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Experiencing Christ's Journey - Lent 2002 *By Yvonne Amrine*

The six weeks of Lent began February 13th with Ash Wednesday Service. Those who attended were given 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. Lent activities helped us to take time to think about our relationship with God and the world around us. A meditative chapel was set up in Classroom B to provide a quiet place to reflect on some of the most powerful lessons Christ wrestled with: forgiveness, grace, suffering, hope, temptation, and patience.

In February's "Pastors Notes" column, Dick Evans stated that "faith without questions is weak. Faith that is willing to engage its questions is stronger. Further, he quoted Sir Francis Galton, a 19th century English scientist, who 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. Dick said that "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." He invited us to explore our own "Questions of Faith" each Wednesday evening from February 20-March 20. This video-based discussion covered some of the basic questions of the Christian faith. Many folks took him up on the offer – so many that it was moved to the sanctuary and big screen.

On February 22nd, the youth observed lent by participating in World Vision's 30 hour famine. As with anything involving SLY or youth director, Aaron Shipman, the youth chose to make it a more intimate experience by understanding more about hunger here in Denver. Thirteen youth and adults began their 30 hours of hunger 6 p.m. Friday night at St. Luke's with a worships service. They spent the evening making quilt patches for the Linus Project and playing "Hunger Jeopardy," a trivia game, educating adults and youth alike, on facts about hunger in our city, our country, and our world. Saturday they took an educational tour and volunteered at Denver Urban Ministries Food Bank. Their fast ended with communion at 10pm Saturday night.

The Children of St. Luke's and the community looked forward to Easter Sunday by joining in the fun on "Easter Saturday," March 24th. The festivities included Easter egg hunts, carnival games, a petting zoo and, of course, the Easter Bunny. The children also participated in a special Sunday morning communion service — just for them. They learned about the elements and their meaning, giving them a clearer context for our sacred ritual.

The worship team, along with many volunteers from the congregation, worked very hard to plan meaningful and creative events during Holy Week. Beginning with Palm Sunday worship services, which highlighted the youth music program, Joy-full Noyz, Youth, Children's and Cherubs Choirs sang and children processed with the traditional palm leaves.

"The most unique Lenten event was our Seder Meal which was a great experience for everyone involved and very well attended by 120 members and constituents. Since I cooked it, I must say the beef brisket was excellent! We'll do it again next year," said Steve Riley, Executive Administrator. What made this event unique was the participation of members who come from a Jewish background. Our traditional Maundy Thursday service, the night we recall when Jesus celebrated the Seder meal with his disciples ushering in a new covenant, was also well attended by 110 people.

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...AND MUCH MORE!

Pastors notes

from Reverend Richard Evans

Being Fully Alive

Last Sunday I told about a guy who was late to church; so late, in fact, that as he was coming in, people were going out. He said to them, "Is it over?" And you know what they said? "No. We just talked about it in there. Now we're going out to live it." I don't usually quote the "early church fathers," but Irenaeus once wrote, "The glory of God, is [human beings] fully alive." I like that. What does it take to be fully alive? For one thing, for the Christian, it means to go out and live God's love. How do you do that?

Well, not to dodge the question, but that's what I would like for you to tell me. How are you living God's love? How have you seen it lived? Our Missions Ministry Team has many examples, some of which they will share on Missions Sunday, May 21st. Our Caring Connection is taking meals to a woman, in her mid-thirties with four children, who has a disease which is eating away the bones in her face. She's not a member of St. Luke's. She just needs help. I caught someone in the church last Saturday doing something anonymously for another ministry team.

I would like to hear responses, from people of all ages, how they have lived or seen God's love lived through St. Luke's. Write me what you have seen and done (let me know if you want to be anonymous), and we will post them-not to congratulate ourselves, but to be reminded of ways we are "going out to live it," ways we are becoming "fully alive."

Shalom,

Dick



COMMUNION STEWARDS WANTED!

Through the Lord's Supper we remember and celebrate our relationship with Christ. If you would be interested in occasionally helping the ministers to serve Communion during worship services, please let Dave Money know.

Thank you

To our St. Luke's Family,
Thank you for your gifts, support and prayers for Jack since his early arrival in February. We are blessed to have a healthy, happy baby gracing our lives. Thank you for surrounding us with God's love!

—Jim, Leigh & Jack Ramsey



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

A son, Evan Thomas Clement,
to Tom and Christy Clement on 2-26-02; and

A daughter, Faith Kathleen McCurdy,
to Sean and Grace McCurdy on 4-4-02.



Prayer Chain

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

Carl and Dottie Braun's friend, Diane Burr;
Felice Plain; Karen Eden;
Tammy Bell's grandmother, Adah McFerran;
Sharon and Bud Scholle's granddaughter, Sarah;
Cathy Swier's daughter, Tracey Welsh
and granddaughter, Lauren Welsh;
Kimberly Ransick; Mark Lurch;
Renie Sane's sister, Ruth McWilliams and
brother, Don Palidwar;
Debi Ransick's mother, Janet Kniskern;
Corina Hall's friends, Erica and Siri Napier,
and Freddy Arck Page;
Corina Hall's mother;
Caleb Heaton; Jack Zavacki;
Paul Zavacki's dad, Stan Zavacki;
Kay Swanson's mother, Carol Bryden;
Dave Funk's mother, Jackie Funk;
Bud Scholle's sister, Patsy Blair;
Tammy Bell's nephew, Jake;
Dorothy Day;
Dorothy Day's sister, Margaret Colvin;
Nick Frush's grandfather, Jack Groth;
Olivia Murrow;
Ellen Young, former teacher in St. Luke's Little
School, and her family;
Larry Sane; Delores Gardner;
Matthew King, Bobbi and Truman King's son
and Dave Rhodes dad, Frank Rhodes.

We continue to pray for:

Stewart Brown;
Jan Standly, Joy Damsgard's sister-in-law;
Brittan Griffith; and
Louise Smith.

We extend our prayers and sympathy to:

Jim McCurry and family on the death of the wife
of their friend, Bill Holdamps;
Martha Riley and family on the death of her
father, Charles Riser;
Joyce Carnes and family on the death of her father;
Chris Richards on the death of his friend, Rick Fosdick;
Brad Chase and family on the death of his father;
Bill Hayes and family on the death of his brother,
Bob Hayes;
Sharon Scholle and family on the death of her
aunt, Muriel Brewer;
Dave Cupp and family on the death of his father,
Jim Cupp; and
Carolyn Dean and family on the death of her
nephew, Ryan Nelson.

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

New Members



Welcome!

April 2002

Amy & Brad Ash
7447 Indian Wells Lane
Lonetree, CO

Kathleen & Bruce Brown
1616 E. Adobe Place
Highlands Ranch, CO

Betty & Steve Bennett
8761 Morning Dove Lane
Highlands, CO

Sharon & Robert Christensen
310 Rose Finch Circle
Highlands Ranch, CO

Brenda Dagostino
13722 Omega Circle
Littleton, CO

Amy & Rick Dryer
10031 South Sage Sparrow Court
Highlands Ranch, CO

Mary C. Harper
2223 W. Fox Fire Court
Highlands Ranch, CO

Sheri & Matt Henry
10117 Fairgate Way
Highlands Ranch, CO

Susan Hooke
10032 Sage Sparrow Court
Highlands Ranch, CO

Suzanne & Gene May
6874 South Ivy Way #105
Englewood, CO 80112

Amy & Jeff Johnston
10794 South Cougar Ridge
Littleton, CO

Angie & Daniel Rotner
10547 South Hyacinth Place
Highlands Ranch, CO

Pamela & Doug Rowley
9515 South Harford Court
Highlands Ranch, CO



Lynne Butler, Nursery Coordinator

by Joyce Rovetta

Lynne Butler's children certainly have given her the background to take on the new position of Nursery Coordinator with confidence and the youngest first connected her to St Luke's.

"For a stay-at-home Mom, the idea of a 10 hour per week job that can be done mostly from home is fantastic," Lynne described her first impression of the job. As she applied, she mentioned her experience coordinating volunteers at not one but two new elementary schools that her oldest Kelsey, 12, and Colby, 8, have helped open in the Westridge neighborhood: Trailblazer and Eldorado schools.

Youngest daughter Ashley, 3, became a direct link to our church when they shopped for a preschool and chose St Luke's Little School. Like many residents of Highlands Ranch, Lynne and LeRoy Butler had tried other churches before they came to St Luke's to blend their backgrounds of Baptist, Methodist and nondenominational upbringing. Lynne's grandfather was founder of a Methodist church that is still going in Wichita, KS, so there are strong Methodist roots.

She remembers attending the Christmas Cantata a few years ago, "What an inspiring service. We knew this was a special place," she said. When the Nursery Coordinator's job came up, it felt like a natural step to take.

St Luke's has long provided child care at most church events, Sundays, weekdays and evenings. Now they have one director to coordinate these needs.

"We already have a good stable group of people as care givers but we are open to more applications this summer," she explains. She sees that they are paid, trained, secure, background checked and properly scheduled.

The biggest help in scheduling is the Reservation System. If you are attending an event and need child care, just register any one of three ways, website, e-mail or telephone. The church website www.stlukeshr.com has a direct link on the first page for Nursery Reservations. You may also e-mail Lynne@StLukesHR.com or call her at the church 303-791-0659 Extension 47 and leave a voice mail.

With your information she can schedule, not too little, not too much, but just the right staff and plan supplies for better activities as well.

As she has settled into the job, she is taking on responsibilities such as directing the Vacation Bible School this summer. And as needs arise, Lynne is taking on more...

mailers, name tags, etc... "...whatever they need as long as I can do most of it from home. Jenita Rhodes and the whole staff are fun to work with – very positive people," she concludes. And she is excited about being involved in rolling out an innovative Rotational Sunday School structure – possibly this fall.

In addition to Lynne's talents, the church has gained some expertise in getting things to grow in Colorado. Lynne's husband, LeRoy, whom she met at Adams State College in Alamosa, owns a commercial landscaping business doing work on such famous lawns as Coors Field and the Bronco stadium. He will be putting his talent to work for us in the greening of St Luke's backyard.

LYNNE BUTLER – TIDBITS

- Born in Lawrence, Kansas
- Married 13 years
- Favorite Colors: Purple and Green
- Pet Peeves: People who don't stop their cars at crosswalks
- Hobbies: reading, scrapbooking, playing with the kids
- Places she's lived: Lawrence, KS; Kansas City, KS; Grand Junction, CO; Alamosa, CO
- If you could have dinner with anyone who would it be? The Backstreet Boys – "my kids would love that!"



Corner

Calling All Wheelbarrows!

Trustees

"Spring is here, the grass is riz, I wonder where the flowers is?" Well, your St. Luke's Trustees have an answer to this annual question, and now that the days are warmer, we're inviting you to join us outside for our next workday as we focus on improving our backyard. This way we'll have a safe and inviting space for summer gatherings, to support our programs for children, families, and, you guessed it, BBQ's of all shapes and sizes for our small groups! Please mark your calendar for Saturday, June 1 starting at 8:00 am through noon, grab your wheelbarrow, rake, shovels, gloves and water bottles as we head into the backyard to convert the last remnants of our construction project to a gathering place for play, reflection, conversation for you and your groups. We appreciate in advance the support of our workday sponsors, Christian Connections and Disciple I, but will need others as well in order to complete such a large project in only 4 hours.

During our last workday, we had a wonderful outpouring of support from several of you and we covered many small projects including painting, cleaning and even changing the light bulbs in the sanctuary. We're looking forward to your continuing commitment as we work to complete our spring 'honey-do list' outdoors as well. See you on June 1st!

And speaking of outside improvements, have we stumped you with our lawn decoration of pink plastic and rusty steel posts yet? It's not really our attempt at a new lawn ornament, we're working on building a new sign that will bring attention to St. Luke's and allow us to communicate with passersby. This way we hope to bring attention to special events, weekly messages, and our programs to people who might not have taken the time to come and meet us.

Lastly, thank you all for your contributions towards our new elevator, and a special thanks to John Mann for getting us started, and Dave Rhodes for taking on another construction addition, these ups and downs are just what we needed!

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON RECEIVING

Rising Early to Make Music

By Dennis Becker

You have to get up before sunrise to hear the Sonrise band at St. Luke's 8:00 a.m. worship service. Jon and Lisé Takayama rise early every Sunday to make beautiful, eye-opening music with other members of the group. Lisé is a vocalist and Jon plays the electronic drums. But that is only part of Takayama family's musical contribution at St. Luke's.



You can find Lisé singing in Sonrise, Chancel Choir, Women of Note, another yet unnamed trio, vocalizing with the Ministers of Swing big band, playing in the brass ensemble (thanks to Jon giving her a French Horn as an anniversary gift), acting in St. Luke's drama productions including Godspell and The Other Twelve Disciples or assisting Jim Ramsey with the youth choir. Oh yes, Lisé is also the purchaser of maintenance supplies and materials for the church and is in the Disciple IV class.

Jon plays electronic drums in Sonrise and Ministers of Swing. He also assists whenever a percussionist is needed in worship. One of his favorite experiences was playing at the first St. Luke's big band dinner dance. When Jon began playing with Sonrise he enjoyed it so much that Lisé begged to join the group as a vocalist.

Music is really a family thing with the Takayamas. Someone in the family is involved in every musical group in the church except Cherubs. Marisa sings in children's choir and Kids Prayz. Ryan and Kevin sing in youth choir. Lisé says, "Music is a nice way to bond as a family."

Lisé and Jon came to the church about six and a half years ago when they were looking for a church home and visited St. Luke's. The found they knew some of the folks here already from soccer and other activities outside the church. They "clicked" with a number of people immediately. Many of the folks in their membership class are actively involved in different ministries of the church.

Besides musical activities at St. Luke's Jon and Lisé keep busy with their children's activities at school. Jon and Lisé "love to golf when we can find the time." Jon plays soccer. Kevin, Ryan and Jon are avid snow boarders. Lisé expands her musical experience with the Littleton Chorale. Kevin and Ryan are both active in high school drama and recently appeared in "Bye, Bye Birdie" at Thunder Ridge High School.

Both Jon and Lisé had an early love for music but had laid performing aside for a number of years. Jon played drums in high school but put down the sticks until St. Luke's started the Big Band about four years ago. In fact, Lisé did not even know Jon had musical interests until after they were married. They were attending a Christmas party at Jon's company when the band leader asked if anyone wanted to come up and play the drums. Jon volunteered and that's how Lisé found out about Jon's talent and led to buying a set of drums for the house.

Lisé was a music major at the University of South Dakota and performed in musical theatre. Then she dropped out of music until she resurrected her musical talents with St. Luke's Chancel Choir about six years ago.

Lisé says, "I love to sing and perform. I'm somewhat of a ham. But I really find fulfillment in the meaning of the songs we sing and play. I often tear up. And when Kevin performed with me in Godspell and sang 'All Good Gifts,' I almost bawled like a baby. It is so exciting to be of the ministry at St. Luke's."



Building a World of Love

Children's Ministries Team Update

St. Luke's Children's Ministries Programs and activities for children are coming together quickly for this summer.

The Children's Dinner Theater, May 10th The Little School Player will present "Fun in the Sun," a delight-

ful story about Lessons from the Lighthouse about living in the Lord. Dinner will be from 5:30 to 6:30 and feature delicious hot dogs and crispy chicken nuggets with several sides and desert. The play will begin at 6:45 in the sanctuary. A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the Backyard project. Bring the whole family!

Seven Summer Fun Days is a program for kids ages 3 years through 5th grade. A different Bible story will be featured each through music, stories and games. Registration will be \$12.00 per child per day to help cover the costs of supplies, snacks and teacher salaries. Forms are available in *The Chronicle* or at St. Luke's in the Narthex. Contact Pat Dunnigan at 303-471-9372 for more information.

Vacation Bible School: We are so excited for Vacation Bible School! Our Son Canyon: River Adventure is June 24th through 28th right here at St. Luke's. This program is open for kids ages three through 5th grade, but we welcome help of all ages. Nursery care will be available for kids under three. Also, all five-day helpers will receive a free lunch daily. Please register now before all the spaces fill up. If you haven't received one through Sunday school classes, extra registration forms are available in the church office. For questions please call Lynne Butler at 303-791-0659, ext. 47 or email at lynne@stlukeshr.com.

Sunday School Missions: During the seven weeks of Lent, our St. Luke's Sunday School kids collected \$346.91 enough to purchase THREE SHEEP for Heifer International. We were then very excited to learn that through a matching grant program, our money would be quadrupled to TWELVE SHEEP! Thank you to all the kids who gave just a little extra in their offering and helped this mission project be a great success.

But we're not stopping there!!!

The Sunday School kids would like to challenge the adult congregation to double or triple their efforts in raising money to purchase plants, bushes and trees for **The Church Backyard!** During the months of April, June and July, the Sunday offering will be used to buy plants to complete the landscaping of the church's backyard. Watch the walls in Goliath (the elementary/youth open area downstairs) bloom with color. Each pedal, leaf, or stem will represents \$1.00 of offering.

For our May mission project, each class will be making a **Theme Basket** for the Cambodia Mission Teams Silent Auction on June 8th. Watch for details in the bulletin and in your child's Sunday School classroom.

The **Wednesday Night Kidz Club** will meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the second grade room downstairs. Parents, this is a great time for you to continue in or join a fellowship group for the summer! Dinner and Kidz Prayz will be available on the 3rd Wednesday, only.



nursery news

Thank you for your positive response to our letter regarding voluntary donations and reservations. We appreciate your understanding. We feel that we are well on our way to having a wonderful and loving Nursery for our children. Please remember that you do not need to donate for worship services.

Our Caregiver of the Month for April was Grace Sanders and for May it is Kristina Linn. Both of these women are dedicated, caring individuals who go above and beyond to provide quality care for our children. They take pride in helping all the kids adjust to leaving their parents and we are lucky to have them.



Marriage Encounter

Marriage Encounter is designed for married couples that desire to enrich and deepen their relationship. The focus of a Marriage Encounter weekend is on couple communications. Presentations focus on the positive strengths couples hold in their marriage relationship. The purpose of a Marriage Encounter weekend is to strengthen the couple's relationship with each other, their relationship with God and thereby strengthening Christ's church.

Upcoming Marriage Encounter weekends:

Grand Junction: June 21-23

Denver: July 26-28

Other dates and locations available.

For more information contact Ann & Bill Roadarmel at (303) 792-5110, or email aroadarm@ix.netcom.com

The 411 on St. Luke’s Mission Trip to Iowa

From June 16-24, we will travel to the Hispanic Mission in Muscatine, Iowa to help missionaries Ron and Cathy Whitlatch and the local San Pablo church. You and your family are invited to share the adventure!

Ron and Cathy Whitlatch are United Methodist missionaries who served in Argentina for many years. They have been supported financially by St. Luke’s. They were recently assigned to the Columbus Junction/Muscatine, Iowa area to help United Methodist churches reach out in hospitality to the local Hispanic immigrant people. Many of these people work at dangerous jobs in the local meat-packing industry.

On our trip, we will be running a 4-day Day Camp for the local children. We will have music, games, Bible study, crafts and just plain FUN! On Saturday, there will be a family carnival, with more games, magic tricks and food. We will also attend church services, learn about the issues facing immigrants and hopefully eat some great Mexican food!

We will be traveling to Iowa in a caravan of cars, but if you are pressed for time, you can fly in and out. Some of the people that have signed up so far are the Fong family, with daughters age 8 and 13; Pastor Evans; Dalai Dy; and Linda Harris. There are others who are thinking about it. So join us on this new endeavor!

Maria and Bill Humbane provided the following update on the Ishe Anesu Project in Zimbabwe... Pastor Samuel Dzobo of the Hilltop UMC continues tirelessly to support Maria in the construction of Ishe Anesu school building. In addition to his normal responsibilities in the church, Pastor Dzobo is also the liaison between government policies, related to construction etc., and Ishe Anesu Project.

Pastor Dzobo has recently received credentials from Bishop Jokomo to administer the Holy Communion and to perform baptism. This Easter, on the night that Jesus had the Last Supper with His disciples, Pastor Dzobo lead his first official Holy Communion. The Hilltop UMC congregation rejoiced to see their beloved pastor perform this awesome event.

The school is more than halfway through. The inside plastering is done and the outside walls will soon be plastered. Roofing will soon be completed and, according to present plans, the school will be handed over to Ishe Anesu before the end of May. It is such a joy to watch these developments take place here in Sakubva. This joy is shared by the entire Sakubva community and beyond. You are all invited to come and see to what extent Ishe Anesu is making a difference in the community of Sakubva and to many individual lives, thanks to your continued interest in, and support to Ishe Anesu.

There are now 8 students studying at Marange High School.

Four more students have graduated from Ishe Anesu and have joined the first four at Marange High School. They are all doing satisfactory work. They, and the rest of I.A. students, are now at home for Easter. During the Easter break, the students continue to come to Ishe Anesu for tutoring classes, Bible study and recreation.

The Ishe Anesu mothers, on the other hand, continue to come to the project to cook for the children, work in the garden and they even participate in sports—mothers against their children. It’s all fun, fun and fun!

Once again, we wish to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all our supporting churches and friends, for the invaluable contribution you are making to support our mission here in Zimbabwe. May God continue to bless you more abundantly as your contributions are making a huge difference to the lives of the people whom we serve.



Missions

Cambodia Mission Possible Needs Your Help!!!

In December, 2002 and January, 2003, St. Luke’s will send 2 teams to Siem Reap, Cambodia to continue construction on the Community Training Center. This Center will provide basic, vocational and Christian education, a model for farming and a clinic. As a nation, the Cambodian people have suffered tremendous social, political and humanitarian injustices, losing everything in the reign of Pol Pot. Our "Mission Possible" to Cambodia will help the devastated and impoverished people of Siem Reap have hope for the future.

The best way you can help with Mission Possible to Cambodia is to support the fundraising! On the evening of June 8th, we will hold “A Taste of Cambodia and Silent Auction.” We are in great need of donations to support this event! At the silent auction for Cambodia in 2000, by far most of the 268 donations were from people in the congregation. Members and constituents either donated items directly or they knew someone in a business from whom they could obtain a donation. So please help with the 2002 auction! There are letters and tax forms for businesses available in the church office, if you need them. Donations can be left in the church office, care of Betsy Keyack or Marie Fornof.

Items we have received so far for the Silent Auction include flower arrangements, a free auto detail, Bronco tickets, a \$100 pin ball machine and stuffed animals. Hope to see you on June 8 for delicious Cambodian food, music and fun items to bid on! Volunteers in Mission – The Possibilities are Endless!

Happenings

The Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) is sponsoring a diverse set of Mission trips and projects in 2002-2003. You can contact Holly Ludlam, 719-634-5576, or Betsy Keyack, 303-346-7057, if you would like more information on these opportunities. If you are interested in finding out about additional UMVIM projects in the USA and around the world, you can also contact Holly or Betsy. Trips or projects with an asterisk(*) are ones in which St. Luke’s members are participating.

Local Mission Projects – Ongoing

*** Denver, Colorado, Denver Urban Ministries Outreach Volunteer Experience Program (DOVE).** Inner City projects. Repair, construction, feeding homeless people, delivering meals, providing childcare, sorting clothing. Homelessness walking tours.

*** Denver, DOOR Program – Family Urban Encounter Weekend, Adult Day-Long Urban Encounter. Work with Denver Inner City Parish.** Interact with lonely and homeless people, work in a soup kitchen, paint, perform light construction.

*** Denver, Warren Village.** Help with single parent program, minor repairs and painting, interact with children. Day and evening times available.

Alamosa, Colorado, La Puente Home. General carpentry, painting, food preparation, yard work, community outreach.

Habitat for Humanity, Colorado. Help build lives by building homes with prospective homeowners.

Woodland Park, Rocky Mountain Conference Camps. All summer. Repair and upkeep during camping season.

Denver, Boulder, Basalt, Commerce City, Ellicott. Repairs, renovation and painting at several Rocky Mountain UMC churches.

USA Scheduled Mission Trip

*** Baldwin, Louisiana, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Depot, October 5-12, 2002.** Process supplies for disaster relief around the world; local community service.

USA Projects – Ongoing

Beverly, Kentucky. Red Bird Mission. FAMILIES WELCOME. Help out at the mission and in the local community.

Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. Help low-income churches and families with repairs and painting.

Espanola, New Mexico. Help at the United Methodist McCurdy School.

International Scheduled Mission Trips

Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, October 12-27, 2002. Intensive language-learning experience for mission volunteers who plan to serve in Spanish-speaking countries.

Angola, September 29-October 16, 2002. Perform work project in Malanje, visit mission station of Quessa and displaced person camps, meet with political and church leadership.

Vietnam, January 12-30, 2003. Construct a new building for surgical procedures at the Khanh Hoa Rehabilitation Hospital in Nhatrang. Cultural experiences offered.

Draut, Romania, July 10-24, 2003. Help develop an orchard that will provide economic benefit. Live with host families; visit childrens’ homes, worship and tour.

Tonga, 2003. Make repairs and renovations at Tupou High School.

Special Mission Groups

NOMADS – This is a group of people who travels the USA doing mission work. NOMADS stay at a site for 3 weeks and work 4 days each week.

Global Justice Volunteers – This program, for young adults ages 18-25, links faith and justice. Participants are assigned in groups of 2-3 to serve for 2-5 months.

Healthcare Volunteers – Through this program, doctors, nurses, dentists and other healthcare providers go on medical mission trips. Many project locations and sources of medical equipment and medical supplies have already been identified.

UMCOR Disaster Response

The United Methodist Committee on Relief needs volunteers year-round to help with disaster relief. Currently, volunteers are needed in Houston, North Carolina and El Salvador to help with rebuilding projects.

Meals on Wheels Available in Douglas County

The Meals on Wheels Program is available in Douglas County for any people who are at least 60 years of age and homebound. Hot meals are delivered every Tuesday and Thursday, plus 5 frozen meals for the other days of the week. The cost is on a donation basis with a requested donation of \$2.00 per meal. No one is turned away because of inability to contribute. If you would like more information, please contact Kathy Kraski, Douglas County Coordinator for Meals on Wheels, 303-668-9498 on Tuesdays and Thursdays (8am to 1pm) or 303-660-9138 at any other time.

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To St. Luke’s UMC: I shall always remember with great and deep gratitude your comforting expression of sympathy. Thank you very much for your generosity, and may God Bless you all.
Thank you, Talence Kasiyamhuru-Mucherera
(A thank you for a cash donation given by St. Luke’s to Tapiwa Mucherera’s sister-in-law when her husband, Tapiwa’s brother, passed away in Zimbabwe.)

The "Lay"test News: Christian Community

A Message from our Lay Leaders

- by Monty Hoffman

Have you ever gotten up on a Sunday morning in a bad mood and didn't really want to go to church? After debating with yourself, you decided to go anyway. Once you got there you started feeling better and as you walked out the front door, you thought, "I'm really glad I came." While part of the reason your mood changed was the music, the message of the sermon, and the things that you learned in Sunday School, there is also something else that helps. Whenever we gather as Christ's Church and God's Family, God is with us.

John Wesley recognized that Christian convention, what we would call Christian community, is a means of grace, a way of inviting God to be a part of our lives. While we gather to sing, to study, to pray, and to listen to a message, there are moments of grace occurring all over the church. As you explain your difficulties of the last week to someone that you know who really cares about you and your life, God also listens and lightens your burden. When you reach out to touch someone as they share their life with you, God uses your hands to lift their spirit. Just being together in Christian Community helps make all of our lives better.

The next time you wake up on a Sunday morning in a bad mood, come to church anyway. Watch all that goes on around you and look at all the moments of grace that are happening. Better yet, join in the sense of Christian Community, and create a moment of grace yourself. I promise that you will feel your spirits uplifted and you will be glad you came.

UMM Retreat: Not Even Ice and Snow Kept Them Away

This year's UMM Men's Retreat was a great success. Although snow and icy roads prevented most attendees from arriving at Temple Hills Camp & Retreat Center on the scheduled Friday March 8th start date, the activities started out strong on Saturday morning. At 9 am the men made their introductions and Fred Venable began speaking on the weekend's theme "Spirituality with both feet on the ground" or "How to be spiritual without going nuts." Among the topics discussed were "the prodigal son," "the difference between spirituality and religion" and "when bad things happen to good people." It was a weekend of bonding and sharing for the 25 men. Delicious meals were served in the Temple Hills cafeteria. Other activities included nature walks, singing and a campfire under the stars. Dr. Evans continued the message on Sunday morning and everyone returned home in the afternoon. It was a valuable experience for all involved. If you are interested in participating in future events held by the United Methodist Men's group, sign up for the UMM e-mail list on the St. Luke's website. (Temple Hills Camp & Retreat Center in Woodland Park is also the home of summer camps for our kids – Kindergarten through High School.)



Family Camp 2002

Mark your calendars now for Family Camp 2002 which will be held Friday, August 2nd - Sunday, August 11th at Winding River Campground near Grand Lake. We now have about 22 sites reserved including tent sites and full RV hook-up site. The campground offers many activities including hiking and horseback riding, and of course there are showers, rest rooms and laundry facilities. All ages are invited to attend all or part of the week. Early sign ups are best so the campground can be notified as soon as possible and our reservations adjusted. **DEADLINE is MAY 30th - SIGN UP NOW!** For more information or to sign up, please call: Brian and Lynne Sorsby (303)471-9077 or Caroline Merchant (303)791-6251 or check the St Luke's website at www.stlukeshr.com.

Due to scheduling conflicts, St. Luke's Wesley Players will not be presenting "Morbidity Meets His Maker" this spring. BUT look for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" coming this fall!

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



When: First Saturday of Each Month-7pm

Where: St. Luke's UMC

Next Meeting: June 1st, 2002

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

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

We meet every first Saturday of the month at the church except on holiday weekends. Our next meeting is June 1st, Saturday, at 7:00 pm, at St. Luke's. If you have any questions or would like to join us for an animated evening with the Bridge Group, please call: John and Andrea Mezger at 303-791-7350 Harvey Eastman at 303-791-1519 (or email at hseastman@mactec.com).

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

Little School Enjoys May and Play

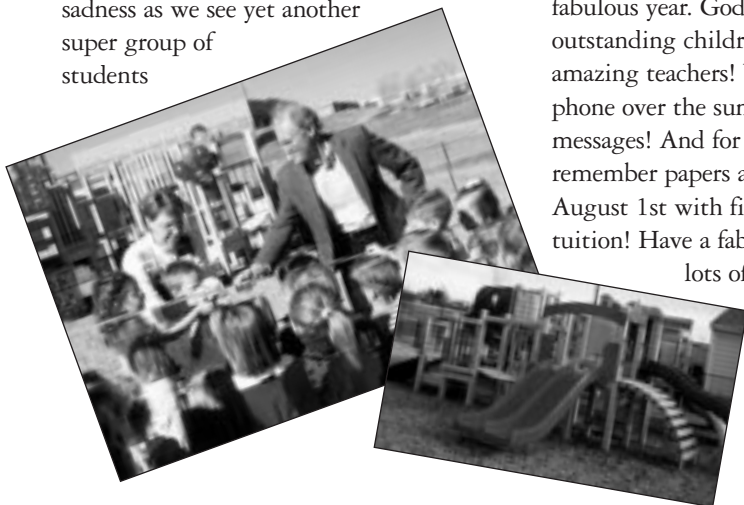


Hard to believe that Little School is winding down for the end of it's 7th year. We have ended this year on such a happy note! Our children are enjoying the addition of our new play structure which came about by the generous donation of one individual from St. Luke's church and by our supporting parents who buy LOTS of great books for their little readers! We are hopeful that this will be a safe and wonderful play addition to all who use it!

A REMINDER: PARENTS PLEASE SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES WHEN USING THE PLAYGROUND AND REMEMBER THAT THIS IS AN APPROPRIATE PLAY PIECE FOR 3 TO 7 YEAR OLDS.

Our year has been packed with so many wonderful memories that it always makes us smile! We started with great fall fun, including a fall festival and trips to the pumpkin patch. We celebrated with the pilgrims at our Thanksgiving feast, a HUGE food donation to needful families and a very special visit from Santa and St. Nicholas. Winter included many cold activities and February Love! March we saw mischievous Leprechauns tricking us and April we topped off our month with our 7th annual creative critters Art Show, celebrating all the months of the year! We even sneaked a trip into the roller skating rink and the Zoo!

May brings a mixture of happiness and sadness as we see yet another super group of students



Lent 2002.....continued from page 1 As you would expect, the most somber and prayerful worship service was Good Friday evening. As the congregation entered the sanctuary, each person received a nail as a reminder of Christ's crucifixion. Over 100 people shared an experience of worship, prayer, drama, and reflections on Christ's last words delivered by Dick Evans, Fred Venable, Dave Money and Aaron Shipman. The service recessed with a large wooden cross which was positioned near two other crosses on the front lawn of the church. The cross was draped with a black shroud until Easter morning.

Easter morning began by celebrating new life in Christ with a sunrise service at 6 am, led by Youth Director Aaron Shipman. This was a new service for St. Luke's this year. It was meditative and musical and concluded outside at sunrise by removing the shroud from the cross. Aaron said, "it was an intimate service of about 40 people. The best part of the service was the good-looking preacher, he is truly a man of God." Others concurred, it was a beautiful morning – and the preacher was pretty good too. Easter services were well attended with 2232 in 4 services.

Everyone involved in the planning thought this year's events went very well. "As always, there is room for improvement and innovation, so we captured many good ideas for next year in a post Easter staff de-briefing," said Kristi Frush, Director of Ministry Development. "One of our big successes this year was communicating to the Highlands Ranch community using our Holy Week activities door hanger and resulted in a number of visitors to various services," she said.

Thanks to all who took part in Lent activities this year and a very special thanks to everyone involved in making it a success. As we look toward summer, we are busying ourselves with meaningful ways to stay connected. Make sure to sign up for upcoming summer activities – it's sure to deepen your faith and connections to life at St. Luke's.

LITTLE SCHOOL WILL HAVE POSITIONS OPEN FOR POSSIBLE TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS.
FIRST REQUIREMENT: LOVE OF CHILDREN AND EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH THEM! IF YOU WOULD LIKE A FABULOUS PART-TIME JOB WITH GREAT PERKS, CONTACT MS. KAY AT LITTLE SCHOOL 303-791-1982 FOR INFORMATION.

graduating and flying off to BIG school! We fill our days with outdoor play, music, field days, picnics and water play! Whew! It has been a whirlwind of a year!

Little School will take a short siesta for the summer to refresh and prepare for another fabulous year. God Blesses us daily with outstanding children, loving parents and amazing teachers! You can reach us by phone over the summer, we do check our messages! And for those returning, remember papers are due by the August 1st with first and last months tuition! Have a fabulous summer with lots of family fun!

We love you,

Ms. Kay ☺

A New Format for "Remedial Christianity" for You!

Here is how the new class will look:

- 1- A modular format featuring one 3-hour seminar, covering one chapter, once a month.
- 2- Seminars to be held on one weekend near the middle of the month: Saturday mornings from 9:00 till 12:00, or Sunday evenings from 5:00 till 8:00. Your choice.
- 3- Presentation of the material by Fred with response/questions/discussion by group.
- 4- Fred will prepare a 2 page summary/outline of the material for distribution to each person. Books need not be purchased by the participants, but it will be encouraged.
- 5- Participants would be asked to pre-register for each session mainly to know size of group, and, "how many cookies."
- 6- You need bring only a pad, pencil, and inquiring mind.
- 7- Child care available Saturdays only - call or email Lynne Butler for reservations..
- 8- First session: Sat., May 18, 9-12 noon, or Sunday, May 19, 5- 8:00 p.m.

What A Deal !!!

REMEDIAL CHRISTIANITY

OKAY, Fred, put me down:

Saturday _____ Sunday _____

Check appropriate blanks, tear off at dotted line, put in offering plate, or turn into Office, or call 303-791-0659. (This is for approximate count only. Come, even at last minute, without pre-registering.)

Name _____

Phone _____



Music Notes: Summer Choir

The summer choir is singing once a month this summer! The dates are June 16th (Father's Day), July 21 and August 18. If you can make any or all of these dates, you're strongly encouraged to come to a mini retreat on June 15th from 9:00-11:30am in the choir room to rehearse all the music we'll be doing over the summer. The goal will be to practice enough so when we meet on the designated Sunday mornings, we can sing through it to refresh our memories for the morning services. If you've ever wanted to join the choir but couldn't make the weekly commitment, this schedule is made for you. If you were ever curious about the choir, this opportunity is made for you. Everyone is invited!

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St. Luke's United Methodist Church Wesley Players Present:

Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

By Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice
November 15 and 16, 2002

Producer – Mark Moore
Director – Dave Laurvick
Choreographer – Kelly Kates
Musical Director – James Ramsey

Auditions:

Sat. May 18 at 10:00am/Choir Room
Sun. May 19 at 1:30pm/Choir Room

Primary Roles:

2 Narrators – mezzo soprano voice
Joseph – tenor/baritone voice
11 Brothers – Tenor and bass, High School and older
12 Chorus Members – 3 sopranos, 3 altos/mezzo sop, 3 tenors, 3 basses
St. Luke's Children's Choir – 3rd through 6th grade (Kay Coryell)

Secondary Roles:

Jacob (Joseph's Father)
Potiphar (rich slave owner)
Mrs. Potiphar (seducer with small solo)
Pharaoh (The King: Elvis impersonation)
Reuben (one of the brothers)
Adoring Girls and Lively Lad (small solos)
Butler (tenor or baritone)
Baker (tenor or baritone)

Rehearsals will start in September

The Story: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, coming to St. Luke's this Fall, is the Biblical story of Joseph as told through the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. Joseph is the favorite son of his father Jacob who gave him a flashy multicolored coat to wear. Joseph's eleven, mostly older brothers, who wear sheepskins, are not too pleased with Joseph's elevated status in the family. One day Joseph tells his brothers about his dream where their stacks of wheat bow down to his stack of wheat. Well, the brothers decide that they have had enough of Joseph, they grab him and toss him in a pit where they plan to leave him to die. The plan changes, however, when a group of Ishmaelites pass by and the brothers see an opportunity to be rid of Joseph and profit at the same time. So Joseph is sold as a slave, and taken to Egypt. The brothers slaughter a goat, bloody the fancy coat, and return to their father to tell him of poor Joseph's unfortunate death. In Egypt, Joseph is doing all right as a house servant until he has a run in with the master's wife and lands in jail. Joseph's fortunes turn when the Pharaoh has a dream that baffles him and his priests. Word gets to the Pharaoh about a lad in the prison that can interpret dreams, and Joseph manages to land a position as the Minister of Agriculture. Under Joseph's guidance Egypt prospers, and has ample reserves when several years of poor crops hit the region. Back in Canaan, Jacob and his eleven "surviving" sons have been hit hard by the famine.



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:

Summer Schedule -
3rd Wednesday of every month:
Rehearsal time: 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

Having heard that there is food available in Egypt the brothers come begging to the Minister, not realizing that he is their lost brother Joseph. Joseph stages a little lesson for his brothers, before reviling his identity and reuniting his family.

Experience the Music of St. Luke's

Sunday, May 12
8:00 - Sonrise
9:30 - Chancel Choir
11:00 - Chancel Choir

Sunday, May 19
8:00 - Sonrise
9:30 - Chancel Choir,
Brass, Handbells
11:00 - Chancel Choir,
Brass, Handbells

Saturday, June 15
9:00-11:30 - Summer Choir
Rehearsal

Summer Choir Schedule
9:30 & 11:00 Services:
June 16
July 21
August 18

SLY Activity Calendar

MAY

- 7.....Highlands Ranch Breakfast Club,
6:30-7am Einstein's Bagels
- 8.....Arapahoe Breakfast Club,
7-7:15am Einstein's Bagels
Wednesday Night Live, 5:30pm
World's Most Dangerous Bible
Study, 6:15-7:30pm
- 12.....MOTHER'S DAY. Sunday School
and Worship in the morning;
NO EVENING SLY ACTIVITIES.
- 14.....Highlands Ranch Breakfast Club,
6:30-7am Einstein's Bagels
- 15.....Arapahoe Breakfast Club,
7-7:15am Einstein's Bagels
Wednesday Night Live, 5:30pm
World's Most Dangerous Bible
Study, 6:15-7:30pm
- 16.....Adult Worker's with Youth
meeting, 7-9pm
- 17.....SENIOR BANQUET. Details to
follow in the mail.
- 19.....PENTECOST SUNDAY
Regular SLY Schedule
Youth Leadership Team meets
at noon
**NO BREAKFAST CLUBS THE
REST OF MAY!!!**
**NO WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS
BIBLE STUDY THE REST OF MAY!!!**
- 26.....MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND.
NO SLY ACTIVITIES.

JUNE

- 2.....SLY Summer Kick-Off from noon
to 6pm. Check the SLYline.
- 5.....Summer Breakfast Club begins at
10am at Krispy Kreme for ALL
youth.
World's Most Dangerous Bible
Study resumes at 6:15 at the
church. We will meet in a variety
of places throughout the summer,
so come out and make your
suggestions!
- 9.....Regular SLY Schedule
Youth Leadership Team meets
at noon
- 12.....Summer Breakfast Club at 10am at
Krispy Kreme for ALL youth.
World's Most Dangerous Bible
Study at 6:15pm
Adult Workers with Youth
meeting, 7-9pm
- 16.....FATHER'S DAY. Worship and
Sunday School in the morning;
NO EVENING SLY ACTIVITIES
- 19.....Summer Breakfast Club at 10am at
Krispy Kreme for ALL youth.
World's Most Dangerous Bible
Study at 6:15pm
- 23.....Regular SLY Schedule

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

Dear Youth:

You should have received your **calendars** for April/May/June back at the end of March. If you did not receive one and would still like one, please pick one up from my office. Partial calendars, including calendar changes are printed in the bulletin each Sunday as well as noted on the SLYline (303)791-0659 x45. You will also note the calendar at the bottom of this article highlighting some of the events for May and June.

Coming up: We are still taking sign-ups for our **Summer Mission Tour**. We will be touring and working at three different mission sites throughout the Desert Southwest. Our first stop will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico at SWOP where we will work with Latino youth. We then head over to Tucson, Arizona where we will work with the Community Food Bank and learn about hunger issues in that area. Finally, we will go to Salt Lake City, Utah where we will work with Crossroads Urban Ministries and see how they meet the needs of individuals in their community. These are all sites where young adult missionaries with the United Methodist Church have served, and you will get to meet some of the young adult missionaries currently serving. We will finish our trip with one day of river rafting out of Glenwood Springs, CO before heading back home the next day. The dates are July 12-21, 2002. The cost is \$250 which includes transportation, group meals, lodging and river rafting. You need to sign up before June 15 with a \$50 deposit. This trip is for all youth who will be entering the 7th grade in the Fall to graduated seniors. Spots are going quickly, so make sure you pick up your registration form today!

Our **summer kick-off** will be June 2. We will be having a bar-b-que and pool party. So come out ready to get wet and have fun as we prepare for a summer of fun! **Volleyball** starts up the first week of June, and goes each Tuesday through August. **Mid-week missions** are back on Wednesdays following the combined **Breakfast Club** and **World's Most Dangerous Bible Study**. In addition to our **SLY Sunday Programs**, we will have many events planned including, **UM Day at Elitch Gardens**, a trip to **Water World**, **UM Day at the Rockies**, **Family Camp**, and much, much more!

If you need more information on any of these events, please feel free to contact me via email at aaron@stlukeshr.com or by phone, (303)791-0659 x14. I look forward to having a wonderful first summer with you here at St. Luke's!

In Christ's Service,



PS. Don't forget, love God and one another. Love like you've never been hurt; sing like nobody is listening; dance like no one is watching.

Grace and Peace!

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

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



Big Band Dinner Dance



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 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.

Ministers

All people of St. Luke's.

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