



RETHINKCHURCH

The Chronicle

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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and much more!

Discover Your Gifts

From God

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

—1 Peter 4:10 (NRSV)

Spiritual Gift Discovery

can be an unfamiliar term for you. I did not grow up with this term, other than a few biblical stories I heard as a child. Others of you may have heard this term but have never experienced actually discovering your own.

If you are unable to join us for the class on Sundays (see p. 5 for more info), please visit our website and take the assessment at home! Once completed, the results will be sent to me and held in confidence. Together we will explore your unique gifts and help you vision a new journey for your life. We invite you to rethink how you are serving as God's hands in the world.

www.stlukeshr.com/spiritualgifts

—Lynda Fickling, Director of Servant Ministry/
Spiritual Director



St. Luke's Kids in action learning about Noah and the Flood during PEAK Sunday School rotation classes downstairs on Sept. 27. Did you know that over 100 children join us for Sunday School each week?

What if we... RETHINKCHURCH?

What if church was less about Sunday, and more about the other days of the week? What if church wasn't just a place we go, but something we do. A menu of adventure. An active verb. Instead of a noun.

What if church was the way church was in the beginning? Outbound. Unbound. Active. Human begins from completely different worlds, united by common purpose, experience and belief. Creating real solutions for their daily lives. What if church looked at itself with seekers' eyes? Recognizing that even the smallest step into our net is an act of courage, a moment of vulnerability. That solving a secular need can lead to spiritual interaction. That social relationships can offer opportunities for discussions of faith, and provide inspiration for discovery. And that for a skeptical world, actions often do speak louder than words.

What if church was more of an out-of-church experience? An opportunity to prove what we say we believe, with our lives. Then perhaps, Sunday could be day of rest and reflection on all that we had accomplished Monday through Saturday.

What if we rethink church? Not in terms of what it is, but what it could be. And what if we can convince Denver and the world to do the same?

Our Town

by Thornton Wilder
"You've got to love life to have life..."



Friday October 16 at 7:00pm
Saturday October 17 at 3:00 & 7:00pm

Admission is Free
Donations will benefit the Missions and Drama Ministries
St. Luke's United Methodist Church
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Our Town at St. Luke's

by Jenna Wilcox



Time spent with others is time well spent but do we really see each other as we live our

lives day to day and moment to moment? On October 16 and 17, the Wesley Players will examine life as it is lived through the residence of Grover's Corners in the play *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder. This play in three acts is a beautiful examination of the daily life in one small town in New Hampshire in the late 1800's. While the time seems distant, the themes ring true today. Take time to walk in the shoes of these men and women and learn from them some powerful lessons of life.

Admission is free and donations will go to support Interfaith Food Bank and the Guatemala Mission that builds adobe homes and chicken coops, in addition to supporting the Drama Ministry at St. Luke's. There will be concessions during intermission and those funds will go to support our chosen missions and the drama ministry as well.

We have a large cast as listed below. Come support your friends and enjoy the fruits of their labor as we work together to make a difference in the lives of others in our community and around the world.

Shows are Friday, October 16 at 7:00pm and Saturday, October 17 at 3:00pm & 7:00pm.

CAST: Stage Manager - Dave Murrow, Stage Hand - Amanda Burget, **Dr. Gibbs** - Doug Johnson, **Mrs. Gibbs** - Julia Murrow, **George Gibbs** - Brian Bacon, **Rebecca Gibbs** - Jenna Nolder, **Mr. Webb** - Ray Godsey, **Mrs. Webb** - Andra Brown, **Emily Webb** - Elise Collins (Emily Wright, understudy), **Wally Webb** - Joshua Burget, **Howie Newsome** - Michael Barlow, **Professor Willard** - Steve Collins, **Simon Stimson** - Danny McIntosh, **Constable Warren** - Richard Spong, **Mrs. Soames** - Lisa Hajek, **Joe and Si Crowell** - Ransom Tyson, **Sam Craig** - Chris Wilterdink, **Joe Stoddard** - Brad Laurvick, **Townpeople** - Amanda Burget, Jon Coryell, Kylie Griggs, Taylor Griggs, Keith Newby, Chloe Richeson, Cybelle Richeson, Jacob

Sunday Worship Services:

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

6:34pm: Fusion

Contemplative Services also offered.

(Check website for dates and times.)

Sunday School:

Adult, Youth & Children:

9:30am & 11:00am

Nursery available for

9:30am & 11:00am services

Church Office: 303-791-0659

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St. Luke's Youth.....x45

Childcare Reservations.....x47

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Senior Minister

Emergency: 303-241-9312

Rev. Brad Laurvick.....x12

Associate Minister

Emergency: 720-296-1251

Rev. Sallie Suby-Long.....x32

Associate Minister

Emergency: 303-475-0141

James Ramsey.....x23

Director of Music Ministry & the Arts

Kay Coryell.....x36

Associate Director of Music Ministry

Ken Mervine.....x42

Organist/Accompanist

Josh Carr.....x44

Fusion Worship Leader

Carrie Mallory.....x35

Assistant Fusion Worship Leader

Chris Wilterdink.....x14

Director of Youth Ministry

Susan Johnson.....x19

Assistant Director of Youth Ministry

Joely Maddux.....x11

Assistant Director of Children's Ministry

Sharon Oliver.....x27

Assistant to Children's Ministry

Kristina Linn.....x40

Director of Childcare

Lynda Fickling.....x20

Director of Servant Ministry/Spiritual Director

Bonnie Funk.....x10

Church Secretary/Office Manager

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

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announcements for the**November issue of The Chronicle**
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

**Rev. Janet Forbes**
Senior Pastor**Faithfulness
in Anxious
Times****HEARTS FOR MINISTRY***For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. —Matthew 6:21*

"Hearts for Ministry" is the theme of our upcoming campaign to encourage us to be faithful in ministries envisioned for 2010. It is more than a theme – it's an effort to show how our congregation can make a lasting difference in the lives of children, youth, adults, and families.

Stewardship always asks the question: What do I really care about? In what will I invest my life and my resources? I would like for more and more families to enter into the joy of investing in St. Luke's and spiritual formation. Commitment Sunday is November 1 as we celebrate All Saints Day.

Our Hearts for Ministry Team is asking each of us to consider disciplined, proportional giving. For those that give a percentage of their income now, take another step to two this year toward the biblical goal of the tithe or 10% of the household income for God's work.

Stewardship is not about money, it's about what we do with our money. Rev. Brad and I will be sharing what God has to say about the vital role of stewardship in our personal lives.

Author Rich Cunningham has described the four purposes of giving.

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

***Give to serve the needs of others.** *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you. —Matthew 35:40*

***Give so that you may deepen your spiritual journey.** *Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. —1 Corinthians 4:1*

***Give out of gratitude to support the life, ministry, and mission of St. Luke's.** *Remember the Lord your God for it is the Lord who is giving you power to make wealth that God may confirm a covenant. —Deuteronomy 8:18*

Our giving and our sharing of our money is a deeply spiritual, devotional act. Giving is a spiritual exercise, a spiritual discipline just like prayer is a spiritual discipline. Prayer is not something optional if we have decided to follow Jesus' teachings. It comes with the job description. Serving other people is not something optional. It is one of the spiritual practices. Worshipping God is not something we vote on. It is one of the spiritual practices. It is the same with giving. It is an act of devotion. It is a spiritual discipline for all Christians just like praying or serving or worshipping. And that is why we call the act of bringing a portion or our resources forward to dedicate to God's work an offering, instead of a collection. It is an offering of our lives and ourselves and our treasure. The money symbolizes our lives and our work. It is a very spiritual thing. We are not balancing the budget here in this act, we're balancing our lives.

We continue in anxious, uncertain times. At St. Luke's, we are called hold one another in prayer and substance as many of our families struggle with unemployment. These times require much faithfulness, deeper relationships, and vigilant hope!

What a joy to serve with you!

Rev. Janet

**Common Table to Explore
the Question: "What If...?"**

The Common Table of St. Luke's will meet on **Monday evening, October 19**. All leaders, members, and friends are invited to participate. We will gather at 6:00pm for a potluck meal. Bring a dish to share!

From 6:30 to 8:30pm, we will build our community, explore leadership in casting a future vision, and think about the big questions of rethinking church. Audrey Elling will serve as our facilitator.

St. Luke's is living into a new model of organic organization called the Common Table – a model in which relationships are the ties that bind us together as a congregation, not our denominational heritage, or our doctrine, or our beliefs. We are a people who live "tied together" by our belonging to the body of Christ at St. Luke's.

Our congregational governance will now reflect the flexibility of our decision-making and ministry oversight. The image of a net provides the symbol of persons of different ages, meeting in groups and classes of differing interests, worshipping in different services, gathering from different backgrounds, longing for different spiritual journeys who are all linked together in the fullness of Christ's body.

Certain persons will have the responsibility to keep the net strong, connected, and repaired if there is a lapse in communication. The Executive Team and the St. Luke's staff carry this primary task. The Common Table will be an open gathering of the Executive Team, ministry team leaders, and persons from the congregation to share a meal, and to learn and discern, and to communicate and calendar our life together.



Rev. Brad Laurvick
Associate Minister

A Milieu of Adventure

As I sit and write this, the Feeding of the 5,000 is just days from taking place. When you read this, the event will either be in full swing, or just have finished. We will of course share the totals as soon as they come in. Since I can't tell you how the event went yet, I would love to tell you about how things have been in the planning and preparation.

There is a great team of people who have poured a great deal of time and energy into preparations for this event. In addition to the planning team, the entire congregation has offered a tremendous amount of support and energy. Our theme and focus for this event has been, ***"There are some things that can only be accomplished when people come together."*** This has been evident to me in the amazing response to sign-ups, bag distribution, and the invitation for others to participate. The sign-up sheets are remarkably full, and I continue to be asked how people can do more to help. Our youth distributed over 5,000 bags to the neighborhood. Our Sunday morning worship community took 2,000 bags with them back into their neighborhoods, workplaces, and schools. Our Preschool and Scout Troops have connected their communities to the effort. Local businesses continue to step up to meet our needs.

As we continue examine "Rethink Church" as a congregational theme, it is our community response to opportunities to serve, and work together as community that help me define this idea.

My new favorite phrase from the Rethink Church campaign has to be, ***"what if church were a milieu of adventure"***. Having verified that milieu means what I thought it means (a person's social environment), I love the idea of church being an environment of adventure. That is certainly what we have embarked on once again as we seek to raise 60,000 pounds of food. Whatever the total, we are embarking on this adventure together, being the church in action, not just rethinking, but redefining church for the world around us.

Be Blessed and Be a Blessing, —Rev. Brad



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

More from Les: God's Time or Our Time

Things happen in God's own good time.

We are called to be patient; we are called to have hope, we are called to be prepared.

But, when I am honest with myself, I recognize that I don't always behave as if I believed these truths. I confess. I tend to be impatient; and sometimes it gets me into trouble.

A few years ago, I was staying at a place in Montana that I had not visited before. It was an old farmhouse that had been converted to a Bed & Breakfast.

My room in this B & B had a shower with a hand-controlled valve that mixed hot and cold water to provide the desired temperature at the showerhead. The mixing valve, however, was several feet below the showerhead.

And, as I also learned, later, that the hot water was very hot and the cold water near freezing!

The first morning, I turned on the shower; I waited a few moments then stepped in.

The water was freezing! I quickly reached to the mixing valve and moved it toward hot. Nothing happened, so I moved it again; then, suddenly, the water was nearly scalding!

I jumped back, reached down to the valve, and turned it toward cold. When nothing happened, I turned it further to cold.

Suddenly the water was nearly freezing again!

Through this rather painful process of trial and error, I learned that I was making changes too quickly; I wasn't letting the new mixture of hot and cold water reach the showerhead before making a second adjustment.

Only by making a small change in the valve position and testing the shower after equilibrium had been reached before making another change, could I reach the comfortable mixture of hot and cold water. By waiting a couple of seconds after each change, I could reach any desired temperature very quickly.

Patience was the key!

My remaining mornings at the Bed & Breakfast were much more comfortable.

Many of the things we try to control in our own lives are like that.

When we want something, we want it now.

But, is that our time or God's time?

I think the words from Ecclesiastes, ***"There is a season and a time for every matter under heaven,"*** give us the obvious answer.

We often let our time devour God's time. And by doing so, we fail to see some notable change or improvement. In our impatience, we presume that our efforts have been too weak or have been wasted.

Our children and others we care for, provide an example of something that we all have known for a long time. Desired outcomes can take a long time.

We want the kids to have a full, good life, with spiritual wholeness and self-confidence, with good health, morals and faith. Also, and most important, we want these things because we love them!

So, we enroll them in preschool and youth activities, we join the parent-teacher association, we volunteer to help with little league, soccer, and other activities. We gladly spend fortunes on weddings, take on debt for their college education; we don't want them to be denied any of the "advantages" of living in this world of opportunity. We want them to be "all that they can be," as the US Army would put it!

But, if we take one snapshot of our kids and their world one day, and take another one about a week or maybe even a few months later, we will likely see no change.

Even if our efforts have been significant over that period of time, any perceptible difference may be hard to see.

What may seem like a year's worth of work on our part yields no measurable change.

They still won't clean up their room, they still watch too much TV and their homework isn't done! They still have bizarre tastes in clothes, they talk back, tell you that you really don't understand how life is, and they just must absolutely have the latest X-Box game! The older ones continually insist on forgetting to let you know that they're going to be out later that they originally promised.

They may grow taller, but they do not appear to be any more communicative.

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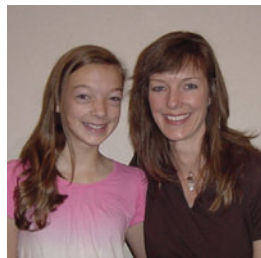
Welcome

To join, simply fill out the membership card located in the "Friendship Pad" and hand the card to one of our Pastors or staff members at any time.



Rowena Helman

Reason for joining:
"Wonderful sermons and outstanding music!"

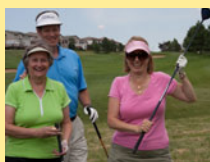


Stephanie & Avery Hill

"We enjoy the creative, friendly, compassionate, hopeful spirit of St. Luke's, and would like to grow in their expression of Christ's teachings."

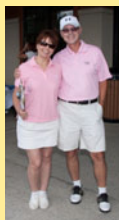
CONNECTING

The 6th Annual St. Luke's Invitational Golf Tournament



benefitting out Ministry in Motion was successfully held in Saturday, August 27 at Highlands Ranch Golf Course. Over 90 golfers participated in a beautiful day filled with great golf,

great memories and a sizable contribution



to the Ministry in Motion van at St. Luke's. Richard Krening, Chairman of the St. Luke's Golf Committee, thanked all of the Golf Event Sponsors, golfers, St. Luke's Staff and Highlands Ranch Golf Course for their tremendous support of

another successful golf outing! The winning team was Bert Stull, Bill Magaziner, Dean "Buckeye" Conklin and Jeff Henrickson.



Leading within the Net

Elizabeth Bauer, Lynda Fickling, Sallie Suby-Long, and Karin Wesson presented the first St. Luke's Leadership Seminar on September 26. Topics included what it means to lead on the net, leadership through equipping others, and prayerful leadership. Attendees discussed how these things are already reflected at St. Luke's and how we could incorporate them more consistently. Prayer pamphlets will be made available in all conference rooms to help group leaders easily engage their groups in prayer. We also discussed the Spiritual Gifts assessment available online at the St. Luke's website, and how identifying our gifts help us to equip each other. Another Leadership Seminar is planned after the Christmas holiday. All the ministers of St. Luke's (this means you!) are leaders, and all are welcome to attend.

PRAYER CONCERNS



Week Ending September 25, 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)
John Covey (friend of Ross Barnard)
Norm Keller (Candy Keller's father)
Paula Strader (Sandi Miyaki's sister)
Judy Austin (Mary Jo Weber's sister)
Robert Abbott, Sr. (Nancy Abbott's father-in-law)
Amy Spicher (Doug Spicher's mother)
Lori Lieberman (friend of Jane Damsgard)
Diane Wieland (friend of Bobbi King's)
Carol Burton (Melissa Hemphill's friend)
Karen Edwards (friend of Eileen & Ed Law)
Dwain Bartellina (Mike Hutchins' uncle)
Lucille Hallouwell (friend of Nancy Abbott's)
Chrissy Booth (Kam & Tim Bole's friend)
Suzie Burk (Melissa Ester's mother)
Schelly Thompson (Sandy Thompson's sister-in-law)
Nancy Jackson
Jed Bennett (Fred & Jean Bennett's son)
Tammy Hess (Bonnie Funk's friend)
Kirk Watkins (Keith & Marilyn Ayers son)
Jill (Jenny Hanna's friend)
Susie (Joy Damsgard's friend)
Frank Stanley (Joy Damsgard's brother)
Daniel Gaul (Jennifer Richeson's brother)
Andrew Kent
(10. yr. old family friend of the Richeson's)
Mark Bartellina (Mike Hutchins' cousin)
David Joseph (Friend of Bobbi King/Marie Blue)
Beth Turner
John Larsh (friend of Rick & Louise Jasper)
Robert Miller
Karen Chaun (Linda Fligg's friend)
Roberta Towell (Jon Streety's sister)
Joy (Susy Halloran's friend)
Shaun VanDyke (Bobbi King's nephew)
Marge Weegs (friend of the Halderman's)
Mike Maciejewski (Jennifer Jiang's brother-in-law)
Gordon Lewis (Ken Fong's friend)
Daniel Winkle (friend of Gail Strawn)
Darrell & Billie Alderman
(friends of Rick & Louise Jasper)
Ross Magaughy (friend of Rick & Louise Jasper)
Randy Staton (friend of Dave & Bonnie Funk)
Cindy Riley (friend of Paul/Susan Northrop)
Jack Miller (friend of Paul/Susan Northrop)
Nancy Melia (friend of Bonnie Funk)
Mildred Johnson (Connie Shoemaker's mother)
Connor Thorne
Ray and Shirley Sutcliffe (Leigh Ramsey's parents)
Jerry Miyaki (mike's uncle)
Jay Brown (Sue Brown is LS teacher)

Kathy Jensen (friend of Elizabeth Laurvick)
Karmie Hilleary
Bob Fretz
Louise McGill (Sharon Oliver's mother)
Bob Muthart (friend of Jan & Charlie Rufien)
Ruth Baumeyer (friend of Jan & Charlie Rufien)
Amy McDowell (LS Mother)
Frances McGraw (Erin Wright's mother)
Susan Hooke
Doug Beckmann (Son-in-law Fran & Pat Keheler)
Ronald Artman (friend of Bud & Sharon Schollé's)
Tomi (friend of Kerry Lucero)
George McMakin
(neighbor of Dick & Jane Dunham)
Jack Dahlberg (friend of Susy Halloran)
Terry Caldwell (friend of Bonnie's)
Alexandra (friend's niece of Kris Reif)
Lisa Bowersock (friend of Elizabeth Laurvick)
Aletha Fahns families in Africa & America
Peter & Alicia Waldheim
Susan Elling (Audrey Elling's mother)
Steve Riley
Anne Thomas
Joe Forbes (Rev. Janet's brother)
Candy Marsh (friend of Ruth Smith)

ARMED FORCES:

Corporal James "Jim" Harding
(Bonnie Funk's nephew)
Ed Herring (Les Ludlam's nephew)
Josh Brady (Sylvia Brady's grandson)
Jeremy Brady (Sylvia Brady's grandson)
Colin Gabriel (son of Val Gabriel)
Dustin Ellington (Jayne Dunham's nephew)
Justin Bogggy
Lt. Jeff Harner

SYMPATHIES:

To Dewey & Sharon Smith on the passing of Dewey's mother, Harriet Smith (100 yrs. old), who passed away Sept. 6.
To Erin & Stuart Wright and family on the passing of Erin's sister, Peggy Johnson, Sept. 21;
To Susan & Rob Hooke and family on the passing of Susan's friend, Heidi Sedgwick, Sept. 23;
To the David King family & friends on his passing Sept. 18.

NEW BABY CONGRATULATIONS:

To Brian & Carrie Anderson on the birth of a daughter, Esme Anderson, born July 31.

Café St. Luke's:



We invite you to explore the community of St. Luke's. Join me for coffee and conversation about the history of St. Luke's, the United Methodist Church, our ministries, programs and serving opportunities. Whether you have been here for one week or many years, we offer this relaxing opportunity for you to connect with this community. All are welcome!

9:30am, 2nd Sunday of the month, Room 213

Contact:

Lynda Fickling, Director of Servant Ministry/Spiritual Director
303-791-0659 x20 lynda@stlukeshr.com



Lynda Fickling
Director of
Servant Ministry

We are Called to Serve

We invite you to stop at our Get Connected Center to discover more about our programs and ministries

Here are a few opportunities to serve.

Puppet Ministry: This ministry conveys Biblical stories to a diverse community and audience. If you love participating in a highly unique way, then this is the ministry for you! Come and join in the fun. All are invited.
Contact: Steve and Cathy Collins 303-346-0275
scecollins@earthlink.net

Hospitality Teams: We invite you join one of our many hospitality teams – Ushers, Greeters, Guest Services, Get Connected Center, Bread Bakers, First Time Guest Calling Team, and our Welcoming Team. If you enjoy meeting people and sharing your love for this community, please contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20
lynda@stlukeshr.com

Assembly Team: This team assists other teams in getting mailings prepared (such as our monthly newsletter), pamphlets copied and folded, etc. Flexible hours, some knowledge of office equipment helpful but not necessary. If you have time on your hands to help distribute important information as needed, please contact
Bret Wilcox 303-325-7692
stlukescomm@me.com

*If you are searching for a place to connect at St. Luke's, please contact
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lynda@stlukeshr.com or Karin Wesson,
Team Leader for Lay Leadership,
303-683-0196 karin@thewessons.com*

Did you know...

Every Monday
Randy Larson
updates our
outdoor
signage?

*Thank you
to our Quiet
Servant.*

Craft Fair

Summer is winding down and the signs and smells of autumn are sneaking up on us. Delight all of your senses and get an early start on your holiday shopping by marking your calendar now for the St. Luke's Craft Fair, **Saturday, October 10 10:00am-4:00pm.** Come experience the creative talents of community crafters and find some truly wonderful gifts. Taste the rich festival foods, touch the handmade goods from local crafters, see the beautiful artistry displayed as one-of-a-kind items are displayed, and smell the spices that trigger fond memories of years gone by. The craft fair, hosted by St. Luke's Youth (SLY), is open to the community. Please don't forget to stop by the amazing pumpkin patch while you are there and pick out the perfect pumpkin to kick off fall 2009.

The St. Luke's Young Adult group will be forming Dinner for 6 or 8 groups this fall. The dinners will start in January. Please look for the signup sheet starting in October. These dinners will be for individuals and couples age 18-30's. Groups will be broken down accordingly by age. Contact Kate Crespo at kater3322@me.com if you are interested or have suggestions.

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

Sundays ~ Oct. 4-25
11:00am-noon
Room 213



Come discover, develop, and affirm the gifts God has given to you to serve as his hands in this world. Sign up at the Get Connected Center. No fee. All are welcome!

**Contact: Lynda Fickling lynda@stlukeshr.com or
Brenda Schafer brenda@hotmail.com**

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They seem to have failed to internalize all those gems of wisdom we have showered upon them over the years. They just don't get it!

But then, one day, we see a tall, self-confident young woman striding to the platform to receive her diploma. We see a nervous young man reciting his wedding vows. We hear values and attitudes that seem strangely familiar.

After she has disciplined our grandchild, we overhear our daughter saying, "I'm getting to sound just like my mother!"

Jesus tells us that *"the seed sprouts and grows and we do not know how."* (Mark 4:27)

There is inevitableness and mystery in this world around us. God changes things for the best, but not always as quickly as we think they ought to change, however, they do change, in God's time, not our time.

Our desire for quick success can blind us to the good things that are happening in our lives and the lives of those around us.

We're moving the shower control lever too quickly; we need to wait till the temperature of the shower spray has responded to our action.

We need to test to see how things are going before jumping to something else. We must wait patiently watch, and seek to see the fruits of God's handiwork.

Then, we must act.

God sets the stage but we must perform the play;

"For everything, there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

In God's time; not our time.

God bless us all. —Rev. Les

Greetings St. Luke's Families,

When we think of autumn we often think of change and renewal. This fall, Children's Ministry is reflecting this in their staff, programs, and events. With the departure of Marcus Carlson, we will be re-examining St. Luke's Children's Ministry leadership roles. During this transition we are pleased to welcome Sharon Oliver who will assist with our Children's Ministry through the end of the calendar year. Sharon has been heavily involved in Children's Ministry at St. Luke's for over ten years through serving in Sunday School, Cherub's Choir, VBS, SLY, Jr., and Children's Dinner Theater and helping make balloon animals for Easter Fun Day, among other things. St. Luke's appreciates the gifts Marcus brought to Children's Ministry over the past year and ask that God continue to bless him and his family as he pursues his education.

News & Notes:

SLY, Jr. starts up in October, meeting the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Ms. Sharon is going to the limits of her creativity (ok, so her creativity has no limits) to come up with fun, unique and engaging programs throughout the year. Generally, we will start off the evening with the community meal at 5:30pm and continue in the Tweens classroom at 6:30pm. All 5th and 6th graders are welcome to join in at any time!



Joely Maddux
Assistant Director of
Children's Ministry



Kristina Linn
Director of
Childcare

St. Luke's Kids
Growing with God

As is fall tradition, we will be honoring our third graders with their own Bible on October 18 during both 9:30am and 11:00am services. If you wish for your third grade child, grandchild, niece, nephew or other receive a Bible; please send Joely their name as you would like it to appear on their Bible by October 12. Did your child miss getting their third grade Bible last year? Drop Joely a note and we'll get them on the list this year!



Have you checked out the Children page of the St. Luke's website lately? There you will find a multitude of resources and information regarding teaching/shepherding schedules, current news and information, and registration information. Not seeing what you want or need? Let us know and we'll post it!

Calendar:

- October 4.....2:00-5:30pm**
SLY, Jr.: Feeding of the 5000
5:30-SLY, Jr. dinner and program
- October 5.....6:30-8:00pm**
The Spiritual Formation and Development of Children class
- October 12.....6:30-8:00pm**
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- October 18.....Fall Festival**
Third Grade Bibles
5:30-SLY, Jr.
- October 19.....6:30-8:00pm**
The Spiritual Formation and Development of Children class
- October 20.....6:30-8:00pm**
Children's Ministry Leadership Team Meeting
- October 25.....11:00am**
Servant Safety training
- November 1.....5:30pm**
SLY, Jr. dinner and program



Don't miss our annual
Fall Festival Oct. 18
10:30am-1:00pm





Kay Swanson
Director of
Little School

Little School News: **Happy Fall from Little School!**



We are off to a delightful start and the children are settling into school like old pros! Our theme for Little School this year is "Jesus Loves Me" and we will be talking about how God makes good listeners at at Chapel. Being a good listener is very important to learning! October is one of our most favorite months of the year with the arrival of the PUMPKIN patch and all of our fun learning about harvest, pumpkins, imagination and winter preparation! The children will have a costume parade and treats on the 28, 29 & 30. We really have so much fun pretending and learning! Our families will also participate in "Feeding the 5000" and we hope to donate lots of food!

Rev. Brad will be the devotional speaker at our Early Childhood Christian Director's Assoc. Conference on Oct. 3 and will be teaching two classes on Story Telling. We are so proud of him and thank him for being a part of this wonderful conference to help teachers with their continuing education!!

REMEMBER that Little School collects gently used HALLOWEEN costumes for Mr. Chris for his party at Warren Village. If you have costumes (all sizes), please donate them to Little School by October 23.

We do have two openings at Little School (one older 4 and one older 3 child) so call 303-791-1982 if you are interested!

Also, we still need substitute teachers/assistants if you would like a very part-time paid position!

May the beauty of this season be enhanced by God's grace and bounty to all of you!

Blessings, -Ms. Kay and staff

PS: DON'T FORGET to save your left over Halloween Candy as we collect it for the Colorado Aids Project. Starting on November 1st, you may drop off left over candy at the main office of the church or downstairs at Little School. They are VERY appreciative of your donations and you save the teeth and hips!

Jr. High Mission Trips - Unforgettable!

by Hannah Curtis If you have ever been on a mission trip before you already now how much fun the experience can be. I have fortunately been able to go on two. My first year was up to Colorado Springs to help with the Hayman Fire recovery, and then this year to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to help with flood recovery.

The Hayman fire was a devastating sight to see, and I knew the help by the St. Luke's youth would give it a head start to recovery. It was a great experience, knowing that us doing so little would be a huge step towards a new life for the forests damaged in the fire.



The one mission trip that really got me smiling though was the one this past summer to Iowa. After 33 youth and adults traveled for 13 hours in the church bus, plus two extra vans, we all made it to Cedar Rapids. The United Methodist Church in Marion, Iowa was grateful enough to let us stay there. The work we provided was to help three certain houses that were severely damaged by the flood of 2008. We scraped off old rotting paint, and then painted it over with new paint. We also mowed lawns and performed other needed home repairs. Mission trips are a great experience for the youth.

The pumpkin patch funds really do go to a good cause and we all appreciate what you give. So go buy some pumpkins and remember you are supporting our youth and the great mission work that we do. Thanks!

Missions Update & Opportunities:

We continue to collect shoes for Guatemala and our "Food of the Month" for DenUM is **EVERYTHING**. They are in great need right now and request all types of food donations. Both items are being collected in the missions closet by the church entryway.

Cambodia Missions Group Creates a New Website:

Since 2001, St. Luke's has helped link needy students in Cambodia with sponsors in the United States. They established sponsorships where a \$100 donation will send a child to school for an entire year. Recently, our Cambodian missions group has created a website, **www.helpcambodianstudents.com** which shares information about this project. The website also contains pictures and biographies of needy students so that a donor can choose the specific child they would like to sponsor. The new school year begins in October, so people who are interested in helping are encouraged to check out the site as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Gilbert at Laurie_Gilbert@comcast.net





St. Luke's United Methodist Women

"The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

St. Luke's UMW Mission Team meets the 2nd Sunday of each month, following the 11:00am service. Everyone is invited to attend.

Fall Kick-Off Meeting: "Ways We Pray" Recap

On September 20th, women from St. Luke's gathered for the UMW fall kick-off meeting. This meeting included a general business meeting with election of officers for the next year, a special mission presentation, and a prayer workshop. A variety of delicious pies were served.

Betsy Keyak was present to speak to the attendees about UMCOR. The focus of her presentation was on what UMCOR does to help refugees. Supplies were collected at the meeting for UMCOR health care kits at the meeting. These will be sent to the new UMCOR depot in Salt Lake City. Betsy also showed a video of the work UMCOR is doing in Sudan to help displaced people and she spoke about the challenges and needs of re-settling refugees in the US and the support required to help a family transition.

Rev. Sallie Suby-Long presented a meaningful workshop on different types of prayer. Everyone participated in a Lectio Divina prayer. Then, all women joined in the prayer of St. Francis in unison.

She also led a blessing of the prayer shawls and blankets, which is a very moving experience for all involved.

As part of the general business meeting, Betty Ludlam gave our unit updates from district meetings and explained how our pledge dollars are spent for missions. Our own Rev. Janet Forbes will be a guest speaker at the Rocky Mountain Conference UMW Annual Meeting: *Who's At the Table: An Introduction to Ministry in the Postmodern Era*. Women are encouraged to attend. Please see Betty for further details or a registration form. Betty then showed a moving and inspirational video of Women's Assembly. Assembly is held every four years and the next event will be in St. Louis in April 2010.



To end the day, women were invited by Jacquie Smith of St. Andrews UMC to walk a labyrinth, set up in the narthex.

The Slate of Officers for St. Luke's was unanimously approved for the 2009-2010 year. *President – Betty Ludlam, Vice President – open, Treasurer – Renae Parra, Secretary & Communications – Lori Smith, Secretary of Program Resources – Renae Parra, Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth – Sharon Smith, Mission Coordinator for Social Action – Fran West, Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach – Elena Lynch, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation – open, Chairperson Committee on Nominations – Fran West, Conference Liaison – open, Staff representative/Associate Pastor – Rev. Sallie Suby-Long*

UMCOR Kits UMCOR has opened a new depot in Salt Lake City. It is in great need of items for the different kits. St. Luke's UMW is collecting items for the health kits for UMCOR during the summer months. UMCOR will also be the mission for the September Kick-off's Annual Pie and Prayer. Items may be brought to the event or placed in the UMCOR donation box found near the UMW bulletin board. Items needed for the health kits are: *hand towels (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No kitchen towels), washcloths, combs (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized), nail files or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers), bath-size bars of soap (3 oz. and up), toothbrushes (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes), adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages, \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (*UMCOR is purchasing the toothpaste to insure it doesn't expire before being sent out.)*

For more information about UMCOR and the different kits they need, go to <http://new.gbmg-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/>

Subgroups of UMW at St. Luke's UMC:

Evening Book Group Fourth Monday of the month, 7:00pm Conference Room. For information, please call Renae Parra at 303-683-0872. To be added to the email mailing list, send a request to RenaeParra@aol.com. We are also planning a charity book drive for Warren Village; Keep your eyes open for nice new or gently used books you would like to donate, especially: children's story books; parenting books; self-help books; Devotionals and spiritual guidance books. More information to come.

October 26 - *Chasing Francis* by Ian Cron

November 23 - *The Yada Yada Prayer Group* by Neta Jackson

December 21 - *Dewey: the small-town library cat who touched the world* by Vicki Myron

January 18 (*3rd Monday due to St. Luke's Common Table on 4th Monday) - *Wesley the Owl* by Stacey O'Brien

February 22 - *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman

Itch to Stitch First and Third Wednesdays of the month, 7:00-8:30pm downstairs near the Children's Library. For information, call Fran West at 303-797-7107. We are making items for needy infants, Senior centers, Veterans Hospital, and for our Youths Fall Craft Sale. All skill levels plus all ages are welcome. We have free yarn and cloth.

Women's Night Out First Monday of the month, 6:30pm various locations.

For more information, please contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20 or lynda@stlukeshr.com or Renae Parra at 303-683-0872 or renaeparra@aol.com.

Women's Night IN Oct. 26, 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a night of Italian cuisine! Bring your favorite dish to share and invite a friend or two. Childcare available with 24hr reservation 303-791-0659 x20. Contacts: Dawn Johnson drjohnson636@gmail.com or Brittany Scheble brittscheble@aim.com All are welcome to this inexpensive alternative for a night out!

Mark your calendars:

Monday, October 5: Women's Night Out:

Garcia's Mexican Restaurant, 5050 S. Syracuse, DTC

Sunday, October 11: UMW Mission Team meeting

Monday, October 26: *Chasing Francis* by Ian Cron

Monday, November 2: Women's Night Out:

Bucci's Gree and Italian, 8030 S. Holly, Centennial

November 7 8:30-10:00am: Simply Saturday:

"Financial Planning for the Holidays" What's important, what's not—you decide, but here is some help and guidance.

Looking ahead:

Tuesday, December 8 6:00pm: Annual Women's Candlelight Dinner

Saturday, February 20: Women's Winter Retreat: Sweet Life Café

Upcoming Conference UMW Events:

Rocky Mountain Conference UMW Annual Meeting:

Who's At the Table: An Introduction to Ministry in the Postmodern Era, presented by Reverend Dr. Janet Forbes, October 23-24 First UMC, Pueblo

Upcoming National UMW Events: 2010 Quadrennial Assembly:

Faith, Hope, Love in Action, April 30-May 2, St. Louis, MO





James Ramsey
Director of Music
Ministry & the Arts



Kay Coryell
Associate Dir. of
Music Ministry



Ken Mervine
Organist/
Accompanist

NEW AT ST. LUKE'S

Watch Us Grow

What is green, hangs out in your wallet and is helping St. Luke's to grow? *Your new Reloadable King Soopers grocery card!* Our profit from King Soopers has gone up from \$555 to \$872 in the last month! If you don't have one buy a \$50 grocery card between services in Fellowship Hall.

Just remember to continue reloading it. St. Luke's will receive FIVE % of every purchase and/or reload. If you don't shop King Soopers buy a Safeway or Tony's card for \$50. We receive FIVE % from Safeway and SEVEN % from Tony's on every purchase.

NEW - LEADERSHIP RESOURCES

In the most common used meeting rooms, we will now have available a hanging file folder with resources to help our Leaders and teams. There will be a **Prayer & Devotion booklet** and a **Bible** for you to use in prayer for your opening, closing, conflicts, community, and thanksgiving. We hope you will always take a few minutes to invite God's presence to your meetings!

We will also have **Leadership Request forms** for you to fill out should you have a question or concern with for your team.

We hope these will be useful for your continued success in leadership here at St. Luke's. Should you have any suggestions, please contact Lynda Fickling lynda@stlukeshr.com or Karin Wesson karin@thewessons.com

Duke Ellington Sacred Concerts



by Katie Newell Duke Ellington was a man who was not only one of the most influential artists in the history of recorded music; he was also a man whose genius transcended an extremely tumultuous time in American history. Born Edward Kennedy Ellington (April 29, 1899-May 24, 1974), Ellington's childhood friends noticed his easy grace and gave him a name to suit his noble personality. A pianist from the age of seven, he actually preferred baseball early on, and President Roosevelt (Teddy) would come by on his horse and watch young Duke play. But soon enough his incredible talent would begin coming out

on the piano and it became clear that he was in fact a true musical prodigy.

Although he is best known as one of the greatest figures of jazz of all time, Ellington's career over five decades stretched into various genres, including blues, gospel, movie soundtracks, popular and classical. A man of extraordinary charisma and possessing a well known refined public manner, Ellington elevated the perception of jazz music to the level of classical music—largely through his inventive use of the big band. Amongst numerous other awards, Ellington was awarded the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 1966, and was one of only five jazz musicians ever to have been featured on the cover of *Time Magazine*. In the last decade of his life, Duke Ellington wrote three somewhat controversial Sacred Concerts, a fusion of his jazz music with Christian liturgy. He has called these concerts, "The most important thing I have ever done."

It is in the spirit of this great man that on Saturday, November 14 at 7:00pm, St. Luke's United Methodist Church will be presenting The Best of Sacred Concerts by Duke Ellington, a truly unique concert experience that welcomes everyone in the community. James Ramsey, Director of Music Ministry and the Arts, explains that this type of concert is rarely done and will feature the Chancel Choir, Ministers of Swing Jazz Band, Tap Dancer Alexis Dear, and several soloists. Eileen Law, Chancel Choir member said her favorite song is *Come Sunday*. "I really like it, it's off-beat, off-rhythm, so it's very challenging, but so rewarding when it all comes together."

That sentiment is echoed by Alan Babcock, who plays the tenor saxophone for the Ministers of Swing and has been a fan of both jazz music and Duke Ellington for many years. "It's not just hymns that can express your faith," Alan explains. He also said working together with the other musical groups has been a very rewarding experience. Everyone is invited to be a part of this extraordinary musical experience, honoring a man who not only went down in history as bringing the Cotton Club revue to the church, but whose bands were able to thrive performing for both African-American and white Americans, a rarity during racially divided times.

Admission to *The Best of Sacred Concerts* by Duke Ellington is by donation and everyone in the community who enjoys jazz, compositions by a true genius, and the sounds of history in a piano ticklin', toe tappin', horn blowin' style are welcome.

What: *The Best of Sacred Concerts* by Duke Ellington
Where: St. Luke's Methodist Church
 8817 S. Broadway
 Highlands Ranch, CO 80129
When: Saturday, November 14 at 7:00pm

For more information, please call Jim at St. Luke's 303-791-0659 x23.

- ✧ **Oct 4 – SLY PM: Pumpkin Unloading at 1:00pm.** Meal at regular time (5:30pm) followed by the U2 worship service at 6:34pm.
- ✧ **Oct 11 – SLY PM: Arcade Night.** We've hijacked a bunch of TV & video games! Come play!
- ✧ **Oct 18 – Fall Festival:** Annual Sunday morning celebration. Bouncy castle, food, fun activities, and more! Open from 10:30am-1:00pm. Youth who work this festival can earn mission trip credits.
- ✧ **Oct 18 – SLY PM: SLAM Movie Night.** Come explore the meaning of Young Frankenstein.
- ✧ **Oct 24 – Warren Village Haunted House.** Noon-10:00pm (10 hours of mission credits if you help!!!) and a great time setting up a haunted house & fall carnival for the kids at Warren Village.
- ✧ **Oct 25 – SLY PM: Halloween Project Runway.** Bring your creativeness tonight, as you'll break into teams to create the best Halloween costume you can out of ridiculous materials!

Special Events:

- ✧ **Donut Whole continues Thursdays at MVHS.** New time (7:15) but the same donuts and great conversations! Open to all MVHS students! In Room L408 with Chris W & Mrs. McMullen.
- ✧ **Pumpkin Patch** – All youth who will be involved with mission trips next summer can sign up for Pumpkin Patch shifts this month to earn credit for next summer's trips! 8 hours of work = \$50 trip credit and 15 hours = \$100 credit! Parents who work the Patch can also earn hours for their youth.
- ✧ **Fall Retreat** – Express Yourself from November 6-8. \$99 for the weekend. Register this month!
- ✧ **Warren Village Haunted House** – 10 hours of community service for helping us put this awesome event downtown at Warren Village. Contact Chris to sign up!
- ✧ **Check out**
www.stlukeshr.com/sly
for up-to-date info on programs, activities, ministry opportunities and more!



Chris Wilterdink
Director of
Youth Ministry

Susan Johnson
Assistant Director
of Youth Ministry

CHRIS's CORNER Retreat!!!

So by now, I bet you've heard we have a fall retreat scheduled for November 6-8. I will also guess that you know the retreat will take place at Buckhorn UM Camp (just west of Fort Collins) and that the whole weekend will only cost \$99! But do you know why you should come on this particular retreat?

Retreats are great for getting to know other youth in SLY. Often, retreats are the first big event that new youth will try, youth who have been on retreats before come prepared to meet new friends. Also, you can be a little bit more of yourself when you remove yourself from the groove of life at home.

Retreats are great for getting to know SLY sponsors. We have an amazing group of adults who have walked many paths you travel as a teenager. By coming on the retreat, you get to discover new things about your favorite SLY sponsors, as well as deepen your relationship with them through small group discussions and fun activities.

The mountains are beautiful! Get up into the hills and enjoy the beauty of the world around us.

It's a weekend away from mom & dad. Imagine a weekend away where your food and sleeping arrangements are taken care of for you, and you get 72 hours without your parents! Yes there are still adults, and yes there are times to be serious, but you also have the chance to relax a little from the stresses of home in a structured setting.

It's a weekend designed just for you! This retreat's theme is 'Express Yourself' and the lessons you'll learn all have to do with recognizing and loving who you are, and encouraging you to feel comfortable sharing who you are with the world.

This really will be an excellent weekend. Download a registration form at www.stlukeshr.com/sly or pick one up at church this month. The cost is \$99 and scholarships are always available.

—Peace & Love, Chris

Rockford Mission Report

by Karen Bobkowsky

Every mission trip that SLY has been on in the past 3 years has been vastly different from the others. Some have been slow with little work; others have been so busy and productive that we have barely had time to breathe. Illinois however, was the perfect balance. We accomplished so much and yet managed to all have a great time and grow in our faith. My project over the trip was to fix up a run-down house for a single father and his diabetic son, and each work group had projects for low-income families in downtown Rockford.



Our work group completed all of the major projects that needed to get done during that week. The front and back porches got painted along with a few other places, and the kitchen got a fresh coat of a vibrant yellow, that magically appeared as handprints on all of our shirts by the end of the week. In the kitchen, beyond applying a fresh coat of paint, we peeled and scraped up the old floor, and laid new tile. Out back they had a broken porch with no stairs so we fixed it up and added three steps so that it was a useable exit. The bathroom had a warped floor that caused the toilet to not rest on the floor so our task was to level the floor. Somehow we managed to make it all work.

The trip was not all work, though. We also managed to play a ton of cards, eat amazing food, and grow together in our faith. The vacation day to Chicago was epic, as were the rides back and forth in the church bus...



Dave Cupp
Director of Finance



Lisé Takayama
Assistant Director
of Finance

Thank You For Your Continued Support

Income continues to meet our budgeted expectations. For that, we continue to be very grateful to you for your part in making this happen and

insure we're able to continue our basic ministry programs.

Not Too Early To Begin Year-End Tax Planning. For the church to give you credit for your donations in 2009, the church must receive your donation on or before December 31 or it must be postmarked on or before December 31. Some of the methods you may choose to use for your donation take a considerable amount of time for you to get it processed and to the church before the December 31 deadline.

If you need assistance in getting your transaction processed, please give us a call. We will be glad to assist you.

Special IRA Charitable Rollover Program Extended

For 2009 Taxes. The Tax Extenders and Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008 extended the provision for those who are over 70 ½ to make a donation to their church to be included on their 2009 tax returns. This provision allows eligible taxpayers to donate up to \$100,000 without it being taxable income and at the same time the donation will apply to your required IRA minimum distribution. Keep in mind that the distribution must come direct to the church from the institution holding your IRA funds. It cannot be a personal check from your checking account.

If you are interested in using this program for your donation, you should check with your tax adviser to review the process and make sure that your timing is correct for it to reach the church on or before December 31 or at least get postmarked on or before December 31.

Have Questions? Remember, I'm always available for your calls and visits. You may reach me at 303-791-0659 x24 or davecupp@stlukeshr.com.

Pick and Choose Your Method Of Giving to SLUMC.

We have many ways for you to make your giving to SLUMC easy and convenient. You may want to consider one of these convenient methods for your contributions.

In addition to cash and checks, we offer online credit card transactions, stock transfers and scheduled automatic withdrawals from checking or credit card accounts. The following is a general summary::

- 1. General Fund and Capital Campaign:** All methods.
- 2. Grocery Cards:** Cash, check, scheduled automatic withdrawal from checking accounts.
- 3. Special Events:** Depending on the type of event may include cash, check, PayPal and online credit card 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.
- 4. Plus:** We're anxious to consider any reasonable method you know about that we haven't adopted.

What a Difference a Day Makes!

We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped us complete our acoustic panel install. As with most of our building projects – this one turned out to be far more involved than any of us expected, but with the dedication of many, the project came together beautifully. Dr. Jim Ramsey cared for planning, pricing negotiations, ordering and supplier

management, Ken Fong, our fearless Director of Trustees painstakingly mapped out the placement, and Sandi Miyaki joined these two daily during the week before work day to complete the prep work for a successful work day install. Randy Larsen, Bill Kemman, James and Brian Bacon joined them on Friday evening to add to the momentum, then on Saturday a crew of about 25 Trustees, Drama Ministry, and many other volunteers turned out to get the project completed in time for Sunday's services. And a few more came in the next weekend to install speakers. The volunteer efforts saved us thousands on the installation, and what a difference this work has made! We've gotten many positive comments about how much better you can hear now, in the Fellowship Hall and Narthex. We're pleased to report the first of the Fusion services was held in the Fellowship Hall – saving the backs of many who have helped with furniture moving twice each Sunday for the last couple of years!

At the same time, Greg Tripple, our newest Trustee, lead a paint crew of volunteers from our support groups in repainting downstairs in Goliath! We are truly blessed to have the terrific support of our members and constituents as we've renovated our worship and classroom spaces. Thank you to everyone!

—Sandi Miyaki & Ken Fong



Flu Season Precautions Update

In light of increasing virus concerns this flu season, Lisé Takayama has been working with our cleaning crew on beefing up cleaning routines. While maintaining last year's contract pricing, they're being more diligent about wiping down often-touched areas with antibacterial 'green' cleaning products – especially light switches, door handles, and bathroom surfaces. Lynda Fickling has brought additional attention to the coffee and donut service and the care of our high chairs in the Fellowship Hall, and Joely Maddux is reminding Children's Ministry staff and volunteers to clean and check toys for safety. We'll also need your help to keep an eye on hand-washing and other recommendations we're learning about every day. Thank you for your suggestions and support as we work together to keep it clean and green at St. Luke's!

Don't forget your name!... Oh, okay, that probably won't happen but how about purchasing a St. Luke's nametag so that others can call you by that name (vs. "hey you".) For \$4.50 we can have yours ready for you in one week! Sign up today at the "Get Connected" center.



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 where we share life. Wherever you are in your faith journey,
 you are accepted and encouraged to grow spiritually.*

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

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OCTOBER 2009						
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