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St. Luke's United Methodist Church invites you to find new life through Jesus Christ. Engage your heart and mind within a community of faith that seeks to integrate scripture, tradition, reason and experience. Wherever you are in your life, you will be accepted and encouraged to grow spiritually, live relationally and walk in mission, as you relate your daily life and your faith.

Sunday Worship Services

8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes

9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. – Adult, Youth & Children's Classes
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ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Chronicle

A NEWS & INFORMATION EXCHANGE FORUM

NOVEMBER 2003



Turn to pages
6 & 7 for more
photos from our
birthday party

CELEBRATION!

The St. Luke's Wesley Players Present

"Don't Kick the Turkeys"

Friday, November 7 and Saturday, November 8

Dinner 6:00 p.m., Show 7:30 p.m.

Reservations requested, sign up sheet available between services 10/26 and 11/2

Directed by the fabulous **Sharon Oliver** and produced by the wonderful **Leigh Ramsey**. The cast has only eight characters and they are:

Jana Money as the grouchy church secretary

Laura Kuhl as the snobby church member

Susan McIntosh as the sweet choir director

Lynne Butler as the desperate daycare director (I know, I am already typecast)

Judson Byrn as the new pastor

Alan Babcock as the not quite all there janitor

Ray Godsey as the eccentric church member

Aaron Shipman as the homeless person

As you can tell, the setting is a church and they are also looking for a new pastor but that is where the similarity to St. Luke's ends. It is just going to be very funny. Just pray that I remember my lines!

There will be a dinner before the show and it is all free. There will not be childcare but most children around 6 and up will be able to handle it.

I hope to see you there!

Lynne Butler

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ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

From your senior pastor



It’s Mine, all Mine !!!

Not having the slightest hint of child psychology, I don’t know at what age children pass through what stages. Joan was the primary “knower” of those things in our family. But I remember that at some time in a child’s growth the idea of possessing becomes very important. That’s when children might say, “It’s mine, all mine,” if they get to the verbal phase first. If “possessing” comes before “verbal” they might just hit you over the head with it.

We all go into this stage, and fortunately most of us also come out of it. We learn to share. But in some of us, even though we come through the sharing stage as a social necessity, the “Mine, all mine” attitude still has a secure spot in our psychological makeup. For some it can be dominant.

In Idaho, Joan and I took a drive down to Murphy, the seat of Owyhee County. We went because a few miles from Murphy is a rustic restaurant on the banks of the Snake River. Meals are by reservation only, with only one item on the menu each evening. Deciding is easy.

Murphy is located on a country road with a general store (one gas pump), county court house with one parking meter out front, half a dozen homes all on one side of the road, and a dirt air strip on the other.

We went into the general store and I asked where the neurosurgeon’s office was. The clerk looked at me as if I was dumber than a neurosurgeon would be if he had an office in Murphy. Why not? The air was clear, rent would be cheap, space for his plane across the road, and a terrific eating place just down the road.

But having the skills of a neurosurgeon are worthless without people, so neurosurgeons have offices in places with lots of people, who just might need those skills. When I make money from my job, is it “mine, all mine,” or do I owe something back for “the common good” of the people without whom I would make NO money.

As children we are taught to share. Let’s take that into our adulthood, and learn to “Share The Abundance.” It is not ALL ours. A portion of it is for the “common good,” like supporting the church from which we all benefit. Remember, Pledge Sunday is November 9, which will be a flop without you.

Fred Venable, interim pastor

Mark your calendars now!
Christmas Eve services
at 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Prayer Chain

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

- Sam Connolly, friend of Erik and Kari Wangsness;
- Martha See, friend of Dianne and Carl Johnson;
- Brad Powers, friend of Kay Coryell;
- Vickie Ferguson;
- Corina Hall’s mother, Rosario Almeida;
- Marvin Mauck;
- Danny McIntosh;
- Michael Beecher;
- Sandi Thompson’s brother, Peter Hertel;
- Bob Whetson’s boss, Bob Phlegg;
- Pat Dunnigan’s mother-in-law, Peggy Dunnigan;
- Jeffrey Lee;
- Larry Sanek’s neighbor, Sarah Tadesco;
- Pam Rowley’s sister, Linda Rhodes;
- Corina Hall’s friend’s father, Fred Trujillo and uncle, Tony Romero;
- Chris Richard’s friend, Jerry Smith;
- Stuart Beecher’s dad, Dick Beecher;
- Lori McMullen;
- Joy Damsgard’s parents, Claude and Avis Stanley;
- Jim Damsgard’s mother, Betty Damsgard;
- Trudy Turner’s son-in-law;
- Trudy Turner’s mother-in-law, Dorothy Turner, and aunt, Lorene Miller;
- Pam Rowley’s friend, Diana Bailey; and
- Kay Swanson.

We continue to pray for:

- Bob Abbott;
- William Cronin;
- Corina Hall’s friend, Freddy Arch Page.

We extend our prayers and sympathy to:

- Eric Ransick and family on the death of his father, Clarence Ransick;
- Carolyn McIntosh and family on the death of her brother, Steve Sorem;
- Maria Fox and family on the death of her father, Manuel Pena;
- Tom Fox and family on the death of his father;
- Randy Larson and family on the death of his brother;
- Jean Brown and family on the death of her husband, Stewart Brown;
- Pam Rowley and family on the death of her mother, Grace Yoder;
- Sharon Smith and family on the death of her brother, Paul Woods;
- Jean Ann Duncan and family on the death of her friend, Marie Walsch;
- and
- Grace McCurdy and family on the death of her father, Dominaer Fuentes.

We offer our prayers of joy and thanksgiving on the birth of:

- A daughter, Lauren Marie Meel, to Bill and Jennifer Meel on 7-17-03;
- A daughter, Saidee Marcella Geurts,to Ron and Redd Geurts on 9-14-03;
- A daughter, Sarah Nicole Vasten,to Brett and Marla Vasten on 10-9-03.

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

To clap or not to clap, that is the question

by James Ramsey

In our society during a performance, it’s always appropriate and proper etiquette to clap if you, the audience member, likes what you hear. Additionally, in response to the audience clapping, the performer bows as an acknowledgments and appreciation for such a gesture.

It’s a little more complicated than that as far as the “when” but you get the general idea. In church, however, it seems like there can be a great time to clap and maybe a not so great time to clap for a performance. Every member of an ensemble at St. Luke’s is in ministry and therefore desires to work with the worship team to enhance the worship experience through music.

In some cases, that’s a loud and energetic piece and in other cases it could be a very contemplative and intimate song that may create a specific feeling that sets the tone for the worship experience. Thus far, every response by you, the congregation, has always been greatly appreciated and welcomed in many forms either through clapping or simply telling me or any of the performing members in the ensembles that the music was inspiring or wonderful.

However, to help alleviate some of the awkwardness of knowing when to clap or not, I would like to make a suggestion that could serve as a general rule for us at St. Luke’s during our worship time.

If the song presented by any ensemble in worship is fun, loud, big, splashy or the like, I would like to recommend that you feel welcomed to audibly clap as an expression of appreciation of what that song means to you.

If the song presented by an ensemble in worship is reflective or contemplative, I would strongly encourage you to CLAP IN YOUR HEARTS and enjoy the presence of God through music in a quiet and still moment. It’s two very different ways to celebrate music in worship but in my view, two ways that are appropriate and equal in appreciation.

In addition, you could even take the concept one step further and do as they often do in the south by saying “Amen” or “Hallelujah” for either a soft or loud piece. It’s the church’s form of Bravo! In any case, it is my sincere hope that these recommendations will aid in our worship experience at St. Luke’s.

St. Luke’s Benefit Concert Series begins this month

The St. Luke’s Prism Concert involves many St. Luke’s members. The concert is on Saturday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. and features established groups from St. Luke’s in addition to solos, duets and small ensembles created specifically for this concert. The music selections will range widely – spanning the centuries from the Baroque period to 20th Century.

Featured ensembles will be the Flute ensemble, the Brass Ensemble and the Ministers of Swing. The concert is free, but you’re welcome to make a donation to benefit the music program after the program is over.

The Sound of the Rockies is an internationally acclaimed Barbershop Chorus. They’ve been the Rocky Mountain District Champions for several years and most recently placed 7th in International Barbershop Chorus competition in Montreal. Their concert will be a wonderful presentation of many of your favorite classic barbershop tunes plus some new ones.

The concert is on Friday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. Come and have a great time. The concert is free but you’re welcome to make a suggested donation at the end of the evening to help support the music program here at St. Luke’s.

Kidz Prayz and Cherubs Choir Concert is great fun!

On Sunday, November 23 at 3:00 p.m., the Kidz Prayz program and Cherubs Choir from Wednesday Nite Live will present a fun and musical concert with instruments, movement and singing.

Come and see what happens on Wednesday nights with the children of St. Luke’s. Hope to see you there.

Christmas Cantata continues as St. Luke’s tradition

A wonderful tradition during Advent at St. Luke’s is our annual Christmas Cantata. This year the cantata will take place on December 7 during the 9:00 and 11:00 services.

Yes, 9:00, not 9:30.

There will not be an 8:00 service on Sunday, December 7. Instead, we want to encourage all folks who regularly attend the 8:00 services to come and experience the wonderful sounds of this joyful celebration of Christmas music.

The Christmas Cantata will feature the Chancel Choir, St. Luke’s Chamber Orchestra, members of the Youth Choir and Children’s Choir. Over 120 performers!!! Mark your calendars now for one of the great musical experiences at St. Luke’s.



Holiday Concerts at St. Luke’s

Two local choral groups give Holiday concerts at St. Luke’s in December. Tickets are available from various members of the Chancel Choir.

Highlands Ranch Community Chorus
Christmas Concert - Donna Weiss, Conductor
Friday, December 5th and Saturday, December 6th at 7:30 p.m.
Littleton Chorale
Holiday Concert - James Ramsey, Conductor
Saturday, December 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Coming Soon
CD’s from the 2003 Chancel Choir Europe tour



AIDS WALK RAISES IMPORTANT DOLLARS IN BATTLING DISEASE

ST. LUKE'S TEAM MEMBERS WERE BOB OLIVER, SUSAN MCINTOSH AND BETSY KEYACK, ALONG WITH SHARON OLIVER (WHO TOOK THIS PHOTO).

Grab chance to be involved in Lay Speaking Ministries

There will be Lay Speaking Training on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 16, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., at Valley Vista UMC, 1200 El Paso Blvd, in Denver.

The Basic (beginning) course will be led by Julie Baker, Certified Lay Speaker from Lakewood UMC.

There will be two Advanced courses – “Lay Speakers Lead in Mission Outreach,” (new course) led by Jim Oliver, Rocky Mountain Conference Director of Lay Speaking Ministries, and “Lay Speakers Lead the Children's Moment,” (new pilot course) led by Faye Veal, Director of Lay Speaking, Linda Swanson, Certified Lay Speaker, and Kathy Gomendi, Children's Sunday School Teacher from Applewood Valley UMC.

Cost for the Basic course is \$30, and cost for each advanced course is \$40. Registration fees include course books, continental breakfast, lunch and refreshments.

Registration deadline was Oct. 31, but contact Faye Veal at 303-403-0464 or e-

20th Birthday Service

Ministry Fair highlights wealth of ways to grow at St. Luke's



It was a day for old friends... and families. For longtime members and young children



Some folks just got worn out with all the food, fun and community.



Plenty of food and fun... and Dave Cupp, taking care of things, as always

Don't miss this holiday event

Ladies of St. Luke's, make your calendars for the upcoming Candlelight dinner! This popular event takes place on Tuesday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. UMW's Candlelight dinner is a relaxing sit-down dinner to be enjoyed with both old and new friends. The cost will be \$15 and you can sign up between services in the narthex on November 16, 23 and 30.

The last day to sign up will be November 30, so don't delay. If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Lauer at (303) 683-7484.



UMW offers social events

UMW's social gatherings will be taking place the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. November's theme will be to bring an appetizer and recipe to share. It's a great way to slow down the pace of life and get to know the wonderful women of St. Lukes. December's event will be Candlelight dinner, which will get everyone in the holiday spirit.

If you have any questions or want to help plan future gatherings, please call Amy Holton at (303) 683-5407 or Mandy Fortier at (303) 346-9508."

UMW plugs you into church

Are you wanting to get plugged into the church and are not sure how? Come and see what UMW (United Methodist Women) has to offer you, where the fun begins and the friendships never end. UMW is formally inviting you to get involved in planning our missions and events for 2004. Our planning meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room on the main level of the church. Childcare is provided by calling Lynne Butler at (303) 791-0659 x47 or by e-mailing her at lynne@stlukeshr.com. UMW is a great way to grow your faith and fellowship at St. Lukes. If you are interested in joining us, call Amy Holton at (303) 683-5407 or Mandy Fortier at (303) 346-9508.

Opportunity to help

UMW's Funeral Committee is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with the food preparations for funerals held at St. Lukes. This is a wonderful opportunity to help others in their time of need. If you or your group would like to participate by helping with the funerals or donating food, please call Vicki Lauer at (303) 683-7484."

Spiritual Retreat will return

UMW's Spiritual Retreat was a great success! Thanks for all those who attended to "fill your cup." Pam Rowley is planning another retreat in the spring. Look for details in the next few months.

Birthdays this month!

10/01 Alre Vandenberg	10/16 Cinda Funk Jay Van Hoosen
10/02 Bill Washington	10/17 Nancy Chase Tammy Kinnes
10/03 Wilma Sala	10/18 Julia Murrow
10/03 Preston Schwisow	
10/03 Brian Bauer	10/18 Cheryl Jett-Clements
10/03 Diane Hakes	10/19 Glen Updegrove
10/04 Angie Guevara	10/19 EJ Meier
10/05 Fred Drake	10/20 Wayne Barnard
10/05 Margaret Payne	10/20 Tammy Williamson
10/07 Lee Newby	10/21 Steve Grow
10/08 Linda Palmer	10/22 Fran Keleher
10/08 Robin Bond	
10/08 Daniel Rotner	10/23 Susan McIntosh
10/09 Richard Boon	10/23 Bill Mell
10/09 Mike Tolleson	10/24 Phil Wright
10/10 Amy Holton	
10/11 Keith Ayers	10/24 Dana Updegrove
10/11 Deb Payne	
10/11 Todd Roth	10/24 Troy Anderson
10/12 Anne Chew	
10/13 Bob Jones	10/25 Mike Hutchins
10/14 Rick Sherman	10/25 Chris Richards
10/14 Marla Vasten	10/25 Veronique Birkholz
10/15 Fitz Fitzgibbons	10/25 Cathy Shinn
10/15 Walter Downing	10/25 Mike Evans
10/16 Larry North	10/25 Amy Montgom-ery
	10/25 Kim Betschart

Saying Good-Bye to our friends:

Tom & Theresa LaRock
8900 Research Park Dr. #1314
The Woodlands, Tx 77381

Tom & Roni Pauldine & Family
Nebraska

Phillip & Susan Sidebottom & Family
Malaysia
—send mail c/o
3333 E. Costilla Ave.
Littleton 80122

Bob & Diane Whetson
957 Monarch Way
Keller, TX 76248

God's Peace and Grace be with you always.
Please let us know if you will be moving

St. Luke's: Part of a larger picture

by Rev. Dave Money, Associate Pastor



"Do all the good you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can."

That was a ringing call to Christian ministry sounded by the Rev. John Wesley, founder of the Methodist church, some 250 years ago. Members and constituents of St. Luke's enthusiastically respond to this call by undertaking mission work here in the Denver area, in other U.S. communities, and even in far-flung places like Zimbabwe and Cambodia. But did you know that we also answer Christ's call to mission and ministry in literally hundreds of other ways on a world-wide basis? We do this through the connectional structure of the United Methodist Church. That structure links St. Luke's to approximately 42,500 other UMC churches throughout the United States and the world. By pooling the talents and resources of its nearly ten million members, the United Methodist Church provides disaster relief in the U.S. and many other countries, supports a national network of colleges and seminaries, pursues a wide variety of charitable activities both in the U.S. and abroad, and undertakes mission and ministry in countless other ways

What is our progress?

by Rev. Fred Venable, Senior Pastor

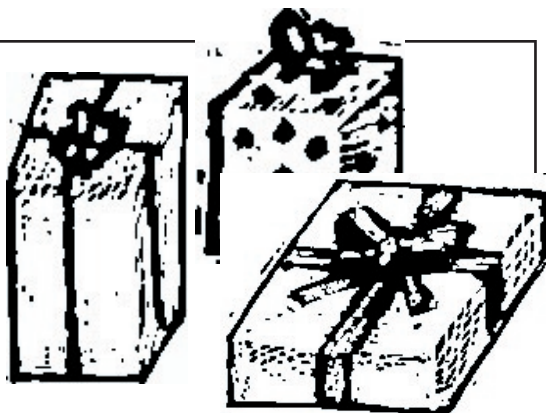
Well, what kind of progress? Specifically, our progress in finding our new pastor. To this date (15 Oct), there is not a whole lot to jump up and shout about, however some inching forward is being made. Have you ever heard anyone say, "The church should be run like a business?" I always wonder, "Which business?" 'cause many I've heard about have closed down. I just read this morning that Cub is closing all their Denver stores. Good news or not, much of our church IS run like a business, a big business. We have precedents and procedures to follow. Guidelines to bow down to. Here is a review of the players in this game. In St. Luke's we have the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, made up of nine persons with Sean McCurdy as chair. They represent the interests of St. Luke's. One thing they cannot do; they cannot go out on their own and find our new pastor.

He / she will be found by the Cabinet, made up of the bishop and his seven district superintendents; they do all appointments of pastors in the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church. Sound like a business? They have two arenas from which to find our pastor; the conference itself, and not finding one there, any of the other conferences in the country. When the Cabinet finds or pastor our SPRC will interview and vote yes or no. On a "yes" vote the bishop will appoint. On a "no" vote, it is back to the drawing board.

throughout the world. And that's not all. The United Methodist Church provides the administrative structure necessary to appoint clergy to local churches like St. Luke's, and to maintain necessary health insurance, retirement, and continuing education programs for clergy and lay employees. It would be impossible for St. Luke's, or any individual church, to undertake many of these critically important programs and activities on its own. Yet, St. Luke's plays an active role in the connectional structure that makes them happen. How? Based on the number of St. Luke's members and other factors, a small part of our budget is apportioned to Wider Mission giving through the United Methodist Church. By responding to God's grace through your financial support of St. Luke's, you are truly helping to share God's gifts with many people, in many places, in many ways. You are answering Christ's call to:

"Do all the good you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can."

The Cabinet already knows any possibilities in our conference, and at this moment, no obvious one has surfaced. Now it is looking across the other conferences, and that is done mainly through "networking." Sound like a business? Unluckily, we don't have any "headhunters," and there is no advertising. The bishop and superintendents do a lot of traveling, and attending meetings, so they know a lot of people. Our new pastor must arise in an "ah ha" moment in one of the Cabinet member contacts. Sound indefinite and risky? You bet. However, there is more. We will work through the system as outlined, but the ingredient I'm believing firmly is that God (I could also use the term "Universe") is unfolding in our favor and will identify our "person," regardless of system or mechanism. Therefore, our task is to throw out to the Universe who and what we are so that God can identify the proper person. So what do we "throw out?" Our prayers, our character, our vitality, our energy, our vision, our commitment, our enthusiasm, our spirit, our zeal, our liveliness, and our health as a congregation. And who does this? Each one of us, for each of us IS St. Luke's. Don't want to scare you, but our new pastor is YOUR responsibility. You be all you can be to embody St. Luke's, and our new pastor will at the correct time appear, as if by a miracle. I'll repeat what I said the first Sunday I was interim pastor: "We will



Holiday Shop provides chance for kids to 'buy'

St. Luke's UMW Children's Holiday Shop is Saturday, December 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Our holiday shop provides a Christmas shopping experience for children up to age 12.

They can purchase gifts for mom, dad, sisters, brothers, grandparents, teachers, and other. They can avoid mall shopping and get great gifts at discounted prices: \$0.50 to \$5.00 per gift.

Adult volunteers will help the children with shopping and will wrap their gifts while they wait. Adult volunteers are needed to help set up on Friday December 5 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Also, adult volunteers are needed to help on Saturday either 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer, please call Laurie Belmear at 303-471-9575. Donations of Christmas wrapping paper, bows, tape, and gift tags are being accepted in the church office. All proceeds are going to our Trustee's wish list.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Saturday November 29, 2003 8:00 a.m.

Yes it is that time of the year already and we need YOUR help!!!!

How our church looks over the Holidays will depend on you. We are looking for volunteers for an organizational committee, please call Pat Ludwig 303-791-4367 if you are interested in helping in this capacity.

We also need lots of helpers on the 29th to decorate the church and for this all you have to do is how up, have bagels and cream cheese, decorate and bring your Holiday spirit!

It is really lots of fun and we look forward to seeing you ALL there. Also we need a volunteer to string the lights on the tree on Friday the 28th so it is ready for the decorators on Sat., call Pat 303-791-4367.

NURSERY

We are in desperate need of adult (over 21) caregivers in the nursery. We provide childcare for the children of adults attending programs at St. Luke's. Currently, we provide childcare on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday and Sunday mornings. Most adults work one or two times a week and the position pays \$10.00 an hour. If you enjoy children please call Lynne at 303-791-0659 ext. 11 or lynne@stlukeshr.com.

When using the nursery please remember to bring a diaper bag with a change of clothes. Also, be sure to label any bottle, blanket, etc. We are in need of dress-up clothes for the children as well as spare clothes (for accidents). If you have any of these items please consider donating them to the nursery. Also, when your children outgrow their pull-ups, diapers and baby wipes consider donating them to the nursery as well.

JOY TREK

Thank you to all of the parents who give their time to help in the Sunday School classes. Your response to our new scheduling system as been wonderful and we truly appreciate it. We can not provide a safe and fun Sunday School without all of your help! Thanks to you we are now able to have 3 people in the 2 and 3 year old classes and we have been able to reduce the size of the 4 and 5 year old classes.

We have also been able to start a new class for children who are old enough to attend kindergarten but their parents chose not to send them. (If your child fits this category be sure



THE TREE LIGHTING

Sunday November 30, 2003 6:30 p.m.

Come celebrate the start of the Advent Season. There will be music, Christmas carols, the lighting of the tree, fellowship and refreshments.

Please bring a plate of cookies and your Holiday spirit!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES AT ST. LUKE'S

BY JENITA RHODES



to let Lynne know so your child can be properly placed). Thank you also to the parents helping as nursery check-in helpers, superintendents and music time leaders. You play a very valuable support role.

We would love to find a few more people interested in helping lead music 4 or 5 times a year. If you are interested please contact Lynne at 303-791-0659 ext. 11 or lynne@stlukeshr.com.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

The Parent's Night Out small group now has 16 families participating. If you need a night out, once a month, but don't have anyone to watch your children we have just the place.

The parents in this group work 2 - 3 times a year and then have the other 9-10 months to go out and enjoy themselves. There is no cost and the children are watched in the St. Luke's nursery. This group meets the 2nd Friday of each month from 6 - 10 and is for children birth - age 12. For more information contact Lynne at 303-791-0659 ext. 11 or lynne@stlukeshr.com.

SLY invites young people to join dynamic community

Dear Youth:

Greetings and Salutations! I hope you had a fun and wonderful beginning of your Fall with football games, Homecoming, the Pumpkin Patch, and Halloween. I want to thank everyone, youth and parents, who came out to unload and sell pumpkins. We cannot have a successful Pumpkin Patch without your hard work and dedication.

I would like to send a special thank you out to the Pumpkin Patch Committee: A big thank you to Jody Anderson, David Ashby, and Cindy Raap for coordinating the sign-ups, Gene Eliassen and Mike Ramsett for taking care of the deposits and reporting, Joel Heiman and Dan Kuhl for help with the straw bales and anything else that needed to happen, and of course, YOU!

As we head into the holiday season, I encourage you to participate in the various youth activities here at St. Luke's. To highlight a few of those, **Food For All** is coming up on November 23 from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. where we will make Thanksgiving food baskets for the needy in the Denver Metro area; **Tree Lighting** is scheduled for November 30 at 7 p.m., so come out with your family and friends for this St. Luke's tradition; the **Christmas Cantata** is December 7 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.; **SLY Ski Retreat** is December 12-14 in Winter Park - cost is \$100, \$120 if you need a lift ticket, details and registration forms are available downstairs by the Senior High Room.

I want to highlight two new ministries at SLY. First, the **Doughnut Whole** at Mt. Vista High School is off to a great start. We meet every Thursday morning from 6:40 a.m. - 7:10am for doughnuts, coffee, and devotions in upper 506.

All are welcome and encouraged to share their own faith stories. *If you would like a Doughnut Whole club started on your campus*, all you have to do is get the "How to start a student club on campus" paperwork from your administration office, get a teacher sponsor, fill it out, turn it in, and get approved. It is that easy. If you need help, you can always call me.

The next ministry I would like to highlight is **Coffee Talk**. Coffee Talk is a women only discussion and fellowship group that meets every other Tuesday here at St. Luke's. Susan Hooke is the contact, so give her a call to verify meeting dates, (303)791-3968.

Finally, come November, The **World's Most Dangerous Bible Study** will no longer meet at St. Luke's as a part of WNL. Instead, we will meet from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop in the Albertson's Shopping Center at University and Highlands Ranch Parkway.

Each week someone will bring an object in a brown paper bag, and I will pull out a Bible passage or two related to the object, thus forming the basis of the Bible study. Since I will have no idea what's in the bag, this truly will be the World's Most Dangerous Bible Study! This is open to any youth who can be there, and a special thanks to Brad Laurvick for the brown bag idea.

Don't forget to check the SLYline, (303)791-0659 x45, and the webpage, www.stlukeshr.com/sly/, for updates and changes.

May this upcoming season of thanks and joy be one for you and all whom you love.

SLY Fall Calendar of Events

November

- 2 Regular SLY AM Schedule. SLY Fellowship: **District Worship**. Meet at 6 p.m. at St. Luke's. We will return by 9 p.m.
- 5 **WNL**: World's Most Dangerous Bible Study. 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop, University and HR Parkway
- 6 The **Doughnut Whole** at Mt. Vista HS. 6:40 a.m. in Upper 506.
- 7-9 **Youth Leadership Conference** in Estes Park. All Jr. & Sr. High youth are invited to participate. Details and registration forms available from youth office.
- 9 **Regular SLY Schedule**
- 11 **Coffee Talk**. 7-8:30 p.m. in the Sr. High room. All Jr. & Sr. High young women welcome.
- 12 **WNL**: World's Most Dangerous Bible Study. 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop, University and HR Parkway
- 13 The **Doughnut Whole** at Mt. Vista HS. 6:40 a.m. in Upper 506.
- 16 **Regular SLY Schedule**
- 19 **WNL**: World's Most Dangerous Bible Study. 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop, University and HR Parkway
- 20 The **Doughnut Whole** at Mt. Vista HS. 6:40 a.m. in Upper 506.
- 23 Regular SLY AM Schedule. **Food For All** 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- 25 **Coffee Talk**. 7-8:30 p.m. in the Sr. High room. All Jr. & Sr. High young women welcome.
- 26 **NO WNL**: World's Most Dangerous Bible Study.
- 27 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!**
- 29 Hanging of the Greens. 8 a.m. - noon.
- 30 Regular SLY AM Schedule. NO Evening SLY. **Tree Lighting** at 7 p.m.

December

- 3 **WNL**: World's Most Dangerous Bible Study. 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop, University and HR Parkway
- 4 The **Doughnut Whole** at Mt. Vista HS. 6:40 a.m. in Upper 506.
- 7 **Christmas Cantata** at 9 & 11 a.m. NO Sunday School. SLY Fellowship: **District Worship**. Meet at 6 p.m. at St. Luke's. We will return by 9 p.m.
- 9 **UMW Candlelight Dinner**
- 10 **WNL**: World's Most Dangerous Bible Study. 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop, University and HR Parkway
- 11 The **Doughnut Whole** at Mt. Vista HS. 6:40 a.m. in Upper 506.
- 12-14 **SLY Ski Retreat** at Winter Park Mountain Lodge. Look for registrations at Sunday School and SLY activities.
- 14 **Regular SLY AM Schedule** SLY Program: **Xmas Video Scavenger Hunt**. 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Parents!!! We need your help driving and providing video cameras. Call Aaron.
- 17 **WNL**: World's Most Dangerous Bible Study. 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop, University and HR Parkway
- 18 The **Doughnut Whole** at Mt. Vista HS. 6:40 a.m. in Upper 506.
- 21 **Regular SLY AM Schedule** SLY Program: **Xmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange**. 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- 24 **Christmas Eve Services** 3, 5, 7, 10:30 p.m.
- 25 **Merry Christmas!!!**
- 28 **Regular SLY AM Schedule** NO EVENING SLY Programs
- 31 **And a Happy New Year!!!**

FOR UP TO THE MINUTE SLY SCHEDULE CHANGES, DON'T FORGET TO VISIT THE SLY WEBPAGE AT WWW.STLUKESH.R.COM AND CLICK ON THE "ST. LUKE'S YOUTH LINK" OR CALL THE SLYLINE AT (303) 791-0659 x45.

Regular SLY Morning Schedule Regular SLY Evening Schedule WNL

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM - Worship 6:00 PM - Youth Dinner 6:30-WMDBS
9:00 - Youth Disciple 6:30 - 8:00 PM - Activities and
9:30 - Jr. & Sr. High Sunday Program

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Missions and Birthdays.....they do have a connection!
December 2nd: 5:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Luke's

December 2003 is a big month in the life of our former pastor, Bill Selby. He turns 60!

In reflecting on how he wanted to celebrate this occasion he thought it appropriate that he celebrate it a way which is consistent with his beliefs and commitment to mission and ministry. So he choose a mission and a ministry to which he is committed, The Sunday Meal Program at St. Paul's UMC and The Center for Pastoral Effectiveness of the Rockies and wanted to do something special for them. He came to the Missions Committee of St. Luke's to ask their support and involvement in making this "party" happen.

"What better place to consider than St. Luke's. A church, a community, a people, missionally focused. That is one of the most, if not the most, exciting features of St. Luke's," said Rev. Selby.

So you are invited to a special gathering December 2 at St. Luke's from 5:30-8:00 p.m. — yes, to help celebrate a birthday, but far more importantly,

to share your gift for missions and ministry.

The Mission program, the Sunday Meal at St. Paul's UMC in the Capital Hill area in Denver, where Bill and his wife, Sherilee, worship and act out their faith, serves an average of 250 hungry people each Sunday. For many years, the Sunday Meal has been the only meal resource available to the hungry and homeless in the Denver area on Sunday. It began about 15 years ago with cold sandwiches being taken to street people on Colfax. Now it is a major meal which nourishes thousands each year. Some members of St. Luke's are involved in serving that meal and even more are needed.

The Center for Pastoral Effectiveness was created by Rev. Selby for the Rocky Mountain Conference to help maintain ministers in ministry. Ministry if done well is one of the most demanding callings. Clergy are finding it hard to deal with the stress, anxiety, and critical characteristics of churches and are leaving ministry to do other

lines of work.

The Center has locations in Colorado Springs, Grand Junction, Salt Lake City, and Omaha, Nebraska. Talks are presently taking place to set up another Center in Montana, as well as other annual conferences in the Western states. Over 100 ministers have already attended the Center and according to the written evaluations, many consider it the "best learning experience in their 20, 25, or 30 years of ministry."

The goal for the party is to raise \$3000 for the Sunday Meal and \$2000 for The Center. The \$3000 will serve the homeless about four months. The \$2000 for the Center will provide a power point projector that will travel to the different sites.

So on Dec. 2, from 5:30-8:00 p.m., stop by the church on your way home or to that meeting or activity. Have something to eat! Jackson's Restaurants will be providing food for us to munch on and St. Luke's Mission will have plenty of coffee and drinks to wash the food down.

St. Luke's to sponsor refugee family

Soon, St. Luke's will be welcoming a refugee family from Liberia, Africa, and helping them get settled in their new home. The family is a single mother with four children, ages 10 months to 10 years. Liberia is a war-torn country from which many people have fled their homes due to the fighting there.

We will be working through Ecumenical Refugee Services in Denver to help the family get set up in an apartment and provide transportation for appointments.

Donations of household items are needed and would be greatly appreciated. These include furniture, kitchen supplies, cleaning supplies, linens, hygiene products and school supplies. A detailed list is provided in the Missions area in the Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers are also needed to personally help the refugee family in a variety of ways. Please contact Betsy Keyack (303-346-7057 if you would like to be part of this mission.

Mission opportunities for 2004 in Poland

The Methodist Church in Kielce, Poland has invited anyone from St. Luke's to participate with them in several outreach events and projects. These opportunities are:

- Winter ski camp – January 17-24, 2004
- Construction work on the church – Summer 2004
- Children/Family Christian Camp – Summer 2004
- Christian Biking Camp – Summer 2004
- Teaching English at the church for up to 6 months.

Betsy Keyack is the liaison with the Kielce Methodist Church and can help anyone with the logistics of getting to Poland. Please contact Betsy (303-346-7057, bkeyack@att.net) if you and/or your family would like to go on a Mission trip to Poland!

God and Country program

This is a Bible-based curriculum where the children read scripture lessons and then design projects to put into action what the have learned. Any girls and boys who are in grades 1 through 12 may participate even if they do not belong to a Girl Scout, Boy Scout or Camp Fire group. They need only to have an adult counselor who will meet with them to help guide they through their projects.

One of our pastors will be available on the second Sunday of the month beginning in November to review and discuss each project. For more information or to sign up contact Jenita Rhodes or the church office.

So many opportunities!

Hanging of the Greens, Saturday, Nov. 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 is a family event for kids 4 to 14 where we will decorate our Sunday school class room and the open area (Goliath) make an ornament to decorate our tree and one to take home. We will, of course, be doing our life-sized nativity for the wall again this year. Don't miss out! Contact Lynne Butler to fond out how to get involved. **Please Parents, we ask that you either volunteer this two-hour block of time by decorating the main floor of the church or by helping with our festivities downstairs.**

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Sunday, Nov. 30 at 6:30. Join in the fun as we begin the Christmas at St. Luke's, (and celebrate our hard work from the day before). We will gather in the Narthex to be entertained by several of St. Luke's amazing musical groups and the Cherubs Choir. **We ask each family to bring a generous plate of cookies to share following the ceremony.**

Third Grade Bible ?? bibles were presented in the 11:00 services on October 19. Over ?? bibles total will be handed out as other will pick them up in Sunday School. If we missed your third grader, please contact Jenita.

St. Luke's Children's Sunday School Programs are a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn about God's Love. It includes classes during the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services for nursery through 6th grade year around. Classes are held in the classrooms on the lower level. A superintendent is on duty during both services to answer any questions and provide directions to classrooms. Our programs are designed and use materials that lead children to apply biblical teachings to their everyday lives. Our teachers are all dedicated volunteers who are eager to share their love for Christ with our children. We encourage parents to time their own Sunday School classes with their

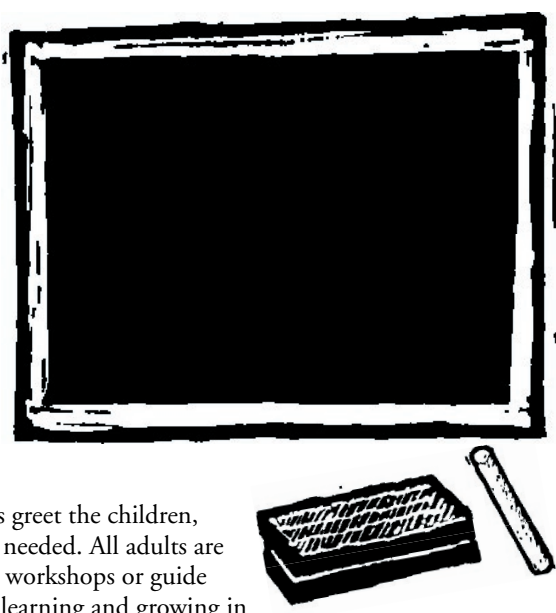
children's and attend worship service as a family.

PEAK Adventures – Sunday School at 9:30 for our 1st through 6th graders. Children explore a biblical lesson through a different workshop each week. The workshops include Art, Computer, Cooking, Games, Science Drama and Video. Workshops are lead by teaching teams and grade level Guides greet the children, take attendance and assist as needed. All adults are welcomed to join one of our workshops or guide teams and join in the fun of learning and growing in our faith. On Oct. 19 PEAK Adventures 2nd Rotation begins, Occupations of the Bible. We will be learning about living in bible times, what part their religion played in their lives and how we can translate that into our lives today.

Summit Seekers – Sunday School at 11:00 for our 1st through 6th graders. We begin with a high energy music and praise service presented by a group of St. Luke's Youth, followed by a lesson and activity where we learn about the Bible and how to apply it's teaching to our everyday lives.

Sunday School Missions This year our elementary aged Sunday School children will be supporting the Childhood Hematology Oncology Associates of Denver (CHOA) who has provided care for William Damsgard-Cronin and his family for the past year. We would like to support the CHOA by donating items they need to provide additional comfort to the children and families visiting their center. We will be collecting several specific items each month. There will be a box to put your donations by the piano in the Goliath area down stairs. We would, also like to provide three opportunities for groups of children and their parents can go to the CHOA, see where their donations are going and deliver the items collected. Additional larger dollar items could also be used by the visitors at CHOA. Families are encouraged to band together and purchase these items as a group effort. A list of these items is available by the donation box. If you have and questions or would like to be a part of the delivery group, please contact Susan McIntosh or Cindy Raap.

The **Faith Harder Memorial Library** is always open! CHECK IT OUT in Goliath (the Elementary/Youth open area). Books and Videos may be checked out for a three-week time period. Parents, please look around your homes for items that might be over due and return them as soon as possible. Donations of new or



Calling 5th & 6th grade tweens!

A Fellowship group just for you has started meeting from 6:30 until 8:00 on the 1st Sunday of each month. **November 2nd** will be Game Night! Each gathering begins with a devotion and prayer. Then help create and vote on a name and T-shirt design for the group.

Bring your ideas! Then join in a carnival like game night! Get to know the other Tweens and collect prizes for your efforts! Contact Jenita Rhodes for more information.

Relational I – R - M

By Lynda Fickling

As I sit making my phone calls to our friends who have been missing from St. Luke's, I am fulfilling a passion and serving our Lord. Each friend has their own story but a common thread is woven among them. "No one seemed to care that we were gone."

Could that be? Was our **IRM** missing the R? For me, I believe we are all responsible to care for one another. **We** are all St. Luke's. **If we** don't care for one another, who will? Don't **we** attend church for the community of faith? And for the nurturing of this community?

Relationships take time + effort = caring. Relationships depend on communication. If you haven't seen someone, why not call them, visit them, or write a hand written note (not an e-mail, the beautiful old art form of handwritten language)? *Love must be sincere... Romans* 12:9. I can honestly tell you, people are grateful for the effort and it does take time. Don't wait too long!

I R M. Is it in the center for a reason? Isn't it the connector for the Invitational and Missional?

Giving and caring for others is a way for us to get a glimpse of what God feels.

—Anonymous