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# The Chronicle

A NEWS & INFORMATION EXCHANGE FORUM

APRIL 2004

**St. Luke's  
United Methodist Church**

## You are welcome here

One of the core values of St. Luke's is that we work very hard at being invitational to new people that walk through our front doors. One of the reasons most given for joining St. Luke's is that people find it a warm and welcoming place. The reason that we are that way and the way we approach being invitational comes from our Wesleyan Tradition.

Through his study of scripture, the writings of the church fathers, and his experience of God in his life, John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, believed that God loved all people. Furthermore, he believed that because of this love and Christ's redemption that God's provident grace was a part of all people's lives from the very moment of their existence. He felt that this grace was present even when people were unaware of it and even when they are unworthy of it. He also felt that through this grace, God was constantly inviting every person into a right, renewed, and loving relationship.

When you walk through our front doors for the first time, we believe that you are there because God, through his grace, invited you, even if you are unaware of it. We trust that God has a reason for inviting you here and it is our job to greet you and make you feel welcome. It is not our job to determine who should be a part of our congregation.

Where do you have to be to enter into a new relationship with God? Right where you are. God meets you where you are and starts the relationship and St. Luke's strives to do the same. There are no minimum qualifications to enter into a new relationship with God and there are none to attend St. Luke's. We are here to provide you with the resources and the support of a community of faith to help



*Rev. Janet Forbes officially begins her appointment as our new senior pastor in May, but she preached and greeted her new church on March 21. The sanctuary was full, people were gracious, and Reverend Forbes was enthusiastic and full of hope that together we can continue the traditions of St. Luke's and create a few new traditions, as well.*

### New minister officially welcomed May 16

We will be welcoming Rev. Janet Forbes from Cheyenne, Wyoming, who is coming to St. Luke's as the new Sr. Pastor, on Sunday, May 16, 2004. We will have a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall beginning after the 11:00 a.m. worship service to celebrate with her. Suggested dishes: A – F Salads; F – M Main dish; N – S Side dish; T – Z Dessert. Everyone is welcome!

you grow in faith and in your understanding of the role of God's grace in your life.

UNEASY ABOUT GOING TO A CHURCH because you have never been before and don't know where to start? At St. Luke's, it's easy, just walk through the front door and let someone know that it's your first time. We provide plenty of information to let you know what programs are available. Our worship service is designed so that

you can follow it and participate in it even if it is your first time in a church. If you haven't had a church home before, don't feel alone, because St. Luke's is the first church home for one third of our members.

Whether you have gone to church every Sunday of your life or next Sunday will be your first time, there is a place for you at St. Luke's. Welcome.

*Monty Hoffman*



From your senior pastor



SMOOTHTRANSITION

“Smooth transition.” Those words describe what’s going on at St. Luke’s regarding our incoming new pastor, Janet Forbes. More things are clicking well here than in any other transition that I’ve known. Janet and her husband, Bob Davis, have sold their house in Cheyenne, and have rented an apartment here. They will live closer to St. Luke’ than they did to their church in Cheyenne. Bob has relinquished his job in Loveland, and will be looking for employment in this area. After he is located, and they know the area better, they’ll look for a home to buy. Smart move.

By the time you read this, Janet will have preached for us on March 21. We are already involving her in the life and activity of St. Luke’s. We have almost daily e-mails back and forth. We send her the minutes from committees, boards, ministry teams and staff. There have been some interviews of possible youth ministry people, but before any hiring is done she will come down for the final interview. She gets *The Chronicle*, and all our mailings, and we seek her concurrence on our heavier decisions.

When Dick Evans left he took most of the furniture from the pastor’s office. That was okay, because it was his furniture. One day he will probably come back and take our pulpit, which we use every Sunday, because the pulpit belongs to him. However, we do have a family that is supplying the room with some furniture. The restroom attached to the pastor’s office has “institutional” type fixtures (paper towel dispenser, and soap dispenser) like in the other restrooms in the church, and those will be taken out and more appropriate ones installed. When she gets here she’s going to be proud to be here.

I’m eagerly looking forward to her arrival. People ask about my future here. Hasn’t been firmly settled, but I think most parties involved want me to stay, on a part-time basis, like before. I would like that. One thing I have decided, though, is I will take the summer off. I’ve not had any real vacation or time off since I’ve been here. It might be good to take three months and act like a retired person, temporarily. Then back to work.

I’m convinced of one thing: St. Luke’s is going to have a great time with Janet Forbes as senior pastor.

Fred Venable

Prayer Chain Update

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

- Kendra Lee’s mother, Dorothy Olney;
- Grace McCurdy;
- Shelley Selover;
- Jackie Durban;
- Susie Halloran;
- Julie Ramsett;
- Mike Hanson;
- Steve Milerowski;
- Sharon Scholle’s mother, Edith Brewer;
- Joy Damsgard’s sister-in-law, Sharon Griffith;
- Yvonne Amrine’s cousin, Jacob Olsen;
- David Funk’s mother, Jackie Funk;
- Norma Harris;
- Kendall Atkinson, friend of the Lenneks;
- Rob Hall;
- Stu Robinson, friend of Rob and Corina Hall;
- Rex Cochrane;
- Tammy Heister;
- Terri Beecher;
- Doug Wagner;
- Jenita Rhodes nephew, Brian Armstrong;
- David Rhodes’ brother, Larry Rhodes; and
- Paul Dunlap.

We continue to pray for:

- Kay Swanson;
- William Cronin;
- Vickie Ferguson; and
- Corina Hall’s friend, Freddy Arch Page.
- Caroline Butler and family on the death of her brother, Mark Goforth;
- The Milligan family and Dan Kuhl on the death of Maxine and Gatewood Milligan;
- Steve Riley and family on the death of his foster son, Rich Frank; and
- Betty McIntyre and family on the death of her brother-in-law, Don Wilson.

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

HOLYWEEK SCHEDULES

If your acquaintances ever want you to extend them an invitation to attend church, Holy Week - Easter is the time. Palm Sunday, April 4, our services will be at the regular time: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00. This is a special service, especially for the children and the Palm Parade.

Maundy Thursday services, with Communion, will be at 7:00 on Thursday, the 8<sup>th</sup>. Rev. David Money will bring a timely devotion. Good Friday services will be on Friday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, also at 7:00. Dave Money, Pam Rowley, Carl Cleveland, and Fred Venable will bring meditations on four of the seven last words of Jesus on the Cross. Our choir will provide seasonal music. This service will conclude with the solemn “planting” of the cross on our front lawn.

This week concludes, of course, with the celebration of Easter. We will have our customary four Easter Services at 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, and 11:00. These services are of necessity somewhat abbreviated, but they will include the essentials. Of course, the most crucial essential are the worshipers who come to celebrate Resurrection. You, certainly, should be there, and please invite friends and neighbors to join you.



The *Steel Magnolias* cast from left to right: Jean Carpenter, Raina Powell, Kristin Perry, Debbie Britt, Amy Ash, Trudy Turner. Thank you for supporting the Wesley Players’ production of *Steel Magnolias*, March 12 and 13. The show was a blooming success, raising almost \$2,000 for the Drama Ministry budget.

Trustees’ Corner

First things first:, a great big **THANK YOU** to the Missions, SPRC, our lighting specialists and others who along with the trustees, participated in our spring work day. What a difference the cleaning, painting, electrical, carpentry, and polishing makes. Now that we’re all dressed up and ready for our Easter festivities, be sure to invite your friends and family to come and join us!

As is inevitable in this part of the country, sometime after the first couple of warm days, conversations turn to nature and everyone’s ready to go outside! On the first seventy degree day of 2004, our March Trustees meeting found us talking about signs of spring — the usual, green grass, water, sand, eagles, and little birdies — you got it, Nature Lovers — its time to **PLAY GOLF!**

Naturally with St. Luke’s, our proposed September tournament is **Invitational** — get your teams together, **Relational** — of course its open to friends and family at every level of play, and **Missional** — a fund-raising effort with proceeds to be given towards the replacement of old Blue our Church van. This will support a variety of community outreach programs we have for our small teams — especially our youth groups and we would like to make this an annual event! .

For now we need your creative ideas so our tourney is positioned to be very successful. Please send your experiences on the best, and most successful tournaments you’ve participated in directly via e-mail to daniel.raap@honeywell.com, You can drop off or mail them to the church office marked Attention Trustees. Watch for specifics in our bulletin, future *Chronicle* articles and announcements as our plans come together.

- **WHAT:** 13th ANNUAL CHILDREN’S CLOTHING AND TOY SALE — Come shop with us! Top quality new and used children’s clothing (sizes 0-14/Girls, 0-16/Boys), Maternity Clothes, Toys and Baby Equipment.
- **WHERE:** St. Philip Early Learning Center (located at 7531 Kendall Blvd., corner of Ken Caryl Ave. and Kendall Blvd., Littleton)
- **SALE DATES:** Thursday, April 22 (10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.), and Friday and Saturday, April 23 & 24, 2004 (9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

MUSIC NOTES

Women of Note Concert Update

Thanks to all who came and supported the Women of Note Concert on March 6. It was a wonderful time and we raised over \$1,100 for the Women’s Crisis Center!

Kidz Prayz Musical and Cherubs Choir

Don’t forget! Kidz Prayz I and II will present the cute children’s musical called, “Levite Genes” on April 4th at 4:00 (Remember that’s Palm Sunday afternoon). Come and have a great time seeing the children put on a wonderful show as well as see the Cherubs Choir sing some great sons with tons of enthusiasm!

All ChurchVariety and Big Band Show

On May 8th, we’ll present our annual variety show with a special treat. The Ministers of Swing along with the newly formed St. Luke’s Youth Jazz Ensemble will also perform that evening. **The time is a little different so please make a note.** The variety show will take place at 7:00. Desert will be served after the variety show and the big band and jazz ensemble will perform after desert. Make plans for a fun-filled evening. If you would like to sing, play, perform, juggle, etc. for the variety show, please contact Carrie at the church at 303-791-0659 x35. It’s a great time! Hope to see many of you there.

Jesus Christ Superstar Auditions

JCS marks the 4th year for Drama ministry. What a great way to celebrate by performing one the most recognized musicals of our culture at St. Luke’s! As part of the celebration, we are inviting our brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Mark’s Catholic Church and Christ Lutheran Church to be a part of this wonderful production. Come and find out what it’s all about on May 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. No audition song is necessary. You will be taught the songs at the audition in addition to some choreography. The shows are November 12, 13, 14, 2004.

There will be a pre-audition meeting with a showing of the original film on April 10 in the fellowship hall at 10:45 a.m. Popcorn will be served as well as more information regarding rehearsal schedules and performances. Questions, give Jim a call or e-mail. 303-791-0659 x23 [jim@stlukeshr.com](mailto:jim@stlukeshr.com)

Ministers of Swing Update

Recently, the Ministers of Swing performed for a Dinner Dance at Our Father Lutheran Church on February 21st and raised nearly \$500 for the music program. We had a great time. Those Lutherans really know how to dance and have a great time. :-)



April birthdays

1-Apr	Joyce Eyer	13-Apr	James Gilman
1-Apr	Judy Dearasaugh	14-Apr	Doug Walters
2-Apr	Diana Hause	14-Apr	Jeff Johnson
2-Apr	Carl Braun	14-Apr	Kelli Evans
3-Apr	Joan Goddard	15-Apr	Colleen Miller
3-Apr	John Wohlleber	15-Apr	Garret Gifford
4-Apr	Jan Williamson	15-Apr	Kent Husa
4-Apr	Laurie Gilbert	16-Apr	Ken Whitelam
4-Apr	Julie Rael	17-Apr	Dean Conklin
5-Apr	Steve Betts	17-Apr	Randy Dunn
5-Apr	Sherry Crowley	17-Apr	Theresa LaRock
6-Apr	Sturgis Wetherington	18-Apr	Janet Harm
6-Apr	Stuart Beecher	18-Apr	Scott Drinkard
6-Apr	Barbara Harwell	18-Apr	Scott Sparks
6-Apr	Dorsey Beggs	19-Apr	Bryan Thomas
7-Apr	Mark Moore	19-Apr	Trevor Holbrook
8-Apr	Susan Wetherington	19-Apr	Joshua Pardini
8-Apr	John Seeberger	20-Apr	Scott Eden
9-Apr	F. Dee Duncan	20-Apr	John Brimberry
9-Apr	John Harper	20-Apr	Stephen Campbell
9-Apr	David Armijo	22-Apr	Rodger Young
9-Apr	Steve Crawford	22-Apr	Jan Ballard
10-Apr	Ron Ipson	22-Apr	Jennifer Mell
11-Apr	Walt Brewer	23-Apr	Doug Gies
11-Apr	Ernie Shafer	23-Apr	Glen Selover
11-Apr	Kathy Swier	24-Apr	Daniel O'Meara
11-Apr	Bob Whetson	25-Apr	Nicole Pesce
11-Apr	Mike Stanley	26-Apr	Mary Knight
11-Apr	Anthony Marino	26-Apr	Nancy Betts
11-Apr	Mike Hanson	26-Apr	Audrey Stange
12-Apr	Gregg Lawson	27-Apr	Martha Riley
12-Apr	Greg Hottman	27-Apr	David McMullen
13-Apr	Bob McBride	29-Apr	Eileen Law
13-Apr	Claire Alpert	30-Apr	Bob Datson

Healing for Shattered Souls

Profound child abuses lead to profound spiritual wounds. The unhealed child within the survivors asks “Why?” “Why?” “Why?” “Why did God let this happen to me?” To help survivors examine the sources of these questions Mary’s Hope offers an evening for survivors of profound childhood abuses. We urge the survivor to bring their ‘healing companion’ with them to this presentation - that might be a spouse, friend, parent, sibling, spiritual director etc.

We will be examining: The spiritual wounds resulting from profound childhood abuses; aspects of the spiritual healing journey; “Hints for healing”; and spiritual self care. All presentations are from 7:30-9:00 p.m. with time for time for questions following. There is no fee.

April 20 - Christ the King Episcopal Church, Arvada  
6490 Carr St — Carr is 9 blocks west of Wadsworth

May 25 — St. Joseph’s Episcopal Church — Lakewood  
11202 W. Jewell — just west of Kipling on Jewell

For more information call the Mary’s Hope office at 303-377-0293

Refugee family getting settled

Thank you to everyone who has helped, asked about, welcomed and prayed for the Sharon Jargba family. The Jargbas are our sponsored refugee family from Liberia. Sharon is a single mom with four children – Comfort, age 11; Roland, age 9; Darlington, age 6; and Grace, age 13 months.

In Liberia, Sharon and her family worked as farmers of rice, peppers and other crops in a village called Puto. Neither Sharon nor her children ever went to school to learn to read and write.

Then their peaceful lives were broken by turmoil in Liberia, which started in the early 1990’s. When the rebels came to Puto in 2003, the Jargbas and others had to flee. The rebels burned down the village. The refugees walked for one month, one week and one day to the Peace Camp in the Ivory Coast.

On the way, the travelers still feared for their lives. When it was time to sleep, one person would keep watch while the others rested. If they heard a threatening noise, they would move on. Sharon carried Grace and sometimes Darlington during the journey.

Sharon’s parents, Elizabeth and Henry Jargba, were killed by the rebels at some point in time. Sharon’s common law husband, Carlo Pyne, may have been at some distant location working during the raid on Puto. She lost track of him during the upheaval. He is the father of all four children. He may still be alive. Sharon also has several brothers and sisters she is hoping to find.

Now Sharon is experiencing the ups and downs of adjusting to life in America. Often Sharon is depressed and tired. She is worried about how she will take care of her children on her own. She wants to see her husband again. However, she has truly been uplifted by the company of people from St. Luke’s.

Much progress has been made since the Jargbas arrived on November 25, 2003. We have a group of about 8 tutors/mentors for Sharon. Her conversational English is improving quite rapidly. The three older children are all in school and are learning quickly. People from St. Luke’s have demonstrated to Sharon numerous American foods and how to cook them.

The two youngest children are on medication to prevent them from developing tuberculosis, to which they were exposed. The family has the basic material comforts – food, a sunny (but cramped) apartment, clothing, furniture and toys for the children.

Sharon and/or her children have been to St. Luke’s, various restaurants, the refugee health clinic, the dentist, the local park, Social Security, Medicare and Food Stamp office, homes of St. Luke’s members and the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Sharon has also met several people from Liberia and other countries. Sharon is getting comfortable with the bus system.

Looking to the future, we are working with Ecumenical Refugee Services (ERS) in Denver to develop a plan for self-sufficiency. It may take some time for Sharon to achieve this because she is a single mom and needs to get an education. Sharon currently receives a monthly check from ERS, which will continue through July 1, 2004. All but about \$160 goes for rent, local phone service and electricity.

In addition to this, she has Food Stamps, Medicaid and the generosity of the people of St. Luke’s. We are pursuing the availability of low-income housing, in which the tenant pays just 30% of what they earn. We might have Sharon to move into a county, such as Arapahoe, which provides child care assistance. In August, the TANF (U.S. government program) will kick in if Sharon does not yet have a job; we don’t know exactly what TANF will provide.

**Footnote:** I would like to recognize some people who have been especially involved in the lives of the Jargba Family: Jan Rufien (“Grandma Jan”) and family, Caroline Merchant and family, Laurie Gilbert, Marie and Bryan Thomas and family; Diane Tolleson and family, Mary Anne Eagleston and Jennifer Jensen. Appreciation also goes to Linda Streaty, Pam Rowley, Connie Shoemaker, Bill and Judy Dearasaugh, Peter Reif, Debbie Lawrence, Andrea Mezger and the many donors of grocery certificates, money and material items. THANK YOU!!!

Betsy Keyack



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HOPE

“...surely I know the plans that I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” -Jeremiah 29:11

The cross, an instrument of death, is for Christians a symbol of hope, indicating that God has the last word. At times we may need to be reminded that there are new possibilities for life that we sometimes don’t see, or refuse to see, or are afraid to see. Hope means our past is accepted, our future is open, and the present offered to us afresh.

**Prayer Focus:** St. Augustine said, “I believe. Help my unbelief.” Offer in prayer some of your struggles and hopes.

**Action:** The Spanish philosopher Miguel de Unamuno says that if you want to know what a person’s real faith is, you have to find out what the person really hopes for. What do you hope for, and why?



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

2004 HOLYWEEK CALENDAR

Saturday, April 3

Children’s Ministry Easter Fun Day 10 - noon. Carnival games, face painting, jumping booth. Holy Week activity packet to take home!

Highlands Ranch Community Chorus Spring Concert, at St. Luke’s., 7:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 4

Our services will be at the regular times: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00. Parade of palms by the elementary Sunday School kids at 9:30 & 11:00. Music from Kidz Prayz, Cherubs Choir and Chancel Choir.

Kidz Prayz program at 4 p.m. “Levite Genes” All are welcome to come and support our children.

District Youth Worship. All junior and senior high youth are welcome, and youth from other UMC churches are invited. The theme is “Forgiveness.” St. Luke’s Sanctuary, 7-8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 7

Regular Wednesday Night Live activities, including SLY for grades 7-12 in the Youth Room, 6:30-8 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 8

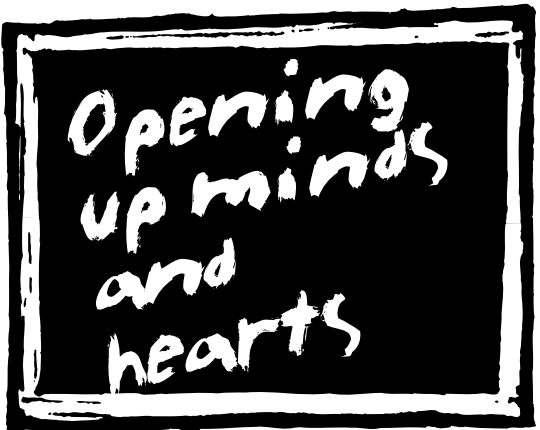
Maundy Thursday service, 7 p.m. Communion will be served. We will have child care by reservation to Lynne at ext. 47 or e-mail.

Good Friday, April 9

Good Friday Service, 7 p.m. Chancel Choir will be singing the “Requiem” by John Rutter during the service. The nailing of the cross will be followed by a processional outside to set the crosses. We will have child care by reservation to Lynne at ext. 47 or e-mail.

Easter Sunday, April 11

Services at 8, 9, 10 & 11 a.m. Parking might be a problem so we are encouraging those who are able to park across the street in the Recreation Center’s parking lot. No Sunday School – only Nursery 0-2 year olds. Special Easter activity pages and tissue paper craft for children in the services. No Junior High or Senior High Sunday School. No evening SLY.



For information about any Children's Ministries events or to volunteer, please contact Jenita Rhodes, Director of Children's Ministry, or Lynne Butler, Preschool and Childcare Coordinator.

### FISH – a Children's Ministry Workshop

A group of dedicated Children's Ministry volunteers enjoyed learning about an exciting way to look at life, their work place and volunteering with children at St. Luke's from the FISH philosophy in a workshop sponsored by Children's Ministry in February. Using a video from the Famous Pike Place Fish Market in Seattle, Washington, Stewart Beecher showed them that by using what they learned from FISH, they can "Play," "Be There," "Make Their Day," and "Choose Their Attitude."

Several activities and brain storming sessions helped them create a list of fun and engaging ideas to help each kid's and volunteer's church experience be more exciting and memorable. More about the FISH philosophy will be coming. Our next Children's Ministry workshop will be Saturday morning, May 22 from 9 to 11:00. Our new pastor Rev. Janet Forbes will be there to introduce herself and get to know our Children's Ministry volunteers.

### Children's Dinner Theatre

A great time was had by 175 children and adults last month at the Children's Dinner theatre. We enjoyed dinner in Little Italy with spaghetti, meatballs, and vegetables with dip, bread and dessert. Our tables were decorated with red and white tablecloths, dripping candles and we listened to Italian music while we ate. After dinner we moved to the Sanctuary where we laughed and were awed by an Irish Magician, Tom Flynn. A highlight was the rabbit puppet that he pulled out of his hat. We also enjoyed the tricks he did with scarves and some audience volunteers. A special thanks to Keri Madsen, Karen Meade, Karin Wesson, Tim Boles, the Wild, Butler, Speedy and Nolder families, the Children's Ministry team and all who helped to make this such a fun event.

### God and Country Awards

On Sunday, March 14, seven young people and one adult were awarded their medals for completing the God and Country program. God and Country is a program designed to help each participant grow in faith and service to God through a variety of Bible readings, activities and service projects. This group has been working since October, meeting once each month to share their progress.

The recipients for completing the God and Me program were Will Fyke, Zach Madsen, Zach Zahnow, Alex Jessen, and Hannah

Harm, the God and Family program, Trevor Streaty and the God and Life program, Robert Fyke. Janet Harm completed the adult God and Me program with her daughter. Congratulations to each of these dedicated individuals! The next session of God and Country will begin in October of this year. If you or your child is interested, please contact Jenita Rhodes for more information.

### Upcoming events in Children's Ministries

#### Easter Fun Day

Easter Fun Day will be Saturday, April 3 10:00-12:00. Plan to join us for games, a big bouncer, tattoos, cookie walk, balloon animals, the Easter Bunny and, of course, the Easter Egg Hunt. Sign up to help on the board in St. Luke's at the bottom of the stairs and drop off non-chocolate candy and plastic eggs in the boxes next to the board. This annual event promises to once again be a lot of fun for all!

#### Holy Week Family Devotional

Help give your children a better understanding of the events we remember during Holy Week and establish a new tradition by enjoying the stories and activities available in a Holy Week Family Devotional packet. The packets will be available at Easter Fun Day, in Sunday School on Palm Sunday or the Children's Ministry Office.

### SLY, JR – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Fellowship

SLY JR. meets the first Sunday of each month from 6:00 until 8:00 for an evening of fun activities, games and a lesson to help them grow in their Christian faith. Our next get together will be April 4<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday. Dinner will be Spaghetti and meatballs, bread, salad and dessert. Each game or activity will focus on an event that happened during Holy Week. Our next meeting dates will be May 2 – an off site outing and June 6 to graduate the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to SLY Youth Group!!! For more information contact Jenita Rhodes.

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be June 21–25 from 9:00 – 12:00. Children age 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join in the fun. We will be having our own mini Olympic games with Gospel Light's "Son Games 2004". The focus of this fun-filled curriculum is that God helps us stay strong and is with us through good and bad. We will enjoy music, games, crafts, snacks and Bible lessons. Because St. Luke's Vacation Bible School program has grown so quickly over the last few years we have experienced growing pains. We will change our direction a little by asking for more parent participation in this exciting week. Remember, Vacation Bible School is run only by volunteers. Any youth, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above are welcome to help. We want this to be fun for kids and adults alike but we need more adult help.

We will be sending home a registration flyer in early May and will



need parents to help at least one day for every child signed up. Five-day help is also needed, as it is very important for the classroom teachers to be there all five days. As in past years there will be a free lunch each day for volunteers helping that day and their children. We will also have a free nursery for any volunteer with children too young to attend Bible school.

This year the nursery will be staffed by paid workers and overseen by a paid, experienced adult. We want you to be assured that your younger children will be well cared for while you volunteer your time for us. We can't wait to see the children in June and will have tons of fun with our own Olympic games!

### Summer Fun Days at St. Luke's

We are pleased to offer again this year our once a week summer program for kids ages 3 years to third grade. Instead of Tuesdays we will gather on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 12:00 beginning June 9<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to sign your children up for any number of the 8 different dates offered during the summer. The dates will be June 9 and 18, July 7, 14, 21 and 28, August 4 and 11. There is a charge of \$15.00 for each day. The activities will include a Bible story with games, crafts, snack and music. Registration will begin in May for both Little School and St. Luke's members.

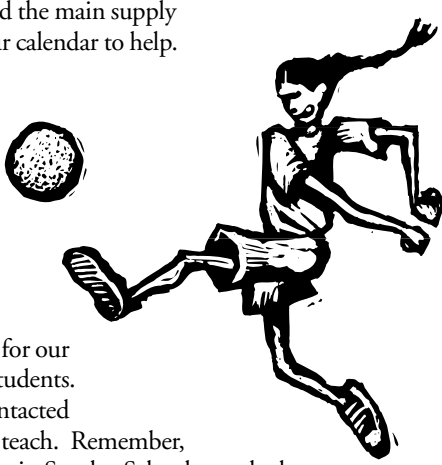
### Nursery

Parent's of Nursery kids: the next church Work Day will be Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, from 8 – 12. We need your help to clean up the nursery. We will clean toys, straighten closets and do a general good cleaning. Please mark your calendar and help us make the nursery the best place it can be for our youngest members. There will be bagels and other goodies supplied. Children who are or will be two by September 15<sup>th</sup> will be moved to official Sunday School in early June. We ask all parents of children in Sunday School to help teach 4 – 8 times a year. Lynne Butler will be contacting you in May to get you scheduled.

### Sunday School for 2's through Kindergarten

The next church work day will be Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, from 8 – 12. We need your help to organize the Sunday School classrooms. We will do a thorough cleaning of the supply closets in each room and the main supply closet. Please mark your calendar to help.

There will be bagels and other goodies supplied. Thank you all so much for your help in our Sunday School program this year. This has been a fantastic year and it is due to everyone volunteering their time for our littlest Sunday School students. New families will be contacted soon to sign up to help teach. Remember, all families with children in Sunday School are asked to teach 4 – 8 times a year. Children will move up to their new classes in early June.



### SLY Update

Lots happening with St. Luke's Youth! Come and join us. We would love to have you! All 7<sup>th</sup> –12th graders are welcome.

Check out the Bulletin Board in the Narthex and outside the Youth Room for updated information, or call the Youth Line, 303-791-0569 ext 45.

Want to talk to a human being? Call Martha Boon, Youth Coordinator at 303-791-0659 ext. 19!

#### Sunday mornings,

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Junior and Senior Hi Youth  
11 a.m. Confirmation Class

#### Other events!

April 4  
District Worship at St. Luke's- Join youth from area UM Churches. 6 p.m. dinner for St. Luke's Youth. 6:30 Set Up. 7-8 p.m. Music, Worship, Food. Theme: "Forgiveness."

April 7 WNL 6:30-8 p.m.  
Meet in the Youth Room for "Life Issues" discussions, food and some time to just hang out.

April 8 Donut Whole at Mountain Vista HS 6:40 a.m.  
April 11 Easter Sunday. No AM Sunday School. No evening SLY

April 13 Coffee Talk 7-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Room  
Fellowship for all Junior and Senior Hi Women

April 14 WNL 6:30-8 p.m. Youth Room

April 15 Donut Whole 6:40 a.m. Mountain Vista HS

April 16-18 Up With Youth Retreat for the Senior HI

April 18 6 p.m. dinner. 6:30 –8 p.m. SLY Program on Adolescent Depression

April 21 WNL 6:30- 8 p.m. Youth Room

April 22 Donut Whole 6:40 am Mountain Vista HS

April 25 PROGRESSIVE DINNER 5-9 p.m.  
We will visit 3 houses for Appetizers, Salad and Main Course. Return to church for dessert. Sign up on the Bulletin Board!. A popular event, so don't miss out!

April 27 Coffee Talk 7-8:30 p.m. Youth Room

April 28 WNL 6:30-8 p.m. Youth Room

April 29 Donut Whole 6:40 a.m. Mountain Vista HS