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and much more!

NEW!

25th Anniversary  
**Speakers Series**  
at St. Luke's

**Don't miss the first in our series: "Building Strong Families with ACCCTS" Nov. 9 & 10**

Please save these dates!  
The event will be open to the entire metro area. Flyers and registration forms will be mailed soon!

Jonathan Sherman is a licensed marriage and family therapist who is a sought-after speaker and author. He will give us an overview of how to build on the strengths our families already possess. The research-based approach teaches the guiding principles and practical techniques for the six most common traits of strong, resilient families and marriages: Appreciation and Affection; Commitment; Creative Coping and Problem-solving; Time Together; and Spiritual Wellness—"ACCCTS!"

The presentation will be upbeat, fun, informative and energizing. Watch for further details soon!

*"Great relationships don't just happen... They are created."*



## St. Luke's UMC Raises Enough to Feed Over 7,000

by Michelle Ellis

Nearly 1,000 people attended the "Feeding of the 5,000: The Miracle is in the Sharing" event hosted by St. Luke's United Methodist Church on September 9 at Civic Green Park. 3,900 pounds of food and over \$3,000 in donations were collected at the event and presented to Denver Urban Ministries (DenUM). DenUM calculates that the donations are enough to feed nearly 7,000 people in the Denver area.

"The primary goal of this event was to engage and call our community to act against hunger in our own backyard," said Reverend Janet Forbes, senior pastor at St. Luke's. "We are happy to say that we were able to exceed our goal of feeding 5,000 and provide enough food to nourish nearly 7,000 people."

St. Luke's invited the entire community to come and enjoy a fun-filled day of activities, entertainment and a barbeque meal, sponsored by Wingin' It. Entertainment featured at the event was provided by St. Luke's Youth Jazz Orchestra, Ministers of Swing, Sonrise and a special evening concert featuring the Denver-based Christian rock group Three Cord Wonder.

A big thanks to the nearly 100 volunteers that helped make it a huge success!

"Feeding of the 5,000: The Miracle is in the Sharing" was held as a part of St. Luke's year-long "Got Community?" campaign to celebrate its 25th anniversary.

Denver Urban Ministries was organized in 1981 as a 501(c)(3) human service agency to provide emergency and stabilization services in Denver's most impoverished neighborhoods supplying clothing and food, [www.denum.org](http://www.denum.org).



**Tickets on Sale NOW!**



**Friday, October 26**  
7:00pm

**Saturday, October 27**  
3:00pm & 7:00pm

**Sunday, October 28**  
3:00pm

*Don't miss it! Details inside on page 9!*

## St. Luke's Blessing of the Animals!

Dogs, cats, birds, rats, guinea pigs... they all came out on a sunny September afternoon to be blessed by Rev. Janet, Rev. Brad and Rev. Pam. "If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men." —St. Francis of Assisi



**Sunday Worship Services:**

8:00am, 9:30am &amp; 11:00am

**Summer Sunday School:**

Adult: 9:30am &amp; 11:00am

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Children: 9:30am

Nursery available for

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**Rev. Janet Forbes**  
Senior Pastor

## Preparing to be a Delegate to the General Conference

The United Methodist Church's top legislative assembly, the General Conference, will meet in Fort Worth, Texas from April 23 to May 4, 2008 to set direction for the denomination for the following four years. I was elected by my clergy colleagues to lead the delegation for the Rocky Mountain Conference (Colorado, Utah, and two-thirds of Wyoming).

Over the next several months, I will provide an overview of the gathering, how it works and its significance in the life of the church. Please email me at janet@stlukeshr.com, if you have questions.

**What is General Conference?** As the top policy-making body of the international United Methodist Church, General Conference is the only body that officially speaks for the 11.5-million member denomination (13 million if including baptized children who have not become members).

During the nine-day session, 992 delegates will revise the Book of Discipline, which regulates the manner in which local churches, annual conferences and general agencies are organized. The book also sets policies regarding church membership, ordination, administration, property and judicial procedures. The assembly may modify most disciplinary paragraphs by majority vote, but the Constitution can only be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote, followed by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the aggregate number of members voting in annual conference session. Delegates may not revoke or change the Articles of Religion or the Confession of Faith unless two-thirds of the delegates agree to change this provision and three-fourths of the annual conference members also agree.

Delegates also revise the Book of Resolutions, a volume declaring the church's stance on a wide variety of social justice issues. The book contains more than 300 resolutions that are considered instructive and persuasive, but are not binding on members.

**Where does the conference meet?** Meeting sites rotate among the church's five geographic U.S. jurisdictions. The conference was held in 1996 in Denver (Western Jurisdiction), in 2000 in Cleveland (North Central Jurisdiction), and in 2004 in Pittsburgh (Northeastern Jurisdiction).

The 2008 conference will be in Fort Worth, Texas (South Central Jurisdiction). The 2012 gathering is scheduled for Tampa, Fla. (Southeastern Jurisdiction). There is nothing prohibiting future General Conferences from being scheduled outside the United States.

**Who are the delegates?** The 992 delegates to the 2008 gathering are United Methodists elected by their annual conferences. Annual conferences consist of ordained clergypersons and an equal number of laypersons elected by their local churches.

Once every four years, annual conferences elect equal numbers of lay and clergy members to represent them at General Conference. Lay members vote for lay delegates and clergy for clergy delegates. The number of delegates from each conference is based on the number of clergy members and the number of lay members. However, even conferences with few lay and clergy members are guaranteed one clergy and one lay delegate. The Constitution permits General Conference to be composed of at least 600 and no more than 1,000 delegates.

Churches in the Southeastern Jurisdiction will have the largest number of delegates from the United States. However, because of membership increases in central conferences (outside the United States), that jurisdiction will have only 252 delegates, down from 278 at the 2004 gathering. North Central will have 138, down from 164; Northeastern, 126, down from 144; South Central, 148, down from 170; and Western, 40, down from 44.

The central conferences will have 278 delegates, up 100 from the 2004 assembly and up 136 from the gathering in 2000. Africa will be represented by 186 of the central conference delegates, up 94 from 2004. The 21 annual conferences in the Philippines will have 42 delegates. An additional 10 delegates will come from "concordat" churches with which the denomination has a formal relationship.

**How does the legislative process work?** At General Conference, petitions will be considered first by one of 13 legislative committees (up from 11 in 2004) that may vote to adopt, reject or refer. The Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order is proposing to eliminate language of "concurrence or non-concurrence or concurrence as amended."

Most of the first four days is spent considering proposals in committees. During the second week, the entire gathering considers legislation proposed by the committees. A proposal coming from a committee is called a "calendar item."

Rules of General Conference are approved by delegates prior to any legislative actions. Rules proposed by the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order will call for legislative committee calendar items with fewer than 10 negative votes to be placed on a "consent calendar." If an item is not removed by a written request of 20 delegates, and if it does not involve funding or a constitutional amendment, the entire consent calendar is approved with a single vote. General Conference may change the specific rules related to the consent calendar,

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## FROM REV. BRAD



**Rev. Brad Laurvick**  
Associate Minister

Wow! What a start to a powerful and different new ministry. Our first preview of Fusion was itself a fusion of grace, worship, community, and something deeper. Over 110 people gathered to worship in an intentionally different environment, and we were blessed.



Those present were a mix of ages, backgrounds, and reasons they were present—exactly what we are looking for from a service like this. I was blown away by everyone's willingness to try something so new and different.

Some may have just been checking it out, others may have found a new way to connect on a regular basis—what we wanted was for people to experience Fusion. A service like this is so based on how it 'feels'—you can't write about it, you can't just announce it, you have to experience it—and then you can share about it. If you were there, tell people what it was like for you. If you weren't there, ask someone who was and then make it a point to join us in October and November (Oct. 14 and Nov. 11). This service will launch weekly in January and we would love to see people who are new to St. Luke's joining us. This means letting people know and being invitational.

We have an opportunity here to reach out in a new way and add to the wonderful ministries of St. Luke's. People who are looking for an emerging and edgy worship experience, people who can't make it Sunday mornings (whether that is because of work or play), people who just need a back-up plan for the weeks they can't make morning worship—these are the people we need to share Fusion with. It's a fusion of your everyday life and something deeper... and we can't wait to share it with you again. See you October 14 and November 11—and then every week in '08!

*Be blessed and be a blessing! —Rev. Brad*

*continued from page 2* but the process enables the assembly to quickly deal with hundreds of legislative proposals.

Prior to the conference, delegates receive an Advance Edition of the Daily Christian Advocate, containing the names of delegates and legislative committee assignments, reports from general agencies and all petitions. The edition is translated into Portuguese and French.

Each day during the conference, delegates receive an English edition of the Daily Christian Advocate containing the agenda, news, features, recommendations from legislative committees and a verbatim report of preceding plenary sessions. Those daily editions enable delegates to know which proposal is being debated and actions taken on previous days. By the end of the nine-day session, delegates will have received more than 2,500 DCA pages. Plenary sessions are translated into German, French, Portuguese, Swahili, Spanish, Russian and Korean.

A computer-tracking system enables delegates and visitors to determine the status of any petition or calendar item.

The Commission on General Conference will suggest that, in the future, individuals must submit their petitions through local church conferences or other denominational organizations. The United Methodist Church is the only denomination allowing individuals to petition their legislative assembly.

## THE SPIRIT OF ST. LUKE'S

## A Bold Venture UPDATE:



## PLANNING FOR THE BOLD VENTURE GOES TO THE ARCHITECT

At the Church Conference on Sunday morning, September 16, St. Luke's elected the Bold Venture Building Committee and authorized their contractual conversations with Jim Morgan of Lee Architects. Rev. Olon Lindemood, superintendent of the Mile High/Pikes Peak District, was present to preside.

Elected to lead us in the planning and construction of the new youth/education/chapel addition off the west side of the current facility were: Scott Kohrs, Chairperson; David Rhodes, Randy Larson, Joyce Carnes, Dee Duncan, Ken Fong, Sandi Miyaki, Marge Harper, Peter Waldheim, Tim Krening, and Terri Ary. Dave Cupp and Janet Forbes will serve as staff liaisons.

Contracts have now been signed and conversations are proceeding to determine the final building plans for submission to the staff and congregation, District Committee on Church Building and Location, and Douglas County Planning Commission. Our team thinks that we will be able to break ground in the spring and open the new addition in September 2008.

The other projects of the Bold Venture Campaign are also being researched and prioritized for approval by the Executive Board, once we have determined the final cost of the construction. The Staff Parish Relations Committee is preparing their requests for compensation increases and benefit plans for our staff team. The Board of Trustees is determining exact costs for the refurbishment projects, especially carpeting, air conditioning, and additional security measures.

## Ministry Happens Here!



On Sunday the 16th of September our entire community experienced the many ways "ministry happens here". Our different ministry teams offered an environment of relational hospitality as we took a morning to be intentional about discovering all the ways we can serve and be served here at St. Luke's. Thanks to all of you who put the relationships into

Relational by being at a table, and to all of you who stayed a little longer than normal to learn about all of the amazing ways you can get further connected here. Our ministries are year 'round so even though the ministry fair is but once a year, you can serve and be served any time.

If you want to know more about any group you met or if you weren't able to be at the Ministry Fair, just stop by the Get Connected table in the narthex.





**Lynda Fickling**  
Director of  
Servant Ministry

## Invitation to Serve

***"Why do we need to know about spiritual gifts? First, we are told to be aware of them. (Visit [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org) and take the mini-assessment under Serve then contact Lynda Fickling [lynda@stlukeshr.com](mailto:lynda@stlukeshr.com) who will walk with you through the process). Second, we are expected to use them."***—Bruce Bugbee, *What You Do Best in the Body of Christ*

### Hospitality Teams:

**Ushers** Contact: Shawn Slade 303-660-6113 [denverslade@msn.com](mailto:denverslade@msn.com)  
Dick Frame 303-791-4251 [rframe5492@aol.com](mailto:rframe5492@aol.com)

Assist in the weekly Sunday worship by ensuring worshippers are attended to before, during and after services. We typically serve on a quarterly basis. If you would enjoy serving our community as an Usher please contact Shawn or Dick. *Spiritual Gifts: Hospitality, Services, Helps*

**Greeters** Contact: Karmie Hilleary 303-683-4696 [karmie@comcast.net](mailto:karmie@comcast.net)  
Valerie Goodstein 303-799-0907 [valgoodstein@hotmail.com](mailto:valgoodstein@hotmail.com)

Be the first smile and handshake our guests receive on Sunday mornings. We are the hosts and our mission is to make all who come to our community feel comfortable from the minute they walk through the front doors of St. Luke's. *Spiritual Gifts: Hospitality, Services, Helps*

**Guest Services** Contact: Debbie Miller 303-791-8921 [mills1414@aol.com](mailto:mills1414@aol.com)  
Stand and greet our guests on Sunday morning in the Foyer. Great way to meet new folks and help answer simple questions. Choose to serve one Sunday a month, 30 minutes prior to the services. *Spiritual Gifts: Hospitality*

**Guest Calling Team** Contact: Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20  
[lynda@stlukeshr.com](mailto:lynda@stlukeshr.com)

Make a phone call to thank and welcome our guests for visiting with us for the first time. Choose one Sunday a month to make the calls (avg. 1-3 calls a month). Easy to do from your own comfy couch! *Spiritual Gifts: Hospitality, Helps, Services*

**Puppet Ministry** Contact: Steve and Cathy Collins 303-346-0275

This ministry conveys Biblical stories to a diverse community and audience. We could use up to 4 (at least 2) committed adults for the team. They would attend rehearsals and perform with the team. Support is needed in making props, costumes and helping set up and take down. If you are interested in joining this unique and very popular (!) ministry, contact Steve and Cathy Collins 303-346-0275 [scecollins@earthlink.net](mailto:scecollins@earthlink.net)

*\*As we list the Spiritual Gifts, you may have one or more than one in each area. For further information regarding your Spiritual Gifts/Passions contact Lynda Fickling [lynda@stlukeshr.com](mailto:lynda@stlukeshr.com) or 303-791-0659 x20. Realize your potential for living a God-centered life!*

## New to our Website

Visit the new area called "Serve" under Ministries at [www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com)! Explore your spiritual gifts and how to apply them to your life and to our community (and beyond). Worship on Sunday here at St. Luke's is only part of your journey. How are you doing in serving the rest of the time? Take a look at these pages on our site to see where you might use your God-given spiritual gifts. Our gift-based service is not an optional activity; it is the activity we were created to do! Blessings on your new journey. Thanks to Ken Fong for getting this up and running.



### Week Ending September 28, 2007

To add or remove someone from the prayer chain,  
contact Bonnie Funk 303-791-0659 x10 or [Bonnie@stlukeshr.com](mailto:Bonnie@stlukeshr.com)

Gerry Wright (Gail Abernathy's mother)  
John Poole (friend of Joy Damsgard)  
Beth Turner  
Al Bierman (Sandi Thompson's friend's husband)  
Walt Brewer  
Jenni Keefer (Mike Hutchins' daughter)  
Avis Stanley (Joy Damsgard's mother)  
Jim Hertel (Sandy Thompson's father)  
Brian Day (Eileen Law's nephew)  
Brent Webber (friend of Cushing family)  
Peter Quick  
Jackie Lehnus (Lisa Lehnus' mother)  
Courtney Nyberg (Kay Swanson's niece)  
Norma Harris  
Betty Kieser (Bonnie Funk's mother)  
Kendall Griggs (Susan Hooke's uncle)  
Fanelle Laughlin (Lisa Williams' aunt)  
Becky Williams (Jeff Williams' sister)  
Charles Hardin (family friend of Lisa Williams)  
Burt Sabli (Diane Whetson's father)  
Brian Keefer (Mike Hutchins' son-in-law)  
Carol Bryden (Kay Swanson's mother)  
John Covey (friend of Ross Barnard)  
Amber Cunningham (friend of Amy Antinoro)  
Joyce Martin (friend of Kam Boles/Lise Takayama)  
Ernie Wight (Elizabeth Laurvick's father)  
Sharon Zona (Bonnie Funk's friend)  
Rylie Krening (grandson of Carleen & Rich Krening)  
Tony Yim (friend of Betty/Les Ludlam)  
Jules Tim (friend of Betty/Les Ludlam)  
Charlotte Tiernan  
Darryl Griggs (Susan Hooke's cousin)  
Heidi (friend of the Hooke family)  
Edna Earl West (Bob West's mother)  
Jodi Lambert (Bobbi King's dentist)  
Devyn Linn  
Jamie MacNamara (L.S. family)  
Jill Wright's father  
Farzan Khan (friend of Manijeh B.)  
Gordon Lewis (friend of Ken Fong)  
Alex Pass (son of a friend of Julie Polikoff)

Tom Hawkins (Virginia Young's brother)  
Lonnie Roberts (friend of Susan Hooke)  
Patricia Ludlam (Les Ludlam's mother)  
Ed Herring (Les Ludlam's nephew)  
Kristi Fesler (Mona Daniel's friend)  
Terri Gaertner (Kam Boles/Lise Takayama's friend)  
Ronald Block (Valerie Block's father-in-law)  
Members of Pat Sabados' family (friend of Kris Reif)  
Norm Keller (Candy Keller's father)  
Jeanine Quick  
Kami Lamb (friend of Cindy Barlow)  
Beverly Parmalee (friend of Betsy Keyack & Ken Fong)  
Bill Burkett (Janet Walters' father)  
Tom Tullos (Diana Stephen's father)  
Jordan Meier  
Scott Ransick (Eric Ransick's brother)  
Nate Anabali (Sam Mezger's friend)  
Craig (Joy Damsgard's friend)  
Pat Clem (neighbor of Doug Wagner)  
Joel Breneman (Lynda Fickling's nephew)  
Cathy Collins  
Alicia Waldheim  
Bruce Thompson  
Theresa Arbogast (friend of Eileen Law & Roberta Hamilton-Griggs)  
Tracy Haffner (friend of Eileen Law)  
Gene White (Fran West's nephew)  
Bruce & Lois Thompson's niece  
Gramma Ruth (Adam Hutzell's grandma)  
Justin & Chelsea Preedy (Jan & Charlie Rufien's grandkids)  
Dave & Mary Jones (friends of the Rufiens)  
Patricia Sailors Westlake

### Sympathies:

To Jim & Leigh Ramsey and family on the passing of Jim's Great-Uncle Loyale Mason, September 27  
To Kay Swanson and family on the passing of Pastor David Koch, September 27  
To Lee & Debbie Newby and family on the passing of Lee's Great-Uncle Eugene Rodriguez, September 28.

## WELCOME New Members: September 2007



**Dick & Janet Loughry**  
"St. Luke's has been so welcoming and friendly. We have known and loved Rev. Janet for ten years and it will be great to go to church with my sister and brother-in-law, Bett and Bill Kemman."



**Tim Krening (daughter Taylor)**  
"The wonderful people who have welcomed my daughter and me."

### Joining St. Luke's

There is a place for you here! Please contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20 or [lynda@stlukeshr.com](mailto:lynda@stlukeshr.com) or one of the pastors for more information.

## UMW Kick-Off with "Pieces of Life"

by Michelle Ellis



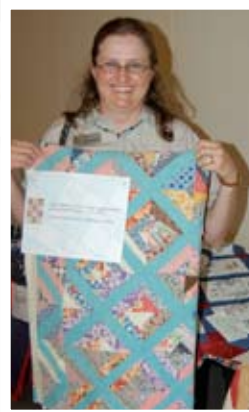
St. Luke's introduced its newly ignited unit of United Methodist Women (UMW) with a successful event held at the church on September 23. Over 40 women (and one man) were on-hand for "Pieces of Life and a Slice of



Pie." The event was highlighted by a display of handmade quilts and the stories behind them and attendees enjoyed a fabulous assortment of homemade pies and a performance by St. Mary's Academy (directed by Roberta Hamilton-Griggs) of scenes from "Quilters," a play reflecting the spirit and lives of women caught up in America's westward movement.

Betty Ludlam, district representative for UMW, kicked off the occasion and Reverend Pam Rowley led the women in devotion. Co-presidents Janet Sackett and Fran West (pictured above) addressed the group and discussed the future of St. Luke's new UMW unit. General programming will take place four times a year and a variety of interest groups will be available, including Itch to Stitch, a women's book group and a group for women with preschoolers. So there will be a lot happening with UMW in months to come!

The organized unit of UMW shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. For more information on UMW or to become involved please contact Janet at 303-918-3401 or wsackett@comcast.net, or Fran at 303-797-7107 or bobandfran7107@hotmail.com.



## Servant Spotlight: Dean Conklin

by Michelle Ellis

Dean Conklin is a farm boy from Ohio who grew up in a loving and caring Christian family anchored by his parents Mary and the late Kelly Conklin. Dean and his siblings Connie and Ronnie were raised within a Holstein Dairy farm family near Hilliard, Ohio. Inspired by his grandfather Henry Conklin, a former leader in the dairy industry in Ohio, Dean attended The Ohio State University and received his degrees from the College of Agriculture. Dean has been with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) for 20 years, with 13 years in Chicago and 7 in Denver. He is currently the executive director of veal marketing at NCBA and helps to coordinate the veal marketing efforts throughout the United States.

A member of St. Luke's since 2000, many people in the congregation may be familiar with Dean because of his passion for golf. He has participated on the Golf Committee at St. Luke's for the past few years and has been part of a team effort in building upon the success of the annual Golf Tournament. After its 4th year, he took some time to talk to us about his volunteer work for St. Luke's:

**Why did you choose St. Luke's?** It is a great church made up of many caring families from diverse backgrounds that offer so much in the form of God given talent and radical hospitality!

**What do you like most about St. Luke's?** It's people, programs and open atmosphere where everyone is welcome to be a part of something special at St. Luke's. This means a lot to me since my family all are home in Ohio.

**Which groups have you been involved with at St. Luke's?** Disciple Classes (completed 1 and am now in Disciple 3), the Communications Committee and the Golf Committee.

**Why do you volunteer at St. Luke's?** I try to follow the advice of people who have inspired me in my life when it comes to volunteering. My professor at The Ohio State University said you have to "circulate to percolate" and my former pastor at the First United Methodist Church/Chicago Temple in Chicago encouraged me to find a church in Denver and "get involved" even though my career provides extensive travel responsibilities.

**What do you think is the importance of being a servant?** It gives me a chance to grow and help others to grow spiritually. It also helps me remember how blessed we are to live in a country where we can worship freely and give back and pay forward with our resources, time and talent. By serving you learn how to walk more humbly with our God and serve the church as an extension

of God's plan for each of us. I like to live by my father's saying: "Plan your work and work your plan to meet the challenge according to God's ultimate plan."



Dean Conklin (far left) and his dream team!

## St. Luke's Comes Out Swinging with 4th Annual Golf Tournament

St. Luke's 4th Annual Golf Tournament was a huge success with over 100 golfers participating. The invitational, held at Fossil Trace Golf Club on August 24, reached its goal of raising \$11,000. All of the funds raised will go towards paying the loan payments and maintenance of the church bus.

The big winners at this year's tournament were (pictured above from left to right) Dean Conklin, Bert Stull, Ann Merrell and Bill Magaziner. A special thanks is extended to everyone who helped make this event possible.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



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



**Lynne Butler**  
Assistant Children's  
Ministries Director



**Kristina Linn**  
Childcare  
Director

**Children's Sabbath** The month of October is the National Observance of Children's Sabbath. This observance encourages prayer, education and service opportunities to help create a "Harbor of Hope and Health Care" for children and their families through out our nation and the world.

Congregations across the country will be holding special worship services, education programs, and other activities to help people of faith learn more about problems facing children and poor families.

At St. Luke's we celebrate and support our children every day by including them in drama and worship programs, providing quality childcare, organizing special events for children and their families and offering educational programs to promote a solid spiritual foundation.

We understand that our children are our future, "The letter we send to the future, that we will never see."

Please take some time this month to evaluate your personal contribution to the children of our church, our community and our world. Find a place where you can make a difference for a child. There is always room for another loving heart and helping hand in the many programs of Children's Ministry at St. Luke's.

For more information, a list of suggestions and directions on how to get involved, please pick up our informational flyer available by the front doors or feel free to contact Jenita, Lynne or Kristina.

### PEAK Adventures – Rotation 2

#### *Stewardship - Samuel, Called to Serve*

This unit will begin Oct 21 and continue until Nov 18. The Samuel unit uses the Bible story from 1 Samuel 1:1-28, 2:1-10, and 3:1-4:1. Hannah longed for a son. Eli, the high priest, blessed her, offering his hope that God would hear and grant the prayer of her heart. When Hannah later gave birth to a son, Samuel, she dedicated him to God's service. As soon as Samuel was weaned, Hannah took him to live with Eli at the temple. By the end of this unit children will:

- hear about Hannah, her prayer for a son, and her response to God's gift;
- have the opportunity to learn Samuel's boyhood story;
- explore ways we hear God's message today;
- explore ways we can serve God and help other people, as Samuel did;
- have the opportunity to learn that God delights in the gifts and talents of children;
- have the opportunity to learn that God worked through men and women to create a nation, and that God still works through people to create a better world.

**God and Country Program** for children in 1st through 12th grade will begin October 7 at 11:00am in classroom B. The program is a Bible-based program for youth in grades 1-12. The different program are as follows:

- God & Me for Grades 1 – 3
- God & Family for Grades 4 – 5
- God & Country for Grades 6 – 8
- God & Life for Grades 9 – 12

If you and your child are interested in participating in fun and educational program, please plan to attend the first meeting at 11:00 Sunday Oct. 7 in classroom B on the main floor next to the sanctuary.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Cathy Johnson at 303-660-5285, or by e-mail at [craftyhomeschooler@yahoo.com](mailto:craftyhomeschooler@yahoo.com).

### SLY, Jr. — 5th and 6th Grade Fellowship

Our first meeting on Sunday, October 7 from 6:00 to 8:00pm in the Goliath Area was amazing! We began our experience of world religions with a look at US—our family's traditions and being Methodist! And being Methodist, our first meal was a POT LUCK SUPPER! We will continue to meet on the first Sunday (same time and place) of each month. We will experience a different religion each month, tasting some authentic food, participating in some exciting cultural games and crafts. We hope to schedule additional time for visiting Denver sites. Then, THE LOCK-IN on Friday, February 1 at 6:00pm until Saturday, the 2nd at 10:00am! We will save Islam and the observance of Ramadan and other practices for our Lock-in.



**Third Grade Bible Presentation** At St. Luke's we value the children of our community and welcome any opportunity to help in their knowledge of the teachings of Christ and to enrich their spiritual journeys. As part of this commitment, it is a tradition at St. Luke's to present all the third grade students in our church with a Bible. This year the date for this special occasion is Sunday, October 14th at either the 9:30 or 11:00am Worship Services. We are asking that you reserve your child's Bible by October 12th, by contacting Lynne Butler at 303-791-0659 x11 or [lynne@stlukeshr.com](mailto:lynne@stlukeshr.com) with the correct spelling of their name and which service you will be attending. Reservations can also be made on the list outside of the third grade Sunday School room.

## CALENDAR

### Sun. Oct. 14

3rd Grade Bibles 9:30 and 11:00 Services

### Sat. Oct. 20

Discovery Club, Respite Program for Special Needs Children and their siblings, 10:00am-4:00pm in the Goliath area

### Sun. Oct. 21

Fall Festival in the Pumpkin Patch 10:00am-1:00pm

God & Country Program

11:00am-12:30pm Classroom B

PEAK Adventures 2nd Rotation – Samuel

### Sun. Nov. 4

SLY, Jr. 6:00-8:00pm

God & Country Program

11:00am-12:30pm Classroom B

### Sat. Nov. 17

Discovery Club, Respite Program for Special Needs Children and their siblings, 10:00am-4:00pm in the Goliath area

### Sat. Nov. 24

Hanging of the Greens 9:00-11:00am

### Sun. Nov. 25

PEAK Adventures 3rd Rotation

Tree Lighting 6:00-7:00pm

### Acolytes are still needed!

Attention All 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders: Sign up to be an Acolyte for the 9:30 worship service! An Acolyte is a person who lights the candles at the beginning of the worship service and puts out the candles at the end of the service.

We are currently filling the 2007-08 worship calendar. If you have been trained and have not signed up, please look on the church web site and select your dates. If you are interested, please contact Jenita Rhodes for more information.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**St. Luke's Help the Stork Club**

You know how you get all those formula and diaper samples and coupons when you become pregnant/deliver your baby? Some of it you use and the rest you throw away or try to swap with someone else. It feels like you are throwing away money when you throw away some of those \$10 coupons for formula you can't use. Children's Ministry has come up with a fabulous idea to help the moms and babies down at DenUM. We will set up a box, down in the David area, and you can deposit the formula and coupons you do not want. We will leave the coupons out for anyone to pick up and take to the store to purchase formula or diapers. Most of the coupons are for \$5 and up so you can usually find formula that is cheaper than the coupon or a dollar or two more. We would ask you to bring the formula or diapers back to St. Luke's and put them in the bin we have set up. Periodically, we will deliver the contents to DenUM. Please help us to support this wonderful new ministry!



## LITTLE SCHOOL News

**October Fun Flies!**

Little School is off to a smooth start with an enrollment of 263 outstanding children. Our first month has gone so well, that the children are already settling into learning and fun!

This year our teachers will be learning about the TEN Ingredients Of A Great Teacher and our children will be learning about the TEN ingredients of a great child, based on the children's ten commandments! Our September chapel introduced our new friend Jacque "The Chef" who will be helping us mix together ingredients for a firm foundation in faith! Our first commandment was THANK GOD FOR EACH NEW DAY! A very good reminder to all of us!

October will be filled with pumpkins, scarecrows, sunflowers and Harvest parties. Lots of learning will be focused on what happens to our furry friends as they prepare for winter and how to thank God for our bountiful harvests.

**LITTLE SCHOOL WILL AGAIN BE COLLECTING LEFT-OVER OR AN OVER-ABUNDANCE OF HALLOWEEN CANDY.** We will have boxes at both ends of Little School. The candy is given to the Colorado AIDS Project for patient treats, family fun and gifts. All candy is accepted and if you would like it put to good use rather than adding pounds or dental bills) please bring it to Little School the first week in November! Thanks!

May all of your fall days be blessed with family time, outside games and special moments. Children are so precious and grow so quickly, remember to make each day count!  
—Blessings, Ms. Kay :-)



**Kay Swanson**  
Director of  
Little School

**Itch to Stitch (formerly Yarn & Yak)**

Please join us the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, downstairs in Abraham. Drop in any time between 6:30 and 8:30pm to stitch, crochet, knit or quilt. Contact Fran West 303-797-7107 for more information.

## OUR STORIES



**Rev. Les Ludlam**  
St. Luke's Lay/  
Associate Pastor  
1993-1997

**More from Les: "Ifnithadnabinfer"**

We all have stories about how a person's life direction, perhaps ours, was significantly changed by some event that no one had planned for or even imagined. When we look back at these dramatic events, we see that they represented a major change in direction of our lives.

I call these "*ifnithadnabinfer*" stories.

"If it had not been for \_\_\_\_," we say about these unexpected, unplanned changes in people's lives, "things would have been a lot different."

Good luck? Bad luck? They are beyond our control that happen and change the directions of lives.

I am convinced that in these events God is encountered if we take the time to listen and look and respond when new paths appear as old ones end.

Vern's Model A was his pride and joy; while it needed a paint job, it ran pretty good. And this girlfriend, Helen, was pretty special. She was the middle child of the local dairyman and seemed to be the only one who "really understood" him. They would spend long hours just talking about their hopes and plans for the future.

One summer evening, he decided to take Helen out to the shelter house at the lake for a little dancing. The local radio station had announced that they would be broadcasting a special Glenn Miller concert. So Helen had packed a picnic basket and he made sure this radio and speakers were ready to go, and after work he drove over to Helen's. They started toward the lake about five miles from town, as darkness began settling in. The Model A reached the brow of a hill of the dusty road, and then suddenly, there it was! Something huge, right in front of him, partially obscured by the dust in the dim light. He jammed on the brakes and the tires slid; then, boom!

The Model A bounced off the back of a large truck and slid off the side of the road, rolling over on its right side. Vern was dazed, but not seriously hurt. He turned and looked at Helen. He could see that her forehead was bleeding and she was trapped between the dash and the door. Vern could smell gasoline as it seeped from the cowl gas tank. "Gotta get Helen out, this thing may catch fire!" he thought. Vern climbed out, walked around to the top of the car and looked for a hand-hold.

There are stories about how people, with adrenalin flowing copiously, have performed superhuman feats. Such was the case for Vern that evening. He braced himself, made sure he had good leverage and then, pulled upward. Vern rolled the Model A upright! He pulled the passenger door open, then gently lifted Helen from the car and helped her to the ground. Other cars were arriving now, and several people came up, offering help. One driver took Vern and Helen to the hospital in town. They were cut and bruised, but were all right. Glenn Miller and dancing at the shelter house were forgotten!

Weeks later Vern and Helen talked quietly as they sat on the front porch of her house. Their lives had changed dramatically in the preceding weeks. "Don't think I'll be able to go to college now," said Vern, "I was going to sell that Model A to pay my tuition, now I don't know what I'll do."

"Well look on the bright side," said Helen, "if you stay here and keep working at Hartenbower's garage, we'll get to see each other more!"

"You'll get by," she said as she smiled and squeezed his hand, "you always have." "I suppose so," he replied, "The Army won't take me, my asthmas' too bad. Guess you're stuck with me!" And then they kissed.

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## Celebrating a Generous People!

*"Hearts for Ministry" is the theme of our upcoming campaign to encourage us to be faithful in ministries envisioned for 2008. Kick-Off Sunday is Oct. 28; Commitment Sunday is Nov. 18.*

Hearts for Ministry is more than a theme—it's an effort to show how our congregation can make a lasting difference in the lives of children, youth, adults, and families. I would like for more and more families to enter into the joy of investing in spiritual formation.

Stewardship is not about money, it's about what we do with our money. Our team will be teaching what God has to say about the vital role of stewardship in our personal lives.

Author Rich Cunningham has described the four purposes of giving:

### **Give to honor God.**

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." —2 Corinthians 9:7*

### **Give to serve the needs of others.**

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you." —Matthew 35:40*

### **Give so that you may grow in your Christian maturity.**

*"Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries." —1 Corinthians 4:1*

### **Give out of gratitude to support the life, ministry, and mission of St. Luke's.**

*"Remember the Lord your God for it is the Lord who is giving you power to make wealth that God may confirm a covenant." —Deuteronomy 8:18*

Hearts for Ministry is an invitation to generosity so that dreams might be realized: a new Fusion worship experience with Rev. Brad, a new service of contemplative prayer with Rev. Pam, a full complement of adult education classes, staffing our expanding drama ministries, and participating in an ecumenical response to persons in crisis.

### **A TEACHING MOMENT:**

*"You shall go there, bringing... your tithes and your donations, your votive gifts, your freewill offering..." — Deuteronomy 12:5-6*

As we stretch our "Hearts for Ministry", I want to respond to several requests to share the origin of the biblical phrase "tithes and offerings".

The TITHE represents 10% of the bounty with which God blesses us. It is also the symbol that Paul uses when he writes to the young churches of the first century. He calls for "proportional giving". We are to give in proportion to what we have earned, in proportion to what we have accumulated, in proportion to what we possess. We are to give in proportion to how we have prospered under the grace of God. So, "tithing" is a symbol for planned giving. Tithing helps us give significantly in a systematic way. It is a planned share in the purposes of God. Tithing reminds us that we are all stewards and not owners. A tithe is a guide toward responsible, healthy, significant faith-promise giving.

A TITHE represents what you plan to give to the ministry and mission of the church. It is your plan—freely decided upon. It is promised out of your financial means, and cheerfully given. The tithe is the amount we bring weekly or monthly as an act of worship.

## Walking for a Cause

### *St. Luke's 2nd Annual AIDS Walk*

*by Michelle Ellis*



The second annual St. Luke's AIDS Walk (SLAW) drew a group of over 30 people on September 24. Following a prayer blessing led by Senior Minister Janet Forbes, the walkers departed St. Luke's for a 2.5 mile walk along the local greenbelts. Money is still coming in from the event, but thus far t-shirt sales and sponsor donations have brought in over \$800. All funds raised will benefit the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund, which will in turn contribute about 25% to the Colorado AIDS Project (CAP). CAP works locally to improve the lives of people affected by HIV/AIDS and prevent HIV infection.

Walk organizer Susan McIntosh said, "It was great to watch teenagers and adults walking together, and to see little ones too!"

According to CAP, it's estimated that 15,000 people are living with HIV or AIDS in Colorado in 2005. St. Luke's is proud to help those in our community in the fight against this epidemic. T-shirts from the walk are still available for purchase and donations are still being accepted. Please contact Susan McIntosh at (303) 347-0727 or [susanrmcintosh@yahoo.com](mailto:susanrmcintosh@yahoo.com) for more information.



Next we are enjoined to bring our OFFERINGS. The Bible knows at least two kinds of offerings which have connection with our lives today. First, there are the "votive offerings". Votive offerings are part of a vow or promise, or they represent a specific act of thanksgiving to God, or a personal act of devotion. Seasonal offerings, missional giving, bequests, and memorials are in the category of votive offerings.

The biblical witness also speaks of "freewill offerings." It is an unplanned, unstructured, unexpected out-of-pocket offering on the spur of the moment. The freewill offering is giving out of a sudden impulse of love, out of a felt need. It is the envelope in your worship bulletin when you arrive on a Sunday morning that invites a response for a special cause. It is the call for a special disaster relief offering due to flood, or hurricane. It is the spontaneous gift to the pastor's relief fund for homeless persons.

Bring your tithes and your votive offerings and your freewill offerings to the house of worship. The text is an amazing ancient writing with a high level of contemporary relevance. It all adds up to a single central truth: As we give of any monetary amount, we are primarily receivers and transmitters of the love of God in the world. Ultimately, that's what any giving is all about.

## MUSIC &amp; DRAMA MINISTRIES



**James Ramsey**  
Director of  
Worship & Arts



**Carrie Mallery**  
Associate Dir. of  
Worship & Arts



**Kay Coryell**  
Associate Dir. of  
Worship & Arts

## Music Ministry Start Up Dates

If you'd like to join any of these ensembles which may or may not have already started, please contact James Ramsey or Kay Coryell

### Brass Ensemble

August 11 at 8:00am

### Cherub's Choir

Sept 12 at 6:30pm

### Chancel Choir

Sept. 6 at 7:30pm

### Primary & Junior Prayz

Sept. 12 at 6:30pm

### Flute Ensemble

Sept. 8 at 8:00am

### Ministers of Swing

August 11 at 8:30am

### Off-Notes

Sept. 16 at 5:00pm

### SLYJO

August 19 at 4:00pm

### Tintinnabulators

August 14 at 7:30pm

### Tone Chimes

Sept. 12 at 7:25pm

### Wind Ensemble

Sept. 29 at 10:30am

### Women of Note

Sept. 6 at 6:30pm

### Youth Handbell Choir

Sept. 11 at 6:30pm

## Primary Prayz and Junior Prayz

(Children's Choir and Kidz Prayz)



Something new! We have combined Children's Choir and the Kidz Prayz programs this fall and are calling the new groups "Primary Prayz" for grades 1st through 3rd and "Junior Prayz" for grades 4th through 6th.

Both Choirs meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:20pm and include both singing and playing activities to prepare for worship services throughout the year. Please come join us! Questions or information, please contact Kay Coryell at 303-791-0659 or [kayc@stlukeshr.com](mailto:kayc@stlukeshr.com)



## 25th Anniversary Pictorial Directory

The 25th Anniversary Pictorial Directory project is well underway. Portrait sittings at St. Luke's are

completed. However, **studio sittings** can be scheduled any time between now and Jan. 5, 2008 at Bettinger Photography, 2431 S University Blvd. Schedule by phone at 303-400-6023 or online at [www.bettingerphoto.com](http://www.bettingerphoto.com). Please check [www.stlukeshr.com/photodirectory/](http://www.stlukeshr.com/photodirectory/) for updates and information or contact Renae Parra 303-683-0872 [renaeparra@aol.com](mailto:renaeparra@aol.com)

**The Music Man** We have nearly 100 children, youth and adults in the cast—the largest ever—and we're very excited to bring this show to our community and support the Missions program at St. Luke's. Because the Sunday matinee is one of the most popular shows that "sells" out first, *we are adding a Saturday matinee this year for the first time.* Tickets are on sales now! Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and youth. The Gala Benefit Dinner is on Saturday, October 27 at 5:30pm and will include special guests (TBA) and a silent auction. Dinner is \$55 per person and includes admission to Saturday evening's show. Tickets can be purchase online at [www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com) or by visiting the narthex on Sunday mornings at the church.

Call 303-791-0659 for more information. The missions that benefit from this years fall production include: Inter-Faith, Pura-Vida in Guatemala, and Nothing but Nets. *Inter-Faith is a local organization helping families and children with basic needs; Our Guatemalan mission teams will use donations to Pura-Vida to aid children and families by purchasing housing material and greatly needed medical supplies; and Nothing but Nets is a simple but extremely important project that helps protect children from the spread of malaria by supplying mosquito nets to protect them while they sleep.* Three very important mission projects, both local and international, that the drama ministry will support through *The Music Man* performances this fall.

MEREDITH WILLSON'S

# THE MUSIC MAN

**TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE**  
AT [WWW.STLUKESHR.COM](http://WWW.STLUKESHR.COM) OR  
**ON SUNDAY MORNINGS IN THE NARTHEX**

October 26 at 7:00pm,  
October 27 at 3:00 & 7:00pm  
October 28 at 3:00pm

**Jazz At St. Luke's Benefit Concert** The CU Jazz band is performing at St. Luke's on November 15th. The benefit concert will also feature the talented Ministers of Swing and St. Luke's Youth Jazz Orchestra. A meal will be served beginning at 5:00 with the concert beginning at 6:30pm. Tickets will be available beginning November 1st. For more information, please contact James Ramsey.

*More from Les: continued from page 7*

Plans had changed; unplanned new directions were being taken. Vern graduated from High School and then continued working full time at Hartenbowers' garage. He enjoyed his work at the garage. Harv let Vern do a lot more mechanic's work and he liked that. He and Helen spent more the more time together, he bought another car and there were more and more trips to the shelter house at the lake.

Then one day, Helen telephoned. Her voice sounded urgent so he went over to her house right after work. Helen saw him coming and she came out, tears in her eyes as he walked up to her front door. "Let's go for a ride," she said, "we need to talk." They drove down to the city park and stopped. Vern turned to say something when Helen spoke. "I'm pregnant! There's no doubt. I saw the doctor today." Vern swallowed, blinked what might have been tears, but no one knows for sure, and said, "Well, I was going to marry you any way!"

Suddenly, life took another new direction for Vern and Helen. Parenthood!

They were married in January 1940. Their first son, Leslie, was born six months later, on June 22. The marriage lasted until Verne's death in 1984.

*Ifnithadnabinfer* that accident Vern would have gone off to college in the fall while Helen stayed home. *Ifnithadnabinfer* his staying in town that summer the love for Helen might not have blossomed. And, *Ifnithadnabinfer* that romance, she would not have conceived a child when she did.

I'm convinced that God walked with them as they traversed these frightening and uncertain paths. And, *Ifnithadnabinfer* for all this, I might not be!

God bless us all. —Rev. Les

## DON'T MISS!

## October 2007

**Pumpkin Patch open all month long!**  
M-F 11am-7pm & Sat./Sun. 9am-7pm

- 10/14 - Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am  
- Bible Boot 9:30am  
- SLY PM: Hayride! Sign up in advance and bring \$10 to pay for the ride and a camp cookout dinner. 5:30-8pm
- 10/17 - SLAM 6:30pm
- 10/18 - Youth Disciple 6:30pm
- 10/21 - Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am  
- Bible Boot 9:30am  
- SLY PM: Corn Maze \$8 for entrance to the maze. 5:30-8pm
- 10/21 - **Fall Festival 10am-2pm**  
Bouncy castles, face painting, food, and more!
- 10/24 - SLAM 6:30pm
- 10/25 - Donut Whole 6:45am  
- Youth Disciple 6:30pm
- 10/27 - **Warren Village Haunted House noon-8pm. Sign up to create and run a haunted house for the kids at Warren Village**
- 10/28 - Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am  
- Bible Boot 9:30am  
- SLY PM: *The Music Man* Matinee Performance 3pm, no cost
- 10/31 - **Trick or Treat for DenUM**  
Come in costume 5pm to trick or treat & help fill DenUM's pantry with non-perishable food items

## November 2007

- 11/1 - Donut Whole 6:45am  
- Youth Disciple 6:30pm
- 11/2-11/4 - **Youth Leadership Conference** Retreat at YMCA of the Rockies
- 11/4 - Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am  
- Bible Boot 9:30am  
- SLY PM: Self Image 6-8pm
- 11/7 - SLAM 6:30pm
- 11/8 - Donut Whole 6:45am  
- Youth Disciple 6:30pm
- 11/11 - Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am  
- Bible Boot 9:30am  
- SLY PM: Bible Trivia Game Show 6-8pm
- 11/14 - SLAM 6:30pm
- 11/15 - Donut Whole 6:45am  
- Youth Disciple 6:30pm
- 11/16-11/18 - **NUTS Fall Retreat** All grades register asap! \$100 for the weekend
- 11/18 - Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am  
- Bible Boot 9:30am  
- SLY PM: *SLY Dance w/Brad Laurvick as the DJ!* 6-8pm
- 11/21 - SLAM 6:30pm
- 11/24 - *Hanging of the Greens* 9am-noon
- 11/25 - Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am  
- Bible Boot 9:30am  
- SLY PM: *Tree Lighting & Carols*
- 11/28 - SLAM 6:30pm
- 11/29 - Donut Whole 6:45am  
- Youth Disciple 6:30pm
- 12/2 - **No SLY AM (Cantata Sunday)**  
- SLY PM: College Care Packs



**Chris Wilterdink**  
Director of  
Youth Ministries



**Susan Johnson**  
Assistant Director  
of Youth Ministries

## CHRIS's CORNER

## Ready to build some community? Let's Get Nuts!!!



OK, so we know that we're going to go ahead and build an awesome new youth space pointing west off the church, right?

And we know that when you begin constructing a new building, you start with the infrastructure (the support pieces that shape and bear all the weight for the building), right?

Well, in the spirit of our Extreme Makeover: SLY Edition, we are going to take an awesome weekend away at Highlands Camp for our Fall Retreat. This year, all grades, 7-12 are and build up a little community for SLY. Community is the infrastructure that all of SLY builds on, and the community we're trying to build is more inclusive than other communities you may already be a part of. The community that SLY is seeking to become is one that doesn't limit itself because of where someone goes to school, what grade someone is in, or because someone else doesn't look like or believe like you. The community we're trying to build is an all inclusive one, welcoming other youth and adults with open arms, knowing that each person that becomes a part of this community becomes stronger themselves while strengthening the SLY community as well.



So get a little NUTS in November, and sign up for the Fall Retreat. We'll have some fun in the mountains, and learn why we should "Never Underestimate The Spirit". The weekend will only cost \$100, and registrations are available online at [www.stlukeshr.com/sly](http://www.stlukeshr.com/sly) or here at church.

—Peace & Love, Chris

- ✧ **Pumpkin Patch** There are still a few open shifts at the patch. Sign up today! Remember that 15 hours of work gets you \$100 of trip credit and 8 hours gets you \$50. Parents and siblings working with you count as 1/2 time credits!

- ✧ **Fall Festival** Oct 21 10am-2pm. Bouncy castles, food, face painting, fun, and more! Youth can volunteer to work the Fall Festival for pumpkin patch credit!

- ✧ **Warren Village Haunted House** Youth can sign up to be a part of this community service event. Be a part of planning, organizing, and staffing a haunted house for the families at Warren Village.

- ✧ **Youth Leadership Conference** Nov 2-4. Any youth interested in becoming a part of CCYM (the UMC's version of Student Council) should ask!



**The pumpkins (finally) arrive!**



## SLY at Civic Green! Fellowship, fun, food, dunking Rev. Brad and dancing to Three Cord Wonder!



## FINANCIAL UPDATE



**Dave Cupp**  
Director of Finance



**Janet Maxwell**  
Assistant Director  
of Finance

## Unpredictable August!

I'm convinced you can't predict our August offerings. Last year August was one of our worst months for offerings. This year I reflected that in our expected monthly offering income. Well—this year it turned out to be

one of our better months and our offering income exceeded expectations by \$19,000. GREAT! However, that still leaves us about \$2,500 short for the year. As I keep pointing out, anything less than 100% or 100%+ of the anticipated income from offerings for the year creates a struggle to keep expenses down in order to keep within the expected income which means we really can't do all the programs we may have planned or to the extent planned.

This would be a great time for everyone to consider giving just a little more than planned between now and the end of the year.

**Reminder of Our Check Writing Procedures.** From time to time some of you pay expenses for your programs and activities from personal funds and then get reimbursed from the church. Our practice is to write checks on Wednesday so they can be signed Thursday AM and then disbursed. If you miss that cycle, it will be the following week before your check can be processed.

This procedure is this way because it is our policy that the checks be signed by either the Treasurer or Chairperson of Finance with two signatures required if the amount is \$5,000 or more. Persons filling these two positions are volunteers and our procedure is set up to show respect for their time. I'm authorized to sign a check of \$1,000 or less if the situation is an emergency. Some emergencies might be to pay a COD delivery, we're about to miss a last minute registration date, we're about to miss a payment deadline and the Treasurer or Chairperson of Finance are not available to sign.

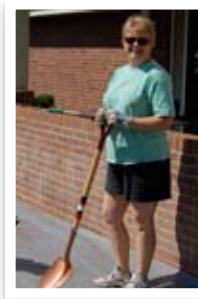
### Have You Started Your Financial Planning For The Year End?

Shame on me for mentioning "year end." We haven't even celebrated Thanksgiving and Christmas. However, it is only about 90 days away. Here are some things you may want to consider:

1. You may want to pay the remainder of your pledges to the general fund and the capital campaign fund by transferring securities to the church and taking the advantages of the tax benefits of doing that. You could include your future year(s) pledges in the one transfer. The amounts for the future year(s) would be put in prepaid and applied in the appropriate time period. Contact me for assistance.
2. If you need more deductions in 2007, you might consider prepaying future pledges. The amounts for the future would be put in prepaid and applied in the appropriate time period. Just mark your checks accordingly.
3. Make plans to get your last minute giving to the church on or before December 31. We will consider all collections received during 2007 as 2007 contributions unless instructed to apply them to a future year. Contributions received in the mail after December 31 will be posted to 2007 only if they are post marked on or before December 31 and we are not instructed to apply them as 2008 giving.
4. If you are 70 ½ years of age, you may be able to roll some of your IRA funds to the church and reduce your taxable income. Check with your tax adviser for this one.

## TRUSTEES CORNER

## Time for "Bold" Refurbishment



One of the phases of our Bold Venture Capital Campaign is refurbishment. Our latest project was our September Work Day where we were so very blessed that many of you volunteered your time and strong backs to help us to complete a number of landscaping projects. Thank you for sharing your talent and time in completion of these tough projects! Our next focus will be tackling a number of long deferred maintenance projects inside. As we prioritize these projects,

we're taking feedback we've received throughout the information gathering sessions held with many of you last spring and more that are planned in the months to come.

Our first efforts will be focused on updating flooring—especially the Fellowship Hall and other tired and worn areas throughout the main floor. We'll be gathering bids on materials, selecting suppliers and contractors, and scheduling the installations. We'll keep plans for the new addition in mind and do our best to stage changes in such a way that we aren't doing anything that may be damaged through construction of the new addition.



Coordination with the recently appointed Building Committee, lead by Scott Kohrs is key to a shared success we'll work to optimize by aligning schedules, combining like activities, and managing finances closely. To that end, one thing we're doing differently with this addition

is looking at our storage needs early, working to gather information from the groups who manage activities and classes here, and proposing solutions that will help us make sure we can maintain quality in our main spaces by doing everything we can to provide organization and purposeful planning of material and supply storage of things we need to deliver all of our terrific programs.

Watch for opportunities to participate in our on-going discovery sessions—we truly value your input and look forward to delivering our long anticipated improvements. Thank you for everything you do to help us to make our St. Luke's home more Invitational, Relational, Missional and Spiritual in all you do here!

—Sandi Miyaki

## MORNING PRAYER



## Wednesday Morning Communion and Prayer

Life happens and so does grace. Experience that grace in a new way as a part of your week. Each Wednesday morning, St. Luke's will be open for you to drop in for Communion and Prayer between

6:30am and 8:00am. Break away from the ordinary and experience the extra-ordinary as you prepare for the rest of your day and the rest of your week.

See you Wednesday morning between 6:30 and 8:00am.

**Drop in at your convenience!**



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*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.*

## OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2007 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Pumpkin Patch 9am-7pm</b> 🍎 <b>14</b> <i>"Got Community? Gifts for the Sharing!"</i> Rev. Janet Forbes preaching <b>8, 9:30, 11am: Worship</b> <b>9:30am: Orientation of St. Luke's</b> <b>4:00pm: All-church Hayride</b> <b>5:30pm: SLY PM Hayride</b> <b>7:34pm: Fusion Worship</b>	<b>11am-7pm</b> 🍎 <b>15</b>	<b>11am-7pm</b> 🍎 <b>16</b>	<b>11am-7pm</b> 🍎 <b>17</b> <b>6:30am: Communion &amp; Morning Prayer</b> <b>6:30pm: SLAM</b>	<b>11am-7pm</b> 🍎 <b>18</b> <b>6:45am: Donut Whole</b> <b>6:30pm: Youth Disciple</b>	<b>11am-7pm</b> 🍎 <b>19</b> <b>6:30pm: Chick Flick</b>	<b>9am-7pm</b> 🍎 <b>20</b> <b>10am: Discovery Club</b>
<b>9am-7pm</b> 🍎 <b>21</b> <i>"Got Community? The Call to Ministry"</i> Rev. Pam Rowley preaching <b>8, 9:30, 11am: Worship</b> <b>10:00am: Fall Festival</b> <b>6:00pm: SLY PM</b>	<b>11am-7pm</b> 🍎 <b>22</b>	<b>11am-7pm</b> 🍎 <b>23</b>	<b>11am-7pm</b> 🍎 <b>24</b> <b>6:30am: Communion &amp; Morning Prayer</b> <b>6:30pm: SLAM</b>	<b>11am-7pm</b> 🍎 <b>25</b> <b>6:45am: Donut Whole</b> <b>6:30pm: Youth Disciple</b>	 <b>11am-7pm</b> 🍎 <b>26</b> <b>THE MUSIC MAN</b> <b>7:00pm Show</b>	 <b>9am-7pm</b> 🍎 <b>27</b> <b>THE MUSIC MAN</b> <b>3:00pm Show</b> <b>5:30pm Benefit Dinner</b> <b>7:00pm Show</b> <b>noon-8pm: Warren Village Haunted House</b>
<b>9am-7pm</b> 🍎 <b>28</b> <i>"Hearts for Ministry"</i> Rev. Janet Forbes preaching <b>8, 9:30, 11am: Worship</b> <b>9:30am: Orientation of St. Luke's</b> <b>THE MUSIC MAN</b> <b>3:00pm Show</b>	<b>11am-7pm</b> 🍎 <b>29</b>	<b>11am-7pm</b> 🍎 <b>30</b>	<b>11am-7pm</b> 🍎 <b>31</b> <b>6:30am: Communion &amp; Morning Prayer</b> <b>6:30pm: SLAM</b>	<b>NOV 1</b> <b>6:45am: Donut Whole</b> <b>6:30pm: Youth Disciple</b>	<b>2</b> <b>7pm: Scrapbook Circle</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <i>"Got Community? The Call to Ministry"</i> Rev. Pam Rowley preaching <b>8, 9:30, 11am: Worship</b> <b>10:00am: Fall Festival</b> <b>6:00pm: SLY PM</b> <b>6:30pm: SLY Jr.</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>6:30am: Communion &amp; Morning Prayer</b> <b>6:30pm: SLAM</b>	<b>8</b> <b>6:45am: Donut Whole</b> <b>6:30pm: Youth Disciple</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Speaker's Series</b> <b>7:00pm: Jonathan Sherman</b> <b>"Building Better Families"</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Speaker's Series</b> <b>9:00am: Jonathan Sherman</b> <b>"Building Better Families"</b>