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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.

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

Sunday Worship Services

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

Nursery available for all services.

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ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

'SHARE THE ABUNDANCE'

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, will be CONSECRATION SUNDAY at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. We urge you to plan now to attend the two important events of this day: first, a Sunday morning worship service (8:00, 9:30, or 11:00) and second, the Celebration Brunch from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

This will be a biblical, spiritual, inspirational program designed to enrich our understanding of Christian stewardship. The program is not built on the "need of the church to receive," but on the "need of the giver to give" as a part of his or her own spiritual development and Christian commitment.

Begin to prayerfully assess your spiritual discipline of giving. How do you answer the question, "What is God asking of me as I seek to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ?" Everyone will be given an opportunity to respond to that question on October 24 by making a commitment and an estimate of giving.

Our Consecration Sunday team is asking each of us to consider disciplined, proportional giving. For those that give a percentage of their income now; take another step to two this year toward the biblical goal of the tithe or 10% of the household income for God's work.

A catered, CELEBRATION BRUNCH, will be served in Fellowship Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The congregation is our "guest". We will gather in table fellowship and enjoy blessing, conversation, music, and entertainment for the children.

Everyone will receive a letter of invitation. Please respond to indicate your participation by returning the enclosed postcard or calling the church office with your reservation. Everyone is invited, both members and friends of the congregation.



**open hearts.
open minds.
open doors.**

**Sept. 12 'Kick-off' brings
St. Luke's together for
worship, food and fun**



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Message from
our Senior
Pastor,
Rev. Janet
Forbes



CONVERSATIONS WITH JANET

“You shall go there, bringing... your tithes and your donations, your votive gifts, your free-will offerings...” (Deuteronomy 12:5-6)

As we prepare ourselves prayerfully for **CONSECRATION SUNDAY ON OCTOBER 24**, I want to respond to several requests from our leaders in Stewardship to share the origin of the biblical phrase, “tithes and offerings”. I grew up at Cameron United Methodist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. Every week, I placed 10% of my allowance in a personalized envelope, anticipating the moment in the worship service when the congregation would “present the tithes and offerings”. At other times, I would give to the work of a missionary, or to a Christmas food basket, or to a family with a special need.

The **TITHE** represents 10 percent of the bounty with which God blesses us. It is also the symbol that Paul uses when he writes to the young churches of the first century. He calls for “**proportional giving**”. We are to give in proportion to what we have earned, in proportion to what we have accumulated, in proportion to what we possess. We are to give in proportion to how we have prospered under the grace of God. So, “tithing” is a symbol for planned giving. Tithing helps us give significantly in a systematic way. It is a planned share in the purposes of God. Tithing reminds us that we are all stewards and not owners. A tithe is a guide toward responsible, healthy, significant faith-promise giving.

A **TITHE** represents what you plan to give to the ministry and mission of the church. It is your plan – freely decided upon. It is promised out of your financial means, and cheerfully given. The tithe is the amount we bring weekly or monthly as an act of worship.

Next we are enjoined to bring our **OFFERINGS**. The Bible knows at least two kinds of offerings which have connection with our lives today. First, there are the “votive offerings”. Votive offerings are part of a vow or promise, or they represent a specific act of thanksgiving to God, or a personal act of devotion. Seasonal offerings, missional giving, bequests, and memorials are in the category of votive offerings.

The biblical witness also speaks of free-will offerings. It is an unplanned, unstructured, unexpected out-of-pocket offering on the spur of the moment. The free-will offering is giving out of a sudden impulse of love, out of a felt need. It is the envelope in your worship bulletin when you arrive on a Sunday morning that invites a response for a special cause. It is the call for a special disaster relief offering due to flood or hurricane. It is the spontaneous gift to the pastor’s relief fund for homeless persons. It is lighting for worship or carpet for the Fellowship Hall; it is lumber for an Eagle Scout project.

Bring your tithes and your votive offerings and your free-will offerings to the house of worship. The text is an amazing ancient writing with a high level of contemporary relevance. It all adds up to a single central truth: As we give of any monetary amount, we are primarily receivers and transmitters of the love of God in the world. Ultimately, that’s what any giving is all about.

Rev. Janet

Prayer Chain Update

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

- Lois & Wally Clary (Crystal’s Arndt’s parents)
- Delores Gardner – Cherlynn Manor Nursing Home
- Grace McCurdy
- Sandi (Ed Law’s cousin)
- William Damsgard-Cronin
- Alice Safarick (Marion Leggett’s friend)
- Bob Abbott
- Marvin Mauck

- Tamara Kay Freeman Young (Sheryl Freeman’s daughter)
- Mandy (granddaughter of Jean Ann Duncan’s friend)
- Peggy Dunnigan (Pat Dunnigan’s mother-in-law)
- Ronda Hall (Sherry Merrill’s sister)
- Mark Brewer (Walt & Joann Brewer’s son)
- Kay Swanson
- Sharon Griffith (Joy Damsgard’s sis.’s sister-in-law)
- Audrey Stange (Yvonne Amrine’s daughter)
- Sarah Tadesco (Renie Sanek’s friend)
- James Wakefield (Jan Stull’s father)
- Maxine Bauer (Brian Bauer’s grandmother)
- Katie Marietta (Jenita Rhodes’ friend’s daughter)
- Gerry Wright (Gail Abernathy’s mother)

- Claire Flater
- Dorothy Olney (Kendra Lee’s mother)
- Rex Cochran
- Stu Robinson (friend of Corina Hall)
- Diana Carlet (Michele Italiano’s sister)
- Scherry Mitchell (Bertha Roth’s daughter)
- Jacqueline Zgoda (Laura Zgoda’s mother-in-law)
- Angela Evanson (Michelle Banza’s friend)
- Kelli Michel

- Wendy Johnson (Nancy Chase’s friend)
- Scott Mattox (Chris Richard’s friend)
- Kris Kinney
- Madilyn Johnston (Katie Johnston’s 1 yr. old cousin)
- Carol Bryden(Kay Swanson’s mother)
- Michael George
- Peggy Lamberth (Marcia Hannon’s mother)
- Carolyn Dean
- Martha Burgett

- Sarah Johnson (Dianne Johnson’s niece)
- Delores Eagleston (Maryanne Eagleston’s mother-in-law)
- Dean Eagleston (Maryanne Eagleston’s father-in-law)
- Norma Harris
- Edith Brewer
- Norma Arnold (Yvonne Amrine’s mother)
- Robert Fong (Ken Fong’s father)
- Judy Evans
- Marian Kline (Sharon Scholle’s friend)
- Peter Reif
- Sharon Scholle

- Betty Pfaffengut (Bobbi King’s aunt)
- MaryAnn Carlson (Brooke Hoffman’s mother)
- Dorothy Turner (Trudy Turner’s mother-in-law)
- James Briggs (Dorothy Turner’s brother)
- Goldie Avie (Dan Kuhl’s grandmother)
- Vanessa Brown (Carole Sue Woodrich’s niece)
- John Murphy (Kendra Lee’s friend)
- Wilma Salas
- Bob Abbott

Diane Whetson’s parents, Burt & Goldie Sahli - Hurricane victims

SLY News

Chris’ Corner

October certainly seems to be an exciting time of the year here at St. Luke’s, and exciting for the right reasons! The crispness of Fall is in the air in our relatively peaceful neck of Colorado as football seasons get kicked into high gear, our children get back into the swing of school, and we look forward to the family oriented seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

This time of year is exciting in other parts of our world as well, but not for the same positive reasons. Our state does contend with its share of natural disasters; droughts, flash floods, and tornadoes all affect how we live our lives as a community of faith.

Fortunately, our physical location on this Earth does not force us to directly deal with disasters of massive proportions, like the hurricanes that have battered the South-Eastern United States and the Caribbean Islands that lie just to the south of our country. Saddening statistics breach the content of the news every day, like the island of Granada which lost 90% of its buildings in the wake of Hurricane Ivan, or the 3 million people asked to relocate in the U.S. because of the danger of the storms.

Thankfully, our homes are not subject to these devastating forces, but just because the winds and rains of the hurricanes do not reach our part of the world, the emotional and spiritual effects of the storms should touch every member of our congregation. We have family members and friends that compete with the catastrophic winds and water, we have visited places that we remember as warm paradises that now look much different than our memories, and perhaps even lived in the now affected areas.

The Youth Leadership Team has decided to make the 2005 Senior High Mission Trip lend relief toward those areas most affected by these recent disasters and help rebuild the lives so drastically changed by the recent tide of events. These Hurricanes are disasters, but not yet tragedies. A tragedy is the end result of a chain of events so cataclysmic, that we as a relational and missional people fail to respond to our Christian duties and serve our brothers and sisters in need. Let us work together to keep these storms remembered as disasters, and not tragedies; for our work will become love made visible.

Support the rebuilding efforts through the UMCOR supply collections with the youth and children’s groups here at St. Luke’s and buy buying pumpkins so that we can rebuild as much as possible in our Summer 2005 mission trips.

In Christ,
Chris Wilterdink



Pumpkin
Patch Begins

In case you haven’t noticed the giant piles of orange surrounding St. Luke’s UMC, the 2004 Pumpkin Patch has begun! This year all of the proceeds raised will go toward the 2005 Youth Summer Mission Trips and an awesome, brand-new van to take us where we need to go.

The second load of pumpkins will arrive on the 16th so come help us unload again! The best news about the Patch is that for working, youth can earn credit toward the upcoming mission trips. By working 15 hours, youth can earn \$100 credit, and by working 8 hours, they can earn \$50. In addition, parents can volunteer to work the Patch, and their youth will receive ½ credit for the hours worked.

For more information about the patch and volunteering to help and earn credit call Cindy Raap (720)-344-0962.

Youth Leadership
Team

This year’s Youth Leadership Team has some major tasks to accomplish and they are one of the best ways to make sure things you want happen in the SLY Program.

If you recognize anyone on this list, give them a handshake, make sure they know who you are, and tell them what you would like to see in our youth group! These youth meet at least once a month to plan out programs and make sure that our youth group is a place where anyone can feel welcome.

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| David Ashby | Kevin Ashby |
| Cassie Barnhart | Caitlin Bauer |
| Emily Bauer | Karen Bobkowski |
| Kyle Bobkowski | Laura Boon |
| Kristine Fong | Alex Fort |
| Kelsi Hertzler | Katie Johnson Tom |
| Maxwell | Jensen Meier |
| Kristin Mossman | Allison Wesson |
| Tasia Williams | |

One of the big projects that the YLT is working on this fall is finishing the Youth Rooms downstairs. If you have any ideas for how the rooms should look, contact any of the youth listed above to give them your input. Hopefully, we’ll have a plan in place so that we can begin fixing them up in early 2005. Still plenty of time to get your input to us!

Upcoming Youth Events

Fall Festival! On October 17 from 10:30 am to 1:30 p.m. come and hang out in the Pumpkin Patch! This day will have a carnival atmosphere with Old Tyme Popcorn, a Bouncy Castle, and various other carnival games and booths. Come as a family and bring some extra dollars to find the perfect pumpkin, support the youth mission trips of the 2005 summer, and have a lunch from the grill of the United Methodist Men, the SLY program, and the Children’s program.

Youth Leadership Conference! YLC is coming up, from November 12-14 at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park. YLC is a weekend designed for 7-12 graders to introduce the many ways that youth can get their voices heard and their opinions respected at church. Pick up a registration form, fill it out, and pay Chris by October 17 to reserve your place on this awesome weekend retreat!

Youth Group Hayride! October 24 at Plum Creek Stables, the youth group will have its own hayride this year, complete with a BBQ picnic dinner and campfire. Sign up by October 17 on the bulletin boards downstairs and in the Fellowship Hall.

Halloween Hijinks! On Oct. 31 come to SLY in costume to go trick-or-treat for canned food to support DENUM. After some light trick-or-treating, we’ll return to St. Luke’s and carve away the last pumpkins left from the 2004 Pumpkin Patch.

October birthdays

1-Oct	Alre Vandenberg	18-Oct	Cheryl Jett-Clements
1-Oct	Brian Dale	19-Oct	Glen Updegrove
2-Oct	Bill Washington	19-Oct	EJ Meier
3-Oct	Wilma Sala	20-Oct	Wayne Barnard
3-Oct	Preston Schwisow	20-Oct	Tammy Williamson
3-Oct	Brian Bauer	21-Oct	Robin Milerowski
4-Oct	Angie Guevara	21-Oct	Steve Grow
4-Oct	Bruce Buccio	22-Oct	Fran Keleher
5-Oct	Fred Drake	22-Oct	Mitchell Parker
5-Oct	Margaret Payne	23-Oct	Susan McIntosh
5-Oct	Amy Scholes	23-Oct	Bill Mell
5-Oct	David Fox	24-Oct	Phil Wright
7-Oct	Lee Newby	24-Oct	Dana Updegrove
8-Oct	Linda Palmer	24-Oct	Mona Daniels
8-Oct	Robin Bond	24-Oct	Catherine Laskey
8-Oct	Jenelle Rhodes	24-Oct	Troy Anderson
9-Oct	Richard Boon	24-Oct	Annie Datson
9-Oct	Mike Tolleson	25-Oct	Mike Hutchins
10-Oct	Manijeh Badiozamani	25-Oct	Chris Richards
10-Oct	Amy Holton	25-Oct	Veronique Birkholz
11-Oct	Keith Ayers	25-Oct	Cathy Shinn
11-Oct	Deb Payne	25-Oct	Mike Evans
11-Oct	Todd Roth	25-Oct	Amy Montgomery
11-Oct	Mark Robinson	25-Oct	Kim Betschart
12-Oct	Anne Chew	26-Oct	Joann Brewer
13-Oct	Bob Jones	26-Oct	Mark Swift
14-Oct	Rick Sherman	27-Oct	Debra Newby
14-Oct	Marla Vasten	28-Oct	Pam Eliassen
15-Oct	Fitz Fitzgibbons	29-Oct	Sam Eyer
15-Oct	Walter Downing	29-Oct	Cheryl Wolff
15-Oct	Christa Plamp	29-Oct	Dan Brown
15-Oct	Tiffany Clement	29-Oct	Kelly Hess
16-Oct	Larry Gustafson	29-Oct	Carolyn Warden
16-Oct	Larry North	30-Oct	Jerry Starry
16-Oct	Cinda Funk	30-Oct	Bryan Hutchinson
16-Oct	Doug Lange	30-Oct	Jennifer Rod
16-Oct	Jay Van Hoosen	30-Oct	Mark Godsey
17-Oct	Nancy Chase	31-Oct	Scott Maxwell
17-Oct	Tammy Kinnes	31-Oct	Greg Quirk
17-Oct	Courtney Hjellum		
18-Oct	Julia Murrow		



UMW works for all of us

The women of UMW had a successful pancake breakfast on Sept. 19, earning \$500. The money from the breakfast will be added to money from last years pie sales to repaint the fellowship hall. Thanks to all those who ate pancakes and voted on their favorite wall color and carpet. Look for more changes in the fellowship hall coming soon!



Softball teams play hard, play well

Several members of St. Luke’s participated in a church adult coed softball league this summer. We had two teams which both had a pretty good season. The “red” team took 1st place in the league with the “blue” team taking 4th in league. At the end of season tournament, the “red” took 2nd and the “blue” tied for 3rd. One of the newest members, Karla Zinkann, ended up with 11 stitches after getting hit in the head with a softball. And believe it or not, she was back the following week! Thanks to all the players for making this a great season!

We are going to miss Candy Keller who has been managing/playing with the “red” team for the last 5 years. Due to her doctor’s orders, she is no longer able to play and has decided to spend more time on the golf course. Thanks Candy for a great five years!

The season begins next June, so look for a sign up in May or call Chris Goldsberry at 303/791-6099.

Heartfelt thanks

I would like to thank all of the individuals & groups that have so generously helped me through my protracted injury this summer. Once again, St. Luke’s has proven to truly be my church family.

Thank you all so very much.
Peter Reif

Nursery available at 8

St. Luke’s is excited to announce that there is now nursery care for the 8:00 Service on Sunday. You are invited to leave your children in the nursery and then go enjoy the Service.



‘ET’ enlists Earthlings at St. Luke’s UMC

With the able assistance and leadership of Lynda Fickling, the Evangelism Team (ET) has organized two (2) teams of volunteers to communicate with guests (visitors) attending St. Luke’s. The “Greeting” Team members telephone first or second time visitors, and the “Welcoming” Team members visit the homes of third or forth time visitors to St. Luke’s.

The objective of telephone calls by the Greeting Team is to serve as a greeting and an acknowledgment of our guests who attend a St. Luke’s worship service. This phone call is in addition to the Letter from the Pastor, and it provides an opportunity for direct feedback by the guest. The caller will provide certain questions and/or feedback regarding the guest to Lynda for consideration by Staff and other Ministry teams. Present team members include: Don & Alberta Haas, Doug Knispel, Ron & Suzanne Humphreys, Carolyn McIntosh, Christine Harris, Jon & Linda Streaty, Susan Johnson, and Dee Dykes.

The purpose of the Welcoming Team is to visit the homes of St. Luke’s guests that have attended services at least three or four times. ET has assembled a “welcoming bag” that includes an overview of information regarding the myriad of opportunities and programs available at St. Luke’s. Ideally, visits by Welcoming Team

members are selected by Lynda on the basis of their living in the same neighborhood or zip code as does the guest being visited. It is hoped that by taking a “face-to-face” approach our guests will not only feel more “welcomed” to St. Luke’s, but to their neighborhood as well. Feedback about any special needs or concerns is provided by team members to Lynda. Present team members include: Bill & Judy Dearasaugh, Raina Powell & Monty Hoffman, Bill & Ann Roadarmel, Floyd & Connie Shoemaker, Manijeh & Koz Badioazmani, Nancy Obertier, Susan Johnson, F. Dee & Jean Duncan, and Joan Goddard.

The Evangelism Team is enthusiastic about the formation and implementation of these teams, and they are grateful for the response of volunteers to fulfill these guest follow-up activities. Without the commitment of the listed team members this important effort would not be possible.

Would you like to volunteer as a caller or visitor to guests attending St. Luke’s? Call Lynda 303-791-0659x20, lynda@stlukeshr.com or Dee Duncan 303-471-6685, eeei@3ei.com and we will be happy to add you to a team. Let’s make it our objective to have at least one St. Luke’s caller and visitor from every zip code in the area so that we can be even more “neighborly”!

Hospitality...

Oxford University Press definition (noun) “the friendly and generous treatment of guests or strangers.” The Holy Bible, Revised Standard Version, Matthew 25:35 *“for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”* And verse 40... *”Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.”* St. Luke’s Hospitality Team is seeking those who have a passion, gift or that “feeling which comes natural” to join our ministry. St. Luke’s your church home. It is similar to your own home in that you wish all to feel comfortable and welcome. Review the following needs and prayerfully consider your part in them:

Ushers: Assist in the weekly worship service by ensuring worshippers are attended to before, during and after service. Greg Nolder 720-344-0566, greg@nolders.com

Greeters: We are the hosts and our missions to make our guests and members feel comfortable from the minute they walk through the front door. Contact: Kristi Dale 303-470-0903, maildale@worldnet.att.net

Coffee & Doughnut Team: Help set up the coffee & doughnuts once a month in the fellowship hall. It only takes a few minutes to create the welcoming, warm, atmosphere each of us seek in our homes. Contact: Lynda Fickling 303-791-069x20, lynda@stlukeshr.com

Most of these are positions that take little time and have huge results. Think of the stranger who takes the initial step inside our doors. Do they feel a warm smile and hear a simple “Good Morning?” Do they find their way easy to Sunday school or Worship? Is a warm cup of coffee or food shared with them? Things that seem simple to us may be huge steps for a stranger. If you have the heart and calling to walk in this ministry, contact the above persons... Hospitality-a simple noun.

St. Luke’s Hayride

Sponsored by Church-Wide Ministries
When: Sunday, October 10th
Where: Stockton’s Plum Creek Stables
South on Santa Fe; West on Titan Rd. to 7479 W. Titan (north side)
Time: Be at the stables by 4:45 p.m. for the 5:00 p.m. ride
Food/Fun: After the Hayride, we’ll have a campfire, cook hot dogs, and make s’mores. A beverage and chips will also be provided
Cost: \$10/person
Ages 2-11: \$8
Under 2: Free
Deadline: Sunday, October 3 (sign up sheets available after each service)
Extras: Bring a flashlight, blanket and hangers to use for roasting
Questions: Call Gretchen or David Armijo at 303-791-0340

Children’s Ministry: Busy this Fall

**PEAK
Adventures
1st – 6th Grade
Sunday School
at 9:30**

Workshop Leaders – Art Anne Bobkowski, Mary Anne Egelston, Lori Graf, **Computer** Bob Oliver, David Lamoureux, Kevin Ashby, Adam Funk, **Cooking** Diane Tolleson, Sue Ball, **Games**, Doug & Susan Johnson, Sheri and Andrea Larsen, Sandy and Ari Hutchinson, Amy and Dan Holton, **Science**, Jane Staller, Mike Hutchins, Kyle Exline, Laura & Mark Levorsen, **Drama**, Susan McIntosh, Sharon Oliver, Kendra Mitchell , **Video**, Mark & Cathy Shinn, Brad and Shelley Bonjean. **Guides - 1st** Lindy Howard, Joretta Gustafson, Keri & Jeff Madsen, Jenny Stevenson, Melissa Wester, **2nd** Nancy & Steve Betts, Amy & Brad Ash, Sonya Wild, Cindy Gothard, Chris Goldsberry, Rachel Nolder, Liz Palizzi, Liz Gillespie, Stacey Baird, **3rd** Amy & Barry Curtis, Debbie Cole, Robin Mile-rowshi, Melissa Wester **4th** Jan & Craig Ballard, Keri & Jeff Madsen, Sandy & Randy Larson, Rachel Nolder, Laurie & Gary Gilbert, Laurie Ross, **5/6 Boys** Karin Wessin, Peter Northrop, Lynne Butler, Mike Hutchins, Danny McIntosh **5/6 Girls** Lorie Martin, Laurie Ross, Deb Whitelam, Lynne Norwood, Ann O’Grady, Jan & Craig Ballard **Music/Opening –** Linda Streaty, Sandy Larson, Jenita Rhodes
Summit Seekers 1st – 6th Grade Sunday School at 11:00
Teaching Team – Jenita Rhodes, Tasia Williams

SLY, Jr - 5th & 6th grade Fellowship Group
Our first get together will be **Sunday, October 4th, from 6:00 to 8:00.** We begin with a dinner and fellowship. The rest of the evening is filled with games, activities and fun with a Christian focus that our ‘Tweens can apply to their daily lives. The October 4th focus will be on ***Friendship***, so bring a friend to come along. The November gathering will be an exception to the 1st of the month schedule because will be having our second annual **LOCK-IN on Friday, November 5th at 6:00 until Saturday, November 6 at 10:00.** It will be necessary to register and have a signed permission slip for the Lock-in. A sign up sheet and other necessary documents will be available at the October gathering or from Jenita Rhodes in the church office. Check future Chronicles or the Children’s Ministry Activity board for more information.

WNL Kid’z Club
For all kids in 1st through 6th grades **every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30** in the Mark Room. We will build their Christian faith through service projects, fun fellowship, and devotion. This year our activities will be organized around an exciting new program called **SPROUTS!** This program sponsored by the Methodist Board of Global Ministries is designed to help our kids develop as disciples of Jesus through prayer, preforming acts of kindness, promoting justice, being an active participant in our church and reading the Bible. They will learn that **Kids Can Make a Difference!** Adult participation is needed for this special group. Contact Jenita Rhodes at the church office. Join us any time!

Third grade Bible Presentation
October 10th is going to be a special day for teachers and our third graders. **All third graders** will be receive a Bible at the 9:30 or 11:00 services. To make sure your third grader get their bible, a sign up will be available outside their Sunday School classroom. Please verify the spelling of their name and list which service you plan on attending. This is a special day in the faith development of our children. We don’t want anyone to miss out. Contact Jenita Rhodes if you know of anyone who should be included but is not listed or for any question.

Teacher Dedication Sunday
October 10th will also be Teacher Dedication Sunday for all teachers in any capacity in our community. At 9:30 we will honor specifically our St. Luke’s Little School teachers and at 11:00 all adult, youth and children Sunday morning and weekday teachers. Please invite your favorite teacher to come and don’t forget to give them a special thank you.

The God and Country Award Program
For kids in 1st through 12th grade who are interested in growing in faith as they explore how God relates to them, their families, our church and through service to others. Lessons are done with an adult mentor at their own pace. There was an information meeting in September, but it’s not too late to join in. Our next meeting will be October 17th when we will begin presentation of our first section. We will continue to meet on the third Sunday of each month through March at 12:15 in classroom A off the Narthex. For more information see the Children’s Ministry Activity Board in the elevator lobby downstairs or contact Jenita Rhodes.

A Special Thank You for all those helping with Children’s Ministry on Sunday Morning
Joy Trek – Preschool Sunday School at 9:30 and 11:00
2’s - Scott and Karen Meade, Roger and Vicki Lauer, Stacie Markham, Joely Maddux, Holly Thomas, Christy Wohlleber, Terri Hewitt-Safar
3’s - Mona Daniels, Courtenay Bumpas, Michelle Folkerts, Mary Romke, Amy Holton, Jeanette Barth, Amy Slade, Bill and Dorsey Beggs, Kerry Lucero, Lindy Howard

4’s - Amy and Brad Ash, Stacey and Steve Baird, Natalie Barnard, Kelly Hess, Shelley and Brad Bonjean, Patrick and Amy Haze, Roger and Vicki Lauer, Holly Thomas, kathy Varto, Karin Wesson, Nancy Betts
Pre-K - Michele and Paul Banza, Michelle DeLaTorre, Michelle Folkerts, Chris Goldsberry, Kathy and Mark Robinson, Stacie Markham, Christy Wohlleber
Kindergarten - Angela Chaplin, Laurie Roshak, Renee Ducnuigeen, Lynne Butler, Sonya Wild, Jodi Emsley, Terri Hewitt-Safar, Warren and Becki Jernigan, Randy and Jennifer Richeson, Lindy Howard, Susan Johnson, Kerry Lucero, Scott and Karen Meade, Kendra Mitchell, Cindy Castilow, Cindy Raap, Diane Tolleson
11:00 - Shelly and Glen Selover, Amy Montgomery, Caroline Merchant, Jill Jasper, Jill Wright, Kristy Dale, Robin Kessel, Joan Gitchell
Music - Nancy Baird, Suzanne Sharpe, Stacey Baird, Amy Hertling-Johnson, Karin Wesson, Betsey Keyack
Superintendent - Henri Freeman, Elizabeth Bauer, Bessie Bartling, Michele Hurlbut, Carol Frame
Music – Amy Hertling-Johnson, Besty Keyak, Stacy Baird, Nancy Betts, Suzanne Sharpe, Karin Wessin
Nursery Check-in - Amy Antinoro, Kim Nelson, Marla Vasten
Curriculum sorters - Christy Wohlleber, Amy Slade, Laura McCarthy, Nancy Betts, Michelle Folkerts, Angela Chaplin, Caroline Merchant
Birthday postcards - Suzanne Sharpe, Jenny Stevenson, Mona Daniels, Shelley Bonjean, Michele Banza, Sonya Wild

Time for mom and baby



Wednesday, October 6, 11 to 1:00 p.m.
St. Luke’s Pumpkin Patch
Come early or stay late, but bring your little pumpkin and your camera for a photo opportunity in our own Pumpkin Patch. We’ll look for the Great Pumpkin and scare up some fun! All sales from pumpkins benefit the church youth group.

Friday, October 15, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Children’s Book Club at the Koenig’s
Bring your child’s favorite bedtime story to share with the group while we snuggle up for our own story time fun. Directions: Broadway South to Wildcat turn Right. First Right onto Gray Feather. Left onto Stellars Jay. Go down the hill to the first Stop sign. Right on English Sparrow Tail. Valerie’s the 3rd house on the Left: #624. Call (303) 683-1002 to RSVP.

Friday, October 15, 7 to 10 p.m.
UMW Scrapbook Nite at St. Luke’s
Bring your supplies and crop the night away with good company and fresh ideas. Everyone welcome. Contact Christy Wohlleber (720) 344-3516 for more info.

Friday, October 29, 10 to noon
Jack’s ...Halloween Party...
Wear your costumes for a trick or treat of a good time!! Please bring an appropriate kid’s snack to share. Directions: Take 1-25 to Orchard, exit east. Turn right onto Havana. Turn left on Maplewood Ave. (1st stop sign). Take the 2nd left onto Iola Court. Amy’s home is the 2nd on the left #6087. RSVP (720) 529-9932
Contact Erika Brimberry at (303) 470-5752 for more information regarding playgroups.
*We currently have groups for newborns (0-6mo.) Contact Kim Marlow 303-471-9336 or Martha Persons 303-662-1054 & 3½ to 4½ yr. olds, Contact Amy Antinoro 303-663-6656

Cambodia Visits St. Luke’s

Rev Joseph Chan visited St. Luke’s on 22 Aug. It was a great time of sharing within St. Luke’s global mission support. Joseph gave us an update on the center in Seim Reap, the location of our two mission trips to Cambodia. We had a great time of fellowship and sharing in the dreams and vision for the future growth of the center.

Representatives from the missions’ team plan to attend the Cambodia Initiative conference held in King, NC on Oct 22 & 23 (real close to Mayberry/Mt. Pilot). St. Luke’s supported the last conference held a couple of years ago in CA and we want to continue our support of missions in Cambodia. The United Methodist church has been supporting mission efforts in Cambodia for approximately 10 years. This conference brings together the many United Methodist churches supporting mission efforts in Cambodia.

Little School celebrates beginning of its 10th year!

It is exciting and hard to believe that Little School has been a part of the Christian Education program of St. Luke’s United Methodist for almost 10 years! We all have reminisced about the uncertain beginning with no money, no children and no staff! However, with faith in God and the vision of Bill Selby and Joy Damsgard, Little School was up and running on September 5, 1995 with 10 teachers and 84 students! The Lord truly did provide! Over the years we have seen many wonderful children blossom, grow and graduate from our classrooms and we have continued to also grow as a school with 240 children and 28 staff in 2004!

Little School has provided a very important Christian Ministry to the surrounding community, giving many children without a church home a warm, loving and nurturing Christian family away from home. An environment that is touched with highly educated teachers, outstanding curriculum, exciting music and colorful classrooms! Children have many opportunities to explore the world around them, become self-confident learners, learn excellent social skills and begin lasting friendships! We are blessed with an amazing facility and a church that supports our ministry. Thank you for the past years of prayers and support. We would also like to thank our dedicated 10 year staff members, Kay Swanson, Director, Maria Fox, Three year old teacher, Carolyn Kim, Four year old Assistant teacher and Michele Tinsman, Four Year old Teacher!

Our goal in 2004-2005 is to strengthen our relationship with the greater church family and continue to reach out to the community, providing a quality, Christian educational experience for all who enter our doors.

OPENINGS!!!! Little School has a few openings for new students! Four year olds, and Fives (who are not attending Kindergarten). If you know of a new family to the community or need a spot for your child, Give us a call! 303-791-1982

CALENDAR: No School October 8th, Friday. Teachers will be attending an Educational Day of Learning about Conflict Management with Humor and Laughter Therapy!

Teacher Dedication - October 10th, 9:30 Service

Pumpkin Patch - All Little Schoolers will have an opportunity to purchase pumpkins at the Pumpkin Patch during the month of October. We LOVE pumpkins!

October 27, 28, 29th Harvest Parties to celebrate Fall and make-believe!

Adult Education Committee needs your feedback

The adult education committee worked hard to create a vision and mission statement for the committee. We are going to share this document in the very near future (look for a link on the church web site). We welcome your input to the programs being offered at St. Luke's. We are still looking for input to the survey we offered at the Ministry Fair. There will be a box located in the Narthex for survey responses. Please take time to give us your input for programs YOU would like to see offered as a part of continuing your Christian education journey.



Disciple Bible Study Is Booming!

The St. Luke's Disciple Bible study program is experiencing a tremendous response. During the week of Sept. 13th, we begin seven classes including the requisite Disciple I course at four time slots and one Disciple II class, two Disciple IV classes, and one new class, *Jesus in the Gospels*, with a total enrollment of 109, eclipsing previous involvement.

Through the Disciple program these individuals will encounter the scriptures at a new level, gaining a greater understanding of the many stories, poems, laments, parables and songs in the Bible. They will encounter the Christian forefathers like Abraham, Moses, and David in the context of the culture of their times. They will encounter Jesus the carpenter's son, the Jewish student, the Rabbi, the man, and the Christ. They will hear the ancient yet still relevant messages of the prophets, the Psalms and Proverbs. They will even face unraveling the often mysterious messages of John's Revelation.

Those enrolled will learn these things and much more, but most importantly, they will be sharing this journey with their classmates. In each class they will discuss the lessons of each week which serve as a guide on the journey to learn, to share and to grow in faith.

For those seventeen who are embarking on the new *Jesus in the Gospels* study an amazing encounter with Jesus is in store. As they read, compare, contrast and ponder the Jesus portrayed by each of the four Gospel writers, a new Jesus is sure to be revealed. Each begins the journey bringing with them the Jesus they have learned about through previous studies and their faith experience. As the complete this study each will find a different Jesus traveling with them. They will know this Jesus much more intimately with a clearer understanding of who he was and who he is in their lives. What an exciting experience awaits.

While enrollment for this years classes in now closed, the program will continue to be offered with all five currently available classes being offered each year and with the addition of another new opportunity, The Christian Believer. Plan ahead now

St. Luke's offers so many ways for you to grow in knowledge of your faith

FRED'S CLASS

That I would be leading a class this fall was a given; what to call it was the question. So, helpful as always, Jenita Rhodes dubbed it "Fred's Class."

Okay by me. My class began Wednesday, the 15th, at 6:30 p.m. in Classroom A, and will continue each Wednesday. A second section of Fred's Class began Sunday, the 19th, at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room, and will continue each Sunday. It is the same material, so one chooses one section or the other.

After leading a large group last winter/spring in Marcus Borg's "The Heart of Christianity," I concluded that about half the group were "snowed" by Borg. Frankly, I thought they lacked some basic understandings to be able to keep up with Borg, so Fred's Class is going to be some basic, foundational, "you can't get any simpler than this," material. If you know nothing about the Christian enterprise, this class will be for you. If you think you know a lot, this class will be for you, because you probably have been fed some insufficient and shaky "knowledge," and beliefs. If you had me as your pastor twenty years ago, you certainly need some updating and modification.

We'll start with a basic look at the Bible, which is as foundational as you can get. You only need to know it is a book, usually black. What you were taught in Sunday School twenty years ago needs revising because of new information and discoveries. The Bible is the same, but our understandings are expanding. After the Bible, we'll update ourselves on our understandings of God, and after God, Jesus. It will take awhile. I have no book for the Bible part, but will have book suggestions when we get to God and Jesus.

I am eager to get at this study. I'll try to make it fun as we learn together. One warning: if you have it "all put together," if you are firmly settled in your attitudes, if you have no questions, if you have no "wanting to learn" spirit, then you will not appreciate this class.

Otherwise, even though a couple of sessions have passed, come join us anyway. I'll see you either Sundays or Wednesdays. Peace.

Fred Venable, associate pastor

UMW Update Circle Updates

Playgroups:

We currently have 3 playgroup circles and are looking for new members or coordinators. Older and younger siblings are always welcome at playgroups.

Newborn Group: (ages approximately 0 to 6 months) meets 1-2 times a month at member's homes and local establishments to discuss feeding, sleeping, teething, and camaraderie. Both new moms and experienced moms with new babies are welcome! Contact Kim Marlow or Martha Persons for more information at (303) 471- 9336 or (303) 662-1054.

Mommy and Me Group: (ages approximately 6 months to 18 months) meets twice a month in members homes with occasional field trips to exciting area locations such as the zoo, the park, the library, and other attractions. Contact Erika Brimberry at (303) 471- 5752 for more information.

Pre-Schoolers Group: (ages approximately 3 1/2 to 5 years old) meets once a month in members homes for play and socializing, discussing topics related to older children. Contact Amy Antinoro for more information at (303) 663-6656.

Bible Study:

There are still openings available for our weekday morning Bible Study group! We meet at member's homes, and children are always welcome! If you're interested in fellowshiping while learning God's Word, contact Amy Ash at Aash71170@aol.com.

Crochet:

The crochet club is back in session and ready to get those needles clicking! We want to say a **BIG THANK YOU!** to our anonymous yarn donor. It is much appreciated! Anyone who is interested in joining can stop by the Bride's Room the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00, or contact Barbara Harwell at 303-683-6047. If you have any yarn you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara.

- Parent's Night Out
- Women's Night Out
- Book Club
- Scrapbooking:

Give yourself a much needed night out or enjoy an in-depth discussion about a great book. Interested in memory making? Join the scrapbooking circle! For more information on any of these circles, contact Amy Holton at aeholton@msn.com

Upcoming Events

- Pancake Breakfast

Come enjoy a pancake breakfast and fellowshiping on Sunday, September 19th. We are planning for 1000 people, so there will be lots of people to chat with. Whew! That's a lot of batter!

- Annual Apple Pie and Cookie Dough Sales/October Social
- The October Social will be assembling pies on Oct. 16 from 8 a.m. - noon. There will be order forms, volunteer sheets, Apple Corer/Peeler Donations Sign-Up at the Pancake Breakfast on Sept. 19th. All money raised goes to the Fellowship Hall redecorating fund!

- November Social

The November Social is at Jean Ann Duncan's at 7:00 on November 15th. Come join us for coffee, fellowshiping and getting those Christmas Cards written!!

- Candlelight Dinner

Join us for Candlelight Dinner on Tuesday, December 7th at 6 p.m. Reverend Forbes will be our guest speaker!

Our next UMW meeting is on Oct. 11th at 7:00 at Amy Ash's home. If you would like to get on the e-mail loop to receive updates from UMW, contact Shelley Bonjean at bonjeans@msn.com to get on the UMW e-mail loop.



Home Improvements Come Join Us

Home Improvements invites you to join us for fellowship, support and discussion on varied topics relating to family, parenting, enhancing relationships and exploring our faith journeys. We will meet on Wednesday nights beginning October 27th. Please note our new meeting time of 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Curriculum:

- *Parenting with Love and Logic
- *FaithHome For Parents
- *Various other topics relating to family, parenting, enhancing relationships and exploring our faith journeys.

Social:

- *Christmas tree cutting and chili dinner
- *Guys/Ladies nights out
- *Family gatherings
- *Couples nights out
- *Movie night
- *Game night

Missions:

- *Urban Peak meal
- *Support of a family during the holidays
- *Help support Holiday Shop
- *Other mission outreaches within our church and community.

For more information contact: Amy Slade (303) 660-6113.

Engraved bricks recognize donors who contributed to the Meditation Garden, dedicated on Sept. 19.



Trustees Corner

Remembering Dorothy

Over the past couple of months many members of the trustees and chancel choir have joined forces to create a meditation garden in memory of Dorothy Day, one of our original 13 charter members. This labor of love in our own backyard is anchored by a large water feature surrounded by plantings of ground covers, a small rose garden (her favorites), various Colorado friendly perennials and flowering shrubs. Our recognition and deep appreciation to Brian Sorsby for design & key implementation of the fountain — made more challenging as its busy season for home builders as well.

Another important highlight of this garden is the brick path serving as an extension from the existing walk. Here we've laid the bricks purchased by many of you in last spring's fund-raiser. This turned out very nicely and serves as the starting point for a flagstone path extending to a bench where the garden can be enjoyed in comfort. Newly planted trees will offer shade in years to come.

Please take a look the next time you're at church — we hope you'll enjoy the view!



The Chancel Choir sings as part of the dedication of the Meditation Garden in Memory of Dorothy Day, long-time member of the choir and charter member of St. Luke's. See more on page 8.

Buy a Light Campaign

My son Jack, 2 ½ years old, recently picked up a phrase from one of his favorite animation characters, Bob the Builder, which I think is more than poignant. When working on a small project or simply trying something new with Jack, I try to get his interest, albeit for a very short period of time, by saying "Can we do it?" and he exuberantly replies, "Yes, we can!"

Bob the Builder uses that phrase to motivate his machines (who talk and have names) whenever there is any kind of task to be done. Imagining a 2 ½ year as excited as can be saying "Yes, we can!" is no less a description than imagining your Music Director acting the very same way in reference to our Buy a Light Campaign.

My proposal back in August was to raise enough funds for us to acquire the electrical service and purchase the first set of lights that would give us adequate lighting for the space. Thanks to your generosity, we have very successfully raised the funds

needed to purchase 24 lights and the infrastructure to support those lights in our sanctuary. We received both large and small gifts to make this dream a reality for our worship space.

It's a blessing to be a part of such a generous church family who believes in making a difference in so many ways. I can't thank you all enough! In one month's time, we've raised nearly \$23,000. With funds that were previously raised plus contributions from the Trustees budget and the Drama budget, we placed the order for the lights to be here by the first part of October. If you haven't made a contribution to the light fund and would still like to do so, please contact me or write a check with "Buy a Light" in the memo space and mail it to the church. The system holds up to 48 lights and I would love to order more for future projects and special lighting.

"Can we do it?" And the church said, "Yes, we can!" Thanks again and blessings to all!!!!

James Ramsey

Jesus Christ Superstar

Don't forget the dates of one of the most memorable and electrifying musicals of all time! Jesus Christ Superstar coming to St. Luke's in November presented by the Wesley Players and members of Christ Lutheran and St. Mark's Catholic Churches. Mark your dates now and plan to come early. Free tickets will be available in mid October. Due to the anticipated response, tickets will be required in order to see the production.

Jesus Christ Superstar performances

Thursday, November 11 at 7:30 (Open Dress Rehearsal — no tickets required)

Friday, November 12 at 7:30 (Opening Performance)

Saturday, November 13 at 7:30

Benefit Dinner for DenUm featuring a local chef beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 14 at 3:00

Prism Concert

Our annual Prism concert features many of the St. Luke's ensembles including solos and duets. The performance has an eclectic range of music that is sure to satisfy nearly every musical palate.

When: Saturday, October 16 at 7:30 in the Sanctuary. Don't miss out on a great performance by so many talented musicians in our congregation. See you there!!

Christmas Cantata Orchestra

If you are interested in performing in this year's Christmas Cantata, please contact me at jim@stlukeshr.com ASAP for rehearsals and availability. (Strings and Woodwinds)

“We present this Meditation Garden, a place of solitude and sings with the music of the spheres, to the glory of God and for service in this congregation. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we consecrate this gift to the glory of God in memory and honor of our beloved Dorothy.