured up the St. Luke’s United Methodist Women’s ANNUAL RETREAT. All this and so much more awaits you at this year’s retreat. Mark your calendars now for **March 15-17, 2002** at The Hideaway in Monument, Colorado. The Hideaway is beautiful mountain lodge that will provide a wonderful setting for fellowship, spiritual growth and fun. Our theme this year is “Purpose and Passion” and will be highlighted by our guest speaker, Kim Tetrev.

Registration begins February 3rd. UMW will have a table outside the Narthex every Sunday in February after worship services to plan your get-away. The cost is \$150.00 per person for the weekend and \$70.00 per person for Saturday only. The package includes lodging, all meals, speaker and activities.

Plan now to meet new friends from your St. Luke’s church family and begin this year with Purpose and Passion!



## The “Lay”test News: Wesley on the Web

A Message from our Lay Leaders - By Monty Hoffman

Want to learn more about John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, or read some of his writings? There are several places on the Web to access this information, but one of the easiest to use is the Wesley Center for Applied Theology, supported by the Northwest Nazarene University. It can be found at <http://wesley.nnu.edu>.

There are two biographies here and I would urge you to read one of them, particularly about Wesley’s early years. Wesley spent his early years believing that the ability to perfect himself to make himself worthy of God’s love lay within him. Because of this, he felt only a sense of failure in his relationship with God. Only after he accepted that his faith in God through Christ and God’s grace in his life, not anything he did or believed, were the way to a new relationship with God did Wesley feel the assurance of God’s love. The humility that he gained through this experience led him to understand that if God loved him, God’s love and grace were available to all people. This applies as much to us today as it did to Wesley in the 18th century.

It is also interesting to read some of his writings, including his sermons, but you need to read them for the spirit of Methodism that is contained in them, not for their literal meaning. They were written to reach out to people in a newly industrialized England in the middle of the 18th century and not all of what Wesley says applies literally today, but the spirit does. You also need to be aware that the meaning of some words has changed in the last 250 years and translate things properly. For example, the sermon called “Nature of Enthusiasm” was not written to encourage excitement in religion, but to caution against extremism in religion. In Wesley’s time, enthusiasm meant extremism.

As I tell new member classes, the beliefs of St. Luke’s and other Methodist churches are grounded in the Wesleyan Tradition. Understanding Wesley and the spirit of his writings helps you to understand the theology of what you hear preached every week and helps you to live it in your life.

## Be Watching For Handcrafted Items from Zimbabwe

By Laurie Gilbert

As many of you know, we have been sending new and gently used clothing for the children in the orphanages and the women in Zimbabwe for the last 4 years. We also have helped financially to supported the St. John’s UMC in Zimbabwe over the last couple of years.

I’m excited to share that we will be selling handcrafted candle sticks and sugar bowls made in Zimbabwe, specific to the Chegutu area. The crafts were made by a bicycle powered lathe. 100% of the profits will be sent to St. John’s UMC in Zimbabwe. The Pastor of this church is Rev. David Mucherera, who is our former Missionary-in-Residence Dr. Tapiwa Mucherera’s brother. We are currently waiting for the second shipment to arrive and then sales will begin.

Zimbabwe has been under political oppression for years and is barely surviving the horrific AIDS epidemic. The people we met in 1997 during our Zimbabwe mission are remarkable in every way. They have had to learn to be resourceful in everyday living and survival. I think you will find these crafts not only beautiful, but even more meaningful when you see how these items are made.





## Cambodia: Mission Possible II - Bells of Hope

Recently, at the 2001 Crop Walk, one of the leaders shared this information with us.

Shells into bells...In 1975, the Khmer Rouge seized power in Cambodia, beginning a four-year reign of terror which killed on million Cambodians. The nation's infrastructure, agricultural base, and spirit were broken. Cambodia now lives with the plague of eight million landmines—roughly one for every person in the country. These landmines are planted throughout the countryside in fields where families tend their crops and beasts of burden. Because land is scarce, they have

no choice but to work in these mine-filled fields. Often they are fatal and crippling accidents. As Cambodian people go about their daily activities in the fields, many gather scrap metal to add to their family income (estimated at below \$400 per person per year). For years these scraps of war—spent shell casings, old artillery shells, electrical wire, and soda cans—have been sold to village foundries where they are melted and recast into little bells. The bells are used to adorn the harnesses of cows, oxen and water buffalo, an indispensable cornerstone of Cambodia's agriculture.

Today, the Cambodian people are beginning to reconstruct their lives and their villages.

There are new roads, new schools, a return of cultural traditions, and growing confidence that the people can solve their own problems at a community level with help of partners like Church World Service. (Crop Walk)

Shells into bells... a moving witness to transformation underway in Cambodia, where the courage and resilience of the people have triumphed over days of darkness and horror.

The Mission Possible team will be selling these bells, sent to us by Rev. Joseph Chan. We hope to be selling these the month before Easter. All the profits will go toward the Siem Reap Community Training Center in Cambodia.

- Laurie Gilbert

## Hands-on Outreach Brunch Coming February 24!

Would you and/or your family like some ideas for a meaningful "hands-on" experience giving to others? Would you like new ways to walk in Jesus' footsteps for a day or a week? If so, come have brunch with the Missions Team and representatives of the community to learn about some special programs and projects.

The event will take place on Sunday, February 24 in the "Goliath" open area downstairs. (Just follow the footsteps!) We will start after the 9:30 service. At 11:00am, speakers will give short overviews of opportunities such as the Volunteers in Mission Program; St. Luke's upcoming Mission Trip to Iowa in June; DenUM's Outreach Volunteer Experience in Denver; Family Urban Encounter Weekend in Denver; Mission Trip to the UMCOR Depot in Louisiana in October; helping the youth with outreach; and a variety of local one-time and ongoing opportunities. The speakers will repeat their overviews at 12:15. In between, there will be time to eat, mingle with the speakers and sign up for something that appeals to you!

We hope you come to this interesting and informative event. Bring your calendars and your children, too!



Our 'kidz' relax after their terrific performance in "Why the Chimes Rang."



## Children's Ministries Team Update

All Sunday School teachers are encouraged to attend the next **Teachers Workshops** on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 8:30 to 11:00. We will be featuring crafts that could be used during the next quarter and how to make the meaning of Easter more real to our children. A wonderful spread of breakfast treats will be available. Come, get to know your fellow team members and plan the next quarter of study.

**Little School Spring Book Fair** will be held in the fellowship hall on Feb. 10 from 8:30 until 12:00. Christian books for all ages are available. Proceeds from the sales will be used for additional play ground equipment. Come early, shop often.

**The Children's Ministry Team** will be meeting Tuesday, Feb. 5th at 7:00. The major topics of discussion will be setting committees for the events we will be organizing this year such as; Easter Saturday, the Children's Dinner Theater and Vacation Bible School. We meet the first Tuesday of every month in the 5th grade room.

**The Nursery Ministry Team** (supporting our nursery and childcare programs) will be meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12th at 7:00, in the 5th grade room. Discussion will focus on setting priorities for the nursery area and the up-coming nursery staff training.

**Mark your calendars!! The St. Luke's Children's Ministry wants to invite you and your families to join us for some of these upcoming fun events:**

**Kidz Club** every Wednesday from 6:15 to 7:30, for kids in grades one through five. Come get connected through an evening with your friends. We will watch a fun video of a Bible story, talk, write or draw about how the story speaks to us in our daily lives, then enjoy a craft or game.

Look forward to beginning your **Easter Celebration** on Saturday, March 30th from 10:00 to 12:00. The fun includes the Easter Egg Hunts (one for younger and one for older), Carnival games, a petting zoo, and of course, the Easter Bunny. Volunteers are needed to help plan, organize and run the various activities. Please contact Jenita Rhodes or any member of the Children's Ministry Team for more information.

**Special Needs Sunday** is tentatively scheduled for April 14th. The Sunday School classes will have a unique opportunity to learn and experience what it might be like to have a special challenge in living every day. Last year's program was very educational, enlightening and fun. Please consider joining in the planning and organization of this event!

**The Children's Dinner Theater** is Friday, May 10th. This is an evening out to the "theater" for kids and their families. Dinner is served, followed by entertainment for the entire family.

**Vacation Bible School** is June 24-28. We need help with different aspects of VBS, such as music, arts and crafts, games and snacks. Please call Jenita Rhodes at the church office.

**Seven Summer Fun Days** start June 11 and run every Tuesday (except June 25 & July 2) through August 6th. This is a morning program for pre-school children on up to elementary school kids to come to the church and have a morning of fun during the summer.

**The St. Luke's Puppet Ministry** is in its infancy. Get involved now in this exciting new children's ministry. We need adults who enjoy puppeteering, and working with kids. You can be trained at an upcoming regional workshop. We'll also need help making props and sets.

If you are interested in getting involved in any of the different upcoming activities this spring, please call Jenita Rhodes or Pat Dunnigan at the church office, 303-791-0659 or email at [jenita@stlukeshr.com](mailto:jenita@stlukeshr.com), or [pat@stlukeshr.com](mailto:pat@stlukeshr.com) or any of the Children's Ministry Team members: Danny McIntosh, Susan Harned, Sue Quirk, Any Holton, Sheri Larsen, Sonya Wild, Sandy Larson, Deb Whitelam. The Children's Ministry is the perfect way for you and your family to meet other kids and adults who are growing in a Christian atmosphere at St. Luke's.



## nursery news

The Nursery is in great need of adult workers. This is a paid position on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings and Saturday and Sunday mornings. We are especially in need of adults for Saturday mornings. We are looking for adults who love children and would enjoy playing with them. If you are interested please contact Lynne Butler at 303-791-0659 x47 or by email at [lynne@stlukeshr.com](mailto:lynne@stlukeshr.com).

**look for some exciting changes coming to our nursery soon!**



**This little light of mine** - Caitlin Ross and Caitlin Bauer, Acolytes on Jan. 20th.



## 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. February's class dates start on Wednesday, February 13th at 5:30pm and continue on Sunday, February 17th & 24th at 9:30a.m. Those who are ready to become members of St. Luke's may then participate in the worship service on Sunday, March 3rd at 11a.m. as they are recognized as new members of our church family. Please call the church office for more information at 303-791-0659.

### SIGNS IN FRONT OF CHURCHES

1. The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.
2. Under same management for over 2,000 years.
3. Soul food served here.
4. You can give without loving but you cannot love without giving.
5. Beat the Christmas rush, come to church this Sunday!
6. Don't wait for the hearse to take you to church.
7. Don't give up. Moses was once a basket case!
8. Worry is interest paid on trouble before it is due.
9. K-mart isn't the only saving place!
10. Preach the gospel at all times... Use words only if necessary.
11. It's hard to stumble when you're on your knees.
12. What part of "THOU SHALT NOT" don't you understand?
13. A clear conscience makes a soft pillow.
14. Never give the devil a ride. He will always want to drive.
15. Can't sleep? Try counting your blessings.
16. Forbidden fruit creates many jams.
17. To belittle is to be little.
18. Don't let the littleness in others bring out the littleness in you.
19. God answers knee mail.
20. Try Jesus. If you don't like Him, the devil will always take you back.

## One Great Hour of Sharing—March 10



The special One Great Hour of Sharing Offering for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) will take place on March 10. UMCOR is the humanitarian relief and development agency of the United Methodist Church. UMCOR serves millions of people in the U.S. and around the world. It responds immediately to disasters such as floods, earthquakes, refugee crises, and civil unrest. UMCOR also has many designated projects that address recovery from disasters, the longer-term needs of refugees and the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Your contribution to the One Great Hour of Sharing helps UMCOR to respond immediately when disaster strikes, helps pay UMCOR's operating expenses (less than 4% of its total budget) and helps fund its designated projects that need more financial support. Because of One Great Hour of Sharing donations, 100% of contributions to one of UMCOR's designated projects (such as "Love in the Midst of Tragedy" or helping hurricane victims rebuild) can and will go to that project!

Please give generously to UMCOR on March 10!



## Calling All Good Men!

Looking for spiritual development? Got questions about what spirituality means? Not sure what you believe these days or what you're supposed to believe? You're not alone. Or perhaps you'd like to get to know some of the other guys at the church and spend a weekend in a beautiful setting. Whatever our reason, join us at the UMM Retreat at Temple Hills, **March 8-10**. Our own Fred Venable and Dick Evans will be leading the retreat entitled, "Spirituality with Both Feet on the Ground (or How to be Spiritual without Going nuts)." The cost is \$85 per person. Scholarships are available (we don't want the cost to keep anyone away). Register at the sign-up table on Sunday morning or call Rick Fort at 303-814-2041. There are only 33 slots and they're going fast! Sign up today!



Our Family would like to extend a special Thank You to the people of St. Luke's! The past 7 1/2 years have provided us a journey filled with friendships and faith experiences that have encouraged us to listen to God's calling and begin a new journey in ministry. May God's blessings be with you all!

— Stacey, Heather, Ashley, Megan and Grant Harding



## Martin Luther King Unity Walk: January 20, 2002

On Sunday afternoon, January 20, I went to the 8th annual Martin Luther King Unity Walk in Highlands Ranch. My reaction to the event was a resounding AMEN!!!

I was inspired to participate in the Walk by the video clips about Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights movement that Dick showed during the Sunday sermon. The theme of the sermon that day was living a meaningful life (a.k.a. "Don't Thump Rocks at Hogs").

The theme of the Walk was "Walking the Talk – Unity in Diversity." We started at Fox Creek Elementary School. There was a diverse group of us, including African Americans, Native Americans and Asian Americans. With Unity pins attached to our jackets, we walked the 1.6 miles to Highlands Ranch High School. Inside the High School, we were greeted with cookies, punch and hot beverages. There were also interesting educational displays about African Americans in Colorado history and the life of Martin Luther King.

We were then treated to a wonderful program. There were inspirational speakers representing different faiths – Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, Jewish and Baha'i – and a firefighter who worked at Ground Zero of the World Trade Center. These people shared their stories and expressed common themes – we are all part of God's family, unity in diversity, peace, justice and respect. We also enjoyed music by two very talented soloists.

The Martin Luther King Unity Walk is a fun, educational and inspiring experience, especially for families. As I was leaving the event, I read some quotations from Martin Luther King. Dr. King said, "...I just want to leave a committed life behind." And thus I came full circle from the Sunday worship service. See you at the Walk next year!

— Betsy Keyack



**The Annual Christmas Cantata** led by our Director of Music Ministry, James Ramsey, was performed December 16th at St. Luke's. Over 100 people participated in music making to the glory of God, ringing out the spirit of Christmas and celebrating the significance of our Savior's birth.

## Marriage Encounter

Marriage Encounter is about making a good marriage better. The focus of a Marriage Encounter weekend is on improving communications between

one another. The purpose of a 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.



### Upcoming Marriage Encounter weekends:

- Loveland February 8-10
- Co. Springs March 15-17
- Denver July 26-28

Other dates and locations are available.

For more information, contact Ann and Bill Roadarmel at 303-792-5110, email at [aroadarm@IX.netcom.com](mailto:aroadarm@IX.netcom.com) or Bill and Kendra Lee at 303-740-7831, email at [Klee@klagroup.com](mailto:Klee@klagroup.com)