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

Sunday School Classes

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

Nursery available for all services.

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A NEWS & INFORMATION EXCHANGE FORUM

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Benefit Concert

Jazz at St. Luke's

Saturday, May 7th at 7:30

Featuring Ministers of Swing, St. Luke's

Jazz Combo, St. Luke's Youth Jazz Band

Proceeds to benefit the Missions team



Sisters and dad enjoy bunnies as part of the Easter Fun Day festivities on March 19. From the front door to the back yard and throughout the church itself, hundreds of kids and parents enjoyed a great day.

Don't miss
St. Luke's Annual
Children's Dinner Theater
featuring a production of

the selfish giant
from the short story
by Oscar Wilde

adapted by Michelle von Leo

Friday, April 22, 2005
Dinner 6:00pm
Show 7:30pm

Enjoy a fun-filled evening
of great food
and entertainment!

For info contact Jenita, ext. 27

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be June 27 - July 1 from
9-noon. This year we will be at the
Circle G Ranch: Where God is at
the Center and the Love Never Ends.
Registration closes June 1 and you
may pick up a form from the church
office.

APRIL 3

Missions Sunday

Mission's Sunday is April 3,
2005. Our theme this year will
be International Missions. Come
and learn about our most recent
international Mission trip to
Guatemala. Our guest speaker will
be Tapiwa Muchera. Tapiwa lead our
first international Mission trip to
Zimbabwe.

We will not be neglecting our local
missions. Many of the organizations
that we support locally will have tables
set up in the Fellowship hall. Come
and learn more about them and how
you can support them or become
involved with them.

Plus the Youth will be serving
breakfast. How can you lose!!!

Don't miss out : "Come and find
out how St. Luke's is truly a Missional
Church."

MAY 18

'Fiddler' Auditions

Fiddler on the Roof (Nov 4-6)

Wednesday, May 18th at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m.

No prepared audition piece necessary

Will teach dance and musical number at the audition

SIGN UP BEGINS MAY 1

ADULT COED SOFTBALL

For those of you that are seasoned professionals and those that are rookies,
we are interested in you! St. Luke's participates in a church softball league
that plays on Sunday afternoons beginning the first of June and ends the
first of August. All games are played at Progress Park which is located at
approximately Broadway and Bellevue. The cost is only \$10 per player.
Sign up begins May 1. There will be a separate sign up sheet for each team
(3) and 15 spots on each. Please remember when signing up that this is
coed and each team will need at least 6 women on their roster. Women,
please sign up! I am also looking for volunteers to coach as well. If you
are interested in coaching or you just have questions, please contact Chris
Goldsberry at 303/791-6099.

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Message from our
Senior Pastor,
Rev. Janet
Forbes



Christ is risen

To celebrate Easter is to release oneself to new possibilities in life.
Ask any butterfly.
Ask that Galilean carpenter who wove a cross-shaped cocoon some two thousand years ago.
But remember that cocoons are thoroughfares and not resort hotels.
As important as the courage to die
Is the courage to be reborn.

One of my favorite Easter stories comes from my youth when the world was locked in the midst of the cold war. The communist lecturer paused in his speech before summing up. His large audience listened fearfully. “Therefore”, he said, “there is no God: Jesus Christ never existed; there is no such thing as the Holy Spirit. The church is an oppressive institution, and anyway, it’s out of date. The future belongs to the State, and the State is in the hands of the Party.”

He was about to sit down when an old priest near the front stood up. “May I say two words?” he asked. (It’s three in English, but he was, of course, speaking Russian.) The lecturer disdainfully gave him permission. He turned, looked out over the crowd, and shouted: “Christ is risen!” Back came the roar of the people: “He is risen indeed!” They’d been saying it every Easter for a thousand years. Why should they stop now?

We join that endless parade of Christian brothers and sisters around the globe who gather to proclaim the ancient greeting. Cocoons are birthing transformation all around us. Plan to be present for the celebrations of Eastertide!

—Rev. Janet

A word of thanksgiving for care

Thank you so much, Beloved Community, for your care for me and my family in the recent death of my father, Joseph Forbes. Your shower of cards, the sweet remembrances of chocolate and flowers, and your grace in teaching my classes and leading my meetings have been the very embrace of God. You are perfecting grace for me and I am most grateful.

—Rev. Janet

Nursery reminder

We are always excited to see you in the nursery each week. Please call 303-471-0659 X47 to make reservations. Reservations are in place to make sure there is plenty of childcare providers for your family. If, for any reason, you will not be able to keep your reservation, please call the above number to cancel.

Commissioning
for Stephen Ministry Leaders

What a joyous opportunity to multiple caring ministries at St. Luke’s for years to come! STEPHEN MINISTRY, a one-on-one ministry of care, concern, and spiritual friendship, is coming to our congregation. On April 10, five persons will travel to St. Louis to attend an intensive week of Stephen Leader Training.

Following that session, the Stephen Leaders will offer a 50-hour course for members of the congregation to become Stephen Ministers. The coursework includes extensive learning in such areas as dealing with feelings, crisis intervention, asserting oneself with gentleness and firmness, and numerous other topics dealing with specific aspects of helping people who are experiencing transitions in their lives.

Following their commissioning, Stephen Ministers will carry on a caring ministry in our congregation and community. They will be working with people who are experiencing life crises such as: hospitalization, retirement, severe financial setback, loss of a loved one, divorce, terminal illness as well as many other problems that people have in living their daily lives.

Our Stephen Leaders are Pam Rowley, Sallie Suby-Long, Sue Townsend, Sherry Merrill, and Doug Rowley. STEPHEN MINISTRY at St. Luke’s is being funded through Memorial Gifts and the Gift Fund, monies which enhances our abilities to be “invitational, relational, and missional”. Keep these persons in your prayers as they travel, learn, and lead.

Membership Classes at St. Luke’s

To join in covenant with the family of St. Luke’s is a promise to care for this community with all your heart and soul. We worship together, pray together, and are there for one another. We are a missional church. Involved in the surrounding community and the world beyond our door.

We are a church with the following vision: “Guided by the Spirit of God, St. Luke’s is an inclusive community of faith, seeking to meet people where they are, growing together toward full humanity, through living the teachings of Christ: Love, Acceptance, Justice and Hope.”

We will be offering the following dates for our “Next Step” class. Lunch with Rev. Forbes is included. Please select the class you would like to attend and call Lynda Fickling for a reservation 303-791-0659x20 or lynda@stlukeshr.com. Childcare is available by calling 303-791-0659x47.

Sunday, April 17, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Membership Ceremony on Sunday, April 24

Sunday, May 15, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Membership Ceremony on Sunday, May 15



The Cookie Walk was a big hit for many kids during Easter Fun Day. There were also booths offering balloon animals, assorted games and crafts, and even some singing and dancing.

April at Little School

The Easter flowers have risen and the skies are getting clear, Little School is full of laughter and we can’t wait for Spring this year!

Everyone is back from a well deserved break, Now it’s time for lots of art work that the children have to make! Our amazing Creative Critter’s Art Show is coming right away So on April 14th (Thursday) be sure to save that day!

The children are so imaginative, they surprise us all the time If you haven’t seen the art show, you will NOT be feeling fine!

April means that school is surely winding down, and suddenly we get sad and sometimes wear a frown. For we love our little students they fill our hearts with cheer We can’t believe that Little School has done another year!

May your days this Spring be filled with happiness and love And may you always thank God for your blessings from above.

Ms. Kay and Staff

Guatemala Mission: 2005

Can you see the
difference in us?

Hola! All 20 members of the Guatemala mission team came home energized and renewed from the joy of sharing life in one of the most beautiful places in the world. The journey truly began with playing with the children of Hogar del Nino Orphanage, playing badminton and flying kites. The team worked together daily with a small local crew at the Lemoa Methodist Retreat Center.

We learned the art of mixing cement on the ground with shovels and hard work, plastering block walls and smoothing them with just the right touch. We also did some painting at the Retreat Center and at the orphanage. We chiseled cement columns, finished a wood burning stove made from bricks, sang in a chain line as we passed buckets of cement to pour the floor, prepared bathrooms for future use, laid tiles in the kitchen, picked up many bags of trash, learned how to fish with a simple line, hook and limbriz (worm), and to share a bathroom with the local mouse.

We learned how hard, yet so incredibly rewarding, it is to share a Bible Day Camp with hundreds of children whose smiles could lighten any darkness. We learned that a little bit of Spanish could go a long way when it comes to building friendships.

While we were in Santa Cruz del Quiche, we visited a Methodist school, named after John Wesley. The goals are to educate poor children and to develop future pastors. The school is hoping to cap class sizes to 32 max., 50 kids or more are the usual class sizes found else where. They are also in the process of installing a computer lab. Currently, 7 scholarship students from Lemoa, are attending the John Wesley School.

The directors are eager to share their dreams and goals with everyone willing to listen, they are dedicated and compassionate for the children of Guatemala. The desire is for the school to become self-sufficient by late 2007. Until then, they could really use our help to cover the expenses. Your donation could make a huge difference for the students and teachers of the John Wesley School.

Donations can be given to the St. Luke’s Guatemala mission account, with “John Wesley School” written in the memo of your check or you may also go on line and give directly. Go to www.puravida.org to learn more. Your donation can help with general expenses, or with \$400.00, provide a student with a scholarship for the year. If you have questions, please contact any of the Guatemala mission team, or contact Laurie Gilbert at 303-791-1328. Salud!

SLY

Chris’ Corner

Confirmation Number Crunchers

In a year full of “firsts” for me here at St. Luke’s, one of the most fulfilling has been my experience with my first Confirmation Class. 40 youth took part in this year’s program, a 14-session experience with lesson topics ranging from the nature of God and Jesus to putting faith into action. Confirmation is no light commitment; the youth have met weekly since January, attended a retreat at Templed Hills, and done piles of homework during this faith journey to discover their beliefs, easily totaling to 50 hours of work per youth just to become a part of this church! Take each of our 40 youth times 50 hours, and we have 2,000 hours of work in this class already.

With youth alone, this class was nearly twice as large as last year’s, and this year we added a parent’s class to run along side the youth. (Youth love that part because the parents have as much homework as the youth do...) So go ahead and add another 2,000 hours of work (this figure should be higher) to the total and we have 4,000 hours of study.

Then of course, there is the work of myself, the family group leaders, and individual youth prayer partners, and I believe we have well over 10,000 hours invested in this year’s Confirmation Class. Let us honor that level of commitment during our Confirmation Sunday on April 17, where we will welcome a brand new class of committed members to the St. Luke’s family.

Make sure to put this date in your calendar as a day not to be missed at St. Luke’s. Confirmation is the gateway through which youth become full members of the church, but you need to have folks tending the gate so youth can enter when they are ready. Likewise, once they have passed through the gate, we need experienced members and trail-guides to ease the continued journey toward a deeper faith of the 2005 Confirmation Class.

In Christ, Chris

Welcome, Ann!

The search for a youth assistant has found a dedicated soul in Ann Smith! Make sure to meet her this month as she will be deeply involved and dedicated to our youth program! Let’s make her feel welcome!

News in brief

WE NEED YOUTH for Youth Sunday! This year, Youth Sunday is on May 1, so we have just about 2 months to prepare this service. We welcome creative voices and need actors, singers, musicians, and people with no discernible talent whatsoever for skits, ushering, communion, greeters, and planning this exciting and non-traditional worship time. Please contact either David Ashby or Chris if you are interested in participating. We are continually planning this month, so come be involved.

There may still be spaces left on this summer’s mission trips. Check with Chris to see if you can still get in!!!

Jr High Mission Trip – Full Service will travel to Whispers of Hope Horsefarm in Wichita Falls, TX from June 5 – 12. Trip cost is \$150 per youth. Applications are available downstairs between the pop machines. This year you need two recommendations! They are bright orange and also on the wall.

Sr High Mission Trip – Mission Definition will fly to Caguas, Puerto Rico from July 9 – 17. Trip cost is \$700 per youth. Applications are available downstairs between the pop machines. This year you need two recommendations! They are bright orange and also on the wall.

The Love, Not Sex Lock-In has been postponed until next fall due to arrangements with the speaker and our partnering churches.

Thanks to all adults who have agreed to become prayer partners for this year’s Confirmation Class of 41 students. Your prayers are appreciated! Confirmation Sunday is this month on the 17th at the 9:30 and 11:00 services. Come and support our youth as they become full members of St. Luke’s!

St. Luke’s Youth sing karaoke at LIFEspot on 2/27, a new hangout designed and built for teens by St. Andrew UMC. There were 150 youth at the event from St. Luke’s & St. Andrew’s Youth Groups.

SLY Calendar Double-Shot

APRIL

- 1-3 Up With Youth
- 3 Regular SLY AM
Regular SLY PM
- 6 SLAM – Spiderman 2
- 10 Regular SLY AM
SLY PM - Relationships
- 13 SLAM – Enemy Mine
- 17 SLY AM – Confirmation Sunday
SLY PM – Swing Dance Lessons
- 20 SLAM – The Muppet Movie
- 24 Regular SLY AM
SLY PM – Progressive & Mystery Dinners
- 27 SLAM – Fly Away Home

MAY

- 1 Youth Sunday – Worship Our Way for SLY AM
Regular SLY PM
- 4 SLAM – Stargate
- 8 Mother’s Day (No SLY AM or PM)
Spend a day with your Mama!
- 11 SLAM – Men In Black
- 15 Regular SLY AM
Regular SLY PM
- 18 SLAM – Galaxy Quest
Senior Recognition Sunday & End of the Year Spectacular!
Guest speaker David Burke will be with us for SLY AM & SLY PM.
- 29 No SLY AM or PM – Memorial Day Weekend. Get ready for this summer!



St. Luke’s first Family Movie Night was a huge success! We all enjoyed watching “Duke and the Great Pie War” and “Shark Tale” in our pajamas as we ate popcorn and Goldfish. Plan to join us on August 19th as we have another movie night.

Children’s Education Ministry Team – PEAK Curriculum Meeting

Our next meeting will be April 4th at 7:00 in the Mark Room downstairs. We will have copies of several units to choose from for the PEAK Adventure curriculum 2005-06 Sunday School year. If you have been a guide or workshop leader and would like to have input on the lessons we will be studying, here is your chance. If you are interested in getting involved in this exciting program, get in on the planning process and COME! Call or e-mail Jenita to get involved.

Dig into the Bible

On Sunday, April 17, PEAK Adventures 9:30 Elementary Sunday School will begin their last workshop rotation unit for this Sunday School year. THE BIBLE! Dull and boring? Not here! Each workshop will be focusing on learning about the Bible through games, food, dramatic reenactment and art. You may even learn all the books of the Bible to a catch little tune. Kids (and their adult leaders and guides) will never have so much fun “digging into the Bible.” We’ll see you in Sunday School!

Summer Sunday School at St. Luke’s – Holy Land Adventure

Want to take a vacation without leaving town? This summer, July and August, our Preschool and Elementary Sunday School kids AND THEIR FAMILIES, will be traveling to Jerusalem Marketplace, where Jesus walked to the cross. Each Sunday your family will become a part of history as they see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in Bible times! Families will join together to form small tribal families, one of the twelve tribes of Israel. Small family tribes will insure that every participant is welcomed, encouraged to participate and affirmed. Would you like to be a Tribal Leader, Merchant, Storyteller or creative assistant? We need you to help this program be a success! Call or e-mail Jenita Rhodes to see how you can help.

Children’s Ministry Calendar

Sun.	Apr. 3	SLY Jr. 5th & 6th Grade Fellowship 6:00 – 8:00
Tues.	Apr. 5	Children’s Ministry Education Team Meeting 7:00 – 8:30
Wed.	Apr. 13	Children’s Ministry Fellowship Team Meeting 9:30 – 11:00
Thurs.	Apr. 14	10th Annual Little School “Creative Critters” Art Show
Sun.	Apr. 17	PEAK Adventures 9:30 Elem. SS 6th Rotation – Dig into the Bible
Fri.	Apr. 22	The Children’s Dinner Theater presents: The Selfish Giant Dinner at 6:00, Show at 7:30
Sun.	May 1	SLY Jr. 5th & 6th Grade Fellowship 6:00 – 8:00
Tues.	May 3	Children’s Ministry Education Team Meeting 7:00 – 8:30
Wed.	May 11	Children’s Ministry Fellowship Team Meeting 9:30 – 11:00
Fri.	May 13	Little School’s 10th Anniversary Celebration Picnic
Sat.	May 14	Summer Children’s Ministry Workshop 8:30 – 11:00
Sun.	May 22	Memorial Day – NO Sunday School – Only Nursery to 2’s

Rocky Mountain Conference, Camping Info for 2005!

Camping in the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church provides a unique Christian experience • an intense, special time away from everyday life: • If you are a parent, please give your child the special gift of camping this summer! • If you are a youth, adult, or family – give yourselves the gift! • There is something for everyone!

For more information or to download the complete Camper Guide click on www.rmccumcamps.com.

Registration booklets are also available downstairs by any Children Ministry classrooms, the information center or church office.

Volunteer Needs:

• Sunday School Teachers for the 11:00 4 and 5 year old class. The curriculum is easy to follow and the kids are fun to be with. You will be part of a team of adults and youth who are helping to build a spiritual foundation our youngsters. All supplies are provided and in the classroom ready to use. THIS IS NOT AN EVERY SUNDAY COMMITMENT! Call Lynne Butler to sign on. • Cooks and table decorators for the Children’s Dinner Theater, April 22. We will be cooking a kid’s dream meal of Mac & Cheese, hot dogs and chicken nuggets. Then stay and enjoy an entertaining evening of “Kid’s Theater”. You won’t want to miss out. Call Lynne to offer you culinary and decorating skills.

Would you like to help, but prefer not to be with kids? No problem! We have a variety of one-time tasks or monthly duties that you could do to help out with the ministry of providing programs for our children. Please call and see how you can help! God Bless.

Jenita Rhodes, Director of Children’s Ministry 303-791-0659 ext. 27 jenita@stlukeshr.com

Lynne Butler, Pre-school Ministry 303-791-0659 ext. 11 lynne@stlukeshr.com

Kristina Linn, Nursery and Childcare Ministry 303-791-0659 ext. 40 kristinalinn@netzero.com

To make Child Care reservation 303-791-0659 ext. 47 or www.stlukeshr.com

Let's celebrate!

New Members: January & February

Diane Braaton (Husband Eric)
Will
9846 Silver Maple Rd., HR 80129

Stephen & Cathy Collins
Elise
9894 S. Silver maple Rd., HR 80129

Bill Curnan
9433 S. Morning Glory Lane, HR 80126

James & Debbie Klauke
6855 Raspberry Run, Littleton 80125

Minnie Mortimore
10020 Macalister Trail, HR 80129

Sandy Murray
Megan, Michael
10303 Sedge Grass Way, HR 80129

Donita O'Meara (Husband Scott)
Henry, Josie
8839 S. Miners Pl., HR 80126

Brian & Rachael Owens
Anwyn, Caitlin & Emilie
10642 Edgemont Pl., HR 80129

David & Ann Smith
Jake, Madison & McKay
8768 E. Otero Pl., Centennial 80112

Pat Stark
1330 Braewood Ave., HR 80129

Terry & Janet Walters
572 Southpark Rd., HR 80126

Valerie Walters
572 Southpark Rd., HR 80126

Bob & Fran West
7062 S. Washington St., Centennial 80122

Vacation Bible School for Adults

Do you ever wonder what your children are learning in Vacation Bible School? If you are teaching VBS, are you too busy helping the kids to get the big picture of the lesson?

Do you have questions about God's Grace? If you have kids who attend VBS or don't have kids and just wonder about Grace, then this class is for you. We will be learning what our kids will learn but in an adult class format. This five-session Bible study explores a variety of ways that we may "knock" on the doors of God's kingdom.

The overarching Bible verse is from Matthew 7:7 "...knock and the door will be opened for you" We "knock" as a response to God's invitation. The Scriptures invite us to discover that when we knock, God opens doors to mercy, justice, love and grace.

This class will be offered two different times. Wednesday, April 27 - May 25 from 6:30 - 7:30 in Classroom C (bride's room) and Wednesday, May 25 - June 22 from 9:39 - 10:30 also in Classroom C. The cost will be \$9.00 for the workbook and childcare will be available all dates. So that we may have enough workbooks, please RSVP to Lynne Butler at 303-791-0659 ext. 11 or lynne@stlukeshr.



The melodrama came to life on Friday, March 11 & Saturday, March 12 with great success! (Wild applause!) Over 350 people came to enjoy the performances of "Pure As The Driven Snow" and St. Luke's raised over \$1500 to donate to The Gathering Place and The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless. (Again, wild applause!) The talent, generosity and spontaneity of St. Luke's never ceases to amaze. To the animated cast and crew, the spirited audiences, the delicious dinner team, the wonderful jazz pre-show musicians and everyone else — thanks and let's do it again!! Photo by Sharon Oliver

April Birthdays

1-Apr Joyce Eyer	13-Apr Emily Bauer
1-Apr Judy Dearasaugh	14-Apr Doug Walters
2-Apr Diana Mesure	14-Apr Jeff Johnson
2-Apr Carl Braun	14-Apr Kelli Evans
2-Apr Karmie Hilleary	15-Apr Colleen Miller
3-Apr Joe Pedley	15-Apr Garret Gifford
3-Apr Joan Goddard	15-Apr Kent Husa
3-Apr John Wohlleber	15-Apr Lauren Egelston
3-Apr Joel Timm	16-Apr Pris Spong
4-Apr Jan Williamson	16-Apr Ken Whitelam
4-Apr Laurie Gilbert	17-Apr Dean Conklin
4-Apr Julie Rael	17-Apr Randy Dunn
4-Apr Jamie Korpai	18-Apr Scott Drinkard
5-Apr Steve Betts	18-Apr Scott Sparks
5-Apr Michael Outcalt	19-Apr Bryan Thomas
6-Apr Sturgis Wetherington	19-Apr Trevor Holbrook
6-Apr Stuart Beecher	19-Apr Joshua Pardini
6-Apr Barbara Harwell	19-Apr Kristin Mossman
6-Apr Dorsey Beggs	20-Apr John Brimberry
7-Apr Mark Moore	21-Apr Ben Coryell
8-Apr Susan Wetherington	22-Apr Rodger Young
9-Apr F. Dee Duncan	22-Apr Jan Ballard
9-Apr John Harper	22-Apr Jennifer Mell
9-Apr David Armijo	23-Apr Doug Gies
9-Apr Steve Crawford	23-Apr Glen Selover
10-Apr Ron Ipson	24-Apr Daniel O'Meara
11-Apr Walt Brewer	25-Apr Stephanie Menzel
11-Apr Ernie Shafer	25-Apr Nicole Pesce
11-Apr Kathy Swier	26-Apr Mary Knight
11-Apr Bob Whetson	26-Apr Nancy Betts
11-Apr Mike Stanley	26-Apr Audrey Stange
11-Apr Steve Collins	27-Apr Martha Riley
11-Apr Mike Hanson	27-Apr David McMullen
12-Apr Gregg Lawson	27-Apr John Menzel
12-Apr Greg Hottman	29-Apr Eileen Law
13-Apr Bob McBride	30-Apr Bob Datson
13-Apr Claire Alpert	30-Apr Alyson Vahling
13-Apr James Gilman	

Members Who Have Moved:

It is always difficult to say good-bye to dear friends... Take a minute and write a note to the following members who have moved out of the area. May God's Peace & Grace be with them always, as they begin a new journey away from their St. Luke's family:

Hal, Joel, & David Timm
405 S. 162 St.
Omaha, NE 68118

Jan & Tammy Williamson
560 E. McCulloch Blvd.
Pueblo West, CO 81007



March 5, 2005

Ms. Leigh Ramsey
Director, Drama Ministry
St. Luke's United Methodist Church
8817 South Broadway
Highlands Ranch, Colorado 80129-2301

Dear Leigh:

As I prepare my remarks for tomorrow night's annual meeting for Denver Urban Ministries, I find myself still humming a few bars from Jesus Christ Superstar!

I hope everyone involved understands how much DenUM and the people we serve daily appreciate the outpouring of financial support from JCS. Last year was tough for DenUM just like every other outreach agency in Colorado. The unanticipated financial gift was a blessing, and you can be confident it is working hard to make a real difference in the lives of the less fortunate. Because of your support we finished 2004 in a much stronger position to grow our impact in 2005.

But your financial support was just the foundation. You might not realize the full impact of the gifts of your spirit! This ministry is hard work - rewarding but often overwhelming. It was a tremendous spiritual boost for all of us to know others out there care deeply and are willing to invest so selflessly to support DenUM.

You touched this organization in a special way far beyond the important impact on our budget. Your spiritual and financial gifts have been a catalyst for us to have the courage to "throw deep." We have set our sights on doubling our impact over the next five years.

Thank you, Leigh, for leading this effort and directing the support towards DenUM. Please pass on our heartfelt gratitude to all who made this such a special experience.

Blessings.

John Mann
President, Board of Directors

Cc: Tammy Mulligan, Executive Director



We always need more help

As I walk through our church each week, I notice new faces that I didn't see the week before. Sometimes with those new faces come smaller faces. As our nursery grows, I find the need for more hands to wipe the tears, more arms to give hugs, and more smiles to be spread around. We are currently looking for moms, dads, grandparents, aunts and uncles who are wanting to help in those categories. The nursery is a great place to work. The people are awesome, the pay is great and the hours are flexible. Not to mention the fringe benefits of getting all those extra hugs when you're there. Please contact Kristina Linn at 303-791-0659 ext40, or stop by the church office for an application. Immediate positions are available.

Hoffman earns DenUm honor

Logan Hoffman received the MacAlister Award for Outstanding Community Service from Denver Urban Ministries at its annual meeting on May 6, 2005 at Trinity UMC. Logan's Eagle Scout Service Project team collected more than 3,000 pounds of food for DenUM last November. The award was presented by John Mann, President of DenUM's Board of Directors, and recognizes Logan's outstanding leadership and dedication to community service. Logan's program was so successful it is being adopted as the model for future food drives by DenUM and his planning materials will be distributed to those interested in conducting their own food drives for guidance.

The Hon. John Hickenlooper, Denver Mayor, gave the keynote address to the audience of DenUM Staff, Board members, supporters and volunteers at the annual meeting. Bishop Warner Brown was in attendance as well and both he and Mayor Hickenlooper personally commended Logan for his leadership.