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Common Table: Taking a Look at Our Future

The Common Table takes place 4 times a year, and is open to everyone! As we anticipate St. Luke's next 25 years, the Common Table will look at Our Future - the next chapter, our commitments, and the next season - and how we integrate this vision with who we are as individuals and as a community of faith. Your participation and contribution is invited! Our next meeting will be Monday, April 19 at 6:00pm, and - if you've never attended, we'll have a Q&A between services on Sunday, April 11 to answer your questions. Other dates for 2010 are September 27 and November 15.



Easter Fun Day! THANKS to all of the volunteers and everyone who donated items to help make our annual Easter Fun Day a great success! On Saturday, March 27, over 200 children enjoyed Easter Egg hunts, crafts, popcorn, cotton candy, balloon animals, games, cookies, LIVE bunnies, our bouncy castle, bunny hop sack race and much more! When asked which activity she liked the best, 5 year old Kaylee Eubanks said "I liked everything!!"

St. Luke's Diversity Reflected in Spirituality Styles

What a delight to listen to your reflections on our Spiritual Journeys worship series in January and February! Your responses to learning about spirituality are as diverse as the faith backgrounds and spiritual pathways that we bring to our life together.

47% Heart
30% Head
18% Mystic
5% Kingdom

review the Spirituality Wheel and the spiritual styles of Head, Heart, Mystic, and Kingdom on the St. Luke's website as www.stlukeshr.com

According to our survey results in discerning our **PRIMARY SPIRITUAL STYLES**, 47% of St. Luke's relate to God our of a **HEART** spirituality, which embraces the "affect" of worship, feeling the presence of God through word, music, and community. The second strength of St. Luke's congregation is **HEAD** spirituality at 30%. This is a thinking spirituality that values study, reflection, and living the faith congruently with one's vocation, beliefs, and values. Both of these spiritual styles experience God as immanent and personal. In 2005, the survey results were Head (38%) and Heart (26%).

The third spiritual strength of St. Luke's is **MYSTIC** spirituality at 18%. Mystics enjoy contemplative worship with a blending of prayer, silence, ritual, music, and scripture. The fourth spiritual strength of our congregation is **KINGDOM**

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Worship at St. Luke's in the Season of Easter:
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
PURSUING THE ADVENTURE!

Helen Keller once said,
"Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing."

As we watch the reactions of Jesus' followers to the wonder of the resurrection, we learn that there is nothing as un-nerving or delightful as passionately pursuing God!

Join Rev. Janet and Rev. Brad on Sundays, April 11 to May 23, in exploring a life of spiritual adventure.

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

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

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Rev. Janet Forbes
Senior Pastor

Easter Wonder: The Broken Chrysalis

Very early in the morning, as soon as the sun came out and they dared go outside, they hastened to the tomb.

The first ones who came were the women, those who had loved him so very much. They were loaded with linen, oil, and perfumes, because they came to bury him properly.

The men only came afterwards, when the news about the empty grave reached them. They were running very fast, as fast as they could. John, being the younger, overtook Peter, but, being the younger, he waited for Peter to enter the tomb. They all gazed into the tomb before entering it, full of hesitation. They were all surprised, very surprised.

The story is, of course, about what happened to Jesus, and yet when you read it, it is all about them. First, it happened to Mary; then it happened to the other women; then it happened to John and Peter; then to the others; and finally to Thomas. They believed; something happened to them!

Certainly something had happened to Jesus. No doubt, he rose from the dead. Yes, he overcame darkness and evil. But the story is really about what happened to them when they saw the empty tomb, when he appeared to them, a first time, a second time, in the house where they met, outside at the lake, seeing him walking over the seas, eating bread and the fish he fried for them.

The story is about them; they believed! That is how we should celebrate Easter. What happened to Jesus is, of course, the main thing. It is the beginning and the end, the foundation and the pinnacle. But what we are asked to celebrate is what overcame them and what should overcome us.

“Because he lives, nothing is impossible.”

Recently, I talked with a my great-aunt, a woman of wisdom and hope. She told me: “As you know, life has its ups and its downs. The older you become, the better you know: it is light and darkness, sun and shadow, sweet and bitter, good and evil, sickness and health, virtue and vice, progress and regress, falling and rising, life and death, Good Friday and Easter!”

This is all true, but what the witnesses started to believe at that empty tomb, as they ran home, when they saw him – is that good will overcome, that death will disappear, that light will triumph, that up will prevail over down, the up of the resurrection over the down of the cross.

They were not only willing to believe, they were willing to live that belief in their lives, themselves risen from all death!

When my brother was a sophomore in high school, he has a live caterpillar collection. Their home was a shoe box, covered with screen wire. When he traveled to play football, I fed them faithfully with leaves from our willow tree. I hated it!

Finally the caterpillars stopped their incessant crawling and chewing, attached their tails firmly to a stick and lay still, sheathed with a shiny leather-like case. For weeks they seemed to be dead, unmoving in their tiny gray wrappings. My brother removed the screen and waited.

One by one, the gray cases began to twist and turn violently, and suddenly split open. A beautiful butterfly emerged. It stood for hours gently moving its wings, pumping fluids into them to extend them fully. Then the butterfly soared gracefully away on the breezes of summer, leaving nothing behind but a broken chrysalis to indicate its former bondage.

The chrysalis and butterfly suggest the empty grave clothes of our risen Lord. When Peter and John heard the news that the Lord's body was gone from the garden tomb, they ran all the way from their lodging. Peter entered the tomb and “he saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen” (John 20:6-7, NIV). The graveclothes once wrapped continuously around the body now lay collapsed, mute testimony that the corpse they had once shrouded had now emerged in life.

The bondage of death is broken. We can face tomorrow with the assurance that Jesus is in fact alive to help us, to guide us, to give us hope for the future. And since he is living, our problems are not insolvable. The broken chrysalis of his grave clothes proclaims that Christ is triumphant even over death. Because he lives, nothing is impossible. Join us this year for the Holy Week journey: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday Communion, Good Friday Tenebrae, and the Easter Festival.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! —Rev. Janet





Rev. Brad Laurvick
Associate Minister

Blanket Bee

Sunday, April 18

12:30-2:30pm



Over spring-break I had a chance to visit family in Minnesota. We saw cousins, uncles, aunts, and of course, my grandparents. One of the exciting parts of visiting my grandma was showing her the stole I had made out of my old blanket—a blanket she made for me. My grandma has made our entire family so many quilts and blankets throughout our lives—each one has a little tag sewn into it, “Made with Tender Loving Care, by Grandma”. And each one is. They are all beautiful expressions of her love, crafted into something that offers warmth, protection, and a feeling that the world is right. What a gift can be given in a blanket.



On April 18th, St. Luke's will host its second “Blanket Bee”, a Sunday afternoon event for all ages. At “Bee” we will hand tie blankets cut from fleece brought by participants. We measure, cut, tie, and fold as a group—sharing stories, laughing, and enjoying each other's company. All of that positive energy goes into blankets that will be donated to the Linus Project—a group that brings

blankets to children and teens effected by disaster or trauma. The blankets we make with tender loving care will bring that same warmth, protection, and a feeling that the world is right to people all around our community. Though there is no tag that says “Made with Tender Loving Care by St. Luke's”, love doesn't need a label.

Be sure to join us April 18th from 12:30-2:30pm as we share God's love and make blankets.

The Good Friday Tenebrae

April 2 is “God's Friday” on which Christians remember the death of Jesus on a cross outside Jerusalem. In many churches there is a service at or before three o'clock, when it is thought he died. In some countries, believing Christians spend the rest of the day quietly. But, Seville, a city in the south of Spain, is crowded on Good Friday by thousands of people, all hoping to see the spectacular processions which wind through the streets when darkness falls. By the light of hundreds of flickering candles, richly dressed statues which portray scenes from the last days of Jesus' life are carried aloft.

In England, most people, whether Christian or not, like to eat hot cross buns: spicy buns decorated with an egg paste cross, which is a reminder of the cross of Jesus. But the custom of making cakes with crosses is even older. Two were found, still with their crosses on them, in the remains of the Roman town of Herculaneum, which was buried under mud when the volcano Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79. The custom – perhaps even the recipe – was brought by the Romans to Britain, and bakers are still producing them by the million every Holy Week.

At St. Luke's, we are planning to observe Good Friday with a service of Tenebrae, or “shadows”. As the events of Holy Week unfold, there is a gradual extinguishing of the lights and candles in the Sanctuary. The Chancel Choir will flavor our remembrance with songs of hope. The Wesley Players will tell the story.

*A very personal, very public story
Of a friend who died, the friends who didn't understand
Didn't comprehend who he was,
What his personage meant,
The power he had
Over life, over death, over our lives.*

You will want to plan your observance of Holy Week – from the palm procession to the celebration of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, from the Good Friday Tenebrae to Easter Sunrise Service at Shea Stadium or Red Rocks. We culminate our journey in a celebration of new life on Resurrection morning in the Sanctuary.

continued from page 1 spirituality. At 5%, this spirituality reflects our deep commitment to missions and social justice. Many Kingdom seekers live their spirituality in the world, acting as prophets and change agents so that the Kingdom of God may be realized in the social structures of the culture. Our Kingdom people push us, teach us, and lead us into the world to make a difference. In 2005, the survey results were Mystic (23%) and Kingdom (13%).

Our secondary leanings as a congregation affirm a pattern which reveals a congregational leaning toward both Head and Heart, but name our growing edges toward mysticism and justice ministries. The secondary strengths were 36% HEART, 29% HEAD, 16% MYSTIC, and 19% KINGDOM.

Again, these percentages reflect our diversity and our commitments, our richness and our depth. What an exciting opportunity we have as a community of faith to learn from one another, to engage God from the multiple facts of the Holy One, and to stretch our experience to invite growth. The statements of feedback affirm a variety of worship experiences, the giftedness of our music and drama ministers, the hope of incorporating more mystical elements in worship, the use to worship elements from our Christian tradition, the desire for reasoned engagement with theological thought and social issues, and the hope that worship connects in relevant ways to daily life.

Growing our spiritual life as a congregation is the hope of increasing the vitality of God's Spirit in us, as individuals and as a community of faith. The work of the Holy Spirit is to conform us to the image of Christ. Our worship leadership will continue to listen to the congregation and to God so that we might grow into full humanity by living the life of Christ.

7th Annual

St. Luke's UMC
Invitational, Relational,
Missional, Spiritual

Golf Event

Saturday, August 28, 2010





Lynda Fickling
Director of
Servant Ministry/
Spiritual Director

We are Called to Serve

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

SOUNDBOOTH TEAM: We are responsible for the phenomenal sound system you hear during Sunday services, as well as the slides, lights and videos. The behind-the-scenes work includes preparing

slides and videos and working closely with the Worship Planning Team to enhance St. Luke's worship experience. This talented core team also supports special events such as musicals, dramas, and weddings. **Spiritual Gifts:** *Helps, Knowledge, Leadership, Administration* **Meeting Time/Place:** Sundays 8:00, 9:30 or 11:00am **Contact:** Tim Boles 303-791-9643 tmbol@aol.com

COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH TEAM: We invite you to explore your creativity and technical skills while helping St. Luke's stay connected. We support staff and ministry teams to communicate their events, classes, missions, worship service and stewardship to St. Luke's and the community at large through writing, desktop publishing, web development, graphics, marketing and public relations. **Spiritual Gifts:** *Helps, Hospitality, Giving, Evangelism, Knowledge, Administration, Leadership* **Meeting Time/Place:** As needed **Contact:** Jim Ramsey 303-791-0659x23 jim@stlukeshr.com

DenUM (Denver Urban Ministries): Provides outreach services including a food bank, diapers and formula, job search assistance, crisis funds, legal assistance and case management. Address is 1717 E. Colfax Ave., Denver. Their top 3 volunteer needs: Client Referral Specialist/Receptionist, Food Pantry Volunteer, Job Services Receptionist. Visit www.denum.org for detailed information. **Contact:** Amanda at 303-350-5066

LOVE INC (Love in the Name of Christ): Is a network of churches that links church ministries and volunteers to our neighbors in need. It brings resources together so more needs can be met. Services they provide include housing assistance, clothing and food banks, childcare, transportation and job counseling. Love Inc. of Littleton serves the southwest metro area - south of Hampden and west of University. Volunteers needed in many areas of service.

Contact: Rev. Doug McKinney 303-732-5925

To discover more about your own Spiritual Gifts and where you may serve best, visit www.stlukeshr.com, quicklinks > Spiritual Gifts Assessment, and beginning serving where God has given you talents and gifts! *If you are searching for a place to connect at St. Luke's, contact Lynda Fickling, Director of Servant Ministry 303-791-0659 x20 lynda@stlukeshr.com or Karin Wesson, Lay Leadership, 303-683-0196 karin@thewessons.com*

Café St. Luke's:

An orientation of St. Luke's

Join us for **Coffee & Conversation** about the **History** of St. Luke's, the **United Methodist Church**, our **programs and ministries**, plus a **tour** of our facilities!

9:30am Sunday April 11
Meet Lynda Fickling in Room 206



Week Ending March 26, 2010

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

Paula Strader (Sandi Miyaki's sister)
Lori Lieberman (friend of Jane Damsgard)
Dwain Bartellina (Mike Hutchins' uncle)
Schelly Thompson (Sandy Thompson's sister-in-law)
Mark Bartellina (Mike Hutchins' cousin)
David Joseph (Friend of Bobbi King/Marie Blue)
John Larsh (friend of Rick & Louise Jasper)
Roberta Towell (Jon Streaty's sister)
Daniel Winkle (friend of Gail Strawn)
Darrell & Billie Aderman (friends of Rick & Louise Jasper)
Ross Magaughy (friend of Rick & Louise Jasper)
Mildred Johnson (Connie Shoemaker's mother)
Jerry Miyaki (Mike's uncle)
Louise McGill (Sharon Oliver's mother)
Rosie Shaw (friend of Eric Ransick)
Bobette Stephens (Mike Stephens' mother)
Chelsea White (Kathy Enloe-Miller's friend's granddaughter)
Lolitha Fernandes (friend of Joely Maddux)
Jan Rufien
Zach Bingham (nephew of Ashlee Favilene)
Bill Harold (Nancy Obertier's cousin)
Sam Stanick (Allison Harper's step-father)
Donna Craven (friend of Cindy Barlow's)
Maria Viera Harris (friend of Cindy Barlow's)
Lisa Lewis
Mary Hogan (friend of Sharon Scholle's)
Chad Swier (Kathy Swier's son)
Norma Whitaker's mother, Jane
Sandy Murray's mother
Denise More (friend of Jenny Stevenson)
Emily Geraghty (3yr old- Little School)
Jackie Ellison (friend's daughter-16yrs. old-Rick Jasper)
Thelma Noah (friend of Rachel Nolder's)
Dylan Nieto (friend of Chris Stephens)

Janet Stegman (mother-in-law of a Little School family)
Evelyn Wright (Eileen Law's sister)
Joan Dixon (friend of Eileen Law)
Eileen Law
Keaton Wong (friend of the Takayama's)
Orwin Meelhouse (Linda Harris' uncle)
Chris Pepper (friend of Ms. Mary Ann's, Little School teacher)
Chris Kellams (friend of Joely Maddux)
Dorothy Hagan (Doug Hagan's mother)
Dottie Sungaila (friend of Dave & Bonnie Funk)
Amos West
Charles Sapp (Lynette McKinney's father)

ARMED FORCES PRAYER CHAIN:

Mark Thompson, Ed Herring,
Josh Brady, Jeremy Brady,
Colin Gabriel, Dustin Ellington,
Justin Boggy, Lt. Jeff Hamer,
and Christopher Gardner.



SYMPATHIES:

To Leigh & Jim Ramsey & family on the passing of Leigh's mother, Shirley Sutcliffe, March 27;
To Janet & David Johnston on the passing of Janet's father, Harold Shirk, March 28;
To Marion & Bob Leggett on the passing of Marion's father, Maynard Albridge, March 7.
To Ed & Eileen Law on the passing of their friend, Karen Edwards, March 30.

NEW BABY CONGRATULATIONS:

To Kara & Eddie Schwalm on the birth of a son, Charles Rigby Schwalm, March 2.



Rev. Les Ludlam

St. Luke's Lay
Associate Pastor
1993-1997

More from Les: We Ask-U-Inn

Hospitality: *Just what does that term mean?*

Hospitality means helping someone else feel "at home," safe, comfortable, secure. It is the act of intentionally creating a winsome atmosphere that leads someone to say, "I think I'd like to come back here!"

Hospitality is more than just being friendly, it is longer and deeper than a brief encounter; it is welcoming someone into our home, into our lives, and giving something of ourselves for another. For me, years ago, hospitality was the We Ask U Inn.

Driving home from Golden to Grand Junction for the Thanksgiving break in 1960, I had driven westward across Vail pass and had just passed the Minturn turnoff, heading toward Eagle. I was in a hurry to get home, to see my girlfriend, Betty, and my folks and had apparently pushed the old '50 Chevrolet 6-cylinder engine a bit too much, for as I approached the small community of Avon, I heard an ominous knocking from deep in the engine.

Sunset was approaching, I looked for a place to stop, and then saw a lighted sign on the highway about a half-mile ahead. The sign was for a gas station, restaurant and motel that I had passed dozens of times before without taking second notice. But now, it seemed to be a haven in the twilight.

As I got there, the neon lights at the edge of the highway proudly declared, "We-Ask-U-Inn."

I slowed and steered into the driveway; I pulled up to the front of the restaurant, and walked to the door just at the proprietor was preparing to lock up.

"Sorry, we're closing," she said.

"But I just need to use your telephone to call my Dad," I said, "my car just broke down and I don't know what to do!" Her face softened and she exclaimed, "Oh, my! Well come in and get warmed up, you can call from the office."

I thanked her, went to the telephone and called my father; collect of course.

I can imagine what might have been going on in my dad's mind as he accepted the charges on my phone call that night. "Are you, OK?" was his first question. "Yes, but the Chevy engine's knocking really bad, I'm afraid it might not make it all the way home that way," I said.

"Probably not," he replied, "Sounds like it might be a rod bearing.—I warned you about trying to hot rod that car!" Dad went on, "Stay there, if you can, I'll come get you with a tow bar."

I turned to the proprietor, asked, and she nodded, "Yes you can stay back at the motel office with us till your dad gets here."

"OK" I said to Dad. "See you in a couple of hours." He replied, "Just relax."

The owners of the We-Ask-U-Inn, Roxanne and

William, had operated this motel/restaurant/service station business for over 15 years. They had raised three children, now grown and gone to careers and lives of their own. None of the children had wanted to take over the business, but kept in touch with their parents on a regular basis.

After everything was locked up at the gas station, we went back to the motel office. Roxy, as she preferred to be called, turned to me. "You hungry, son?"

"Well, yes, I haven't eaten since lunch. I was planning on getting something at my folks' house this evening."

"Well, come on back here, we have some of today's soup left from the restaurant. And William and I can't clean it all up. There's plenty, try some."

After two bowls of soup and a slice of pie, "that just happened to be lying around," we began to talk about families, Colorado weather, my school, and my girlfriend. We looked at pictures of their kids and grandkids, of the deer and elk that would come by their place in the winter. The two and a half hours it took my dad to drive to the We-Ask-U-Inn went like a blink of an eye.

William had left the roadside sign lights on so Dad could see the place, and when he arrived, Roxy had a fresh pot of coffee going. Before Dad could hook up my car to the tow bar, she insisted that he come in and have something warm.

"You take care now!" said William as he filled Dad's gas tank and made sure the windows were clean, "It's already ten o'clock and you won't get home till well past midnight!" "Stop by on your way back, said Roxy; "Let us know how things went."

A hearty "thank you" and handshakes somehow didn't seem to be quite enough as we prepared to leave, but I couldn't think of what else I could say or do at the moment.

We left Avon and arrived in Grand Junction at about 1:00am. I spent most of my Thanksgiving break working on the Chevrolet engine!

On my drive back to school the weekend after Thanksgiving, I stopped at the We-Ask-U-Inn to see Roxy and William. We talked for nearly an hour. I told them about repairing the burned out rod bearings on the Chevrolet, my plans to marry Betty next year, and my studies at school. They told me about what their children were doing, of their plans to eventually sell the business and move to somewhere a little warmer.

From that time on, till I graduated from college, the We-Ask-U-Inn was a haven and I would regularly stop to say "hello." They sent us a card when Betty and I were married, and a short note of congratulations on my graduation.

Hospitality can build lasting relationships.

God bless us all! Rev. Les

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:2)



The Process

1. Persons may join the church any Sunday by transfer of their membership or by profession of faith in Jesus Christ.
2. We recognize the Sacrament of Baptism from all Christian churches. Any person who has received Christian baptism does not need to be baptized again. Baptism is a covenant between an individual and God. If you have not been baptized, please contact one of our Pastors or Lynda Fickling, our Director of Servant Ministry.
3. Fill out the membership card located in the Friendship Pad or at the Get Connected Center. Simply hand the membership card to one of our Pastors or staff members at any time.
4. Persons joining are asked to meet with our Director of Servant Ministry, to give and receive additional information and have a picture made.
5. Although not required, we encourage you to attend "Cafe St. Luke's" held monthly to explore our programs, ministry and missions.
6. You will be invited to attend a New Member brunch! We will welcome you with food and fellowship and introduce you to our staff.

The Commitment

- To worship regularly.
- To grow in faith by participating in a small group.
- To participate in hands-on mission to the congregation, the community, and the world.
- To reach out in care and hospitality.
- To grow in generosity through giving to our shared life.

The Meaning

We who call St. Luke's our spiritual home join to form an inclusive church, challenging one another to grow toward full humanity as we see it in the life of Jesus Christ. We seek to live lives that are invitational, relational, missional and spiritual.

When you take the step of belonging to St. Luke's, you will enjoy a **NEW CONNECTION**, a **NEW COVENANT** and the **GIFT OF GRACE**.



The Bongo Beat!

Hello again, it's me Bongo! Wow, St. Luke's is such a great place to be, especially if you are a dog! Just this last weekend I was at **Easter Fun Day**, I ate

so much cotton candy and popcorn that I just had to chase the Easter Bunny around to burn a few extra calories! I just couldn't help myself, Rev. Janet does make some delicious cotton candy, doesn't she? I wasn't the only one having fun though. There was a multitude of children and their families playing games, looking for Easter Eggs, and making crafts during the busy morning. I even got to take a few pictures with some of the children. The next day I watched the children in a palm parade, waving their palms high in the air and shouting "Hosanna!" during the **Palm Sunday** services. I could really picture Jesus riding on the donkey into Jerusalem on that Palm Sunday over almost 2000 years ago! Well I must be getting back to my sixth nap of the day but I hope I will see you all this summer. We have a lot of fun activities going on including two **Vacation Bible Schools** and six **Wacky Wednesdays** – yum, yum, yummy... I can smell those snacks already!!! Love, Bongo

News & Notes: Sunday School Kick-Off Wed. April 14

What is the Sunday School Kick-Off? That is the evening when those who want to serve in Sunday School get together and plan for the upcoming year. This will be an open house format from 5:00-8:00pm. Special informational sessions will be held at 5:45 and 6:45pm. You will be able to learn and experience the different serving roles from those who have served in the past, schedule when you would like to serve and in what capacity. Meet and get to know others who serve in Sunday School and register your child for the next Sunday School year! This event has traditionally been held in the summer, however in response to your requests, we will now plan our new year in the spring and the new Sunday School year will begin in June. This also corresponds with the children promoting to their next grade level at the beginning of the summer. St. Luke's Sunday School program is servant directed! That means you tell us when and where you want to serve! Without your input we won't be able to schedule you and without your service we will not be able to support a Sunday School program! See you on the 14th!

P.S. You will have another opportunity at the Ministry Fair on Sun. April 18 to register your child and sign up to serving!



Joely Maddux
Co-Director of
Children's Ministry



Sharon Oliver
Co-Director of
Children's Ministry

St. Luke's Kids
Growing with God



We are already in the process of planning another summer full of activities for St. Luke's Kids.

WACKY WEDNESDAYS

Our very popular **Wacky Wednesdays** will return giving children age 3- 3rd grade 2 1/2 hours of Biblical-based fun, games, and stories. The dates will be **June 9, 16, 30 and July 14, 21, and 28**. Each session is 9:30am-noon. Cost is \$15 per Wednesday and registration forms will be available in April.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! 3..2..1 BLAST OFF!!

Hold on to your moon boots, this summer's VBS is going to knock your socks off! Our VBS theme this summer will be Cokesbury's *Galactic Blast!* Through daily missions, your kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have your cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.



Traditional VBS will be June 21-25 from 9:15am-12:15pm.
NEW Evening VBS will be July 13-16 from 5:45-8:00pm.

Both programs are designed for children 3 years old through entering 5th grade. Each program will be \$25/child. If you are able to help out for the entire program your children may have their tuition waived! Registration and volunteer information will be available at www.stlukeshr.com in April.

Welcome Sam!

We are so pleased to welcome Samantha "Sam" Leahy as our new Director of Childcare at St. Luke's. She is responsible for managing the nursery schedule and staff. She grew up in Iowa and met her husband while in college. After he graduated they married and spent the first 5 years jumping around the east coast for his career. They settled in Chicago for a few years and had 2 children – Ryann, now 14 and Keara, now 15. They transferred to Colorado with his job 12 years ago. She went to school intending to work in the healthcare management field and worked in many doctor's offices and as a health care recruiter but decided to stay at home with her little girls. She saw that working with children was a love and a passion. During their grade school years she volunteered in the classroom and spent 4 years on the PTA board. They started coming to St. Luke's about 7 years ago. "We started out looking to visit the local community church down the street and realized I had the service time wrong. We decided to take the girls to breakfast when we passed St. Luke's and saw they had a service starting at that exact minute. (A divine appoint I call it when God has a way of arranging something for you.) We entered and it has been our church home ever since. One Sunday I saw a need for childcare workers and decided to use my steward gift with children and have been working in the nursery for the last 6 years. I have tried to live my life as my Mother told me when I was younger to have a blessed life you must first be a blessing to others." Sam coaches her daughters in basketball in her spare time and loves the outdoors in Colorado hiking with their 3 year old Chesapeake Bay Retriever. Sam feels blessed to have the opportunity to work in our Nursery and work with such a great staff and we are blessed to have her!



Samantha Leahy
Director of
Childcare



Kay Swanson
Director of
Little School



Little School News: April Showers Bring Art Show Hours!

April is all about the Creative Critters Annual ART SHOW! Once again the halls and classrooms of St. Luke's Little School will be filled with art work of all sizes, dimensions, textures and mediums! Our theme this year is MY VERY SPECIAL DAY! Each room plus David and Goliath will be decorated with the children's ideas for their special days. It might be a day at the beach, or a trip to the zoo, perhaps a museum or library or park! Many activities will be explored! If you have never been to

a Little School Art Show, you are in for an amazing surprise! Children and families are encouraged to come and ALUMNI are particularly welcome! **THE DATE IS APRIL 29 (Thursday) FROM 5:00-7:00pm. ENTER AT THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING (WITH THE PICKET FENCE) AND BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY! (no strollers please)** We promise that YOU WILL NOT be disappointed. We would certainly appreciate your support for the fabulous children that benefit from Little School!

April will also be a special time for us to celebrate EASTER and all that God did for us by sending his son! The children will focus on this beautiful story and about re-birth and spring!

We are anticipating many fun days ahead and hopefully lots of outside time as the weather get warmer! Only about 7 weeks of Little School left and we want to be sure to pack in as much learning and fun as we can!

I hope that you will consider joining us for our spectacular ART SHOW!

Blessings for a Beautiful Easter and a splendid Spring!!!
—Ms. Kay and Staff :-)

New Children's Ministry Leadership Team formed!

St. Luke's Children's Ministry is happy to introduce the newly formed Children's Ministry Leadership Team! This team will work alongside the Children's Ministry staff to bring fresh ideas and continued improvement and continuity to the entire Children's Ministry program at St. Luke's. The team consists of nine individuals on three termed teams. The current team members are:

2010: Patti Speedy, Linda Walker, Rachel Owens

2011: Suzanne Sharpe, Ann Smith, Jeff Bleye

2012: Kerry Lucero, Dawn Johnson, Carolyn Maddox

The Children's Ministry team meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. The meeting is open to all and all are encouraged to come, meet the team members and share in ideas!

Children's Dinner Theater

The Tale of Snow White

Friday, April 30

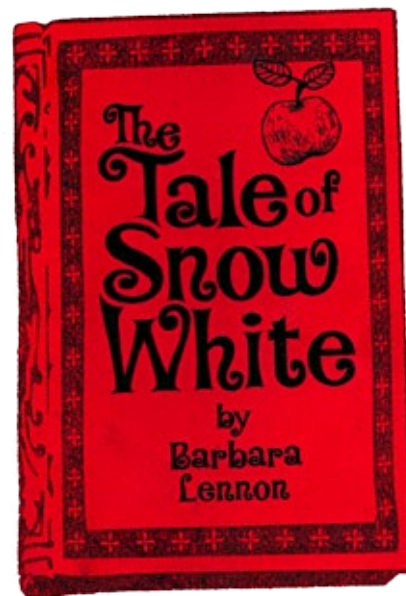
Dinner 6:00pm

Show 7:00pm

Traditional Mexican-themed dinner at 6:00pm followed by the St. Luke's Cherubs choir at 7:00pm and then our play.

Join us as 1st through 6th graders from St. Luke's present this beloved story, *but* with a twist.

Did you know that there was an environmental theme to this play? Or that peace can be found through the environment and a fairy tale? Our children tell a story about protecting our world and finding peace. In keeping with the environmental and peace theme, all of the proceeds from the play will support the Nuba Water Project. Nuba is one of St. Luke's own missions which works to provide fresh water sources for people in Nuba, Africa. This helps both the environment and promotes peace among those living in the area. To learn more about this mission, please visit <http://nubawaterproject.org/> and come see the play!!!



Upcoming Events Calendar:

Wednesday Mar. 10 - Children's Dinner Theater
rehearsals begin 5:30pm

Sunday April 4 - EASTER - No Sunday School

Sunday April 11 - SLY, Jr. 5:30pm

Wednesday April 14 - Sunday School 2010-2011
Registration Kick Off Fair

5:00-8:00pm - Presentations at 5:45pm & 6:45pm

Tuesday April 20 - Children's Ministry Team Meeting 6:30pm

Friday April 30 - Children's Dinner Theater Dinner
6:00pm, Show 7:00pm

Sunday May 2 - SLY, Jr. 5:30pm

Sunday May 16 - SLY, Jr. Service Project

June 21-15 - Morning VBS 9:15am-12:15pm

July 13-16 - Evening VBS 5:45-8:00pm

July 22-26 - Family Camp





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."

UMW Spring Tea: "Coffee, Tea and Bling"

Please join us for our annual Spring Tea on Sunday, May 2, 2010, 2:00-4:00pm. We will be supporting a children's mission, Denver Children's Home. And to do this we are having a jewelry exchange Tea Party. Donate that piece of jewelry you thought you just had to have, the jewelry "white elephant" gift you received, or maybe a piece from Grandma's jewelry box. Deliver your donated jewelry when you make your reservation for the tea. The jewelry will be priced and offered for sale to all attendees of our tea.



This Tea Party is for girls of all ages—mothers, daughters, grandmothers, sisters, friends. Please join us for this wonderful fun afternoon of coffee, tea, sweets and savorys, and, of course, "BLING." Tickets are \$5 and sales begin April 11.

Subgroups of UMW at St. Luke's UMC:



Simply Saturday: All women ages 18 and older are invited to attend our April meeting on April 10th from 8:30-10:00am. We will meet in the Conference room before taking our field trip to walk a labyrinth recreated from a

13th century Cathedral of Chartres, France. Please bring your favorite breakfast goodie to share. Our Mission for the event is peanut butter. For more information, please contact Elena Lynch at elenalynch@gmail.com or Lynda Fickling at Lynda@stlukeshr.com

Women's Night In: Fourth Monday of the month, 6:00pm Fellowship Hall, Upcoming themes: April 26 – Salads, May 24 – Cook's Choice. For info, please contact Dawn Johnson at drjohnson636@gmail.com.

Evening Book Group: Fourth Monday of the month, 7:00pm Conference Room, Upcoming books: April 26 – *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova, May 24 – *The 19th Wife* by David Ebershoff. For more information, please call Renae Parra at 303-683-0872. To be added to the email mailing list, send a request to RenaeParra@aol.com

Itch to Stitch: Third Wednesdays of the month, 7:00-8:30pm downstairs near the Children's Library. For more information, please call Fran West at 303-797-7107.

Women's Night Out: First Monday of the month, 6:30pm various locations: Mon., April 5 – Buca di Beppo, Mon., May 10 – Mimi's Cafe. For more info, contact Lynda Fickling Lynda at 303-791-0659x20 or lynda@stlukeshr.com or Renae Parra at 303-683-0872 or renaeparra@aol.com.

Mark Your Calendars:

- May 2 UMW Spring Tea
- Sept. 12 UMW Fall Meeting
- Dec. 7 Women's Candlelight Dinner

Upcoming Mile High Pikes Peak District UMW Events

District Lay Speaker Class: April 16-17 St. Luke's UMC
District Annual Meeting: Sept. 18 St. Luke's UMC

Upcoming Rocky Mountain Conference UMW Events (www.rmcmw.org)

Spiritual Life Retreat: *Bishop Elaine Stanovsky*: April 24-25 Estes Park
Deadline for registration – March 16, 2010

School of Christian Mission: *For the Love of God: John's letter; Mission and Evangelism; and Sudan*: July 15 – 17 Canon City

Annual Meeting: Oct. 22-23 Littleton UMC

Missions Progress in Guatemala:

Pura Vida's Second Annual Benefit Dinner & Celebration April 16
Amilcar Solórzano & Fausto Natareno to Visit St. Luke's April 18

Significant progress continues to be made in the Guatemala mission work that St. Luke's does with Pura Vida Ministries. There will be two opportunities to hear more about that progress in April.



Pura Vida will hold its Second Annual Benefit Dinner and Celebration on Friday, April 16, in downtown Denver. The dinner will provide an opportunity to celebrate the success of Pura Vida's many programs in Guatemala. St. Luke's has been instrumental in that success through mission

trips, financial and prayer support for several years. The program at the dinner event will include comments from the leadership of the John Wesley School, visiting from Guatemala. Amilcar Solórzano and Fausto Natareno, Co-Directors of the John Wesley School, will discuss the challenges facing the people in the western highlands region of that country. Janet Forbes will also be on hand to share her thoughts about how St. Luke's and Pura Vida Ministries are creating a brighter future for children in Guatemala. For more details about the event and ticketing information, go to www.puravida.org/dinner, or call 303-215-0994. Proceeds from the evening's event will benefit Pura Vida's ongoing programs in Guatemala.

If you miss them at the dinner event, Amilcar Solórzano and Fausto Natareno, Co-Directors of the John Wesley School in Guatemala, will be at St. Luke's on Sunday, April 18, to share their gratitude for our support and offer their insights regarding education in the western highlands of Guatemala. They will be introduced and thank the congregation for our ongoing support at all three morning worship services and will be available to answer questions between services.

Pura Vida's programs include 167 scholarships for children in rural Guatemalan villages, many of whom wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to attend school. Many of these scholarship students are sponsored by families from St. Luke's. In addition, St. Luke's mission teams have worked to provide new housing for 9 widows and orphans of the civil war in the 1980s; two of these homes were built during the March, 2010, mission trip. St. Luke's mission groups have also provided much needed medical care through several medical mission trips, worked on an addition to the orphanage in the village of Lemoa and assisted in construction projects at the Methodist Retreat Center in Lemoa. Our mission teams also take school supplies, shoes and love to share with the children of these rural villages in the western highlands of Guatemala.

Pura Vida and St. Luke's have also been critical to the success of the John Wesley School in Santa Cruz del Quiché, Guatemala. Currently in its sixth year, this school is an official project of the Methodist Church of Guatemala (Iglesia Evangélica Nacional Metodista Primitiva de Guatemala) and is the first school to be built by that church. The school has been rated by an independent survey as the second best school in Santa Cruz del Quiché, and it has grown tremendously during its 5 plus years in existence. This growth has resulted in a need to expand the school building, which is where Pura Vida and St. Luke's have stepped in. Three phases of construction have been completed in the past 3 years, providing the additional space to offer a career track option (high school), and kindergarten for 30 new students. We're fortunate that the leadership from the John Wesley School, will be here to tell us firsthand how our efforts in ministry are impacting the lives of children in rural Guatemala.

—Jerry Hertzler



James Ramsey
Director of Music
Ministry & the Arts



Kay Coryell
Associate Dir. of
Music Ministry



Ken Mervine
Organist/
Accompanist



Wind Ensemble Concert April 17 at 7:00pm

St. Luke's Wind Ensemble will present a concert on Saturday, April 17 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Our guest ensemble for the evening is the Smithsonian Handbell Choir. Both groups will share a varied selection of music with a "surprise" finale you've not heard before! All are welcome. There is no charge. Please join us for a delightful evening of music and a dessert reception afterward.

Junior Prayz Choir Festival

Junior Prayz singers will travel to First Plymouth Congregational Church on Saturday, April 24 for an all-day choir festival. This event, sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Choristers Guild brings in director Brad Peterson of the Colorado Springs Children's Chorale. Children's choirs from the entire region will gather for a day of singing, learning and fun! There is a Festival Worship Service at 2pm. All are welcome. If you have a child in grades 4-6 and would like more information, please contact Kay Coryell.



Building skills and confidence through the performing arts in a safe space for learning

PAA - St. Luke's Performing Arts Academy – Bigger and Better than ever!

Registration is now open for this summer's Performing Arts Academy Intensives. We will perform two wonderful shows, "Disney's The Aristocats Kids" for grades 2nd-6th and "Into The Woods Jr." for grades 7th-12th. (All grades are for the 2010-2011 school year.)

We also have a new Technical Theater track this year. If your child is interested in backstage work such as lighting, sound, costumes, props and make up, this is the track for them.

All intensives have registration limits so register early to ensure your child has a spot! St. Luke's members get a discount and there are scholarships available.

Visit www.stlukespaa.org for more details.



Our Joyful Noise Youth Handbells participated in their first Handbell Festival March 13 at Littleton UMC, joining five area churches for this event. It was a day of learning and fun, culminating with a wonderful Festival Concert.

NEW MEMBERS



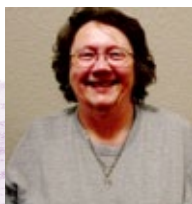
Mary Chidsey
"Feels like family and love the music."



Dianne Mouw
"From the first visit felt like home. Young church, love Pastor Janet & Pastor Brad. Looking to reunite with my faith."



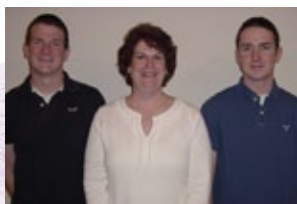
Craig & Jennifer Jones



Val Clark
"A church that is a church. The Lord lives here!"



Casey Clark



Allison, Levi & Kody Wright
"We have been searching for a spiritual home that reflects our beliefs and values and feel that St. Luke's provides this to us. We are looking forward to learning and growing in faith at St. Luke's."

Welcome



Erin & Stuart Wright
"We liked how welcoming St. Luke's is no matter where you are in your spiritual journey."

Mike & Linda Hollyman
"We are excited to join a community that nourishes each one of us on our faith journeys."

All New Members of St. Luke's are invited to our

"New Member Meet & Greet"

Sunday April 18, 2010

4:00-5:30pm

at Rev. Sallie and Tom's home

Come meet other new members and get to know your staff. Enjoy light snacks and fellowship.

Please RSVP the number of people attending to Lynda@stlukeshr.com
303-791-0659x20
by Thursday, April 15

We celebrate your membership with the family of St. Luke's!

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." - Matthew 18:20

- ✧ **SLY AM (Sunday School)** covers the Methodist story and Social Principals in the coming month. *No Classes* Easter morning or on May 30 Memorial Day Weekend
- ✧ **SLY PM Dinner every Sunday night at 5:30.** \$2 Donations appreciated!
- ✧ **April 11 – Is Love All You Need?** The Beatles say so... Come and compare this idea with the 'Buried Life' series.
- ✧ **April 18 – SLIP & WITY** (the adult and youth improv teams of St. Luke's) will compete for your laughs in a free show. Invite your friends!
- ✧ **April 25 – Progressive Dinner** We'll divide into Jr High and Sr High groups and caravan around town stopping for appetizers, salads, main courses, and desserts in different host homes! *Formal attire encouraged!*
- ✧ **May 2 – Ultimate Frisbee Tournament!!!** Get your team of 10 together and register in advance for this awesome day! We'll play other area youth groups from 1:00-6:00pm at Redstone Park, then join together for food and worship!

✧ SPECIAL UPDATES

- ✧ **Youth Email Lists** – Looking for weekly info and updates from SLY? Well, you can sign up for an email list and get tons of important information straight to your inbox! Simply go to www.stlukeshr.com, click on the 'Eministry' button at the top of the page, then select 'Email Lists'. Parents should sign up a valid email address for the 'SLY Parents' list and youth should sign up for the 'St. Luke's Youth' List. Make sure we have a good email address for you!

✧ 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

Let's Do Work!

The weather warms, the grass turns green, we celebrate new life on Easter as new life joins the world, our thoughts stray to the summer time...

A way to celebrate life and new connections this coming summer could be to get involved with a mission trip or other mission experience. Serving others honors them and meets their needs, and can teach us a few things about ourselves as well. SLY will offer several great opportunities to serve the community, both locally and nationally in the coming months, and I want to encourage you to get involved in doing work for something larger than yourself. Here is a peek at what we have coming:

Jr High Mission Trip For youth graduating 6, 7, & 8 grades. June 27-July 2 serving Christian Community Service Projects (CCSP) in Alamosa, CO. CCSP serves elderly residents of the San Luis Valley who have a hard time keeping their homes in good shape. If you join us on this trip, you'll work for 3 full days with a variety of projects. You'll also get to meet the homeowners that we'll work for. We will also take one day to visit the Great Sand Dunes. The cost for this trip is \$250 which covers travel, food, lodging, and building materials for our work projects. Registration forms available at stlukeshr.com/sly or outside the youth room. Registration deadline is May 2. Scholarships available.

Sr High Mission Trip For youth graduating 9, 10, 11, & 12 grades, July 18-25 serving Fort Hall Indian Reservation and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes through Sierra Service Project (SSP) in southeastern Idaho. SSP serves the western United States in a variety of service opportunities. This is their first year working with Fort Hall, and our building projects will be widely varied. Our group will also participate in several cultural opportunities during our 5 days of work. We've included travel time to keep everyone sane! This trip costs \$500 covering travel, food, lodging, building materials, and donations to the reservation. Registration forms available at stlukeshr.com/sly or outside the youth room. Registration deadline is May 2. Scholarships available.

Local Missions A variety of local missions will be offered this summer, including working for the Foodbank of the Rockies to earn food credits toward the food pantry of our choice, as well as the 30-Hour Famine raising awareness and funds for global hunger.

Missions are a cornerstone of St. Luke's, and of SLY because in serving others we live out some of Jesus' most important teachings. I hope you get the chance to join me on an extended trip or a local service day in the coming months. We can be the change we want to see in the world!

Happy Easter ~Peace & Love, Chris

CONFIRMATION RETREAT!

Graduating Seniors We need your pictures for Graduate Sunday! Email chris@stlukeshr.com your favorite senior and kindergarten pictures so you can be included in our graduation video. Please include your name, high school, and your plans for next year with your pics. You can also drop hard copies of photo off in the church office, marked for Chris. Please get pics and info delivered by May 2, Graduate Sunday is on May 16.

Confirmation Sunday is April 25

Our class of 31 Confirmands will officially join St. Luke's UMC in worship on April 25 at 11am. Plan to attend and share in the joy of the work these students have put forth since early February to learn about the church and their faith!

Interested in Becoming a Youth Leader?

Contact Chris for opportunities to set the direction for SLY in the coming months and years.





Dave Cupp
Director of Finance



Lisé Takayama
Assistant Director
of Finance

Thank You For Your Continued Support

The year is still young. However, our financial results for January and February were very close to our plan. As usual,

one month the income was a little more than expected and the other it was a little less. Our budget numbers are best guess estimates using historical data as to when our collections will occur. So it is only natural that we have deviations from our projections even if we are having a better than expected year. *Thank you for all you do for St Luke's.*

New Planned Giving Program Fully Approved. The new Planned Giving Program for St Luke's has been approved by the Executive Team. This was the last approval needed to allow the team to go to work. They will be scheduling their first organizational meeting in the near future. I'm sure you will be hearing from them soon with information to acquaint you with the program and how you can be involved.

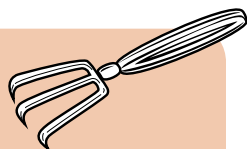
Haiti Donations Made On or Before February 28, 2010, May Be Claimed On Your 2009 Tax Return. Let me know if you need proof of giving for your Haiti donations made on or before February 28 for your 2009 tax return and I will email you a current copy of your giving record.

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 auto. 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.

Save the Date! Saturday May 1



Our spring **work day** is scheduled for Saturday May 1 from 8:00am-noon. Please bring your gloves, shovels, rakes, favorite lawn clean up tools and tricks as we get ready for spring. We'll need your help with outside and inside clean ups as we get St. Luke's ready for Mom's visit a week later! All ages are welcome – Thank You for sharing your Time and Expertise with us, we truly appreciate it!

Spring Cleaning Reminders

From time to time we have various cleaning product suppliers approach St. Luke's with the idea of becoming one of our accepted vendors. In other cases volunteers will bring in their favorite cleaning, hand washing, or other chemicals. **Since we're also an accredited pre-school from Monday to Friday, we must follow regulations on any cleaning products that are established for preschools.** One of the toughest elements in supervising such a big building is making sure labels represent chemicals in containers or spray bottles accurately. This is especially important if someone ingests or spills a product, or has gotten it in their eyes or on their skin and we need a quick and accurate remedy.



In the last several years, much attention has been paid to the affects some cleaning products can have on the very young, older, or anyone with allergies, asthma, or other respiratory sensitivities or conditions. The Trustees request everyone's help in keeping St. Luke's chemically safe. If you have any questions about particular cleaning products, or if you've noticed a pesky stain or problem that needs additional attention, please bring it to the attention of Barry Curtis, our facilities manager, or Lisé Takayama, or team expert on janitorial services and supplies – both have voice mail on our main telephone lines. Thank you for helping us sparkle safely, we appreciate it!

MISSIONS

Mission of the Month: NUBA Water Project: Steve Riley will be back from his latest trip to Africa the first of April and will present a Mission Moment for the congregation on April 11.

Habitat for Humanity: St. Luke's will be providing lunch for approximately 30 students who will be in Denver over their Spring Break to work on Habitat for Humanity's latest build at I-25 and Colorado. We will prepare and deliver the lunch on April 23. Anyone interested in participating, please call Debbie Miller, 303-791-8921.

Also, if you are planning to do any remodeling this spring, Habitat would love to have your discarded items. They have a home improvement outlet at 70 Rio Grande Blvd. where you can drop off items such as cabinets, carpet, windows, doors, even the kitchen sink. They are then sold to the public to raise money for their building projects. Phone 303-722-5863 for more information.

Yoga Classes 8 Weeks

5:30-6:30pm in the Youth Room.
Sign up for one or both!

Beginner's Class – Tuesdays March 23 to May 11. \$10 drop-in or \$65 for all 8-Weeks. Learn basic breathing and balance poses in a relaxed atmosphere.

Strength Class – Thursdays March 25 to May 13. \$10 drop-in or \$65 for all 8-Weeks. More advanced balance and strength poses and combinations.

Bring a yoga mat, water bottle, and wear comfortable clothes. Open drop in all 8 weeks. Sessions lead by Emily Wilterdink. For more info: emily.wilterdink@healthonecares.com



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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.*

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

LOOK DEEPER

into Fellowship & Family Ministries Ministry Fair: Sunday, April 18

Visit booths sponsored by:

- **Family Ministries: Children & Youth**
- **Fellowship Ministries**
 - UMW (United Methodist Women)
 - Men's Ministry
 - Performing Arts Academy
 - Family Events, Dinner groups
 - and other small groups**

APRIL 2010						
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