

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.

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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**MAY 15**

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# The Chronicle

A NEWS & INFORMATION EXCHANGE FORUM

MAY 2005

**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

**REGISTRATION CLOSES JUNE 1  
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.

**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 Belleview. 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.



The Women's Retreat in Estes Park was a great chance for members of St. Luke's to get to know each other, to grow spiritually, and to enjoy the mountains during our April blizzard. Most of the participants were "forced" to spend an extra day together, due to the weather conditions. **READ ALL ABOUT IT ON PAGE 3.** Photo by Shelley Bonjean

**SEPTEMBER 24  
2nd annual St. Luke's UMC  
Invitational Golf  
Tournament**

Saturday, September 24, 2005  
1:00 pm Shotgun Start  
4 Person Scramble  
Highlands Ranch Golf Club

Fun, Fellowship, Food and Great Prizes!  
Mark your calendars, invite your friends and neighbors.

For sponsorship information, volunteer opportunities and tournament information contact Daniel Raap at [abccdr@comcast.net](mailto:abccdr@comcast.net)

Watch the Chronicle for tournament announcements, registration forms or the St. Luke's Web site.



**MAY 16  
Women's Night Out!**

6:30 pm  
California Cafe  
(Park Meadows Mall)  
This will be our last dinner until August.  
I will need reservations for this evening!

Come join our fun group!!  
We welcome everyone!  
??contact Lynda Fickling  
303-791-0659x20  
[lynda@stlukeshr.co](mailto:lynda@stlukeshr.co)

**JUNE 4  
It's spring cleaning time**

Our spring and summer calendars are full of all kinds of activities, so let's get out and get ready! Please plan to join us on Saturday, June 4 from 8 a.m. - noon. Everyone is welcome! Wear your grubbies and sunscreen, and bring your gloves and garden tools. With your generous gifts of time and talent, we'll get our yard growing and ready for these exciting programs!

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## Message from our Senior Pastor, Rev. Janet Forbes



### Springtime in the Rockies!

The Women of St. Luke's enjoyed an extra day on Retreat in Estes Park because of the Sunday blizzard on April 10.

Conversation around the fireplace continued to focus on learning about the tapestry of faith – the weave of our life-long unfolding journey of spirituality.

How do we grow in our faith? How do we listen to God and to each other in ways that expand our trust, insight, flexibility, and grace?

Based on the theory of faith development by James Fowler of Candler School of Theology, we explored the “faithing” process – the ways that persons make meaning of their relationships to self, to others, and to God. These stages build on one another, allowing for more complexity and reasoning, more trust and globality. Movement to a new stage is stimulated by a crisis in which the patterns of the current stage no longer provide adequate answers to the questions we carry.

\*Infants learn the basic capacity to love God in the Prestage: Can I trust my world?

\*Preschoolers in Stage 1 live in the world of the imagination, God is like my Mommy and Daddy.

\*School age children (Stage 2: What's fair is fair!) seek justice, grace, and the stories of faith.

\*The next stages begin in adolescence and remain throughout adulthood. Stage 3 (I believe what the church believes.) is a time of belonging and synthesizing beliefs, attitudes, and values of the shared community.

\*The transition to Stage 4 (As I see it, God is...) can be fraught with crisis and loneliness as the persons seeks to define their own beliefs apart from the community.

\*Stage 5 (Don't confuse the map with the territory.) is rare before midlife. It reflects a depth of dialogue and experience beyond intellect in which symbol and metaphor carry meaning.

\*Stage 6 growth is for persons who relinquish themselves in favor of the kingdom (I have a dream.)

Listen to the questions you bring to growth in faith. Gather with others to explore the journey. Don't fear the knotty times of crisis or challenge. Jeremiah, the prophet, reminds us: “Surely you know the plans I have for you, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”

The news is good!

*Rev. Janet*



### Missions welcome your giving

Mission Sunday was a day of international giving at St. Luke's. We were blessed to have Tapiwa Mucherera back at St. Luke's on Mission Sunday, April 3. Tapiwa's sermon made us all think about our life in mission with all of God's people. Just like Zaccheaus, we all need to be ready everyday when Jesus comes into our homes.

The generous gifts given to support the mission work in Zimbabwe of \$1185 will go a long way towards supporting another grinding mill in a rural area of the country. Since St. Luke's mission trip in 1997 and the installation of the grinding mill, Tapiwa has raised funds to install 4 additional grinding mills in Zimbabwe.

The funds collected on Sunday together with a gift from St. Luke's mission funds will benefit many people in the rural area. In addition to these gifts, Tapiwa was given \$210 to go towards the roof of his mother's church in Zimbabwe. Thanks to Tapiwa for his leadership and to all for their generosity.

Items from Guatemala will be available soon. When Mark Ely returns from Guatemala in May he will be bringing back items from the Guatemala Methodist church craft center. The mission's team is going to sell these items as a fund raiser to support the Methodist school just opened this year. The school needs additional funds for the next three years until the enrollment can fully support the expenses. The members of the Guatemala mission's team visited the school and were extremely impressed with the operation.

We hope the congregation will be generous and also take a little of Guatemala home with them soon. For more information on the mission efforts of Pura Vida in Guatemala refer to their web site @ <http://www.puravida.org>.

### Growth spurt

The plant in our south stairwell, provided in memory of Lauren Townsend has outgrown its space and with the blessings of her mother is being adopted by Dr. Rowley's OB/GYN office. It will be replaced by the Trustees with a smaller permanent tree placed in one of our gardens along with a commemorative plaque.

### 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@stluakeshr.com](mailto:lynda@stluakeshr.com). Childcare is available by calling 303-791-0659x47.

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



*Third retirement... will it stick?*

## We wish Reverend Fred well in new stage of life

### Fred's 'Last' Sermon?

On April 10, Fred Venable gave his last sermon at St. Luke's. That's what the record will say, anyway.

Anyone who knows him, though, understands that Fred isn't done teaching and preaching. The good Reverend will continue to theorize, prod, and challenge us for years to come. He won't even have to be present to do it! You see, Fred is a life-long learner—a career teacher, who can't stop teaching.

As we know, Fred is retiring at the end of this month. So far, he's had more comeback tours than Elvis and Cher combined, so I will remain skeptical about his departure, if you don't mind.

Fred's “last” sermon was entitled: “How Might a Methodist Read the Bible?” Unfortunately, many of you didn't get to hear it because of the abundant blanket of snow we received that day. (I wonder if this was God's way of telling Fred he isn't done yet?)

Now let me say right away that you may not agree with everything Fred Venable has to say, but that's okay with Fred. He doesn't need to be agreed with. That's the treasure of him; he doesn't require it. As he often said, he doesn't want you to think *like* him, just think *with* him.

This sermon suggests an alternate path we could take in reading the Bible. The belief that the Bible was actually written word-for-word by God himself should be reviewed and questioned, says Fred. This is a different view than what many of us were taught as children, isn't it? Sometimes we get a bit uncomfortable when we re-think a long-held belief. But faith is a muscle and for it to grow stronger, we must stress it from time to time. I often think of Fred as my “personal trainer of faith” who, like a physical trainer, gets me to do things I wouldn't do if left on my own.

Back to the sermon... the text was from Paul's letter to Philemon. It's a letter from one man to another, asking for mercy in freeing a man from slavery and accepting him as a Christian brother. Fred asks us how and when did this letter become the “word of God”? When Paul wrote the letter to

Philemon, or when he read the letter or when carried Onesimus the letter... was it the word of God? Who decided it was and when did they do that? Fair questions, aren't they?

I think the Bible is a book about a people struggling in an attempt to have a relationship with God and with one another. This letter to Philemon is a great example of that struggle. Paul, Onesimus, Philemon – these are real people, with real problems. In an act of Christian love, Paul asks Philemon to do the right thing. Fred says we can only assume he did because this letter survived. I think he's right.

Fred has some advice for us as we read the Bible:

First, read the Bible as if you were an original recipient. At least read the New Testament that way, since most of the New Testament is made up of letters from one person to another. It was written two thousand years ago, for sure, but try to experience it again for the first time, as an original recipient. Pretend it was an e-mail, if that helps. ([paul@tarsus.com](mailto:paul@tarsus.com)?)

Second, read the Bible through the filters of history and tradition. Each of us has a different tradition from which we derive our beliefs. Those experiences make us what we have become. They may tell us that we need to hear Wesley hymns every Sunday or that we simply must have stained glass in our churches.

But we shouldn't stop with tradition. We should also learn from history, from theologians past and present—to stretch that muscle of faith. In the end, it is our choice what we believe. Here, Fred discussed the value of the Wesleyan Quadrilateral in helping us to navigate these waters. If you aren't familiar with the quadrilateral, do yourself a favor and read up on it. ‘Google it’ or look it up on [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org).

I am going to miss Fred. His humor, his challenges, and his good sense will continue to travel with me on my spiritual journeys. So until the next “come-back tour,” good-bye, friend.

*By Scott Wesson*



### Here I Go Again

As has been announced, I am beginning my third retirement at the end of April. Maybe the third time is a charm.

Maybe this time I can get it right. Maybe? Who knows? A few asked “why?” I'm seventy-nine years old, I don't need a reason. One of the benefits of age: one can be mildly sassy, and get away with it. Maybe. Maybe I'd rather surprise everyone by retiring, rather than having them surprise me by asking that I retire.

My bucket is not as full as I'd like it to be. My quality of work not as high. You may not see it: but I do. I need some desert experience, some release from schedule, some quiet and not so much talk. A chance for some second wind. However, one thing I don't want: to quit. I want to resharpen, not resign. Retool, rather than recede into oblivion.

I gotta admit, the past 3 1/2 years have been among my best, and you have helped that to happen. You have been extremely generous, and I appreciate all the good you have given me. I promise to show up if needed, and come if the bell rings. May God's grace be upon all of us.

**Fred Venable,**  
Associate Pastor



# SLY

## Chris’ Corner Transition Time

Spring is leading into summer, where reading glasses are replaced by sunglasses, pants give way to shorts, and school books are most often replaced with instruments of leisure. This is a time of transition, and there really is no other transition quite like graduating from high school. This year’s class of Seniors have experienced an incredible amount of change in St. Luke’s during their time in the SLY program, and I only wish that I had more time to get to know them, learn their stories, and appreciate them for the young adults they have become. From here out they will be considered adults by a large part of society, but they will always remain our children no matter how far their years advance.

During this month remind yourself of what the world looked like when you made this transition from high school to the world beyond, remember what dream and fears you had about the dreaded real world... then... look at the faces of the youth in our church family and offer up your prayers for them as they continue to grow and change into young adults. If you have been involved in the life of any of this year’s graduates, thank you! The best way to get through times of transition is to have a guide to show you they way. Who helped you? Can you help someone new?

*Blessings,  
Chris Wilterdink*

## Hola from Ann Smith!

Hello St. Luke’s! My name is Ann Smith and I am thrilled for the opportunity to serve this congregation as Assistant Youth Director. I am a native Texan and most recently moved here from the Kansas City area. My family joined St. Luke’s this past January. Through my involvement with the adult hand bell choir, the Confirmation Class, and the drama team (remember the desperate Imogene Pickens?) I have come to love this church.

My husband, David and I have three kids – Jake, an eighth grader at West Middle School, Madison, a sixth grader at West, and McKay, in Kindergarten at Willow Creek Elementary.

I bring to this position a love for children and youth and a desire to share my faith and love for Jesus Christ with them. As a church and school volunteer, Girl Scout Leader, VBS Director, and puppeteer, I have had the opportunity to impact young lives in a most meaningful way. Thank you for allowing me to continue that work here.

I am open to your suggestions, directions, and ideas. Please share your hopes for the Youth of this church with me so that we can work together to make this group an effective, loving, and fun group to be a part of.

*In His love, Ann*

<b>SLY Calendar Double-Shot May</b>		<b>New Summer Programs Coming!</b>
1	Youth Sunday — Worship Our Way for SLY AM SLY PM — Worship@Park Hill	Watch for GEMS and STM to start up this June! These are two exciting groups, gender specific groups designed to showcase the best parts of growing up.
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 SLY PM — Ways to Beat the Summer Heat	
18	SLAM — Galaxy Quest	
22	SLY AM — Senior Recognition Sunday, David Burke Preaches. SLY PM — School’s Out Youth Rally, 5-8 pm. BBQ, Music, rally with David Burke.	
29	No SLY AM or PM — Memorial Day Weekend	
		<b>June</b>
5	Regular SLY AM Regular SLY PM	
5-12	Full Service Jr High Mission Trip to Wichita Falls, TX.	
12	Regular SLY AM Regular SLY PM	
14	Sub-District Volleyball	
19	Regular SLY AM Father’s Day BBQ & Game Night	
21	Sub-District Volleyball	
26	Regular SLY AM Regular SLY PM	
28	Sub-District Volleyball	



## Room for you

We have 2 spots left on the Sr. High Mission Trip to Puerto Rico! Contact Chris to see what you can do to be a part of this awesome mission trip experience!

There are also several spots left on the Jr High Mission Trip to Texas. Check out the details below, and contact Chris to get signed up!

## Welcome the 2005 Confirmation Class!

This year’s class had 40 Confirmands! Welcome them to the St. Luke’s church family!

Christine Armijo, Kevin Ashby, Calli Barlow, Kelsey Bartling, Sarah Bautista, Kyle Bobkowski, Drew Brackett, Kelsey Butler, Courtney Clement, Lisa Coryell, Jarrod Fort, Anne Fox, Chris Frame, Erik Godsey, Joel Graf, Katie Halloran, Arianne Heaton, Jeremy Hilleary, Olivia Kohrs, Tom Maxwell, Jordan Meier, Kayla Meier, Joey Miyaki, Andrea Money, Bonnie Nelson, Keith Newby, Paul Northrop, Clark Parra, Jackie Parra, Matthew Plamp, Brandon Raap, Tony Ramsett, Hannah Sanek, Jake Smith, Tyler St. Pierre, Rachel Suby-Long, Sarah Suby-Long, Tasia Williams, Lyndsay Woodside

## Check out these Summer Activities

### Wacky Wednesday

For kid’s ages 3\* to 3rd grade. \*(by Sept. 15, 2005 and independently potty trained) Children will enjoy music, crafts, stories and games featuring a different story each week about Joseph and his coat of many colors.

The dates and time are June 8, 15 and 22, July 13, 20 and 27 from 9:30 -12:00. Sign-up for a few wacky days or all of them! Registration is \$13.00 per child/per day to help cover the supplies, snacks and teacher salaries.

Registration forms are available at the church or Little School office. Registration deadline will be May 22nd.

If you have any questions you may contact Tami Clement at 303-791-1982 or e-mail at tami@stlukeshr.com or Jenita Rhodes at 303-791-0659 x27 or e-mail at jenita@stlukeshr.com.

### Elementary Summer Sunday School

PEAK Adventures, our 9:30 Sunday School for elementary kids, is off a Jerusalem market place in July and August. Instead of grade level classes families will join together to become tribes and journey back to 29 AD.

Each Sunday the tribes will hear stories about an amazing man named Jesus. They will experience activities involving different trades and play games kids might have played Bible times.

TO MAKE THIS ALL HAPPEN, we need twelve families to share the tribal leader role. Their responsibility will be to welcome and lead their tribe through the activities for that particular Sunday.

ALSO NEEDED ARE; story tellers, game leaders, craft leaders in areas like pottery, weaving, bread making, brick making, rope weaving and jewelry. Preschoolers are welcomed to attend our Jerusalem Adventure with their families. Tribes will be forming in June, so look for additional information in the next Chronicle or contact Jenita Rhodes to get involved in the planning!

### Preschool Summer

### Sunday School

Thank you to all the lead teachers, and parent helpers who are already scheduled to help in Preschool Sunday School through August. Make sure you know when your Sunday rolls around. It is very disquieting to both the children and adults when teachers don’t show or helpers are missing. Lynne has the complete schedule if you have misplaced yours. Curriculum sorters, the Summer Quarter’s curriculum will be in and ready for sorting the third week of May. Watch your e-mails for the exact date from Lynne.

### The Children’s Library is expanding

Check out the changes taking place downstairs in Goliath! The Vern and Faith Harder Memorial Children’s Library is increasing its shelf space and that means more exciting books and videos to check out. There will be DVD’s and a new Teen section. The Parenting section will see many new selections. Since the loss of our to make room for the additional shelves, the area will turn into a “Garden of Readon”. Come down and make you selection of great Christian literature. The Library is always open. If you would like to be part of the Library Ministry Team who helps select items and keeps our area neat and tidy, please contact Jenita Rhodes.

### PEAK Adventures for 2005-2006

Yes, you read correctly! We are already preparing for next year’s Workshop Rotation Sunday School. The curriculum committee has met and selected the units we will be using and they are AWESOME! We now need to form the workshop teams that will plan and present the lessons. The workshops include: Cooking, Art, Story, Science, Games, Video, Computers, Opening. NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY. You and your team plan one lesson for each unit that will be adjusted slightly each week for the age level attending your workshop. Your team makes their own schedule around their members’ personal schedule. It’s the perfect way to learn more about the

## Children’s Ministry Calendar

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	St. Luke’s Little School 10th Anniversary Barbecue 5:30-7:00
Wed. & Thurs May 18 & 19	<b>St. Luke’s Little School Graduation</b>
Sun. May 29	Memorial Day — NO Sunday School — Only Nursery to 2’s
Sun. June 5	Promotion Sunday — Summer Sunday School begins SLY Jr. 5th & 6th Grade Fellowship 6:00-8:00
Tues. June 7	Children’s Ministry Education Team Meeting 7:00-8:30
Wed. June 8	Children’s Ministry Fellowship Team Meeting 9:30-11:00 Wacky Wednesday (1) 9:30-12:00
Wed. June 15	Wacky Wednesday (2) 9:30-12:00
Wed. June 22	Wacky Wednesday (3) 9:30-12:00
June 20-24	<del>Vacation Bible School 9:00-12:00</del>

Bible, grown in your personal faith, get to know other adults and have fun serving the children of St. Luke’s. Call Jenita Rhodes to begin your adventure!

### 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](http://www.rmccumcamps.com). Registration booklets are also available downstairs by any Children Ministry classrooms, the information center or church office.

### Sly, Jr. finishing up for this year

May 1, May Day, our 5th and 6th grade fellowship group will be delivering May Day baskets to a few of our church members in nursing homes or confined to their homes. We will meet at 6:00 for dinner and to assemble the baskets. After the delivery, we will meet back at the church for a scrumptious dessert. Parents: if you are able to drive, please call Jenita.

June 5th we will meet to honor our 6th graders and promote them to the regular SLY youth group. Our celebration will begin with a barbecue followed by fun, games and fellowship.

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# Let’s celebrate! Little School looks to summer

## May Birthdays

1-May	Linda Shafer	15-May	Brenda Williams
1-May	Susie Appleby	15-May	Kurin Dowell
1-May	Stacy Kasch	16-May	Jean Bennett
1-May	Jennifer Turner	16-May	James Klauke
2-May	Bill Maddox	16-May	Dave Murrow
2-May	Bill Feight	17-May	Susan Johnson
2-May	Holly Thomas	17-May	Erin Walberg
3-May	Julie Beekhuizen	18-May	Hal Newville
3-May	Karen Adler	18-May	Susan Howell
3-May	Jerry McLeland	18-May	Rex Cochran
3-May	William Beggs	18-May	Mary Romke
3-May	Jennifer Stevenson	20-May	Gordon Johnson
3-May	Kyle Latham	20-May	Sheri O'Herron
3-May	Todd Latham	20-May	Melanie Colman
4-May	Carol Crawford	21-May	SaraVan Horne
5-May	Joanne Cleveland	21-May	Susan Harned
5-May	Amy Dryer	22-May	David Rhodes
5-May	Stephen Manthey	24-May	Stephen Howell
5-May	Barry Curtis	24-May	Brian Ary
6-May	Kim Nelson	24-May	Beth Husa
6-May	Erin Laurvick	26-May	Jon Takayama
7-May	Melissa Hemphill	26-May	Sarah Boon
7-May	Peter Quick	27-May	Raina Powell
9-May	John Burgett	27-May	Danny McIntosh
9-May	Ann Smith	27-May	Roger Lauer
11-May	Margie Hardaway	28-May	Mike Samuels
11-May	Erika Brimberry	28-May	Mindy Walker
12-May	Nicole Pinette	28-May	Joshua Clement
13-May	Sue Johnson	28-May	Zachary Alexander
13-May	Stefanie Roth	30-May	Cindy Markham
14-May	Fran West	31-May	Mike Dowell
14-May	Kristen Hertzler	31-May	Dean Myers
14-May	Logan Hoffman	31-May	Jaime Zilverberg

## 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?

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 over arching Bible verse is from Matthew 7:7 “...knock and the door will be opened for you.” This class will be offered two different times: April 27 - May 25 from 6:30-7:30 in classroom C (bride’s room) and May 25 - June 22 from 9:30-10:30, 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.com.

May days, fun days, singing and showers  
No matter the weather we love the flowers!  
Children laughing, running to and fro  
Some will stay and some will go

The year is ending, my how time flies  
We will have tears and of course some sighs.  
As children graduate and move up a year  
We are so proud as the ending days draws near

The children have learned their abc’s  
They have learned how to say thank you and please  
They have said their prayers and played outdoors  
They have done everything, except mop the floors!

We celebrated the fall, the winter and spring  
With Ms. Laura they have been able to sing  
We had pumpkins and angels and leprechauns  
My goodness where has the year gone?

Our big Alumni gathering with be the 13th of May  
We hope that anyone who came to us will be there that day  
Bring your own picnic, we’ll do ice cream and a surprise  
So tell all your friends and bring all the gals and the guys!

Graduation will be held May 18 and 19  
They are all so grown up - so they now seem.  
The summer will fly and the days run out  
Before the halls are fill with another year of shouts!

So we will miss you and miss our sweet little hugs  
As at our heart strings they surely will tug.  
May God Bless them as they go on there way  
We have been so blessed to have them, what more can we say?

Have a great summer, take family time to love  
Thank the good Lord for gifts from above.  
See you in the autumn when the leaves start to fall  
And we open our doors to welcome one and all!

## You are needed in Nursery

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, stop by the church office for an application or e-mail her at kristinalinn@netzero.com. Immediate positions are available with morning and evening hours.

## Dressing ready to play

The weather is turning warmer, and all the animals are coming out to play. Our children are also beginning to feel the spring fever. Please remember to bring a light coat every day to church. We will always try to go outside if we can. Remember the weather in Colorado changes every second!

Also, the suits and pretty dresses are beautiful, but remember we do have a sand box outside, and sometimes those outfits don’t come out so clean. So let’s make sure we dress ready to play.



# Do you know the Weaver? Women’s Retreat creates tapestry of faith

The definition of “weave,” as described in Miriam-Webster’s on-line dictionary, is listed below. You may choose whichever of the following definitions best fits you.

I, however, like 3a.  
I choose this particular definition after spending the weekend with 50 other women of St. Luke’s in Estes Park. It is during this weekend retreat that all of us were learning to define a word we might not have applied to our spiritual journey or even thought about. Yet I believe that this particular definition fits quite well.

WEAVE (v.)

- a. To make (cloth) by interlacing the threads of the weft and the warp on a loom
- To interlace (threads, for example) into cloth
- To construct by interlacing or interweaving strips or strands of material.
- a. to interweave or combine (elements) into a complex whole
- b. to contrive (something complex or elaborate) in this way
- To introduce (another element) into a complex whole; work in

Our weekend, entitled “Tapestry of Faith,” was led by Rev. Janet Forbes and Pam Rowley. I am certain I can speak for the group, as we ascended upon the beauty and wonder of the YMCA of the Rockies, we were hoping for clarity, peace and sense of God’s presence in their lives.

Instead, what we received that first cold night was worship, music and homework. That’s right, homework!. When was the last time you had homework? (and helping your children with theirs does not count)

Well, perhaps it is better described as research, research into our lives as women and sisters in Christ. This research was used to help each of us “weave” our own personal and beautiful tapestries. Yet before we were allowed to appreciate the beauty of our tapestry

(the pretty side) we were first asked to acknowledge the not-so-pretty side. You know, the backside of the tapestry, the side with all the threads and knots.

We were asked to put our lives in a chronological order from birth to current age and include moments such as; your “place” geographically & socio-economic, marker events, events in society, images of God, authority/mentor figures to name a few.

It is during this reviewing of our lives and lying down of our patterns that we were given an opportunity to view our lives/tapestry from above.

It was in the physically writing down of our lives that we began to see the whole of our tapestry and how the knots on the backside produce and support the beauty of the front side.

*“I believe the walk of life has so many knots and beautiful weaves, that to look back on each phase just builds upon the other. I noticed that when I became closer in my relationship with God, my family was always at peace...”*

Lynda Fyckling

This exercise was designed to encourage us to view the knots as a necessity for growth not walls to stop us. After all, if we did not tie knots attaching each square to the next during this life journey, how would it stay together, how would we apply what we have learned, how would we support other sisters?

These “knots” tie our personal tapestries and us together they are an integral part of how God has made and used us through out our lives.

*“The knots from our past drives and shapes us.”*

Jennifer Jaing

As we discussed and studied the unfolding of our tapestries we were able to see our stages of faith development as well. Whether that knowledge was gained during the group time or in your personal time or with a smaller



group, each of us took time to know our Weaver (God) and know the weaver within ourselves.

*“Every person in my life and every experience I have had up to now has affected who I am. My most recent experiences have strengthened my faith in God and my relationship with him.”*  
Lorie Martin

Thank you, Women of St. Luke’s, for sponsoring this event.

Thank you, Rev. Janet, for the inspirational exercise.

Thank you, Pam, for your thoughts and insight during the time you were with us.

Thank you to the “fireside raccoons,”– you know who you are – for sharing, encouraging, praying and being my new sisters in Christ.

By Lisa Hajek

*There was time for being alone with our thoughts, as well as time to share, during the Women’s Retreat. Photo by Shelley Bonjean*