

September 2005

Children's Ministry Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 PEAK Adventures 1st Rotation "The Creation Story"	12	13	14	15	16	17 Discovery Club Respite Program
18 God & Country Info Meeting 12:15-1 pm	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 2nd Acolyte Training	26	27	28	29	30	

October 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 SLY Jr. 6-8	3	4 Children's Ministry Ed. Team Meeting 7-8pm	5	6	7	8
9 Teacher Recognition	10	11	12 Children's Ministry Ed. Team Meeting 9:30-11am	13	14	15 
16 Fall Festival 10:30-1:30	17	18	19	20	21	
23 Peak Adventures 9:30; Elem. SS 2nd Rotation	24	25	26	27	28	

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. Adults serving in these classrooms discover this is an easy way to renew their own faith journey and grow with their 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. Lessons are planned and taught by Workshop Leader Teams. Grade level Guides rotate with the children each week and are there to greet the children, take attendance and assist as needed. All adults are welcomed to join one of our workshops or guide teams and experience the fun of learning and growing in their faith.

Summit Seekers – Sunday School at 11:00 for our 1st through 6th graders. This multi-grade class combines active participation, reading and discussion to explore a lesson and activity where we learn about God, the stories in the Bible and how to apply their teaching to our everyday lives.

PEAK Adventures, 9:30 Elementary Sunday School; Workshop Rotation; September 11 – October 16

The **Creation** unit uses the Bible story included in Genesis 1:1 - 2:4. It is the story of the beginning of the universe and this passage tells us: *That all of it came into being through God's creative activity; About the six days of creation (light and darkness; sky and water; land, sea, and plants; sun, moon, and stars; fish and birds; animals and humans) and the seventh day, a day of rest.* That God "saw that it was good"; That humankind was created in God's image and that God blessed them and asked them to take responsibility of the world.

Children will: *-Discover God created the world and everything in it. -Understand that they are created in the image of God. -Recognize that everything God created is good. -Understand that God provides for all of creation. -Learn to gain an appreciation of all God's creativity. -Learn to accept responsibility for God's world.*

What is Workshop Rotation? PEAK Adventures, our 9:30 Sunday School Program for children in 1st through 6th grades uses the exciting new concept in Sunday

morning Christian Education for children.

Classrooms are transformed into multi-dimensional learning environments using art, storytelling, computers, games, cooking, video and science to explore a Bible story or Christian concept. -Children in their grade level classes, rotate to a different room or workshop each Sunday. *-Children will experience a unique perspective of a Bible story from each of the different workshops they attend each week.* - A team of adults called Workshop Leaders will work together to plan one lesson per unit to present to each class at their particular learning level. -A team of adults called Guides alternate weeks and rotate with the children building a special relationship during the year.

PEAK Adventures offers an exciting, interactive, Bible based and faith generating Sunday morning experience for kids. **Plus**, it offers an opportunity for all adults, not just parents, to serve in their area of interest or passion while growing in their own personal faith. This is the fourth year St. Luke's has used the Workshop Rotation approach for our Elementary Sunday School. *The kids love it, Guides form lasting relationships with the children they shepherd.* Who could ask for a more meaningful experience? Get involved and see what a difference it makes in your life! .

Sly, Jr – St. Luke's 5th and 6th grade Fellowship Program

After a very successful turnout for the Colorado AIDS Walk, the SLY, Jr fellowship group will begin it 2005-06 year on Sunday, October 2nd from 6:00 until 8:00 in the Goliath area. We will begin with a tasty supper before enjoying an evening of faith development activities, games and FUN! We will continue to meet on the first Sunday of each month through June. Check the web for a summary of the activities for the year. Parents or other interested adults are always needed to help with the activities. Call or Email Jenita to sign up.

God and Country Program -For children in 1st through 12th grade -Sept. 18 at 12:15 in classroom B

St. Luke's United Methodist Church will be offering an opportunity to participate in the God and Country Program. *This is a Bible based curriculum where the children read scripture lessons and then design projects to put what they have learned into action in their daily lives.* Any girls and boys who are in grades 1 through 12 may participate even if they do not belong to a Girl Scout, Boy Scout or Camp Fire group. They need only to have an adult mentor who will

meet with them to help guide them through their projects. One of our pastors will be available on the 3rd Sunday each month to review and discuss each project. Anyone interested should come to an **informational meeting on Sept. 18 at 12:15** in classroom B on the main floor next to the sanctuary. Please bring your mentor or parent along! We will determine what books and materials will be needed and how they will be distributed at that meeting.

For more info about any Children's program or to volunteer, please contact Jenita Rhodes, Director of Children's Ministry 303-791-0659 ext. 27; Lynne Butler, Pre-school Ministry 303-791-0659 ext. 11; Kristina Linn, Nursery and Childcare Ministry; 303-791-0659 ext. 40. To make Child Care reservation call 303-791-0659 ext. 47 or go to www.stlukeshr.com

I am interested in participating in the God and Country Program

Name _____
Phone # _____
Mentor or Parent _____
Phone # _____
Program: God and Me grades 1-3 _____
Email _____

- God and Family grades 4-5 _____
- God and Church grades 6-8 _____
- God and Life grades 9-12 _____

I will be attending the informational meeting on Sept 18 at 12:15 in classroom B off the Narthex.

Yes ___ No ___

Please mail or drop this form in the box outside Jenita's office in the church office or contact her at: St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

8817 S. Broadway, Highlands Ranch, Co 80129 - 303-791-0659.

Parents of Third Graders: Sign up NOW!

Third grade Bible Presentation will be on Sunday, October 9th at both the 9:30 and 11:00 services. **All third graders** will receive a Bible. A sign sheet will be available outside your child's Sunday School classroom in mid September. Please verify the spelling of their name and list which service you plan on attending. This is a special day in the faith development of our children. We don't want anyone to miss out. Contact Jenita Rhodes if you have any question.