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and much more!



Easter Fun Day is Coming!

Saturday, April 4

10:00am-noon

This is always an exciting day for our St. Luke's children and for children throughout the Highlands Ranch community. We will have games, treats, a bouncy castle, crafts, balloon animals, an Easter egg hunt and much more! Don't forget to bring your camera to capture photo ops with live bunnies and with the Easter Bunny himself! To make this a special event many volunteers are needed to serve in various roles. Contact Joely at joely@stlukeshr.com if you are able to serve in this fun filled event!

Celebrating our "New" Sacred Space by Rev. Pam Rowley



The Blessing of the Bold Venture Scheduled for March 15
On Sunday morning, March 15, as we gather for worship, we will consecrate our newly-constructed ministry space to the glory of God. We will bless the space with the sprinkling of water and prayer. We will offer thanks to the leaders who gave their time and integrity to bring the Bold Venture to reality: the Capital Campaign Team, the Board of Trustees, the Youth Leadership Team, and the Building Committee. What joy to see the fruits of our generosity!

St. Luke's new Chapel is a sacred, holy place to "Be Still and Know that I am God." It invites us to a time of solitude and silence, to reflect and meditate, to pray, to read Scripture, to sit quietly and "be still" in the presence of God. Being silent and prayerful before God is a spiritual discipline. God bids us welcome, no demands placed upon us, to call upon Jesus and God's Holy Spirit to be present with us in a place and time where we can experience peace, rest, and spirit food for our souls. The sound of sheer silence, a place to call upon God's holiness and splendor is often a place where we sense God's care, love, and compassion, and transforming renewal. The new Chapel is such a place!

The Chapel is also a place to worship. Last weekend, in the span of twenty-four hours, it was a place of contemplative worship, a memorial service, a baptism service, Children's worship, youth devotions, and a place of prayer and anointing. Every Wednesday morning, 7:30-8:30am, it will be available for prayer and communion. Children's Worship is in the Chapel at 11:00am on Sunday mornings. The contemplative worship service will also be held in the Chapel on the third Saturday evening of each month at 6:00pm.

Our desire is for the Chapel to be used at any time for prayer and meditation; to experience God's transforming presence. It may also be used for worship experiences, small weddings and memorial services, and times of retreat, to restore our souls in a time of sacred rest. To reserve the Chapel, please talk with Bonnie in the office or Rev. Pam. We respectfully ask that no food or beverages be taken into the Chapel, in order to preserve it as a holy space and sanctuary.



Our Journey has Begun!

Shrove "Fat" Tuesday and Ash Wednesday mark the beginning of events on our Lenten journey. We gathered together on Tuesday, Feb. 24th to enjoy a wonderful pancake dinner, pancake flipping relay and crafts. On Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25th, ashes were placed upon the foreheads of those who participated in the confession by fire. Let us travel onward as companions together through this season of Lent.



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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Assistant Director of Youth Ministry

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Minister to Children and their Families

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Assistant Director of Children's Ministry

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Director of Childcare

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Director of Servant Ministry

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All articles, photos and
announcements for the
April issue of *The Chronicle*
are due **March 20**
Editor: Sharon Oliver
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Thanks to Ken Fong for many
of the photos in this issue!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR



Rev. Janet Forbes
Senior Pastor

From Ashes to Easter: Companions on the Way Celebrating Lent at St. Luke's

The Christian calendar 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 two very different holidays... just 24 hours apart. Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) is the last day of the season of Epiphany. Another name for Mardi Gras is Shrove Tuesday, a day to confess our sins and have them shriven or forgiven. After confession, everyone eats a meal of pancakes, using up all the eggs and butter in the house.

When we wake up on Ash Wednesday, the Christian year turns 180 degrees. We turn from watching a manger in Bethlehem to a cross on Calvary. The Bible tells us that before Jesus began his ministry 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. The word, Lent, is from the Anglo-Saxon word, lencten, meaning the lengthening of the days or the coming of spring.

Some people still give up something during Lent, maybe a favorite food. In the Middle Ages, everyone had to go without eating meat or fat or eggs for the whole forty days. Other persons take on something new during Lent. They honor their bodies. They eat well. They exercise daily. They lose weight. Or they reconcile a relationship. They spend time with their children. They reconnect with their spouse. They settle an old fight. Or they decide to do something for other people. They fast one meal a week and give the money to relieve hunger. They ride a bicycle to limit global warming. They practice acts of kindness. What do I need to let go of so I may be more faithful or whole in my relationship with God? What spiritual practice might I take up to bring me closer to the person God is calling me to be? These are the questions we ask as we travel from ashes to Easter.

St. Luke's will make this six-week journey together. It is good to know we are not traveling alone. We not only go with one another, but we also travel with Jesus and his companions, both friends and enemies. Lent is a time to walk with Christ through wilderness experiences, through times of darkness, betrayal, and even death. But this walk with Christ also leads us to the triumph of an Easter morning. In so many ways Lent is the story of each of our lives. Sometimes the way is hard, but we know we are never alone. The story of Jesus' life and passion, death and resurrection, tells us that we have everything we need for this journey we call life. We have forgiveness for our mistakes and failings. We have strength in times of weakness. We have hope in time of trial. We have love that is beyond comprehension. Our faith journeys may be solitary, but no faith journey is solo. We are each becoming who we are, not just by the grace of God, but in the company of those who are on the path with us, through the wisdom of those who pointed out the way when we were lost, and by the mercy of those who helped us to our feet when we stumbled.

The Christian faith understands relationships with others to be of inestimable importance for at least three reasons. First, this is simply how we are made. We are built for relationship. We not only thrive but we become fully human only in relationship with others. Second, Jesus lived his life for others. He lived in community and he loved others so deeply as to lay down his life for them. Third, and here we tread the precincts of mystery – the God we understand in Trinitarian theology is understood not in terms of radical autonomy but in terms of relationship. If the deepest truth about God is that God is relationship, love, and communion, the implications for those who would be in relationship with such a God are stunning. To believe in such a God means that everything “of God” is that which nourishes, deepens, and sustains relationships of love, trust, communion, and intimacy. Likewise, everything that severs, demeans, trivializes, and hampers such relationship is incongruous with the very nature of God. Such things are not just disobedience of God's will, they are in disharmony with the very being of God. We who name God as Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit are called to live in relationships of deep communion.

May God bless you and your companions on the way!

Postscript: Join me or our pastoral intern, Laura Hehner in a Lenten book study on The Last Week by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan, a day-by-day commentary on Holy Week, Jesus' final days in Jerusalem.



Rev. Brad Laurvick
Associate Minister

Did you ever read “Where’s Waldo” books? I guess you don’t really read them, you just look for Waldo. You know, the adventurous explorer in his striped shirt and hat. Well, if you are interested in a new version of the game, I invite you to play “Where’s Rev. Brad” this March.

I will be working all month, but not in the places you are used to seeing me. The first weekend of March, I will be in Winter Park. Youth from all over Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah have an annual Leadership Conference and I will be speaking throughout the weekend on their theme, “Leadership: Is it in you?” The following weekend, I will be joining a very large group of St. Luke’s Confirmants as they head to Monument for the annual Confirmation Retreat. I am planning on gorging on s’mores after a fun day of deep questions and fun conversation. I will see you in worship, come the middle of the month, as we commission the Guatemala Mission Team on the 15th, and then I depart with them to build houses, chicken coops, and relationships in Guatemala. I will be worshipping with you in spirit from Guatemala the last Sundays of the month as we extend the passion and love of St. Luke’s across the globe.

If anyone has a red and white striped shirt I can borrow, I will take pictures throughout this busy month.

I ask you to pray not only for me, but for all the people I will be working with throughout the month. The youth of our conference, the young people of St. Luke’s in confirmation, the Guatemala mission team, and the people of Guatemala. And where ever I am on Sunday morning, I will be praying for you—recognizing that our community extends far beyond the walls of our sanctuary.

(by the way I will totally be around throughout the week days in-between these events if you need anything, or just want to share stories about life over coffee)

Be Blessed and Be a Blessing, Rev. Brad

Special Note Re: Feeding of the 5000:

I wanted to share something special with you. I received word from Denver Urban Ministries mid-February that they had just used the last of the food we raised during the Feeding of the 5,000. The 40,000 pounds of food we raised lasted four months! in addition to the regular donations they receive. During those months, DenUM did not have to close their food pantry a single day, even with almost double the normal requests coming in.

I also am moved by a special fact. During the time DenUM was adding the food we raised to the bags they offer, DenUM served 5,011 families. We served 5000 and had almost 12 bags left over (if that doesn’t send a shiver down your spine, check out Matthew 14:20 & 21).

We will lead our community in this event again this October. I know that the difference we made will only be multiplied this year. If you would like to be a part of this amazing weekend to raise food and hope for people throughout our community please contact me.

During the Feeding of the 5,000, we acknowledged that the food drive we shared in was a form of communion—we were sharing a meal while remembering Jesus as a community. The communion we shared lasted just over 4 months. That might possibly be the longest communion service ever. **Thank you St. Luke’s and Highlands Ranch!**

REQUIEM for a SUPER STAR
LENT 2009 at ST. LUKE'S

from ASHES to EASTER
COMPANIONS ON THE WAY

JOIN US!

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

March 8 – 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

“In His Absence – The Twelve Disciples”

–Dr. Janet Forbes

7:34pm – Fusion

“Who’s Sermon Is It Anyway?” –Rev. Brad Laurvick

Dancing for DenUM

Saturday, March 14 – 7:00pm

Tickets: \$25/\$40 per couple. Benefit Dance featuring the Ministers of Swing at Southridge Recreation Center.

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

March 15 – 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

“Mary Magdalene” –Laura Hehner, Pastoral Intern

7:34pm – Fusion

“Who’s Sermon Is It Anyway?” –Rev. Brad Laurvick

St. Luke’s Wind Ensemble Concert

& Dessert Reception

Friday, March 20 – 7:00pm

featuring the Wind Ensemble and St. Andrew Orchestra. Free.

Contemplative Worship in the Chapel

Saturday, March 21 – 6:00pm

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22 – 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

“The Man in the Middle – Crucified Between Thieves”

–Dr. Janet Forbes

7:34pm – Fusion

“The Unexpected Superstar” –Chris Wilterdink

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

March 29 – 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

“In the Name of Law and Order – Pilate and Caiaphas” –Dr. Janet Forbes

7:34pm – Fusion

“The Power of Lent” –Marcus Carlson

Easter Fun Day

Saturday, April 4 – 10:00am-noon

Join the fun! Egg hunts, bunnies, carnival games and crafts!

Requiem for a Superstar

Friday, April 3 – Show 7:00pm

Saturday, April 4 – Show 7:00pm

Sunday, April 5 – Show 2:00pm

A post-modern passion play experience featuring the music of *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Requiem* by Karl Jenkins. Free will donation benefits Missions and Music and Drama ministries.

PALM SUNDAY Services

April 5 – 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

“In the Presence of Suffering” –Dr. Janet Forbes

featuring Kidz Prayz, Chancel Choir, Brass Ensemble

7:34pm – Fusion

“Even In the Midst of Trouble” –Rev. Brad Laurvick

MAUNDY THURSDAY Service

April 9 – 7:00pm

“A Betrayer in Our Midst – Judas” –Dr. Janet Forbes
A contemplative communion service that will reflect on the journey of Jesus in his last week, fulfilling his purpose for coming to us.

GOOD FRIDAY Service

April 10 – 7:00pm

“Our Reflection in His Mirror” –Dr. Janet Forbes

A Tenebrae Service of Darkness, Chancel Choir and St. Luke’s Orchestra and readings that reflect on Jesus’ final act of compassion.

EASTER Services April 12

6:00am – Sunrise Service at Red Rocks

Jim Ramsey and the Women of Note, and Dr. Janet Forbes

6:00am – Sunrise Service at Shea Stadium

Youth Sunrise Service with St. Andrew UMC

8:00am – Worship Service

“How about Now?” –Rev. Brad Laurvick
Sonrise, Off-Notes Youth Choir and Joyful Noise Bell Choir

9:00, 10:00 & 11:00am – Worship Service

“Grave Clothes or Angel Robes?” –Dr. Janet Forbes

Chancel Choir, Tintinnabulator Bell Choir, Brass Ensemble, Organ

7:34pm – Fusion

“How About Now?” –Rev. Brad Laurvick



Lynda Fickling
Director of
Servant Ministry

We are Called to Serve

Spiritual growth involves many things, including Bible study, prayer, spiritual disciplines, the sacraments, fellowship, and worship.

Yet, real spiritual growth is activated as we serve others.

Communications Team: Do you enjoy writing, working from home, and getting the "scoop" for the church chronicle? Our team needs your gifts/talents! We are seeking writers to help spread the good news of what St. Luke's is doing! Please contact Bret Wilcox bret@bretwilcox.com or communications@stlukeshr.com to join the team!

Get Connected Ministry Team: Our "Get Connected" table is located in the Narthex. It is our information stop for all members and guests. Our vision/mission is to help each person to connect to St. Luke's in any way that they need. To serve on this team, all you need is the ability to talk to everyone about everything!

Spiritual Gifts: Helps, Service, Hospitality

Meeting Time/Place: Open on Sunday mornings, serving 30 minutes before or after services, one Sunday a month.

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

Grocery Certificate Team: We are seeking team members to help sell grocery certificates on Sunday mornings. It is a great way to meet and talk with other members of the St. Luke's community. Please contact Joanne joannecleveland@q.com or Terri terri@coloradochurch.net. All are welcome!

Serving Breakfast on the fourth Sunday of the month at St. Paul's. This is an outreach program for the homeless. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry, please contact Marie Blue 303-683-2601.

Café St. Luke's:

Join us for Coffee & Conversation about our community 9:30am the 2nd Sunday of the month. Meet your Barista Lynda Fickling at the coffee station located in the Fellowship Hall.

Get Connected!

We invite you to stop by the "Get Connected" table in the Narthex on Sundays for all the latest news on our programs, ministries and fellowship for all ages!! Thank you to our Get Connected

Ministry Team: Julie Ramsett, Robin Fort, Dawn Johnson, Ann Smith, Lori Smith, Elena Lynch and Carleen Krenning.



Baptism Service

On Sunday afternoon, February 22, St. Luke's celebrated the sacrament of baptism for nine children, two youth, and five adults. In these informal ceremonies in the sanctuary and the chapel, families gathered in small congregations to take this significant

step on the journey of faith. Baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God demonstrated in the life, teachings, and resurrection of Jesus. Through this grace, persons are invited to new life, and welcomed into the family of God. Each are gifted with candle of remembrance. St. Luke's honors these brothers and sisters in faith!

PRAYER CONCERNS



Week Ending February 27, 2009

Please stop by the Information Center, by the front door, where you will find the updated Prayer Concerns List (on yellow paper) and the Armed Forces Prayer List (on blue paper). Look it over and Bonnie know if you have any additions/removals from either list. 303-791-0659 x10, leave a note on the front desk, or email at bonnie@stlukeshr.com

Gerry Wright (Gail Abernathy's mother)
Jennie Keefer (Mike Hutchins' daughter)
Norma Harris
John Covey (friend of Ross Barnard)
Norm Keller (Candy Keller's father)
Pat Clem (neighbor of Doug Wagner)
Jim Bailey (Melissa Moberly's father)
Ronda Olson
Paula Strader (Sandi Miyaki's sister)
Judy Austin (Mary Jo Weber's sister)
Robert Abbott, Sr. (Nancy Abbott's father-in-law)
Al Tulenko (Bobbi King's neighbor)
Matthew Peterman's cousin, Matthew
Julie Hayes (friend of Susan Werthington)
Susan Johnson
Sharon Liston (Cindy Raap's mother)
Beverly Dodds (Terri Korpala's mother)
Bob Ross (Edee Worth's brother)
Brent Webber (friend of Nancy Cushing)
Paula Peterson (friend of Rachel Nolder)
Amy Spicher (Doug Spicher's mother)
Lori Lieberman (friend of Jane Damsgard)
Thelma Hodge (Meryl Cupp's mother)
Diane Wieland (friend of Bobbi King's)
Loraine Berg (friend of Bobbi King's)
Janusz Daszuta (pastor from Poland)
Andrew Jones (friend of Renee Sanek)
Dustin Baird (family friend of the Lucero's)
Janet Wilson (Betty McIntyre's sister)
Richard Beaman (friend of Jenny Stevenson)
Shirley Quail (Kay Swanson's friend)
Marcia Enger
Charles Annett
(LS-Suzanne MacCorkell's grandfather)
Carol Burton (Melissa Hemphill's friend)
Jan Stanley (Joy Damsgard's sister)
Shirley Sutcliffe (Leigh Ramsey's mother)
Dolphia Dawson
(Melinda Dawson's sister)
Daniel Lund
(family friend of the Miyaki's)
Ryan Fielger (LS Karen Engler's nephew)
Kajsa Gotlin (Susan Hooke's friend)
Karen Edwards (friend of Eileen & Ed Law)
Dwain Barcellini (Mike Hutchins' uncle)
Ken Fong
Dwight Griggs (Susan Hooke's father)

Cate Hootman (friend of Ed & Eileen Law)
Lucille Hollowell (friend of Nancy Abbott's)
Lauren Nelson
(family friend of the Weispennings)
Chrissy Booth (Kam & Tim Bole's friend)
Bill Lee, Sr. (Bill Lee's father)
Matthew Johnson (Sharon Scholl's friend)
Velma Newby (Lee Newby's grandmother)
The Thompson family
Ky Hehner (Laura Hehner's husband)
Suzie Burk (Melissa Ester's mother)
Kay Conklin (friend of Peggy Olson)
Debbie Davis (friend of Val Goodstein)
Jill Wright
Schelly Thompson
(Sandy Thompson's sister-in-law)
Nancy Jackson
Ruth Wheat (Jenny Levine's grandmother)
Juanita Look
(Jenny Levine's grandmother's friend)
Betty Kieser (Bonnie Funk's mother)
Jed Bennett (Fred & Jean Bennett's son)
Virginia Emerson (Nancy Cushing's mother)
Courtney Clement & friend Mike
Joanne Shryock (LuCinda Miller's mother)
Tammy Hess (Bonnie Funk's friend)
Ashley Martin

ARMED FORCES:

Josh Meissner	William Bader
Zac Henshaw	Denton & MaryBeth Dye
Joseph Plumb	Kenneth Berube
Erick Munoz	Joel Fritts
Robert Radle	Brian Armstrong
Matthew Gurley	Jeffrey Ransick
James "Jim" Harding	Amber Marshall
Graham Thorne	Jerry Mendiaz
Mark Thompson	Sean M. Pippitt
Jeff Hamer	Josh Brady & Jeremy Brady

SYMPATHIES:

To Betsy Keyack & Ken Fong and family on the passing of Betsy's mother, Angela Keyack, Feb. 12
To Leslie Davis on the passing of her father, Bob Cutchen, Feb. 13
To Marge & John Harper on the passing of Marge's father, Bud Goff, Feb. 19
To Bob Oliver on the passing of his aunt, Diane Bixler, Feb. 27

MISSIONS

A BIG round of applause to the members of St. Luke's who donated many beautiful gifts in preparation for the Fahn's new baby girl. By the time you receive this issue of *The Chronicle*, the baby will have arrived and we can all welcome her into the St. Luke's family.

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS for a school in Kenya have been requested by Ann Fort, Rick's mom. Ann will be helping establish a library as well as helping plant a vegetable garden. Let's help Ann by donating good books for grades kindergarten thru 8th grade. If you don't have books, you can contribute money to help pay for postage. The deadline is March 28th.

Do you have a driver's license?? If so, we need you to help get the Fahn's, our Liberian family, to church! They love St. Luke's and it would be sad if they were unable to attend for lack of transportation. We will need 2 cars, one van, or bus drivers willing to help 1 time a month or every 6 weeks. Kathy Swier is willing to train anyone to drive the church bus.

Questions? Contact Jan Rufien 303-979-3491 or jc.rufien@comcast.net



"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 meets the 2nd Sunday of each month, following the 11:00am service. Everyone is invited to attend. We currently have openings on the UMW board. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Fran West.

Current officers: President – Fran West, Vice President – Sharon Smith, Secretary (& Communications) – Lori Smith, Treasurer – Amy Curtis, Secretary of Program Resources – Renae Parra, Conference Liaison – Betty Ludlam

Books purchased for the Library: The UMW has purchased eight books that are part of the 2009 Reading Program sponsored by the National UMW. The books are available in the office. The shelf is on the far left bookcase, bottom shelf. You will also find copies of recent issues of *Response* and *New World Outlook* magazines. You do not need to be a UMW Member or a Book Club regular to check out the books; we have purchased them for church-wide use. For more information, contact Renae Parra (renaeparra@aol.com).

The list of the books purchased:

- *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson
- *Amish Grace* by Kraybill, Nolt and Weaver-Zercher (story of the Amish families forgiving the man who shot the school children.)
- *The Gift of Change* by Marianne Williamson (spiritual guide to living your best life)
- *The Greatest Gift* by Binka Le Breton (the courageous life of Sister Dorothy Stang)
- *They Take Our Jobs! and 20 other myths about immigration* by Aviva Chomsky
- *Here if You Need Me* by Kate Braestrup
- *Lifting Up Hope, Living Out Justice* by Alice Knotts (Methodist Women and the Social Gospel)
- *Confronting the Controversies: Biblical Perspectives on Tough Issues* by Adam Hamilton (Euthanasia, Evolution, Homosexuality, Abortion, Prayer in Schools, Separation of Church and State)

Disclaimer: "United Methodist Women recommends a diverse range of books with the intention of broadening exposure to a variety of concepts. UMW does not intend that readers accept each word or idea contained within each volume. Some books you may agree with. Some you may not. Either is all right. United Methodist Women cares and wants you to be a knowledgeable and caring Christian about current issues."

Women's Retreat: Chocolate Boutique: The Chocolate Boutique was planned for Saturday, February 28, 2009. This spiritual retreat will be written up in the next edition of *The Chronicle*.

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.

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, March 8th UMW Mission Team meeting
- Monday, March 23rd UMW Evening Book Club - *The Art of Happiness*
- Monday, April 6th Brickyard BBQ

Mark Your Calendars:

- Sunday, May 3rd 2:00 Spring Tea
- Saturday, June 13th 8:00 – 2:00 Parking Lot Sale



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

More from Les: The End or The Beginning?

"Nothing has come along that can beat the horse and buggy!" said Chauncey Depew advising his nephew against investing in Henry Ford's new company.

"I think there is a world market for about five computers," said Thomas J. Watson, IBM founder and (sometimes) visionary.

"Face it, Lewis, Civil War movies have never made a dime," commented MGM Producer Irving Thadberry, advising his boss, Louis G. Mayer, against buying the rights to the book, *Gone With The Wind*.

"What use would this company make of an electrical toy?" said Western Union President Carl Orton on turning down Alexander Graham Bell's new invention that came to be known later as the telephone.

"All we need to do is kill their leader if we want to stop this crazy movement," said one of the Sanhedrin members as they discussed Jesus of Nazareth.

The most remembered quotes from history seem to be the ones that were proven wrong by history. Now we laugh about what seems to us to be shortsightedness and limited thinking of those from the past. But the new can and often comes to us in unexpected ways and often brings ways of doing things we might not have thought of before. Too often our comfort with the status quo blinds us to the opportunities that may come to us to minister to others in God's name and to serve in unique, unheard of ways.

The empty tomb of Easter morning changed the world in ways that no one but God could have visualized. God had revealed God's own self to humanity through the person of His Son, Jesus Christ and now that Son had shown us that God has power even over death. Easter is God's promise of new life to each one of us. Through that promise we are offered power and strength and hope.

Lent is a wonderful time for us to reflect upon this.

God bless us all.

Subgroups of UMW at St. Luke's UMC:

Evening Book Group: Fourth Monday of the month, 7:00pm Conference Room. For March we are reading *The Art of Happiness* by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Howard C. Cutler, MD. The meeting is Monday March 23 at 7:00pm. For more information, please call Fran West 303-797-7107 or Renae Parra 303-683-0872.

Itch to Stitch: Second Wednesday of the month, 7:00-8:30pm, Mark Room. For information, please call Fran West 303-797-7107. Enjoy the fellowship of others while knitting, quilting and crocheting to benefit those in need. We can use all your left-over washable yarn, as well as cotton, flannel or fleece fabric. Place your donations in the big blue basket in the Narthex. Need a refresher course? Several members are patient teachers!

Scrapbooking Circle: Every other month, 7:00-10:00pm, Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Christy Wohlleber 720-344-3516. If you have many unfinished albums on the shelf, you are finishing your first, or your pictures are piled in boxes, join us! Bring all your cropping materials and get some pictures in an album. Enjoy hours of uninterrupted time with lots of space to work. Just think of the possibilities!

Women's Night Out: First Monday of the month, 6:30pm various locations. For information, contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20 or lynda@stlukeshr.com or Renae Parra 303-683-0872 renaeparra@aol.com.



Marcus Carlson
Minister to Children
& their Families

Children & Family Corner: An Update on Life at St. Luke's Kids!

The one word I would use to describe St. Luke's Kids right now is momentum. It has been incredibly exciting to watch and be a part of all of the wonderful things that are happening and going to

happen. It has also been very energizing to dream and vision for the future! I wanted to give the St. Luke's community an update on a wide variety of things in Children's Ministry.

Sunday School at 9:30 continues to thrive as our attendance, energy, and focus on God continue to be a source of great joy. Our Joy Trek class (2-4 years old) are our fastest growing groups as we are seeing many new families with young children. Our nursery staff and helpers continue to offer wonderful care for all of our little ones. In our PEAK rotation for kindergarten through fourth grade we are seeing wonderful excitement and energy as our children learn and experience the stories of scripture through workshops. We have expanded our opening to include some new elements of teaching and prayer. In the future we will be adding other elements to enhance this beginning time we have with the children. Our tween class grows a bit each week as that team continues to teach our 5th & 6th grade children.

The new 11:00 Kids Own Worship: Godly Play is off to a wonderful start thanks to Bev & Tony Ashworth as well as Lisa Crosbie. Our children are leaving that program excited and full of questions and experiences that have helped them to connect with God. We are excited to be meeting in the chapel space making this program even more special.

SLY, Jr. has been a great opportunity for our 5th & 6th grade students to know each other and for Mr. Marcus to get to know them. We have been doing a God in the Movies series together.

We are gearing up for two of our most important events of the year after a successful Christmas season—Easter Fun Day and Vacation Bible School. As always Easter Fun Day will be wonderful and will include live bunnies! Our theme for VBS this year is Camp EDGE and we look forward to all of the children invading St. Luke's June 22-26. We will have a giving tree this year where congregation members can help provide supplies to make VBS a huge success. This year our costs will remain about the same. Our new space makes the possibilities for VBS even bigger!

Our staff and Children's Ministry Leadership team have been doing a lot of dreaming and visioning. Watch for more great information, programs, and improvements as we move forward with ideas on how to better equip and train teachers, how to better meet the needs of some of our students with special needs, as well as a whole new model of leadership. We are thrilled with all that is going on and are very thankful to be a part of the lives of our children and families. We sense God is very much in our midst and look forward to continuing the great energy and excitement we are experiencing right now. Thank you St. Luke's for all your support!

—Mr. Marcus & the Children's Ministry staff

News & Notes:

Mark your calendars for the following events coming soon!

- Children's Dinner Theater - May 1
- Wacky Wednesdays start in June
- Vacation Bible School - June 22-26

Our new 11:00am Sunday program for Children, Kids Own Worship: Godly Play is off to a great start. If you want more information, please come check it out or talk to Marcus.

Vacation Bible School is coming June 22-26. This year, VBS will be Camp EDGE. It will of course be a camping theme with many fun things in store. Registration begins after Easter Fun Day. We will be looking for lots of support this year as well. We will be making some minor changes including our Camp EDGE tree where congregation members can take a pinecone with an item on it and donate it to VBS which will allow us to keep costs down and offer the same price to families including giving a much steeper discount to families who have parents serving all week. VBS is a great opportunity to reach out to the community and to care for the families of St. Luke's and everyone can be involved. Stay tuned for more information.

Breakfast with Mr. Marcus! Starting March 8! On the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month Mr. Marcus will host 5 children for breakfast in the Conference Room at 10:30am. Breakfast will include doughnuts, orange juice, bananas, and a breakfast sandwich. This is a great opportunity for children to ask Mr. Marcus questions and for all to get to know each other. The 2nd Sunday will be for children in grades 4-6, while the 4th Sunday will be for children in grades 1-3. One parent is asked to join as well. Sign up with Mr. Marcus on Sunday mornings or by contacting him by phone or email. Breakfast is provided at no cost and the rest of the parents can pick up their children at 10:55am.

Upcoming Events:

Becoming a Love & Logic Parent is coming to St. Luke's March 2009: America's most practical and entertaining parent training. Would you like to feel more confident as a parent? Would you like to have more fun parenting? Would you like to feel more relaxed at the end of the day? Join us for this fun and entertaining practical course in parenting. The nationally known class by Jim Fay and Foster Cline will be held at St. Luke's over four Thursdays in March: 6:00-8:00pm. Cost is \$69 per person/\$130 per couple. For registration information please contact Facilitator Suzanne Crawford at 303-883-8800, or coloradocrafts@comcast.net. For other questions, please contact Marcus.

Serving Opportunities:

There are many opportunities to serve. We are currently working on a new list of roles and a new leadership structure, so stay tuned for more information in April! In the meantime if you are interested in serving children's ministry in any way (assistant, teacher, greeter, floater, data entry, etc.)

Please contact Joely or Marcus if you are interested in or have questions about any of these programs or opportunities.



Joely Maddux
Assistant Director of
Children's Ministry



Kristina Linn
Director of
Childcare

St. Luke's Kids Growing with God

Calendar:

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| March 7 | 8:00am-1:00pm-CPR/AED training |
| March 24 | 6:30-8:00pm-Children's Ministry Team Meeting |
| April 4 | 10:00-noon Easter Fun Day |
| April 5 | 5:30-7:25pm SLY, Jr. God in the Movies: Ratatouille |

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Kay Swanson
Director of
Little School

Little School News: Merriment in March!

We are so excited to see the sun shining, but we are still prepared for Colorado weather! It is great to have the construction done and to be able to be outside in all of our playgrounds. The space in the lower level is so wonderful and many, many people that toured our Little School for registration were throughly impressed! Registration is closed (except for our waiting list) and we have had a fabulous turn out, despite the economy. We are so blessed to have such an amazing program and facility! Thank you trustees and all!

March will be a time to watch out for mischievous Leprechauns as they love to visit when we are not looking and mess up our rooms! Sometimes we find little green footprints and gold coins so we know that they have been sneaking around! It certainly makes for fun times and laughter. Wear your green!

Our fun event for the month will be our "Career Days". We invite parents to come and talk about the interesting careers that they have. We have had so many great parents come to visit, everything from a deep sea diver with the Navy to an astronaut and the chef from the Outback making Bloomin' onions! We do this to give the children information about what our parents do for a living and to help them think about what they may want to be when they grow up! If you have an interesting job, please consider coming to visit with our children during career days! (call Ms. Kay 303-791-1982)

Little School children and teachers will have a well deserved **Spring Break from March 23-April 7**. We hope that everyone will have time to enjoy some spring weather and their families. It is hard to believe that there are only three months of preschool left in this year! **Mark your calendars for April 23 for our AMAZING 14TH ANNUAL ART SHOW!** You won't want to miss it!

—Ms. Kay & Staff:—

Kid's Own Worship:

Sponsor a Story: During the 11:00am service, "Kids Own Worship" is available for children from 4 years of age through 6th graders. It is a wonderful program originated by Marie Montessori and organized further for faith development by Jerome Berryman. Each lesson is taught with a story box. Many of these story boxes can be created at very little cost, while many of them are made of beautiful wood materials that make them mores costly.

Those of us working with the children in this program thought some of you might be interested in purchasing one of the following stories and making it a part of our program. We have already put together the 24 story boxes: Holy Family; Creation; Flood and Ark; Ten Best Ways to Live; the Desert Box; People of God; The Great Family; The Exodus; Jonah, The Backward Prophet; Advent; Epiphany; Baptism; The Mystery of Easter; Crosses; The Easter Egg; Jesus and the Twelve; The Most Important Commandment, and the following Parables: Good Shepherd, Good Samaritan, Great Pearl, Sower, Leaven, and Mustard Seed.

Stories we would like to add to our program: The Church Year \$50, The Ark and the Tent \$200, The Ark and the Temple \$230, Exile and Return \$15, The Prophets \$40, Parable of the Deep Well \$90, Parable Synthesis I, II, III \$55, \$35, \$50, Faces of Easter \$130, The Good Shepherd and World Communion \$330, Synagogue and Upper Room \$330, Paul \$130, Story of Abraham \$100, Story of Sarah \$110, Story of Jacob \$70, Story of Joseph \$80, Story of Moses \$150, Story of Ruth \$100, Story of Samuel \$90, Story of King David \$120, Story of Elijah \$80, Story of Isaiah #140, Story of Jeremiah \$140, Story of Ezekiel \$90, Story of Daniel \$190, Story of Job \$150, Boy Jesus in the Temple \$60, Jesus and the Children \$45, Jesus and Bartimaeus \$30, Jesus and Zachaeus \$60, Jesus and the Paralytic \$120, Feeding the 5000 \$65, Gift of the Poor Widow \$100.

If you would like to purchase a story for our program just let the office know which story you would like to purchase. Thanks for your interest and support of this ministry.
—Bev Ashworth, story teller.



A Chili Cook Off

The second annual Chili Cook-off was a great success, raising over nine hundred dollars for the Guatemala Medical Mission toward the purchase of medical supplies. Out of twenty-four entries, first place went to Gene Branch and his mouth-watering pork green chili. Andrea Kirchhoff took second place with another green chili entry, and third was given to Chris Richards and his red chili. We had two winners for the most unusual chili: Kay and Ed Coryell and Victoria Mason. Kenny and Suzanne Sharpe ran the show with their expertise from years of being on the Chili Cook-off circuit in Texas. They are pros! Thanks to all the entrants, to Mona Daniels and Lisa Lehnus and the Fellowship Events Team for the Taco Bar, and all the volunteers who served. The Guatemala Medical Team appreciates all of your efforts to making the next trip to Salud y Paz Clinic possible.

6th Annual St. Luke's Golf Tournament

Mark Your Calendar

The tournament will be held at Highlands Ranch Golf Club on Saturday August 15, 2009—Shotgun start at 2:00pm. Youth are invited! Price is being lowered to help during the economy. Dinner will be served after the golf and awards will be presented at that time. Our goal is to pay off the bus which serves all aspects of St. Luke's IRMS!



Sweet Spot Award

Big Thank You to Jim and Lisa Hajek for their tireless effort to help support the golf outing the last two years!! Over \$17,000 raised in the last two years to pay off the bus!

Welcome



Bob & Phyllis Gaskill

"St. Luke's is friendly, inviting, inclusive, lively, creative, versatile and inspirational. We feel at home."



Rev. Jim & Grace George

"Moved to Windcrest"

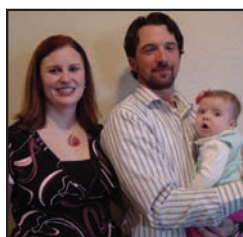
Katie Kohn (Husband Alex) Vanessa and Alexander

Keith & Dawn Johnson, Gabriel

Kalilah Herscovici, Sarah Herscovici

Zach Herscovici

"This is the first church I have joined, and am truly excited to join the community of St. Luke's. I look forward to spiritual growth and a community to keep me accountable. St. Luke's is a great fit."



Jeff & Brittany Scheble, Kinsey

"We are looking for a good support group for our new family."

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Servant Spotlight: Dave Murrow

It's a rare Sunday that you don't see the Murrow family—Dave, Julia and their girls, Olivia, 16, and Natalie, 14, along with grandparents—in their "regular" seats near the front left center section of the sanctuary for worship. Dave Murrow took time out of his busy schedule that includes, rocket science, *yes, rocket science*, to answer a few questions about himself and how and why he serves St. Luke's.

Tell us a bit about your background. I grew up in Boulder, Colorado, and was active in a Baptist church there (imagine ... Boulder baptists!). I was in youth group, went on mission trips, etc. I also went to college in boulder at CU, where I studied Aerospace Engineering. I left Boulder for Graduate School in Austin Texas, where I studied Celestial Mechanics. *Seriously*, Julia and I met in California, as volunteers for the California Democratic Party. She called me to ask for help on the Dukakis campaign, we had dinner, and the rest is history. We started attending Pasadena Presbyterian Church while looking for a place to get married. We were active there, got married there, and saw Bill Clinton there when he came to visit fire victims. My mother married us, she had gone to seminary while I was in college. I have my own Aerospace Consulting business, and concentrate on business development for NASA missions.

When did you start attending St. Luke's? We started coming in 1995, within a month of moving to Colorado.

Why did you choose St. Luke's? It was very family friendly (the kids were 3 years, and 6 months then.)

What do you like most about St. Luke's? The inclusive theology, the friendly people, the huge variety of activities, the youth programs.

Which groups have you been involved with at St. Luke's? This is the second time that I have been an adult family group leader for confirmation. I really like the opportunity to help the youth get comfortable with their questions about faith, and I like seeing them open up to each other about church. Since youth group was a formative time in my own faith journey, I identify with our youth. I also like the ability to get to know some other adults through confirmation. The other family group leaders, the kid's parents, and prayer partners all understand each other in another context during and after confirmation. It helps to build a foundation for deeper relationships.

I have been involved in other ways also through the years. I used to be active in the Men's group (years ago) and even led it one year. I have helped out at various kinds of work days off and on. I play trumpet in the Ministers of Swing jazz band, and in the brass ensemble. I was on Staff Parish Relations Committee and helped interview Janet Forbes. That was a big transitional time for the church, and I think people on SPRC, finance, and the other administrative committees at church really deserve a round of applause.

Another important aspect of our experience at St. Luke's has been the huge support from the church during our kid's hospital stays and other health crises. When the girls were in the hospital, people brought us dinner every night. Rev. Janet and former St. Luke's pastors Dick Evans and Dave Money have all spent many hours with us at Children's Hospital. And when Julia's parents moved from California to be close to us when Olivia was sick, they were welcomed with open arms. In fact, they call St. Luke's home now (Walt and Pauline Havens).

Why do you volunteer at St. Luke's? I volunteer because I think it is important to be involved in more ways than just Sunday worship. To me, the church is defined by all the people in the community, and there are many activities that need support for them to happen. At the same time, being involved in those activities make both my experience richer. So I get something by participating, and I think I am giving something as well. As a bonus, the community is more active and inviting to others, so they may be able to get more from their experiences as well.

What do you think is the importance of being a servant? Life is a series of give and take, ups and downs for everyone. When you are up, it is important to be involved to support those who are down. When you are down, it is important to be around and receptive to the support others wish to provide to you. When you are neither up nor down, it is important to give of yourself in order to receive the richness of Christian community.

MUSIC & DRAMA



James Ramsey
Director of Music
Ministry & the Arts



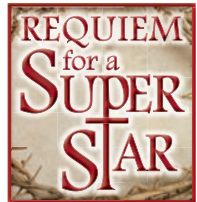
Kay Coryell
Associate Dir. of
Music Ministry



Ken Mervine
Organist/
Accompanist

Don't miss the
**Wind
Ensemble
Concert
& Dessert
Reception**

March 20 at
7:00pm!



Requiem for a Superstar

Show dates: April 3, 4 & 5

This spring, the Wesley Players are embarking on a new experience that is a hybrid creation. *Requiem for a Superstar* serves as inspiration for thinking outside the box and integrating different elements to create a post-modern approach to the passion story. The music comes from two sources: *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Requiem* by Karl Jenkins. These works will be performed by a Greek-style chorus and many of the know characters from *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Throughout the production, women who knew Christ in his life will deliver monologues that are woven into the musical fabric of the work to create a truly fresh look at the Passion of Christ. This production will be partially staged, which means the chorus will be central to the story and will remain visible. Characters will perform throughout the stage and will return to the chorus as the story progresses. This is sure to be an emotional and powerful experience that will continue to prepare your heart for the celebration of Easter. While this story is biblical, the presentation will be powerful and parents should exercise caution when considering bringing kids. *Requiem for a Superstar* will be Friday April 3 and Saturday April 4 at 7:00pm. A matinee performance will be Sunday April 5 at 2:00pm. Please make plans to join us for this unique and powerful experience.

Presenting the First Year of Performing Arts Academy Jr. Players Drama Camp!

St. Luke's Performing Arts Academy is proud to offer the Performing Arts Academy Jr. Players production of *100% Chance of Rain*. The Biblical story of Noah and the Ark comes alive with this adorable musical version. It incorporates lilting melodies, infectious humor, and theologically sound text, ending with the promise of "100% chance of love!" This is open to all children in grades 1-6* (*as of the 2009-2010 school year.) There is plenty of space open in this weeklong after school drama camp so invite all your friends to join you! All who sign up will be in the show from start to finish. The music is fun and easy to learn! Registration is currently underway and is open until April 1. A small tuition fee of \$25 is required for all participants and includes Sheet Music, Music CD, a Jr. Players t-shirt, snacks, and costumes. Rehearsals for *100% Chance of Rain* will run June 8-12 from 4:00-6:00pm with a dress rehearsal on June 13 from 9:00am-noon. We will be performing the entire musical at each service Sunday June 14. Registration and payment information can be found at www.stlukeshr.com.

The Two-Week Intensive Is Back! St. Luke's Performing Arts Academy is back this year with our two week intensive. Just as the name implies, this two weeks will be fast-paced, hard hitting and full of learning and fun. Students will take classes in voice, acting, musical theory and dance as well as rehearse and perform a full-length Junior or Kids production complete with costumes, props, lighting and sound. Students grades 2-6 will perform "*A Year With Frog and Toad Kids*" and students grades 7-12 will perform "*Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.*" All students who register will be cast in the shows and we will hold auditions to cast the two productions in the first week of June. Classes and rehearsals run July 6-17, 9:00am-4:00pm. Both productions will be performed back-to-back on July 16 and 17 at 6:00pm. Tickets for the performances will be \$5 each and the proceeds from the shows will go to support missions. A non-refundable \$100 deposit is due at registration. Check out www.stlukeshr.com for more information. There are only 50 slots available for each show so call your friends and register early to ensure you have a spot!

Group Spotlight: Ministers of Swing

by Katie Newell



What happens when you take a couple of dozen musicians, add all of the instruments of the big bands, and tell them to make a wonderful racket? You get the St. Luke's Ministers of Swing. And just to toot their horns a bit, these talented folks are making a joyful noise in lots of venues in our community.

Carl Fitch, one of the original members said the group originated in 1989 as the "Dusty Case Band," aptly named because the passionate musicians had put their instruments away in order to get paychecks. But it didn't take too much arm-twisting to get the past musicians to pick back up their respective instruments and join the band, which was really more of a brass ensemble at the inception. Carl explains that for the group it is a fantastic opportunity for outreach, but "the reality is it's just too much fun!"

The band evolved with the gifted addition of Jim Ramsey, whose toes tap just talking about the band's mission of sharing Psalm 100 with their instruments and passion for the big band swing experience. "It's rewarding and fun and everyone makes it happen for the community," Jim said. And the sounds swinging through the community have landed on all kinds of venues, including the HRCA Arts Festival, dances, weddings, various fundraisers passionate to the St. Lukes community, and events like the MS Walk coming up in May where the Ministers of Swing will be doing their special thing at the finish line. That ought to be a little hop in everyone's hearts.

"I'm amazed at the talent within the walls of St. Luke's," trumpeter David Rhodes explains. "It's very unique to be able to put this type of quality together completely within a church," he adds. David played early in his life but because his high school didn't have a jazz band, he had to set the dream aside. Thrilled with being part of a group that boasts over 100 songs in their repertoire, David said most of them just want the opportunity to play more.

For those of you who want to "*Come into His presence with singing*" and dancing and grooving with the group, mark your calendars now for **Dancing for DenUM, on March 14, 7:00pm** start. It will be held at HRCA Southridge in the Wildcat Auditorium and tickets will go to \$25 per person and \$40 a couple with proceeds to benefit the job outreach services program. This is a fun and favorite kind of gig for the band to play dance tunes. In May, they change hats and play more jazz charts. The MS walk will take place in City Park near downtown and MOS will be the featured music at the finish line for an estimated 7,000 people. Two weeks later, they'll be playing for the **Highlands Ranch Arts Festival on May 16**. If you like listening to great swing and jazz, you won't want to miss these cats playing the songs you love to hear. Hope to see you at any or all of the events.

For information on the Ministers of Swing and upcoming events, you can contact Jim Ramsey at 303-791-0659 x23.



- ✧ **Youth Sunday School** for March will focus on "Loving Kindness", the second line from the benediction we sing in worship. Come every Sunday of the month of lessons and discussions that will link together to help us discover what it really means to love kindness.
- ✧ **Mission Trip forms are now available!** You have until the end of April to get forms turned in, but there is no need to wait! Each Mission trip application consists of one application form, two recommendation forms, and a \$100 deposit to reserve your spot on the trip.
 - » **Jr. High:** Cedar Rapids, IA June 28-July 3 (For incoming 7th graders through graduating 8th graders)
 - » **Sr. High:** urban Chicago, IL July 19-26 (For graduating 9th graders through graduated 12th graders)
- ✧ **Do you remember if you earned a scholarship** by working the Pumpkin Patch? Email susan@stlukeshr.com if you need a reminder!!!
- ✧ **Sunrise Easter Service** taking place at 6:00am at Shea Stadium. We help arrange this annual worship with the youth from St. Andrew. The last few years have been cold on the body, but warming to the heart. Whether you have youth or not, we'd love to have you come and share in this experience.



Chris Wilterdink
Director of
Youth Ministry



Susan Johnson
Assistant Director
of Youth Ministry

CHRIS'S CORNER

And The Award Goes To...

The Oscars are freshly in the rear-view mirror, where the Academy designates those films who had the best actors and actresses, technical achievements, and judged which film was the best artistic triumph of the year. With that in mind, I began thinking about the bests of the past year, and with out further adieu... here are my "Best of 2008"!

Most miles traveled in a single trip: 2008 Sr. High Mission Trip to Ensenada, Mexico. Over 2,400 miles driven!

Dirtiest Work: Digging up and burlapping seedlings to replant the Hayman Wildfire Area on the 2008 Jr High Mission Trip

Messiest Night: Of course, Messy games in August. Never have I seen so much chocolate sauce on one person...

Funniest Video: Has to be the Christmas Video Scavenger Hunt where between forgetting the words to many songs, and trekking around Highlands Ranch in search of the perfect Christmas decoration, somehow we caught a breakdancer in Park Meadows...

Best time to see orange at St. Luke's: October before all the pumpkins had sold! This year we raised over \$9,000 for youth missions selling pumpkins, and all of the orange gourds found homes!

Closest to God moment: Watching the sun splash the mountains during our Easter Sunrise Service at Shea Stadium. Even though we were all freezing, and fresh snow covered the bleachers, the field was covered in enough snow to make it look like an enormous hockey rink, and the sounds of our singing swooshing through the night air made me feel so very warm...

Best room in the church:

OK, it didn't open until 2009, but our new youth room is seriously awesome!

Looking over this list, 2008 was an amazingly full year. I know 2009 will be as full and as packed full of "the bests" as any year that I've had before. I will see you around this year, and I would love to have one of my best experiences of the coming year involve you!

—Peace & Love, Chris



Scout Sunday Celebrated Feb. 8

Scout Sunday on February 8th was a wonderful opportunity to honor and celebrate the scouting programs connected with the St. Luke's community. Our boy scouts served as greeters and ushers for all of our services as well as some helping out with the chili cook-off. Our girl scouts came and assisted and made some of their wonderful cookies available. In Sunday School we were able to recognize our many scouts in uniform and had some older boy scouts visit our tween class to share what scouting was all about. The morning concluded with a lunch celebration for our God & Country recipients. A very special thanks to Cindy Markham, Bruce Pawley, and Cathy Johnson for all their help.



Construction Complete!

We're expecting record visitors for Easter! Will you please plan now to join us for our spring cleanup workday: Saturday, March 14, 8:00am-noon all ages welcome! We'll be focusing on getting the last of the construction dust cleaned – upstairs and down – we want everyone who hasn't joined us for awhile to love it here as much as we do!

Storage inventory and assignments are completed. We need your help to keep clutter from re-appearing now that we've got all of our rooms in order. Please leave a note with Bonnie if your group needs additional long-term or short-term storage and the Trustees will work to make room accordingly.

We're blessed with a long list of support, study, mission, and social groups who meet at St. Luke's regularly. As a result, we're updating photos in our meeting rooms so you and your group know how to leave things for the people who meet there after you're finished. This will also help us to have the rooms cleaned well overnight.

The Trustees and Staff truly appreciate your help! Thank you for your support and understanding!

Clean and Green Your Routine

It's about being good stewards of our church home! We invite you to participate in our Clean and Green Your Routine campaign. While staying invitational, family-friendly, and fun, we want to learn to take care of our new furnishings. And everyone can help!

- **PRACTICE GREEN.** We are moving to more green practices with the call to recycle, the use of bio-safe cleaning materials and restroom products. We are now adding paper products that serve our environment better.
- **PUT A LID ON IT.** We are encouraging all drink containers to have lids.
- **CLEAN YOUR ROUTINE.** Cleaning stations are now provided in the Fellowship Hall, Administrative Offices, and in the David and Goliath areas downstairs. New sweepers are provided to remove the crumbs so they don't get ground into the carpeting. Cloths and spray cleaner are provided to sponge spills. We have learned that the longer a stain sits without treatment the more likely it is to become permanent.
- **USE SAFE COLORS.** Red, orange, and purple food products stain flooring immediately. Plan for safe lunches and drinks!

Thanks for helping to honor the beautiful house that blesses our lives.



St. Luke's has been invited to build a relationship with Habitat for Humanity. If you are interested in looking deeper into this opportunity, please contact Jeff Henrickson by email: jeff.henrickson@gmail.com



Dave Cupp
Director of Finance



Lisé Takayama
Assistant Director of Finance

Get To Know Your Finance Team Members

The Finance Team membership is composed of nine church members which are elected at

our Annual Church Conference. These members serve in classes of three for a period of three years. Each year a class rotates off and a new class is elected. This arrangement provides continuous knowledgeable leadership in the management of our finances. Also, the Church Treasurer, Senior Pastor and Director of Finance are members of this team.

The team meets the fourth Tuesday night of each month except July and December to review monthly reports provided to the team by the Director of Finance and to discuss and take action on any other items that may properly come before the team for action.

The team members for 2009 are as follows:

Class of 2009	Class of 2010	Class of 2011
Troy Daniels, <i>Team Leader</i>	Adam Hutzell	Norm Veach
Carolyn Maddox	Jim Mitchell	Harv Tripple
Kristi Pawley	Nancy Betts	Catherine Santee

Dr Janet Forbes, *Senior Pastor*

Eric Ransick, *Treasurer*

Dave Cupp, *Director of Finance*

I invite you to offer a special thanks to the members who finished their three year term and rotated off the team at the end of 2008. Their time and commitment to this service is greatly appreciated. Those rotating off the team were Dee Duncan, who served at team leader, Carson Mallory and Trudi Mathews.

Don't Forget We Have Many Choices to Make Your Giving to SLUMC Easy and Convenient

We currently have around \$550,000 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. Plus, we sell about \$70,000 dollars of grocery cards each year through these methods. You may want to consider one of these convenient methods for your contributions.

In addition to cash and checks, we offer credit card transactions, 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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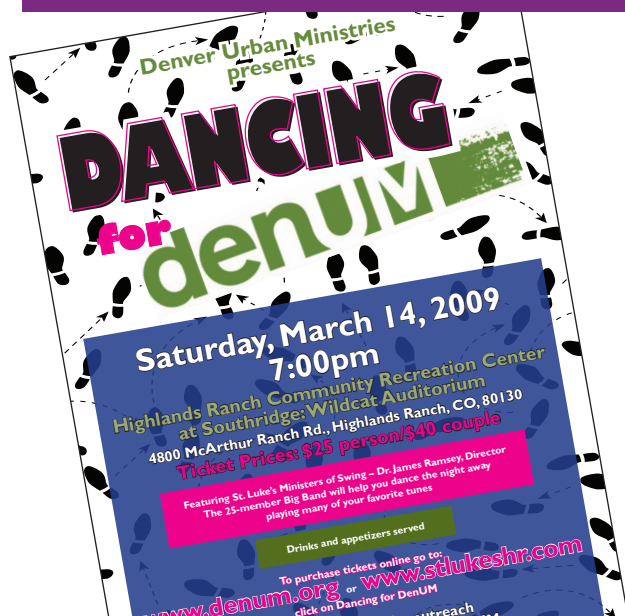
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St. Luke's United Methodist Church welcomes you to our Christian family,
where we share life. Wherever you are in your faith journey,
you are accepted and encouraged to grow spiritually.

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



MARCH 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAR 1 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship - Rev. Janet Forbes 11:00am: Children's Dinner Theater Auditions 5:30pm: SLY, Jr. 5:30pm: SLY PM 7:34pm: Fusion	2 6:30pm: Women's Night Out	3	4 5:30pm: Lenten Soup Supper 6:30pm: SLAM	5 6:00pm: Love and Logic Parenting Class	6 SLY Confirmation Retreat	7 SLY Confirmation Retreat 8:00am: CPR/First Aid Training churchwide
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship - Rev. Janet Forbes 9:30am: Cafe St. Luke's noon: UMW Mission Team Mtg. 5:30pm: SLY PM 6:30pm: Tune in to God - Lent class 7:34pm: Fusion	9 7:00pm: Trustees	10	11 5:30pm: Lenten Soup Supper 6:30pm: SLAM	12 6:00pm: Love and Logic Parenting Class	13	14 7:30am: Men's Breakfast 8:00am: Work Day 7:00pm: Dancing for denUM - Minister's of Swing Dance
15 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship - Rev. Laura Hehner 5:30pm: SLY PM 6:30pm: Tune in to God - Lent class 7:34pm: Fusion	16	17	18 5:30pm: Lenten Soup Supper 6:30pm: SLAM	19 6:00pm: Love and Logic Parenting Class	20 7:00pm: Wind Ensemble Concert & Dessert Reception	21 10:00am: Discovery Club
22 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship - Rev. Janet Forbes 5:30pm: SLY PM 6:30pm: Tune in to God - Lent class 7:34pm: Fusion	23 No Little School	24 No Little School 6:30pm: Live, Laugh, Love Club	25 No Little School 5:30pm: Lenten Soup Supper 6:30pm: SLAM	26 No Little School 6:00pm: Love and Logic Parenting Class	27 No Little School	28
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