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Lenten Dinners: Please join us on Wednesday nights through Lent for a soup, bread and salad dinner beginning at 5:45pm. The dinners are supported by a free will donation and provided by the various Wednesday night groups and the Hospitality and Events Team. There will be no dinner the Wednesday of Holy Week.

Women’s Night Out invites you to join us on Monday, February 5 at 6:30pm at Buca Di Beppo in Aspen Grove. Bring a friend or two! If you have any questions, call Kathy Eccles, 303-798-9188 or latecacias@msn.com. Join the fun!

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**Children’s Ministry Live Workshop**

St. Luke’s has been chosen as a site for this fabulous workshop on Sat., March 3. Parents and Children’s Ministry leaders will come from all over the Denver area (some will come even further) to attend. Packed with ideas and vision for anyone who works with children, this one-day workshop will inspire, equip and refresh ministry leaders and leaders in their area (some will come even farther) to attend. Packed with ideas and vision for anyone who works with children, this one-day workshop will inspire, equip and refresh ministry leaders and leaders in their area. For more info, contact Lynne Butler. Childcare will be available with reservation.

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**The Celestial Season** became a “thin place” for the St. Luke’s family, a rain of stars, a rushing of angels, a blaze of candles, a time when heaven and earth kiss. We were blessed by our music ministers’ cantata, a women’s dinner in candlelight, the puppet debut of the blues sheep, the gaggle of angels in the children’s pageant, the giant kings visiting the baby Jesus, and the snow-fest Christmas Eve with 8 worship services—2200 persons lit candles in 5 evening services. 250 more children attended the additional family service. The new contemplative service was a keeper, capping the celestial experience with a sacred retreat. Many thanks to all who brought the season to life!

**Wesley Festival at Lincoln Center to Benefit UMCOR**


NEW YORK (UMNS) - A United Methodist-related concert at New York’s Lincoln Center will honor hymn-writer Charles Wesley as it raises funds for relief work.

The 2007 Wesley Choral Festival, presented by Music Celebrations International, commemorates the 300th anniversary of Wesley’s birth. Events begin with a Feb. 15 gala dinner in Little Italy and culminate with a concert at Lincoln Center’s Avery Fisher Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 18.

The idea for the festival originated with James Ramsey, the director of worship and arts at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch, Colo.

Ramsey considers Wesley to be “the largest hymn writer known to mankind” who also had a significant impact on the denomination his brother founded. “From a historical perspective, without the hymns and without the rich history of hymn singing, the musical context of The United Methodist Church would be vastly different,” he added.

Wesley, who was born in December 1707, is said to have written at least 9,500 hymns, and may have produced three hymns a week for 57 years. The familiar tunes include “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus,” “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling,” “Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing,” and “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.”

As those hymns demonstrate, Wesley is an important musical icon for Christianity as well. “Wesley had some great inspiration and great prose and great verse,” he said.

But Ramsey’s goal is to do more than acknowledge Wesley’s inspiration and influence. “Over the course of the last five years, we (at St. Luke’s) have raised $75,000 for missions,” he explained. “It provides a passion and a purpose for making music for a cause. It transforms the experience for the performer, in my opinion.”

In this case, 100 percent of the proceeds of the Charles Wesley centenary concert will benefit the United Methodist Committee on Relief, which will designate the funds to landmine removal in Angola.

**Singers and leaders**

Concert participants include an estimated 275 singers—including choirs representing churches across the denomination’s four jurisdictions and Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens, Tenn., and the New Amsterdam Symphony Orchestra, a community orchestra in New York. United Methodist Bishop Warner Brown of Denver is among those expected to attend the concert.

Besides Ramsey, directors of the Wesley event are Eph Ehly, professor emeritus at the Conservatory of Music, University of Missouri-Kansas City, and Timothy Koch, director of music at First United Methodist Church, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The first half of the concert, to be led by Ramsey and Koch, will include familiar sacred music. “My point was to stretch the 300 years with great music that people would recognize,” Ramsey said.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

The Apostle's Creed begins with four little words, “I believe in.” We may think that these words giving one’s mental assent to the literal truth of each statement in the creed. But a closer translation is, “I give my heart to.” Thus, when we say “I believe,” we are saying more than just acknowledging something. And who is that? The rest of the creed tells the story of the One to whom we give our hearts: God as the maker of heaven and earth, God as known in Jesus, and God as present to the Spouse.

When we say the Creed, we are confessing our faith in the God of the biblical story. What separates Christian faith from every religious quest is not human faith. It is what Christian faith is from every religious quest is the object of our faith, the God in whom we place our trust, the God to whom we give our hearts, the God who cares for us, and who we believe will care for every one of us.

In this continuing sermon series, I want to use what we already know about Jesus as the starting point for what we believe about the Christ. What do we affirm? What do we question? In this series, I will use what we know about the Christ to explore the Creed, so that we might reflect those commitments. Join us every Sunday morning for worship and study! The Apostle’s Creed is an early statement of Christian belief. It is widely used in both worship and baptism. The statements of the creed came to define, not only the beliefs, but the controversies in the early church. It appears to have been originally formulated to refute Gnosticism, an early heresy, which denied the humanity of Jesus.

I grew up repeating this affirmation weekly in worship. However, there are few people who are familiar with the Apostle’s Creed! A form of the creed goes back to the 10th century. A version from the 14th century was used in the Reformation era. The Apostles’ Creed is an early statement of Christian belief. It is widely used in both worship and teaching. The statements of the creed came to define, not only the beliefs, but the controversies in the early church. It appears to have been originally formulated to refute Gnosticism, an early heresy, which denied the humanity of Jesus. The creed did not take its present form until the 8th century. Legend says that the creed was literally composed by Jesus’ twelve disciples, known after Easter as the apostles. The story goes like this: When the Spirit came, tongues of fire settled on the disciples. They were able to speak a variety of different languages. They found no nation strange to them, no foreign speech beyond their power of comprehension. Jesus then commanded them to journey separately to different countries to preach. As they were taking leave of each other, they settled on a common teaching, so that they might teach the world in a general way, scattered as they would be, the story of Jesus, giving one’s mental assent to the literal truth of each statement in the creed. But a closer translation is, “I give my heart to.” Thus, when we say “I believe,” we are saying more than just acknowledging something.

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RECRUITING an Associate Minister

Trinity United Church of Christ, located in Murray, Utah, is currently recruiting an Associate Minister. The position is available immediately. The Church is a progressive, multi-cultural, multi-generational congregation that is committed to the practice of open and affirming ministry. We would like to invite you to send along a resume of interest to the search committee, c/o Rev. Linda K. Pearson, Search Committee Chairperson. Spouses are invited to apply, as well.

F I N A N C I A L  U P D A T E

Good News-Bad News and then the Snow Came and then More Snow Came…

The good news is that our financial statements will show we finished 2006 in the black by a small amount for only the second time in the past 5 years. This reflects your generosity in giving and budget management by your dedicated church staff and the team leaders who are responsible for spending our funds to run their programs. This has to be our collective goal every year.

The bad news is that we only paid $46,810 toward our Wider Mission apportionments among the United Church of Christ Rocky Mountain Conference (RMC). This apportionment represents our apportioned share of the RMC budget that we, including your delegates, approved at Annual Conference. To put this in perspective, this is only about 37% of the asking while the average of all churches in the RMC is around 70% and some of the nearby churches of our size pay 100%. We had budgeted to pay about 70% and then the snow came which is partially the reason why we didn’t receive as many funds as pledged and planned. The specific final numbers and analysis for 2006 are not ready as of this writing. They will be shared in a future Chronicle article.

New Tax Law for Givers Who Use Cash Donations as Tax Deductions: In 2007, to deduct any cash donations of $200 or above, you must have a bank record or a written communication from the charity showing the name of the charity and the date and amount of the contribution. A bank record includes canceled checks, bank or credit union statements and credit card statements. Donations of money include those made in cash or check, electronic funds transfer, cash card, and payroll deduction. Poor law allowed taxpayers to drop their donation of money with personal bank records, diaries or notes made around the time of the donation.

Those types of records are no longer sufficient. We have always gone beyond the requirement of issuing a giving statement only to those who make a one-time donation of $250 or more. We record all donations for the purposes of providing givers with the donor envelopes with the donor name and the amount written on them legibly, etc. We keep copies of these documents on file in the event an issue develops that could be raised looking at our source for making our entries on your record. This includes copies of checks, the envelopes we receive with cash donations, and copies of the EFT records. We also use the envelopes you can find at the back of the sanctuary or in the fellowship pads for your cash donations. And, please make sure you put your name (first and last) and the amount of the gift on the envelope.

Electronic Funds Transfer Program (EFT): This program continues to grow. We are now over the $175,000 annually marks for pledges and over $65,000 for grocery certificates. We have 60 families for pledges and 32 for grocery certificates. Each month we have more participants in the EFT Program than in the previous months. This has to be our collective goal every year.

You Made a Difference!

The Trustees organization would like to recognize the SPRC for adding Barry Curtis to the staff of St. Luke’s. In just a few weeks, Barry has already made a difference in caring for daily maintenance issues on everything from changing light bulbs, assisting with set-ups, helping us to manage the freezing and thawing of our snow mountains and everything in between.

Since Barry can’t be with us around the clock, we’d also like to join the staff in appealing to everyone in our St. Luke’s family to help us to maintain our custodial and maintenance chores by picking up stray litter, finishing our tasks before we enter the sanctuary and helping our little ones to do the same. Through these strengthened efforts we hope to extend the life of our carpets and upholstery.

In support of the study to improve our meeting and worship spaces, the Trustees have created and published a list of improvements and capital needs including continuing our flooring updates, replacing aging furnaces, etc.

As you review the list, if you have additional suggestions, or any questions we’d appreciate if you’d send an email to: lindownardt@earthlink.net. And drop a note to the attention of the Trustees in the office. Thank you for helping us to care for our church home; we couldn’t do it without you!

A Little Bit About Barry

I graduated from Robert Lewis College in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in Geology. While in College I developed an interest in aviation and started flying lessons prior to graduation, earning my Private Pilot License in Dec. of 1986. I continued pursuing my passion for aviation and worked as a Flight Instructor in Cheyenne, WY until moving to Denver in 1998 where I worked for Frontier creating aeronautical charts for pilot use. In 1997 Amy and I opened the Cocktails by Design in Aurora, after 9 years, we decided to move to Denver and open Design in Aurora, after 9 years, we decided to move to Denver and operate a children’s clothing store. I still run my business on my own.

Barry Curtis
Facilities Manager
February 2007
2/4 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
         - Bible Boot 9:30am (9-12 Grades)
         - SLY PM Super Bowl Party, 4pm
2/7 – SLY AM 9:30-8:15pm
2/8 – Faith & Sexuality Weekend w/St. Andrew Youth (6-12 Grades)
2/11 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
         - Bible Boot 9:30am (9-12 Grades)
2/14 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY PM 6:30-8pm
2/18 – Jr. High & Sr. High SLY AM - Bible Boot 9:30am (9-12 Grades)
         - SLY PM 6:30-8pm
2/21 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY PM 6:30-8pm
2/25 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
         - Bible Boot 9:30am (9-12 Grades)
         - SLY PM 6:30-8pm District Super Bowl Party @ St. Luke UMC
2/28 – SLY 6:30-8:15pm
March 2007
3/4 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
         - Bible Boot 9:30am (9-12 Grades)
         - SLY PM 6:30-8pm
3/7 – SLY 6:30-8:15pm
3/11 – Jr. High Youth Quest Retreat
3/14 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
         - Bible Boot 9:30am (9-12 Grades)
         - SLY PM 6:30-8pm
3/14-17 – St. Andrew Youth Camp @ Los Tacones, Mexico
3/18 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
         - Bible Boot 9:30am (9-12 Grades)
         - Bible Boot 9:30am (9-12 Grades)
3/21 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY PM 6:30-8pm
3/22 – SLY 6:30-8:15pm
3/25-31 – Spring Break Mission Trips
3/25 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
         - Bible Boot 9:30am (9-12 Grades)
         - SLY PM 6:30-8pm
3/28 – SLY 6:30-8:15pm
4/1 – Palm Sunday
4/4 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am
         - Bible Boot 9:30am (9-12 Grades)
         - SLY PM 6:30-8pm

St. Luke’s Holiday Shop 2006 was a Great Success!!
Thank you to all of the many wonderful people who generously volunteered their time, made cookies, donated wrapping supplies and gifts, and to those of you who brought your children to shop! With your help, we raised $550 to donate to Childrens Ministries for Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2007. This will provide volunteer lunches during the week of VBS and scholarships to children who need financial assistance. We are so pleased to be able to help out with such an important program! We will also be able to replace the card tables that are kept in the missions closet thanks to the money raised.

Planning is already taking place for Holiday Shop 2007. If you are interested in volunteering either now or later this year, please call the number below. Also, if you have found old wrapping paper, new items that you were planning to re-gift, extra ribbons, gift boxes, tissue paper, etc. as you were putting away your holiday things, please think about donating them to the Holiday Shop. We accept donations any time during the year! Please contact Amy Antinori at 303-663-6656 if you have any questions, would like to volunteer, or have a donation.

More from Les
Bring me out of prison, so that I may give thanks to your name. The righteous will surround me, for you will do good abundantly with me. (Psalm 142:7)

How did you feel during the snowstorms that covered this area before and after Christmas? When snowstorms blocked our front door and driveway, Betty and I were a bit overwhelmed! We had plenty of food in the house, the electric service remained steady, the furnace performed as expected and our TV and Internet services remained available, but we felt “trapped”! We couldn’t easily come and go as we will.

We had been deprived of things that we had started to take for granted.
So what did I do? I began calling and e-mailing family members and friends. “We’re OK, but wow! You should see the depth of the snow outside!”

“The Post Office even shut down our mail deliveries for a day!”

There seemed to be an intense desire for us to communicate with others, outside our snow-striken area, and tell our story, to reinforce the fact that we are all connected with each other and do not endure all this alone.

And when we were able to get out and drive to a local grocery store for milk, bread and other essential supplies, we quickly learned that the delay of delivery trucks (and almost panic buying by some customers) had left many of the grocery store shelves bare! Local service stations were running low on gasoline, and the morning newspaper, to which I’m addicted, was not being delivered. This was a real crisis! So I started calling.

I believe there is a deep-seated reason why we reach out in times of crisis to those whom we know care for us. We need expressions of support and care from those who love us; we need reinforcement of the fact that we do not live alone, even when we feel unconfident or threatened. We need to be reminded there are others who praying for us. Bundles shared with another are easier to bear.

And that which is important to us in our crises, may be even more important to someone else going through their own testing time. Words like, “I care about you, I love you, let me help you work through this difficult time,” can be priceless.

“Bring me out of prison, so that I may give thanks to your name,” says the Psalmist, and that release from the weather-imposed, or self-imposed, prisons can come from a simple word or expression of love and concern.

God bless us all.

Chris Willerbitz
Director of Youth Ministries

Susan Johnson
Director of Youth Ministries

A Big SLY Welcome to Susan Johnson! Tell us a Little About Yourself:

I am very excited about working with the youth at St. Luke’s. My family and I have been members here for about 6 years and I have volunteered as a Sunday School teacher for the elementary grades for most of that time. I have also helped out with Vacation Bible School and some Wednesday Night programs. Working with children of all ages is one of my passions. I also enjoy hiking, camping, all sorts of crafts and being a Girl Scout Leader. I graduated from the University of Arizona with a BFA. I have completed several graduate classes in psychology and have completed many continuing education classes in childhood development.

Fortunately, you have a lot of experience in the area of youth ministry, and you have been a Girl Scout Leader. I graduated from the University of Arizona with a BFA. I have completed several graduate classes in psychology and have completed many continuing education classes in childhood development.

How many pictures does it take for you to see what we are looking like? 1? 3? All 4? The farther back the picture starts, the better your perspective becomes, and since God has been around since the beginning, God has the best perspective of all: The Eternal Perspective. In February all SLY programs will explore a little bit of this “Eternal Perspective”, so that you can begin to pick apart the important things from the unimportant, and not live within the “pattern of this world” in which the pattern influences you to make bad decisions. We’ll discover together about Self Control, Temptation, Materialism, Stress Management, Dealing with Circumstances, Attitude, Self-Image, Emotions, and the Spiritual School.

There are also several special SLY events coming up to change your perspective: The Faith & Sexuality Weekend February 9 & 10 for grades 6-12 with St. Andrew Youth, the Sr. High Ski Retreat in Breckenridge February 16-19, and the Jr. High YouthQuest Retreat for grades 6-12 from March 9-11. Check out the youth info wall for registrations for all these perspective changing events.

6-8 grade group, 9-12 grade group.

Sr. High Ski Retreat $150, February 16-19 Registration sheets available in church office.

Jr High YouthQuest Retreat 2007: March 9-11. Buncovski.This year’s theme is ‘SuvaLe Jrusaal’ $150 cost, Register ASAP

Anticipating the Lenten Season:
The ROAD WHERE FAITH IS FOUND

The physical life at St. Luke’s is not unlike the experience of pilgrims who come upon a intersection or a way-station, choosing to embrace the companionship of other travelers. We open ourselves to the possibility of trusted community and soul friendship.

Dear Companion God
I have journeyed to this place and here I pause.
My life so far has brought me here.
My life so far has brought me here.
I have journeyed to this place and here I pause.
We offer our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...
For further information on any of these teams, please go to the Fellowship & Support:

Worship Team:
- Worship T eam: Contact Advocate: Brent Martin 303-470-8606 Bmhart@stlukeshr.com
- Lynda Fickling Director of Worship & Arts

Carrie Mallory Director of Worship & Arts

Joy Cary Director of Worship & Arts

Missions:
- Select one of the teams or many to serve in Mission at St. Luke’s: Missions Team, Care Team, Caring Connection, Church & Society Team, Stephen Ministry. Contact Advocate: Brad Martin 303-470-8606 Bmhart@stlukeshr.com

Education:
- Select one of the Education Teams or attend the class: Adult Education Team, Children’s Education Team, Youth Education Team, Library Ministry Team, Nursery/Childcare, God & Country Program, SLT (St. Luke’s Youth at the Movies), Confirmation, Douthwatt Youth (youth study bible at Mountain View HS). Parents of Teens, SLT, Jr., Faith in Action, GAP Groups, Pastor Book Club, Saturday Design Team, Short Term Disciple, Disciple Classes, Living the Question, Study of Christian Thought, Women’s Faith Based Book Club, Christian Formation & Love Club. Contact Advocate: Sandy Larson 303-773-6872 Larson6872@comcast.com

Operations:
- Select one of these teams to be active in the Operations of St. Luke’s: Communications & Outreach, The Chronicle (monthly newsletter), Website Team, Trustees, Garnet Certificate Team, Wedding Planning Team, and the Visitor Information Team. Contact Advocate: Ken Fong 303-346-7075 ken@@stlukeshr.com

Worship & Arts:
- Worship & Arts: Contact Advocate: Lynda Fickling lynda@stlukeshr.com

Fellowship & Support:
- Fellowship & Support: Select one of many groups: Bridge, Cancer Support Network, Children’s Holiday Shop, College Team, Church Dinner, for 6,7, & 8, Family Camp, Fellowship Events Team, Marriage Encounter & Flame Marriage Encounter, Men’s Breakfast Club, Parent’s Night Out, Scrap Booking, Seniors Dinner Out, Softball, St. Luke’s Hypnosis Group, Support Team, Women’s Book Club, Women’s Night Out and Yarn & Yik. Contact Lynda Fickling Lynda@stlukeshr.com 303-791-0659 x20 lynda@stlukeshr.com

For further information on any of these teams, please go to the website, pamphlets, ministry catalog or pick up a Ministry Catalog at the Information Center.

Note of Thanks: Thank you for everyone for the kindness and concern during my surgery recovery from Surgery, especially for your kind and caring care through your help in taking me to my doctor appts., etc. I wish you the light of God’s love, the warmth of his presence, and the comfort of his healing. God Bless, Norma HARTS
**CHILDREN’S CALENDAR**

- **Fri/Sat, Feb. 2 & 3**
  - SLY Jr. 5th & 6th Grade Fellowship Saturday 6:00pm Friday - 10:00am Sat.
- **Sun, Feb. 11**
  - Family Movie Night 6:30pm
- **Sat, Feb. 17**
  - Discovery Club. Respite Program for Special Needs Children and their siblings
- **Sun, Feb. 18**
  - God & Country Program 12:15-1:30pm
- **Tues, Feb. 21**
  - Soup/Dinner and Lenten Devotion
- **Wed, Mar. 2**
  - Children’s Ministry Live Seminar by Group Publishing
  - St. Luke’s 6:00pm
- **Sun, Mar. 4**
  - PEAK Adventures 9:30 Elem SS
  - 5th & 6th Grade 7:00am - 10:00am
- **Wed, Mar. 7**
  - Soup Dinner and Lenten Devotion
- **Wed, Mar. 14**
  - Soup Dinner and Lenten Devotion
- **Sat, Mar. 17**
  - Children’s Ministry Reprise Program for Special Needs Children and their siblings
- **Tues, Mar. 20**
  - Children’s Ministry Education Team Meeting 6:45-8:30pm
- **Wed, Mar. 21**
  - Soup Dinner and Lenten Devotion
- **Wed, Mar. 28**
  - Soup Dinner and Lenten Devotion
- **Sat, Mar. 31**
  - Easter Fun Day 10:00am-noon

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**MISSIONS**

**Sunday Mornings**
- **9:00am - Christian Connections, Classroom B** (upstairs just outside the Sanctuary)
  - Facilitator: Scott Woron 303-683-0196 sworon@aomco.com
  - New study beginning Jan. 14th. It’s “Not About Me” by Max Lucado
  - The purpose is to talk to ourselves and then about the center of our lives to be happy. Some churches have communicated the idea that God exists to give us all that selfishly want. Max Lucado calls for a “Coperman shift” – it’s not about me, it’s all about God. God exists to proclaim God and we exist to do it. It is through this shift in thinking that we can truly live an unburdened, happy life. This book helps us to cultivate our lives so that God and His glory alone are the center of our world. Come join us!
- **9:00am - Study of Christian Thought, Classroom A** (upstairs just outside the Sanctuary)
  - Facilitator: Ann Roodram, anna@b.net.com 303-792-5110
  - Les Ludlam will lead a unit called “Confronting the Controversies, Biblical Perspectives on Tough Issues,” and will look at what the Christian Bible relates to contemporary social issues.
  - Some of the issues to be addressed are “Separation of Church and State,” “Creation and Evolution in the Public Schools,” “The Death Penalty,” “Abortion,” and “Euthanasia.”

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**A D U L T  E D U C A T I O N  -  W I N T E R  U P D A T E**

**February 4th**
- **9:30am - Study of Christian Thought, Classroom A**
  - “Affluence” in January. Drop-ins welcome!
  - Facilitator: Susan McIntosh 303-347-0727

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**Living the Questions**

- **New class beginning Thursday, February 1, at 9:30am.**
- **For questions, more information or to sign up, please contact Jenita Butler at 311 or j.butler@stlukeshr.com**
- **Serving by Design**
  - **Class is full this winter.** Will have another 8 week class in the fall (possibly the summer?) Contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x200 lynda@outlook.com

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**Minister of the Mission:** “YOU’VE GOT MAIL!” Support Our Troops

- Chaplin Jim, a Methodist Minister stationed in Iraq, has asked if we can show support for the young men and women currently serving in Iraq by donating items that our troops have asked for. The Mission Team has chosen “You’ve Got Mail” as the Mission of the Month for February. Regardless of personal feelings about the war, we believe members of St. Luke’s will gladly join Chaplin Jim and missions in sending a little bit of home to our young kids. A few of the items they have asked for are: baby wipes, granola bars, DVDs, ziplock bags, gum, candy, AA & AAA batteries, beef jerky, magazines (Time, Newsweek, People, sports, etc.), Starburst, jelly beans, and more. We have volunteers who will package and mail all donations. Questions for more information, contact Jan Rullen at 303-579-3491 or jrullen@comcast.net
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C A P I T A L C A M P A I G N U P D A T E

On Jan. 28th, Jennifer Tyler of Tyler & Associates will present the results of the Capital Campaign Discernment Study to the congregation. This will give us an idea of whether we, as a community of faith, can move forward with our capital campaign goals: 1) reduction of mortgage debt 2)addition of youth/multi-use educational space 3)refurbishment of our existing building and 4)construction of a Memorial Prayer Chapel. Look for more information to come soon. Please keep St. Luke’s in your prayers as we move forward and grow together into our 25th year!
**New Nametags Are In!**

If you ordered a nametag, please pick them up in the Narthex (outside the Sanctuary) on Sunday or in Lynda Fickling during the week. Leave the $3.50 in the basket (make the check out to St. Luke’s, memo line Nametag. If you would like to order one, please sign up at the Getting Connected table also in the Narthex. *You may continue to use the old nametags (no fee).* Order the paper/pin-on tag also at the Getting Connected table!

**NEW! Orientation of St. Luke’s**

Come Explore St. Luke’s on the second and fourth Sunday in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. Grab a cup of coffee, a donut and meet some new friends to explore all that St. Luke’s has to offer. During this 45 minute orientation, we will discuss the ministry programs, fellowship opportunities, and the mission and vision of our church. Along with the information, we will answer any questions you may have. Contact Lynda Fickling our Director of Servant Ministry x20 or email lynda@stlukeshr.com

**Joining St. Luke’s – A NEW Process:**

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3. Fill out the membership card located in the “Friendship Pad.” During the Hymn of Grace, persons are invited to come forward to be welcomed into the family of St. Luke’s. You may simply hand the membership card to one of our Pastors at any time.

4. Persons joining are asked to stay after the service to meet with our Director of Servant Ministry, to give and receive additional information and have a picture made.

5. Although not required, we encourage you to attend the “Orientation to St. Luke’s” held monthly to explore St. Luke’s programs, mission and ministries.

6. You will be invited to attend a New Member brunch! We will welcome you with food and fellowship and introduce you to our staff.

**The Commitment:**

- To worship regularly.
- To grow in faith by participating in a small group.
- To participate in hands-on mission to the congregation, the community, and the world.
- To reach out in care and hospitality.
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**The Children’s Ministry’s 1st Annual Christmas Pageant was a beautiful success.** Over 100 children participated in the show which included an angel dressed up for a Nativity Scene. A huge thanks to Linda Walker who spent countless hours working to make our show the success it was and we also appreciate all the parents who helped with costumes, music, props, during the show itself and with goodies after the show. This was a great way to start a wonderful new tradition!

**The puppeteers had a wonderful time in December presenting their ministry message, “The Littlest Gifts” to the congregation. Over three hundred people attended! The support the church gave to us that night and throughout the whole year is an absolute blessing. We especially enjoyed playing our wonderful, new “instruments” for the congregation for the first time. Yes, you’ll probably see them again.**

And yes, we really did use a gas tank from a Volvo and one from a BMW. We have no idea where the muffler came from. All of us really enjoyed presenting a part of our ministry message in blacklight, but almost all of the puppeteers agree that our favorite segment was “Manger Zone.” There’s just something about angels in jet packs, a camel jamming on a guitar, and three sheep in a time. Yes, you’ll probably see them again.

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**PEAK Adventures ~Sunday School at 9:30**
Westminster Ridge United Church of Christ
January 21-February 25 “Jesus and the Children.” This unit uses the Bible story included in Mark 10:13-16. Jesus proclaimed through his words and actions that children are valued by God. Children have important roles to play in the community of faith. By the end of this unit, children will have had the opportunity to:

- Hear the story of Jesus welcoming the children.
- Experience the joy and love of a faith community.
- See that we are all young, or old, children of God.
- See that every person is someone of worth.
- See that children have things to teach adults.

**Planning for Severe Weather**

In the event of inclement weather, the pastors and staff of St. Luke’s have adopted these procedures:

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**Yarn & Yak:** 1pm-4pm begins a group of women crocheting lap robes for residents of nursing homes, extreme need, large yarn and fabric for residents of Warren Village. First, people buy items, such as yarn, fabric, etc. This is a safe delivery. Oh, we now have knitters as well! We will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:30 pm in Classroom C, and would love to have you join us. Skills a little rusty? No skills at all? Well, we will teach you! Call Kristina Linn at kristinalinn@netzero.com or x40. Any questions or for more information, contact Jan Rufien at 303-979-3491 or jrufien@comcast.net.

**Red Cross/Second Chance Clothing Program**

This program is designed to help young people grow in their understanding of the Christian faith, to make it an active part of their daily living and explore how to ram into action. These young people and their mentors have worked very hard in reaching this milestone in their faith development. We congratulate them all.

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We are Called to Serve
Serving Opportunities February 2007


Join one of our Ministry Teams

Missions: Select one of the teams or many to serve in Mission at St. Luke’s. Missions Team, Care Team, Caring Connections, Church & Society Team, Stephen Ministry. Contact Advocate: Brad Martin 303-470-8606 brad708604@comcast.net

Education: Select one of the Education Teams or attend the class: Adult Education Team, Children’s Education Team, Youth Education Team, Library Ministry Team, Nursery/Childcare, God & Country Program, SLY (St. Luke’s Youth at the Movies), Confirmation, Dogwood Whole (Youth bible study at Mountain View HS), Parents of Teens, SYF, Faith in Action, GAP Groups, Pastor Book Club, Servant by Design, Short Term Disciple, Disciple Classes, Living the Question, Study of Christian Thought, Women’s Faith Based Book Club. Contact Advocate: Sandy Larson 503-777-6722 Larson6722@comcast.net

Operations: Select one of these teams to be active in the Operations of St. Luke’s. Communications & Outreach, The Chronicle (monthly newsletter), Website Team, Trustees, Grocery Certificate Team, Website Team. Contact Advocate: Aden Fong 503-346-7057 kov@stlukeshr.com

Worship & Arts Team: Select one of these teams to be a part of our Worship and Hospitality: Music Ministry (choirs, handbells, instrumental), Drama, Puppet, Altar, Altar Team, Sound & Video Team, Bread Bakers, Guest Calling Team, Guest Welcoming Team, Ushers, and our Guest Service Station. Contact Jim Ramsey 2s37 jle@stlukeshr.com or Lyndia Fickling 2x00 lyndia@stlukeshr.com

Fellowship & Support: Select one of our many groups: Bridge, Cancer Support Network, Children’s Holiday Shop, Common Thread, Cycling Club, Dinner for 6, 7, & 8 Family Camp, Fellowship Events Team, Marriage Encounter & Flame Marriage Encounter, Men’s Breakfast Club, Parent’s Night Out, Swap Booking, Seniors Dinner Out, Softball, St. Luke’s Highgroup (the group for 9th through 12th graders), Women’s Book Club, Women’s Night Out and Yam & Yaki. Contact Lyndia Fickling 303-791-0659 x20 lyndia@stlukeshr.com

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**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Music & Drama Ministries**

Carlton Young, editor of The United Methodist Hymnal, has also edited an anti-war hymn taken from Wesley’s first hymnal, which will be used for congregational singing and choir use only. The concert’s second half will feature the world premiere of “Directions for Singing,” by Andrew Fowler, a composer from South Carolina. The work, which celebrates the life and writings of Charles Wesley, takes its title from a work honoring the memory of Charles Wesley entitled “Directions for Singing” for narrator, soloists and full orchestra. Fowler will be at the piano. The Rev. David Money will present his finest readings of John Wesley in the world premiere of “Directions for Singing” by Andrew Fowler conducted by the renowned composer Eddy Elph during the second half of the concert. All proceeds from ticket sales will benefit UMBCOR and their landmine removal project in Angola. See related story on page 1.
A Big SLY Welcome to Susan Johnson! Tell us a Little About Yourself:

I am very excited about working with the youth at St. Luke's. My family and I have been members here for about 6 years and I have volunteered as a Sunday School teacher for the elementary grades for most of that time. I have also helped out with Vacation Bible School and some Wednesday Night programs. Working with children of all ages is one of my passions. I also enjoy hiking, camping, all sorts of crafts and being a Girl Scout Leader. I graduated from the University of Arizona with a BFA, I have completed several graduate classes in psychology and have completed many continuing education classes in childhood development.

How many pictures does it take for you to see what we are looking like? 1!) 3 AB! 4) The farther back the picture starts, the better your perspective becomes, and since God has been around since the beginning, God has the best perspective of all: The Eternal Perspective.

In February all SLY programs will explore a little bit of this “Eternal Perspective”, so that you can begin to pick apart the important things from the unimportant, and not live within the “pattern of this world which always influences you to make bad decisions. We’ll discover together about Self Control, Temptation, Materialism, Stress Management, Dealing with Circumstances, Attitude, Self-Image, Emotions, and Spiritual Life Lessons.

There are also several special SLY events coming up to change your Emotions, and Coping at School.

This spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...
A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, crucified, dead, and buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; to ascend into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father Almighty, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The Apostles’ Creed is an early statement of Christian belief. It is widely used in both worship and teaching and baptism. The statements of the creed came to define, not only the beliefs, but the controversies in the early church. It appears to have been originally formulated to refute Gnosticism, an early heresy, which denied the humanity of Jesus.

I grew up repeating this affirmation weekly in worship. However, there are not a few people for whom the Apostles’ Creed is a problem, either because they feel that they do not fully understand its affirmations, or because there are certain of its articles which they feel in honesty that they cannot accept.

The creed did not take its present form until the 8th century. Legend says that the creed was literally composed by Jesus’ twelve disciples, known after Easter as the apostles. The story goes like this: When the Spirit came, tongues of fire settled on the disciples. They were able to speak a variety of different languages. They found no nation strange to them, no foreign speech beyond their powers of comprehension. Jesus then commanded them to journey separately to different countries to preach. As they were taking leave of each other, they settled on a common teaching, so that they might not commit what is faulted, scattered as they would be, delivering divergent messages. So they all assembled in one place and drafted this short summary, each contributing the clause he judged fitting. They decided that it should be handed out as standard teaching to converts.

The Apostles Creed begins with four little words, “I believe in.” I think that means giving one’s mental assent to the literal truth of each statement in the creed. But a closer translation is, “I give my heart to.” Thus, when we say “I believe,” we are saying to the Spirit of God, “I give my heart to God as the maker of heaven and earth, God as the Father of Jesus, and God as present to the Spouse.”

When we say the creed, we are confessing our faith in the God of the biblical story. What separates Christian faith from every religious quest is not human faith. What separates Christian faith from every religious quest is the object of our faith, the God to whom we place our trust, the God to whom we give our hearts, the God who yearns to be in relationship with every one of us.

In this continuing sermon series, we want to consider what we believe about this relationship that is Jesus the Christ. What do we affirm? What do we question? How do we think about these early statements of faith? How do we understand what we stand within a community of faith and affirm shared commitments?

Join us every Sunday morning for worship and study!

A SERVICE OF FIRE & ASHES ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Ash-Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. Ashes from the palms of the past year are placed upon the forehead of those who choose the new life of faith, confessing the old by fire so that the new may rise from the ashes. The holy oil of repentence, “I give my heart to God.” While the ashes lead us through the forty days of the Lenten journey.

A Service of Fire and Ashes will be held in the sanctuary on Ash Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00pm. Everyone will be invited to write or draw a confession or a commitment to give it to the flash of the fire! Then, everyone will receive the mark of ashes and oil on the forehead. This is a 45 minutes family-friendly service, in which school-aged children can participate fully. Very young children will enjoy the help of a parent.

Catch us, O God, at our stations scarring us and others and hold us in this Lenten season. Hold our hearts to the beat of your grace and create in us a resting place, a kneeling place, a tiptoe place where we can listen for your voice and your presence. 

A Little Bit About Barry

I graduated from Fort Lewis College in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in Geology. While attending, I developed an interest in aviation and started flying lessons prior to graduation, earning my Private Pilot License in Dec. of 1986. I continued pursuing my passion for aviation and worked as a Flight Instructor in Cheyenne, WY until moving to Denver in 1990 where I worked for Republic creating aeronautical charts for pilot use. In 1997 Amy and I opened the Cockies by Design in Aurora, where we sold our designs for 9 years. My beautiful wife Amy and I have been married for 16 years, we have 2 children, Kyle and Hannah. We have been members of St. Luke’s for 16 years. My passion for aviation and the work of St. Lukes’ has provided me with many opportunities to combine two passions, and I am grateful for the work that I have. I enjoy spending time with my family exploring as many wonders as possible.
## LEAD STORY

**Wesley Festival at Lincoln Center to Benefit UMCOR**


NEW YORK (UMNS) - A United Methodist-related concert at New York's Lincoln Center will honor hymn-writer Charles Wesley as it raises funds for relief work.

The 2007 Wesley Choral Festival, presented by Music Celebrations International, commemorates the 300th anniversary of Wesley's birth. Events begin with a Feb. 15 gala dinner in Little Italy and culminate with a concert at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 18.

The idea for the festival originated with James Ramsey, the director of worship and arts at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch, Colo.

Ramsey considers Wesley to be "the largest hymn writer known to mankind" who also had a significant impact on the denomination his brother founded. "From a historical perspective, without the hymns and without the rich history of hymns singing, the musical context of The United Methodist Church would be vastly different," he added.

Wesley, who was born in December 1707, is said to have written at least 9,500 hymns, and may have produced three hymns a week for 57 years. The familiar tunes include "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.

As those hymns demonstrate, Wesley is an important musical icon for Christianity as well. "Wesley had some great melodies, and he wrote three hymns a week for 57 years. The familiar tunes include "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

But Ramsey’s goal is to do more than acknowledge Wesley’s inspiration and influence. "Over the course of the last five years, we (at St. Luke’s) have raised $75,000 for mission," he explained. "It provides a passion and a purpose for making music for a cause. It transforms the experience for the performer, in my opinion."

In this case, 100 percent of the proceeds of the Charles Wesley tercentenary concert will benefit the United Methodist Committee on Relief, which will designate the funds to landmine removal in Angola.

### Singers and Leaders

Concert participants include an estimated 275 singers - including choirs representing churches across the denomination’s five jurisdictions and Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens, Tenn. - and the New Amsterdam Symphony Orchestra, a community orchestra in New York. United Methodist Bishop Warner Brown of Denver is among those expected to attend the concert.

Besides Ramsey, directors of the Wesley event are Eph Ehly, professor emeritus at the Conservatory of Music, University of Missouri-Kansas City, and Timothy Koch, director of music at First United Methodist Church, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The first half of the concert, to be led by Ramsey and Koch, will include familiar sacred music. "My point was to stretch the 300 years with great music that people would recognize," Ramsey said.

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### Lenten Dinners

Join us on Wednesday nights through Lent for a soup, bread and salad dinner beginning at 5:45pm. The dinners are supported by a free will donation and provided by the various Wednesday night groups and the Hospitality and Events Team. There will be no dinner the Wednesday of Holy Week.

### Women’s Night Out

**invite you to join us on Monday, February 5 at 6:30pm at Buca Di Beppo in Aspen Grove. Bring a friend or two! If you have any questions, call Kathy Ecos, 303-798-9188 or kaleccke@msn.com. Join the fun!**

## St. Luke’s United Methodist Church welcomes you to our Christian family, where we share life. Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are accepted and encouraged to grow spiritually.

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

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**Children’s Ministry Live Workshop**

St. Luke’s has been chosen as a pilot for the live children’s workshop for the new year. A one-day workshop will inspire, equip and refresh ministry leaders and will provide a vision for reaching new generations of children. Workshop includes a course book, kit, and a one-year subscription to the Children’s Ministry Magazine. Come and network with children’s ministry leaders in your area and get exclusive workshop discounts on other materials for your ministry. We are so fortunate to have this workshop at St. Luke’s. The cost is $45 and in addition to the above, we will throw in an extra book to help you in your ministry with children. Let’s show everyone how much St. Luke’s loves our children! To register, contact Lynne Butler. Childcare available with reservation. Go to www.group.com/ workshops/childrensministry.asp to learn more.

**The Celestial Season** became a “thin place” for the St. Luke’s family, a rain of stars, a rushing of angels, a blaze of candles, a time when heaven and earth kiss. We were blessed by our music ministers’ cantata, a women’s dinner in candlelight, the puppet debut of the blues sheep, the gaggle of angels in the children’s pageant, the giant kings visiting the baby Jesus, and the snow-laden Christmas Eve with 8 worship services–2200 persons lit candles in 5 evening services. 250 more children attended the additional family service. The new contemplative service was a keeper, capping the celestial experience with a sacred retreat. Many thanks to all who brought the season to life!

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