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and much more!

WOW!: Our Easter Sunrise SLY service Collected

\$1,073 in donations to give to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) to support Earthquake recovery in Haiti! Thank you for the generosity, and for braving the darkness and chill on an Easter morning!



St. Luke's Easter 2010

It Takes a Village – Or Maybe a Church

by Sandi Miyaki, Trustees

Spring fever. It affects everyone differently. Colorado's quick-change weather fools us into thinking we've made it from winter to spring, until we get yet another spring snowstorm. Locals know we'll have another in May, but those days in the middle are blissfully warm and everybody loves heading outside.

From the time our kids were really young, it was springtime when they'd get in trouble – by the time they were 8, we recognized the pattern. Along with sunshine and crocuses, springtime brought the challenge of keeping track, and repeated reminders: 'be good'. Teachers would call when they were too 'energetic' in class – couldn't sit still, and dinner talks were sprinkled with reminders of right place, right time for all that energy, and a promise – school would be out soon.

While parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts catch up with friends between services at St. Luke's, kids grow impatient and make their way to the playground. Most adults probably believe that's a terrific place for them, but what we're noticing and hearing from others, is whether it's with OR without adult supervision, kids are climbing on the rooftops of playground equipment and the shade structures!

As trustees, our main goal is to make sure the spaces at St. Luke's are safe for everyone – inside and out. We'd like to call on EVERYONE to help us to do this well. If you see kids climbing on top of playground roofs or our shade structures, please tell them to get down.

Four years ago this month, our then 15 year old son sustained a traumatic brain injury, playing 'touch' football in a park with pals. The game got too rough, and we all paid heavy a price for the next 18 months. We don't know if there were other adults at the park that day, but if there were, and if they'd have told the boys they were being too rough, we wouldn't have minded.

Many of us routinely share stories of growing up in small towns. There, somebody else's parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts were ALWAYS correcting us, and they didn't think twice about it! Because they cared, we were safe, and later, when we had kids of our own, we understood the expression; *It Takes a Village to Raise a Child*. Luckily, at St. Luke's we've already promised to help our kids to grow to full humanity!

Please help us to honor our baptismal promises with our children, by being the Brothers and Sisters, Uncles and Aunts, Grandfathers, and Grandmothers, in Christ, helping our kids to be safe while they're here! By doing so, you have earned the appreciation of a very grateful Trustees Team!

Sunday Worship Services:

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

6:34pm: Fusion

Contemplative Services also offered.

(Check website for dates and times.)

Sunday School:

Adult, Youth & Children:

9:30am & 11:00am

Nursery available for

9:30am & 11:00am services

Church Office: 303-791-0659

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

Childcare Reservations.....x47

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Director of Little School

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Rev. Janet Forbes
 Senior Pastor

Where do we go from here? Pursuing the Wild Goose

Céad míle fáilte! A hundred thousand welcomes!

As we celebrate the season of Easter, we'll be asking the question, "Where Do We Go From Here?" Christ is risen and the whole world is turned upside down! By the light of Easter sunrise, God planted a seed of life in us that cannot be killed, and if we can remember that, then there is nothing we cannot do!

On Easter evening, the disciples were locked together in a room. They were frightened from the events of the day. Then, Jesus appeared in their midst. "Peace," he said. "As God has sent me, so I send you." If the work is going to continue, you're going to have to carry on. Then he breathed on them, "Receive the Holy Spirit". Receive my passion, my heart, my power!

The Celtic word for the Holy Spirit, An Geadh-Glas, means "the Wild Goose." I love the implications of this image! Much like a wild goose, the Spirit of God cannot be tracked or tamed. There is an element of danger, an air of unpredictability. And while the name may sound a bit irreverent, I cannot think of a better description of what it's like to pursue the Spirit's leading than chasing the Wild Goose.

A "wild goose chase" usually refers to a purposeless endeavor without destination. But chasing the Wild Goose is different. If we chase the Wild Goose, God will take us places we never could have imagined...going by paths we never knew existed.

"...circumstantial uncertainty also goes by another name: adventure!"

I think it is only appropriate that I give a Wild Goose warning as we celebrate the Easter season. Nothing is more unnerving or disorienting than passionately pursuing God. And the sooner we come to terms with that spiritual reality, the more we will enjoy the journey. I cannot promise safety or certainty. But I can promise that chasing the Wild Goose will be anything but boring!

A world in desperate need can't do without what we will bring when we become part of something that is bigger: the cause of Christ in this generation. When we embark on the Wild Goose chase, we never know where we're going to end up. Jesus never promised safety or certainty or predictability. And he certainly didn't die on the cross to tame us. He died to make us dangerous. He died to invite us into a life of spiritual adventure.

Helen Keller once said,

"Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing."

—Rev. Janet



A part of us feels as if something is spiritually wrong when we experience what I call, circumstantial uncertainty. But that is precisely what Jesus promises when we are born of the Spirit and start following God. Most of us will have no idea where we are going most of the time. And I know that's unsettling. But circumstantial uncertainty also goes by another name: adventure!

Would You Like to Give Leadership in Worship?

The Worship Team is looking for men, women, youth, and children who would like to participate in worship leadership by serving communion, offering prayer, reading scripture, or hosting a time with the children. If you have a desire to offer leadership in this ministry, please email Rev. Janet at janet@stlukeshr.com. Training will be provided in early summer.



Rev. Brad Laurvick
Associate Minister

Fusion and Summer: A Great Combo!

Sundays 6:34pm

With summer approaching, you know things will be getting busy. You will find yourself traveling, camping, gardening, biking... you get the idea. I want to remind you that whatever your schedule

looks like, St. Luke's wants to make sure you have a chance to worship. This time of year is one of the best to make Fusion, our evening service, a part of your schedule. Fusion is a part of lots of people's weekly schedules, but it also works great for those Sundays you just can't make the morning services.

Fusion offers everything you have come to love about St. Luke's worship: great music, engaging sermons, and wonderful community. You also can share in Communion every week, and enjoy a very casual, round table environment. People of all ages enjoy Fusion—adults, young adults, and it is a regular sight to see children dancing (watching that is actually that's one of the best parts of my week)

I wanted to make sure to remind you of this opportunity to make worship a part of your week. And I also would encourage you to invite friends and neighbors. So many of us are more comfortable inviting people to the services we have attended ourselves, so I encourage you to give Fusion a try so you can pass on a first hand recommendation.



St. Luke's Contemplative Fellowship

The Contemplative Fellowship is for those following the Christian mystic path leading to increased conscious contact with the divine

and a more personal and intimate relationship with God. A key part of each meeting is the ancient practice of silent Centering Prayer, in which we open ourselves up to the transforming and indwelling presence of God's love. If you are new to Centering Prayer, resources are available to help you to cultivate this spiritual practice.

We meet every Tuesday night from 6:30-8:00pm in the Chapel. We typically watch a video during the first half of the meeting. This is followed by 20 minutes of silent/Centering Prayer and an open discussion. For Information Contact: Marshall Kuhn 303-931-5473.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome

Bob & Lorna Roberts

"Finally found a place where we feel everyone is welcome and differences are celebrated."

And 31 Confirmants! (see names and photos on page 11)

Doug & Kimberly Blum, Kaitlyn and Madeline (pictured at left)

"We feel very welcome here."



7th Annual

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

Golf Event

Saturday, August 28, 2010



Nametags!

We would love for everyone at St. Luke's to have a nametag! This will help us learn each other's names and not just faces. Please order one at the Get Connected Center. Cost is \$4.50 and will be ready the next week!

*If you have recently joined St. Luke's, pick up your free nametag!

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 May 9
Meet Lynda Fickling in Room 206





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

Puppet Ministry: We convey Biblical stories to a diverse community and audience. If you love participating in a unique way, then this ministry is for you.

Pre-Teen through Adult (really seeking adult help!) **Contact:** Steve and Cathy Collins scecollins@earthlink.net

***NEW ~ Annual Church Picnic Team:** Help plan and execute our picnic in August! We are looking for folks who enjoy a good party, to help us create a fun and memorable day. This team will meet for a few organizational meetings and help the actual day (August 8 this year). If you've always wanted to volunteer but cannot commit to a long-term group, this one is for you! First meeting will be in June! **Contact:** Karin Wesson karin@thewessons.com, Brenda Schafer bschafer63@gmail.com or Lynda Fickling lynda@stlukeshr.com

Food Bank of the Rockies: Regular Volunteer Opportunities in Denver. Most opportunities are Monday-Friday, 8:30-11:30am and 12:30-3:30pm, Tuesdays - 4:00-7:00pm and select Saturdays. Please note: Saturdays fill up very quickly, we encourage you to schedule several months in advance. **Distribution Filling Orders;** Light cleaning; Shopping. **Ambassador;** Many warehouse jobs require lifting 15-20 pounds repetitively and up to 40 pounds occasionally. **Office** (Occasionally available); Computer data input; Filing; Assisting with mailings; Preparing information packets. **Reclamation** (Denver Warehouse Monday, Wednesday, Friday and select Saturdays) Sorting, sanitizing, inspecting and boxing food and non-food products; Light cleaning. **USDA;** Groups of 10-30 pack government food boxes for distribution in an assembly line setting. Important Information: Volunteers must be at least 14 years old. **Contact:** www.foodbankrockies.org *Designate your time to go towards food credit to Denver Urban Ministries!

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*



Week Ending April 30, 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

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| Paula Strader (Sandi Miyaki's sister) | Jeremy Greiss (friend of Mike Hanson) |
| Lori Lieberman (friend of Jane Damsgard) | Ray McMillian and family (co-worker of Kam Boles) |
| Schelly Thompson (Sandy Thompson's sister-in-law) | Julie Ramsett |
| Jed Bennett (Fred & Jean Bennett's son) | Jim Damsgard |
| Mark Bartellina (Mike Hutchin's cousin) | Joseph Sreaty (Jon Sreaty's brother) |
| David Joseph (friend of Bobbi King/Marie Blue) | ARMED FORCES PRAYER CHAIN: |
| John Larsh (friend of Rick & Louise Jasper) | Mark Thompson, Ed Herring, |
| Roberta Towell (Jon Sreaty's sister) | Josh Brady, Jeremy Brady, |
| Daniel Winkle (friend of Gail Strawn) | Colin Gabriel, Dustin Ellington, |
| Darrell & Billie (wife) Aderman (friends of Rick & Louise Jasper) | Justin Bogg, Lt. Jeff Hamer, and Christopher Gardner. |
| Ross Magaughey (friend of Rick & Louise Jasper) | SYMPATHIES: |
| Mildred Johnson (Connie Shoemaker's mother) | To Nancy Mussetter on the passing of her husband, Roger, March 6; |
| Jerry Miyaki (Mike's uncle) | To Linda & Frank Harris on the passing of Linda's uncle, Orwin Meelhouse, March 28; |
| Louise McGill (Sharon Oliver's mother) | To Lynnette & Doug McKinney on the passing of Lynnette's father, Charles Sapp, March 31; |
| Rosie Shaw (friend of Eric Ransick) | To Mariam West and Nancy & Greg Plamp & family on the passing of Mariam's husband/Nancy's father, Amos West, March 31. |
| Bobette Stephens (Mike Stephens' mother) | To Michelle & Carson Mallory & family on the passing of Michelle's brother-in-law's father, Hugh O'Dougherty, March 23 and on the passing of their friend, Susan Gooderham, March 28; |
| Chelsea White (Kathy Enloe-Miller's friend's granddaughter) | To Dave & Bonnie Funk on the passing of their friend, Dottie Sungaila, March 26; |
| Lolitha Fernandes (friend of Joely Maddux) | To Janet & David Johnston on the passing of Janet's father, Harold Shirk, March 28; |
| Jan Rusien | To Brenda Schafer on the passing of her friend, Dale Howie, April 2; |
| Zach Bingham (3 mo. nephew of Ashlee Favilene) | To Brian & Elizabeth Bauer and family on the passing of Brian's grandmother, Maxine Bauer, April 4. |
| Bill Harold (Nancy Obertier's cousin) | To Ed & Eileen Law and Joyce Eyer on the passing of their friend Carol Bruton, April 25. |
| Sam Stanick (Allison Harper's step-father) | NEW BABY CONGRATULATIONS: |
| Donna Craven (friend of Cindy Barlow's) | To Laurel & Ryan Eller on the birth of a daughter, Karis Joy Eller, born April 9. Proud grandparents: John & Marge Harper. |
| Maria Viera Harris (friend of Cindy Barlow's) | To Adam & Megan Snyder on the birth of a son, Colton James Snyder, born April 12. |
| Lisa Lewis | To Ed & Eileen Law on the birth of a granddaughter, Gwenyth Lindsey Gillmor born 4/26. |
| Mary Hogan (friend of Sharon Scholle's) | |
| Chad Swier (Kathy Swier's son) | |
| Norma Whitaker's mother, Jane | |
| 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) | |
| Keaton Wong (friend of the Takayama's) | |
| Chris Kellams (friend of Joely Maddux) | |
| Dorothy Hagan (Doug Hagan's mother) | |
| Griffin Bohan (LS contact) | |
| Barb Wilson (friend of Kam Boles/Lisé Takayama) | |
| Kerry Lucero | |



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

More from Les: The Wheatland Church Bell

Wheatland Methodist Episcopal Church was founded in 1896 and the original church building was constructed in 1898. There was a bell tower on the right front corner and a large cast steel bell was located inside. The bell had been special ordered from an eastern foundry and was prized by the congregation; it was rung before Sunday morning worship and at noon on weekdays.

By 1920, the congregation had outgrown the original building. The Church Administrative Board decided to raze the old building and build a new brick and concrete sanctuary on the same site. The prized church bell would be preserved, and before the new building was finished, the bell was mounted in a cradle and placed on the second level, just behind and above the altar area. Then the new church roof was added.

Shortly after beginning to use the new sanctuary, a crack was discovered in the bell!

Thoughts went immediately to how to repair or replace the bell.

But removal of the bell from its resting place would be prohibitively costly because it would require breaking through the roof or the west wall of the church! After much discussion, the church board decided to leave the bell in place but not ring it.

So, the bell sat un-rung, in its cradle, for decades.

"What to do about the cracked church bell" became a popular topic of conversation.

Each time a new minister was appointed to the Wheatland Methodist Church, the question would be revisited, "What do we do about the church bell?" And each time the answer was the same; the bell would remain in place. The story about Wheatland's cracked bell almost became a joke and a "trademark" for the church!

In the late 1970's a benefactor purchased an electronic Carillion system and had large speakers installed on the church roof. Once again, bells would peal out at the beginning of the Sunday services and at noon on weekdays. The tradition was maintained, but the sound just wasn't quite the same.

I was appointed to the Wheatland church in November 1997 and got caught up in this continuing question about the church bell. A member of the Trustee committee took me to the area behind the altar area and we climbed up to the level where the bell sat in its cradle. The Carillion system is getting obsolete, I as told, and it needs significant upgrading. This too, would be costly.

The problem intrigued me; if there some way to remove and repair the bell at reasonable cost? Why, when the sanctuary was built, hadn't they provided for a simple way to remove the bell? The cost, not including recasting the bell, was still prohibitive, so the bell remained in its resting place. Doing nothing was still the least costly alternative. But the fact that the cracked bell was still there lurked on our corporate consciousness.

Then, two years after the completion of my appointment at Wheatland, the church trustees decided it was time to replace the deteriorating roof on the sanctuary. With the roof being replaced, access to the bell would be relatively easy!

A member of the church worked for the local REA office and convinced them to volunteer a crane for lifting the bell out of the cradle once that part of the roof was exposed. So the work proceeded and the church had a special celebration once the bell had been removed.

Since then, proposals have been made to build a new bell tower next to the church and recast the bell.

For the time being the bell sits in a barn on a member's ranch near Chugwater, WY, about 25 miles south of Wheatland. The bell is not gone but the conversations continue.

Here's a photo of the bell after it had been removed from the church.



Traditions are important, but some traditions can become burdensome when they become irrelevant to the life and ministry of a church.

When does a church asset become a liability?

Who can say what's most important to the life of a congregation?

What leads to so much focus on the physical building that it takes over from focus on ministry in the community?

And why do we let material considerations take so much of our time and attention?

We all know that spiritual issues and ministry are far more important than issues relating to our physical facilities. But, it's so much more *fun* to talk about bells and buildings!

God bless us all! Rev. Les

*Contemplative
Worship*

St. Luke's Chapel
May 16, 8:15-9:00am

A Service of Spiritual Nurture: Contemplative Worship encourages us to experience silence, reflection and the beauty of sacred space. Enjoy a spiritual moment, reach out to nature and listen... listen to the quiet voice within you, to sacred readings... to beautiful music and let the melody help you reflect as your soul finds peace and healing. Share in holy communion and in prayer turning to the quiet space within where the Spirit may be found strengthening your mind and heart.

St Luke's Contemplative services weave together a variety of practices that are reflective in nature, creating a sacred place for prayer and meditation. *All are welcome!*



The Bongo Beat!

Woof! Woof! It's me Bongo! Well I must admit I am a late sleeper. Yep, I can easily snooze away the morning and wake up just in time for lunch. That's why I am so excited to hear that

St. Luke's will have an **Evening Vacation Bible School!** That's right!

St. Luke's will Blast Off the evening with Galactic Blast VBS

July 13-16, 5:45-8:00pm. That's just perfect for folks like me who like to take their mornings real slow. Well, maybe that's not your reason to be excited about evening VBS. Maybe you're excited for evening VBS because your kids are in a childcare program during the day, or your kids have sport commitments in the morning, or maybe your kids have school that week. Some of you may be on vacation the week of **Morning VBS**

(June 21-25) so the July dates fit better with your schedule. Whatever the reason, we will be excited to see you the evenings of July 13-16!

Our first three days our cadets will explore the galaxy completing special missions learning about God, the Bible, rockets, planets and our very own earth! Our final night we will come together in a short celebration program for the parents and enjoy family picnic outside! Wait, is that true? A picnic?

That means food, right? I'll be there! Hope to see you there, too! By the way, many teachers and assistants are still needed for both morning and evening programs, please let Miss Sharon or Miss Joely know if you're interested in helping out for either one! —Love, Bongo



Joely Maddux
Co-Director of
Children's Ministry



Sharon Oliver
Co-Director of
Children's Ministry



Samantha Leahy
Director of Childcare

St. Luke's Kids
Growing with God

News & Notes:

Sunday School kicks off a new year in June!

We are so excited for the new Sunday School year which starts in June. Curriculum is planned and the new servant schedule is coming together. In years past, Sunday School enrollment has happened in the fall. This year we're doing the enrollment to correspond with promotion Sunday on June 6 where the children will move up to their next age/grade class. We need you to enroll your child(ren) before June 6 so we'll be sure to have a new nametag ready for them and have all of their information updated in our system. You can register online at www.stlukeshr.com/children or pick up a yellow registration form downstairs at the superintendent's office on Sunday mornings.

If you have any questions about Children's Ministry programs and events at St. Luke's please contact Joely Maddux x11 joely@stlukeshr.com or Sharon Oliver x27 sharon@stlukeshr.com. And be sure and check the St. Luke's website for more information and to register for activities.

CM Servant Spotlight:

How can you serve B.E.S.T.?



Recently while updating our Children's Ministry database, I added a column on the spreadsheet for serving roles. The column head said **Serve** and depending on the person's interest area I noted an **S** for shepherd, **T** for teacher, **B** for behind the scenes, **E** for events and so on. I thought I had better note it in alphabetical order to simplify.

After doing so I noticed at the top of the column it read **Serve BEST**. WOW! That is exactly what we trying to achieve! How do you Serve BEST in

children's ministry? The key word is you. The way in which you serve depends on your schedule, time, interest and comfort. Maybe you're a shepherd-type, watching and learning along with the children, assisting the teacher as needed. Maybe you have a passion for music, science, art, or cooking and want to share that in our rotations. Perhaps you like to be a little silly? Games could be just thing for you! Do you have a friendly smile? You'd be a great greeter! We have many areas of service in and out of the classroom, on Sunday mornings, and special events, too. We also want to remind you that Sunday School isn't just for moms! We need more dads, grandmas, grandpas, aunts and uncles; we even have a few college students who really enjoy that hour in the morning with the kids! Truly the only qualification is a passion of sharing the love of God with our children, and passing a background check! We will then help you find the area you Serve BEST! This is the perfect time to become involved in children's ministry as we are in the process of scheduling our new year **(June 2010-May 2011)**! Give us a call or send us an email and we'd be happy to talk to you more about all of the opportunities available! Also, we have an upcoming **Sunday School Teacher orientation/scheduling/Safe Sanctuary Sanctuary commitment meeting Tuesday May 11, 6:30pm.** This is for the seasoned veteran and those brand new to the program! We look forward to hearing from you and are so grateful to those who have already responded! *Be Blessed and Be a Blessing, Joely and Sharon*

SLY, Jr. Update

SLY, Jr - our 5th & 6th grade fellowship group - has had so much fun this spring. In our "breath" evening, we learned the breath prayer, played games using our air and learned how to make balloon animals. This past Sunday, 26 kids and 5 adults went on a progressive dinner experiencing an amazing 4-course Italian meal at 4 different homes and we got to use the church bus! Upcoming events include our year-end service project on May 16 and our end of the year celebration on June 6 to honor our outgoing 6th graders and welcome our incoming 5th graders.





Kay Swanson
Director of
Little School



Little School News: May Memories!

Little School is looking towards the end of our 15th year! We are so pleased that our ministry has grown and continues to flourish! We marvel at the amount of education and play space that we have and know that we are so blessed to have as many children as we have had graduate from our program! Now we are counting well over 1,000 graduates!

GRADUATION for Little School will be held on May 17 and May 18 at 9:30am in the Sanctuary. Our three-year-olds will finish up their last days on the

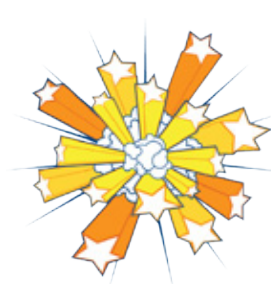
17th and 18th as well. Graduation is always a very special and bittersweet time, as we say goodbye to many children, families and friends. As sad as we are, we are also so very proud of our students as we have watched them blossom and grow. We know that we have many found memories, stories and laughter to remember as they leave our halls for public or private education.

We now see some of our first graduates participating in activities at St. Luke's and we just can't believe how fast the time has flown. Our very first graduating class of Little School is now graduating from High School – it just doesn't seem at all possible!

As we begin to put away the books, educational materials and toys, we know that in just twelve short weeks we will be back in full swing with another group of new families and familiar faces starting in September. We look forward to yet another wonderful experience!

May your summer be filled with memories!

—Ms. Kay and Staff:—)



SUMMER WILL BE A BLAST AT ST. LUKE'S!

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 6 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 are available online and in the office.



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 are available now at www.stlukeshr.com

Upcoming Events Calendar:



Tuesday May 11 - Servant Training 6:30pm

Sunday May 16 - SLY, Jr. Service Project

Tuesday May 18 - Children's Ministry Team

Meeting 6:30pm

Sunday June 6 - Sunday School Promotion

Sunday 9:30am

Sunday June 6 - SLY, Jr. End of Year Picnic 5:30pm

Wednesdays June 9, 16, 30 - Wacky Wednesdays

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

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

Wednesdays July 14, 21, 28 - Wacky Wednesdays

July 22-26 - Family Camp



Sign Up Now for Family Camp Fun!

St. Luke's Family Camp is July 22-26 at Winding River Resort near Grand Lake.

Come for any or all of the days of camp for community meals, crafts, hiking, relaxing, playing and tons of fun! Sign up in the Narthex through May 16. Contact Amy Antinoro at 303-663-6656 or rkymtnrph@hotmail.com if you are interested in joining us or would like to help!



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 can be a member of UMW. You can participate in a subgroup of UMW or in one of our four annual events. 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. For more info, visit the Get Connected table or contact Elena Lynch elenalynch@gmail.com.

UMW Spring Tea: "Coffee, Tea and Bling"

Our annual Spring Tea was on Sunday, May 2, 2010.

See next month's *Chronicle* for a recap of the event.



Subgroups of UMW at St. Luke's UMC:



Simply Saturday: The women had a great time on our field trip to walk a labyrinth recreated from a 13th century Cathedral of Chartres, France in April. All women ages 18 and older are invited to attend Simply Saturday. Next gathering Sat. June 5 8:30am. For more info, 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: 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: May 24 – *The 19th Wife* by David Ebershoff. June 28 – *Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer For more information, please call Renae Parra at 303-683-0872. For more info and 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., May 10 – Mimi's Cafe. No events during the summer. For 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:

- 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) 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

A New Training Class for Stephen Ministers



Is this a ministry that may be calling you? Serving as a Stephen Minister begins with 50 hours of training in Christian Caring skills. This training is led by Stephen Leaders and includes many valuable topics such as listening, Christian assertiveness, supporting others through the process of grieving and

maintaining boundaries in caregiving. The training focuses on God as the one who cures as we offer compassionate care. Working under supervision, Stephen Ministers are available to meet one-on-one with people who may be going through any variety of situations such as transition, grieving, parenting or relationship challenges, job changes, loneliness, divorce, health issues, and managing stress to name just a few.

While being a Stephen Minister requires a commitment of time and effort, it also brings joy and fulfillment. It may be one of the most rewarding challenges you will ever embrace. It's likely you will use the skills you learn not only in a caring ministry, but also in your everyday relationships with family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers.

If you are interested in the possibility of becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Rev. Sallie or any of our St. Luke's Stephen Leaders – Bryan Hutchinson, Sherry Merrill, Nancy Abbott, Jerry McLeland, or Laura McCarthy. **Applications for the upcoming training class are available at the Get Connected table during the month of May and are due in June. Training will begin this fall.** Remember, when God calls you to service, God also provides the faith and gifts you will need. It's exciting to see how God has been working in and through this ministry! You may contact Sallie Suby-Long if you have questions or if you'd like more information.

Ready, Set – School 2010

The Mission's Team is soliciting sponsors who are willing to go shopping for a child from Inter-Faith Community Services. Sponsors receive information about their child – their sizes and what grade the child is going into (a school supply list is included). They ask for a new outfit for the first day of school – underwear, socks, etc., a gift certificate for a new pair of shoes and a new backpack with the school supplies. We will collect the completed backpacks on Sundays July 18 and 25. Sign up will take place on May 16 and 23 between services or to request a name email Suzanne Humphreys at rbhumphreys@comcast.net or call 303-795-6486.



Congrats Zara!

Zara Vargus, member of St. Luke's, asked a big question "How could you not give LIFE your ALL?" With such a beautiful attitude toward life, it is no surprise she was received so well by the judges of **Miss Wheelchair Colorado**. It is a great honor to share with our St. Luke's family the news that Zara was officially named

Miss Wheelchair Colorado, 2010! She will be very busy, visiting classrooms, making speeches, and inspiring people throughout the state, as well as making time to compete in the national event with a chance to be named Miss Wheelchair USA. Congratulations and good luck Zara!



James Ramsey
Director of Music
Ministry & the Arts



Kay Coryell
Associate Dir. of
Music Ministry



Ken Mervine
Organist/
Accompanist

Crossroads Youth Choir, June 7 at 7:00pm

Crossroads Youth Choir from Bartlett United Methodist Church in Bartlett, TN proudly present their 2010 Summer Choir Tour. For over 20 years, this youth choir has toured around the country one week each summer. From the Grand Canyon to the Carolinas, Florida to Canada, this choir gets around! This year, they are excited to be traveling from their home near Memphis, TN to Kansas City & Colorado! The Crossroads Youth Choir consists of 6th-12th graders who lead worship regularly on Sunday mornings. A privilege for singers with excellent attendance is going on summer choir tour. In addition, a select group of youth from Crossroads called "S! KITTLZ" has prepared a selection of short family-friendly, uplifting s kits to accompany the music. The tour program includes:

- *Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble?* by Martin Smith
- *Then Will The Very Rocks Cry Out* by Mark Hayes
- *Bless The Lord, My Soul* by Dan R. Edwards
- *Praise His Holy Name* by Keith Hampton
- *Lightshine* by Joseph Martin
- *Hear My Cry, O Lord* by Dan Goeller
- *Empty Now* by Joseph Martin
- *Follow Me* by Dan Goeller
- *You Are Holy* by Per Harling
- *May The Lord Bless You* by Lynn Hodges
- *Star Wars Medley* (optional) by John Williams



Highlands Ranch Music and Arts Festival

May 15th-16th - Civic Green Park, Highlands Ranch, CO

On May 15 at 6:00pm, the Ministers of Swing and the St. Luke's Youth Jazz Orchestra will perform. All are invited and it's free. Hope to see you there!!



While the Performing Arts Academy is getting ready for another great summer program, we want to invite you to mark your calendars for what will prove to be two wonderful performances.

The Summer Music Theater Intensive I (ages 2nd-6th grade) will present Disney's *Aristocats* and the Summer Music Theater Intensive 2 (7th grade-12th grade) will present Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods*.

Performances are back to back in the Sanctuary on June 17 and 18 beginning at 6:00pm. Admission is \$5 at the door. Proceeds benefit the Senior and Junior High 2010 Mission trips.

The Wesley Players Children's Theater and Melodrama Needs You!

This summer and early fall the Wesley Players will present two terrifically fun shows for all ages. **The first is *Dear Edwina*.** This children's theater piece is a one act musical about a thirteen year-old Edwina Spoonapple would do just about anything to be a part of the Kalamazoo Advice-a-palooza Festival. While her siblings both have proof "up on the fridge" of their accomplishments, poor Edwina has nothing. When a talent scout from the convention visits her hometown of Paw Paw, Michigan, she trots out her musical advice giving shows live from the family garage in hopes of finding her place in the spotlight.

Our second show is *Tied to the Tracks*. *Tied to the Tracks* will leave you tied up in knots... of laughter! This action-packed old time musical western melodrama could be the most tuneful and wildest ever to hit your stage. Join stalwart Sheriff Billy Bold and the delicate Dakota Melody as they resist the evil machinations of Silias Scavenger and Wild Prairie Rose in this shoot-'em-up, round-'em-up extravaganza.

Auditions for these shows will be held at the same time and place in early July. Keep your eyes and ears open for dates and times. You don't have to be in both shows, but you can. *Dear Edwina* will play the middle of August and *Tied to the Tracks* will play the end of September. More soon!

Dear Edwina Character List:

- ANN VAN BUREN, The Kalamazoo Advice-a-palooza Talent Scout
- ANNIE, Friend and repertory troupe member, Mezzo-Soprano: G flat - G
- BECKY, Edwina's enthusiastic best friend, a cheerleader, Mezzo-Soprano: Low G - E flat
- BILLY, Edwina's friends, part of the VANDERPLOONK triplets, Tenor: G flat - G flat
- BOBBY, Edwina's new friend, recently moved to the neighborhood, Tenor/Baritone: C - C
- CORDELL/LARS, Billy's triplet brothers. (LARS breaks his ankle in the first scene), Tenor: F - F sharp
- EDWINA SPOONAPPLE, 13-year old advice-giver extraordinaire, also director/choreographer/star of the Spoonapple Repertory Theater, Mezzo-Soprano: Low G - E
- KATIE SPOONAPPLE, Edwina's little sister, a math whiz
- KELLI, Edwina's cool and sophisticated ballerina next-door neighbor, who triples as KATIE SPOONAPPLE, Mezzo-Soprano: A - E flat
- SCOTT, Friend, member of repertory troupe, has crush on Edwina, Tenor: A flat - A

Tied to the Tracks Character List:

- DAKOTA MELODY, Adult, "the fairest cornflower in Buffalo Bend", perky, sweet, loves to sing
- SHERIFF BILLY BOLD, Adult, our hero
- PROFESSOR SILIAS SCAVENGER, Adult, the scoundrel
- CHIEF RUNNING WATER, Adult, Native American Indian of questionable heritage, the professor's sidekick
- THEODORA BARRACUDA, Adult, the actress, past her prime
- RUFUS CLANG, Adult, the lawman of the county
- PRAIRIE ROSE, 13-adult, a female Jesse James
- 6-12 TOWNSPEOPLE, 13-adult
- 6-12 TRAVELERS, 13-adult
- 2-4 OUTLAWS, 13-adult



Events in May & June

- ✧ **SLY AM (Sunday School) classes** every Sunday in the Youth Room! Graduating 6th graders will join SLY AM beginning June 6. Parents can walk their youth to the youth room and we'll take it from their!
- ✧ **SLY PM Dinner every Sunday night at 5:30, \$2** Donations appreciated! Graduating 6th graders again welcome to join us beginning June 6.
- ✧ **May 9 – No SLY PM (It's Mother's Day!)** Go make your mama happy!
- ✧ **May 16 – Graduation Sunday...** Let's celebrate moving up another year!
- ✧ **May 23 – House Party Planning Meetings.** Want to have some input for what SLY does in the coming year? Join us at our regular time, we'll split into Jr High and Sr High groups to figure out the coming year.
- ✧ **May 30 – No SLY PM (Memorial Day Weekend)**

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

Movin' On Up

Graduation season is in full swing. No matter your grade, you are probably stressing over finals tests, papers, and projects... getting ready to say goodbye to your teachers... wishing that summer would just get here already!

In our culture today, I think we have a shortage of 'rites of passage' – those things that easily identify our growth through stages of life. Due to this shortage, the season of graduation becomes an easy marker for the whole world to know that you are getting older, stronger, and (hopefully) wiser! Changing the number in front of your grade is an accomplishment to be commended for – it means you completed 9 months of demands on your mind, heart, and soul and have been deemed worthy to take on the next set of challenges. So congratulations to all!!! After we lose the grades to count our lives by, moments of graduation can seem farther and farther apart...

The thing about graduations is this, too often we are more excited about what we're graduating 'out of' as opposed to graduating 'in to.' People have a way of phrasing these celebrations as an end point of a journey. I like to view them in an opposite light, that with the passing of each grade you are graduating in to something greater that you've ever experienced before... The freshly graduated 6th graders are graduating into activities with SLY (starting June 6). The 8th graders graduate in to High School. Freshman become Sophomores, Juniors become Seniors, and Seniors graduate into a Freshman Year again... As you celebrate graduations this year, think not about what you are moving away from, but rather what you are graduating in to and moving toward.

I think rephrasing your thoughts in this way will help keep you excited about the changes to come in your own life, in addition to helping you remember that younger ones are about to start a leg of the journey you just experienced. As we keep graduating up, hopefully we grow into a deeper, and more abundant life. ~Peace & Love, Chris

Graduating Seniors (High School & College) 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 photos off in the church office, marked for Chris. Please get pics and info delivered by May 9, Graduates will be recognized at each worship service on the morning of May 16.

Congratulations to this year's Confirmation Class! 31 youth became full members of St. Luke's on April 25. This means they can now volunteer to serve in any group that has needs at St. Luke's in addition to Fellowship Activities. If you see them around the church, congratulate them and welcome them to the St. Luke's family! See pictures on p. 11.

Mission Trip Meetings:

Sr. High – Large group meeting on May 6 at 7:00pm in the Youth Room. You should have received an email about his meeting. Participants and parents should both plan on coming.

Jr. High – Large group meeting for participants and parents on Sunday, May 23 at noon in the Youth Room. We'll talk lodging, work, food, and more!

The ROAD to MISSION

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS!!!

Calendar these now to support our two SLY summer mission trips to Alamosa, CO and Fort Hall, ID.

- **Jr. High Trip Carwash May 8**
St. Luke's parking lot from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Donations accepted
- **St. Luke's Fun Run 5k - June 12**
through Highlands Ranch.
7:00-10:00am.
- **Sr. High Trip Carwash June 26**
St. Luke's parking lot from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Donations accepted
- **Giving Boards** Look for boards to go up soon in Fellowship Hall.
- **St. Luke's Night at Sweet Tomatoes** Join us Tuesday May 11 6:00-8:00pm at Sweet Tomatoes at 9445 Park Meadows Dr. Enjoy a healthy meal and support St. Luke's missions at the same time.

FINANCIAL UPDATE



Dave Cupp
Director of Finance



Lisé Takayama
Assistant Director
of Finance

Thank You For Your Continued Support

The first three months of our budget performance is running very close to plan. Thank you for making this happen.

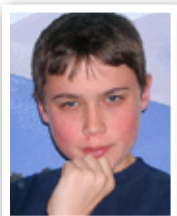
Planned Giving Team Continues To Make

Preparations. Our new Planned Giving Team has had two monthly meetings and is progressing very well in preparation for the kick off of this new program. The first program you will hear about is the Memorials and Honors Program that will be ready in the next month or so.

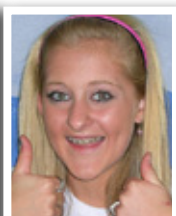
Pick and Choose Your Method Of Giving to SLUMC. We have many ways for you to make your giving to SLUMC easy and convenient. You may want to consider one of these convenient methods for your contributions. In addition to cash and checks, we offer online credit card transactions, stock transfers and scheduled 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.

WELCOME 2010 CONFIRMATION CLASS!



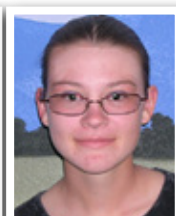
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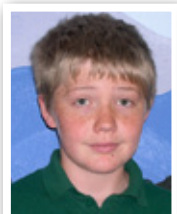
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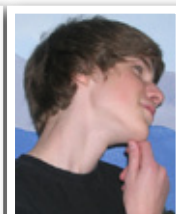
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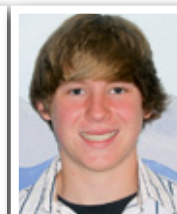
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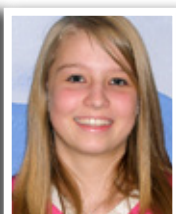
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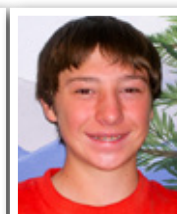
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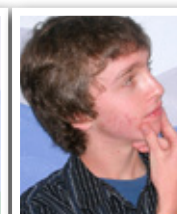
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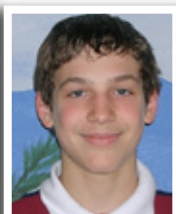
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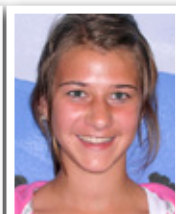
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 where we share life. Wherever you are in your faith journey,
 you are accepted and encouraged to grow spiritually.*

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Yoga Summer Sessions 12 Weeks

Tuesdays June 8 to August 24
6:00-7:00pm in the Youth Room.
Register in advance or Drop-In any time!

Mixed Skills Class – \$10 drop-in per night
 or save \$20 by paying for all 12 Weeks at once!
 (\$100). Basic breathing and balance poses in a
 relaxed atmosphere. Personalized attention and
 sequences for more advanced yogis!

Bring a yoga mat, water bottle, and wear comfortable
 clothes. Open drop in all 12 weeks. Sessions
 lead by Emily Wilterdink. For more info:
emily.wilterdink@healthonecares.com

MAY 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship Service 1:00pm: SLY Frisbee Tournament 2:00pm: UMW Spring Tea 5:30pm: SLY, Jr. Progressive Dinner 6:34pm: Fusion	3 6:30pm: Women's Night Out	4	5 6:30pm: Wed. SLY	6 6:45am: Donut Whole 7:00pm: Sr. High Mission Meeting	7	8 8:00am: Men's Breakfast (off site) 9:00am: Can Collection 10:00am: Jr. High Car Wash
9 Mother's Day 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship Service - Rev. Janet Forbes 9:30am: Café St. Luke's 6:34pm: Fusion	10 7:00pm: Trustees	11 St. Luke's Night at Sweet Tomatoes 6:30pm: Children's Ministry Servant Training 6:30pm: Finance Team 7:00pm: Mission Team	12 6:30pm: Wed. SLY	13 6:45am: Donut Whole	14 6:00pm: Senior Dinner	15 10:00am: Story Tellers and Writer's Workshop 5:45pm: Highlands Ranch Music & Arts Festival: Ministers of Swing & SLYJO
16 Graduation Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship Service - Rev. Brad Laurvick 8:15am: Contemplative Worship Service 12:00pm: SLY, Jr. Service Project 5:30pm: Community Meal (\$2) 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	17 9:30am: Little School Graduation 6:30pm: Executive Team	18 9:30am: Little School Graduation 6:30pm: Children's Ministry Team	19 6:30pm: Wed. SLY 6:30pm: Communications Team	20 Little School out for Summer	21 7:00pm Friday to noon Saturday: SLY Lock In	22
23 Pentecost 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship Service - Rev. Janet Forbes noon: Jr. High Mission Meeting 5:30pm: Community Meal (\$2) 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	24 6:30pm: Women's Night IN 7:00pm: Women's Book Club	25	26	27	28	29
30 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship Service - Rev. Dave Money 6:34pm: Fusion	31 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	JUNE 1	2 6:00pm: GEMS & STMS	3	4	5 8:30am: Simply Saturday