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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

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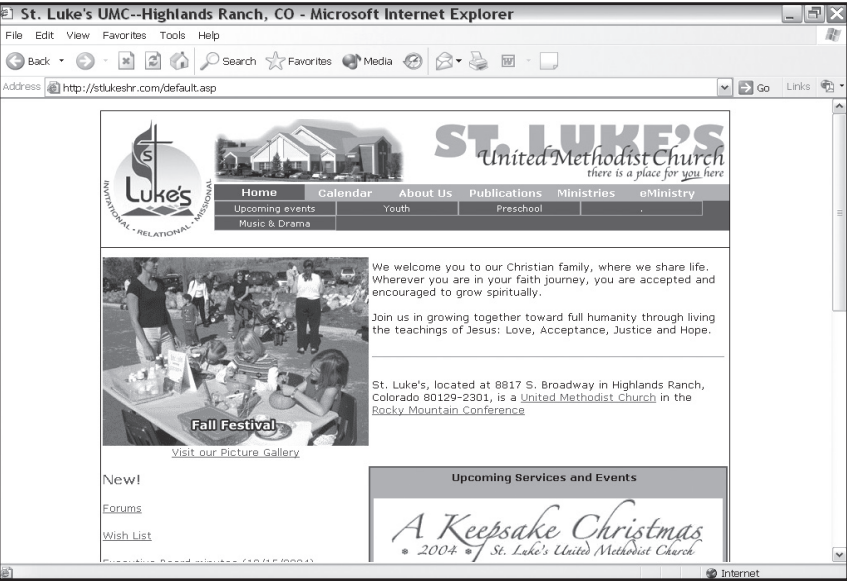
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A NEWS & INFORMATION EXCHANGE FORUM

JANUARY 2005

St. Luke's Christmas Wish List

Dear Santa,
Now nearly a full year
Since I saw you last.
Another year older,
How time goes so fast.
I've been pretty good,
Ask anyone you meet,
Hosted thousands of people!
Offering all of them a seat.
Now its time for some fix-ups,
Won't you give me a hand?
For dancers and singers,
Especially my merry bands!
My Fellowship Hall now beginning,
To show too many signs of wear,
Please bring me new carpet,
Windows, curtains, and chairs.
With a new Kitchen Fan,
I will manage to freshen the air,
More lighting and accessories,
For my guests I'll be prepared!
My very first building,
Now more than 20 years old,
Undersized heat and cooling,
I really must fix it I'm told.
Improvements in my sanctuary
Are finally well underway,
More equipment and security cameras,
Will finish my projects in play.
My youth need your attention
For their still unfinished spaces,
Drywall, ceiling, and electrical,
Will warm their meeting places.
Santa, my list might seem daunting,
But I know you'll agree
I'm young and still growing,
Everyone entering depends upon me!
To learn the details and specifics
I welcome all of you who can
Visit St. Luke's web site or office,
I welcome your generous hands!
For many gifts you've given me
As we passed through this year,
Please hear me now say Thank You!
May God's generous blessings continue here!
Happy Holidays from your Trustees!



When was the last time you visited (virtually)?

You'll find lots of useful information at www.StLukesHR.com, such as the sermons for upcoming services, the latest bulletin, various calendars, and prayer concerns.

We offer pictures of recent and past events, the latest Catalog of Ministries, current and back issues of The Chronicle, minutes of the Evangelism Team, Ministry Council and Executive Board meetings, and much more information about what's happening at our church.

We also provide a number of eMinistry services, such as e-mail lists for groups at the church, e-mail addresses for church members, and

online Nursery Reservations; and you can contribute to St. Luke's by buying from online sites such as amazon.com by first going to our web site.

We've just added a forum for on-line discussions, so that you can post questions and comments on various topics such as SLY activities and Adult Education. Share your thoughts, and see what others at St. Luke's are thinking!

Plus you can link over to the SLY web site, and we'll be adding a children's ministries web site soon.

Give us a visit and find out what's happening at St. Luke's!

Bookstore opens to rave reviews

The opening of our BOOKSTORE on Sunday, Dec 12, was a rousing success. Sales of over \$800 were rung up. Approximately 25% of those attending worship went into the room for a look, and about half of them made purchases. All in all it was a very favorable opening.

The next sale day will be Sunday, January 9. That's the "Kings Day" in worship. Soon after that we hope to have the Bookstore open every Sunday. We

are operating on a shoestring, which means we don't have any capital.

Currently we are selling books on consignment from Cokesbury. After we make some profit, we'll be able to have our own inventory, so it is important for you to buy books so we can be self-sustaining. Your response so far was great, so keep it up on the ninth of January. Thanks, much.

Message from our Senior Pastor, Rev. Janet Forbes



CELEBRATING TWELFTH NIGHT: THE EVE OF EPIPHANY

The twelve days of the season of Christmas end on “Twelfth Night” or Epiphany Eve. The Greek word Epiphany means “to show forth” or “to make manifest.” But it has a more specific meaning: “the sudden or dramatic appearance of a divine being.” The appearance of Jesus as God’s Christ to the Wise Men is such a dramatic revelation. In a sense, the twelve days of Christmas are celebrations for the Christian family. Then, on Epiphany, January 6, we face outward to the world to show Jesus by our faith and life.

Twelfth Night, January 5, is the time to say good-bye to Christmas.

If you have a nativity of the holy family, angels, shepherds, and wise men, begin by ceremoniously removing the figures from the stable and putting them back in their boxes for next year. The nativity represents Luke’s story when splendid angels and simple shepherds worship the newborn babe.

But the eve of the Epiphany is very different! An entirely new theme is introduced by the gospel of Matthew. We hear about the powerful King Herod, who is threatened by Jesus’ birth. We hear about learned scientists from the East following a star. They bring remarkable and mysterious gifts to the Christ child.

At this point, we may want to do something that says, “Christmas is over, the Epiphany is beginning.” Epiphany means that Jesus is made clearly visible to everybody in the world.

What can we do to symbolize this? Perhaps the star can be our symbol of continuing grace from Christmas into Epiphany. My friend builds a star into the ceiling of his home above the Christmas tree. It says, “Christmas is in

our home and in our hearts all year.” I collect straw stars and hang them in my window during the Epiphany season.

Light is another symbol that ties Christmas and Epiphany together. Candles which are burned at Christmas to celebrate the birth of Jesus can become personal candles so say, “Let your light so shine, that others may see your good works and give glory to God.” Make Epiphany lanterns to say this very same thing. They can become conversation pieces when neighbors ask what they mean.

Incense is one of the gifts of the Wise Men. There is an ancient tradition that involves incensing the four corners of the house on Twelfth Night. This means that all the “corners” of your life, as well as the four corners of the world, are influenced by the coming of Christ.

Twelfth Night has comical traditions as well as serious ones. Masquerading and clowning are a part of the Twelfth Night tradition. Dress up so that no one knows who you are and then go calling on your friends. If they guess who you are, you have to sing a song. If they can’t, they have to give you an Epiphany treat. Bake an Epiphany cake. Put several inedible items into the cake and assign each a special meaning. It’s all for fun!

Can we bring down Christmas as we bring up Epiphany? Create a memory that will be loved and remembered by your children so that next year they will say, “Let’s say good-bye to Christmas the way we did last year.”

Epiphany greetings to you! Remember the Celebration of Epiphany and the arrival of the giant King puppets on Sunday, January 9!

Rev. Janet

Fred offers new WNL series

Writing what seems the same thing is not a result of age, although I have earned that excuse. It is because I want to promote another version of the same thing. On Wednesday, January 12, at 6:30 p.m. I’ll begin another Wednesday Nite Live series, using a different study.

The book we’ll use is *The Four Agreements* by Don Miguel Ruiz. The book was published in ’97 to high acclaim. It was categorized as “a practical guide to personal freedom.” Millions bought the book, read it, but did not “work through it,” hence it did them little good. I did the same.

Recently, I retrieved it, and discovered it to be worthy of close study. It is a simple study on the surface, but has deep meanings which are proving to be very helpful to me. Join me as we give this a go – beginning Wednesday, 12 January, 6:30 p.m.

Another study is a repeat of what I’ve done this fall called “Fred’s Class.”

Don’t like the title, so we’ll do it as a study of “The Bible, God, and Jesus.”

We’ll look at some of our antiquated ways of viewing all three, and substitute some more realistic and helpful ways of viewing them. The class will be Sundays at 11:00, beginning January 16. You can pre-register for either on Sunday mornings beginning January 2, or in the Office, or by phone: 303-791-0659, x12.

Fred Venable, Associate Pastor

Membership classes begin

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, Jan. 16, 11a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Membership Ceremony on Sun. Jan. 23

Sunday, Feb. 13, 11a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Membership Ceremony on Sun. Feb. 27

*Wed., March 16, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Membership Ceremony on Sun. March 20

Sunday, April 10, 11a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Membership Ceremony on Sun. April 24

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

Membership Ceremony on Sun. May 15



Christy Jantzen
Denver A Cappella Project

Two concerts coming in January

The St. Luke’s Benefit Concert series will feature Christy Jantzen and the Denver A Cappella Project this month.

On Saturday, January 22nd at 7:30, Christy Jantzen (local artist) will present an evening of contemporary Christian and praise music. Though her name may be new to you, she is a seasoned Christian music veteran with 15 years of ministry and four releases to her credit.

Her work with World Vision over the years has led to nearly 3,500 needy children finding sponsors!

Her list of ministry highlights are impressive with several Christian network television appearances,

national conferences including GMA and Christian Artists Music Seminar and concerts in some of America’s largest churches. Check her web site out at www.christyjantzen.com

Denver A Cappella Project is presenting a program on Friday, January 28th at 7:30.

They are a dynamic eight-part mixed a cappella ensemble performing a wide variety of musical styles—from classical to jazz to pop to gospel to folk... and more.

Spend a great evening of listening to some of your favorite tunes. Check out www.dap-online.com.

Your Keepsake Christmas is not over!

January 2

“What Really Happened at Christmas?”

Rev. Janet Forbes preaching

January 9

Epiphany – Three Kings

“A Whisper Becomes a Shout”

Rev. Janet Forbes preaching

January 9

Women of St. Luke’s Pancake

Breakfast

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

January 9

Jesus Christ Superstar cast party

12:30 p.m.

Benefit Concert and Event Series for Spring of 2005

January 22 - Christy Jantzen

- A wonderful evening of Contemporary Christian music

January 28 Denver A Cappella

- An upbeat and fun group singing some of your favorite tunes

February 13 - Women of Note in concert at 7:30 p.m.

March 5 - St. Luke’s Annual Dinner Dance from 6:00 until 10:00.

May 7 - “Jazz at St. Luke’s” with the Ministers of Swing and the St. Luke’s Youth Jazz Band featuring special guest, John Davis (Director of Jazz Studies at CU)

Drama Ministry Auditions:

Saturday, January 8 at 1 p.m.
or Monday, January 10 at 7 p.m.
in the Sanctuary.

Interested in being a part of the exciting, growing drama ministry program at St. Luke’s? This spring the St. Luke’s Wesley Players will present a non-musical comedy/drama. (The production is a surprise but the dates are March 11-12). We need men and women, ages 16+, no previous stage experience or audition preparation necessary, just come prepared to have fun! Questions?

Wish to volunteer behind the scenes? Contact Leigh Ramsey, Drama Chair at Lramz7@msn.com or 303.904.9951.

See you at auditions!

Dance Lessons for all coming in February every Tuesday night!

If you’ve always wanted to brush up your dancing or learn new steps, now is the time to commit. Sign up for St. Luke’s Dance Class for Swing Plus.

All levels of dancers are welcome, especially beginner to intermediate. Simply call or e-mail me at jim@stlukeshr.com to reserve a space for the class. Child care is available but reservations are required (303-791-0659 x47).

We have a highly qualified couple from the church willing to teach this class on Tuesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30. The lessons will gear towards “cutting the rug” for the March 5th St. Luke’s Annual Dinner Dance. Come and spend some quality time doing something you’ve either always wanted to do as a couple or at least wanted to try.

It will be fun, low pressure and maybe even a little romantic. Leigh and I are already signed up! Don’t delay and let me know ASAP.

Groups restart

Cherubs Choir begins on January 12 at 6:15 - 7:00
Flute Ensemble begins on January 8 at 8:00 a.m.
Brass Ensemble begins on January 8 9:00 a.m.
Ministers of Swing begin January 8 at 10 a.m.



January Birthdays

1-Jan	Mark Ebel	14-Jan	Erica Eliassen
1-Jan	Brittany Vervalin	15-Jan	Floyd Shoemaker
1-Jan	Heather Bomberger	15-Jan	Doug Rowley
1-Jan	David Marchelya	15-Jan	Debbie O'Rourke
1-Jan	Laura Marchelya	15-Jan	MaryAnne Eagelston
1-Jan	Kelly Bomberger	15-Jan	Gina Lowrey
1-Jan	Rebecca Gumley	16-Jan	Randy Short
1-Jan	Kirsten Bomberger	16-Jan	Crystal Arndt
2-Jan	Mary Adams	16-Jan	Allison Beecher
2-Jan	Janice Hensen	17-Jan	Cindy North
2-Jan	Julie Ott	17-Jan	Michelle Mallory
2-Jan	Dalai Dy	17-Jan	Lisa Gies
3-Jan	Renee Schwisow	18-Jan	Jana Money
4-Jan	Suzanne Swick	18-Jan	Sandy Hutchinson
4-Jan	Tammy Schugel	18-Jan	Guy Britt
4-Jan	Kim White	18-Jan	Cliff Brown
6-Jan	Collin Lennek	18-Jan	Kara Gilbert
7-Jan	Sharon Williams	19-Jan	Kay Peters
8-Jan	Ralph Crawford	19-Jan	Michael Utter
8-Jan	Deborah Miller	21-Jan	Bradley Laurvick
8-Jan	Mandy McLeland	22-Jan	Betty Smith
8-Jan	Katie Johnston	22-Jan	Kathy Walters
9-Jan	Charlotte Tiernan	22-Jan	Brian Folkerts
9-Jan	Jeff Barlow	23-Jan	Mark Speedy
9-Jan	Phil Cavanaugh	24-Jan	Sharon Christensen
9-Jan	Shawn Slade	24-Jan	Lori Graf
9-Jan	Michele Hurlbut	25-Jan	Lou Italiano
10-Jan	Jimmy McCurry	25-Jan	Cynthia Ashby
11-Jan	Alicia Nelson	25-Jan	Jim Hajek
11-Jan	Kevin Frame	26-Jan	Maddie Smith
13-Jan	John Church	27-Jan	Michael Beecher
13-Jan	Tony Palizzi	28-Jan	David Dy
13-Jan	Dan Raap	29-Jan	Sharon Williams
13-Jan	Greg Funk	29-Jan	Christy Wohlleber
13-Jan	Jensen Meier	31-Jan	Dan Holton
14-Jan	Amy Slade		

MISSIONS SUPPORT

January 22: Garage Sale

The Trustees and the Mission Team to Guatemala will be holding a garage sale on Saturday, January 22. The Trustees will be selling used office furniture. Part of the proceeds will be used to building materials for a church project in Guatemala.

So start gathering your stuff! Check the Sunday bulletin in January for further details.

February 5: Taste of Guatemala and Live Auction

Come and taste some wonderful Guatemalan food on Saturday, February 5! We will also be having a live auction, led by none other than our Youth Director, Chris Wilterdink.

Auction items include 2 close-in parking spaces (great when you're running late!), free condo weekend, custom video by Ken Fong, rent-a-youth and more!

Proceeds for the evening will be used for St. Luke's Mission to Guatemala, the youth mission trip to Puerto Rico and other international mission projects.

So mark your calendars and check the Sunday bulletin for details as they become available!

Join us for bridge

The St. Luke's Bridge Club meets the first Saturday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the church. All levels of play are welcome and singles as well as couples are accommodated.

The style of play is contract bridge and we generally have 5 tables participating. Players rotate after 4 hands, so there is a chance to play with most of the people present.

The atmosphere is relaxed and experienced players often give advise on how to improve play. We also bring snacks to share.

We always appreciate new players, so call if you are interested

Your old cell phones can help our neighbors

The Douglas County Sheriff's office is accepting your old cell phones. Once they have determined that they are in working order, they are distributed to battered women and senior citizens.

The cell phones can then only be used for 911 emergency calls. The cell phones are only useful if they include a charger. There is a box set up in the Mission's closet marked cell phones.

If you have questions, call Andrea Mezger at 303-791-7350.

Educating and caring for our children

Usual schedule for Jan. 9

We will have Sunday School as usual on Epiphany Sunday, January 9th at both the 9:30 and 11:00 Services. We extend a special thank you to the Sunday School teachers who will be teaching that Sunday and encourage them to attend worship as a family.

Sly, Jr. meets monthly on the first Sunday of the month (with a few exceptions) the nest gathering will be January 2, from 6:00 to 8:00 in the Goliath area. Dinner will be served.

February: Date & Time Change!

Because February 6 is Super Bowl Sunday, Sly, Jr is moving our gathering to Saturday, February 5 and we will be celebrating Super Bowl Saturday! We will go bowling from 2:00 to 4:00 at either the AMF Littleton Lanes on County Line Road or the new lanes by Park Meadows (whoever gives us the best deal!) There will be a small fee to attend and of course permission slips will be necessary. As of this writing the next gathering dates will be: March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5 - 6th grade farewell Watch for more information!

For questions or to volunteer call; Jenita Rhodes at 303-791-0659 x27 or e-mail at jenita@stlukeshr.com.

Sunday Morning Programs for Children

St. Luke's Children's Sunday School Programs are a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn about God's Love. They includes classes during the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services for nursery through 6th grade year around. Classes are held in the classrooms on the lower level. A superintendent is on duty during both services to answer any questions and provide directions to classrooms. Our programs are

designed and use materials that lead children to apply biblical teachings to their everyday lives. Our teachers are all dedicated volunteers who are eager to share their love for Christ with our children. We encourage parents to time their own Sunday School classes with their children's and attend worship service as a family.

Joy Trek

Sunday School 9:30 and 11:00 for children 2 years old through Kindergarten. Children begin developing a strong faith foundation by learning a Bible story, singing songs, doing a craft or playing a game each week. Lessons are lead by a teaching team and parents are asked to assist at least 3 Sundays during the year. What an easy way to renew your own faith journey and grow with your children.

PEAK Adventures

Sunday School at 9:30 for our 1st through 6th graders. Children explore a biblical lesson through a different workshop each week. The workshops include Art, Computer, Cooking, Games, Science Drama and Video. Workshops are lead by teaching teams and grade level Guides greet the children, take attendance and assist as needed. All adults are welcomed to join one of our workshops or guide teams and join in the fun of learning and growing in our faith.

Summit Seekers

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

For more info about any Children's program or to volunteer, please contact Jenita Rhodes or Lynne Butler.



Children's Ministry Calendar

Sun.	Jan. 2	SLY Jr. 5th & 6th Grade Fellowship 6:00 — 8:00
Tues.	Jan. 4	Children's Ministry Education Team Meeting 7:00 — 8:30
Wed.	Jan. 5	WNL Kidz Club 6:30 — 7:30
Sun.	Jan. 9	Epiphany Sunday
Wed.	Jan. 12	Children's Ministry Fellowship Team Meeting 9:30 — 11:00 WNL Kidz Club 6:30 — 7:30
Sun.	Jan. 16	PEAK Adventures 9:30 Elem. SS 4th Rotation — Dance for Joy God & Country Program 12:15 — 1:30
Wed.	Jan. 19	WNL Kidz Club 6:30 — 7:30
Wed.	Jan. 28	WNL Kidz Club 6:30 — 7:30
Tues.	Feb. 1	Children's Ministry Education Team Meeting 7:00 — 8:30
Wed.	Feb. 2	WNL Kidz Club 6:30 — 7:30
Sat.	Feb. 5	SLY Jr. 5th & 6th Grade Fellowship Super Bowl 6:00 — 8:00
Wed.	Feb. 9	Ash Wednesday Service Children's Ministry Fellowship Team Meeting 9:30 — 11:00 WNL Kidz Club 6:30 — 7:30
Sat.	Feb. 12	Spring Children's Ministry Workshop 8:30 — 11:00
Wed.	Feb. 16	WNL Kidz Club 6:30 — 7:30
Sun.	Feb. 20	God & Country Program 12:15 — 1:30
Wed.	Feb. 23	WNL Kidz Club 6:30 — 7:30
Sun.	Feb. 27	PEAK Adventures 9:30 Elem. SS 5th Rotation — Triumphal Entry

Sharing our bounty

Director of Music Ministries Jim Ramsey presents a check to representatives from DenUM on Sunday, Nov. 20. Donations amounting to over \$9,000 were collected during the four performances of Jesus Christ Superstar, which closed the weekend before.



YOUTH MUSIC IS ROCKING AND RINGING, SINGING AND SWINGING IN 2005!

We NEED You!

Youth Jazz Band and Youth Choir kick off the new year on Sunday, January 9.

If you are in grades 7-12, please COME!

New times... new faces... new blessings....

YOUTH JAZZ

Youth Jazz will rehearse from 4-5 p.m. on Sundays.

Note the time change.

YOUTH CHOIR

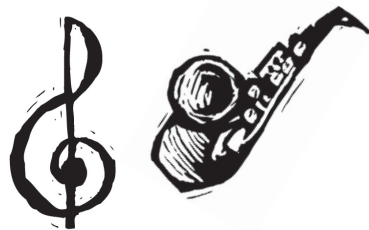
Youth Choir will rehearse from 5-6 p.m. on Sundays.

Both groups meet in the Asbury Room.

YOUTH HAND BELLS

Youth Hand Bells will begin rehearsals on Saturday, January 22 from 9-10 a.m., also in the Asbury Room.

Please contact Kay Coryell to register.
kayc@stlukeshr.com
303-791-0659 x43



KIDZ PRAYZ

Kidz Prayz I and Kidz Prayz II begin their next sessions on Wednesday, January 5, 2005. All children grades 1-6 are invited to attend. Both groups will meet from 6:15-7:00pm on Wednesday evenings. Join us as we explore music through movement, song, and instruments.

TONE CHIME CHOIR

The Tone Chime Choir will rehearse from 7:00-7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

This group is open to all children grades 4-6. No experience required. Please join us!

Contact jim@stlukeshr.com or
kayc@stlukeshr.com for more information.

SLY Calendar Two Month Double-Shot

January

2 No SLY AM or PM
Happy New Year!
5 No SLAM
9 Regular SLY AM
Confirmation Meeting 10:45 am
Regular SLY PM
12 SLAM — Simon Birch Serious BS
16 Regular SLY AM
SLY PM Dance @ Littleton UMC
19 SLAM — Forrest Gump
23 Regular SLY AM Regular SLY PM
26 SLAM — Spitfire Grill Serious BS
30 Regular SLY AM Regular SLY PM

February

2 SLAM — Groundhog Day
5 Jr High Ski Day @ Loveland
6 SLY AM Worship
SLY PM SuperBowl Party
9 Ash Wednesday (No SLAM/BS)
13 Regular SLY AM Regular SLY PM
16 SLAM — Apollo 13
18-20 Sr High Ski Retreat
@ Steamboat Springs
20 Regular SLY AM Regular SLY PM
23 SLAM — Princess Bride Serious BS
27 Regular SLY AM Regular SLY PM

Chris' Corner

A new year and a time for new beginnings, and January is a great time to blast off new programs and we have a ton of stuff getting fueled up.

Several youth have asked me to start a class that will complement the discussions happening in SLY AM, and use the bible a little more often as a point of reference. So we are launching a new Wednesday night Bible Study called "Serious BS." We'll meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, discussing a topic that you choose.

SLAM will continue on Wednesday nights as well, and we have had great turn outs so far, but those Sr High youth who would like to learn more about the bible and themselves in less than 2 hours a month should try out Serious BS. However because I don't believe bible study should be limited to those who can afford an hour or two on Wednesdays or Sundays, we have started an online discussion forum for St. Luke's.

Anybody is welcome to log on to www.stlukeshr.com/forums and read about our discussions, check out the passages of the bible we've studied, and post replies or questions to the discussion board. The Forum is a very exciting new development in St. Luke's E-Ministries.

The Forum can become whatever we want it to become. We have several different discussion boards up, ranging from Serious BS, to Confirmation, to just a place where you can ask the questions that you may not feel like asking in church. There are community boards where we can post activities that we'll be participating in so that SLY friends can come and lend support to us even when we're nowhere near church, and the best part is... it's open all the time! 24/7, anytime you are available, the Forum is available to you.

The inspiration behind the Forum truly is divine, God is omnipresent being of the universe, present in every place and open all the time. Starbucks is getting close, and so is Wal-Mart, but neither is as omnipresent as God. The Forum is our attempt to be available for you all the time, not just Sundays

or Wednesdays, not just for retreats, not just on Christmas and Easter, not just when you need us, but all the time. Please take advantage of this awesome new ministry opportunity we have!
www.stlukeshr.com/forums

Confirmation is also beginning in January, and the class will have a new look to it as well. It will take place on Sunday mornings during the 11:00 service, and yes the rumors are true, there is a parent's class too!!! The goal of the parent's class is to encourage the spiritual growth of the family, many families grow tense as different pressures affect the family during the teenage years, and nothing helps relieve stress better than knowing where your child is on their journey of faith.

There is an informational meeting for 8th graders and above, with parents, on January 9 from 10:45 – 12:15 in the Goliath Area downstairs. Classes run from January 23 to April 10, with Confirmation Sunday on April 17.

If you feel like you're running on empty, come hang out any time. We'll get you fueled and on your way!

In Christ, Chris Wilterdink

Super Bowl Sunday Subs!

On Sunday Feb 6 the youth will be selling sub sandwiches to establish a youth scholarship fund that any youth can have access to for any trip. We'll be around all morning, so make sure to come hungry!

Dance at Littleton UMC on Jan 16

Come shake your groove thang in the most Christian way possible...

District Wide Super Bowl Party here

Feb 6 for SLY PM the district comes to party with us and watch the Super Bowl on our fabulous big screens from kick-off to game end.

Junior High Ski Day

Meet at St. Luke's at 7:15 am for a ski day with your buddies on February 5. \$5 for transportation, but you must buy your own lift ticket and have your own equipment. Sign up by Jan 23 on the bulletin board downstairs.



Sr. High Ski Retreat

Feb 18 – 20 at Steamboat Springs. This is a customizable adventure! \$40 will buy you lodging, food, transport, and admission to the hot springs...the rest is up to you! Choose from skiing, snowboarding, snowshoe hikes, x-country skiing, or a sleigh ride. Register and pay by Jan 30.

Mission Trips!

The summer may seem far away now, but look for applications for this summer's mission trips soon! We have two giant trips planned, a Jr High trip to a horse farm in Wichita Falls, TX and a Sr High trip to Caguas, Puerto Rico. More details to come, and help out with any scholarship fund-raisers you hear about! We are currently filling adult slots for both trips, if interested see Chris.

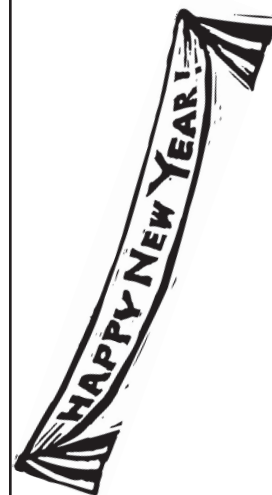
Urban Peak Pizza Bake a HUGE Success!

41 youth and 6 adults rolled up their sleeves and tossed some dough for the Urban Peak Pizza Bake Dec 19th at Boston's Gourmet Pizza. For 2 hours on that Sunday morning, the SLY Program took over the Boston's kitchen and pizza prep area to make 50 large pizzas to donate to the homeless teenagers of Urban Peak. The activity would not have been possible without the help of Boston's Elise Milnes.

"Our company believes in giving back to the community we serve" and since St. Luke's believes in service and mission, what's better than serving pizza? Boston's allowed us full access to their kitchen, taught our youth safe food preparation techniques, and donated the large pizzas at a drastically reduced price.

After (not so) carefully combining pizza ingredients to make a masterpiece, 20 of St. Luke's Youth hand-delivered the pizzas to Urban Peak. There our youth shared a meal with a homeless person that in many cases, was the same age as they were. We also received a tour of the Urban Peak facility on 23rd St. with Amber Yancy.

Thanks to Boston's and SLY for all your hard work! Maybe now that you know how to make pizzas with the best of them, you can make a meal for your folks!



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM LITTLE SCHOOL

Little School has had a nice break
We ate all of Baby's Jesus' yummy birthday cake!
Now it's time to start the New Year
Back to school and full of good cheer!

We'll be back to class on January the 3rd
And just in case you haven't heard
REGISTRATION IS STARTING AFTER THE
NEW YEAR,
SO GET YOUR FORMS (JAN 18TH)
WITH NO FEAR!

Church members PLEASE DON'T BE LATE
Or you just might have to wait
Be right on time and do what you must,
Or you will be sad and perhaps make a fuss!

Tours of the school always can be done
On Tuesday or Wednesday is when you can come
Starting at 10 AM we will show you our school
We know that you will think it is pretty cool!

If you want to join Little School
do registration and follow the rule
We would love to have you with us each day
Then life can be merry and go on its way!

For information that you need to know
Call our phone (303-791-1982) or to our web site go
We're happy to help you enroll your tot
Because Little School can offer a lot!

2005 we will have many good times
At the very least, maybe some more rhymes!
Please watch the news for activities we will do
10 years to celebrate with me and with you.

Happy New Year from everyone downstairs
From a loving, talented staff that really cares
May this year be filled with God's special grace
And may you child with us find a place!

Ms. Kay and the Little School Staff