



Highlands Ranch, Colorado

The CHRONICLE

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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St. Luke's Annual Church Picnic

**Sunday, August 3
noon-2:00pm**

Bring your picnic blanket for a special Sunday with your St. Luke's family. Hot dogs and hamburgers, old fashioned games, and water balloons!

Please bring the following items to share:

Last Name begins with...

- **A~L** Side Dish
- **M~Z** Dessert

If you have questions or would like to help grill(!), food setup, setting up tables and taking down tables, please contact our Fellowship Events Team Leaders, Lisa Lehnus 303-346-8114 lehnusl@yahoo.com or Mona Daniels moandtroy@msn.com

Improv Teams!



It's True!
The rumors have been confirmed!
There are now improvisational

theater teams at St. Luke's! No previous experience is necessary to play. All you need is a willing spirit and a desire to have a good time!

If you have played at short form improv before, please come. If you have always wanted to learn this skill, please join us as well! Improvisational theater is an ability that can be put to use in everyday life. You will learn to think on your feet, listen to others and respond quickly, to trust your instincts and hone your skills.

Come join us on Tuesday nights at 7:30pm for fun and laughter. We will be playing short form Improv Games like the show "Who's Line Is It Anyway?". No experience is required! The adult team is called **SLIP: St. Luke's Improv Performers**.

For those in Jr. and Sr. High, the youth team called **WITY: Wesley Improv Team for Youth** meets on Sunday mornings at 11:00am. Again, no experience necessary! We will play the same games and laugh together.

Both teams will work toward a competition event scheduled for Sept. 20 which will raise money for local and international missions. Participation every week is not required, but encouraged.

Contact Jim Ramsey for more information 303-791-0659 x23 or jim@stlukeshr.com.

Thank You "Miss Jenita"



There aren't enough thank you's for someone who has made such a difference at St. Luke's, but on Sunday, May 18, we said a big thank you and congratulations to Jenita Rhodes (fondly referred to as "Miss Jenita" by the children of St. Luke's) who stepped down as Director of Children's Ministry to take on a wonderful job opportunity with Cokesbury.

Jenita made a huge impact in the eight years she served as our Director of Children's Ministry. Her vision and leadership have established a strong base for our children's programs. Under her guidance, SLY, Jr. was established as well as PEAK rotational Sunday School. PEAK has been well received by the children in the elementary-age group and has brought more of them back to Sunday School. SLY, Jr. is a program for 5th and 6th graders and helps to give them the strong faith and friendships they need as they move into the teen years. Jenita plans to stay active with this program that is so dear to her heart.

Jenita always has a smile on her face and a kind word. This positive attitude is reflected by the adults we have serving in our children's programs. Her passion for bringing a spiritual base to every lesson, program or activity we offer has given us a solid foundation to help our children learn how much God loves and cares for them. We will miss Jenita in her Director's role, but don't worry, she will still be a strong leader here, at St. Luke's. Her love of children will bring her to serve in new Children's Ministry roles. We are blessed to have had her guidance and will continue to be blessed by her gifts and her positive and loving presence.

—Lynne Butler



Music Along the Mountains – On May 10, the Music Ministries of St. Luke's and St. Andrew got together for a wonderful event. The Charles Wesley Choir, New Song, and St. Andrew Sisters joined with Grace Notes, Women of Note and the Chancel Choir to create an afternoon of music, food and fellowship. The nearly 150 participants from both churches performed individual group songs and combined choral numbers to fill the hour-long program that included classic traditional to gospel and spirituals to dramatic 20th century contemporary songs. In addition to making music, we also raised close to \$1,200 for both missions programs. A special thanks to Lisa Lehnus and Mona Daniels of the Fellowship Events Team for coordinating the wonderful reception following the concert as well as to the Missions Team for additional help. Kudos to the choirs and ensembles for an amazing first time event that is sure to become an annual one!

Sunday Worship Services:
8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am
7:34pm: Fusion

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

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Associate Director of Music Ministry

Gretchen Martin.....x43
Assistant Director of Music Ministry

Ken Mervine.....x42
Organist/Accompanist

Josh Carr.....x44
Fusion Worship Leader

Carrie Mallory.....x35
Assistant Fusion Worship Leader

Chris Wiltedink.....x14
Director of Youth Ministry

Susan Johnson.....x19
Assistant Director of Youth Ministry

Open.....x27
Director of Children's Ministry

Lynne Butler.....x11
Assistant Director of Children's Ministry

Kristina Linn.....x40
Director of Childcare

Lynda Fickling.....x20
Director of Servant Ministry

Bonnie Funk.....x10
Church Secretary

Dave Cupp.....x24
Director of Finance

Lisé Takayama.....x16
Assistant Director of Finance

Barry Curtis.....x39
Facilities Manager

Kay Swanson.....303-791-1982
Director of Little School



Rev. Janet Forbes
Senior Pastor

Worship Series: Stories Told 'Round the Fire!

This summer, we will enjoy the sweeping stories of the Hebrew scripture in a worship series, *Stories Told 'Round the Fire*. We will move from Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden to the patriarchs and patriarchs who founded the Hebrew nation, to the birth of the nation of Israel in the Exodus, to the giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses, to the occupation of the land of milk and honey; through the leadership of judges, kings, and prophets to the dream for Messiah.

For some of us these stories will bring back memories of childhood storybooks. For others who are new to a life of faith, these stories will be fresh and theologically rich!

I learned in biology class that "ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny"! This means that one person's development from the moment of conception to maturity as an adult in some ways repeats the evolution of the whole human species. We might also say that "biography recapitulates the Bible." Our lives repeat the stories of the scripture! We live all the chapters at some point in our lives, as

nations, communities, and individuals. Creation, fall, covenant, slavery, exodus, Torah, the rise and fall of nations, exile and silence, gospel, church, apocalypse – seasons in our lives as well as chapters in the Bible. But wherever we find ourselves in the story and wherever we've been, we must not forget the divine promise repeated through all the pages of scripture: this is a story headed toward redemption, and God and God's Christ and God's Spirit are with us, through it all, to the end.

This journey through the Hebrew scripture is what the story of God discloses about God. Hesed (steadfast love) is the Hebrew word and charis (grace) the Greek word for this character of God: the steadfast, never-giving-up-no-matter-what love of God.

Langston Hughes, poet of the Harlem Revival, has a wonderful poem:

*A gospel shout
And a gospel song:
Life is short
But God is long!*

And so is God's mercy throughout the scriptures, as long as it takes...

Join me at the campfire!

Janet
-Rev. Janet

Rev. Janet Graduates from Drew University



Rev. Dr. Forbes shows her doctoral hood in the chapel at Drew University following the service of holy communion on the morning of graduation.

Rev. Janet Forbes, senior minister of St. Luke's, graduated on Saturday, May 17 with distinction from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey with the Doctor of Ministry. Rev. Janet's dissertation, based on the unique gifts of St. Luke's as a postmodern congregation, is entitled, *Pilgrims at the Crossroads: Church in the Intersections*. Her research explored the ways in which congregations can support individual spiritual journeys among persons who experience spiritual homelessness. Congratulations, Rev. Dr. Forbes!

The St. Luke's Advisory Committee gave of their time and wisdom to partner in this experience: James Ramsey, Director of Music Ministry and the Arts, Highlands Ranch, Colorado; Monty Hoffman, Lay Leader and John Wesley scholar, Littleton, Colorado; Marty Davidson, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Castle Rock, Colorado; Stephen Collins, Disciple Bible Leader and Thespian; Jim Wolff, Chairperson of the Executive Board, Lone Tree, Colorado; and Pam Rowley, Associate Minister in Pastoral Care and Stephen Ministry Leader, Highlands Ranch, Colorado.

Updating our Database Information!

Does St. Luke's have your family information correct? Here is your chance to update our records! Please send us any changes, additions or deletions that may have occurred over the past year... phone number, new address, new email? Do you NOT want your record published in the annual Guidebook & Directory? Please let Lynda know about your updates so that our new Guidebook and Database will be corrected! lynda@stlukeshr.com 303-791-0659 x20

All articles, photos and announcements for the August issue of *The Chronicle* are due July 20th
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FROM REV. BRAD



Rev. Brad Laurvick
Associate Minister

inner work

(this article also appeared on Brad's blog, to read more insights into everyday life on Brad's Blog visit stlukeshr.com and click on "Fusion.")

so recently i had a sick day. i had been fighting what i now know is a pretty nasty sinus infection. i was up all night hurting pretty bad. so in the morning, still hurting and really tired, i decided to stay home and call in sick.

staying home sick means a couple things- way too much law and order, a big pile of used kleenex, and a dent in the couch.

all i could do was lay around. there was laundry to be done, dishes to be put away, emails to be sent, calls to be made... you know life to be lived.

but instead, i laid there making a dent in the couch.

now inside my sick body, all sorts of activity was happening. my body was fighting off an infection. white blood cells attacking the bacterial invaders. i needed to quit doing all of the outer work to let the inner work happen.

the same is true for other inner-work we need to do. there are other things that affect, you might even say infect, our over all health as individuals, and we need to tend to them...

think about your life. what kind of things are infecting you? maybe they are keeping you up at night just like i was last night. maybe they keep you from being at your best. maybe they are the kinds of things that only surface when we get worn down. the things that infect our souls can share so much in common with the things that infect our bodies- but we seldom call in for a sick day to care for our souls.

if only our souls would knock us off our feet when they need time to heal the same way our bodies do... maybe then we'd pay attention and make and take the time.

(in fact i will be taking time for that myself soon... but that is twelve days away... you will not want to miss the blog that week...)

August 1 & 2 St. Luke's will be participating in the American Cancer Society's

Relay for Life. This is a great opportunity to raise money and awareness for cancer. It is like a giant party all night long! And unlike the really loooooong races, all you have to do for Relay is take turns walking around a track. This event is extremely family friendly. St. Luke's will have several teams. For info go to stlukeshr.com, or email Meghan at meghan.l@comcast.net.

Congratulations

2008 GRADUATES



Christine Armijo
Highlands Ranch HS
University of Colorado
(Boulder)



Calli Barlow
Mountain Vista HS
Regis University



Courtney Clement
Mountain Vista HS
University of Colorado
(Colorado Springs)



Jarrod Fort
Rock Canyon HS
University of South Florida



Meaghan Johnson
Home Schooled



Andrea Money
Chatfield Senior HS
University of Colorado
(Boulder)



Kevin Sims
BA, Musical Theater
University of Northern Colorado



Heather Benshoof
BS, Business Administration
University of Redlands
(California)



Lisa Coryell
Cherry Creek HS
Tulane University



Chris Frame
Highlands Ranch HS
Colorado State University



Olivia Kohrs
ThunderRidge HS
University of Colorado
(Boulder)



Robert Palmer
Mountain Vista HS
University of Arizona



Jay Stahlman
Littleton HS
Whitman College
(Spokane, WA)



Lindsay Benshoof
BA, Psychology
University of Colorado
(Boulder)



Rebecca Cushing
Heritage HS
Southern Methodist University



Colin Gabriel
ThunderRidge HS
US Marines



Thomas Maxwell
Mountain Vista HS
University of Wyoming



Clark Parra
Mountain Vista HS
Lane CC
(Eugene, OR)



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Mountain Vista HS
University of Colorado
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Kyle Bobkowski
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Heritage HS
Colorado State University



Lauren Hayes
Mountain Vista HS
University of Colorado



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University of Colorado
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Blinn College
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Rock Canyon HS
Colorado State University



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BA, Integrative Physiology
University of Colorado



Sam Mezger
Mountain Vista HS
Colorado State University



Tony Ramsett
Heritage HS
University of Northern Colorado



Tyson Williams
ThunderRidge HS
Colorado School of Mines



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Fort Lewis College



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Rock Canyon HS
Colorado State University



Andrea Fitch
Mullen HS
University of Denver



Mackenzie Hutchins
Mountain Vista HS
Kansas University
(Lawrence)



Joey Miyaki
University of Colorado
(Boulder)



Hannah Sanek
Cherry Creek HS
Colorado State University



Maureen Wright
Highlands Ranch HS
Texas A&M

St. Luke's 5th Annual Golf Tournament – Volunteers Wanted

Please plan to get involved! For more information, please contact Dean Conklin at deanhconklin@yahoo.com or 720-987-6745. The invitational is again being held at the award winning Jim Engh-designed Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden, Colo. The tournament will be held on Friday, August 22 and begins with lunch at noon and shot gun start at 1:30pm.

SERVING ST. LUKE'S



Lynda Fickling
Director of
Servant Ministry

We are Called to Serve

*Serving God by Serving
Others in the Church,
Community, and the World*

St. Luke's Communications Team: Team
Leader NEEDED to guide a group of dedicated

writers, graphic designers, marketing and publicity volunteers to spread St. Luke's message throughout the community. Strong project management, delegation and follow-up skills desired. Please contact James Ramsey at 303-791-0659 x23 or jim@stlukeshr.com for more information.



Visit www.stlukeshr.com and take the mini-assessment under *Serve* then contact Lynda Fickling lynda@stlukeshr.com who will walk with you through the process of applying your gifts to serving in the world!

Realize your potential for living
a God-centered life!



Summertime Ministry Try-out...

Have you been curious as to where you might serve at St. Luke's? Have you been so busy in the year that you haven't had the opportunity to slow down and really discover your gifts? Why not enlist in a one-time ministry try-out! Serve as an usher, greeter, coffee-maker, Sunday school leader for one Sunday as a guest. Then if you really enjoyed it and found that God has blessed you with that gift, wonderful! If you are still searching, why not try something else? Take advantage of the summertime season of growth and discovery with a new ministry at St. Luke's! Contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659x20 lynda@stlukeshr.com

We invite you to attend our "Orientation of St. Luke's"

Summer Schedule: 9:30am

Pick one Sunday: June 15, July 20 or Aug. 17

Gather at the "Get Connected" table near the entrance of the worship center/sanctuary. Meet new friends and explore the many programs and ministries waiting for you here at St. Luke's. Help us to better serve your needs for your spiritual journey.

Contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20 for more
information. No registration required.

Children may attend Sunday school during this hour!

PRAYER CONCERNS



Week Ending June 13, 2008

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

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| Gerry Wright (Gail Abernathy's mother) | Beverly Dodds (Terri Korpala's mother) |
| John Poole (friend of Joy Damsgard) | Bob Ross (Edee worth's brother) |
| Beth Turner | Michelle Ishii (friend of Kris Kinney) |
| Jennie Keefer (Mike Hutchins' daughter) | Donald Dancy |
| Jim Hertel (Sandy Thompson's father) | (Friend of Angela Chaplin) |
| Brian Day (Eileen Law's nephew) | Brent Webber |
| Norma Harris | (friend of Nancy Cushing) |
| Kendall Griggs (Susan Hooke's uncle) | Fran Morton (Pam Kuhn's mother) |
| Fanelle Laughlin (Lisa Williams' aunt) | Paula Howry (Amy Antinoro's aunt) |
| John Covey (friend of Ross Barnard) | Ruby Gray (Lis'e Takayama's mother) |
| Amber Cunningham | Jack Miller |
| (friend of Amy Antinoro) | (friend of Susan/Laura Northrop) |
| Darryl Griggs (Susan Hooke's cousin) | Jinx Garza (friend of Jon Streaty) |
| Edna West (Bob West's mother) | Mindy Dunbar |
| Gordon Lewis (friend of Ken Fong) | Diane Baker (Mary Romke's sister) |
| Alex Pass | Trey Dunn (|
| (son of a friend of Julie Polikoff) | nephew John & Stephanie Menzel) |
| Kristi Fesler (Mona Daniel's friend) | Eleanor Hooke (Rob Hooke's mother) |
| Norm Keller (Candy Keller's father) | Vera Nelson |
| Pat Clem (neighbor of Doug Wagner) | (Valerie Goodstein's grandmother) |
| Leslie Davis (Yvonne Amerine's friend) | Mary Kirkpatrick |
| Alberta Haas | (Kerry Lucero's mother) |
| Warren Goss (Charlie William's friend) | Bob Lucero (Gov Lucero's brother) |
| Jim Bailey (Melissa Moberly's father) | Rey Lucero (Gov Lucero's father) |
| Ronda Olson | Grace Hagman |
| Paula Strader (Sandi Miyaki's sister) | (friend of the Cushing family) |
| Nancy Smith (Ray Godsey's sister) | Chris (friend of Amy Slade) |
| Judy Austin (Mary Jo Weber's sister) | Brimberry Family |
| Gail Carlson (Mike Hutchin's neighbor) | Elmira Ayers |
| Pat Dublin (Bob Davis' mother) | (Sis-in-law Keith/Marilyn Ayers) |
| Robert Abbott, Sr. | Lois Bane |
| (Nancy Abbott's father-in-law) | Kevin O'Neill |
| Al Tulenko (Bobbi King's neighbor) | Mary Uecker (friend of Mary Kuritanil |
| Matthew Peterman's cousin, Matthew | Kay Swanson) |
| Christiana Humphreys | Carol Carnahan |
| (friend of Susan Hooke) | Jackie Durban |
| Julie Hayes | Lily Collier (friend of Halloran family) |
| (friend of Susan Werthington) | Susan (Jill Wright's mother) |
| Jule Yim (friend of Betty Ludlam) | Les Ludlam |
| Susan Johnson | Alice Brimberry |
| Tim Kessler (Jenny Stevenson's friend) | Jennifer Valdez (Gov Lucero's cousin) |
| Amy Rezvani (friend of Eileen Law) | Skip Kaurez |
| Jan Lanham | Paula Peterson (friend of Rachel Nolder) |
| Bernice Haskell | Amy Spicher (Doug Spicher's mother) |
| (friend of Steve Marshke) | |
| Stephanie Stanley | |
| (Jane Damsgard's aunt) | |
| George Hutchins | |
| (Mike Hutchins' father) | |
| Sharon Liston (Cindy Raap's mother) | |
| Kelli Michel (former LS aide) | |
| Peg Pascal | |
| Barbara Fielder | |
| (friend of Barb Decker's) | |
| Robert McGill (Sharon Oliver's father) | |
| Maureen Hoffman | |
| (Monty Hoffman's mother) | |

SYMPATHIES:

- To John & Andrea Mezger and family
on the passing of John's mother, Carol
Mezger, May 22.
- To the friends of Tammy McLead who
passed away in Oklahoma of cancer.
- To Ed & Eileen Law and family, on the
passing of Ed's mother, Rosemarie,
June 6.

CONGRATULATIONS:

- To Sean Cronin & Jane Damsgard on
the birth of Thomas Edward, May 27.

THE SPIRIT OF ST. LUKE'S



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

More from Les: Remember the Past, But Don't Live In It

I just received a notice that my high school alma mater, Central High School in Grand Junction, Colorado, is having our 50th anniversary class reunion in August. Class of '58 reigns, once again! That led me to think about school reunions. Why do we have them anyway? Is a school class reunion a means for us to reconnect with our lost youth and vitality? Does a reunion, in some surreptitious way, give us an opportunity to compare our own lives with those we grew up with to determine how well we've done so far?

With the 50th approaching, I prefer to see the reunion as a means of reconnecting and rebuilding some valuable personal connections that tend to fade with time.

At my 10th high school reunion, in 1968, it seemed we all were trying to show our former classmates how well we were doing in the world. "Wow! did you see that car pull up outside! That's a Cadillac DeVille! Who drove that to the reunion?" "I think it was Herman, I saw him walking away from it just before the dinner began." "Hey, there he is, let's go ask him." "Hey, Herm, that your car?" "Which one?" "That black DeVille outside; somebody saw you drive up in it!" "Man, you must be rolling in dough!" "What'd it set you back? About 10 grand?" (Cadillac? \$10,000? Remember, this was 1968.) Herm just smiled, "Things have been OK lately," he said and then walked off. After the dinner we watched Herm driving off and Billy said, "Hey, look, that Cadillac has a dealer's plate on it!" We learned later that Herm was working for a local car dealer and had borrowed the Cadillac Sedan DeVille and drove it to all the class events.

At our 10th reunion, we replayed old school roles. Class sports heroes huddled together and remembered the great ball games. The less athletic, the eggheads, held to themselves, talking of college degrees, the space program and business successes. The "Leather Jacket" crowd went outside to have a smoke! The roles we had played in high school were the roles we subconsciously played at the reunion. For a short period, we transported back in time. But, then, reality set in for some of us when Rosalind and Charlotte arrived. Rosalind and Charlotte had been the not-so-noticeable, quiet, slightly chubby classmates of ten years before; but they had changed. Oh, My! They had really changed! During high school, they would come to the dances and stand along the wall, but were never asked to dance. As one of my former classmates commented, "They were so far out from the 'in-crowd' that only the teachers knew them by their full names!" Only Rosalind and Charlotte could have really known what pain we, their classmates, might have inflicted upon them during high school. Rosalind was now an international airline flight attendant; Charlotte was a manager for a television advertising company. And there, at our 10-year reunion, they were not to be ignored. They were beautiful! They were self-confident! And they were the center of attention! "Charlotte," said Sam, "where were you when we were in high school?" "Right here," she replied with smile on her face, "where were you?" She then turned and gracefully walked away. And suddenly we were reminded it had been ten years since graduation, that we were all a little older, that we had all changed. And we couldn't go back.

Class reunions seem to have evolving unwritten themes as the years go by: After 10 years, the theme seemed to be "who's doing well in the outside world?" After 20 years, it was, "who's married, who's not, how many kids do they have?" After 30 years, when we are well into mid-life, it seems to be "whom do we recognize and how many grandkids do they have?" After 40 years, and beyond, we are pretty settled and value the lifetime relationships, we're more concerned about "who's still alive, where are they living and how can we keep in touch?"

It's OK; it's even good at times, to remember and re-live our past. We have shaped as persons, not so much by what has happened in our lives, but by the actions we take in response as these events and changes happen. Reunions reinforce our lifetime learnings; reunions celebrate lives and living. But, reunions must end, we must deal with life in the here and now. Reunions can be fun if we treat them for what they are, temporary trips back into an earlier part of our lives; the past is not to be forgotten but not to be lived in now! God Bless us all! —Rev. Les

CARE & SUPPORT

St. Luke's Delivers During Personal Crisis by Jill Wright

My family has belonged to St. Luke's for six years. Among the many reasons we joined were the friendly, caring and supportive people we found here, as well as the many programs and missions services it provides.

Les Ludlum's recent *Chronicle* story has inspired me to share my story of how St. Luke's has helped – and continues to help – my family through an extremely difficult time.



A memorable moment with Dad in 1998.

My father, David Hartman, passed away last Christmas after a six-month, terminal bout with cancer. He had a peaceful passing at home, surrounded by his family. His funeral was both beautiful and spiritual, and was punctuated by a group of U.S. Marines honoring him with the playing of Taps and the presentation to my mother of a United States Flag.

The stress and strain leading up to his passing wiped us out emotionally. The day after the funeral, we began our sad drive back from Ohio, with me crying most of the way. During the trip, we received a cell phone call from Assistant Pastor Pam Rowley, who expressed her deep condolences, offered her help, and promised to pray for our recovery. She also promised to add us to the weekly prayer group. Pam's call reminded me that although we are transplants to Colorado and have no "blood" relations here, we had a supportive surrogate family waiting upon our return. They did not let us down.

Pam continued to check up on us every few days, and at my request, hooked me up with a Stephen Minister, who has proved invaluable. My Stephen Minister is someone I've known for many years, and it turns out that we have many similar experiences in common. Her friendship is a blessing.

The Caring Connection Team also soon got involved, and the delicious meals they cheerfully delivered were so appreciated at a time when I had no energy to take care of my family. And it didn't stop there. Many friends and even St. Luke's members I didn't know very well sent cards, offered hugs, shared stories of their own or simply listened to me when I needed to talk.

I agree with Les that despite the sadness of a loved one's passing, it provides the God-given opportunity to reconnect with long-lost friends and relatives. My mother received a letter from a woman she hadn't spoken to in over forty years – her roommate from the hospital in which I was born. My siblings and I also reconnected with cousins, aunts and uncles, some of whom we hadn't seen in decades. We have since been exchanging emails and plan to attend a Hartman family reunion this summer. My dad was one of nine children and I have 27 first cousins on his side, so the reunion ought to be a hoot!

As I continue to recover, the support from St. Luke's continues to comfort and heal my family. St. Luke's is a great place to be, whether you're in a time of crisis or not. But having now been through both good and bad times, we are proud to belong to such an exceptional congregation!



Lynne Butler
Assistant Director of
Children's Ministry



Kristina Linn
Director of
Childcare

CALENDAR

June 18

Wacky Wednesday (1)
9:30am-noon

June 23-27

Vacation Bible School
Beach Party! 9:00-11:30am

June 30

VBS Prelude
9:30 & 11:00am Services

July 6

No Sunday School -
4th of July Weekend

July 9

Wacky Wednesday (2)
9:30am-noon

July 16

Wacky Wednesday (3)
9:30am-noon

July 23

Wacky Wednesday (4)
9:30am-noon

July 30

Wacky Wednesday (5)
9:30am-noon

August 3

Annual Family Picnic, noon

August 6

Wacky Wednesday (6)
9:30am-noon

August 16

Sunday School Teacher
Orientation, 9:00-11:00am
in Goliath

August 19

Sunday School Teacher
Orientation, 7:00-9:00pm
in Goliath

August 22

Family Movie Night, 7:00pm
in the Fellowship Hall

August 31

No Sunday School. Labor Day
Weekend

**There will be no
11:00am Children's
Sunday School during
the summer.
Please join the fun
at 9:30!**



Welcome new 5th graders - Goodbye 6th grade graduates. SLY, Jr. celebrated the end of a wonderful season of fun and fellowship with a tasty BBQ and lots of games.

There will be an all NEW look to SLY, jr.!

The reconfiguration of classrooms that will be made after the construction of our amazing Youth Wing, gives us (Children's Ministry) a great opportunity to spice up our program a bit. Kindergarten Sunday School will be moving to a classroom in the Goliath Area and joining the Workshop Rotation in the Fall. Seven grades, K-6th grade, are too many classes to run an effective rotation program. This is great news for next year's 5th and 6th graders! We would like to take this opportunity to create a whole new program for our 5th and 6th graders!

They would have their own room, the same one every week, the Matthew room or better known as the Tween Room at 9:30am on Sundays. They would have their own curriculum, designed especially for the savvy pre-teens of today. And they would have their own team of adult leaders who know what a great group of kids these are and are ready to guide and grow in faith with them! During the month of May we will be contacting our parent group in search of our Tween Team. But don't feel left out just because you don't have a tween in your household! Any and all adults are welcome to become a part of this engaging team. Just contact Lynne Butler at 303-791-0659 x11 to sign up. The perfect time to begin this new Sunday morning program would be in June, so don't delay! We need your help to make this happen!

Summer Sunday School - Veggie Tales The Pirates Who Don't do Anything!

On June 1st Summer Sunday School will set sail for a fantastic adventure on the high seas with the Pirates from Veggie Tales new movie. Each Sunday we will encounter a Hero from the stories in the Bible. We will learn about the challenges they faced and how God helped them become a Hero in spite of the obstacles. Best of all we will discover how God can make us a Hero in the situations of our everyday lives! Plus, we will have games, crafts, music and a great snack every Sunday! What more could a kid wish for, but maybe being able to share the adventure with a friend! See ya there, mate!

More Summer Fun at St. Luke's - Wacky Wednesdays

Six Wednesdays this summer will be full of fun for those kid ages 3 years (by Sept 15, 2008) through 3rd grade. Beginning in June they will learn about Noah and his Ark full of animals through music, crafts, games and Chapel Time. The dates are June 18, July 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6 from 9:30am to noon each day. You may sign up for any or all days. Registration is \$15.00 per day per child. Forms are available in the church office, the Little School office or on line. The registration deadline is Sunday, May 25 or until full. Classes fill quickly, so don't delay! For more information contact Tami Clement at 303-791-1982.

New Playgroups will be starting in August. Watch for more information!

Prayerfully Consider Teaching Sunday School

Children's Ministry is praying for Sunday School teachers for the September through May Sunday School in our PEAK rotational classes and our 11:00 classes. If you like cooking, computers, storytelling, art, games, science or watching movies you are perfect for PEAK. 11:00 Sunday School is in need of more traditional class teachers. If you would like more information please contact Lynne Butler.

Promotion Sunday June 1st! To the tune of Pomp and Circumstance, children age 3 through 6th grade were promoted to their new classrooms. The 6th graders were welcomed in to SLY and our 2 year old children will move out of the nursery in the fall. The morning continued with Summer Sunday School kickoff. Our opening featured a narrated story of Moses and the Burning Bush complete with a burning bush and the voice of God, live. We look forward to seeing all the kids in Sunday School!

ADULT ED

Seeing Greater Purpose in Your Business

Join other business leaders in this interactive and informative workshop that will uncover the Biblical principles of what God has called you to do and how it impacts your greater purpose through your business.

DATE: Thursday, July 24

TIME: 7:30-8:30am

LOCATION: Conference Room

CONTACT: Lynne Butler x11

RSVP BY: Tuesday, July 22

COST: \$35.00

You will leave this workshop with a new meaning for your business life.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

LITTLE SCHOOL
News

Summer Break

Little School is out for a well deserved break over the summer! We are excited and anticipating new changes for fall with the new construction which will enable us to do more ministry work with our children! WHOO-HOO!

Little School office hours over the summer are:

- Tuesday- 1:00-4:30pm (morning is church staff meeting)
- Wednesdays - 10:00am-3:00pm
- Other days as needed

The best way to reach us over the summer is by EMAIL:

littleschool@stlukeshr.com, as we return this very quickly. Phone messages are answered on Tues. and Wed.

Teachers will be in contact with their new students the first part of August so look for a call or letter! PAPERWORK IS DUE THE FIRST OF JULY AND MAY BE DROPPED AT THE MAIN OFFICE OF THE CHURCH DURING OFFICE HOURS ANY TIME DURING THE SUMMER. School begins on August 28th with EVENING PARENT ORIENTATION and September 2nd for CHILDREN'S OPEN HOUSE! Mark your calendars and watch for details! First day of school is September 3rd (MWF classes) and September 4th (T/TH classes).

Have a safe and wonderful summer! Hope to see many of you at Wacky Wednesdays and VBS! Lovingly, -Ms. Kay & Staff:-)



Kay Swanson
Director of
Little School

COMMUNITY



What's It Worth?

Our first annual "What's It Worth" Antique & Collectible Appraisal Day was a ton of fun! If you didn't make it, here's what you missed! This was a day set up much like

PBS's Antique Roadshow where folks could make a small donation and bring personal items to get appraised by trained professionals. A few highlights of items we saw that day:

A native american bow & arrow set and leggings appraised for \$13,000 combined! A pitcher/basin set appraised for \$5,000. A collectible cast iron bank appraised for \$5,000. A toy car from the 1950's appraised for \$350. And many other items!

By putting on the event we were able to raise over \$2,500 to support the Guatemala Medical Mission and help SLY begin to meet their Bold Venture pledge of \$50,000!

Plans are in the works to host this event again in the spring of 2009, so keep watching for next year's event as you look around your house and say to yourself, "Gee, I wonder what that is worth?"

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



St. Luke's UMW Mission 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, please contact Janet Sackett or Fran West.

A Garden Tea Party On Sunday, May 18th over forty females of all ages participated in the UMW-sponsored "A Garden Tea Party." They dined on six different tea sandwiches, deviled eggs, a variety of desserts and chocolate dipped strawberries, along with their tea. The "Women of Note" performed



a number of songs, as well as shared their individual perspectives on their work in prison ministry. Every individual received a recipe book with the tea's recipes and many individuals received garden-themed door prizes.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Luncheon for Annual Conference The St. Luke's UMW will be hosting a luncheon for pastors attending the Annual Conference. We will serve a BBQ luncheon on June 20th.

1st Annual Parking Lot Sale The sale is scheduled for June 14th (June 21st if it rains). For \$15, individuals or groups can rent a parking space in which to sell gently used items. The Guatemala Medical Trip participants will be selling concessions during the sale. Proceeds support mission work.

UMW Mission Project We have chosen UMCOR as our on-going mission project. We are collecting supplies for Bedding Kits, Sewing Kits and Layette Kits. These are the kits UMCOR needs the most. They are needed for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. Supply lists and a collection box can be found by the UMW bulletin board.

"Weaving Prayer into our Lives" The UMW fall kick-off is planned for September 14, 2008 2:00-4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Subgroups of UMW at St. Luke's UMC:

- **Evening Book Group:** Fourth Mondays of the month, 7:00pm Conference Room. For more information, please call Fran West at 303-797-7107 or Janet Sackett at 303-794-4303. All women are welcomed to come to any or all our meetings. Y'all come and bring a friend!
June 23 - At Home in Mitford by Jan Karon
- **Itch to Stitch:** Second Wednesday of the month, 7:00-8:30pm, Mark Room. For more information, please call Fran West at 303-797-7107.
- **Scrapbooking Circle:** Every other month, 7:00-10:00pm Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Christy Wohlleber at 720-344-3516.
- **Women's Night Out:** See notice on back page of this issue.

HOSPITALITY

You're Invited to a
Hospitality Appreciation Breakfast & Workshop
- focus on "Hospitality"

All current and NEW team members are invited!!

*Childcare is available with reservations at 303-791-0659 x47

WHEN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2008 8:30-10:30am

WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL

GREETERS RSVP: Karmie Hilleary 303-683-4696 or Val Goodstein 303-799-0907

USHERS RSVP: Shawn Slade 303-660-6113

WELCOME RSVP: Wally Sackett 303-794-4303

GUEST SERVICE STATION RSVP: Debbie Miller 303-791-8921

GET CONNECTED & GUEST CALLING RSVP: Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20

WELCOME

New Members: March-May 2008



Brian & Lucinda Miller
Alyssa and Luke

"We are ready as a family to commit to our spiritual journey. We are excited to bring our children up in a family of faith."



Brandon & Jenny Brookfield
Berit and Kylie



Carol Gabert

"The Spirit of Pentecost filled my soul and I was moved to become a part of St. Luke's UMC and on Mother's Day for my daughter Susan McIntosh who was baptized on Mother's Day years ago."



Rick & Louise Jasper

"We looked for a new church home for a long time and found that home here."



Peter & Gail Miller

"The first we visited St. Luke's, we knew this was the place we would worship and grow our faith. The people, the sermons, the music... everything just felt right."



Anne Thomas



Bret & Jenna Wilcox

"We have found a place where we can have fun, be ourselves and worship."

Aneliah Enriquez

Our Class of 2008 Confirmants: Tim Armstrong, Carli Auran, Evan Ann Boose, Colby Butler, Kara Fong, Jackson Givens, Kimberly Goddard, Stephanie Hagan, Lucas Heyse, Ian Hutchins, Andrew Johnson, Alexandria Kohrs, Michael Lee, Bennett McIntosh, Evan Oliver, Peri Peterson, Austin Raap, Chris Sawyer, Kelly Severseike, Chris Stephens, Katie Stull, Megan Stull, Anthony Tyson, Hans Wangsness, Kristen Wangsness, Nicholas Warren, Jacob Wesson, Kara Williams

Servant Spotlight: Marilyn Ayers & Joan Gitchell



The 3 year old class at this year's Vacation Bible School at St. Luke's is very lucky. Not only do they have a week of fun and fellowship ahead of them but they have two dedicated and amazing teachers, Joan Gitchell and Marilyn Ayers to spend time with.

Both are proud grandmothers who adore their grandkids and spread that love to the children of St. Luke's. But they also share some other common history.

Joan is originally from Quinter in western Kansas and Marilyn is from Goddard, Kansas. By the luck of the draw, the two were college roommates at Kansas State University for a year and became friends. After losing touch for many years and living in different parts of the country, fate would bring them back together here in Colorado and eventually to St. Luke's. After years working as a public health nurse, Joan came to St. Luke's six years ago to attend church with her daughter, Ann Bobkowski and her family. And Marilyn and her husband, Keith, have been attending St. Luke's for about 10 years. Marilyn says, "We are energized by the amazing talent at St. Luke's. We love the good solid community, the Sunday school classes, the Dining Out for Seniors and the mission opportunities." Both Joan and Marilyn went on the Guatemala mission trip together and although both experienced some culture shock, they felt very rewarded and challenged working with the Bible Camp and interacting with the people of Guatemala. "It was an incredible experience," says Joan. Joan is also active with the St. Luke's Bridge group.

They have been volunteering with Vacation Bible School for the past 2 years with the 3 year old class. Lynne Butler, Assistant Director of Children's Ministry speaks enthusiastically about these two ladies, "Joan and Marilyn are just two of the adults without young children we are so blessed to have serving in VBS. Many consider the 3 year old children to be a challenge, but Joan and Marilyn love this age group and the kids love them!"

It can be difficult to fill the position of teacher for the 3 year olds but Joan and Marilyn welcome it heartily. "You get to play!" says Joan. "Along with teaching a lesson that follows the theme of the VBS week, the kids are there to just be together and have fun. And I get to hang out with Marilyn." They both feel more at home interacting with the younger children. You don't have to have children in the VBS or the Sunday School program to be a teacher and make a difference in the lives of our St. Luke's children. Part of being a servant at St. Luke's is finding that niche that fits your comfort level, utilizes your strengths and makes you feel fulfilled. Joan and Marilyn have definitely found theirs and St. Luke's is better for it! Thank you both!

MUSIC MINISTRY



Choral Music Festival On April 19th, members of Junior Prayz and the Off-Notes Youth Choir traveled to Littleton UMC for their first experience at a Choristers Guild Music Celebration. Youth were led in rehearsals by Dr. Richard Hunt, Director of Worship, Music and the Arts at Village Seven Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs. The children were directed by Dr. Mary Louise Burke, Assoc. Director and Conductor of the Colorado Children's Chorale in Denver. They rehearsed all morning, enjoyed a picnic lunch and then attended the mass rehearsal in preparation for the afternoon worship service. It was an uplifting, educational experience for all and really a lot of fun. The choirs are already looking forward to next year's Festival!

Joining St. Luke's There is a place for you here! Please contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20 or lynda@stlukeshr.com or one of the pastors for more information.

MUSIC & DRAMA



James Ramsey
Dir. of Music
Ministry & the Arts



Kay Coryell
Associate Dir. of
Music Ministry



Gretchen Martin
Assistant Director
of Music Ministry



Ken Mervine
Organist/
Accompanist

Chekhov and Cheesecake...a sweet night of fun!



May 4th and 5th the St. Luke's Wesley Players were proud to present two one-acts written by Anton Chekhov, "The Proposal" and "The Bear". The

two casts of three players each were greeted by approximately 150 people each performance. There was laughter and fun and, with support from an anonymous donor, almost \$5,000 raised to support Denver Urban Ministries and Ecumenical Refugee Services! The event was a greater success than anyone expected. Thank you to those who put on the show and to all who came to support the Wesley Players and the missions team.

Summer Choir

If you love to sing but don't have time to commit to singing in the Chancel Choir on a regular basis, then now is your opportunity! On Saturday, June 14th beginning at 8:30am, the Summer Choir will begin another season. All who love to sing at any level are invited to attend. The Summer Choir Retreat focuses on the music for the selected Sundays. Additional rehearsals occur before the worship services. The 2008 Summer Choir schedule is:

Saturday, June 14	8:00-8:30am	Coffee/donuts/bagels
	8:30-11:30am	Retreat
Sunday, June 15	8:45-9:25am	Rehearsal
	9:30 and 11:00	Services
Sunday, July 13	8:45-9:25am	Rehearsal
	9:30 and 11:00	Services
Sunday, August 3	8:45-9:25am	Rehearsal
	9:30 and 11:00	Services

Rehearsals take place in the Asbury Music Room downstairs. Contact James Ramsey at 303-791-0659 x23 or jim@stlukeshr.com

Save the Date! **Benefit Concert:**
Joyful Noise! Youth Choir (from Maryland)
with **Off Notes Youth Choir**
June 16th at 7:00pm

We are very fortunate to have the Joyful Noise! Youth choir from Oakdale, Maryland here on Monday, June 16th for an amazing concert. This event will be a benefit concert for youth missions. Our own youth choirs and SLYJO will be featured on a few numbers with the 66 member Joyful Noise! choir.

MISSIONS

Thank you, St. Luke's! *by Betsy Keyack*

You, St. Luke's friends, have helped people who were hungry, thirsty, sick or in need of clothing and shelter. You have helped provide education for disadvantaged children. You have given hope and comfort to countless people who were hurting.

In 2007 alone, our Music/Drama events raised about \$32,000 for missions ministries. In addition, other personal donations and events raised at least another \$11,300, for a total of \$43,300! This does not even include the annual youth Pumpkin Patch. Beneficiaries of the 2007 donations were Nuba Africa Water Project; United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR); Angola Land Mine Removal Project; Guatemala missions, including the John Wesley School, adobe homes and milk for children; Denver Urban Ministries (DenUM); Interfaith Community Services; the Global AIDS Fund; Colorado AIDS Project; youth missions; Haven/Peer 1; Zimbabwe hospital and orphanage; Ecumenical Refugee Services; Nothing But Nets; Holly, Colorado tornado recovery; Cambodia Scholarships; Special Sunday offerings; Support our Troops Project; children who needed school supplies and Shannon's Hope.

These monetary donations did not include the giving of a significant amount of material goods, including ongoing food donations for DenUM; the big "Feeding of the 5000" last September; soup for Interfaith; clothing for children in El Salvador; Giving Trees for Heifer Project, Interfaith and Urban Peak; monthly Urban Peak meals; and donations for our troops.

Many people have given their gift of time, health and energy by hands-on volunteering. Examples are our participation in youth and adult mission trips to Guatemala, Gulf Coast, Maine, Wyoming and Alamosa; serving monthly breakfast at St. Paul's UMC in Denver; tutoring refugee children; and the Caring Connection's meals for people in need at St. Luke's.

The year 2008 has started out well with continued donations of food to DenUM and Interfaith – let's keep those buckets (both blue and yellow) full! The children's Sunday School had a special drive for Heifer Project; we had a mission trip to Guatemala in March; the UM Women at St. Luke's have adopted UMCOR health kits as their 2008 project; there was much generosity for the Support Our Troops program in April; and we had a beautiful and inspirational Native American Awareness Sunday on April 20.

I hope you will be inspired to continue St. Luke's work in mission, both from Jesus' words and this article of appreciation on behalf of all the beneficiaries of your care and generosity.



AIDS Walk Colorado

Saturday, September 6 - Cheesman Park

Join St. Luke's in supporting this incredible community event! Colorado AIDS Walk is the largest fundraiser for AIDS in the Rocky Mountain region. Over 7000 people participated last year. Join the St. Luke's Team for the 21st annual walk in Cheesman Park on Saturday morning, September 6, 2008. Details are still being finalized, but

registration usually starts at 7:30, with the walk starting at 9:30. Proceeds from the walk go to benefit a number of charitable organizations working with the HIV/AIDS communities across Colorado to improve lives of those affected with HIV/AIDS and to prevent HIV infection. Do you want to walk, sponsor a walker, or help the team prepare for the event? Contact Susan McIntosh 303-347-0727 susanmrcintosh@yahoo.com for more information.

SLY: ST. LUKE'S YOUTH



Chris Wilterdink
Director of
Youth Ministries



Susan Johnson
Assistant Director
of Youth Ministries

CHRIS'S CORNER

Time of Transition

So, the existing youth rooms downstairs have been cleared out. The tables, the couches, the TVs, everything but the memories have been scraped away from the two rooms where a large part of our ministry with youth has happened for the past 6 years. We have cleared out the rooms so that they can become new classrooms for St. Luke's Little School that will be ready before the beginning of the next school year.

You may be asking where the youth will have Sunday School without any classrooms... Well, we are lucky enough to have a great open space in the Fellowship Hall and yes, our Jr and Sr High classes will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings starting at 9:30 until the new youth space/church expansion is completed. (By no means is this roughing it! Ask Rev. Brad about where Sunday school classes met when he was a youth!) Don't worry, this won't mess up the coffee or donuts for anyone! In fact, if we have folks who begin drifting in for their morning donut and they think we're talking about interesting stuff, maybe we'll end up with a few drop-ins!!!

This summer will certainly be a time of transition as we prepare ourselves to inhabit newly-built, dedicated youth space. Our summer Sunday school classes will look differently than they ever have before. But that can be a good thing! Enjoy the summer and the time it affords you. Roll around in the grass, get just sun-burned enough to appreciate the warmth, and get outside yourself!

—Peace & Love, Chris

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 SLY AM SLY PM Arcade Night	2	3	4 GEMS Survival Series STM Food & Frisbee	5 Breakfast Club	JUNE	
8 SLY AM SLY PM Elitch's Noon, Bring Own Tix	9 GEMS Beading Night	10	11 GEMS Survival Series STM Food & Frisbee	12 Breakfast Club	13	14
15 SLY AM <i>Father's Day</i>	16	17	18 GEMS Survival Series STM Food & Frisbee	19 Breakfast Club	20 Raft Clear Creek Sign Up by June 6	21
22 SLY AM SLY PM Service Project	23 GEMS Joking Day	24	25 GEMS Survival Series STM Food & Frisbee	26 Breakfast Club	27	28
29 SLY AM SLY PM Movie Night	30	Questions? Email: chris@stlukeshr.com or jackie@stlukeshr.com		2008 SLY SUMMER		St. Luke's UMC 8817 S. Broadway Highlands Ranch, CO 80129 303-791-0659 www.stlukeshr.com
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JULY		1 VOLLEYBALL	2 GEMS Survival Series STM Food & Frisbee	3 Breakfast Club	4	5 Sr High Mission
6 SLY AM Sr High Mission SLY PM	7 Sr High Mission	8 Sr High Mission VOLLEYBALL	9 Sr High Mission	10 Breakfast Club	11 Sr High Mission	12 Sr High Mission
13 SLY AM Sr High Mission SLY PM	14	15 VOLLEYBALL	16 GEMS Survival Series STM Food & Frisbee	17 Breakfast Club	18	19
20 SLY AM Jr High Mission SLY PM	21 Jr High Mission	22 Jr High Mission VOLLEYBALL	23 Jr High Mission	24 Breakfast Club	25	26
27 SLY AM SLY PM Ren Fest Noon, \$20 Tix	28	29 STM Beat It Up VOLLEYBALL	30 GEMS Survival Series STM Food & Frisbee	31 Breakfast Club	OVERNIGHT AUG 1 & 2 SIGN UP & JOIN THE SLY TEAM!	
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3 SLY AM SLY PM Chill Out With Other Churches	4	5	6 SLY Paintball Last Survival Series Last Food & Frisbee	7 Breakfast Club	8 STM Wii Party	9
10 SLY AM SLY PM Water World Noon, Buy Own Tix	11 <i>Douglas Co School Start</i>	12 <i>Jeff Co School Start</i>	13	14	15	16
17 SLY AM Ultimate Frisbee Tournament	18	19 <i>Littleton School Start</i>	20	21	22 5th annual golf tournament	23
24 SLY AM SLY PM Messy Games	25 <i>Cherry Creek School Start</i>	26	27	WEEKLY PROGRAMS		30
31 Labor Day No SLY AM or PM	AUGUST		SLY AM: 9:30 & 11am VOLLEYBALL: 6PM GEMS Survival Series 5:30pm		SLY PM: 5:30pm Breakfast Club: 10am STM Frisbee: 5:30pm	

MORE SLY

- ✧ **Jr. High Summer Mission Trip**
Hayman Wildfire Recovery Area, CO.
Apps now available and due by June 18.
\$275 trip cost. July 20-24, 2008.
- ✧ **WITY** (Our new Youth Improv Team)
started meeting June 8 at 11:00am on
Sundays. Please join us for a lot of fun.
Learn how to play improv comedy games
just like on "Whose Line Is It Anyway?"
- ✧ **SLY is going rafting** on June 20! Raft
Clear Creek outside Idaho Springs with
American Adventures Rafting Company.
Insurance/registration forms can be picked
up at church.
- ✧ **GEMS & STM** (Girls & Guys Small
Groups) are starting up in June! Join us on
Wednesday evening for weekly activities
and for special events throughout the
summer.
- ✧ All summer long **Sunday School** for
both Jr. and Sr. High will meet in the
Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. That means if
you have graduated 6th grade you can start
hanging out with us upstairs for Sunday
School!!!
- ✧ Youth Team participating in this year's
Relay For Life (Overnight Aug. 1-2)
Look for sign-ups!



Jackie Hutzell
Summer Intern
for SLY

Hey! In case you haven't heard or met her yet... Mrs. Jackie Hutzell has stepped up to act as our summer youth intern! She will take over many of Susan Johnson's normal duties during her leave of absence. In addition to helping out around the youth office, Jackie will be taking the lead at several sessions of SLY AM & PM. Jackie will also be in charge of the GEMS program, which meets all summer long and has a variety of activities designed just for girls between 7th and 12th grade.

Jackie recently got married in Oklahoma. She and her husband, Adam, became members of St. Luke's last year. They lived and worked in Washington DC before moving to Denver. Jackie will begin Law School at the University of Denver in the fall. She has also been serving on the Staff Parish Relations Committee since last fall. Jackie has a 100-pound black lab named "Jackson" and is partial to clothes from J. Crew.

To welcome Jackie, or ask her any questions about GEMS or other programs, you can email her at jackie@stlukeshr.com.

TRUSTEES CORNER

Calling All Volunteers – We Need You This Summer!

We'd like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to everyone who came out on May 10th for our Spring Work Day. Members from our AA ministry, the SLUMC Boy Scouts, and a few SLUMC members and constituents supported our Trustees team. Outside, this small but mighty band of servants cleaned up and restarted our memorial garden (check it out!), sprayed and pulled weeds, made repairs to our playground equipment, and cleaned the parking lot. Inside we installed blackout shades in the sanctuary, cleaned out the computer lab, installed the new doorbell that works with our newly completed security lock system, and cleaned out the lift station room. We made great progress, but with such a small turnout we still have many items yet to be completed.

With our growing to-do list that includes both maintenance and building addition and interior remodeling projects, we'll be asking for volunteers to help us along the way. Our SLUMC Trustees team truly needs the gifts of your time and your service in order to help us manage our active and growing church home.

We're improving security at St. Luke's by enhancing our front door locking procedures. The entire church will now normally be locked except during Sunday services. To gain entrance during weekday business hours, there is a call box you can use to signal Bonnie, our church secretary. She has a video camera and an intercom, and she can release the door lock from her desk. Groups using the church during evening or weekend hours will be given electronic cards to replace their key. The card can be swiped across a card reader by the front door to unlock that door. We will program each card with that group's meeting times to allow access for participants once the group leader has used their card to open the door.

Stay tuned for more details on our new front door security procedures. Thank you in advance for volunteering! –*Sandi Miyaki*

FINANCIAL UPDATE



Dave Cupp
Director of Finance



Lisé Takayama
Assistant Director
of Finance

HOW ARE WE DOING?: Last month I gave you figures regarding our first quarter performance and encouraged everyone to find an extra \$100 to help bring our giving back in line with what was projected. Again in April, we did pretty good but not well enough to get us to where we should be at the end of April. We did well keeping expenses down. Thus, our bottom line really hasn't changed much since last month.

My challenge to you is the same as it was last month. If all our families gave an extra \$100 or so, it would go a long way toward getting us back on track. When you consider how many families we have and put all the \$100 contributions together, it becomes a very significant amount—and a big problem solver.

WELCOME TO THE NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE: I'm pleased to announce that Lisé Takayama is the new part time Assistant Director of Finance. She is scheduled to work 10-12 hours per week. Lisé and her husband, Jon, are long time members of St Luke's and very active in the music program. She brings to the job a background of accounting, non-profit work, and sales. Welcome Lisé!

Don't Forget We Have Many Choices To Make Your Giving To SLUMC Easy And Convenient: We currently have around \$500,000 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.



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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.*

Women's Night Out

Welcome to a new season of us girls getting together to eat and have fun. We will have a planning meeting on **Mon. Aug. 4, 6:30pm** at Big Bill's NY Pizza, 8243 S. Holly St., Centennial. Join us in selecting the restaurants we will be traveling to this season! Contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20 lynda@stlukeshr.com or Renae Parra 303-683-0872 renaeparra@aol.com See ya there at Big Bill's!

The **Adult Education Team** will meet on Tuesday, July 15, at 7:00pm in the conference room. We will discuss new classes for the fall. Everyone is welcome and we would love to hear your ideas for classes!

JUNE / JULY 2008 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 Father's Day 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship "Living the Promise" - Rev. Forbes 9:30am: Orientation of St. Luke's 7:34pm: Fusion	16 Performing Arts Academy 7:00pm: Joyful Noise! Concert	17 Performing Arts Academy	18 Annual Conference Wacky Wednesdays Performing Arts Academy	19 Annual Conference Performing Arts Academy	20 Pastor's Lunch Annual Conference Performing Arts Academy 6:00pm: Performances	21 Annual Conference
22 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship "Striving with God" - Rev. Forbes WON Prison Concert 7:34pm: Fusion	23 Vacation Bible School	24 Vacation Bible School	25 Vacation Bible School	26 Vacation Bible School	27 Vacation Bible School	28 Vacation Bible School
29 VBS Children Prelude 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship "Listen to Your Life" - Rev. Forbes 7:34pm: Fusion	30	JULY 1 Staff Advent Planning	2	3	4 Independence Day Church Office closed	5 Sr. High Mission Trip
6 No Sunday School 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship "The Minority Report" - Rev. Forbes 7:34pm: Fusion Sr. High Mission Trip	7 Sr. High Mission Trip	8 Sr. High Mission Trip	9 Wacky Wednesdays Sr. High Mission Trip	10 Sr. High Mission Trip	11 Sr. High Mission Trip	12 7:30am: Men's Breakfast Sr. High Mission Trip
13 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship "Choose This Day!" - Rev. Forbes 7:34pm: Fusion Sr. High Mission Trip	14 5:30pm: Little School Board 7:00pm: Trustees Sr. High Mission Trip	15 7:00pm: Adult Ed Team	16 Western Jurisdictional Conference Wacky Wednesdays	17 Western Jurisdictional Conference Family Camp	18 Western Jurisdictional Conference Family Camp	19 Western Jurisdictional Conference Family Camp
20 Mission Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship 9:30am: Orientation of St. Luke's 7:34pm: Fusion Family Camp Jr. High Mission Trip	21 Family Camp Jr. High Mission Trip	22 Jr. High Mission Trip	23 Wacky Wednesdays Jr. High Mission Trip	24 7:30am: Success Connection Workshop Jr. High Mission Trip	25	26
27 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship "You Are The Man!" - Rev. Forbes 7:34pm: Fusion	28	29	30 Wacky Wednesdays	31	AUGUST 1 6:00pm: Relay for Life	2 10:00am: Relay for Life