

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.

Join us in growing toward full humanity through living the teachings of Christ: Love, Acceptance, Justice and Hope.

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

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9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. – Adult, Youth & Children's Classes  
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# The Chronicle

*All Church Variety and Big Band Show*

## Great music, fun... and dessert!

On May 8th at 7 p.m., the music program will hold our annual Variety Show but with a little extra twist this year. In addition to the Variety Show, our newly formed Youth Jazz Band will have its debut performance led by Assistant Music Director, Kay Coryell.

The Ministers of Swing will also be there to support and play some great and fun new jazz tunes they've worked up especially for this occasion. Come and enjoy some great family fun! Desserts will be served between the Variety Show and Jazz Band performances.

If you want to participate in the Variety Show, please contact Carrie Mallery, Associate Music Director at [carrie@stlukeshr.com](mailto:carrie@stlukeshr.com) or call 303-791-0659 x35.

## Come celebrate our new pastor's first day

We will be welcoming Rev. Janet Forbes on Sunday, May 16, 2004. We will have a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall beginning after the 11 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!*



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

## "Women Living in Faith"

Led by Pam Rowley  
and sponsored by UMW

 **A Woman's Spiritual Retreat**

Friday May 7<sup>th</sup> 6-9 p.m.  
Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> 8:30-12

This spring retreat will look at the lives of women living in faith from Biblical and contemporary examples and perspectives. We will then apply this "faithful living" to our own lives. Exercises of silence, solitude, prayer, and meditation will be explored.

Come and join other women of St. Luke's for a time of spiritual growth. Please RSVP at the table in the Narthex or call Pam Rowley at 303-791-0659 ex. 32. Reservation deadline is Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be serving dinner Friday and a light breakfast on Saturday morning.

Childcare will be provided upon request. Please contact Lynne Butler at (303) 791-0659 by May 4<sup>th</sup>.

## What do we believe?

If you have ever been in a discussion of the beliefs of different denominations, someone may have said, "Those Methodists don't believe anything." In reality, Methodists believe a lot of things, we just don't all believe exactly the same thing. Why? Because of our Wesleyan heritage.

Most denominations formed by splitting away from another group, usually over a doctrinal difference. Because of this, some part of doctrine is key to their identity and you must believe in that doctrine to be a member of that denomination.

In contrast, Methodism was a part of a religious revival that started in the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the Great Awakening. John Wesley's concern was how we formed a relationship with God through Christ and how we lived a faithful life filled with God's Grace. To him, beliefs were important in that relationship, but were secondary to it.

He recognized that we are all different people who have lived different lives and how we connect with God will be different. God, in his infinite love and wisdom, finds a way to establish a relationship with all of his children.

Does that mean anything goes? No. As

### Part of a continuing series

Wesley said, "In the essentials of the Christian faith, unity, in all else, we think and let think." Wesley also provided guidance in developing our own beliefs, something that we refer to as the Wesleyan quadrilateral because of its four sides. Wesley said that scripture, the experience of God in our lives, reason, and the tradition of all the Christians that have come before us should be used to guide us in our beliefs.

Being a Methodist is about developing a set of beliefs that are a part of your life every day of the week, not just Sunday. It is about developing a set of beliefs that reflect the influence of God's love and grace in your life. It is about developing a set of beliefs that may change as you grow in your faith and your understanding of God's grace in your life.

It is about developing a set of beliefs that are yours because you have developed them from your own study and experience, not because they are something that someone told you that you must believe.

Monty Hoffman

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From your senior pastor



FORTUNATE !!!

Fortunate, that’s what we are. We are fortunate to have Janet Forbes as our next Senior Pastor, and her first Sunday will be May 16. We have had top-notch leadership in the past, and that tradition will continue with Janet.

Here is a brief, but important, tidbit about Janet. At the time you are reading this she is at the United Methodist General Conference as a delegate from the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference (ours). She is a delegate because she was elected at our Annual Conference in June, 2003. She was elected by the other ministers of our Conference, by popular ballot. That means all the ministers were given ballots, and they wrote the names of ministers in our Conference they wanted to elect.

Janet was the first of the four elected. That means she ranks number 1 among the 250, or so, ministers in the Conference. I think it is a real plus for us to have the minister who is the real leader of the ministers of the Conference. The real leader of the Conference is not the bishop. He is not even a member of this Conference, he is “hired help,” so to speak.

Okay, she is only one from St. Luke’s who is a delegate to the G.C. Brad Laurvick, is going as a lay delegate. Brad is currently working as Youth Director at Longmont, but he, as yet, has no ministerial credentials, so is still a lay person. Brad was the second lay person elected. St. Luke’s is well represented at General Conference.

So what’s happening at the Conference? The Gay Rights issue has been a real issue at the last few Conferences, and the indication is it will be a “hot” issue at this one, especially since the “trial” of a lesbian United Methodist pastor in Washington State, and especially riding the crest of the proposed Marriage Amendment. I (Fred V) have no envy of Janet or Brad in their delegate positions.

Janet’s first Sunday at St. Luke’s will be May 16, and we are scheduling an Open Forum for Wednesday, May 19, at 7:00. She, and possibly Brad, would like to present first-hand to us what went on at General Conference. You may have questions, and she will answer them all - directly and honestly. Here is a chance to get to know her as she deals with a difficult subject for us. Put it down: Wednesday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Fred Venable, Pastor

Prayer Chain Update

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

- Leigh Ramsey;
- Bob Halderman’s brother, Jim Halderman;
- Bertha Roth’s daughter, Scherry Mitchell;
- Marcia Hannon’s mother, Peggy Lamberth;
- David Funk’s mother, Jackie Funk;
- Jon Streaty’s brother, Bob Streaty;
- Stuart and Terri Beecher’s sister-in-law, Ann Beecher;
- Tammy Heister;
- Norma Harris;
- Steve Milerowski;
- Susy Halloran;
- Edith Brewer;
- Jackie Durban;
- Heather Harding’s friend, McCall Scheining;
- Joy Damsgard’s friend, Sharon Griffith;
- Graydon Dowis;
- Gail Abernathy’s friend, Ann Goetluck;
- Laura Zgoda’s mother, Jacqueline Zgoda;
- Michele Banza’s friend, Angela Evanson;
- Cindy Raap’s grandmother, Dorothy King; and
- Sharon Oliver’s dad, Bob McGill.



We continue to pray for:

- Kay Swanson;
- William Cronin;
- Vickie Ferguson; and
- Corina Hall’s friend, Freddy Arch Page.

We extend our prayers and sympathy to:

- Diana Stephens and family on the death of her stepfather, Bob Thomson;
- Carla Donelson and family on the death of her stepfather, Vern Harder;
- Marv Pugh and family on the death of his mother, Wilma Mae Pugh Gilboe;
- Linda Lennek and family on the death of her friend, Kendall Atkinson;
- Stephen Blue and family on the death of his mother, Jean Blue; and
- Linda Walker and family on the death of her uncle, Jim Koester.

Please join with us in prayers of joy and thankfulness on the birth of:

A daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, to Andy and Virginia Hinds on 3-10-04.

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

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.

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

Trustees’ Corner

Take Care!

We hear and say this expression so often we don’t often think about its meaning. We rarely do things differently upon hearing it. However, just as we must consciously make adjustments at home as our small town grows, we need to make sure we’re taking every precaution at St. Luke’s so we’re working together to keep each other safe.

Those of you with young children and youth received a letter a couple of weeks ago sharing the sad news that a young girl was inappropriately touched as she went to use the restroom alone during services. Fortunately we learned of the event very quickly, engaged the support of the Douglas County Sheriff’s office, and the young man has been identified. In the spirit of seeking Love, Acceptance, Justice and Hope, we ask for your prayers of support for both families as this issue is brought to resolution.

As a group, the Trustees would like to remind you we need you to help us by remembering some simple but very important safety tips for everyone. Schools teach our children they should always have a buddy, or even better the supervision of a parent or other adult and that’s a good lesson for any public building. Whether your children are visiting classrooms or bathrooms, please make sure they’re always escorted, as this nearly always is the very best measure for both safety and security. As you attend meetings - planned or just quick hallway conversations - please make sure children who are with you aren’t unsupervised even for a few minutes. Our teenagers don’t require as close supervision, but please make sure they are here only for scheduled activities, which are supervised by adults, and please provide transportation when our SLY activities end.

How well do you and your family know our building? Next time you’re here, please take a look around and notice the Exit signs. Watch for our upcoming “In Case of an Emergency” Ministry Moment soon to highlight the options, but did you know that you could exit through the west-facing double doors, onto the deck, down the stairs directly to the south parking lot? Or, in an emergency, you can pass through the two doors in the front (NW & NE) corners of our sanctuary using well-marked exits via stairs out the north side of the building?

In the unlikely event we need to speed evacuation, our ushers are trained to assist people with special needs with a safe exit. The rest of us can assist the process by proceeding calmly and swiftly out the alternate routes allowing more room when and where it’s needed. Our classrooms on the lower level all have doors leading directly to the outside or easy access to a short hallway and an outside door, so even with the blessing of our very popular Sunday and Little School programs, crowd management is less of a challenge. But, in preparation, you would be wise to take a look around with your children in tow so you know where to meet them and they will be comforted knowing you have a family plan that complements our teachers’ training and expectations.

Another thing you can do to help to keep St. Luke’s secure is to remember to pull exit doors tightly closed and latched upon leaving for the day. We do have the diligent support of Dan Kuhl, our custodian, who is careful to check the building each evening. But we’re purposefully careful not to adjust automatic door closers to operate too swiftly for little fingers, so your attention will help us to meet both goals of safety and security.

If you have additional suggestions you’d like to bring to our attention, please contact any of the Trustees or Church staff. Thank you for your attention, support, and care.

A LETTER FROM DALAY DY  
Dear St. Luke’s Community,

As many of you know, my term as a Missionary-in-Residence here at St. Luke’s will end by the end of May. I still find it hard to believe that it has been almost three years since I started my seminary training at the Illiff School of Theology and my missionary position at St. Luke’s. How times really flies! It seems like not long ago when I first came here and learned how to use many new things!

During my time with all of you, I wish that I could have been more involved. But being a full-time graduate student from another country does not give me much option.

So my accomplishments here at St. Luke’s are more about what I have received. Let me now share about how the impact of St. Luke’s missions has on my life.

I owe my gratitude to my families, friends, church communities near and far for enabling me to be where I am today. In the last three years of my life here in America, I want to give special thanks to our St. Luke’s community. Without your community and financial support, it would not be possible for me to look forward to graduation. I will be graduating on May 28<sup>th</sup> with a Masters of Divinity degree. My parents, who will be arriving next week and staying until June, couldn’t be more proud, because I come from a long line of farmers and am the first person in my family to get a graduate degree.. In fact, most of them hadn’t received any education at all, except learning how to farm from their parents.

And without St. Luke’s members to be my families, my friends, and my support systems, it would not be possible for me to stay here and feel at home, and was able to do well at school despite the language barrier and substandard educational preparation.

The encouragement, support, kindness, patience, and understanding that I have received from all of you are beyond the expression of words, and they are the evident fruits of your missions here at St. Luke’s. Before I came to St. Luke’s, I actually thought that missions is just a one-time event or experience, but you all help me see it differently – that rather it should be a way of life.

Thank you for being a blessing to me. I pray that God will continue to guide and bless St. Luke’s and all of you.

Sincerely,  
Dalay



May birthdays

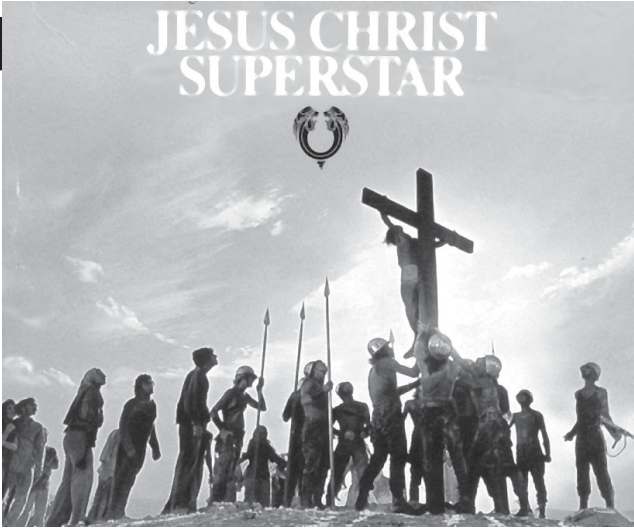
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1-May Susie Appleby	17-May Susan Johnson
1-May Stacy Kasch	17-May John Perry
1-May Jennifer Turner	18-May Hal Neville
2-May Bill Maddox	18-May Susan Howell
2-May Bill Feight	18-May Mary Romke
2-May Kristin Perry	20-May Gordon Johnson
2-May Holly Thomas	20-May Sheri O'Herron
3-May Julie Beekhuizen	21-May Sara Van Horne
3-May Karen Adler	21-May Susan Harned
3-May Jerry McLeland	22-May David Rhodes
3-May William Beggs	23-May Kevin Millard
3-May Jennifer Stevenson	24-May Stephen Howell
4-May Carol Crawford	24-May Brian Ary
4-May Mark Mais	24-May Beth Husa
5-May Joanne Cleveland	25-May Kirsten Stahl
5-May Amy Dryer	26-May Jon Takayama
5-May Stephen Manthey	26-May Tad Zgoda
5-May Barry Curtis	27-May Raina Powell
5-May Jeff Lukens	27-May Shannon Lukens
6-May Kim Nelson	27-May Danny McIntosh
7-May Christie Ruddy	27-May Roger Lauer
11-May Margie Hardaway	28-May Mike Samuels
11-May Erika Brimberry	28-May Mindy Walker
12-May Nicole Pinette	29-May Dennis Edgerly
13-May Sue Johnson	30-May Cindy Markham
13-May Dwight Kinnes	31-May Mike Dowell
13-May Stefanie Roth	31-May Dean Myers
15-May Brenda Williams	31-May Jaime Gibson
16-May Jean Bennett	

May wraps up Chancel Choir 'season,' but Summer Choir coming soon

The Summer Choir retreat will be held on June 19 from 9-11:30 a.m. in the Asbury Room (choir room). The goal for the Summer Choir is to sing three times during the summer, once in June, once in July and once in August.

The Choir will learn all the music for all the services during the retreat and simply brush them up before the 9:30 service each time we sing. Even if you couldn't make all three dates, I would still strongly encourage you to come and be a part of the Summer Choir as much as possible. A great time is always had by all.

Our first time to sing is June 20th, Father's Day. I'll wait to schedule July and August once Rev. Janet Forbes is here to help plan the summer service schedule. Please contact me, Jim Ramsey, if you have any questions. jim@stlukeshr.com or 303-791-0659 x23



'Jesus Christ Superstar' auditions for youth and adults

Come one! Come all!!!  
May 15th at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.  
JCS Information Sheets which include what, where, when are available in the entry way at the Information Center under Music and Drama as well as downstairs near the music office. The JCS Information Sheets also include the audition songs for all Major and Minor Roles in JCS and production information.

If you are auditioning for the Chorus, you must be there at 10:00. Chorus and Crowd Chorus Auditions are first and include learning a specific song and singing it in a group of 5 - 10 people. Small singing solos (16 - 20) and selected small groups of voices will be cast from the Chorus for various numbers but no one will need to audition specifically for these.

Major and Minor roles will be auditioned from 10:00 - 1:00 and may entail singing more than one song. Audition music for each role will be available after May 1 near the music office downstairs.

Chorus music will be taught at the auditions. If you are preparing a specific role, please come prepared to sing the sections marked in the provided copied score.

Children 3rd grade and above who wish to participate will audition in the fall.  
Questions? Contact Jim Ramsey at jim@stlukeshr.com or 303-791-0659 x23.

Northside UMC Youth Choir on tour

On June 13, St. Luke's is hosting the Northside UMC Youth Choir from Atlanta, GA. They have toured across much of this great country during summers for the last 25 years.

The Northside Youth Choir will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday June 13 at St. Luke's as a part of the final activities for SLY before summer. Prior to the evening performance, they are also singing at St. Andrews UMC during Sunday morning worship services.

To help defray costs for their tour, they've asked for one potluck meal before they perform and a bed to sleep in on Sunday night. If you can help out in any way shape or form, please contact me as soon as you can. The youth choir will leave from the church parking lot early on Monday morning.

As a church youth, I've had many fond memories of touring and singing and meeting great people across this country during the summers. It has certainly helped shape who I've become. Please consider hosting a youth or two or three or whatever for that Sunday night. It will be a great service and a great time, I'm sure. There are a total of 96 people in the group. Needless to say, we'll need several folks to step up and help.

If you have a spare bed or a big floor, please contact me at the church at jim@stlukeshr.com or call 303-791-0659 x23 and let me know how many youth or adults you could host. Thanks in advance. jr

Easter at St. Luke's



It was an overflow crowd for children's time during Easter services. Rev. Dave Money is holding a giant egg Dalay Dy claimed she found that morning.

Easter Fun Day featured a variety of activities for kids of all ages, including temporary tattoos.



The Cross is carried out of the Sanctuary on Good Friday.



SLY looks ahead to summer!

We are planning summer activities now, so if you have ideas, let your Youth Leadership Team know or give Martha a call. We are looking at spending a day at Elitch's, another day at Water World and a night at the Drive In Theatre. We would also like to plan a weekly "midweek" mission project.

What else would you like to see happen? We still have space on the Junior Hi Mission Trip, scheduled to Rapid City, IA July 18-23. So if you are in 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade, come and join in on this trip!

We have a great opportunity Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. The Youth Choir from Northside UMC in Atlanta will be visiting us! We will have a pot luck dinner with them Sunday night and then they will perform at 7 p.m. for us. This is a 90 plus member Youth Choir! We want to host them in our homes Sunday night and then they will be off to another city Monday morning. Meet some youth from the South. Volunteer to host 2-3, maybe ten youth—a party at your house! Contact Jim Ramsey to be a host.

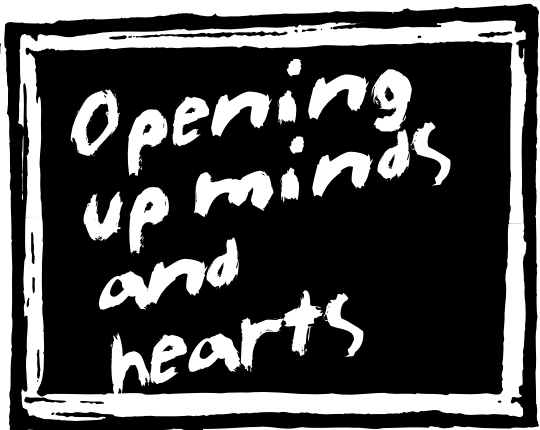
Hang in there all, school's almost out!  
Martha Boon, Youth Coordinator  
303-791-0659, ext. 19

SLY Calendar

You won't want to miss out on all the May events. So mark your calendars and be here! Bring a friend!

- May 1 Junior Hi Mission Trip Dinner and Game Night 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Home of Janet and Scott Maxwell.
- May 1 All Church Variety Show Auditions—10:30 a.m. Youth show your talent!
- May 1-2 Confirmation Class Mission Day and Lock —In 9 a.m. — 9 a.m.
- May 2 Regular SLY 6 p.m. Dinner 6:30 —8:30 p.m. District Worship at Grace UMC, Special Speaker-Aron Ralston (hiker who amputated his arm to release himself from a bolder) Donut Whole at Mt.Vista HS
- May 5 Seniors Graduation Dinner, 6:30 p.m. at the Metropolitan Club, RSVP required
- May 7 All Church Variety Show 7 p.m.
- May 8 Coffee Talk 7-8:30 p.m., women only fellowship in the Youth Room
- May 11 The Donut Whole at Mt.Vista HS
- May 13 Regular SLY, 6 p.m. Dinner, 6:30-8 p.m. Program
- May 16 The Donut Whole at Mt.Vista HS, this will be the last meeting for this school year.
- May 20 Senior Recognition—9:30 Service, Confirmation 11 a.m. Service - Rehearsal 9 a.m., Breakfast 9:30 a.m., SLY End of School Celebration 5-8 p.m.
- May 25 Coffee Talk 7-8:30 p.m., women only fellowship in the Youth Room
- May 30 Memorial Day Weekend No SS, No evening SLY
- June 13 We will host Northside UMC Youth Choir from Atlanta, Potluck dinner followed by a Concert We need host homes for Choir members!
- June 21-25 Vacation Bible School. Call Lynne Butler to volunteer!





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.

## SPRINGTIME AT LITTLE SCHOOL

Little School has had a flourish of activities this Spring, enjoying our outside play time with the warmer weather and of course many fun Easter activities! We are learning all about God's world, rebirth and new life growing all around us. The children participated in many joyous learning opportunities centered around Easter and we are now looking forward to making the most of the end of our school year.

April was also a time to show off our outstanding artwork at our 9th Annual Creative Critter's Art show, entitled "Colors Of The World" and once again, it was packed with proud parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors! This is always such a great way for everyone to see the products of creativity!

Please take time to stop by our last Scholastic Book Fair beginning May 6th because it is BUY one get ONE free! This helps to support learning supplies for all of our children! Everyone is welcome!

The rest of the month of May will fly by as we get our children ready to move on! This is a proud but sad time for our staff, as we have to say good-bye to some children and promote others! We always become very attached to our little ones and we do this with the knowledge that God has truly blessed us by teaching these children! Little School with finish on May 22nd, with graduation on May 24th and 25th.

We can't believe that Little School is on its way to their 10th year! It has been a joy to be a part of the Education program at St. Luke's and we look forward to a refreshing summer and preparation for another great year beginning in September! We are very blessed to work with Ms. Jenita, as she has been a tremendous support and mentor to all of us! If you are interested in being part of St. Luke's Little School you can call 303-791-1982 or e-mail [littlestool@stlukeshr.com](mailto:littlestool@stlukeshr.com) (e-mail is best!) over the summer for more information!

*Blessings to all of you! Lovingly, Ms. Kay*



## EASTER FUN DAY

A great time was had by over 400 hundred kids and adults at Easter Fun Day. We enjoyed cotton candy, a bouncer, games, crafts and, of course, the Easter Bunny.

"We all really enjoyed Easter Fun Day, despite the dismal weather! Our kids went home happy and exhausted (not to mention loaded down with treats)! Thank you, St. Luke's for providing such a great family activity!"

*Mona Daniels*

## WORKDAY

The next church workday is scheduled for Saturday, June 5, from 8 - 12. Please join us to clean the Sunday School and Nursery areas. Now that we are heading into the summer it is time to organize supplies and do some cleaning of toys. We want to make sure that our nursery remains a clean and safe place for our little children and also restock supplies for the Sunday School rooms. Bagels, coffee and juice will be supplied.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be June 21 - 25 and our theme this year is Son Games - 2004. This is especially exciting since the summer Olympics will be in August. You may pick up a registration form from the office and the deadline for submitting forms is May 28.



## Becoming part of Children's Ministries

As our formal Sunday School year comes to an end, Lynne and I begin to look forward to Summer Sunday School and, of course, next September. We realize that the programs that make up Children's Ministries at St. Luke's would not happen with out the participation of the many adults and youth who volunteer to plan, organize, present and support them. We, also, feel there is no better place to serve God and our church community than in Children's Ministry.

We would invite every adult and youth at St. Luke's to consider getting involved with our children. Think of volunteering in Children's Ministry as "SOUL SITTING." Step back for a minute and consider that God is entrusting you with the very future of his church. Here is a list of just a few very important and rewarding opportunities.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL - JOURNEY WITH JESUS - 9:30 ELEMENTARY 1<sup>ST</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup>**

This could be called Sunday School Lite as far as planning goes. Teams of four to six volunteers will watch an opening and lead a game or activity for the lesson. Everything is already planned and the supplies will be in the classroom. Just read though the lesson and come ready for fun on Sunday morning. You will be able to schedule your Sundays around your personal schedule with the help of your team.

**PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL - 2 YEAR OLD TO KINDERGARTEN**

At both 9:30 and 11:00, year round, we have a group of individuals preparing and teaching the lesson called our Teaching Team. They rotate their teaching schedule through out the year around their personal schedules, supporting each other as subs and allowing ample "time off".

**PRESCHOOL HELPERS**

Due to the size of our classes and our high priority on maintaining a safe environment, we ask all parents to assist in their child's classroom several time

## Upcoming Children's Ministry Events at St. Luke's

✠ **Sly, Jr. (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Fellowship) Field Trip - Sunday, May 2**

Meet at the church by 6:00. BRING A SACK LUNCH!

✠ **Children's Ministry's Quarterly Workshop - Saturday, May 22**

8:30 fellowship, program 9 to 10:30, Teaching teams 10:30 to 11:00. Meet our new Senior Pastor, Rev. Janet Forbes!

✠ **No Sunday School - Happy Memorial Day!**

✠ **Promotion Sunday/Volunteer Recognition Sunday, June 6**

✠ **Wacky Wednesdays at St. Luke's**  
- for kids 3 years to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

June 9, 16, July 7, 14, 21, 28, Aug. 4, 11 from 9:30 to 12:00. Registration deadline is May 21<sup>st</sup>.

✠ **Vacation Bible School - Son Games 2004!** June 21 to 25 from 9:00 to 12:00. Additional Volunteers needed! Registration deadline is May 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms for both events are available at the information center or the church office.

**For more information call St. Luke's UMC at 303-791-0659.**

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during the year. A great way to "get your feet wet."

**PEAK ADVENTURES SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 ELEMENTARY, GRADES 1 THROUGH 6**

Using the Rotational Model this curriculum adds variety, the spice of life, for both the volunteers and the students. The year is made up of six Rotations or Biblical Themes. Each Rotation has six workshops that explore the Biblical theme from a different vantage point, like Cooking, Computers, Games, Video, Drama, Science or Art. You can be involved by being a Trailblazer (Workshop Coordinator), Ranger (Workshop Leader) or Guide (grade level volunteer). The Trailblazers work with the Children's Ministry Education team to plan the workshops used for each Rotation. They then take their ideas and lessons plans to Rangers who make up the workshop teaching team. The Guides are, also, in teams of four to six individuals that stay with their grade as they rotate through the six workshops for each rotation. Sounds confusing, but it works wonderfully. Volunteer Ranger and Guide Teams support each other in planning and scheduling so that scheduling is flexible and nobody has to have all the ideas or gather all the resources. Our children get familiar faces, an engaging way of learning and applying Biblical principles to their lives. A WIN-WIN situation!

**SUMMIT SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL - 11:00 ELEMENTARY GRADES 1 TO 6 IN**

ONE CLASS

Possibilities abound for this team of classroom leaders who choose to help with this multi-age group of children. While this class will not meet during the summer, we hope to have a whole new look when we start again this fall. How about an energizing musical opening or a drama or puppet show? This would be followed by a hands on activity designed to not only tell the Bible story but help children and the adult leaders apply them to their daily lives. You will be able to schedule your Sundays around your personal schedule with the help of your team.

## We also need help with

- Wednesday Night Kid's Club,
- Sly, Jr. our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade fellowship group,
- Vacation Bible School, June 21 through 25, 9:00 to 12:00
- Fall Festival in October
- Hanging-of-the-Greens in November
- The 3:00 Children's Christmas Eve Service in December
- The Children's Dinner Theater in February
- Easter Fun Saturday in March

Do you feel a tingle? A little nudge? God is waiting to use you in wonderful ways. Contact either Lynne or Jenita. Why? Because building godly character in children is a long-term investment. They crave the attention of a loving adult and want to know about the God who created them and love them. And in no time at all you will fall in love with our kids. Hope to hear from you soon!