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Sunday Worship Services

8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am

Sunday School Classes

9:30 am & 11:00 am - Adult, Youth & Children's Classes

Nursery available for all services.

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Outreach Opportunities

On Sunday, February 24, over brunch,
the Missions Team invited several speak-
ers to talk with church members about
opportunities for hands-on outreach.

Volunteers in Mission, Mission Trip to UMCOR Depot, October 5-12, 2000

Our keynote speaker was Holly Ludlam,
Co-coordinator of the Rocky Mountain
Conference Volunteers in Mission
Program (UMVIM). UMVIM provides
opportunities to link our faith with good
works both domestically and internation-
ally. There are projects for individuals,
health care workers, retirees with RV's
and young adults. Churches can form
their own teams, as we have for
Cambodia, or join an existing team.

Holly is leading a mission trip on
October 5-12, 2002 to the United
Methodist Committee on Relief
(UMCOR) Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana.
Everyone is invited. We will be sorting
and packing supplies for disaster relief
around the world, performing service in
the local community and doing general

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Experience Lent at St. Luke's: "New Life in Christ – Live the Journey"

Now through March 20: *The Lenten Chapel*

(Classroom A) will be available Wednesday
evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm for contempla-
tion, 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 oppor-
tunity 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.



Now through March 20: *Kidz Club*, Wednesday evenings, from 6:15 to 7:30 pm,
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.

Now through March 20: "Questions of Faith" Class, Wednesday evenings 6:15-
7:15 pm. 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.

March 10: *Sunday Worship Service:* 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am

One Great Hour of Sharing: a special offertory to benefit UMCOR, the humani-
tarian relief and development agency of the United Methodist Church.

March 17: *Sunday Worship Service:* 8:00 am *Fauré Requiem:* 9:30 & 11:00 am -
performed by the Chancel Choir and orchestral ensemble.

March 23: *Children's Easter Celebration:* Look forward to Easter Sunday by
joining the fun on Sat., March 23, from 10:00 am-12:00 noon. The festivities
include Easter egg hunts, carnival games, a petting zoo and, of course, the
Easter Bunny!

March 24-March 31: *Holy Week:* During Holy Week, beginning March 24,
we confront, and accept, the most difficult aspects of life's journey—suffering,
betrayal, and death so that we may embrace new life in Christ.

March 24: *Palm Sunday Worship Service:* 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am

March 27: *The Seder Feast* is a ritual of the Jewish community observed during
Passover commemorating the exodus from Egypt. This was the meal that Jesus
shared with his disciples the night he was arrested. Join us at 6:00 pm as we
partake of this meal as a way of experiencing Jesus' faith.

March 29: *Maundy Thursday Worship Service* 7:00 pm. This is the night when
we remember the gracious act of God in Jesus Christ: the day that Jesus
celebrated the Seder meal with his disciples ushering in a new covenant.

March 31: *Easter Sunday Worship Service:* 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 am

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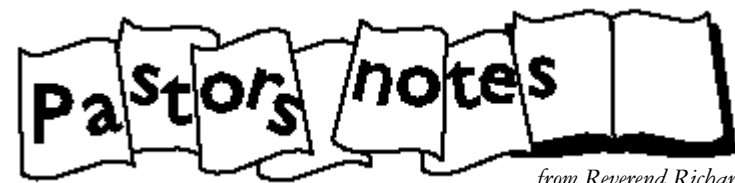
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ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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from Reverend Richard Evans

The Munching Sheep Theory

Bill Easum, a national church consultant, has a theory about the United Methodist Church. He says we have been munching along without looking up and seeing what's going on around us, munched out onto a highway, and gotten hit by an 18-wheeler. That may or not be true, but it is a good warning: Look where you're going.

Over the past couple of years we have developed an engaging vision of who we are as a church. We are Invitational, Relational and Missional. Living out those core values is the foundation for our "growing toward full humanity as we see it in Jesus Christ."

The Gallup organization has done extensive research on congregational effectiveness, and identified four variables: Serving and helping others; inviting others to participate; financial support; and life satisfaction. Their research, reversing conventional wisdom about congregational effectiveness, suggests that spiritual commitment follow congregational engagement. Your staff is working on an action document to address ways we will deepen both our congregational engagement and spiritual commitment, through being IRM. This document will be circulated among your elected leadership, and will be available to any others who want to contribute to the discussion.

We are not munching ourselves onto a highway. We are looking in, up, around and out, living as God's people, being Invitational, Relational and Missional.

Shalom, *Dick*

Are you ready to take the Next Step?

"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. April's class dates start on Wed., April 3rd at 6:30 pm and continue on Sun., April 7th & 14th at 9:30 am. Those who are ready to become members of St. Luke's may then participate in the worship service on Sunday, April 21st at 11:00 am as they are recognized as new members of our church family. Please call Kristi Frush for more information at 303-791-0659 ext.20.

Meet Morbidman and his band of superheroes live at St. Luke's!

Yes, Morbidman, defender of truth, justice, and the American way, will be here, in person, ready to defend the world from the evil clutches of Dr. Insidious. Witness the shocking realization when Morbidman discovers that there is more to life than crime fighting as "Morbidman Meets His Maker".

St. Luke's Wesley players presents "Morbidman Meets His Maker" a religious comedy in two acts. Mark your calendars now. There will be an evening performance **Sat., May 18 at 7:30 pm** and a matinee **Sun., May 19 at 3:00 pm**. Come enjoy the show!



Prayer Chain

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

Pat Dunnigan's granddaughter, Devyn Elizabeth;
Debi Ransick's mother, Janet Kniskern;
Jackie Durban;
Brittan Griffith;
Corina Hall's father, Alejandro Almeida;
Jan Rufein;
Greg Duncan;
Sue Quirk's cousin's husband;
Dean Luallen's son, Dan;
Bobbie King's friends, Pat Block and Lois Kane;
Sarah Eagleston;
Jack Ramsey;
Susan Hooke's friend, Patty Work;
Sandi Thompson;
Louise Smith's daughter-in-law, Audrey Smith;
Renie Sanek's sister, Ruth McWilliams; and
Martha Riley's dad, Charles Riser.

We continue to pray for:

Stewart Brown;
Jan Standly, Joy Damsgard's sister-in-law;
Delores Gardner;
Kyle Exline Boose; and
Louise Smith.

We extend our prayers and sympathy to:

Coleen DeGroff and family on the death of her friend, Robbi Smith-Lang;
Wayne and Tammy Bell and family on the death of Wayne's uncle, Ray Markwell;
Sharon and Bud Scholle and family on the death of Sharon's aunt, Lila Neas;
Pat and Kevin Dunnigan and family on the death of Kevin's father, Bernard Dunnigan;
Sharon and Paul Zavacki and family on the death of Sharon's grandmother, Lorraine Vispi;
Heather Cogswell and family on the death of her grandfather, Wally Dumcum; and
Kathy Enloe-Miller and family on the death of her father, Burt Peacock.



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

A son, James Ramsey III,
to Jim and Leigh Ramsey on 2-6-02.

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

SLY Activity Calendar

MARCH

- 1-3..... Winter Ski Retreat
- 3..... Regular SLY schedule
- 5..... HR Breakfast Club at 8am (note time change)
- 6..... Arapahoe Breakfast Club, 7-7:15am WNL/The World's Most Dangerous Bible Study beginning at 5:30pm
- 8-10..... Youth Quest
- 10..... Regular SLY
- 12..... HRBC, 6:30-7am
- 13..... Arapahoe BC, 7-7:15am WNL/The World's Most Dangerous Bible Study
- 14..... Adult Worker's with Youth, 7pm
- 17..... Joyful Noyz Youth Choir from 5-5:30pm SLY Progressive Dinner, 5:30-8pm
- 19..... HRBC, 6:30-7am
- 20..... Arapahoe BC, 7-7:15am WNL/The World's Most Dangerous Bible Study
- 24..... Regular SLY Schedule
- 24-31... Holy Week. No Breakfast Clubs or WNL. Please see Holy Week Calendar of Events.
- 31..... Easter Sunday; No SLY activities

APRIL

- 2..... HRBC, 6:30-7am
- 3..... Arapahoe BC, 7-7:15am WNL/The World's Most Dangerous Bible Study
- 5-7..... Up with Youth retreat for Sr. High
- 7..... Evening SLY activities for Jr. High only
- 9..... HRBC, 6:30-7am
- 10..... Arapahoe BC, 7-7:15am WNL/The World's Most Dangerous Bible Study
- 14..... Regular SLY schedule Youth Leadership Team meets, noon to 2pm, Youth Sunday Planning Team meets 2-4pm
- 16..... HRBC, 6:30-7am
- 17..... Arapahoe BC, 7-7:15am WNL/The World's Most Dangerous Bible Study
- 18..... Adult Worker's with Youth, 7pm
- 19-20... DOVE Urban Exposure Mission Trip
- 21..... Regular SLY Schedule
- 23..... HRBC, 6:30-7am
- 24..... Arapahoe BC, 7-7:15am WNL/The World's Most Dangerous Bible Study
- 28..... Regular SLY schedule

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 4..... All Church Variety Show and Coffee House
- May 5..... Youth Sunday
- June 2..... Graduation Sunday and SLY Summer Kick-Off
- July 12-21.... SLY Mission Tour

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

Dear Youth:

Greetings!!! Spring is upon us; you can feel it in the air. Soon the flowers will bloom and birds will sing sweetly as rays of golden sunshine dance upon the earth. Isn't it wonderful to be alive and live in such a beautiful place? I believe that Colorado in the springtime will be confirmation of a loving God's existence. Plus, Spring brings us **Easter** which is a confirmation of God's love. Light in the darkness, hope from despair, and life from death.

Speaking of Easter...we are adding an **Easter sunrise service** at 6am this year. Yours truly, along with the wonderfully talented James Ramsey will be leading this service of Light and Life. I cordially invite you and your family to be a part of this.

The other signs of Spring are soccer, horse shows, softball, baseball, dances, musicals and more. All the wonderful activities that make you well rounded and interesting people. I recognize that these activities are important to you and the priority that you place on them. I pray that as your schedules continue to get busy that you remember to make time for God in your life, and I hope that **SLY activities** will be a part of the faith experience for you. Even as I ask you to be a part of SLY, I also ask that you let the youth group and I know what and when your activities are so that we can be supportive of your endeavors as a community.

Coming up this Spring: You can expect to receive the **quarterly calendar** in the mail by the middle of March highlighting activities for April - June. As a reminder, here are the March and April dates to keep in mind. As always, check the bulletin and the SLYline (303-791-0659 x45) for changes.

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

In Christ's Service,

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

Aaron Shipman: 303-791-0659 x14
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Music Notes: Requiem by Gabriel Fauré

A Message of Hope by James Ramsey

During the season of Lent on March 17th during the 9:30 and 11:00 services, the Chancel Choir along with members of St. Luke’s Chamber Orchestra will perform in Latin the **Requiem Mass** or Mass for the dead by French composer Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924). Fauré’s work is a small gem in the genre of Latin masses consisting of only seven short movements. However, the original version of his mass composed of five movements rather than the traditional seven movements known in present day editions. The Chancel Choir will present the work in an historic manner by performing the original intended version by the composer: **Introit and Kyrie, Sanctus, Pie Jesu, Agnus Dei, In Paradisum.**

The work was first heard at a funeral in 1888 under the composer’s direction. In later years until 1901, there were three additions by the composer, which led to two additional movements: **Offertory** and **Libera Me**. In the **Requiem**, Fauré chose not to focus on the wonder, fear, and threat of torture and damnation that are so powerfully evoked in other well-known works such as Verdi’s **Requiem** or Mozart’s **Requiem**. He attempts to create an intimate work that focuses on warmth and deep emotion, which allows for peace and solace to enter into one’s soul. Fauré’s **Requiem** is considered a contemplative work that strives to comfort and assuage the grief of the mourners while holding out the promise or hope of eternal rest in heaven.

Performing a requiem during the season of Lent is a very appropriate musical observance that has occurred in the church for many centuries. My desire during this season of Lent is that you not only enjoy listening to the Chancel Choir on March 17th but more that you listen for the message of hope interwoven into the musical fabric of Gabriel Fauré’s **Requiem**.

Ministers of Swing present their annual Dinner Dance

On April 27 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, you’ll have the opportunity to dance the night away on the dance floor. From the golden oldies to the present, you can hear a lot of your favorite tunes and come to support a great music program at St. Luke’s. We’ll be selling tickets in April so be on the lookout!!!

Wednesday Nite Live Concert

On April 5th at 7:00 pm, the Cherubs Choir, Kidz Prayz I and Kidz Prayz II programs will present their Spring Concert. Each group will perform selections and creations they have been working on during the spring. It proves to be a fun and exciting concert. See you there!

Variety Show

All church members are encouraged to audition for the favorite All Church Variety Show taking place on May 4th at 7:30 pm. Carrie Mallery will hold auditions on the last two Saturdays in April. Be looking for sign up sheets in the Narthex. Once again, everyone is encouraged to audition any act they wish: funny (always a good bet), dramatic, corny, musical, etc., etc., etc.



St. Luke's Music Ministry

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

Alpha Ringers Handbell Choir

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

Ministers of Swing (Big Band)

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

Brass Ensemble

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

Chancel Choir

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

Children's Choir

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

Flute Ensemble

*Rehearsal time: Saturday 8:00am
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 & 2nd grade
Carrie Mallery
Kidz Prayz II: 3rd-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*

Experience the Music of St. Luke's	Sunda y, Mar. 10 8:00 - Sonrise, Lisé Takayama 9:30 - Women of Note, Carl Fitch 11:00 - Lisé Takayama, Chancel Choir	Sunda y, Mar. 17 8:00 - Sonrise <u>Fauré Requiem</u> 9:30 & 11:00 - Chancel Choir, Orchestral Ensemble	Sunda y, Mar. 24 8:00 - Sonrise, Ed Law 9:30 - Cherubs, Children's Choir, Youth Choir 11:00 - Children's Choir, Youth Choir	Sunda y, Mar. 31 6:00 - TBA 8:00 - Sonrise 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 - Handbells, Brass, Organ, Chancel Choir	Frida y, Apr. 5 7:00 - Cherubs, Kidz Prayz I & II Concert
	Sunda y, Apr. 7 8:00 - Sonrise, Handbells 9:30 - Handbells, Chancel Choir 11:00 - Ed Law, Flutes	Sunda y, Apr. 14 8:00 - Sonrise 9:30 - Sonrise, Women of Note 11:00 - Chancel Choir, Marge Harper	Sunda y, Apr. 21 8:00 - Sonrise 9:30 - Brass, Chancel Choir, Min. of Swing 11:00 - Brass, Lisé Takayama, Ministers of Swing	Saturda y, Apr. 27 6:30-9:00 - Dinner Dance	Sunda y, Apr. 28 8:00 - Sonrise 9:30 - Handbells, Chancel Choir 11:00 - Handbells



Dalai Dy, Missionary in Residence

by Yvonne Amrine

For those who are new to St. Luke’s, you may be wondering: who is the young woman speaking with our kids at children’s time and reading scripture during the service? That’s Dalai Dy, our “Missionary in Residence.” Now you may be wondering, what is a Missionary in Residence? Dalai is our second Missionary in Residence. Some of you might remember Dr. Tapiwa Mucherera from Zimbabwe. He was the first. The first new staff position created by our Minister, Dick Evans, was the Missionary in Residence. “My vision for this is someone from another country who reminds us that the world is wider than Highlands Ranch, or Colorado, or the United States; that the Family of God is inclusive; and that we are recipients of “Good News” as well as those who try to bring it to others; and that we have something to learn as well as to share,” said Dick. And with that thought, we have opened our eyes and our hearts to a much bigger world.

Dalai came to us because of Rev. Esther Cho who met Dalai on a trip to Cambodia the year before St. Luke’s Cambodia – Mission Possible trip in 2001. We were introduced to Dalai the summer of 2000. She helped us to envision our dream of traveling to Cambodia, and in the process, we embraced this sweet young woman as part of our church family. I could tell you more about this special woman. But her own story says it best (see below). After reading her story, I’m sure you will feel as I do. We are truly blessed to have her as part of St. Luke’s. Thanks to Dick and Esther for bringing her into our lives. And most of all, thank you Dalai, for sharing yourself and your love of Christ with us.

Growing Up In The Late 20th Century in Cambodia *by Dalai Dy*

I. The Pol Pot Regime:
In the United States of America, daylight saving time ends the last week of October, giving all of us an extra hour. Most people happily set their clocks back an hour. Sadly, the same was not true in Cambodia when Cambodians had to set their clocks back in April 1975. This was not to have an extra hour, but to set it back to year zero. It was when Pol Pot took control of Cambodia and brought about the most notorious bloodshed in all human history. For the next three years, eight months and twenty days, the Khmer Rouge, led by Pol Pot, murdered, worked to death, or killed by starvation approximately three million Cambodians, maybe more. We just do not know. Millions of other Cambodians were forced to relocate, were deprived of food, were tortured, or were sent into forced labor.

II. How My Parents Met:
During and following the Pol Pot Regime, life was not easy for most Cambodians. This produced a Cambodian saying, “Life is like a Cambodian road,” which is either muddy and slippery, or dusty, rugged, and bumpy. My life, and that of my family, was no different. When Pol Pot came to power, people were forced to move to the countryside to take up agricultural tasks. At that time, my father was a freshman in a business school in Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, and my mother was a nurse trainee in Kompong Cham, a province in the east, about eighty miles away from Phnom Penh. They both were forced to move to Koh Soten, a countryside district in Kompong Cham, where they met and married. Their wedding, held with hundreds of other couples, was just a gathering of the villagers to see them vow to take care of one another.

Soon after they married, my parents were forced to move again, this time to mountainous and isolated Mondulkiri, a province in the northeast, where varied tribes called the Khmer Leuo, meaning the Cambodians of the hills, lived. My older brother, David, was born there on January 28, 1977. Tears always come when my mother talks about her three days trying to give birth to David with no hospital available. She also cries when she talks about how everyone in her family, one after the other, was killed. I grew up hearing all those tragic stories. In fact, both my parents were in lines to be killed quite a number of times, but something always happened that spared their lives.

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DALAI DY – TIDBITS

- Born in Koh Soten, Kompong Cham province
- Married? No.....Sweetheart? No
- Favorite Colors: Blue and White
- Pet Peeves: People who take advantage of his/her less fortunate fellow human beings
- Hobbies: watching movies, surfing the Net, and cycling
- Places she's lived: Kompong Cham province, Phnom Penh, Denver
- If you could have dinner with anyone who would it be? Jesus, because there are so many questions I want to ask him.

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON RECEIVING

Many Ways To Grow

By Dennis Becker

If you want to talk to Bob and Sharon Oliver, you'd best come to St. Luke's. That's where you're most likely to find them. Together Sharon and Bob have been teaching Sunday school since 1998, putting together our church newsletter, *The Chronicle*, since February 1999, teaching Cherub's Choir since last fall along with Janet Harm and Stacy Baird, and popping up at various events at St. Luke's as church photographers.



Besides all that, Sharon sings in Chancel Choir, designs various brochures, flyers, ads, etc. for the church including the "God's Church, Our Future" building campaign literature and most recently the Lenten Calendar. Sharon is also a member of the newly formed St. Luke's Communications team. She loves the arts and has performed with the St. Luke's Wesley Players in "Godspell," and as Mary in both the "The Other Disciples" and "Mary and Joe 4 Ever." (Is Sharon getting typecast?)

Bob is the gadget guy working behind the scenes. He volunteers in the sound booth and is seen doing lighting for various drama and musical performances. He is also an usher, makes balloon animals for the Children's Ministry's annual Easter celebration and attends United Methodist Men activities.

The Olivers, with their sons, Evan (8) and Alex (4), joined St. Luke's in spring 1998. They were looking for a church that the whole family would enjoy. St. Luke's provided just that environment and they soon became involved in the church. Pastor Dick, being invitational, asked Sharon to design materials for the building campaign soon after she became a member and their journey volunteering at St. Luke's began.

Bob and Sharon both hold full-time jobs. Bob is an IT Professional with Siemens Corp. and Sharon is Vice President of Creative Services at Burks Communications, an advertising agency in Denver. Being busy people, Sharon and Bob like to volunteer together. Teaching Sunday school and Cherub's Choir and editing *The Chronicle* allows them to plan and serve together while spending time with each other.

Teaching the children holds a special place in their hearts. "Seeing the children performing, learning about God and having a good time is special." Bob says, "It really feels good when the kids know you, and give you a hug saying, 'Hi, Mr. Bob'."

Bob and Sharon agree that "There are so many opportunities to get involved in the church. When you do, you feel like a small part of the bigger whole. You feel that this is my church, my home. Because of the open and supportive environment at St. Luke's, volunteering and participating in events has allowed us to learn more about ourselves, our faith and who we are as Christians."

Sharon and Bob have been editing *The Chronicle* for the past 3 years. Their goal is to make *The Chronicle* more than an extended bulletin, announcing upcoming events and reporting on past events. They want to make *The Chronicle* a mouthpiece of the church, showing the personality of who we are at St. Luke's.

Bob and Sharon believe that life is about new experiences and growing in faith and action. So, they are looking for additional avenues to grow, like small group studies (they really enjoyed Disciple I) and missions activities that will push them outside of their comfort zone. And they'd like to meet new people. Hint, the entire Oliver family is vegetarian. They'd enjoy meeting other veggie lovers at St. Luke's. And they'll always look for ways to keep on serving both veggies and God's blessings. And they will enjoy doing both.

Fun, Fun, Fun and More Fun at St. Luke's Little School



February and March are packed months at Little School. February was filled with Valentine's parties, lots of chocolate and everyone wearing the color red! Our book fair was the highlight of the month earning another \$1500 for our new playground structure. Thank you to all of those people who volunteered, bought new books and donated to our cause. We especially thank Tracy Schmitt and her crew for all of their hard work! We are pleased to announce that with the donation from a St. Luke's church member and our accrued savings we have ordered our new play structure and it should be installed by spring break (the last week of March!)

We finished February with our fun class pictures and reading books to honor Dr. Seuss' birthday. We made a very loooooong top hat with the names of all the books we read! We are so pleased that many of our families are avid readers!

March will be filled with lots of windy activities as we anticipate our spring break! We are excited that we will have a new area to use our imagination and play safely in outdoors. Easter will fall on our break so we will be talking a lot about new birth, and the celebration of life as we head off to take time with our families.

Registration at Little School is closed as we have been overflowing with numerous applicants. It is always a blessing, but a challenge! Parents should be notified by the first of March as to the status of their application. Parents are welcome to place their child on our waiting list as we do have many changes between now and the beginning of school in the fall. If you know of someone that would like to be on our list, please have them call the school at 303-791-1982 and leave their information as directed.

Have a Wonderful Easter and a Blessed Spring!

Ms. Kay ☺



Corner

Olympic-size Thank You's

First, we'd like to extend our appreciation for all of the members of UMW and the Home Improvements teams who were joined by a variety of spring Work Day volunteers in helping to prepare our church home for our Easter celebration! You're Amazing, THANK YOU, your performance definitely ranks a Gold Medal!!!

We also recognize and welcome a few others to our Medal Platform as we thank our Devoted Departing members: Lindy Howard (Gold Medal for new pothole free-parking lot & keys), Diane Tolleson (Gold Medal for wonderful work days & furnaces), Charlie Williams (Gold Medal for fantastic filters) who together pass the torch and welcome to our indispensable New recruits: Joyce Carnes, Dave Crouse, Dan Raap, and Brian Sorsby. Wahoo! Thank you ALL, we just wouldn't be successful without you!

The Terrific Trustees Team of 2002 includes our Dedicated Director: Ken Fong along with Emeritus Extraordinaires Tim Boles and Dave Rhodes, joined by the Magnificent Members: Ken Decker, Randy Dunn, Sandi Miyaki, and Dennis Rodriguez. Of course we wouldn't be complete without our team of most Excellent Experts: Dale Balu (vehicles), Dave Fitzpatrick (sprinklers), Steve Riley (insurance/SPRC), Charlie Williams (filters). Our hats off to ALL for your Continuing Commitment!

As always our team is most definitely Invitational! We'll gladly open our ranks to anyone else interested in joining anytime, just contact any of us for details!



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maintenance of the Depot campus. Cost is \$750 per person for travel, food, lodging and donation. A \$20 deposit is due August 1. This will be a great way for people to learn about the work of UMCOR! There is a sign-up sheet on the Missions bulletin board near the church entrance.

Our church is donating \$250 in Holly's name for purchase of a PET (Personal Energy Transportation Device). These vehicles are sent to people throughout the world who have lost their legs due to polio or land mines. About 20 million people worldwide need mobility aid. Every 20 minutes, someone is killed or maimed by a land mine! The PETs are made with simple parts so they can easily be repaired in any country. Our PET will be sent to someone in need.

For more information on any of these topics, you can contact Holly Ludlam, 719-634-5576 or see www.gbgn-umc.org/rmcvim/

Denver Urban Ministries Outreach Volunteer Experience (DOVE)

Megan Kelly from Denver Urban Ministries described 3 days DenUM has set aside for individuals and families at St. Luke's to have an outreach experience. On March 22, we will be going to Metro Care Ring, to work in their food and clothing banks. On April 22, in the evening, we will be serving dinner to homeless people at Grant Avenue Street Reach. On May 10, we will either be working at a soup kitchen or a food bank. An option for each of these days is to have a walking tour of a Denver area that serves homeless people. These are great opportunities for one-time service! Sign-up sheets are on the Missions bulletin board.

Muscatine, Iowa Mission Trip, June 16-23 (or June 23-30)

This is a trip for the entire family. We have been asked to come and assist with a fiesta/festival for the local Hispanic community. The hope is to increase the attending congregation at the Pablo Worship Center. We will be working with United Methodist Missionaries Ron and Cathy Whitlatch. Lodging will be in the basement of the church and transportation will be via a caravan of cars. A sign-up sheet is on the Missions bulletin board. What a wonderful way this will be to share our faith!

Youth Mission Tour – July 12-21

Our intrepid youth leader, Aaron Shipman, will be renting a big tour bus and taking the youth on a four-state trip to United Methodist Mission sites in New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Colorado. The tour will end with a rafting trip in Colorado and production of a play. Aaron is looking for adult counselors to go on the trip. This sounds like it's going to be a fun and educational excursion! If you would like to help, please contact Aaron or sign up on the Missions bulletin board.

Family Urban Encounter Weekend, Denver

This Spring, we will be offering a weekend family outreach experience in conjunction with Denver Inner City Parish. It takes place from Friday evening through Sunday noon. The experience will include dinner at a local restaurant, service projects, meeting people in the neighborhood and attending a local church. If this is something you would be interested in, please let us know via the sign-up on the Missions bulletin board.

Want to do your own thing on your own schedule?

We also have brochures to help you pick an outreach experience. These brochures list one-time service opportunities (pink), short and long-term service (green), donations projects (yellow), and mission trip info (blue). These are available on the Missions table in the back of the Fellowship Hall. We also have applications for helping teach English as a Second Language (ESL) in Douglas County. The next training for ESL will be on April 20, 27 and May 4 at the Highlands Ranch Library.

Thanks to all who prepared for and participated in this event!



Seeking Social Justice - Homelessness and Affordable Housing

Homelessness is on the rise. The fastest-growing segment of the homeless population are families who can't afford housing, have wages that aren't adequate and are facing unemployment. Domestic violence is also a key factor. There are about 10,000 homeless people in Denver (up 25% from a year ago), of which 3500 are children. According to an October 2001 survey, there were 1800 homeless families in Denver (up 48.5% from a year ago).

Advocates say that Denver has not kept up with the demand for affordable housing in the past 15 years. One way to help with this issue is to join the Colorado Homeless/Housing Action Network (CHAN), organized by the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless. Every year, from January through May, the Coalition works on housing and homeless issues in

the Colorado State Legislature. Occasionally they work on federal housing and homeless legislation. They need people to participate in the CHAN by writing letters and making telephone calls to state legislators and congressional representatives. Application forms are available at the Missions Table in the Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to help with homelessness and affordable housing in other ways you can contact the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (303-293-2217) or Denver Urban Ministries (303-355-4896). This is one area in which we can truly "seek justice and love kindness" in our lives!

Thanks to Blood Donors!

Bonfils Blood Center would like to thank the 32 people from St. Luke's who donated blood during the Holiday Blood Drive. Thank you all for your generosity!

Insights from Dalai Dy

On Valentine's Day, one of my younger brother's friends sent me a surprise note. In his note, he confessed, as he put it in, one of the most secret things in his life. After all these years, being like a big sister to him, I find it hard to believe when he said, "I LOVE YOU."

"Love" is a beautiful word, isn't it? When I open the Bible and want to read about love, my fingers always guide me to 1 Corinthians 13. I just love reading the love Saint Paul described. Feelings can lead us up on a mountain one day and down in a valley the next. Oftentimes, I wonder where we could find love that is patient, that is kind, that is not jealous, that not boastful, that is not arrogant, that is not rude, that not self-seeking, that is not easily angered, that does not hold grudges, that does not delight in evil, that rejoices in the truth, that protects, that trusts, that hopes, and, finally, that preserves.

I have some good news! But let me starting by asking you, "Have you taken the first step of finding love in the Person and actions of Jesus Christ?" "Have you entrusted yourself to Him?" "Have you believed the Bible when it says Christ died for your sins?" This is the starting point. Acknowledge your sin, and your need of Christ, who came "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). It is in Christ that we find the love of God, and it is in Him that we see what it means to live in the kind of love Saint Paul described. He is the One who calls us not merely to a higher standard but to let Him live His life through us.

Let me end with 1 Corinthians 13:13, "These three things continue forever: faith, hope, and love. And the greatest of these is love." May love be with you and your family.

Thank you, Thank you!

I wanted to say Thank you to all of those who bought Handmade crafts from Zimbabwe. We were able to raise \$500.00 for St. John's United Methodist Church in Chegutu Zimbabwe. After speaking with Dr. Tapiwa Mucherera about the proceeds, he informed me that after the conversion of \$US into \$ZIM, they will get \$1500.00 \$ZIM! This will really help them in their efforts to continue building their church. If you didn't get a chance to purchase one of the items and are interested in doing so, please call me, Laurie Gilbert, at 303-791-1328. We have quite a few large and small candle stick holders left.

Cambodia: Mission Possible I & II

On February 4th, Steve Riley, Marie Fornof, Dalai Dy and Laurie Gilbert drove to the Sonrise UMC in Colorado Springs, to share their experiences of the mission trip to Siem Reap, Cambodia. The team shared with the UMW the video of the mission trip, slides, pictures, and most important of all, their stories of how this trip changed their lives. Sonrise's UMW and those attending gave the team a heartfelt donation for the future Cambodia Mission Possible II project. Like we shared with the women at Sonrise, sharing the stories isn't the hard part, it's knowing when to stop. (Ha Ha) If you've known anyone who has been on a mission trip, I'm sure you've experienced what I'm talking about. The plans for the next trip are well on the way and before long you'll be seeing more video's, more pictures, more stories, stories that hopefully will effect your life, like it has for those who go on mission trips.

Cambodia: Mission Possible II currently has two teams, each with 20 people signed up to go to Cambodia. One group will be leaving in December of 2002 and the other group will follow in January 2003. The two teams will be working on constructing a guest home or girls dormitory, doing repairs at the Khnar Thmei United Methodist Church, helping to teach English to the local people, and then spending a few days visiting the Banteay Meanchey area, where there are currently 11 United Methodist Churches. Please keep the people of Cambodia and the CMPII team in your thoughts and prayers as we work together to keep the Siem Reap Community Training Center growing.



Children's Ministries Team Update

Kids can't wait for the St. Luke's Easter Celebration! Note the new date. It is now March 23rd, the Saturday before Easter Weekend. The fun starts at 10:00 in the morning and lasts until 12:00. There will be Easter egg hunts throughout the morning, with different areas for different age groups. The Children's Ministry Team is in charge of carnival games. There will be a petting zoo, which is always a huge hit with the kids. Even the Easter Bunny will be bounding his way through the halls. Sign up sheets will be set up around the church, to help with the various carnival games. Please plan on bringing the entire family to this fun, Easter celebration!

The St. Luke's Sunday School classes will be bringing a unique perspective to those people with disabilities. It's called **Special Needs Sunday**, and it is set for April 14th. Classes will rotate into different rooms, with each room offering a unique perspective on what it is like to have a disability, such as blindness, loss of hearing, or being confined to a wheelchair. It's enlightening to the kids, as well as educational, and a lot of fun. If you'd like to help, please call Jenita Rhodes in the church office.

Kids get a night out on the town with the **Children's Dinner Theater**, scheduled for Friday, May 10th. This is a special night for families, with a sit-down dinner followed by a night of theater. It's entertainment for the entire family. Keep an eye out in the bulletin for details on how to sign up.

Mark your calendars and watch for details on these **Upcoming Events**:

- Vacation Bible School - June 24-28
- Seven Summer Fun Days - beginning June 11

The **Children's Ministry Team** meets the first Tuesday of every month to discuss upcoming events and plan future programs. Their next meetings will be Tuesday, March 5th and April 2nd at 7:00 in the 5th grade room. The major topics of discussion will be updates from the committees for the Easter Saturday, the Children's Dinner Theater, Seven Summer Fun Days and Vacation Bible School. Please feel free to join us. Childcare is available by reservation.

The **Nursery Ministry Team** (supporting our nursery and childcare programs) will be meeting on the second Tuesdays of each month. March 12th and April 9th at 7:00, in the 5th grade room. Discussions will focus on implementation of a Reservation System for evening childcare and setting up the Suggested Donation policy to help defray Nursery costs. These are both important topics. If you would like to have input, please join us. Childcare will be available by contacting Lynne Butler at 303-791-0659 ext. 47 or email at lynne@stlukeshr.com



The Spirit of Serving - Sunday school teachers participate in the Spring Workshop and Scouts are presented with God and Country badges.



nursery news

Do you have small children? If so, you'll want to make a note of some upcoming nursery changes.

The St. Luke's nursery will soon be accepting voluntary donations for childcare. This is only for children who are being taken care of during meetings and events held throughout the week. There will not be a charge for the Sunday morning nursery, or for evening services. There will be a box at the nursery check for your donations, which are completely voluntary.

A second change is the new reservation system. When the church schedules caregivers, we typically have no idea how many, if any, children will be there. This way, we can have a better idea of how many kids will be coming, and subsequently how many adults need to be there. Reservations are made by calling Lynne Butler at 303-791-0659, ext. 47, or by emailing her at lynne@stlukeshr.com. Please make your reservation as soon as possible, at least 24 hours in advance of your meeting or event. You do NOT need to make a reservation for Sunday mornings.

These nursery changes are being made to better handle the rising costs of childcare in the church. We expect nursery expenses will be greatly reduced. Thank you for your help!



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III. The Second Birthday:
The end of the Pol Pot Regime finally came. January 7, 1979 is known as the second birthday to all Cambodians who could get through and survive the Pol Pot Regime. The Cambodians, however, had to start life all over again from year zero, this time with nothing but two empty hands.

VI. Time To Be Born:
About a year after the end of the Pol Pot Regime, still in Mondulkiri, my mother was about to give birth to her second child. I was going to be born into a world of darkness, suffering, and pain left behind by the Pol Pot Regime. When it was nearly time for me to be born, my parents traveled back to Kompong Cham to unite with the family members that survived the Pot Pot Regime. They had to travel across the miles of hot and dusty road in Vietnam. This reminds me of the time that Jesus was about to be born. Joseph and Mary had to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. When my parents entered Vietnam, for the first time in four years, my mother who had always eaten rice and salt, ate good food. Consequently, she thought to herself and told my father that this child would be born clever. A few days after their arrival in Koh Soten where they first met, on a cold, windy day while people in the West were still celebrating their new year, on January 2, 1980, I was born.

V. In Kompong Cham:
My parents settled down in Koh Soten and worked as farmers. On July 14, 1983, my mother gave birth to her third child. That was my younger brother, Socheat. Though I was only about three and a half years old, I knew that life was a very hard struggle. This time we were not fighting to free ourselves from the Pol Pot Regime, but from hunger and poverty left behind by that regime. Although both my parents worked day and night in the fields, out in the rain or in the hot sun, they hardly earned enough money to provide three meals for us each day.

Being in such harsh conditions for almost four years, they decided to move to Kompong Cham town, hoping that life would get better. In that town, my father found a job in the governmental Business Department, and my mother worked as a nurse in the Kompong Cham Hospital.

Life did get better for our family. At least we all had enough to eat and the food was much better. But, life was still hard on my mother. The civil war was still going on so there were always hundreds and hundreds of patients at the hospital, causing her to have to work endless hours. In addition, my father was asked to go to work in Vietnam, leaving three little kids in my mother's care. The three of us spent a lot of time at the hospital with her. Being at the hospital was a sad experience for me. Every day, I saw people with unhappy faces, crying, suffering, and dying. All resulted from war, a war of Cambodians against ourselves, a war for power, ambition, and greed. In the midst of all of those challenges, Sihab, my youngest brother, was born on October 5, 1988, making us a family of six.

VI: School Years and How My Christian Life Began:
My formal education began in September 1986, and I loved it. I always walked to school with my older brother, David, until junior high school when I was given an old bicycle. Each year from primary to high school, I had only two skirts, a few blouses, and one pair of shoes to wear. My mother always told me that was all we could afford.

My father converted to Christianity in 1970, and was able to convert my mother shortly after they married. So, I was born into a Christian family. My being a Christian was hard on me as I was growing up. At school, other kids, especially boys, often picked on me as I was probably the only Christian in the entire school. They would say something bad about Jesus and accuse me of abandoning Cambodian religion and culture. Because life was hard, I read the Bible and questioned God a lot in my prayers. And I always prayed for acceptance, understanding, and love. I always dreamed of having a world where everyone is welcome, regardless of who they are, where they come from and what they do.

Religious freedom finally came to Cambodia in 1988. Before then, my family worshiped at home in secret. In late 1989, my father quit his job to become a pastor. This gave birth to my church life. The Kompong Cham Methodist Church was very small, but we were very strong. We encouraged and prayed for one another to keep and live our faith. I experienced

so much love and care at church. In early 1995, while still a child, I started teaching smaller children in a Sunday school class at my father's church. I loved teaching then as much as I do today.

VII. College Life in Phnom Penh:
Years passed by. In August 1997, I graduated from high school with good grades. I was happy then, but I had to face the reality of the economic circumstances of my family. My older brother David did not go to college. Instead, he decided to work to help support the family. This is true with most Cambodian families. The children drop out of school or never go to college because they need to work to support the family. Yet, I still wanted to go to college. It took a lot of courage for me to ask my parents a question to which I already knew the answer. I asked if I could move to Phnom Penh to go to college. In response, they said, "We know that you are a good kid and that you like studying very much. We know that you have always dreamed of going to college. But we simply do not have enough money for you to do that."

Thank God, my parents rethought the idea of my wanting to go to college and, finally, decided to support me even though it would mean having to skip lunch or dinner as long as I could pass the entrance exam, which I did. For four years in Phnom Penh, I was completing my bachelor degree in education. God's blessings came one by one. First, the first few months in Phnom Penh were hard because I was just a country girl, and had never left my family before. But, gradually Phnom Penh became home. My church in Phnom Penh was playing an important role in that transition. I continued teaching Sunday school classes in Phnom Penh. Second, after being in Phnom Penh for a few months, I got my first job. I worked part-time, teaching English beginners' level in a non-governmental organization. Third, after working there for about a year, I found a new job, translating Sunday school children's literature. I completed five books published by General Board of Global Ministries and General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church in cooperation with the United Methodist Publishing House. These five publications are used by all the Methodist churches in Cambodia.

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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:

- 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 aroadarm@IX.netcom.com or Bill and Kendra Lee at 303-740-7831, email Klee@klagroup.com

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God always provided enough for me to get by in Phnom Penh until I graduated in August 2001.

XI. Seminary in America:
Following my graduation, I was accepted into the Iliff School of Theology and became the first Cambodian Methodist student in a Divinity school in America. To my mom and dad, David, Socheat and Sihab and the rest of my family and friends in Cambodia: I will always be grateful for your constant love and prayers. Although we are materially poor, I have the greatest wealth of all. It is through all of you, I have learned the real meaning of love and how to share it with my fellow human beings, especially when we do not have much to live on.

In addition, I will always be grateful and thankful for all the support, prayers, and unconditional love from so many people from so many places. All of you have helped me grow mature, and made it possible for me to be here at Iliff. To Rev. Esther Eileen Cho, and Dr. Rev. Richard Orson Evans: thanks for introducing and recommending me to Iliff. Also thanks for all your support, prayers, and love. It was a very hard process to come to Iliff because I had absolutely no money to come to America, but Rev. Cho and Mrs. Laurie Gilbert encouraged me constantly that everything would be fine.

To the St. Luke's Cambodia Mission Team and to the entire St. Luke's congregation: thanks for accepting me into your inclusive community of faith, for helping to



Good luck in California! Farewell gifts were presented to former Dir. of Ministry Development Tammy Bell during worship on Feb. 10. We'll miss you!

make me feel at home, and for your continual support for my studies. It has been a wonderful experience to be a member at St. Luke's and to be serving on staff as a missionary in residence. Thanks for including me. I know I can never ever thank you enough.

X. Goals For The Future:
Since my early childhood, I have always had a desire to serve others. My country is very poor physically and spiritually. Therefore, it is my hope and dream to be a part of the development of my home country. After graduation from Iliff, I plan to be ordained in the United Methodist Church. I then plan to return to Cambodia and serve with the United Methodist Church in Cambodia. I am looking forward to be serving as an ordained minister and to be a faculty member of the Methodist Bible School in Phnom Penh. Perhaps I will also work with young children, helping them succeed in school, and motivate them to be better citizens. Or perhaps I will work with hang-out youth, encouraging them to get an education and find a good job. Or maybe I will work with women and their issues of survival. Whatever I do, I plan to work hard developing and supporting my community.

Last but not least, I would like to thank you (yeah you!) the one reading this right now. God's blessings be with you!

Yours in Christ, *Dalai Dy*
Dalai Dy is also our newest regular columnist to The Chronicle. Check out "Insights from Dalai Dy" in each issue!

The "Lay"test News: Tend a Tree

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

Most of us have heard the saying, "You can't see the forest for the trees", but I think that there are times that we can't see the trees for the forest. We live in a world where we get information from all over the world quickly. At times, like last fall, when the news is bad, it can overwhelm our ability to cope with it. We lose sight of the small things we can do to make the world a better place. We forget to look for trees that we can tend.

Good works without faith causes cynicism. If we take on the problems of the world by ourselves, we are quickly faced with more than we can do anything about. We throw up our hands, comment on the stupidity of mankind, and give up. If we are people of faith, we know that we do not face the problems of the world alone. Faith gives us a sense of being part of something bigger, of being connected to God and to God's family. It also assures us that while we are part of the solution of creating a better world, someone else is in charge of the master plan.

We are called to do what we can. If we tend the trees, God will take care of the forest. Look around for a tree to tend. Betsy Keyack of the Missions Committee or Lisa Bryant and Dawn Branch of the Caring Connection can help you find one that fits your passion. Tending a tree is a means of grace, a way of inviting God into your life. It is also a statement of faith, a way of acknowledging your place in something bigger than yourself and your belief in God's goodness. It is what we are called to do.