



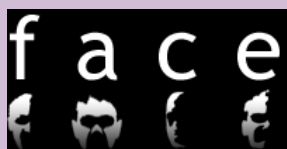
# The Chronicle

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## FACE Concert at St. Luke's Tuesday March 2

On March 2, the a cappella group FACE will be presenting a free concert at St. Luke's UMC. FACE is a nationally known all-vocal rock band. Based out of Boulder, this group features five singers and a "beat-boxer", to create rock music like you've never seen before! Doors will open at 6:45pm and the actual concert will start at 7:30pm. A freewill offering will be collected at the concert with all donations being given to local and international missions supported by St. Luke's.



## A Must-See Event for All!

*by Jenna Wilcox***February 12 and 13**

the Wesley Players will present "Little Women, The Musical", based on

Louisa May Alcott's classic novel. This production is fun, moving and inspiring. Rehearsals are in full swing! Characters are coming to life! Tracing the memory of Jo March, the second eldest of the four March daughters the story recounts days spent with her sisters and her journey into independence and her true self. Encountering joys and tragedy, Jo emerges as a woman of her own, finding that she can be who she was created to be and find happiness.

The story follows the novel so all who are familiar with this classic will enjoy this version. The music is upbeat and powerful. Roberta Hamilton-Griggs is our director and says, "It is always a pleasure to work with this community of actors and singers at St. Luke's. Yes, there is an immense amount of talent amongst this group of people that you will want to enjoy, but more important, these are people with generous hearts and fully active spirits. Throughout my life, there have been many times I have missed a performance and felt badly because I heard how great it was... I strongly suggest to you..." Do not let THIS show be the one that you hear about!! Come SEE *LITTLE WOMEN!*"

Indeed, make sure you attend one of the performances. Friday night, Feb. 12 at 7:00pm is our opening, our Saturday matinee at 2:00pm and an evening performance at 7:00pm. All of these shows have open seating and donations will be taken to support our local and international missions. There will be a Gala Dinner at 5:30pm, preceding our Saturday closing show. Tickets for the Gala Dinner are \$50 each and include dinner, a \$40 donation and priority seating for the 7:00 show and will be available after Sunday services in Fellowship Hall and in the main office during office hours. Tickets must be purchased by Feb. 9.

## A Service of Fire & Ashes on Wednesday February 17

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season for Christians all over the world. Ashes are placed upon the forehead of those who choose the new life of Christ, confessing the old by fire so that the new may rise from the ashes. The holy oil represents the anointing of God's Holy Spirit which leads us through the forty days of the Lenten journey.

A Service of Fire & Ashes will be held in the sanctuary on Ash Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00pm. Everyone will be invited to write or draw a confession or a commitment to growth and give it to the flash of the fire! Then, everyone will receive the mark of the ashes and oil on the hand or forehead. This is a 45 min. family-friendly service in which children can participate fully. Very young children will enjoy the help of a parent.

*Catch us, O God, in our aimless scurrying from you and others and hold us in this Lenten season. Hold our hearts to the beat of your grace and create in us a resting place, a kneeling place, a tiptoe place where we can listen for your whispered summons and be attentive to your healing love. In the name of the Holy One of Nazareth. Amen.*



## ONCE UPON A SACRED GARDEN: STORIES OF VINE & BRANCH

*I am the Vine, you are the branches.  
When you're joined with me and I with  
you, the relation intimate and organic,  
the harvest is sure to be abundant.*

*(John 15:5 The Message)*

## Lent 2010 Calendar

*Celebrate Lent and Easter at St. Luke's*

### Lenten Dinners and Study Wednesdays from Feb. 24 to Mar. 24:

Soup and Salad Dinner at 5:30pm  
Study from 6:30 to 7:15pm

### Feb. 16, Tuesday

Fat Tuesday:  
Pancakes 5:30pm

### Feb. 17, Wednesday

Ash Wednesday:  
Morning Communion and Ashes: 7:30am  
Evening Service of Fire & Ashes: 7:00pm

### March 27, Saturday

Easter Fun Day:  
10:00am-noon

### March 28, Sunday

Palm Sunday:  
Services at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am  
and Fusion 6:34pm

### April 1, Thursday

Maundy Thursday:  
Communion Service 7:00pm

### April 2, Friday

Good Friday  
Tenebrae Service 7:00pm

### April 4, Sunday

## Easter Services:

*6:00am at Red Rocks*  
with the Women of Note

*6:30am at Shea Stadium*  
with St. Andrew UMC

*8:00am at St. Luke's*  
with Sonrise, Off-Notes Youth Choir  
and Bells

*9:00, 10:00, 11:00am at St. Luke's*  
with Chancel Choir, Tintinnabulators Bell  
Choir, Brass Ensemble and Organ

*6:34pm at St. Luke's*  
Fusion

**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 &amp; Children:

9:30am &amp; 11:00am

Nursery available for

9:30am &amp; 11:00am services

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

Childcare Reservations.....x47

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Kay Coryell.....x36

Associate Director of Music Ministry

Ken Mervine.....x42

Organist/Accompanist

Josh Carr.....x44

Fusion Worship Leader

Carrie Mallery.....x35

Assistant Fusion Worship Leader

Chris Wilterdink.....x14

Director of Youth Ministry

Susan Johnson.....x19

Assistant Director of Youth Ministry

Joely Maddux.....x11

Co-Director of Children's Ministry

Sharon Oliver.....x27

Co-Director of Children's Ministry

Samantha Leahy.....x40

Director of Childcare

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**Rev. Janet Forbes**  
Senior Pastor

## A State-of-the-Church Report for the Church Conference

**St. Luke's United Methodist Church continues to set the pace for dynamic ministries in Highlands Ranch and the surrounding neighborhoods. As God leads the congregation forward into the next season of life, we remain true to our mission to be an inclusive community that lives the teachings of Jesus.**

Our staff provides excellence in ministry! A change in staffing for Children's Ministry launched a new team when **Sharon Oliver** joined **Joely Maddux** as Co-Directors of Children's Ministry. We thank **Kristina Linn** for nine years of serving our youngest disciples with care. **Kay Swanson** celebrates fifteen years as Director of the St. Luke's Little School! What joy to watch the innovation and energy of **Chris Wilterdink**, Director of Youth Ministry, and **Susan Johnson**, Assistant Director of Youth Ministry. We celebrate the vision and passion of our music team: **Jim Ramsey**, **Kay Coryell**, **Ken Mervine**, **Angela Alderson** and **Suzanne Sharpe** share a passion for music with our children. **Josh Carr** and **Carrie Mallery** lead the Fusion Band. **Bonnie Funk** graciously manages our administrative life and public voice. **Dave Cupp** and **Lisé Takayama** care for our fiscal life with integrity. **Lynda Fickling**, Director of Servant Ministry, who is passionate about membership, serving, and hospitality, has helped to launch a dynamic lay leadership system. **Barry Curtis** manages the logistical challenges of ministry with grace as Facilities Manager. We thanked **Laura Hehner**, pastoral intern and recipient of the Schlessman Parish Fellowship from the Iliff School of Theology, for her year of service to St. Luke's as she became the Associate Minister of Grace United Methodist Church in Denver.

Associate Minister, **Rev. Pam Rowley**, was commissioned toward Elders Orders and transferred her membership to the Northwest Texas Conference in June. We celebrated her compassionate presence in pastoral care and prayed Godspeed as she moved to serve as Associate Pastor at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Abilene, Texas.

We welcomed **Rev. Sallie Suby-Long** as Associate Minister of Pastoral Care and Spiritual Direction in July after her commissioning toward Deacon's Orders. She has created a new pastoral care tracking system that keeps the clergy team connected to the needs of the congregation. She is practicing spiritual direction and has launched a wellness initiative in partnership with Centus Education and Counseling for 2010. **Rev. Brad Laurvick**, Associate Minister, was ordained an Elder at Annual Conference in June and continues responsibilities in spiritual formation, young adult and men's ministries. Our fourth worship experience, Fusion, every Sunday evening at 6:34pm moved to Fellowship Hall after the installation of sound panels. Brad gave both leadership and passion to the collection of 55,000 of food for Denver Urban Ministries in the Feeding of the 5,000 and U2Charist. He has also taken a supervisory role with Children's Ministry in harmony with a seminary emphasis in ministries with young people.

Under the leadership of **Ken Fong**, the Board of Trustees worked diligently to keep our church home warm, safe, and inviting. **Sandi Miyaki** led the First Impressions Team to coordinate the welcoming touches in the Bold Venture addition. The Staff Parish Relations Team, under the leadership of **Michelle Mallory**, gave oversight to significant staff transitions.

**Marty Davidson**, chair of the Executive Team, and **Audrey Elling**, facilitator of the new Common Table, launched our new organic governance model, the Net. Lay Leader, **Karin Wesson**, gave direction and coaching to the new Lay Leadership Team as it invited new leaders to serve in eight foundational teams with term responsibilities. **Laura Richards** and **Debbie Miller** led a new Mission Team of members and specialists through local, national, and international outreach with two Guatemala Mission Teams, surgical and construction, and a visit by **Amilcar Solorzano**, Director of the John Wesley School.

At Easter, we were honored to provide music leadership and preaching for the 10,000 persons attending the Sunrise Service at Red Rocks Amphitheater.

With the transparency and oversight of our Director of Finance, we celebrated the commitment to a fourth year of a balanced budget. The fiscal uncertainty of the recession called us to keep our spending cautionary; but, we can celebrate the growing generosity of our families and the financial strength to keep our staff employed.

I am confident in God's goodness and prevenient grace! The Spirit has flourished in this dynamic congregation for 26 years! The prophecy that centers our hope is from Isaiah: "**Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?**" (43:19)





**Rev. Brad Laurvick**  
Associate Minister

## Fulfilling the Need to Serve

I took a few vacation days in January. No, I didn't head to the beach or the

mountains, instead made my way each day to Denver Urban Ministries. Every year I take some time to go serve at DenUM—it started because of my role on the board of directors, but the first time I went I realized something—my time serving others fulfilled my own personal need to serve.

I have the unique privilege of serving people every day at work, some of you may have jobs that offer you the same opportunity. There is a difference between serving people professionally and a personal need to serve others. I would love to tell you I went to DenUM selflessly, solely to serve others—and while that carries truth, I also went because I needed to.

We have so many people in our St. Luke's community who are finding ways to fulfill this need in their lives. Many of them serve here at St. Luke's, others have found opportunities to serve through our many partners in ministry, like DenUM. I am aware of those who take an afternoon each week, and others who take a day when they can. I know some who use vacation, and others who use flex time. No matter where they are serving or how often they are serving, what I find true in every case is that the intentional effort to add service to others changes lives. It will change the lives of those you serve, as well as change your own.

**There is a deep meaning in the giving of one's time, talent, gifts, service, and witness... all of which take place when we serve others.**

I hope you will think about how you are, or how you would like to serve. Talk to one of the pastors, check in with Lynda Fickling, ask one of our children's or youth ministry staff... we all are more than willing to help you find the meaning and joy of service—meaning and joy that bring us closer to others, closer to ourselves, and closer to God.

## Turn the Christian Year with the Imposition of Ashes

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

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

In the Bible, Jesus is identified as "the Way" to a new relationship with God, which issues in a new quality of life and a new way of living in the new community of companions. Our Lenten worship will celebrate the community of people that Jesus gathers and the relationship that we share. We will explore what it means to be a spiritual friend of Jesus and a follower of the Way.

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

After your family feasts on pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, February 16 5:30-7:00 pm, our church family will mark the first day of Lent with the observation of Ash Wednesday, February 17, at 7:00pm. All Shrovetide jollity is now over, and people show their sorrow for their past sins by putting ashes on their heads. We prepare ourselves to journey with Jesus through Holy Week to the crucifixion. ***Come and worship... observe the turning of the Christian year.***

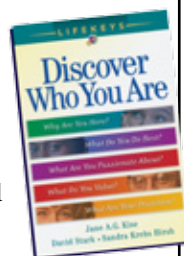
## NEW Servant by Design Weekend Retreat!

Come join us for a weekend of discovery, empowering you to begin the process of unfolding who God created you to be. We will be looking at our Life Gifts, Spiritual Gifts, Personality, Values and Servanthood. Discover who you are, why you are here and what you do best; in order to equip you to serve wherever you may be.

**Dates/Times:** Friday, March 12 from 5:30(registration) 6:00-8:30pm continuing on Saturday, March 13 from 8:30am-4:00pm.

**Cost:** \$20.00 **Includes:** Workbook, light supper, continental breakfast, lunch and snacks.

**Register on-line:** [www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com), at the Get Connected Center (outside the Sanctuary) or contact the Facilitators: Brenda Schafer [schafer\\_brenda@hotmail.com](mailto:schafer_brenda@hotmail.com) or Lynda Fickling [lynda@stlukeshr.com](mailto:lynda@stlukeshr.com) 303-791-0659 x20



## Blanket Bee

Sunday, April 18

12:30-2:30pm

**St. Luke's is hosting a special BLANKET BEE and you're invited!**

Spending time with good friends and family is like cuddling up with your favorite security blanket.

This is an event for everyone. Take your kids shopping for a yard or two of cozy fleece, bring scissors and pack a lunch and join us in the fun of creating blankets, Sunday April 18 from 12:30 to 2:30pm. Let's show our community how much love St. Luke's can spread to those who have suffered great tragedies.

If you can't make it to the BLANKET BEE you can drop off donations of finished blankets or fleece through April 18.

Blankets will be donated to Project Linus. *(In honor and memory of the Columbine High School Community.)*

## NEW MEMBERS



**Don & Jen Koenig**

*"We want to grow in our faith as a family."*

**Ann & Andrew Metz**

*"From what we have observed and heard there is a great sense of community and we would like to raise our children in a strong Christian community. So as they grow they know Jesus better and can apply what they know to their everyday life."*

*Welcome*



## Vision or Long Range Planning?

"Vision" can mean different things. My eyes have naturally poor vision, so everything is very blurry without glasses: that is poor vision. My wife Cheryl is a vision: I always feel joy when I look at her with or without my glasses. And we can have a vision of who we want to be, where we want to go or what we want to do.

St. Luke's has seriously started its efforts at intentional visioning, or in a business sense, long range planning. I have spent much of my adult life involved in long range planning, budgeting and forecasting, and I believe that the business sense falls far short of the reality of what your Long Range Planning Team is doing.

St. Luke's has a dynamic personality that impacts all who enter its doors. We are cumulatively St. Luke's. This dynamic personality reflects a part of each of us. It is our variety of philosophies, our cornucopia of experience and our innate desire to share that builds this personality anew each day. If we like who we are it is necessary to deliberately encourage this persona, to nourish the body, so to speak.

And that brings us back to intentional visioning. How will we continue to nourish the greatness that is St. Luke's? Your Long Range Planning Team is gathering demographic data to identify gaps between the St. Luke's constituency and the larger neighborhood. We have data from our church surveys of the past several years that identify our favorite things. We know who we are and what we want today and we will know how we differ from the larger neighborhood. This gives us the starting point—who we are. I think we are like Joseph's coat of many colors! The next step is to evaluate, with the help of all of you, who we will be down the road.

This is an important endeavor for two reasons:

1. Our growth options within our current physical facility are now extremely limited
2. The pace of change in communications and social interaction means we must anticipate the integration of these changes into our fabric (yes, there must be an application!)

Rather than play catch up or make decisions for only the short-term, we are attempting to create a studied, continuous process to identify and monitor the factors that precede change. For instance, the larger Highlands Ranch community profile is changing as the baby-boomers move into retirement homes here, and all of us discover that we have aged 10 years in the last decade! These changes reflect on what we need and ask of St. Luke's. At the same time our toddlers are now teenagers, our middle-school kids have become young adults. This is not the end of change! Stick around and stream sermons, or watch pod casts of special events. The Holy Spirit is among us, preparing us for great things.

Our process is much like an annual eye exam. We look into the eyes of the future and map the veins inside and check the tear ducts, monitoring the health and anticipating changes that naturally result from age or environmental factor. Each year this team will present to the annual church conference the vision that has emerged from this checkup of who we likely will be in 5, 10, 15 or 20 years. Offer your thoughts to your team: Dave Rhodes, Brad Ash, Martha Boon, Rich Krenning, Danny McIntosh, Ann Smith, Erin Laurvick, Roberta Hamilton-Griggs, Bob Oliver

As you receive the Spirit's inspiration share it with the team. Please don't wait for us to reach out, reach in! Thank you.

—Jim Wolff, Team Coordinator

## Week Ending February 5, 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](mailto:bonnie@stlukeshr.com)

Gerry Wright (Gail Abernathy's mother)  
 Paula Strader (Sandi Miyaki's sister)  
 Judy Austin (Mary Jo Weber's sister)  
 Lori Lieberman (friend of Jane Damsgard)  
 Karen Edwards (friend of Eileen & Ed Law)  
 Dwain Bartellina (Mike Hutchins' uncle)  
 Chrissy Booth (Kam & Tim Bole's friend)  
 Suzie Burk (Melissa Ester's mother)  
 Schelly Thompson (Sandy Thompson's sister-in-law)  
 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)  
 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)  
 John Larsh (friend of Rick & Louise Jasper)  
 Karen Chaun (Linda Fligg's friend)  
 Roberta Towell (Jon Sreaty's sister)  
 Joy (Susy Halloran's friend)  
 Daniel Winkle (friend of Gail Strawn)  
 Darrell & Billie Aderman  
 (friends of Rick & Louise Jasper)  
 Ross Magaughy (friend of Rick & Louise Jasper)  
 Cindy Riley (friend of Paul/Susan Northrop)  
 Jack Miller (friend of Paul/Susan Northrop)  
 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)  
 Karmie Hilleary  
 Amy McDowell (LS Mother)  
 Candy Marsh (friend of Ruth Smith)  
 Rosie Shaw (friend of Eric Ransick)  
 Nan (friend of Joy Damsgard)  
 Donita Fischer (friend of Laurie Gilbert)  
 Ryan Monroe (friend of Laurie Gilbert)  
 Bobette Stephens (Mike Stephens' mother)  
 Chelsea White (Kathy Enloe-Miller's friend's granddaughter)  
 Lolitha Fernandes (friend of Joely Maddux)  
 The Lancaster Family (co-worker of Steve Maddux)  
 Olga Faye Petersen (Loretta Chiofalo's mother)  
 Maire Callen (Lynda Fickling's friend)  
 Jan Rufien  
 Zach Bingham (nephew of Ashlee Favilene)  
 Darnell Robinson (friend of Andrea Mezger's)  
 Nancy Obertier  
 Bill Harold (Nancy Obertier's cousin)  
 Bradley Taves (client of the Obertier's)  
 AJ Massey (friend's son of the Obertier's)  
 Sam Stanick (Allison Harper's step-father)  
 Andrew Grulke (friend of Chris Frame's)  
 Donna Craven (friend of Cindy Barlow's)  
 Maria Viera Harris (friend of Cindy Barlow's)  
 Carol Bryden (Kay Swanson's mother)  
 Lisa Lewis  
 Shirley Kreutzer (friend of Kerry Lucero's)  
 Kathy Dubbs (friend of Cheryl Wolff)  
 Haiti Earthquake Victims  
 Mary Hogan (friend of Sharon Scholle's)

Nikki & Desiree Wilcox (friends of Ben Miyaki)  
 Desiree  
 Carol Burton (friend of Melissa Hemphil)  
 William "Bill" Burkett (Janet Walter's father)  
 Chad Swier (Kathy Swier's son)  
 Joan Ginardi (Bob Foglia's mother)  
 Mary Pearce (Jerry McLeland's aunt)  
 Maxine Bauer (Brian Bauer's grandmother)  
 Kelli Michel (Jennifer's Smith's neighbor)  
 Jerry Howie (Kay Swanson's cousin)  
 Ted Thomas (Anne Thomas' father)  
 Bret Wilcox's uncle  
 Norma Whitaker's mother, Jane  
 Sandy Murray's mother  
 Denise More (friend of Jenny Stevenson)

ARMED FORCES PRAYER CHAIN:  
 Cor. James "Jim" Harding, Mark Thompson  
 Ed Herring, Josh Brady, Jeremy Brady,  
 Colin Gabriel, Dustin Ellington, Justin Boggy,  
 Lt. Jeff Hamer, and Christopher Gardner.

SYMPATHIES:  
 To Ron & Suzanne Humphrey's on the passing of their friend, Jim White, Dec. 8;  
 to Ms. Laura (Little School teacher) & Gary Butler on the passing of Laura's mother, Jessie Swenson, Dec. 8;  
 to Jenny & Jake Stevenson and family on the passing of Jenny's uncle, Randy Stock, Dec. 16;  
 to Candy Keller on the passing of her father, Norman Keller, Jan. 2;  
 to Betty & Les Ludlam on the passing of their neighbor, Bill Zarlengo, Jan. 6;  
 to Sharon & John Williams on the passing of Sharon's father, Jan. 7;  
 to Sue Brown (Little School teacher) & family on the passing of her mother-in-law, Marie Bannan and Sue's sister, Lou Mitchell, on Jan. 9;  
 to Dawn Burger (Little School teacher) and family on the passing of her father, Larry Brooks, Jan. 10;  
 to Jan & Bert Stull and family on the passing of Jan's aunt;  
 to the McLeland family on the passing of their friend, Ricky Dukakis, Jan. 22;  
 to Jackie & Adam Hutzell on the passing of Jackie's grandfather, Ralph Mather, Jan. 31;  
 to Linda Burdick on the passing of her uncle, Richard Jones, Jan. 26;  
 to Jon & Linda Sreaty and family on the passing of Jon's cousin, Denise, Jan. 29;  
 to Mark & Paula Seversike and family on the passing of Mark's aunt, Dorothy Swenson, Jan. 30/31;  
 and to Marilyn & James Bacon and family on the passing of Marilyn's uncle, Mike Drobniewski, Feb. 3.

NEW BABY:  
 Congratulations to Amy Fowler-Funk & Shawn Funk on the birth of a daughter, Caryn Leah Funk, born Nov. 17. Proud grandparents: Bonnie & David Funk  
 Congratulations Keri & Scott Johnson on the birth of a son, Easton Scott Anderson born Jan. 7.

## SUNDAY MARCH 7, LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

All church leaders and team members are invited to the St. Luke's Leadership Luncheon on Sunday, March 7 from noon-2:00pm in our Fellowship Hall. We will share in fellowship with each other, learn how to make values-based decisions for our church and receive blessings and encouragement in order to lead a connected congregation. This is a great opportunity to be in touch with the mission of our church! We invite you to complete the online Spiritual Gifts assessment located at [www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com), quicklinks, Spiritual Gifts Assessment. This will help us to discover and affirm one another towards serving our community. Please RSVP to Karin Wesson 303-683-0196 [karin@thewessons.com](mailto:karin@thewessons.com) or Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20 [lynda@stlukeshr.com](mailto:lynda@stlukeshr.com) Childcare is available with reservations 24hr in advance at k47.





**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*

### Get Connected Center

**Team:** We are the information central for the

St. Luke's community. Our vision/mission is to help each person find his or her connection at St. Luke's. To serve on this team, all you need is the ability to serve 30 minutes one Sunday a month and the passion for connecting folks to ministry. Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659x20 lynda@stlukeshr.com

**Fellowship Events Team:** Inviting all that are hospitable and enjoy serving others to join the special events team lovingly called FET. We prepare events such as Candlelight Dinner, dinners for our musicals, breakfasts, picnics, etc. There are many events in the near horizon and we could use your help! Contact Lisa Lehnus lehnusl@yahoo.com or Mona Daniels moandtroy@msn.com.

**\*NEW! Sunday AM Office Team:** We would like to make our front office more invitational on Sunday mornings during the service times. Shifts would be one Sunday a month, either 8:30am-12:15pm or split into two shifts: 8:30am-10:30am or 10:30am-12:15pm. Training will be provided. Prayerfully consider taking part in this new team and contact Lynne Butler llbutler1@msn.com 303-470-9083

To Discover more about your own Spiritual Gifts and where you may serve best, visit [www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com), quicklinks-Spiritual Gifts Assessment, and beginning serving where God has given you talents and gifts!

*Daily Prayer: "O God, who by your Spirit has given to each of us unique gifts for the building up of the body of Christ, give us wisdom to know our gifts, courage to claim them, and power to use them for your glory. Amen"*—Re-Connect, Hyde Park UMC

*If you are searching for a place to connect at St. Luke's, please contact Lynda Fickling, Director of Servant Ministry 303-791-0659 x20 lynda@stlukeshr.com or Karin Wesson, Team Leader for Lay Leadership,*

### Did you know...

Michelle, Paul & Mathew Peterman take time after every 11am service to clean-up Fellowship Hall and donut area? **Thank you to our Quiet Servants.**



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

## More from Les: The Disastrous Business Trip

Nearing the end of a particularly tiring business trip, I boarded the jumbo jet and sank into my seat. I was exhausted and was looking forward to getting a little sleep during the three-hour flight from Chicago to Los Angeles.

Just then an announcement came over the public address system on the plane, "Ladies and Gentlemen, This is your Captain. We have a mechanical problem in one of the aircraft engines. We can get it fixed, but it will take about two hours before we can be airborne. We sincerely regret this delay and if any of you have connections to make out of Los Angeles, please notify our passenger service agent."

The mood on the plane suddenly went very sour. And the flight attendants looked tense and unwilling to put up with any passenger complaints!

For some reason I was moved to say something, so I called an attendant and asked for some writing paper. She probably expected the worst, but reluctantly gave me some stationery.

This is the note I wrote: *Dear flight crew, you probably think this delay is due to some random mechanical failure that occasionally occurs to disrupt airline schedules and make life difficult for passengers and airline personnel alike. Well, It's not and I think you should know.*

*I have been traveling for four days, from Los Angeles to Dallas to Schenectady and then back to Los Angeles. During this trip I have come to realize that there must be some sort of gremlin or dark cloud following me and it appears that you and my fellow passengers have been caught up by it. Let me explain:*

*On Monday, when I arrived at the hotel, there was no record of my reservation. My name had been inadvertently removed from the class registration list. I could attend the class but would have to share a course book and educational materials with another student.*

*Wednesday afternoon after the class, on the way to the airport, I was stopped in a traffic radar trap. Not only did I get a ticket, I missed my scheduled flight.*

*I rescheduled and left Dallas late in the evening and my plane arrived in Chicago just a few minutes before the connecting flight departure. I barely made the connection.*

*I arrived in Albany, New York, late in the evening, picked up a rental car, and started*

*driving toward Schenectady. About a half hour out of town, the left-rear tire started going flat! Fortunately, the spare was O.K., and I changed the tire.*

*Finally, at 1:30am, I arrived at my hotel in Schenectady. I was so late, however, that the only room they had left was one with a pull down Murphy bed! I didn't care, I crashed!*

*So, this evening, after I heard our captain's announcement, I was convinced the gremlin is still following me.*

*So, you see, this delay is not due to some random mechanical failure! It appears to me to be part of some sort of malevolent plot by some unseen power that has been following me.*

*So, don't blame your mechanics or the aircraft, it's likely there's nothing they could have done to prevent it.*

*My sincere apologies!*

*(Signed) Les Ludlam, tired passenger, on his way home!"*

The flight attendant, looked a little apprehensive when I gave her the note, but she opened it and read it. Then she showed it to another flight attendant; they whispered something to each other and disappeared from the cabin.

A few minutes later, a third attendant came to me with my note in her hand.

"Mr. Ludlam," she said, with an odd, almost stern, look, "I'm the Director of Passenger Services on this flight; is your note the truth? Did all that really happen to you?"

I smiled. "Yes," I said, "and I may have missed a couple of other things."

"May we keep this letter?" she asked. "Of course!" I replied.

"I wrote it because some of the other passengers were getting a little grumpy and seemed beginning to get on your nerves. It seemed to me that a bit of humor might be in order."

She smiled, "I'd like to submit it for printing in our employee newspaper, if you don't mind." "Sure!" I said, keep it."

I am convinced that I have **never** had such attention and good service before or since that flight. There were pillows, blankets, small gifts to take home to the children, and extra desserts. I felt like an honored guest! I'm glad my attempt at humor led to a happy ending. When we must deal with uncertainties, a sense of humor doesn't hurt.

**God bless us all!**

## Happy New Year St. Luke's Families!

On January 3 our elementary-aged children met in a large gathering for the first "special Sunday" of the year. Special Sundays are the Sundays where the children take a break from their regular PEAK rotations and gather as a large group for special activities. On Three Kings Sunday the children celebrated Epiphany with food, fun and fellowship. The morning included Communion and Rev. Brad answering questions the children had about church, God, Jesus and the Bible. We sang *We Three Kings* then shared a meal consisting of a delicious yogurt sundae and cake. The morning concluded with the unveiling of a special gift to the church – St. Luke's very own popcorn machine! The next special Sunday for PEAK children is scheduled for Valentine's Day February 14. Hope you can join in is a special celebration of God's love!



### Woof! Woof! Hello there again, this is Bongo!

You may remember me from my appearance at the 1:30 pm Christmas Eve service followed by an encore performance at 3:00pm. I was THE nativity Lhasa Apso!

I just wanted to write a little note thanking all of you

(almost 1500 of you) for coming out to see me, er... I mean to see baby Jesus' birth story of course. Yes, I was pretty excited to be on that stage but what was more exciting was hearing all the different stories surrounding the birth of Jesus! I learned about the proclamation of his birth from the angel Gabriel, the journey Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem, what the shepherds experienced that night, and what the innkeeper felt when Joseph came desperately to his door seeking shelter. I even got to hear what the donkey and sheep were thinking that very special night! And then there was the shy stable keeper, who shared her transformative experience of seeing baby Jesus for the first time and knowing in her heart that He was a gift to all humanity from God! Yep, it was a very special Christmas Eve for sure! Happy 2010 and may you be blessed with waggy tails!



### Meet Sharon Oliver

You may have seen her buzzing around the church as "Bee Attitude" but who is the woman behind all the buzz? Why it's Sharon Oliver who joined St. Luke's staff as Co-Director of Children's Ministry this past January! Before joining staff, Sharon, her husband Bob and sons Evan (16) and Alex (12) came to St. Luke's in 1997. Soon after

joining Sharon became involved in Children's Ministry teaching Sunday School and leading Cherub's Choir. She and Lynne Butler have been leading the Children's Dinner Theater since 2005. Sharon has also participated in numerous drama and music ministries. You may have seen her as the spooky "Fruma Sarah" in *Fiddler on the Roof* or as the very proper "Marian" in *Music Man*. She also enjoys singing with Grace Notes. Sharon is on the Communication Team and this is *Chronicle #72* that she has published! Sharon was born in Oklahoma and after her parents brought her to Estes Park every summer as a child, she just had to move to Colorado after she graduated from Oklahoma State University (Go Cowboys!) After 20 years in the advertising world as a Creative VP, and running her own graphic design company, Sharon was deeply yearning to work more with children. She is passionate about arts education and about giving children a safe and creative outlet to explore their faith. "Heading up the SLY, Jr. group is both challenging and incredibly rewarding. All of the children at St. Luke's are inspiring and a joy to be around!" In her spare time Sharon loves being with her family, watching tennis, going to movies and hiking in the mountains. We are blessed to have Sharon and her love for St. Luke's and our children!

## News & Notes:

### Our Children's Christmas Pageant

"The Gift" was an amazing and beautiful way to kick off the Christmas Week. Thanks to all who participated and

helped. Special thanks to Linda Walker for her vision and leadership. **The Pageant raised over \$300 for Love INC!** DVDs of the Pageant are available for \$2ea. Contact Sharon if you'd like to reserve your copy.

**SLY, Jr.** had a great time bowling and helping put together Health Kits for Haiti in January. This month we will gather for a Super Bowl Party with SLY on Sunday Feb. 7 at 4:30pm. And then on Sunday Feb. 21 we will gather at 5:30pm for dinner and then get a hands-on pottery lesson and make prayer pots. Mark your calendar for the SLY, Jr. LOCK-In March 5 & 6! Contact Sharon for more info: [sharon@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sharon@stlukeshr.com).

**InfoTopic Night** - Our first InfoTopic Night went very well as 20 of us gathered to learn more about "Learning Differences in Sunday School." Amy Antinoro focused on several scenarios that one may encounter in a typical Sunday School classroom and gave us all wonderful insight and techniques to help make the Sunday School experience as safe, nurturing and welcoming as possible. Thanks Amy!! Our next InfoTopic Night- "Kids and Communion" will be Mar. 3 at 6:30pm. Rev. Brad will lead a discussion for adults on how children at St. Luke's can find meaning in and experience this blessed sacrament. Join Us!

**Don't forget Family Movie Night Feb. 26 at 6:45pm.** We will gather in our PJs to watch Disney-Pixar's "UP". We will also get to use our new St. Luke's Popcorn machine! Feel free to bring other snacks or drinks of your own (no colorful liquids please) and don't forget your sleeping bag and pillows to get comfy cozy while enjoying this great film!

## Upcoming Events Calendar:

**Sun. Feb. 7** - SLY, Jr. 4:30pm

- Super Bowl Party with SLY

**Sun. Feb. 14** - Happy Valentine's Day!

- Special PEAK Sunday School at 9:30am

**Tues. Feb. 16** - Children's Ministry Team 6:30pm

**Sun. Feb. 21** - SLY, Jr. 5:30pm - Prayer Pots

**Fri. Feb. 26** - Family Movie Night 6:45pm - "Up"

**Sun. Feb. 28** - Children's Dinner Theater Auditions 11:00am

**Wed. Mar. 3** - InfoTopic Night:

Kids & Communion 6:30pm



**Joely Maddux**  
Co-Director of  
Children's Ministry



**Sharon Oliver**  
Co-Director of  
Children's Ministry

**St. Luke's Kids**  
Growing with God





**Kay Swanson**  
Director of  
Little School

## Little School News: Little School Spreads the LOVE



February is one of our most favorite months as we are able to show God's love to each other through our actions! In Chapel we will be talking about how God Shows Love and we will be learning about creation. We also have a very fun Saturday with our Daddies or Grandpa's on February 6, coming to school to help celebrate Valentine's Day and make special gifts. This is always such a big hit with the kids as they love being with Daddies!

We will also be making Valentine's to send the Veteran's Hospital and helping with the care packages to go to Haiti. We are so blessed and want to pass that on to the others. We feel that it is so important to teach our children about caring and we are pleased to see it happen all the time! What amazing children we have!

**REGISTRATION IS OVER!** If you are a church member or new family our registration will be closed on February 5th. We hope that you didn't miss it! That would make us very sad.

If you are still interested and missed the deadline, please call 303-791-1982 or email us at [little.school@stlukeshr.com](mailto:little.school@stlukeshr.com) to be placed on a waiting list. **REMEMBER!** Lots of things change before school begins in September, so don't delay! As always Little School wishes you a month full of LOVE and KISSES!

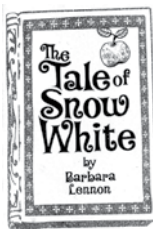
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**Welcome to our newest Acolytes:** From left to right - Grant Smith, Cole Bauer, Jordan Sheppard, Jenna Wesson, Alex Lucero, Kayla Sheppard, Hannah Smith (class led by Joely Maddux)

**Live as children of light.** —Ephesians 5:8

## Children's Dinner Theater - Auditions Feb. 28!



Save the date for the Annual Children's Dinner Theater auditions - Sunday, February 28 at 11:00! This year we will be performing "The Tale of Snow White." Children's Ministry has three goals for each performance we do. To show the children God's love for them, to support a mission and to have fun. Each year, we choose a play that is in line with the Methodist Global Board of Discipleship's yearly Family Christian Home theme, which is carried over into the other programming for Children's Ministry. We choose missions that the kids can relate to and spend a portion of all rehearsals making sure the children and families understand the mission and why we support them.

The Family Christian Home program has four rotating themes: Love, Peace, Justice and Hope. For "Love", in 2005, we performed the play "The Selfish Giant", which told the story of a giant who learned about the love of Jesus through the children he was first annoyed with and then grew to love. The mission we supported was our own St. Luke's Little School (our on-site preschool) with the purchase of new playground equipment. For "Peace", in 2006, we performed "Just Like Us" which was a "West Side Story"-type of play about two groups of people who didn't get along and learned that we all have things in common even if we don't look alike. Our mission was the Big Brother's/Big Sister's of America program. For "Justice", in 2007, we performed "Big Bad" which is a courtroom version of "Little Red Riding Hood" with the Wolf on trial. The children learned about mistakes and forgiveness and we supported the St. Luke's Bold Venture construction expansion that will provide more room and resources for our children and youth. For "Hope", in 2008, we performed the musical "The Magic in Me" which showed the children that everyone has a special magic inside. You just have to find that magic. We supported The Kids Mobility Network, which is a program that pairs gently used, refurbished equipment for children with special needs who may not be able to afford the tools that can help them lead a more fulfilling life. For "Love", in 2009, we performed "A Hairy Tale". The children learned to express love by treating everyone with kindness and thinking of others before yourself. Our mission was The Denver Dumb Friends League. We showed love to the animals by donating new and used items the league uses and learning to care for them. For "Peace", this year, we will perform "The Tale of Snow White". This is more than your usual Snow White with bickering children, forest animals, huntsmen, government representatives and an environmental group who must find a way to get along in order to reach their common goal.

Auditions for children in 1st through 6th grade will be held on Sunday, February 28, at 11:00am. Auditions will be in the church lower level in room 128 which is off the big open area. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary from 5:30-6:30pm, March 10-April 21 plus April 26, 28 and 29 from 5:30-8:30pm. The performance will be on Friday, April 30, with our traditional Mexican dinner at 6:00pm and the play at 7:00pm with a pre-show performance by our Cherubs Choir. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to help in various ways with costumes, set, dinner, etc. Serving roles for you to choose from will be listed on the information sheet at auditions. For questions or more information please contact Lynne Butler at [LLbutler1@msn.com](mailto:LLbutler1@msn.com) or 303-435-1606 or Sharon or Joely.

## Thank You, Kristina! You Will Be Missed



We want to send a special thank you to Kristina Linn who recently left her position as Director of Childcare. Kristina has seamlessly managed the Nursery for the past 9 years and will be missed. Some of Kristina's favorite moments include "watching kids go from 6 weeks old to 5th grade, first steps, first words, teaching them to say 'chocolate donut', wiping their tears, fixing boo-boos and trying to figure out how I'm going to explain to mom and dad

why their child has a wet bottom because they dried the slide off for us." Kristina will not only miss the kiddos but her very dear nursery staff as well. We will miss you, too, Kristina, and wish you and your family all the best!



## 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."*

**Who is a member of St. Luke's UMW?** Any woman who participates in a subgroup of UMW or in one of our four annual events is considered a United Methodist Woman. You do not need to be a member of the Mission Team or make an annual pledge to be a member. Please join us as our membership continues to grow at St. Luke's.

**Our slate of officers are:** President – **Betty Ludlam**, Vice President – **Sylvia Brady**, 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**, Senior Pastor – **Rev. Janet Forbes**, Associate Pastor – **Rev. Brad Laurvick**

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



### Women's Annual

**Candlelight Dinner** Nearly 100 women braved the bitter cold weather to attend the UMW Annual Candlelight Dinner on December 8. They were greeted with jewel-toned table decorations and a wonderful evening of delicious food and entertainment. Chef Greg

Strickland and the FET team prepared a wonderful meal that warmed the souls of everyone. Many people at St. Luke's gave of their time to serve the meal. (Thank you to all the servers!)

Guest speakers for the evening included our own Rev. Janet Forbes, who had women laughing and thinking about simplifying Christmas. Also, Beth Rumbel, a student at Iliff School of Theology and a former US2 missionary assigned to Warren Village, gave a presentation on Warren Village, the mission focus for the evening. Several boxes of supplies (diapers, wipes, canned food) were collected for Warren Village, as well as almost \$150 in cash donations.

St. Luke's Women of Note capped off the evening with a wonderful segment of Christmas music for entertainment. Thank you to all who participated in this annual event and a special thanks to all who helped with planning and set-up to make this a memorable evening.



**Sweet Life Café** Women, mark your calendars for the upcoming UMW Spiritual Retreat day. The Sweet Life Café is a day you won't want to miss. In response to the overwhelming positive feedback of last year's Chocolate Boutique, we are bringing you more of the same type of activities. The retreat is **Saturday, February 20 from 8:30am-3:30pm**. Both breakfast

and lunch are included. The day will include discussion, fellowship, devotion and fun activities for spiritual growth. Tickets are \$25 and on sale now. Contact Renae Parra at renaeparra@aol.com for more information or to reserve your ticket.

**National UMW Reading List** The national chapter of the United Methodist Women publishes a yearly list of books it encourages women to read. The books fall into the following categories: Mission, Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. Some of this year's titles include: *Where Mercy Fails: Darfur's Struggle to Survive*, *Caring for Mother: A Daughter's Long Goodbye*, *What About Religion and Science*, *Closing the Food Gap*, and *Longing for Enough in a Culture of More*. Contact Renae Parra (renaeparra@aol.com) for more information or for a complete reading list. You can also access the reading list at: <http://new.gbpm-umc.org/umw/resources/reading-program/>

**Warren Village Family Night** On Tuesday, January 26th, members of UMW provided a meal for about 70 people (mostly women and children) at Warren Village. The meal had a picnic theme: sandwiches, veggies, chips, cookies, applesauce and cookies. The group also did a snowman craft project with the children. Thank you to everyone who helped with this mission. A special thank you to the following UMW subgroups for their contributions: Women's Night In – homemade cookies and money for applesauce cups; Evening Book Club – homemade cookies and money for food items; and Simply Saturday – bags of chips.



**Simply Saturday** A group of about 14 women met for Re-Centering for the New Year on Saturday, Jan 16th. We discussed ways to stay centered on God as we go through our daily lives. Bringing in our

exhaustion from the holidays and attempts to organize the year ahead, we sat in meditation and focused on our lack of control and how to center on the one who has control; giving Him our praise and all our worries. We collected a large basket of socks to be distributed to homeless. Come join us for the next upcoming events:

**Open Forum** – Feb 6 at 8:30-10:00am in the Youth Room

**Women of Vision** – March 6 at 8:30-10:00am in Room 213

Mission Focus: Canned food for DenUM

Bring a favorite breakfast item to share with the group. Childcare is provided with reservations 24 hours in advance.

### Subgroups of UMW at St. Luke's UMC:

**Simply Saturday:** One Saturday per month, 8:30-10:00am. For more information, please contact Elena Lynch at elenalynch@gmail.com or Lynda Fickling at lynda@stlukeshr.com

**Evening Book Group:** Fourth Monday of the month, 7:00pm Conference Room. 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:** First and 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. For information, please contact Lynda Fickling x20 or lynda@stlukeshr.com or Renae Parra 303-683-0872 or renaeparra@aol.com.

### Upcoming Events:

- Sat., February 20 Women's Winter Retreat: Sweet Life Café
- Mon., February 22 UMW Evening Book Club: *The Zookeeper's Wife*
- Mon, March 1 Women's Night Out: Thai Basil
- Sat, March 6 Simply Saturday
- Sun., March 14 UMW Mission Team Meeting
- Tues., March 16 Spiritual Life Retreat registration due

### Mark Your Calendars:

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





**James Ramsey**  
Director of Music  
Ministry & the Arts



**Kay Coryell**  
Associate Dir. of  
Music Ministry



**Ken Mervine**  
Organist/  
Accompanist



**Mark your  
calendars!**  
**Little Women**  
**Feb. 12 & 13!**

## Handbell Festival March 13

The Joyful Noise Youth Handbell Choir will attend a Handbell Festival at Littleton UMC on Saturday, March 13. Our youth ringers will join several area churches to experience the fun and joy of a day-long festival.

The goals of the festival are to get youth bell groups ringing together in a fun and non-threatening setting, to inspire their commitment to playing bells and to ring together in a public concert.

There will be a guest clinician for the day. Each choir is invited to share a solo selection as well. The day's events will culminate with a concert at 3pm. Everyone is invited! You haven't heard handbells until you've had the experience of seeing and hearing several choirs performing together. Please join us!

## Sunday AM Music Calendar

### February 7 – Communion

9:30 Adult Bells, Chancel Choir, Orchestra  
11:00 Adult Bells, Chancel Choir, Orchestra

### February 14

9:30 Cherubs Choir, Jr. Prayz, Off-Notes  
Youth Choir, Chancel Choir –  
11:00 Jr. Prayz, Off-Notes

### February 21

9:30 Grace Notes, Chancel Choir  
11:00 Grace Notes

### February 28

9:30 Primary Prayz, Tintinnabulators with  
Penny Rose, Chancel Choir  
11:00 Primary Prayz, Tintinnabulators with  
Penny Rose, Chancel Choir

### March 7 - Communion

9:30 Orchestra, Chancel Choir  
11:00 Orchestra, Chancel Choir

## Puppeteering with the Pros *by Janet Johnston*



I would like to share with you my reflections as a first time puppeteer in the St. Luke's Christmas puppet show, *The Littlest Gifts*.

When Steve Collins invited me to read through the puppet show script I had no idea what was in store, for I had never attended *The Littlest Gifts* message nor did I have any puppeteering skills under my belt. The driving

force behind my interest in puppets was curiosity and the desire to create a new Christmas memory with my church family. After reading and laughing through the script and especially singing really cool Christmas songs adapted from popular tunes in *Top Gun*, *The Sound of Music* and from the group Herman's Hermits, I immediately knew that my search for a unique Christmas memory was complete, and I wanted to be a St. Luke's puppeteer.

My training in learning basic puppeteering skills was unique as well. After reading through the script I attended an introductory puppeteering workshop, led by Steve and Cathy, tailored for a group of boy scouts and interested folks from church new to puppets. The class consisted of learning techniques on how to design a puppet stage, write a meaningful and entertaining script and practice essential skills in making one's puppet communicate with the audience. In addition to all this learning taking place it was so much fun interacting with my classmates' imaginations as we practiced our newly acquired skills and anticipated a fun performance on stage.

What I appreciated most about my training was the way I received instructions on how to motivate my puppet for the results needed to reach my audience. And some of those instructions came through lots of personal and funny stories told by Steve, Cathy, Ann Smith and Doug Johnson. Last but not least my additional instructors were the pros, the younger youth, full of puppeteering wisdom and playful advice that left me inspired and energized to duplicate their fine puppeteering skills and enthusiasm.

Of course it was exciting learning a different kind of theatrical skill, breaking through personal barriers of all sorts (yes, puppets have a strange way of doing that), making fabulous new friends of all ages, and being part of our church award winning puppet team in delivering a contemporary/spiritual Christmas message, but something else wonderfully happened. That magnificent moment for me occurred right at the beginning of the finale, "I'm Gettin Somethin Good". I was kneeled (on comfortable knee blocks) behind the black curtain on stage with arm in position waiting for my "black light" chorus puppet to make its entrance, and all of a sudden I heard rhythmic clapping in beat to the music. At that precise moment I felt my heart skip a beat and at once I knew I was one with my fellow puppeteers; I was one with my audience; and I was one with the clapping. It was very cool to be in sync with so much Christmas joy, simply delivered through a cloth puppet; a Christmas memory worth sharing and remembering.

## Are you looking for a way to get involved with inner-city missions?

The St. Luke's Mission team is looking for someone to serve as our liaison with the Denver Inner City Parish. DICP serves a wide range of people with activities for seniors, a food bank for families, and an alternative school for teenagers. This person would inform St. Luke's of ways in which we can support their wonderful work. Interested in this mission? please contact Laura Richards at corichards@aol.com

## A New Beginning

12-week Divorce Recovery Workshop  
*Begins Mon., Mar. 1, 6:45-9:00pm*

For those who are separated or divorced, this workshop brings healing from a Christian Community where one can experience acceptance, care giving, and the love of God. Cost is \$100.00. Pick up a brochure at the "Get Connected Center" or register by calling Larry Sears 720-524-0440. Scholarships are available.

## Don't miss

- ✧ **SLY PM Dinner every Sunday night at 5:30pm, \$2 donations appreciated**
- ✧ **SLY AM (Sunday School)** will focus on morality and the tools people use to make difficult decisions this month and next. Ever feel like you're missing some tools you need for good decisions? Join us this month and we'll give you a few more for your life's toolbox.
- ✧ **Feb 7 - \*\*Special Time\*\* Super Bowl Party 4:30 'til games' end!** Bring a snack to share. \$2 dinner donation for 10 different kinds of soup (Soup-Er-Bowl...Get it?) Brad will share a special Fusion message during halftime based on Super Bowl commercials.
- ✧ **Feb 14 - Mardi Gras Party with St. Andrew Youth;** Prep for Lent while having a pancake race! Also, try and make your own Mardi Gras Parade float!
- ✧ **Feb 21 - Welcome a new year (the Chinese Year of the Tiger) tonight!** Tiger's are about strength and survival. Come find out some of your own strengths you can develop in the coming year.
- ✧ **Feb 28 - Revisit the Spirituality Wheel as covered in worship during January.** Find out more about the Head, the Heart, the Mystic, and the Kingdom and how knowing which spiritual type you identify with can help you connect to God in a deeper way.
- ✧ **Mar 7 - Bicentennial Man.** A movie with Robin Williams explores what it really means to be human and to connect with others. Come to watch and discuss.

✧ **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](http://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](http://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****Tengo que conecer todo mejor...**

Didn't know I could speak Spanish, eh? Well I can speak Portuguese as well, so feel free to drop by and practice with me any time! Call it functional if not fluent... It may pay to practice up and get to know my Spanish better again soon!

In March, I will accompany a group of adults and youth from our church to Chichicastenango, Guatemala; a rural region in Central America where we have worked extensively in the past with construction and medical teams in support of Pura Vida and a John Wesley School in the area. Schools in Guatemala are not like here, unless you can afford a private school, you probably won't get any better than a 6th grade education...

As you know, mission experiences have helped me discover a lot about myself. They have also helped me to get to know the world better. They've even helped me get into a more meaningful relationship with God. I am very excited to join other members of our church as we all work to get to know each other better as we also seek to understand the needs of a community of people in Guatemala. I'm really looking forward to getting to know my team of workers, the people in Guatemala, and yes even God better through this experience.

We are fortunate to be part of a community so eager and ready to connect with the world around us and support all sorts of people all over the world. Anything that we can do to foster relationships between our brothers and sisters, I am all for. I hope mission experiences are in your future... I know they always help me clarify the world around me... *Peace & Love, Chris*

**New Fundraising Team Forming!**

Because of the success of our missions programs, we need some help organizing fundraisers to support youth missions in advance of our June & July trips. If interested in joining this team, please contact [susan@stlukeshr.com](mailto:susan@stlukeshr.com)

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**Wednesday Night SLY** Meets every Wednesday night from 6:30-8:30 with Susan Johnson and Jenita Rhodes. If you are looking for a group who does a bunch of different activities and helps you connect with friends, check us out!

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**Easter 2010 ~** Put our annual Sunrise Service on your calendar now! April 4, 6:30am at Shea Stadium. We partner with St. Andrew to provide a community worship with communion and welcome Easter during the first light of day.

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**2010 Confirmation Classes** start on Feb. 7. Excited for a great class with everyone!

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**Have you BLOGGED with us lately?** Go to [stlukeshr.com/sly](http://stlukeshr.com/sly) and click on the SLYBLOG. We try and start new discussions every few weeks. Jump in as we'd love to hear your comments!

**SUMMER MISSION TRIP LOCATIONS & DATES!!!**

**Jr. High** (Graduating 6-Graduating 8 Grades) June 27-July 2 to **Alamosa, CO** working for **Christian Community Service Projects**. Registrations available starting in March.

**Sr. High** (Graduating 9-Graduating 12 Grades) July 18-25 to **Fort Hall Native American Reservation** in Idaho working through Sierra Service Project. Register beginning in March.

**Help SLY PM Dine on Sunday Nights!**

An easy way to support SLY, SLY, Jr. and Fusion! This vital ministry opportunity provides a meal for anyone at St. Luke's on Sunday evenings, allowing many the opportunity to eat amidst busy weekend schedules. *If you have already helped us prepare a Sunday night meal—thank you!* If you have not yet had the opportunity to participate in this important ministry, I encourage you to contact me ([chris@stlukeshr.com](mailto:chris@stlukeshr.com) or 303-260-8221) or our meal coordinator, Nancy ([nlnjackson@comcast.net](mailto:nlnjackson@comcast.net)) to find out how easy it is! We have standardized menus and ingredient lists. You buy them, help us prep and clean up on a Sunday night. We'll even pay you back for your food purchases.





**Dave Cupp**  
Director of Finance



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Assistant Director  
of Finance

## Thank You For Your Continued Support

I'm extremely happy to share with you that we have just finished another successful financial year. It was successful because we were able to do a good job of forecasting what our income for the year would be and then managing our spending to stay within that forecast.

The income for the year was about ½% MORE than we had projected at the beginning of the year and our expenses were a little less than planned. A huge thank you to you and all our leadership teams for doing a fantastic job during some trying times. We are anticipating that we will collect about the same amount of money in 2010 as we did in 2009 and with a few final adjustments we will have a spending budget that will give us another break even or better year. Our goal for every year is to keep our expenses within the limits of our income.

**New Planned Giving Program Approved by Church Conference.** A resolution to establish a Planned Giving Program for St Luke's was approved at our Annual Church Conference on January 7. This is a great step forward in providing our members more ways to make donations that will support the programs of our church. The Planned Giving Team members for 2010 are Rich Spong, Mike Richards, Wendy Wallberg, Randy Dunn, Sue Jones, Dave Money, Harv Tripple, Eric Ransick, Gregg Tripple and Rev Janet Forbes. Rich Spong will serve as Chairperson. The team is in the formation process of establishing policies and guidelines and getting prepared to announce details of this new program and how you can get involved.

**Haiti Donations Made On or Before February 28, 2010, May Be Claimed On Your 2009 Tax Return.** The House and Senate passed a new bill which will allow those donating to the Haiti earthquake victims to claim those donations as a deduction on their 2009 tax return provided the donation is made on or before February 28, 2010. You should check with your tax adviser regarding this new opportunity.

Let me know if you need proof of giving and I will email you a current copy of your giving record. We record all donations for regular giving and special giving such as the Haiti giving if we can identify the donor and the amount at the time we receive the gift. I.e., If we receive the gift in the form of a check with the purpose identified in the memo line of the check or a cash offering using an offering envelope with the donor's name, purpose and amount identified on the envelope. Our Vanco Services EFT service also provides the opportunity for you to make your donation to St Luke's for the Haiti fund by going online to [stlukeshr.com](http://stlukeshr.com) and selecting the Haiti Relief button for your contribution from your bank account or credit card. These donations will be forwarded to the United Methodist Church Committee On Relief for their work in Haiti. Our first check in the amount of \$10,000 was forwarded on January 21 which represented collections as of that date. We will continue forwarding weekly until the donations cease.

**2009 Giving Statements Mailed.** Giving statements for 2009 were mailed on Wednesday, January 20. Please let me know you did not receive your statement or you discover a mistake on your statement. My email is [davec@stlukeshr.com](mailto:davec@stlukeshr.com) and my phone is 30-791-0659 x24.

**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.

## Here we GROW again!

We're happy to announce that St. Luke's is welcoming more and more of you to our services and events! That's GREAT news! Sometimes that means we're a bit pinched for parking space—so here's a few tips for you.

1. Sunday forgiveness - Parking is allowed on Broadway along the west side. Please be safe and avoid the red curbs—these setbacks give drivers coming in and out of the lot good visibility to oncoming traffic.
2. Northridge Rec center across the street allows overflow parking from St. Luke's. Please help us honor the arrangement by crossing Broadway at the cross walk.
3. As you exit the south driveway, please turn right to help ease traffic out of the lot safely.
4. We offer additional handicapped parking at the north lot nearest our lower level entrance, with free elevator rides to the second floor—enjoy the lift and close in parking!

*Thank you for your help! We appreciate it!*

## Trustee's 2009 Church Report – Guided by our leadership team, partnerships made a difference!

1. Ken Fong led us to our best year in recent memory. Completion of the construction and interior finishes transformed our building from top to bottom in every direction. We are so very thankful for Ken's leadership of our team!
2. Rev. Janet challenged us to invite participation from several groups to transform our main level. We appreciate the on-going help of Lise Lehnus & Mona Daniels, FET; Sharon Smith, Julia Murrow, Janet Sackett, Kathy Swier, Renae Parra – Altar Team; Lynda Fickling, Bonnie Funk, Rev. Janet – staff; Jim Ramsey, Marge Harper – Drama Ministry, Sandi Miyaki, Ken Fong and Tim Boles – Trustees/Sound/Tech team.
3. Rev. Brad's vision of Sunday Suppers & interactive worship came alive as we added Acoustic Panels, and sound system enhancements improving our Fusion worship services. Our decidedly selfish goal of eliminating the weekly Sunday noon-time and post Fusion chair stacking/fitness activity was replaced by socializing and fellowship for BOTH services!
4. Storage projects got better because many people stepped up to take a lead on optimizing spaces—helping us to protect our investment in drama costumes, props, puppets, kitchen supplies, sanctuary and chapel dressings, and mission projects. Portable vacuums even got our younger volunteers in the clean up spirit. We truly appreciate all of you helping us to keep it clean and Reduce Clutter!
5. With a focus on safety we've stepped up security measures, and with a goal to improve our 'Green' status we've added automation to managing our higher demand systems, and lots of recycling bins to improve recycling.
6. We appreciate our Finance team who made time to meet with us to review our refurbishment proposal, and granted approval so we could act quickly to make the changes. We thank all of you who offered volunteer help as we worked through these and lots of other projects all year long.

We genuinely appreciate the services of Eric Ransick, who served with us over the last several years offering tremendous insight on insurance/asset protection, and supporting strong links between St. Luke's and our Boy Scout troop.

Celebrating our success! Our year wouldn't be complete without warm thanks to Betsy Keyak for her soul warming chicken curry and homemade wonton soup on a cold winter's night as we celebrated the year's accomplishments at our annual pot luck supper at Ken and Betsy's home. *We are truly blessed by our volunteers and your gifts. We are so very thankful!*



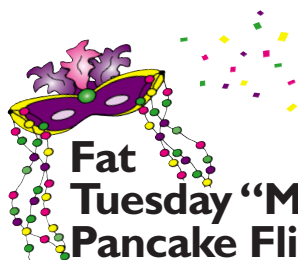
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where we share life. Wherever you are in your faith journey,  
you are accepted and encouraged to grow spiritually.*

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

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## Fat Tuesday "Mardi Gras" Pancake Flipping

February 16 5:30-7:00pm

It is hosted by the youth (SLY) and proceeds go to youth missions. We will have pancake flipping contests, mask making and crown decorating and lots of yummy food to eat! The cost is \$5/adult and \$3/kids under 12 with a max. of \$15/family. Don't miss this opportunity to live it up on Fat Tuesday!

FEBRUARY / MARCH 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	6:00pm: Love & Logic 6:30pm: Women's Night Out		6:30pm: Wed. SLY	6:45am: Donut Whole 6:30pm: Centering Prayer - Diving Love		Little School Dad's Saturday 8:30am: Simply Saturday
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Rev. Janet Forbes 11:00am: Confirmation Class 4:30pm: Super Bowl Party Halftime: Community "Soup" Meal (\$2) Halftime: Fusion		7:00pm: Missions Team	6:30pm: Wed. SLY	6:45am: Donut Whole 7:00pm: Star Party	7:00pm: Little Women	LITTLE WOMEN 2:00 & 7:00pm: Little Women
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Scout Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Rev. Janet Forbes 9:30am: Cafe St. Luke's 11:00am: Confirmation Class 5:30pm: Community Meal (\$2) 6:30pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	President's Day Little School & Church Offices closed	Fat Tuesday 5:30pm: Pancake Dinner Little School closed 6:30pm: Children's Ministry Leadership Team	Ash Wednesday 7:30am: Imposition of Ashes/Communion 6:30pm: Wed. SLY 7:00pm: Service of Fire & Ashes	6:45am: Donut Whole		Sweet Life Cafe 8:30am: UMW "Sweet Life Cafe" Retreat 10:00am: Story Tellers and Writer's Workshop
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Lent 1 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Rev. Janet Forbes 8:15am: Contemplative Worship Service 11:00am: Confirmation Class 5:30pm: SLY, Jr. 5:30pm: Community Meal (\$2) 6:30pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	6:30pm: Executive Team 7:00pm: UMW Evening Book Club		5:30pm: Lenten Dinner 6:30pm: Wed. SLY	6:45am: Donut Whole	6:45pm: Family Movie Night "Up"	
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Lent 2 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Rev. Janet Forbes 11:00am: Confirmation Class 11:00am: Children's Dinner Theater Auditions 2:00pm: Castle Rock Orchestra Concert 5:30pm: Community Meal (\$2) 5:30pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	6:30pm: Women's Night Out	face 7:30pm: FACE benefit concert	5:30pm: Lenten Dinner 6:30pm: Kids & Communion 6:30pm: Wed. SLY	6:45am: Donut Whole	Confirmation Retreat 5:00pm: SLY, Jr. Lock-In	Confirmation Retreat 8:30am: Simply Saturday
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