



Highlands Ranch, Colorado

# The CHRONICLE

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*and much more!*



## YUMMMM! Chili Cook-off Sunday Feb. 17!

The team for the surgical mission trip to Guatemala is having a chili cook-off/taco bar to raise money for supplies. It will be in the fellowship hall immediately following the 9:30 service and also after the 11:00 service on Sunday, Feb. 17. Anyone can participate. Just bring your favorite pot of chili and a big appetite. So please come and support our mission and have lunch at the same time.

For questions call Pam Rowley at 303-791-0659 x 32 or Lorie Martin at 303-470-8606.



## St. Luke's Celebrates 25 years – Mar. 8 & 9!!

### Concert and Guest Speaker

St. Luke's was officially chartered as a congregation of the United Methodist Church on March 13, 1983 with 76 families! On Sunday, March 9, 2008, our 800 families will remember and celebrate 25 years of faithfulness.

Our guest preacher for the celebration will be the Rev. Dr. Jay Rundell, President of the Methodist Theological School in Ohio, commonly known as "Methesco", one of the 13 official seminaries of The United Methodist Church.

Jay was ordained an Elder in the Rocky Mountain Conference in 1990. As a student at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Jay served St. Luke's as a student intern in 1986. He gave leadership to the congregation in one of its most trying seasons, remembering the Sunday morning when only nine people attended church. As St. Luke's helped to shape his formation as a spiritual leader, now, as the President of an institution that prepares pastoral leaders, he is shaping ministers, chaplains, educators, and change agents for the 21st century church.

Plan to attend the day of celebration for the Silver Jubilee of St. Luke's on Sunday, March 9!

### 25th Anniversary Concert March 8 at 7:00pm

Featuring the Brass Ensemble, Wind Ensemble and special guests, The Apollo Brass Quintet! A reception celebrating the anniversary weekend will follow the concert. Join us for some great music and to mark this important milestone in our history!!



Dr. Jay Rundell

## Nuba Water Project Provides Hope



### St. Luke's members making a difference in Africa!

Over the last two decades, war and water shortages converged in Sudan to create a catastrophe. Here in this troubled country drinking water is often polluted causing widespread diseases like dysentery and cholera and killing 20% of children before

age 5. Women often walk miles to fetch the few gallons of water they do have to use each day.

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## A HEARTFELT THANKS!

by James Ramsey



Dec. 2., 2007 marked the end of a long tenure for Carrie Mallery. After prayerful consideration, Carrie stepped down from her position as the Associate Director of Worship & Arts. She has played piano and organ for 19 years at St. Luke's. It was a wonderful Sunday morning that couldn't have ended any more picturesque. Over 150 members from various choirs and instrumental groups who participated in the Christmas Cantata were surrounding her as she made her announcement to the congregation with Rev. Janet. What made the morning even more special was that a great many of you wrote words and well wishes on the "note" board which culminated in a symphony of praise and appreciation!

It is with great admiration, love and respect that we say thank you to Carrie for her amazing talent, gifts, time, energy and devotion to the St. Luke's music and drama program as well as the worship experiences. I couldn't have asked for a better supporting right hand in everything we've done at St. Luke's!

The happy ending to this heartfelt thanks and supposed goodbye is that she is not really saying goodbye! Carrie will be transitioning to a new support role for the Fusion service and the St. Luke's Performing Arts Academy! We're very excited that she has decided to stay in the family and community of St. Luke's and look forward to having her share her gifts in different areas of ministry.

Our deepest thanks to you, Carrie!

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

**Sunday School:**  
Adult, Youth & Children:  
9:30am & 11:00am  
Nursery available for  
9:30am & 11:00am services

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Rev. Janet Forbes  
Senior Pastor

## The Season of Lent: Turn the Christian Year with the Imposition of Ashes

The Christian year tells the story of Jesus in two cycles of time. The year begins with the Christmas cycle of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany as we celebrate Jesus' birth. The story culminates in the Easter cycle of Lent, Easter, and Pentecost with the wonder of resurrection. The turning of the year from one cycle to the next is marked by the tension of two very different holidays... just 24 hours apart.

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

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, so on Tuesday everyone makes a good start by confessing their sins and having them shriven or shrove – in other words, forgiven. That is why the day is called Shrove Tuesday. After confession, they cook a meal of pancakes, using up all the eggs and lard in the house. Shrove Tuesday is still called, “mardi gras”, which means “greasy Tuesday”, when all the grease and fat in the house have to be used up.

After your family feasts on pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, our church family will mark the first day of Lent with the observation of Ash Wednesday, February 6, at 7:00pm. All Shrovetide jollity is now over, and people show their sorrow for their past sins by putting ashes on their heads. We prepare ourselves to journey with Jesus through Holy Week to the crucifixion.

Come and worship... observe the turning of the Christian year.



## Celebrate Shrove Tuesday “Mardi Gras” with Pancakes and Races

On Tuesday, February 5, St. Luke's will celebrate the end of the season of Epiphany on Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) or Shrove Tuesday with a traditional pancake supper. Since it was the habit during the season of Lent to abstain from all dairy and butter products, families would eat all the remaining milk and butter (all the fat) with a feast of pancakes. The Tuesday gets its name from the tradition of going to church to have your sins shriven, or forgiven, before taking the mark of ashes.

Our feast will start at 5:30 and serve until 7:00pm, \$5 for each adult and \$3 for each child with a maximum of \$15.00 per family. Our youth ministries will be hosting the meal.

Since this was the last party of Epiphany before the more penitent season of Lent, the evening is marked with fun, silly games, and masquerading. Decorate Mardi Gras masks and crowns, share beads and doubloons, and participate in pancake flipping races.

### A SERVICE OF *Fire & Ashes* ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season for Christians all over the world. Ashes are placed upon the forehead of those who choose the new life of Christ, confessing the old by fire so that the new may rise from the ashes. The oil represents the anointing of God's Holy Spirit which leads 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 6 at 7:00pm. Everyone will be invited to write or draw a confession or a commitment to growth and give it to the flash of the fire! Then, everyone will receive the mark of the ashes and oil on the hand or forehead. This is a 45 minutes family-friendly service in which school-age children can participate fully. Very young children will enjoy the help of a parent.

*Catch us, O God, in our aimless scurrying from you 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 whispered summons and be attentive to your healing love. In the name of the Holy One of Nazareth. Amen.*

## FROM REV. BRAD



**Rev. Brad Laurvick**  
Associate Minister

I don't know about you, but I got a lot of updates from all sorts of people this holiday season. Christmas letters, Christmas emails, Christmas website updates, Christmas conversations, everyone wanted to make sure I was caught up on everything and everyone. And all of these updates tried to cram an entire year into one page. How do you highlight so many things with any kind of depth? You don't. You peak people's interest so they want to know more. The letter can't really tell you, a person tells you. The letter gets you excited to talk to a person to get the real meaningful connection.

So hopefully that is what you will do as you read some of what is going on in the many areas of ministry I am connected with.

### Mens' Ministry

In addition to the Tuesday morning breakfast that meets the last Tuesday of every month, we will be adding a new program "Men Under Construction : Saturday Morning". This monthly event will take place the second Saturday of every month- so mark your calendar for February 9th. We will have breakfast at 7:30, devotion at 8:15, and then work on projects at the church (and the community in months to come) until about 11. If you can't stay until 11, feel free to join us for breakfast and devotion, and if you can't (or don't want to) feel free to join us for devotion and projects.

### Young Adults

Each month the Young Adults (18-30s) will be doing something. Real descriptive sentence isn't it. But we will decide what we will do next time we get together every time we do something. The December get together decided to go to a Jazz Club in January, let's see what the January folks decide...

### Fusion

With Fusion running weekly, we invite you to invite someone. Of course you are invited too, but you have heard me invite you already, maybe your neighbor, co-worker, friend hasn't gotten the invitation yet. Sunday evenings at 7:34pm for a worship experience that seeks to be a fusion of your everyday life and something deeper.



Well, did I cram enough stuff in there to get you interested? I hope so. And if you want to read more than just updates and info, check out my blog for some personal reflections on life. Visit [www.StLukesHR.com](http://www.StLukesHR.com) and click on "Fusion."

Be blessed and be a blessing,

—Rev. Brad

## A BOLD VENTURE



## A Bold Venture UPDATE: PREPARING FOR CONSTRUCTION

The Bold Venture Building Committee has submitted final exterior drawings to the Douglas County Planning Commission for the new youth/adult education/chapel addition to the west of the current facility.

At its meeting on January 13, the Executive Board approved the first expenditures of the capital campaign funds to the Board of Trustees to install new floor covering in the David and Goliath areas downstairs and install a new entry system to enhance security. Decisions on the final allocations of funds will depend on the final cost estimates of the construction project, expected in late February.

Thank you to the Building Committee: 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 are staff liaisons.

## LENT

## Anticipating the Lenten Season: Living an Undivided Life

During this year of celebrating our 25th year as a congregation, we will explore our commitment to



deepening the spiritual life. Our Lenten theme is based on the book by Parker Palmer, *A Hidden Wholeness*, in which he explores the journey toward an undivided life. He seeks to rejoin "soul and role", giving people

the courage to heal from the ravages of consumerism, injustice, and violence. He advocates the formation of circles of trust where, in relationships of honest, open sharing, we can invite our soul, our "inner teacher," to show up. During this season, we will invite everyone to a life of congruence between soul and role, interior and exterior, values and vision, belief and action, seeking to live divided no more. Join as we journey through classes, worship, music, fellowship and prayer to experience this time of soul searching and self discovery.

## SPEAKERS SERIES

## Praying for Justice and Peace – Integrating Contemplation and Action

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

**Rev. Jane Vennard**  
**Saturday, April 5**  
**9:00am-3:00pm**

In our troubled world we often wonder what one person or one church community can do to ease the struggles and comfort the suffering. Sometimes we are torn between praying and acting, and other times we are tempted to give up on both. This prayer day will explore ways we can be effective in our work and prayers for justice and peace in our families, our community, and in the world. We will discover together the power of different prayer forms in the faithful work of creating peace on earth. We will attend to the transformation of our own hearts, discovering ways to pray that help us become active contemplatives or contemplative activists.

Reverend Jane E. Vennard is a spiritual director, retreat and workshop leader, and lecturer. She was ordained by the United Church of Christ and currently serves as an adjunct faculty member at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado, where she teaches courses on prayer and spirituality. She is a graduate of Wellesley College, Stanford University, and the San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Contact the office for more information 303-791-0659.

## SERVING ST. LUKE'S



**Lynda Fickling**  
Director of  
Servant Ministry

## We are Called to Serve

*"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ..." —Ephesians 4:11-16*

**NEW – NOW FORMING: Equipping Ministry Team** is new to St. Luke's but not new to Lynda Fickling, Director of Servant Ministry. Laying the foundation for this is Ephesians 4:11-15, focusing on prayer, equipping, servanthood and spiritual gifts, we are now ready to invite you to become a member of this exciting new team. We seek multiple vehicles in assimilating folks within our community. Serving and being served is the purpose of ministry in our community and we look for ways to use each of our gifts for the good of the whole.

I am seeking those who are interested in applying your own spiritual gifts towards making others realize their own giftedness within St. Luke's. Prior experience with identifying gifts, having a discerning spirit, interest in process of assimilation (love those process people!), enjoyment of email/chat (many meetings held this way!) and being a student of "Servant by Design" class is helpful! Prayerfully consider this team and contact Lynda at 303-791-0659x20 or lynda@stlukeshr.com

### Hospitality Teams:

**Guest Calling Team**—Contact: Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659x20 lynda@stlukeshr.com Remember when you first visited a church? Everything was so different, so new... help us make the first time guest feel at home by a friendly welcome phone call. If you have a gift of hospitality, join us today. We call 2-4 folk one Sunday a month, from the comfort of your own home! Spiritual Gifts: Hospitality, Service

**Welcome Team**—Contact: Wally Sackett 303-794-4303 wsackett@comcast.net After you have attended a new church for a few Sundays, didn't you want to learn more about the church? Meet a few people in your neighborhood? Help our team welcome these folks by dropping off a "Welcome Bag" at their home and say hello! No experience necessary, you only need to be a good neighbor and invitational person! Visits kept to your zip code area and 1-3 a month (more folks to join the more connected we can become). "Got Community?" Yes – with your help! Spiritual Gifts: Hospitality, Service



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

This ministry conveys Biblical stories to a diverse community and audience. If you are interested in joining this unique and very popular (Remember Christmas Eve!!!) ministry, contact Steve and Cathy!

*\*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 or 303-791-0659x20. Realize your potential for living a God-centered life!

## PRAYER CONCERNS



### Week Ending February 1, 2008

To add or remove someone from the prayer chain,  
contact Bonnie Funk 303-791-0659 x10 or Bonnie@stlukeshr.com

Gerry Wright (Gail Abernathy's mother)  
John Poole (friend of Joy Damsgard)  
Beth Turner  
Jennie Keefer (Mike Hutchins' daughter)  
Jim Hertel (Sandy Thompson's father)  
Brian Day (Eileen Law's nephew)  
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 Sahli (Diane Whelson's father)  
John Covey (friend of Ross Barnard)  
Amber Cunningham  
(friend of Amy Antinoro)  
Ernie Wight  
(Elizabeth Laurvick's father)  
Sharon Zona (Bonnie Funk's friend)  
Darryl Griggs (Susan Hooke's cousin)  
Heidi (friend of the Hooke family)  
Edna Earl West (Bob West's mother)  
Farzan Khan (friend of Manijeh B.)  
Gordon Lewis (friend of Ken Fong)  
Alex Pass  
(son of a friend of Julie Polikoff)  
Lonnie Roberts (friend of Susan Hooke)  
Kristi Fesler (Mona Daniel's friend)  
Norm Keller (Candy Keller's father)  
Kami Lamb (friend of Cindy Barlow)  
Scott Ransick (Eric Ransick's brother)  
Pat Clem (neighbor of Doug Wagner)  
Theresa Arbogast (friend of Eileen Law  
& Roberta Hamilton-Griggs)  
Leslie Davis (Yvonne Amerine's friend)  
Alberta Haas  
Randy Staton (friend of Bonnie Funk)  
Warren Goss (Charlie William's friend)  
Jim Bailey (Melissa Moberly's father)  
Ronda Olson  
Paula Strader (Sandi Miyaki's sister)  
Nancy Smith (Ray Godsey's sister)  
Judy Austin (Mary Jo Weber's sister)  
Mildred Johnson  
(Connie Shoemaker's mother)  
Gail Carlson (Mike Hutchin's neighbor)  
Tim Allison  
(Mary Godsey's brother-in-law)  
Courtney Nyberg (Kay Swanson's niece)  
Pat Dublin (Bob Davis' mother)  
Robert Abbott Sr. (Nancy Abbott's  
father-in-law)  
Juanita Owens (Nancy Abbott's friend)  
Ralph Owens (Nancy Abbott's friend)  
Al Tulenko (Bobbi King's neighbor)  
Tracy Adams (Ms. Kay-Ls)  
Carol Johnson (Doug Johnson's mother)  
Johanna Singer  
(Betty Halderman's aunt)

Matthew Peterman's cousin, Matthew  
Michelle Duffy  
(Donna Duffy's daughter)  
Luke Vogel (Mary Godsey)  
Kyle Curtis  
Dorothy King (Truman King's mother)  
Betty Holmes (Kay Swanson's aunt)  
Barbara Castlebury  
(Charlie William's friend)  
Sue Townsend  
Zack & Jayson (Kam Bole's nephews)  
Diana Marrama  
Christiana Humphreys  
(friend of Susan Hooke)  
Patty Hertel (Sandy Thompson's sister)  
Katie Breneman (Lynda Fickling's sister)  
Joann Brewer  
Jennifer Jiang's neighbor, Julia  
Bob Ferguson  
Joan  
Chelsea Preedy  
(Jan & Charlie Rufien's gr.daughter)  
Grant Larson  
Betsy Keyack

### Sympathies:

To Joy & Jim Damsgard and families on  
the passing of Joy's mother,  
Avis Stanley, Dec. 18;  
To Betty McIntyre on the passing of her  
sister-in-law, Ruby Yarbrough, Dec. 26;  
To Jill & Phil Wright and family  
on the passing of Jill's father,  
David Hartman, Dec. 27;  
To Les & Betty Ludlam on the passing of  
Les' mother, Patricia Ludlam, Jan. 13;  
To Andrea & John Mezger and family  
on the passing of their friend,  
Greg Liptak, Jan. 13;  
To Bryan & Sandy Hutchinson and  
family on the passing of Bryan's  
father, Ray Hutchinson, Jan. 13;  
To Joann Brewer and family on the  
passing of her husband, Walt Brewer,  
Jan. 16.  
To Heidi & Todd Trickler and family  
on the passing of their nephew;  
To Betsy Keyack & Ken Fong and family  
on the passing of Betsy's sister-in-law,  
Debbie Keyack, Jan. 20.

### New Babies:

To Kimberly Moyer-Varellman on the  
birth of a son, Camlann Christian  
Daniel Moyer-Varellman, born 1-14;  
To Angie & Andrew Ashbaucker on the  
birth of twin girls, Piper (4lbs) and  
Kendall (5lbs.7oz) born 1-28.

## THE SPIRIT OF ST. LUKE'S



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

## More from Les: Change is good! But.....

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult."* —Psalm. 46:1-3

**"Change is good, change is important in helping keep us strong, flexible and able to adjust to unexpected events in life."**

I learned the physical reality and truth of this statement from Rev. Bill Selby in 1992 as I began serving St. Luke's as a part-time lay pastor here,

I had just retired from working, in a variety of positions, for more than 30 years as an engineer and manager for a major oil company. Betty and I had just moved from Alaska to Colorado and I was beginning my seminary studies.

It would be an understatement to say Betty and I were no strangers to change! We had purchased a home in Highlands Ranch because the area was growing and selling a home following graduation and (hopefully) ordination should be relatively easy.

Bill had learned that I had been a licensed local pastor in Alaska and had asked me if I would consider a part time lay pastor's job at St. Luke's. I had agreed and began showing up at the church on days when I didn't have classes at Iliff.

One morning, I walked into the sanctuary (now our fellowship hall) to see Bill tipping one of the many large risers we had up on end! "What are you doing?" I asked, with my face showing confusion and amazement.

Bill smiled, "Here give me a hand as we put these dowels under the edge of the riser." The riser, looking particularly unstable as it stood on end was now mobile!

Bill showed me how to move the riser by pushing as the dowels rolled and acted as wheels. At the riser moved in the intended direction, the back dowel would be picked up and placed at the front of the riser in the direction we intended to move it. Two people could move a lot of risers in a relatively short time..... and we did!

"We are relocating the altar area." Bill said. "These four risers go to the west wall of the room. Then we will move the choir risers to the south wall." He smiled at my amazement. "The organ will be down here next to the choir.

By the end of the morning the sanctuary was completely transformed. "We will need to leave signs and tell the ushers to guide parishioners into the new seating arrangement."

"I don't understand, Bill, why are we doing this?" He replied, "The congregation has grown so much that we need to rearrange the seating so that worshippers can be as close to the altar as possible. The old system, with the altar on the south wall, tends to separate too many of the people from the altar area.

"Change is good," he said, it keeps us from growing stale in our attitude toward worship.

I discovered that this riser moving was not a one-time exercise; we would move the location of the altar area several times over the following months. When there was a theatrical production, everything moved! On one Sunday the risers were aligned in a "T" shaped formation, providing a runway into the seating area. Then a clown service was done in full makeup and costume and all the parts of the ritual were done in pantomime with a lot of audience participation! (The clown service is a topic for some other month!)

In all seating arrangements or situations where changes were made, there was, however, one element that did not change. Regardless of the seating, all faced the altar and Cross. "Keep that focus" Bill said, "Keep your eye on God, regardless of where the encounter may occur." We need to stay flexible in our faith journeys so that our eyes and ears are open to God's presence in even the most unfamiliar and challenging situations."

We change, our lives change, almost continuously; we may move the furniture in our lives, we may suddenly find ourselves standing in unfamiliar ground, but God does not change.

God Bless Us All, —Rev. Les

## U M W

## St. Luke's United Methodist Women



*"The organized unit of United Methodist Women 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."*

St. Luke's UMW Mission Team has new faces. The team meets the 2nd Monday at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend. We currently have openings on the UMW board. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Janet Sackett or Fran West.

### Current officers:

Co-Presidents – Janet Sackett and Fran West  
Secretary/Communications – Lori Lockrem  
Treasurer – Amy Curtis  
Spiritual Growth Coordinator – open  
Secretary of Program Resources – open

The team has planned two programs so far: "Pieces of Life and a Piece of Pie" and the annual "Candlelight Dinner." Plans are underway for programs in February and May. Look for more information on these in future bulletins and *The Chronicle*.

Subgroups of UMW at St. Luke's UMC:

- **Itch to Stitch**

Meets 2nd Wednesday 7:00pm  
(no longer the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays)

- **Women's Night Out**

Meets 1st Monday 6:30pm

- » February 4th – John Hollis Asian Bistro  
9332 Park Meadows Dr., Littleton
- » March 3rd – Garcias, 5050 S. Syracuse, Denver
- » April 7th – California Pizza Kitchen  
8343 Park Meadows Ctr Dr., Littleton
- » May 5th – Landsdowne Arms  
9352 Dorchester, Highlands Ranch

- **Book Group**

Organizational meeting 1/28/08 7:00pm

## Women's Candlelight Dinner Wrap-Up

On Tuesday, December 4th, almost 100 women attended the UMW Candlelight Dinner. Special guests of the evening included Reverends Janet Forbes, Pam Rowley, Brad Laurvick (and wife, Meghan), Marla Kauerz, Les Ludlam (and wife, Betty) and Patricia Sailors Westlake.

The guests socialized while eating appetizers and listening to music performed by guitarist, Mel Scott.

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



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



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



**Kristina Linn**  
Childcare  
Director

### **PEAK Adventures** **9:30am Sunday School for** **Grades 1 through 6**

After finishing up a unit on The Beatitudes the PEAK kids will learn more about the Easter Story by seeing it through the eyes of Mary Magdalene.

Mary Magdalene was grieving when she went to anoint the body of Jesus at the tomb on the morning after the Sabbath was over. She had no idea that she was about to become the first to hear the good news of Jesus' resurrection! When she realized what had happened, she ran to tell the others. When she told them that Jesus was alive—that she had actually seen him—they did not believe her. But the news would soon bring great joy to all who heard and believed.

As the children hear and experience the story of the empty tomb from Mark 16:1-11, they will understand Mary's joy at hearing the words "Do not be alarmed. He [Jesus] has been raised; he is not here." (Mark 16:6) They will have opportunities to talk about what it means to be Jesus' disciple today and to explore how they too can tell the good news to others.

The Easter Rotation will begin on February 17 and continue through Palm Sunday, March 16.

### **Joy Trek – 9:30 Sunday School for children** **ages three through Kindergarten**

Our Joy Trek Kids will continue learning more about the stories Jesus told by hearing the Parable of the Sower, the Forgiving Father, the Pharisee and the Tax Collector and the Two Houses.

The Easter Mission project of all our Children's Sunday School classes through Lent will be the Heifer Project. Each elementary class will choose an animal to purchase and track their progress toward that purchase. The preschool classes' offering will go to purchase a flock of baby chicks. Their progress will be displayed by the Superintendent's Table in the David Area.

### **Homes Needed for a Few Good Computers**

In order to make room for our Little School classes who are giving up several of their classrooms for the new Youth Area, there will no longer be room for the PEAK Adventure's Computer Lab. We have 10 very usable computers that need a good home. If you know of such a place, please contact Jenita Rhodes.

### **First Aid/CPR/AED Training**

Children's Ministry will again be offering a training class in First Aid, CPR and AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) to the St. Luke's congregation and community. It will be Saturday, February 23 from 9:00am until 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The cost will be \$45.00 per person. Anyone over the age of 12 years old may attend. Please contact Jenita Rhodes or Lynne Butler to make your reservation. Childcare will not be available for this class so that our Childcare staff can attend.



### **Calling all Scouts!**

Girl and Boy Scout Sunday will be February 10. All scouts (kids and adults) are asked to wear their uniform shirts to church to be honored in all three of our worship services. The Boy Scouts who meet at St. Luke's, Troop 633, will be serving a "Thank You" breakfast from 8:45 to 11:30am.

### **Family Movie Night at St. Luke's**

Friday, February 22nd, at 6:30 **FEATURING:**  
***Night at the Museum* and *A Veggie Tales* movie**

Movie Description: Good-hearted dreamer Larry Daley (Ben Stiller), despite being perpetually down on his luck, thinks he's destined for something big. But even he could never have imagined how "big," when he accepts what appears to be a menial job as a graveyard-shift security guard at a museum of natural history. During Larry's watch, extraordinary things begin to occur: Mayans, Roman Gladiators and cowboys emerge from their diorama to wage epic battles; in his quest for fire, a Neanderthal burns down his own display; Attila the Hun pillages his neighboring exhibits and a T-Rex reminds everyone why he's history's fiercest predator. Amidst the chaos, the only person Larry can turn to for advice is a wax figure of President Teddy Roosevelt (Robin Williams), who helps our hero harness the bedlam, stop a nefarious plot, and save the museum. Rated PG.

*\*Bring your jammies, blankets and pillows and a drink if you like. Popcorn and water will be served.*

### **St. Luke's Annual Easter Fun Day**

Saturday, March 15th, 10:00am-noon  
***Everyone Welcome!***

See the Easter Bunny, Make Crafts, Hold Live Bunnies, Easter Egg Hunt, Bouncy House, Lots of Games and more!

## **CALENDAR**

### **Tues. Feb. 6**

*Ash Wednesday*

### **Sun. Feb. 10**

*Scout Sunday – 9:30 & 11:00*

### **Sat. Feb. 16**

*Discovery Club, Respite  
Program for Special Needs  
Children and their siblings*

### **Sun. Feb. 17**

*PEAK Adventures 9:30 Elem SS  
5th Rotation – The Easter Story  
– Mary Magdalene*

### **Sun. Mar. 2**

*SLY Jr. 5th & 6th Grade  
Fellowship 5:30 – 8:30  
Jewish Traditions*

### **Sat. Mar. 15**

*Easter Fun Day 10:00am-noon*

### **Sun. Mar. 16**

*Palm Sunday –  
Parade of the Palms*

### **Thurs. Mar. 20**

*Maundy Thursday*

### **Fri. Mar. 21**

*Good Friday*

### **Sat. Mar. 22**

*Discovery Club, Respite  
Program for Special Needs  
Children and their siblings*

### **Sun. Mar. 23**

*Easter Sunday –  
No Sunday School  
Nursery to 2's at all services*

### **Sun. Mar. 30**

*PEAK Adventures 9:30 Elem SS  
6th Rotation –  
The Road to Emmaus*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



2nd Annual Children's Christmas Pageant

LITTLE SCHOOL  
News

## February—Month of Love

Registration for church members and current families was done the end of January and we hope that you did not miss the deadline! If you did, please call Ms. Kay or Ms. Tami (303-791-1982) immediately, to get in on early registration!!!!

Ms. Kay was blessed to attend the Large (Methodist) Conference with the staff of St. Luke's in Orlando, Florida the end of January, and had a wonderful time with your church staff and many other staff members from around the United States. The workshops were very well done and Ms. Kay had an opportunity to increase her knowledge in the areas of Children's Ministry, leadership and global ministry. One workshop was on "How Youth Energize Adults" and we all know that they keep us on our toes! Thank you to Little School and St. Luke's for providing time for me to do this conference.

Little School will be filled with laughter and \*LOVE\* this month and we will be celebrating all the ways that God loves us and how we can show that love to others in our classroom, family and around the world. \*DAD'S Saturday\* will be Feb. 9th and it is always so much fun to see daddies (or gandpas) and their children make Valentine's for someone special. Valentine's parties will abound with Valentines given to many of our friends. During the month of February we will find out what \*Mr. Groundhog\* has to say about the winter weather and we are hopeful for lots of sunshine! Along with being off for President's day, we will talk about our country and our fore-fathers to learn about how blessed we are to live in America. Letters to our wounded soldiers will be mailed to let them know how much they mean to us!

February will fly by, and we will be anticipating Spring and another year of Little School will be three-quarters of the way done! WOW!

If you have an interesting job/career/or hobby, please consider coming to Little School on April 26th and 27th to talk to our students about your interests! We love career days and we want our children to learn all about what our parents do for a living and all of the options that can have when they grow up! Please call Little School if you would like to participate with us!

We wish each one of you, a person to love, a warm hug on a cold February day and a smile along the way!

—Blessings, Ms. Kay & Staff:—)



**Kay Swanson**  
Director of  
Little School

## OUR WORLD

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Nuba Water Project brings water and life to a place in Sudan that is suffering from chronic shortages of water and decades of war – the Nuba Mountains. News about Darfur in western Sudan is in the media nearly every day. The Nuba Mountains are only a few hundred miles to the east of Darfur and, from 1980 until 2002, experienced genocide and civil war just like Darfur is today. The images we see in the media about Darfur are indistinguishable from the images of war in the Nuba Mountains. And while the war in Darfur has been raging for 4 long years, the Nuba suffered for more than twenty years.

In spite of the destruction of war and the shortage of clean water, there is hope. The fact is – there is enough water. The rainy season drops the same amount of water on the Nuba Mountains as Colorado receives each year. We get snow in the winter to fill our reservoirs, they get rain during their four-month rainy season – but they don't have any means to hang onto this water. Most of it just runs off downstream.

Nuba Water Project uses donor capital to build water infrastructure that captures, holds and distributes seasonal rains. Locally governed water boards then manage the water works. They operate as a water board would here in the US; charging customers for water so there is money to maintain and repair the water infrastructure. Nuba Water Project trains and advises these water boards and provides financial oversight and accountability.



Martha and Steve Riley, St. Luke's members met the co-founders of Nuba Water Project at a dinner party. George Tuto and Ibrahim Agor (pictured with Steve Riley at left) were hosting a party to thank the people that had helped

George's family settle into their new home in Lakewood. The Tuto's had to move from Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina. Martha was sharing about her upcoming trip to South Sudan where she was helping build a school for girls. George and Ibrahim wanted to do something similar for their homeland, the Nuba Mountains in central Sudan. The greatest need for the people in the Nuba Mountains is water – more than doctors, more than jobs, more than education. So, the three of us founded Nuba Water Project – "Bringing Water and Life" to the Nuba Mountains!

We travel to the Nuba Mountains in February to begin working on two projects: the Miri Reservoir Pipeline Project and the Bilo Village Dam. The Miri Pipeline will serve two villages with approximately 3,000 people through a water pipeline drawing from an existing reservoir. The Bilo Village Dam is a small earth, rock and concrete dam built to capture rainwater for a village that currently has no water supply whatsoever.

Thanks to the generosity of the St. Luke's family and others who attended the Jazz Benefit Concert on November 15th, Nuba Water Project received over \$2,000 in donations! We estimate the cost of constructing the Miri Pipeline is \$27 per meter so the money we received will purchase at least 70 meters, nearly 245 feet, of much needed water pipeline.

We are so grateful for the opportunity to share our story and our hope for the future of Sudan!

For more information on Nuba Water Project and our work in Sudan, please visit [www.nubawaterproject.org](http://www.nubawaterproject.org) or contact Steve Riley at 720-290-1537.

# WELCOME

## New Members: December 2007



**Gov Lucero (Kerry - member)**  
**Boston, Alexandra, Nicole**  
**and Brooks**



**Mary MacDonald**  
*"The positive energy!"*



**Mike & Lori Preble**  
**Annajulia and Hope**  
*"Our daughter said we want to join St. Luke's because of Dr. Jim, Rev. Brad and all the fun we have in the Children's Ministry."*



**Andrew & Kristine Seymour**  
**Naomi**  
*"(We) like the church, feel comfortable here."*

**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.

## Servant Spotlight: Ken Fong *by Michelle Ellis*



Ken Fong is a familiar face to almost everyone at St. Luke's – he's the guy sitting in the sound booth every Sunday morning and at special events. Since joining the church in 1999, he and his wife, Betsy Keyack, have been active members with their volunteer work touching all facets of the church.

After growing up in Portland, Ore., Ken attended Caltech in Pasadena, Calif. and Stanford in Palo Alto, Calif. majoring in electrical engineering. He worked for Bell Laboratories/Lucent Technologies for 29 years where he started his career designing computers for business telephone systems and retired managing one of Lucent's wireless businesses. He was fortunate enough to be able to retire from his position in 1999 and found his way from New Jersey back to Denver with his wife and daughters, Kristine and Kara (Kristine is currently a freshman at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, Calif. and Kara is in the eighth grade at Mountain Ridge Middle School).

While house-hunting in Denver, Ken found St. Luke's, "What Betsy and I liked most when we first came to St. Luke's was the warm, inviting atmosphere, the worship services, the great people (staff and congregation both), and the breadth of adult and youth programs." He continued, "There truly is something of interest for everyone here! As we got to know this place better, we've also come to really love the vision/mission of St. Luke's and how well it is put into practice. We've both progressed on our spiritual journeys thanks to St. Luke's."

In addition to overseeing everything related to sound and video for the church, Ken spends a lot of time doing video editing and maintaining the church's website (<http://stlukeshr.com>). He is head of the Trustees and gets a lot of calls to help fix things in that capacity. He also participates with the worship planning team on Tuesday mornings, attends the church staff meetings and is a member of the communications team. Ken also says he loves the adult education program at the church and has taken all of the Disciple classes.

"I have been very blessed in life: I have a wonderful wife and family, and I had a great career that enabled me to retire early," Ken stated. "So I am giving some of what I have back to St. Luke's, because I love it so much and believe so much in what it stands for. I have been gifted by God with certain skills, and I can make a difference using those skills here; plus I have a lot of fun doing it!"

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Youth girls served the guests a ham dinner. A few Christmas carols were sung as the girls cleared the tables and served dessert. As guests enjoyed their cheesecake, Whitney Atkinson spoke about "Kaps for Kendall," a charity that provides fun knit caps to youth going through cancer treatment. Guests donated \$153 to the charity. The speaker for the evening was Emily Dawson Petersen. Her dynamic talk was titled, "Our Celebration, God's Mission."

The UMW would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to the following individuals for their help in making the night a big success:

Planning Committee – **Janet Sackett, Fran West, Lori Lockrem, Amy Curtis, Marilyn Thomson, Sharon Smith, Alicia Nelson, Elaine Carlstrom and Pam Rowley;** Additional Set Up Help – **Renae Parra, Carolyn Butler, Linda Burdick;** Servers – **Susan Johnson and the girls from St. Luke's Youth;** Musician – **Mel Scott;** Prayer – **Brad Laurvick;** Accompanist (Christmas Carols) – **Sandy Larson;** Sound – **Ken Fong and Linda Streaty;** Kaps for Kendall – **Whitney Atkinson;** Speaker – **Emily Dawson Petersen;** Glazed Carrots – **Café de France**



## MUSIC &amp; DRAMA



**James Ramsey**  
Director of  
Worship & Arts



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

## Spring Drama

*April 4 and 5 at 7:00pm*

The Wesley Players presents 2 one-act comedies this spring. Both *The Bear* and *The Proposal* are short and funny plays that are sure to bring a smile or two. The plot synopsis and characters for both plays are below:

### **The Bear**

**THE STORY:** In *The Bear* a landowner comes to claim a debt from a young woman whose husband has just died. Out of grief, she refuses to see him—her attempt to prove to her faithless dead husband that women are more loyal than men. Eventually, the young widow and the landowner quarrel and decide to fight a duel, leaving the landowner so impressed that he falls madly in love and proposes. The widow accepts.

*Cast of Characters:*

**Yelena Ivanovna Popova:** a pretty, young, high-spirited and vivacious widow in deep mourning, and a land owner of a country estate

**Luka:** her elderly servant

**Grigory Stepanovich Smirnov:** a loud, overbearing landowner

### **The Proposal**

**THE STORY:** *The Proposal* portrays a nervous young farmer who comes to propose to his neighbor's daughter. Instead of making the proposal, the two young people get involved in comic arguments. The young man leaves, the girl goes into hysterics until the father goes after the young man, who returns. He finally proposes, she accepts, and the two go on fighting.

*Cast of Characters:*

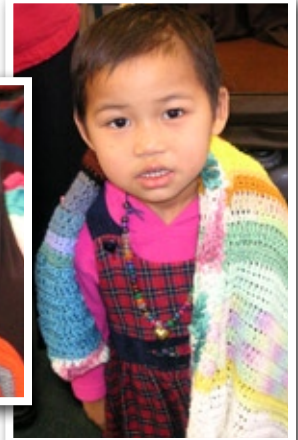
**Stepan Stepanovich Chubukov:** a blustery but hearty middle-aged landowner.

**Natalya Stepanovna Chubukova:** his volatile and practical 25 year old daughter.

**Ivan Vasilyevich Lomov:** owner of the neighboring estate, a high-strung hypochondriac.

## OUR MISSIONS

**Thanks to Janet Munoz and RSVP,** a group of adults 55 and older that work with the Volunteers of America, for the beautiful hand knit sweaters, hats, mittens and afghans donated to the refugee children at Whiteman Elementary. St. Luke's tutors delivered the gifts and helped the children choose just the right sweater for themselves and warm afghans for their families. Children with babies in their homes picked out beautiful sweaters and booties for their younger siblings. Many of the new children are from refugee camps in Thailand, having fled their homes in Burma. It was a day of smiles and laughter and all went home with something warm to wear.



### **Wonderful news for our Liberian family,** Marie and Maima Sehkar.

After more than 2 years, Marie's husband Kolegar and her 8 other children will soon be traveling to Denver from Monrovia, Liberia to join Marie and Maima. They are coming to the U.S. as political asylees, and will soon be working and attending school. The Mission Team is asking members of St. Luke's who wish to help the family obtain airline tickets to write a check to St. Luke's, specifying Sehkar Tickets in the memo space. The family will also be needing furniture and household goods once they arrive. Watch for further details. You soon will have the pleasure of meeting this reunited family! If you have questions on how to help, contact Jan Rufien 303-979-3491 [jc.rufien@comcast.net](mailto:jc.rufien@comcast.net)

### **Tutors Needed**

Whiteman Elementary is in need of additional tutors for the 34 children recently arrived from refugee camps in Thailand. The families are Burmese, but due to continued war and killing there, have been forced to flee to Thailand. Most of these children were born in refugee camps. Volunteers are needed to help 1-2 hours, 1 day a week. These volunteers will meet the children in the morning, help with VERY BASIC English, help log them onto computers for English programs, and be there to help the teachers. They will not be responsible for direct instruction in academic areas. St. Luke's currently has 14 dedicated tutors giving help in reading, math and English. If you have 2 hours a week, contact Jan Rufien 303-979-3491/303-883-4892 or [jc.rufien@comcast.net](mailto:jc.rufien@comcast.net).

### **2007 – A Great Year for Urban Peak!**

St. Luke's provides one dinner and breakfast a month to the homeless teens at Urban Peak. Many small groups graciously sponsored a meal in 2007. Thank you to the following groups for your generosity and support in 2007: Women's Book Club; Adult Handbell Choir; Common Thread; Faith Based Book Club; Chancel Choir; Women of Note; Mission Team; SLY; Christian Connections; and many individuals. Please forgive me if I have omitted anyone.

The sign up for group participation in 2008 is now open. Please consider organizing your group and sponsoring a meal. This is such an easy way to be missional and to make your group cohesive.

Please call Diane Tolleson (303-683-1295 or 303-941-9008) with questions or to sponsor a month.

## DON'T MISS!

## February 2008

- 2/3 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am  
 - Bible Boot 9:30am  
 - Confirmation 11am  
 - SLY PM: 4pm Super Bowl Party
- 2/5 – Shrove Tuesday  
 Pancake Supper 5:30pm
- 2/6 – SLAM 6:30pm
- 2/7 – Donut Whole 6:45am
- 2/10 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am  
 - Bible Boot 9:30am  
 - Confirmation 11am  
 - SLY PM: 5:30pm
- 2/13 – SLAM 6:30pm
- 2/14 – Donut Whole 6:45am
- 2/15-2/17 – Sr. High Ski Retreat
- 2/17 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am  
 - Bible Boot 9:30am  
 - NO Confirmation Class  
 - SLY PM: 5:30pm
- 2/20 – SLAM 6:30pm
- 2/21 – Donut Whole 6:45am
- 2/24 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am  
 - Bible Boot 9:30am  
 - Confirmation 11am  
 - SLY PM: 5:30pm
- 2/27 – SLAM 6:30pm
- 2/28 – Donut Whole 6:45am
- 2/29-3/2 – Confirmation Retreat:  
 Templd Hills
- 3/2 – Jr. & Sr. High SLY AM 9:30am  
 - Bible Boot 9:30am  
 - Confirmation 11am  
 - SLY PM: 5:30pm

## Boy Scout Troop 633

## Looking for a Few Good Boys!

Open enrollment for boys wishing to continue their scouting career is around the corner! A new member class will begin on March 3. Troop 633 welcomes all 5th grade (at least 10 years of age) and older boys wishing to join a troop to attend a meeting in January or February. We meet on Monday nights at 7:00pm. Boys involved in scouting learn strong leadership skills and become self-sufficient as they grow to maturity. Troop 633 is an exciting and active troop committed to teaching these values. For more information, contact Lyle Rogers 303-470-0623 or Mike Tolleson 303-683-1295.



**Chris Wilterdink**  
 Director of  
 Youth Ministries



**Susan Johnson**  
 Assistant Director  
 of Youth Ministries

## CHRIS's CORNER

## Lean on Me

Who do you look up to? How many people do you know care about you? Where do you go when you need to talk? When you need advice? Do you have someone you trust absolutely? Do you need someone?

We're launching a new mentoring program as a part of SLY, and I am really excited about it! There are brochures all around our youth info spots for you to get enrolled to be a mentor or to get a mentor. Our goal is to bridge gaps between our different age groups and to provide a new way of supporting each other at church and in life.

## When You're Not Strong (and when you are!)

Becoming involved in a mentor relationship creates a two-way street that allows an open, flowing exchange of ideas. It gives you someone who has crossed the same traffic in life that you're finding your way through right now. It even shows you some signs (you know when to slow down, when to stop, when to go for it, etc) that can make life easier for you.

## And I'll Help You Carry On

We create mentoring pairs with youth who are different ages, a younger and an older one. That means as a 7th grader, you would get hooked up with an 8th grader (or another older youth) and have someone that you can meet with and talk to about anything and all things. A key component of mentoring is your desire to pass on your experiences to someone younger than you. Who knows, you may begin by needing a mentor and end up becoming a mentor yourself! It's bout support and being able to pass on our collective experiences that will make us stronger!

We already have over 30 youth enrolled in this exciting new ministry. I encourage you to check out the brochures around church and to explore this exciting new ministry.

—Peace & Love, Chris

✦ **Super Bowl Party** Feb. 3 - Show up at 4pm, the big game starts soon after! You can stay until the game ends or check out FUSION worship at 7:34.

✦ **DenUM's Game of Life** - Feb. 10 Denver Urban Ministry will come and show us just how difficult it can be to provide for a family on a limited income. Come and discover just how far a little help from DenUM can carry a low-income or homeless family.

✦ **Lean On Me Mentor Workshop** - Feb. 17 Come and discover some skills to use as a mentor. Whether or not you are currently a part of the Lean On Me mentoring program, you can come and learn some new skills to make you a better friend.

✦ **Confirmation** started 1/27 and meets Sundays from 11:00-noon through May 4th.

✦ **Fat Tuesday "Mardi Gras" Pancake Flipping** is Feb. 5 - 5:30-7:00pm. It is hosted by the youth (SLY) and proceeds do go to youth programs. We will have pancake flipping contests, mask making and crown decorating.

✦ **Sr. High Ski Retreat.** Feb 15-17 to Winter Park! Register ASAP! Open to all 9th graders and up!

✦ **Jr High Ski Day.** March 29 to ski at Loveland! Open to all 6th through 8th graders and their families! Registration forms are now available!

✦ **Sr. High Summer Mission Trip** July 5-14 to Ensenada, MX. Application forms are now available for this trip too!

## FINANCIAL UPDATE



**Dave Cupp**  
Director of Finance



**Janet Maxwell**  
Assistant Director  
of Finance

## Thank You! Thank You for Making 2007 a Winning Year!

Thank You!..... It appears we have completed another year of spending no more than we collected. I'm in the process of verifying, checking and making year end adjustment before I will know for sure exactly how the year ended. However, I'm not expecting any surprises. Your generosity and the prudent spending and attention to the budget by those in charge of spending funds truly created a winning team. Let's do it again in 2008.

### Looking Ahead to the Remainder of 2008

**Income:** Our Hearts for Ministry Stewardship Campaign for 2008 was very successful. We now have more pledged dollars than we did at this time last year. Also, we had a good number of pledges indicating an increase over 2007. Considering the positive results from the stewardship campaign and the positive program changes such as the addition of the Fusion worship service taking place, the 2008 budget includes a nominal 5% increase in income from collections.

**Expenses:** The budget for 2008 is very similar to 2007 with a few minor changes. It is structured for us to have another break even year. Of special note is the fact that the 2008 budget includes monies to pay 100% of our tithe to the Rocky Mountain Conference. As far as I know, this will be the first time this has happened in the life of St Luke's.

The program for giving beyond St Luke's is new for 2008. This has been known as apportionments with the Annual Conference apportioning the costs to the local churches based upon some complicated formulas. This year we are asked to tithe our income plus 1%. We are to determine our income for the month and forward 11% to the Conference after adjusting the income for such things as designated giving, capital expenditures and our debt service. This is a fair way of accomplishing the goal and easy to administer. It was approved by an overwhelming majority of delegates at our 2007 Annual Conference. Your delegates voted in favor of the much needed change. The fact that we can adjust our income by deducting the debt service places this

amount at around \$100,000 which is much more doable than the \$135,000 asking for 2007 of which we gave \$72,000. I think it is great that we can now be recognized as a true partner in the work of our church in the rocky mountain region, nationally and around the world just as our neighboring churches. The Conference will typically collect around 95% of the anticipated income while we've been giving under 60%.

## TRUSTEES CORNER

### Welcome New Team

The Trustees would like to extend a warm welcome to two new team members! Candy Keller and Bob Utter have graciously joined our team of volunteers who care for the maintenance and upkeep of our church home. This month we'll tell you a little more about Candy who brings a new discipline to the group as a Certified Playground Safety Inspector that gets recertified every 3 yrs. This is a national certification from the National Recreation and Park Association. As we continue to experience growth in our Children's Ministry and Little School preschool programs, As an employee for Castle Rock's park department, Candy will help us to further focus on maintaining our playground equipment and helping us to keep our children of every age safe and help us to bring terrific improvements to our landscaping. Welcome Candy!

After reviewing several flooring options for our lower level, the Trustees finalized the materials selection of Vinyl Composition Tile (VCT), as the best product choice. VCT is what you see commonly in schools, hospitals, and other locations where high traffic, lots of cleaning, and expense management are all top priorities. With this project, the Trustees invited the SLUMC staff members who had strong interest in the area to collaborate on pattern and colors for the installation. Please join us in recognizing Lynne Butler, Kay Coryell, Jim Ramsey, Jenita Rhodes, Kay Swanson, and Chris Wilterdink for helping us to get the designs finalized in time for a successful installation in time for the Jubilee Celebrations! Terrific team effort everyone! Thank you!!!

**Mark your calendar – Work Day: Sat., March 1.**

### Does Your Place of Employment Have a Charitable Matching Fund?

There are many companies which have a fund setup specifically for giving back to the community in which they are located. This may be in the form of matching gifts made by their employees to charitable organizations or merely funds for which employees and/or charitable organizations may apply to for donations (community grants).

We are a registered 501(c) (3) corporation eligible to receive such gifts. I will be happy to assist you if you have the opportunity to take advantage of one of these opportunities. In 2007 we had one member apply for and receive a matching donation of \$5,000 from a major corporation where they work and another applied to a major local retailer and received a \$1,000 donation to our mission program.

### Don't Forget We Have Many Choices to Make Your Giving to SLUMC Easy And Convenient.

We currently have over \$490,000 of our general fund and bold venture capital campaign fund donations coming from the electric funds transfer (eft) and online methods—over 100 transactions per month. You may want to consider one of these convenient methods for 2008.

In addition to cash and checks, we offer credit card transactions (either in person or online), stock transfers and scheduled automatic withdrawals from checking or credit card accounts for you to use in doing your transactions with St Luke's. The following is a general summary:

- **General Fund and Capital Campaign:** All methods. However, you need to call ahead to use your credit card in person here at the office to make sure I'm here to process the transaction.
- **Grocery Cards:** Cash, Check, Scheduled automatic withdrawal from checking accounts.
- **Special Events:** Depending on the type of event may include cash, check, card present credit card and credit card online transactions. The method(s) available at each event will be announced at the time of the event and are at the discretion of the sponsor. i.e., The Music Man methods included cash, check, online credit card reservations and credit cards for the silent auction. It appears about 40% of the reservations were made online.



# The CHRONICLE

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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.*

### Scout Sunday on February 10

Did you know that Boy Scout Troop 633 has been sponsored by St. Luke's for 24 years? The boys of Troop 633 want to use national Scout Sunday as a time to say thank you to the congregation for their support. You are invited to enjoy a delicious burrito breakfast prepared by the scouts of Troop 633 on February 10. Breakfast will be served from 8:45 to 11:00. We look forward to seeing you at the breakfast!

## FEBRUARY 2008 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>FEB 3</b> Communion Rev. Brad Laurvick preaching <b>8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship</b> Super Bowl Sunday <b>4:00pm: SLY PM Super Bowl Party</b> <b>6:00pm: SLY, Jr.</b> <b>7:34: Fusion</b>	<b>4</b> <b>6:30pm: Women's Night Out</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>5:30pm: Shrove Tuesday</b>	<b>6</b> <b>7:00am: Ashes &amp; Communion</b> <b>6:30pm: SLAM</b> <b>7:00pm: Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>7</b> <b>6:45am: Donut Whole</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Stephen Ministry Retreat</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Stephen Ministry Retreat</b> <b>9:00am: Little School</b> <b>Dad's Valentine's Days</b>
<b>10</b> Scout Sunday and Breakfast Rev. Janet Forbes preaching <b>8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship</b> <b>9:30am: Orientation of St. Luke's</b> <b>5:30am: SLY PM</b> <b>7:34: Fusion</b>	<b>11</b> <b>5:30pm: Little School Board</b> <b>7:00pm: Trustees</b>	<b>12</b> <b>7:00pm: Adult Ed Team Meeting</b>	<b>13</b> <b>5:30pm: Lenten Soup Supper</b> <b>6:30pm: SLAM</b>	<b>14</b> <b>6:45am: Donut Whole</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Senior Hi Ski Retreat</b> <b>6:00pm: Chick Flick</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Senior Hi Ski Retreat</b> <b>10:00am: Discovery Club</b>
<b>17</b> Rev. Janet Forbes preaching <b>8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship</b> <b>9:30am: Orientation of St. Luke's</b> <b>Senior Hi Ski Retreat</b> <b>5:30am: SLY PM</b> <b>7:34: Fusion</b>	<b>18</b> President's Day <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>5:30pm: Lenten Soup Supper</b> <b>6:30pm: SLAM</b>	<b>21</b> <b>6:45am: Donut Whole</b>	<b>22</b> <b>6:00pm: Family Movie Night</b>	<b>23</b> <b>9:00am: CPR Training</b>
<b>24</b> Rev. Janet Forbes preaching <b>8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship</b> <b>9:30am: Orientation of St. Luke's</b> <b>5:30am: SLY PM</b> <b>7:34: Fusion</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>6:00pm: Senior Hi Mission Trip Meeting</b>	<b>27</b> <b>5:30pm: Lenten Soup Supper</b> <b>6:30pm: SLAM</b>	<b>28</b> <b>6:45am: Donut Whole</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Confirmation Retreat</b>	<b>MAR 1</b> <b>Work Day</b> <b>Confirmation Retreat</b>
<b>2</b> Rev. Janet Forbes preaching <b>8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship</b> <b>Confirmation Retreat</b> <b>5:30am: SLY PM</b> <b>6:00pm: SLY, Jr.</b> <b>7:34: Fusion</b>	<b>3</b> <b>6:30pm: Women's Night Out</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>5:30pm: Lenten Soup Supper</b> <b>6:00pm: Children's Dinner Theater Rehearsal</b> <b>6:30pm: SLAM</b>	<b>6</b> <b>6:45am: Donut Whole</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Youth Quest</b>	<b>8</b> <b>7:00pm: 25th Anniversary Concert</b> <b>Youth Quest</b>