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# The CHRONICLE

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Join us for Worship at St. Luke's

Sermon series:

Rev. Janet Forbes

3/1 - *Day by Day Along the Way*

3/5 - *Let Them Come*

3/12 - *A Golden Rule?*

3/19 - *Love My Enemies?*

3/26 - *Who am I to Judge?*

Don't miss:

4/13 & 14 - *Godspell*

## St. Luke's Caring Connection

is a group of ordinary people trying to make a difference with meals, visits and prayers for others. In February, we delivered plants and Valentine's cards to 20 folks. We also provided meals and visits for those members and constituents who needed them. Caring Connection also strives to provide at least one meal for each family with a new baby. We don't spend a lot of time in meetings, just helping others. If you would like to find out more about what we do, please contact Patti Speedy at 303-470-2945, or e-mail [patti.speedy@comcast.net](mailto:patti.speedy@comcast.net)

## Stephen Ministers are Ready to Care

by Sherry Merrill

On January 8th St. Luke's commissioned a class of 19 new Stephen Ministers, bringing our total active ministers up to 21. Each person attended 50 hours of training to better listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside hurting persons during difficult times. This distinctively Christian care is confidential, free, and has proven helpful in a wide variety of situations dealing with crisis or challenge, such as divorce, grief, loss of job, hospitalization, relocation, or loneliness.

So, what happens now? How do we match our trained Stephen Ministers with those needing care? Each of our members or constituents can speak with a pastor or Stephen Leader about receiving care themselves, or learn how to refer a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative. The problem is that most people are more open to giving care than to receiving it.

But God created us to be interdependent rather than tough it out on our own. The New Testament underscores this theme with more than 50 verses that contain the words "one another". These verses include admonitions such as "love one another", "encourage one another", "build one another up", and "pray for one another". The "one another" wording gives them a reciprocal meaning – we are also to allow others to love, encourage, build up, and pray for us!

Our Stephen Ministers know all about receiving care. Many of them have been on the receiving end of care at an earlier point in their lives – something that has motivated them to give care now. They know how difficult it can be to ask for help, but they also know the great personal and spiritual growth and healing that follows. They know how to respond in a loving, caring, and nonjudgmental manner.

If you find yourself now or in the future facing difficulties in life, don't succumb to society's norm of remaining strong and suffering alone. Take the courageous step of seeking help. Open your heart to receiving God's love and grace through another person. Our Stephen Ministry offers the opportunity of a very confidential relationship with someone who will listen to you and provide you with the care and encouragement you need, while Christ works inside to bring rest and healing in your heart.

For more information contact Rev. Pam Rowley at 303-791-0659 x 32 or Sue Townsend, Stephen Leader, at 303-220-8830.

## NEW! Fellowship Events Team

Our newest team is up and running with wonderful leadership from Trudy Turner and Lisa Lehnus. This team is the event planning team for all of the FUN events at St. Luke's. These hardworking, devoted members plan and cook or decorate or setup/serve/clean-up (loving called our "ssc" worker bee's). The big event we are working on presently is the Dinner/Dance on March 4th. If you would like to join this fun team for future events (always looking for passionate and gifted helpers!) please contact Trudy 303-971-1078 or Lisa 303-346-8114.

## Trustee's Corner: Memorial Tree

If you frequently use our south entrance, you may have noticed that the stairwell is much more open these days. The plant we received as a memorial honoring Lauren Townsend that used to live at the top of the stairs did so very well in that location however, with our growing foot traffic through that space, we needed to make a change. After securing permission from Lauren's mom, her plant has found a new home in Dr. Rowley's office, and St. Luke's has a new memorial tree in our newly renovated playground where our children and their teachers excitedly welcomed the addition. Our thanks to Karen Meade for logistics coordination and to Jenita Rhodes for helping to bring this all together.



**Sunday Worship Services:**  
8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

**Sunday School:**  
(Adult, Youth & Children)  
9:30am & 11:00am

Nursery available for all services

**Church Office:** 303-791-0659  
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Kay Coryell.....x43  
Assistant Music Director

Chris Wilterdink.....x14  
Director of Youth Ministry

Ann Smith.....x19  
Assistant Youth Director

Jenita Rhodes.....x27  
Director of Children's Ministry

Lynne Butler.....x11  
Pre-school Ministry

Kristina Linn.....x40  
Childcare Ministry

Lynda Fickling.....x20  
Dir. of Membership Ministry

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All articles, photos and notices for the April issue of *The Chronicle* are due March 10th.

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR



Rev. Janet Forbes

### DAY BY DAY ALONG THE WAY: CELEBRATING LENT AND EASTER

- REV. JANET FORBES

*Day by day, Oh, dear Lord,*

*Three things I pray:*

*To see Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly,*

*Follow Thee more nearly, Day by day.*

To speak of the way is to seek a path, or to point to a road, or to make a journey.

In the Bible, Jesus is identified as "the Way" to a new relationship with God, which issues in a new quality of life and a new way of living in the new community of companions.

Our Lenten worship will celebrate the community of people that Jesus gathers and the journey that we share. We will explore what it means to be a spiritual friend of Jesus and a follower of the Way, day by day. Using the lyrics from the musical, *Godspell*, which will be presented in worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, April 13 and 14, we will explore some of the central teachings of Jesus.

The Chancel Choir will honor the depth of love that grows between persons on the Way and anticipate

the grief and loss among Jesus' friends as they sing Mozart's *Requiem*.

The Bible tells us that before Jesus began to teach the people on the way he prepared himself by spending forty days praying in the wilderness. We call these forty days Lent, and Lent is the time when Christians prepare for the celebration of Easter. Some people still give up a favorite food during Lent, but in the Middle Ages, everyone had to go without eating meat or lard or eggs for the whole forty days.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Our Service of Ashes will be on Wednesday, March 1, at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. We will burn the palm branches from the celebration of Palm Sunday last year and use the ashes to mark a cross on our palms or foreheads. This brief service will be experiential and family friendly.

On Tuesday, February 28, everyone makes a good start by confessing their sins and having them shriven – in other words, forgiven. That is why the day is called Shrove Tuesday. After confession, they cook a meal of pancakes, using up all the eggs and lard in the house. Shrove Tuesday is still called, "mardi gras", which means "greasy Tuesday", when all the grease and fat in the house have to be used up. At St. Luke's, we will celebrate Mardi Gras at a Dinner Dance with the Ministers of Swing on Saturday, March 4.

Plan to join with other companions of the Way during the Sundays of Lent.

—Rev. Janet

### FINANCE UPDATE: New Convenience For YOU—Electronic Funds Transfer:

You are encouraged to sign up for the new Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) program we now have for your convenience in paying your pledge. Enjoy the convenience of having your pledge deducted from your account without the hassle of having to write a check. It's easy. You fill out the form indicating monthly or semi-monthly withdrawals, the date(s) you want withdrawals to happen and get the form along with a voided check to me. We currently have about 20 enrollees with more enrolling weekly. Forms are always available in the Narthex.

**How's Your Gas Bill Doing?:** Ken Fong and Dan Kuhl are to be congratulated for doing an outstanding job of managing our energy bill here at St Luke's. Through their efforts, our January payment was only \$132.00 more than January 2004. The actual bill was \$2,809.94. Ken and Dan, keep up the good work!

**Thank You For Your Response:** In December, the Stewardship Team announced that we need about \$140,000 more in pledges to cover the 2006 budget. As of February 1, we were within \$34,000 of meeting that need. The responses included additional responses on the initial blue pledge cards and \$51,000 in new pledges on the green cards. Finance Team and Ministry Council are encouraged by the response and have decided to work through the first four months of the year before making any cuts to the budget. However, the goal remains to end the year with a balanced budget for the first time in the past few years. Their decision is based in part on the fact that our preliminary January giving performance appears to be up from our projection. It is not too late for you to express your support. If you have not responded, you are encouraged to find one of the green cards located in the Narthex and respond as soon as possible. With the momentum I've seen in our giving since last July, I'm confident we will be able to cover the \$35,000 and continue to provide the basic programming we have become accustomed to and expect.

Many of you have indicated that if we would just let you know then the congregation will respond to the need. In 2006, we plan to let you know. Plus, you are encouraged to visit with me anytime you have questions about our finances.

—Dave Cupp, Director of Finance

by Susan McIntosh

### **Where does the United Methodist Church stand on economic issues? What about the environment?**

I'm pretty sure that most people at St. Luke's don't lie awake nights with these questions in their heads, but if you were ever wondering, I have the answer for you.

The General Board of Church and Society (GBCS) is a large group (kind of like a committee on the global level), that helps the UM Church as a whole stay focused on issues of the community, resources, and world relationships. The Discipline (the set of rules and agreements that are maintained every four years at General Conference) states that this group is responsible for implementing the Social Principles (a part of the Discipline specifically aimed at social issues) and responding to other social concerns of the General Conference.

### **We have Social Principles?**

You bet we do! Stemming from John Wesley's understanding of the importance of addressing social issues, the UM Church has long had Social Principles that speak to how we should treat the earth, and one another, from family members to distant fellow humans. They address ideals for economic and political relations as well. Throughout, they express the unity of voice that is sometimes found in the church, as well as the diversity of opinion that is expressed when we struggle with finding a common solution. The Principles are ever changing. Paragraphs and phrases are added, deleted, or modified every four years at General Conference (the next world gathering will be in 2008).

### **Do we have a group at St. Luke's?**

We are just starting a committee of "Church and Society" (sometimes called Social Concerns) at St. Luke's. Some of our goals include providing information about the Social Principles, and encouraging conversation about the role of church in society—thus this article. We also hope to help everyone in our church family become active in working towards the parts of these principles that speak to them.

In a church as diverse as the United Methodist church and St. Luke's, not everyone will agree with all parts of the Social Principles. One of the nice things about being a United Methodist is not only that we don't have to agree, but also that we can talk and work together to make these principles closer reflections of how God calls each of us to be active in the world. We also know that each of us can grow by talking and worshipping in Christian community with those who disagree.

### **How can I learn more about these principles?**

Look for more information about the principles in upcoming issues of *The Chronicle*. We hope to provide an overview of each of the following sections in the coming months:

1. The Natural World
2. The Nurturing Community
3. The Social Community
4. The Economic Community
5. The Political Community
6. The World Community

For now, feel free to examine more information about the Social Principles in the small booklets available in the church office or in the Book of Discipline (your friendly pastor may loan you a copy). Additional information about the General Board of Church and Society can be found at their website: [www.umc-gbcs.org](http://www.umc-gbcs.org). And the Rocky Mountain Conference also has a committee - [www.rmcmuc.org/MI/Justice/](http://www.rmcmuc.org/MI/Justice/).

If you have any specific questions about the Social Principles, please feel free to ask me and I'll try to find the answer!

(Susan McIntosh 303-347-727 or [susanrmcintosh@yahoo.com](mailto:susanrmcintosh@yahoo.com))

I'll leave you for now with the Social Creed, the last piece of the Social Principles:

### **Our Social Creed**

*We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.*

*We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.*

*We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.*

*We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.*

*We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.*

*We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.*

*We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.*



# Mardi Gras at church?

**Yes! Come feel the soul, spirit and groove of Mardi Gras Saturday, March 4th at St. Luke's!**  
Featuring "Ministers of Swing" Big Band



**6:00pm**  
Dinner

**6:45pm**  
Swing Dance Lesson

**7:00-9:30pm**  
Dance/Big Band

**Emcee - David Hixson**  
former Denver area Big Band Radio Announcer

**Call 303-791-0659**  
for tickets!

**Tickets are \$15 for Dinner and Dance or \$10 for Dance only**



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## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Family Movie Night (Feb. 17) was once again loads of fun despite the cold temperatures outside! Many people commented that this is their favorite St. Luke's event. We watched Veggie Tales "Lord of the Beans" and "Wallace and Gromit: Curse of the Were-Rabbit." Join us in August when we have Family Movie Night again!

## PRAYER CONCERNS



Week Ending February 10, 2005

Gerry Wright (Gail Abernathy's mother)  
Rex Cochran  
Madilyn Johnson (Katie Johnston's cousin)  
Carolyn Dean  
Clarine Ransick (Eric Ransick's mother)  
Jeff Patefield  
Nancy Rawls (Betsy Keyack's sister)  
Jackie Durban  
Jennifer Emerson-Roy (Harry & Nancy Cushing's niece)  
Deb Murphy (Little School mom)  
Syd Harrison (friend of Brad Chase)  
Erin Morgan (the Walter's family friend)  
Julie Reagan (Christine Harris' sister)  
Marge Snoddy (Kam Bole's friend)  
Jack Taylor (Loree Kohrs' friend)  
Ernie Wight (Elizabeth Laurvick's father)  
Bob Lanham (Ann & Jan Lanham's son/brother)  
Frances Boles (Tim Boles' mother)  
Natalie Murrow  
Andy Bingaman (friend of Joy Damsgard)  
Lisa Maciejewski (Jennifer Jiang's sister)  
Erienne Romaine (Raap family friend)  
Marlyn Gaskin (Diane Whetson's friend)  
Karen Gumz (Sandy Thompson's friend)  
Nancy Obertier  
Don Craig (Marcia Benshoof's father)  
Wendy Walker (Sheri Shea's friend)  
Olivia Murrow  
Eileen Williams (John Williams' mother)  
Pat Swanson (Jenita Rhodes' mother)  
Ingrid Warden (Carolyn Warden's sister-in-law)  
Bernie Mezger (John Mezger's father)  
Guillermo Rodriguez & family (Gail Abernathy's son-in-law)  
Edith Walters (Terry Walters' mother)  
Cindy Barlow  
Pat McManaway (Christine Harris' mother)  
Tom Eurtion (Amy Holton's uncle)  
Carol Eckberg (Kris Reif's mother)  
Margaret Hinchey (Kay Swanson's friend)  
Cheryl Smith (Joy Damsgard's friend)  
Eric Homyak (Dan Kuhl's friend)

Rosie Kovak (Joy Damsgard's relative)  
Yvonne Schmidt (Laura Kuhl's mother)  
Elise Coffey (student of Kim Joseph)  
Sturgis Wetherington  
Rita Phair (Bob Varto's mother)  
Jerry Heinz (Rachel Nolder's father-in-law)  
Sandy Ray (Ellen/Lynda Fickling's niece/cousin)  
Edith Allen (Susan Stanley's mother)  
Norma Harris  
Jan Coryell  
Louise McGill (Sharon Oliver's mother)  
Bill Lee, Jr.  
Marie Fornoff's mother, Beth  
Fumiyo Yamamoto (Jon Takayama's grandmother)  
Patti Anderson (Nancy Obertier's friend)  
Grant Larson  
Mrs. Navai (Manijeh Badiozamani's mother)  
Pat (Bob Davis' mother)  
Laura Winstanley (Diana & Mike Stephens cousin)  
Linda Kercheval (sister of Tony Palizzi)  
Jim DeLuca (father of Joely Maddux)  
Eryn Ortiz (friend of Blocks and Walters)  
Susan Fritz (friend of Kay Swanson)  
Billie Rhodes (Dave Rhodes' mother)  
Ursula Cherry (friend of Trudy Turner)  
Richard VanderKody (brother-in-law of Rick and Robin Fort)  
Haleigh Kuhl (Dan & Laura Kuhl's daughter)  
Ron Aines (Marshall Aines father)  
Tracy Dunbar (friend of the Cushing family)  
Janet Blatchford (friend of Samantha Leahy)  
Tammy Heister

### Congratulations:

Payton Olivia Cigler born Feb. 2, 2006  
Parents: Ryan & Jacqueline Cigler  
Cooper Garrett Ayers born Dec. 29, 2005  
Parents: Walter & Tami Ayers

### Sympathies:

To Nancy Abbott and family on the passing of husband, Bob Abbott

### DEAR ALL OF ST. LUKE's,

The Murrow family thanks you for your love and support and prayers this past year. People always ask us how we are able to handle our situation, and we always remind them that we couldn't do this without our church. The melas got us through a very rough time. Thank you for respite care, prayer shawls, Stephen ministering, visits, gifts, our wonderful church staff, and a thousand other things. Six months post-transplant, Natalie has returned to her dance class and is loving her beautiful new heart. Olivia continues to improve thanks to Children's Hospital's research into experimental therapies. Please consider organ donation to pass on the gift of God's new life.

In Christ,  
Dave, Julia, Olivia & Natalie Murrow



## MISSIONS

## Mission Trips to Mississippi

### Helping with Hurricane Katrina recovery and rebuilding

St. Luke's will be taking two back-to-back teams to Mississippi in June to help with hurricane recovery and rebuilding. I (Betsy Keyack) am planning to lead a team June 4-10. Chris Wilterdink will be leading the Senior High youth to Mississippi the following week. Both teams will be hosted by Wesley UMC in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Work will involve cleanup and renovation of houses flooded by the hurricanes last year. We will also be listening to the residents talk about their experience and feelings about the disaster. To perform work at a site, volunteers must be age 14 or older. However, if families with children younger than 14 are interested, I will talk to the pastor at Wesley UMC about working something out.

We will be flying into Gulfport, Mississippi and then renting minivans to travel to Ocean Springs, about 30 minutes away. Cost of round-trip plane tickets right now is in the \$350-400 range. I would like to receive applications and at least part of the cost of the travel by March 15, in order to get good plane fares from the travel agent. We are still awaiting details from the church about food and transportation. When I went to Mississippi last October, we were hosted by St. Paul's UMC in Ocean Springs. They provided all the food, lodging and tools we needed.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you would like to sign up for the trip: Betsy Keyack, bkeyack@att.net or 303-346-7057.

## Reaching Out and Making a Difference: The Sekhars

Marie and Maima Sekhar, our Liberian family, want to send a heartfelt "Thanks" to their friends at St. Luke's for contributing the lovely items needed for their new apartment. They also say thanks to Bill Lee, Susanne and Ron Humphries, Jan and Charlie Rufien, for giving up their Saturday to help with the move.

This past week, their application for political asylum was filed with the U.S. Immigration Service. In the next 8-10 weeks, they should know if they have been granted asylum. Doctors at Children's Hospital have determined that Maima's fragile health prevents her from returning to Liberia and "It would be a death sentence" for Maima.

Once their status is settled, they will be eligible for State and Federal aid; TANF (for rent), food stamps and LEAP, to help with utility bills. FACE the Challenge, a group of doctors that travel to 3rd world countries to perform facial reconstructive surgery, have paid the Sekhar's rent for 3 months. The Missions Board is asking for your help to meet other expenses for the next 2-3 months. The basic needs are food, utilities and phone in the amount of \$300 a month. Again, this is temporary help.

Marie does beautiful ethnic braiding and we all feel she will be able to support herself and Maima once word of her incredible work spreads. She is also cleaning houses.

Dave Cupp has set up a fund for the Sekhars. Anyone wanting to help, should make checks out to St. Luke's and note it is for the Sekhar's Fund. —Thank you!

## Delivery Help Needed

The Mission's committee is looking for someone that can deliver donations to Shannon's Hope. It is a residence for pregnant women at risk of becoming homeless or living in poverty and helps initiate independent living. This individual would be responsible for taking donations weekly to the organization. Contact Peter Reif, 303-791-9002.

The Mission's committee is looking for someone that can deliver our soup donations to Interfaith. Interfaith provides many services including food, transportation, clothing, and senior outreach. This individual would be responsible for taking donations weekly to the organization. Contact Peter Reif, 303-791-9002.

## Creativity and Divine Surprise: Spirituality Workshop Recap

The Spirituality Workshop held at St. Luke's on January 20 and 21st was a wonderful event facilitated by Rev. Karla Kincannon. The workshop featured her recently published book, "Creativity and Divine Surprise." She guided us in new ways of experiencing growth through simply being present and creative and finding the place of our own resurrection. Every participant thoroughly enjoyed the event. Following are some reflections regarding the weekend with Karla Kincannon.

*"I'll preface this by saying that I don't consider myself a creative person. I tell people that I have to dig pretty deep within to tap into my creativity. Well, it turns out that was exactly the point of the retreat. It was exciting to reconnect with God the Creator in the very supportive and non-threatening setting that Karla provided. I look forward to setting up my sacred space at home and am glad that I'll have her book as a resource for trying other artistic endeavors. The best thing about the weekend is that it was a retreat in the truest sense, a time set apart for contemplation and growth, and I loved it!" —Sherry Merill*

*"Karla helped us discover creative ways to enhance spirituality in our homes as well in the sanctuary. I enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and opportunity for fellowship. It was just what I needed." —Elizabeth Laurvick*

*"Creative Spirituality as presented by Karla Kincannon was very enlightening to me in the idea of presenting creativity as God's spirit within our individual lives allowing us to transfer our creativeness to not only our individual worship space but into our community worship space at church. I believe that one's individual creativity is God's Holy Spirit being expressed in your heart, God's presence in your life. And all you need to say is 'Thank You Jesus.'" —Sharon Smith*

*"Karla helped me bring renewed desire to become more spiritually creative in the church and in my home and workplace. I discovered that using just a few Christian symbols in the home and workplace give me a visual reminder of my trust and faith in God, and also gives me strength and hope at the moment I need it." —Fran West*

**Tues. Mar. 1***Ash Wednesday***Sun. Mar. 5***PEAK Adventures**9:30 Elem SS 5th Rotation**– The Garden of Gethsemane**SLY Jr. 5th & 6th Grade**Fellowship 5:30-8:30pm***Tues. Mar. 7***VBS Decorating Committee**6:00-7:00pm***Wed. Mar. 8***Children's Ministry Fellowship**Team Meeting 9:30-11:00am**Count Down to Easter!**6:30-7:30pm***Wed. Mar. 15***Count Down to Easter!**6:30-7:30pm***Sat. Mar. 18***Discovery Club, Respite**Program for Special Needs**Children and their siblings***Tues. Mar. 21***Easter Fun Day Planning**6:00pm**Children's Ministry Education**Team Meeting 7:00-8:30pm***Wed. Mar. 22***Count Down to Easter!**6:30-7:30pm***Wed. Mar. 29***Count Down to Easter!**6:30-7:30pm***Sun. Apr. 2***SLY Jr. 5th & 6th Grade**Fellowship 6:00-8:00pm***Wed. Apr. 5***Children's Ministry Fellowship**Team Meeting 9:30-11:00am**Count Down to Easter!**6:30-7:30am***The Ash Wednesday Service** is a great

way to begin talking to your children about who we are as Christians and what Easter means to us.

Follow the service up with a family devotional guide called "We Are Called, We Are Chosen". This booklet provides an opportunity to think and to pray about our choices and why we make them. Each day includes a brief scripture passage, a reflection and a prayer. A discussion question is also included should your family wish to begin some faith-sharing conversations. However you use this booklet, your experience of Lent will deepen so that you will rejoice all the more fully at Jesus' triumph over death on Easter Sunday. Contact Jenita Rhodes to get a copy for your family. Cost is only \$1.00.

**Count Down to Easter!**

A new and exciting Lenten and Easter study for elementary aged children will begin March 8 from 6:30 until 7:30pm. This 6 week program will use the symbols of Easter—the donkey, the palm, the lily, the egg and the cross—to enlighten our children to the spiritual side of Easter. Each week we will have a story, craft, and game to reinforce the theme of the evening. No registration is necessary, but we would appreciate a phone call or email Jenita Rhodes to let us know if your child will be attending.

**PEAK Adventures** *March 5 – April 9**(No Sunday School Easter Sunday, April 16)*

Our workshop rotation Sunday School at 9:30am for children in elementary school will begin "The Garden of Gethsemane" unit for Lent. This unit uses the Bible story included in Mark 14:32-38 where Jesus goes to the Garden to contemplate his fate and pray. Jesus struggled with the best way to be faithful to God and he received strength from trusting God. It's not always easy to be faithful to God, but we too can be strengthened when we trust God.

By the end of the unit children will have:

- heard and explored the story of Jesus praying at the garden
- offered their own prayers to God
- depicted in various ways their understanding of Jesus' act of prayer
- explored a variety of tools to help them pray
- focused through various means on the power and importance of prayer
- created ways to remind themselves of the story of Jesus praying in the garden

**Children's Worship Bags**

Children of all ages are always welcomed to attend worship with their parents. To help them learn more about God "their way," we offer Children's Worship Bags. You'll find them hanging just inside our sanctuary. The multi colored canvas bags are appropriate both non-readers and readers. All bags contain crayons, color pages, little toys and other fun items appropriate for quiet entertainment. Children should feel free color pages with them. Please return the bags and other items to their hangers after worship. We would like to thank the Girl Scouts for keeping our bags well stocked. THANK YOU GIRLS!!

**God and Country Awards**

God and Country is a program design to help participates grow in their faith and service to God. There are four different age appropriate programs for children from 1st through 12th grade. Each child works with a mentor who models their faith by working side-by-side with their child. The following people have successfully completed this year's program and were honored in the February 12 worship service.

**God and Me** *(1st – 3rd grades)*

Jacob Madsen

Mentor: Keri Madsen

**God and Family** *(4th & 5th grades)*

Zach Madsen

Mentor: Keri Madsen

Alex Jessen

Nadine Jessen

Zach Zahnow

Steve Zahnow

Elise Collins

Cathy Collins

Devin Milerowski

Robin Milerowski

**God and Church** *(6th – 8th grades)*

Jeremy Brown

Mentor: Bruce Brown

Trevor Streaty

Linda Streaty

The group will celebrate their achievement with a Pizza Party on March 19 at 12:15pm. St. Luke's offers this program each year beginning in October. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jenita Rhodes for more information.

**Kristina's Nursery Notes**

Please remember to make or cancel your reservations for childcare no later than 24 hours before the event. Childcare will be cancelled without reservations. You may make reservations for up to one month in advance by calling 303-791-0659 X 47, emailing the St. Luke's website or kristinalinn@netzero.net or stopping by the nursery. I look forward to seeing the smiling faces and the warm embraces of each of your children each week. It is a true blessing to be taking care of God's children. If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Kristina Linn at 303-791-0659 X 40.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



**Jenita Rhodes**  
Director of Children's  
Ministries



**Lynne Butler**  
Preschool Ministry  
Coordinator



**Kristina Linn**  
Childcare Coordinator



**Kay Swanson**  
Director of Little School

**Vacation Bible School** is coming in June and we are already excited! Do you miss the sun and warm weather? Well VBS this year is all about having fun in the sun. The theme is Son Treasure Island and we will transform the lower level into a tropical paradise where we will learn all about God's love and forgiveness for us. To do this, we need help. So if you love to decorate or love the tropics, join us on Tuesday, March 7th from 6:00-7:00pm for a decoration planning meeting. Childcare is available by calling 303-791-0659 ext. 47 at least 24 hours in advance. This year we will keep the decorations up from June through August so we want to make the lower level look colorful and fun for the whole summer.

**Easter Fun Day** is just around the corner, Saturday, April 8th from 10:00am-noon to be exact. We will again have real bunnies, games, crafts, an easter egg hunt and the Easter bunny. We will be having a planning meeting on Tuesday, March 21st so please join us. If you are available to help before (such as stuffing Easter eggs with candy) or on the day of please contact Lynne Butler at 303-791-0659 ext. 11 or [lynne@stlukeshr.com](mailto:lynne@stlukeshr.com). We have many games and activities so we have many needs to fill.

**Sly Jr Calendar revision!** If you liked the LOCK-IN-You can't miss this!

The next steps in our year long journey will be:

**March 5th 5:30-8:30pm Laser Tag at Fat City**

Note the time change to provide for travel time! There is a \$10.00 fee to pay for your choice of three activities and a little left over for the GAMES! We will be providing transportation to and from so you must call and reserve your spot in a car!!! Permission slips must be on file and up to date.

**April 2nd 6:00-8:00pm A Hoppin' Party**

We are going to have a swingin' time at this gathering.

**May 5th 6:00-8:00pm Are We There Yet?**

Concluding our journey as a group and looking at where you each will go from here.

**June 4th 6:00-8:00pm Celebration BBQ**

An old fashioned Methodist Pot Luck and the whole family is invited!

Dinner will still be served at the beginning of every evening. HOPE YOU CAN COME!!!

## We Need You!

Please prayerfully consider your part in Children's Ministry Sunday School and Fellowship Events this coming year and contact Jenita or Lynne if you can help out!

- Easter Fun Day
- Family Movie Night
- Children's Dinner Theater
- Promotion Sunday
- Vacation Bible School
- Third Grade Bibles
- Fall Festival
- Hanging of the Greens
- Candy Cane Sunday
- Bulletin Boards
- New Events
- Sunday School

## Christian Education... It's for Life!

### Sunday Mornings at St. Luke's for Adults

#### Study of Christian Thought

We are currently studying "Abraham" by Bruce Feiler. We will begin studying "A New Christianity for a New World" by John Shelby Spong mid-March. Join us!

Meeting Time and Place:

Sundays at 9:30am in Classroom A

Contact: Ann Roadarmel 303-792-5110

#### Christian Connections

Beginning Sun., Jan. 22 we will be studying "There's a Hole in Your Soul That Only God Can Fill" by James W. Moore. God never meant life to be boring. Christ came to bring us abundant life. And yet, many people today are spiritually tired, emotionally worn, and miserably bored. Boredom is a symptom of emptiness, the inner emptiness that comes from loving or craving the wrong things, temporal things that will never satisfy. Jesus said, "Seek first God's kingdom." Put that first, and everything else will fall into place for you. There is a special space in our hearts that only God can fill. Our souls are wired up so that they just cannot be happy with anything less than God. The real key to dealing with the problem of boredom is to see life as partnership with God. What could be more exciting than that?

Meeting Time and Place:

Sundays at 9:30am in Classroom B

Contact: Scott Wesson 303-683-0196

#### Called to Serve

Are you searching for a way and reason to get connected at St. Luke's? We invite you to this orientation of our programs, ministry teams, and educational classes. Make 2006 the year to become a true servant of God, attending worship AND serving God by "Living the teachings of Jesus..."

Meeting Time and Place: The First Sunday of the month in the Conference Room

Contact: Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659x20

[lynda@stlukeshr.com](mailto:lynda@stlukeshr.com)

#### Contemporary Issues & Christianity

Different current issue discussions. See bulletin for current class subjects.

Meeting Time and Place:

Sundays at 11:00am in Classroom B

Contact: Kory Nelson 303-399-2699

Remember childcare and children's Sunday School is offered at BOTH 9:30am & 11:00am

#### Christian Education ~ It's for LIFE!

If you are interested in being on any of our Adult Education Teams please contact: Lynda Fickling [lynda@stlukeshr.com](mailto:lynda@stlukeshr.com) or Rev. Janet Forbes [janet@stlukeshr.com](mailto:janet@stlukeshr.com)

## Women's Night Out

Contact Information:

Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659x20 or  
lynda@stlukeshr.com

Meet at the following restaurant;  
bring a friend or two!

**Monday, February 6 – 6:30pm**

The Elephant Bar • Greenwood Village

**Monday, March 6 – 6:30pm**

Celtic Crossing • Castle Pines North

**Monday, April 3 – 6:30pm**

Romano's • Highlands Ranch  
(Old Bisette's location)

**Monday, May 1 – 6:30pm**

Montana Grill • Aspen Grove

## Family Camp 2006

Planning is now underway for Family Camp 2006. This year's trek is Thursday, July 13 through Monday, July 17 at the Winding River Resort in Grand Lake, Colorado. Located on the north fork of the Colorado River, bordering Rocky Mountain National Park and the Arapahoe National Forest, Winding River has cabins, lodge rooms and 150 spacious RV and tent sites.

Family Camp gives St. Luke's families the opportunity to get to know one another and commune with nature in a relaxed, natural setting. There are no required events or activities during Family Camp, although we have established some enjoyable traditions, including nightly potluck dinners, Saturday and Sunday pancake breakfasts, campfire fellowship, children's crafts and an informal Sunday morning worship service.

In addition, the campground offers an extended list of activities such as hiking, fishing, an animal farm, Frisbee golf, horseback riding, horse-drawn hay rides, ice cream socials, horseshoes, playground, mountain biking and more.

Campsite rates range from \$27 to \$34/night for full hookup. Cabins and Lodge rooms range from \$46 for primitive to \$185/night for full amenities. Hot showers, electricity and running water are available on-site.

If you are interested in Family Camp 2006, please call Caroline or John Merchant at 303-791-6251, or email them at john.merchant1@comcast.net. At this time we are trying to determine the level of interest so we can reserve adequate accommodations.

## We are Called to Serve Serving Opportunities March 2006

*Prayerfully consider where to serve at St. Luke's*

*"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." –Ephesians 4:11-13*

**Greeters:** Can you offer a smile and welcome to others on Sunday morning? We need a few good people for the 8am service and the side-doors for the 9:30 & 11am. Please contact Lisa Williams 303-683-7056 or lisa.williams1@comcast.net or Karmie Hilleary 303-683-4696 or karmie@comcast.net

**Grocery Certificate Team:** What a great way to meet lots of people! Every time you sell these certificates, a donation is made by one of the local grocery stores to St. Luke's! Help sell these between services on a Sunday convenient to your schedule. Contact Deb Payne 303-795-2685.

**Communications & Outreach:** We invite you to explore your creativity and technical skills while helping St. Luke's stay connected. We support staff and ministry teams to communicate their events, classes, missions, etc. to St. Luke's and the community at large. Are you passionate about writing, graphics, marketing and public relations? Many items are done at your own home! We would love to have you join this team. Contact Lisa Hajek 303-471-0705 or lahajek@qwest.net or Jim Ramsey 303-791-0659x23 or jim@stlukeshr.com

**Chronicle Stuffing/Mailing Team:** Help once a month to prepare our newsletter *The Chronicle* for mailing. If you enjoy being a "busy-bee" this is for you! Contact Sharon Oliver 303-791-7302 or chronicle@stlukeshr.com

**Sunday Morning Office Help:** Seeking someone to serve as our receptionist during our 8am service. Answer important Sunday morning questions (what time is service, Sunday school...) and take messages off our phone system to deliver to the pastors and staff. Please help our church be as invitational and welcoming as possible by offering your time. This job can be shared with others, pick a Sunday-once a month (or more!) and we will build our new Team! Contact Bonnie Funk 303-791-0659x10 or bonnie@stlukeshr.com

**Sunday Morning Fellowship-Coffee & Donuts Team:** Help clean up after the 11:00am service (need to prepare our fellowship hall for others to use during the day...does it get messy!!) Please contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659x20 or lynda@stlukeshr.com

**On the first Sunday of each month I invite you to attend the "Called to Serve" orientation of St. Luke's. Whether you just started attending or have been here for a while, we welcome you to explore our small groups and programs.  
Contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659x20 or lynda@stlukeshr.com.**

**Don't miss this invitation to serve as Jesus taught us to serve!**

**Check out the latest news from the**  
*Women of St. Luke's*  
**in their quarterly newsletter inserted in this month's  
issue of The Chronicle.**



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Elaine &amp; George Carlstrom



Valianne Young



Scott &amp; Susan Engel



Martha Estrada



Bett &amp; Bill Kemman



Mark, Cathy, Katie &amp; Meaghan Johnson



Joely Maddux

We will be offering the following dates for our "Next Step" class. This class covers the History of Methodism, discussions about the people of the United Methodist Church and information about the many ministries of St. Luke's and how you can serve. Lunch or dinner will be provided. Childcare is also available by making reservations at 303-791-0659 x47. If you are interested in joining the St. Luke's family, the membership ceremony will be within the same month at the service of your choice. Please select the class you would like to attend and call Lynda Fickling for reservations 303-791-0659 x20 or [lynda@stlukeshr.com](mailto:lynda@stlukeshr.com)

**Next Step Classes:**

Sun. Mar. 12, 11am-2:30pm  
Membership Ceremony:  
Sunday March 19

Sun., April 30, 11am-2:30pm  
Membership Ceremony:  
Sunday May 14

## MUSIC &amp; DRAMA



**James Ramsey**  
Director of  
Worship & Arts



**Carrie Mallery**  
Associate Dir. of  
Music Ministry



**Kay Coryell**  
Assistant  
Music Director

**HOLY WEEK Worship Experience**

**Palm Sunday**, April 9, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am  
featuring Children's Sunday School, Children's Choir, Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble

**Maundy Thursday**, April 13th & **Good Friday**, April 14th  
featuring *Godspell* 7:00pm  
No tickets required. Doors will open at 6:30 both nights.

**Easter**

April 16, Worship Services at 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00am

**Rochester Boys Choir**

on tour coming to St. Luke's  
Wednesday, April 19th from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Come and hear the beautiful sounds from this amazing ensemble of classic 20th Century choral literature. The select 15 member Rochester Boys Choir will dazzle and charm your soul. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to hear this incredible group. For more information, please contact James Ramsey at [jim@stlukeshr.com](mailto:jim@stlukeshr.com)

**Puppet Ministry**

The puppet ministry at St. Luke's is continuing to grow. Rev. Janet had a recent conversation with a duck and the puppeteers are getting ready to present a six-week ministry message on Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane to the Sunday school children starting in March. Anyone still interested in getting involved with puppets is invited to come to one of our rehearsals held each Wednesday night from 6:30-8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Let us help you to find a way to explore your faith as an adult or youth by bringing your spirit to life through nothing more than a simple puppet.

**Benefit Concert Recap**

On Saturday, February 11, the Music Ministry program had a concert which, for the first time, featured organist, Ken Mervine from the Colorado Symphony Orchestra and our new Wind Ensemble. For the first half, the Ministers of Swing and the St. Luke's Youth Jazz Orchestra performed classic jazz, funk and rock tunes that had toes tappin' and faces smilin'. Carrie Mallery and Ken Mervine played piano and organ duets which were very fun, both meditative and flashy. Mr. Mervine entertained us with his rendition of *Phantom of the Opera* on the organ and everyone lept to their feet after he was finished. The program concluded with our newly formed

Wind Ensemble playing fanfares, marches and movie themes conducted by the very talented Kay Coryell. The entire evening was a smashing success! Thanks to everyone who participated and who helped contribute over \$1,100 to the Littleton Chapter of Meals on Wheels!

**For a complete listing and contact info for all of our ensembles please visit [stlukeshr.com](http://stlukeshr.com).**

### March 2006

3/1 – Ash Wednesday Worship  
 3/5 – SLY AM Worship  
 SLY PM – District Worship @  
 Smoky Hill UMC  
 3/8 – SLAM Hook  
 3/10 – 3/12 YouthQuest  
 (6-8 Grade Retreat)  
 @ Frontier Ranch  
 3/12 – Regular SLY AM  
 Regular SLY PM  
 3/15 – SLAM Braveheart pt 1  
 3/19 – Regular SLY AM  
 Uncommonsense Concert  
 @ LIFEspot \$2 tickets  
 3/22 – SLAM Braveheart pt 2  
 3/26 – Regular SLY AM  
 Regular SLY PM  
 3/29 – Party @ Utter's House  
 3/31 – 4/2 Up With Youth  
 (9-12 Grade Retreat)  
 @ YMCA in Estes Park

## SLY: ST. LUKE'S YOUTH



**Ann Smith**  
 Assistant  
 Youth Director

**Chris Wilterdink**  
 Director of  
 Youth Ministries

### CHRIS' CORNER

## What's Next?

You know, everything that today seems traditional was in fact, at one time or another, new and contemporary. Who knows what will come next for today's generation... Remember FM radio and how cool that was? 8-Tracks? Records? Cassettes? CD's? IPODS? We are cruising along and becoming more complicated by the day! In a decade, won't we sit back and say "Man, can you remember listening to music on IPODS? Those are so old school..."

In youth ministry, youth always change, technology changes, ways of getting messages across change, but the message remains steady. We love you, God is there for you. You have seen us pushing the envelope in the last month with our "What Would Jesus Do On Reality Television" Youth Sunday as an alternative worship experience. This month, we welcome the alternative-rock band Uncommonsense from Kansas to continue sharing this message on March 19 at The LIFEspot (SE corner of University & Dry Creek). I hope that you'll come and check this band out, and hear what they have to say!

However you continue to change and grow, remember to never be afraid of change; embrace the new. All that God created was good, and God allows for change!

Peace & Love, *—Chris*



## January Confirmation Retreat



### DON'T MISS!

**Youth Mission Trip Details** will be coming out this month!

- The Jr. High trip (those finishing 6th grade through those finishing 8th grade) will travel to Alamosa, CO and work with Christian Community Service Projects fixing up and cleaning low-income housing from July 9-15.
- The Sr. High trip (those finishing 9th grade through those who just completed 12th grade) will fly to Ocean Springs, Mississippi to build and repair houses and communities still picking up the pieces from Katrina. This trip will take place from June 10-17 so that we beat hurricane season!

**Watch for registration materials and prices by the end of this month!**

If you are an adult interested in being a sponsor for either of these trips, please contact Chris ASAP for more information!

**Up With Youth** registration sheets are available for all high schoolers wishing to attend the retreat. The retreat runs from March 31 to April 2 at YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park. Turn in registrations by March 15 to Chris' office.

**Way to go on Youth Sunday! What a blast, now I know WWJDORTV!**

## Faith & Sexuality Weekend

St. Luke's, in partnership with St. Andrew's UMC, offered a Faith & Sexuality weekend to all 6-12 grade youth on February 10 and 11. Sixteen Junior and Senior High Youth from St. Luke's participated in this year's informative and fun weekend.

The weekend offered an opportunity for open dialogue and communication among adults and youth around subjects that are, all too often, never talked about. Small groups tackled issues from "Talking About Sex" and "Decision Making" to the "Social Principles of the United Methodist Church." Youth were given the opportunity to ask questions, share feelings and consider the many consequences of their decisions. Large group sessions presented information to further equip Youth to make healthy decisions.

While many Youth were nervous and quiet at the beginning of the weekend, they came to realize that the sessions were helpful, the adults were cool and that their friends had some of the same questions they did! Youth commented "I really liked learning all the things I didn't know" and "I have a greater understanding of the gifts and consequences of sex."

New friendships between Youth in the two congregations were formed and many were looking forward to more fellowship opportunities with their new friends.

When asked if they were glad they participated in the weekend, one junior high student said, "I'm going to tell my friends to do this next year!" and another commented "yes, I learned a lot and made new friends." A success in anyone's book!!



## SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LUKE'S MISSIONS: DENUM

# Denver Urban Ministries

St Luke's has had a supportive relationship with Denver Urban Ministries, known as "DenUM", for years. DenUM was created in 1981 by a group of Methodist ministers who saw many unmet community needs that could not be met by any individual church. DenUM began its operation out of the basement of the Epworth Methodist Church, on High Street in Denver. It now has the ongoing support of 40 or so churches in Colorado and as many as 80 churches for special events, and is located in a "new" building at 1717 E. Colfax, in the Park West area of the city. Members of St. Luke's congregation regularly donate clothes, food and time to DenUM. You may have seen the blue barrels with DenUM's logo around the church, and noticed that the mission closet is often brimming with bags of donations. These donations are used to serve DenUM's 55,000 clients and are also distributed through a nonprofit network to other agencies when appropriate.

Six days a week, people come to DenUM because they are hungry and refrigerators and cupboards

are empty. Neighborhood residents on fixed or low incomes stretch their food budgets by coming to DenUM for free produce, bread and dairy items. Homeless workers waiting for day-labor assignments come for sack lunches. DenUM has a staff of 10 or so fulltime and part-time people, with an additional 10 or so staff funded by various programs, and an additional 60 to 90 volunteers at any given time. Volunteers and staff are well-trained and supervised and every effort is made to stretch the almighty dollar to aid those in need.

Generally speaking, the agency meets emergency needs, but also tries to assist clients with long-term needs, by offering job services, legal counseling and referral, visiting nurses for referral, information on housing and shelter, free or very inexpensive clothing to meet immediate needs or job search needs, baby layettes, hygiene packets and of course, food. The food bank allows people to come four times a year. Each full grocery bag of food provides quite a bit of food for a family that has nothing at the time, because they are carefully planned to include essential and complementary items. All people coming for food are asked to meet with a worker, who assesses the person or family's needs and then makes use of the resources and connections DenUM has. Often people using the clothing bank are also referred to the case workers. DenUM tries to give people the most compassionate care possible, and above all maintains an attitude of respect and dignity for its clients. DenUM is trusted and appreciated by its clients and has a good relationship with other service providers. Our contributions to DenUM are put to good use.

And who does DenUM actually serve? The "homeless" as the expression goes. The homeless are actually divided into three categories by the city, and their numbers and situation are researched by a once a year "point-in-time" survey. About 10,000 surveys are conducted by various agencies, asking information about the "homeless" person's actual status on one particular date. Results of this year's survey will tell us how and where people lived on January 23, 2006. Results from previous surveys tell us that, generally speaking, about 100 people a night become transitional, first-time homeless people, and those people make up about 80% of the residents of the shelters. They stay in the shelter system briefly and do not return. On any given night there are 900 or

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so "episodic" homeless persons, who are shuttling between jail, detox, treatment and hospitals. They tend to be younger people, who require "enriched" transitional housing providing treatment for substance abuse, medical needs and mental health. Also on any given night, Denver cares for 900 or so of the "chronic" homeless, people who tend to be older, with special needs and who average two or more episodes of shelter use, for long periods of time. Of all of these people, 50% are members of a family unit, 22% have permanent work, 10% panhandle, 24% are day laborers, and 21% are children. Fifty percent indicate they are living with "family or friends", and 17% are living in motels. Children who are homeless are twice as likely to repeat a grade, have often changed schools as much as three times in a given year, are diagnosed as having learning

disabilities and language impediments twice as often as other children, and as having three times as many emotional and behavioral problems.

The root causes of homelessness are many, as we

all know, but St. Luke's role as it relates to DenUM is simply to assist in providing support for the many emergency services DenUM provides. We are proud of the job we do for DenUM, and the DenUM staff has expressed its thanks many times. If you are interested in assisting as a volunteer or an advisor to DenUM, you should simply call and leave a message (at 303-355-4896 (extension 310), and the staff will get back to you. If you want to make donations, feel free to bring them in any time to the church. Our church members make sure they get there. Thanks to all who have helped in the past, and thank you in advance for all future assistance.

Also, if you want to join the missions committee, please do so. You will be welcomed with open arms and put to work. Notices of missions meetings and activities are listed in the church bulletin every week. A quick call to the church office can help you too. The missions committee works with many missions. You can choose your interest and contribute as much as you feel you can... we invite you.

—Cathie Fern

## SLY, JR. LOCK-IN



SLY, Jr. had a great time at the Feb. 4-5 Lock-In with games, pillow fights and fellowship. We also collected games, snacks and books for CHOA (Children's Hematology and Oncology Association) and the new Children's Cancer Center for Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital. The kids decorated pillowcases for the children to put on their pillow and keep for use during their treatments. They could also have their nurses, doctors, other patients and their families, all of whom they get to know very well, sign their pillow case to remember them by. The kids generously filled 10 pillow cases to overflowing with a wonderful assortment of items for the cancer kids.



## MARCH 2006 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>February 26</b> 8, 9:30, 11am: Youth Sunday	27	28	<b>March 1</b> 8am: Little School Book Fair 6-9pm: WNL <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 7pm: Service of Ashes "Day by Day Along the Way"	2 8am: Little School Book Fair	3 8am: Little School Book Fair	4 8am: Work Day 6pm: "Mardi Gras" Dinner Dance
5 8, 9:30, 11am: Worship "Let Them Come" 8am: Little School Book Fair 9:30am: Called to Serve 6pm: SLY, Jr. 6pm: SLY PM	6 8am: Little School Book Fair 6:30pm: Women's Night Out	7 8am: Little School Book Fair	8 8am: Little School 6-9pm: WNL	9	10 <b>YOUTHQUEST</b> (6-8gr. retreat)	11 <b>YOUTHQUEST</b> (6-8gr. retreat)
12 8, 9:30, 11am: Worship "A Golden Rule?" 11am: Next Step Class <b>YOUTHQUEST</b> (6-8gr. retreat) 6pm: SLY PM	13 7pm: Trustees	14 7pm: Ministry Council	15 6-9pm: WNL	16	17	18 10am: Discovery Club
19 8, 9:30, 11am: Worship "Love My Enemies?" 6pm: SLY PM	20	21 7pm: SPRC	22 6-9pm: WNL	23	24 Guatemala Mission Trip	25 Guatemala Mission Trip
26 8, 9:30, 11am: Worship "Who am I to Judge?" Guatemala Mission Trip 6pm: SLY PM	27 Guatemala Mission Trip Little School Spring Break	28 Guatemala Mission Trip Little School Spring Break	29 Guatemala Mission Trip Little School Spring Break 6-9pm: WNL	30 Guatemala Mission Trip Little School Spring Break	31 Guatemala Mission Trip Little School Spring Break <b>UP WITH YOUTH</b> (9-12gr. retreat)	<b>April 1</b> Guatemala Mission Trip <b>UP WITH YOUTH</b> (9-12gr. retreat)

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 together toward full humanity through living the teachings of Jesus: Love, Acceptance, Justice and Hope.

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