



# The Chronicle

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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and much more!

## THE ADVENT OF JOY

Celebrating Advent & Christmas At St. Luke's 2010

November 27

### HANGING OF THE GREENS

8:00am-noon

November 28

ADVENT 1

### TREE LIGHTING

6:34pm

December 4-7

### HOLIDAY SHOP

December 5

ADVENT 2

Chapel Communion.....8:00am

CANTATA.....9:30 & 11:00am

December 7

### UMW CANDLELIGHT

DINNER.....6:00pm

December 12

ADVENT 3

### CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

3:00pm

December 15 & 16

### LITTLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 17 & 18

### CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL FEATURING AMAHL & THE NIGHT VISITORS

7:00pm

December 19

ADVENT 4

### Candy Cane Sunday

Service of Baptism.....12:30pm

### CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL FEATURING AMAHL & THE NIGHT VISITORS

2:00pm

December 24

### CHRISTMAS EVE

1:00 & 3:00pm.....Children Puppets, Youth Choir, Cherub's Choir, Primary and Junior Prayers, and Youth Handbell Choir

5:00 & 7:00pm.....Traditional Chancel Choir, Tintinnabulators Handbell Choir, Soloists, Brass and Organ

10:00pm.....Communion Communion Service, Soloists and Organ

December 25

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

December 26

No Sunday School or SLY AM/PM

January 2

EPIPHANY 1

KINGS.....8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

## Feeding of the 5,000

by Rev. Brad

I have said it for years- "there are some things that are only possible when people come together". U2 says it well when they sing, "oh can't you see what love has done". This year's Feeding of the 5000 is the epitome of those two quotes. In one weekend, our community raised 60,000 pounds of food. We needed both trucks for the first time in the event's history. The day our trucks arrived, DenUM had completely bare shelves- something they won't see again for a while because of the generosity of each person that participated this year.

This event is about more than just food. The other thing that is beyond comprehension is the sheer participation of the St. Luke's community in the event. We had over 300 people work at least 3 hours (most worked more) over the course of the weekend. The rough estimate is somewhere around 1,500 hours of service offered. That is an amazing gift- to DenUM, their clients, our community, and to each other. I love watching people really get to know each other while in the midst of the Feeding of the 5000. Serving side-by-side is a great way to grow as St. Luke's Family.

Thank you for being a part of a church community that makes service and giving like this possible. Thank you for believing things like this are possible. Thank you for giving of your time, energy, and pantry. This year's event was both blessed and a blessing- and you helped make that happen.



## The COMMON TABLE

Monday, Nov. 15  
6:00-8:00pm

This year...  
you can recharge  
your batteries  
BEFORE the  
holidays grab hold!

Join us for warm food,  
a spiritual hug, and a  
short practical guide  
for Peace during this  
Advent Season.

Take an opportunity to  
connect with your St. Luke's  
family, and take home a  
caring "How-To List" to find  
joy and avoid stress -  
for you and your family.

It's a special edition of  
The Common Table and  
you are invited!

Monday, Nov. 15  
6:00-8:00pm

We will provide the food!  
Childcare is available (please  
reserve 24hrs in advance  
sam@stlukeshr.com).

All are welcome!

## Giving Thanks for Fall!

October 24  
brought glorious  
weather for this  
year's Fall Festival!  
All who came

were able to enjoy freshly grilled lunches, time on the bouncy castle, face painting, cookie frosting, pumpkin decorating, and games. The food was delicious and filled the air with the aroma of a good old fashion cook out. This year's festival helped raise over \$500 of additional money for youth mission projects!

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the festival possible and thank you to everyone who stayed, played, and supported youth missions in the process! Welcome Fall!



**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:**

8:00, 9:30 &amp; 11:00am services

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Childcare Reservations.....x47

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Associate Director of Music Ministry &amp; Organist

**Kay Coryell.....x36**

Director of Handbells &amp; Children's Music Ministries

**Matthew Rose.....x36**

Director of Instrumental Music Ministry

**Carrie Mallory.....x35**

Assistant Fusion Worship Leader

**Chris Wilterdink.....x14**

Director of Youth Ministry

**Susan Johnson.....x19**

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**Samantha Leahy.....x40**

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**Brenda Schafer.....x10**

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**Dave Cupp.....x24**

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Facilities Manager

**Kay Swanson.....303-791-1982**

Director of Little School

Interns:

**Dr. Stephen Collins.....x22****Erin Laurvick.....x41**

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR



**Rev. Janet Forbes**  
 Senior Pastor

## Thanksgiving: Prepare for Praise

Sandwiched somewhere between Halloween and Christmas is a Thursday holiday that is slowly becoming more miniscule in the minds of millions of Americans – Thanksgiving. If you search hard, you might find one small section of Thanksgiving cards, autumn decorations, and a turkey platter amid the aisles and miles of Halloween costumes, Christmas decorations, and toys.

For some, Thanksgiving is a day to get a list together prior to a day of marathon Christmas shopping. Somehow our perception of Thanksgiving Day has gone askew. We've forgotten the reason for celebration that first Thanksgiving. Gratitude for survival!

Historically we think of Thanksgiving as a time of feasting for the settlers and native peoples. In the fall of 1621, the Pilgrims had been in America less than a year. During those months, over half their original population died from disease or starvation. The Pilgrims hosted the first feast not to try out their latest recipes, but to celebrate life with generous friends and give thanks to God for provision in difficult circumstances.

Perhaps you'd like to redirect your family toward gratitude this year. Just as many enlist the help of an advent wreath to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth in December, focus on thanks-giving this November by doing the following:

- **Week 1** – Write Bible verses that name the attributes of God on fruit-shaped cut-outs. Place them in a basket or cornucopia. During a time of family devotions or at a meal, have each family member select a fruit from the basket and read the verse aloud. Then discuss ways your family has experienced each of God's qualities.
- **Week 2** – Think about reasons for ingratitude. Most of us are incredibly blessed, yet we find reasons to complain. This week, any time family members complain about something, have them place money in a jar. Your family can decide the amount. Then at the end of the week, donate the money to Daddy Bruce to help with Thanksgiving meals.
- **Week 3** – Think of someone you love and appreciate, but rarely see. Make plans to call, send a card, or visit that person. Find out if there is a special need, pray with the person, and provide materially or with an act of service.
- **Week 4** – Focus on praising God. Let each family member select a song or hymn. Sing a different one at each meal instead of saying a blessing. Thank God for material provision, physical health, spiritual blessings, our country, our church, and family.

These are just a few ideas to help you get started. Use your creativity to come up with others and enjoy making Thanksgiving a holiday to remember.

Blessings, **—Rev. Janet**

### 2011 Pictorial Directory:

Thank you to the 165 families and individuals who have been photographed, or who have made appointments to be photographed, for the directory! We'd love to have more participation, and there's still time to be included by scheduling your appointment at Bettinger Photography's studio through January 8, 2011. Please visit [stlukeshr.com/photodirectory](http://stlukeshr.com/photodirectory), or contact Jill Wright, 303-927-6345, [jill@jillwright.com](mailto:jill@jillwright.com) for details.

### Attention Parents of College Age Students:



It's hard to believe but the first semester of college is rapidly coming to a close and it's time to start thinking about those COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES that we send to our college age students each fall. What we need is the NAME, CURRENT SCHOOL AND COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS of your college student (or any graduated St. Luke's youth) so that we could send a package to in order to let them know we're thinking about them and miss them! These care packages will be filled with home made cookies and snacks that will help get them through finals! We will be packaging and mailing these boxes on Sunday Nov. 28 after the Tree Lighting service. If you would like to DONATE 3-6 DOZEN COOKIES please let us know, as well. Send your addresses to Sandy Larson at [larson6872@msn.com](mailto:larson6872@msn.com). If you would like to donate cookies you can reply to that e-mail as well. Thanks for your help with this project!





**Rev. Brad Laurvick**  
Associate Minister

## O Christmas Tree!

One of the joys of this time of year for me is the Lighting of the Christmas Tree. I have always had a special place in my heart for Christmas

trees—in fact when I was 3 I stood out by the curb crying as the garbage truck took our family tree away. But as I have gotten older my connection to this powerful symbol has only deepened.

It is said that Martin Luther was the first to put lights on a tree in his home- the evergreen symbolizing life in winter and the candles symbolizing the light of Christ. We also adorn the tree with special symbols. Christmons are special ornaments that are all Christian symbols, though the tradition of ornaments comes from the hanging of gifts on the tree, which is a symbol of the gift of Christ at Christmas. That is a lot of meaning packed into something often put into a corner.

**We will light our St. Luke's family Christmas tree on Sunday night, November 28 at 6:34pm.** I hope you will come join us as we usher in all of this meaning into our sanctuary and into our lives together.



## YOUNG ADULTS: *Second Saturdays*

Hey! It's Erin Laurvick – one of the Iliff interns you may have seen running around the church the past couple months. A little information for those of you who may not know me: I have been member of St. Luke's since 1995. I live in Denver with 3 roommates and my 2 dogs. I will be starting my third year at Iliff School of Theology this January. I am doing my internship here at St. Luke's, focusing on Youth and Young Adults, for the next several months. I have an exciting proposition for those of you who proudly fit into and claim the title 'young adult'.

You may be familiar with 'First Fridays' here in Denver, where the Santa Fe Art district opens up its doors for all to take a walk through the galleries and shops. Playing off of this idea, I have decided to stake claim on the second Saturday of each month to start a 'Young Adult' gathering for those in our community ranging in age from 18-30. It doesn't matter if you are just out of high school or married with kids, all are welcome.

This month, on **November 13**, we are going to meet together at Lansdowne Arms in the Highlands Ranch Town Center for food and conversation from 7:00 to 10:00pm. (Apparently, on Saturdays from 9:00pm to 12:30am, there is karaoke for those of you who might feel inclined to stick around to sing.)

In order to save enough space, I would love to know how many people are interested in joining us on November 13. Email me at [erin@stlukeshr.com](mailto:erin@stlukeshr.com) or give me a call at 720-201-1285. If you don't RSVP, please don't let that prevent you from stopping by. And if you can't make it this time, stay tuned to where we will be meeting next month on the Second Saturday of December.

## A Christmas Service of Baptism Sunday, Dec. 19 at 12:30pm

Christmas Sunday is a traditional and joyous time to celebrate the sacrament of baptism, an experience of faith in Jesus Christ, the rite of initiation into the family of God, and an act of grace. Following the 11:00am service on Sunday, December 19 at 12:30pm, we will offer a special Service of Baptism for persons of all ages. Please call Brenda in the church office (303-791-0659) to indicate your desire to visit with a pastor about this opportunity.

## Take a Tag, Grant a Wish



Share Christmas joy with children and families in need by taking wishes off the Giving Tree. The Tree will be on display in the Narthex starting Nov. 14 and will be covered in "wishes" from needy children, teens and adults who

wish to open a gift on Christmas morning. Simply take a tag (make sure you detach and fill out the lower portion and leave it in the basket), purchase your gift and return it to St. Luke's by Nov. 28. Your gift will mean the world to someone in need.

## Grief Support Group

Holidays lived in the absence of someone dear can be very difficult times. Customary routines are adjusted, some never to be repeated in quite the same way. Easy-going laughter, once so natural, may become awkward or even altogether missing. Gift-giving, once filled with fun, may seem empty and sad.

Significant loss, whether through death, divorce, or estrangement, brings about many changes in life and how we go about functioning during the holiday season. People who are grieving have many questions: How can I make it through all the events of the holidays while missing so desperately the one I love? Would I be better off to ignore the holidays this year? Should I act as if everything were normal? Should I make major changes in my holiday rituals?

If you are grieving a loss, this Grief Support Group is for you. If you have questions about how to go through the holiday season in the midst of grief, this group is for you. If you have experienced loss in the past, and have suggestions for others coping with holidays, this group is for you.

**When:** Thursdays from 5:00-6:30pm  
November 4, 18, December 2, 9  
**Where:** Room 210 (next to the Chapel)  
**Facilitator:** Sallie Suby-Long, please register with Sallie  
303-791-0659 x32 or [sallie@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sallie@stlukeshr.com)

## Evening Prayers with Communion Wednesdays from 5:45-6:30pm in the Chapel

Each Wednesday the Chapel will be open for evening prayers, music, and to receive holy communion. Everyone is welcomed.



**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

*"People need exercise for physical health and service for spiritual health. We learn from the scriptures but we grow by serving others."*—The Externally Focused Church

**Usher Team:** Assist in the weekly Sunday services and special events. Ushers typically serve on a quarterly basis. If you would enjoy serving our community on Sundays, please contact Shawn Slade 303-660-6113 shawn.slade@leicaus.com

**Soundbooth/Media Team:** This team is responsible for the sound system you hear during Sunday services and also help with various events at St. Luke's. This behind-the-scene team works at preparing slides, videos and working closely with the Worship Planning Team. Contact Tim Boles 303-791-9643 tmbol@aol.com

**Grocery Certificate Team:** Help sell our grocery certificates from King Soopers, Albertson's, Safeway and Tony's on Sunday mornings. It is a wonderful way to meet others here at the church. Contact: Paula Severseike 720-519-1194 seikes@comcast.net or Marilyn Bacon 303-791-7649 jamesnmarilyn@msn.com

**Communications & Outreach Team:** Do you enjoy writing? We are seeking individuals to help writing articles for our chronicle and local newspapers. If you enjoy creating and like to work at home, this is for you! Contact: Amy Ash 303-799-6079 aash71170@aol.com

### Volunteer Resources:

Rocky Mountain UMC Conference Volunteers in Mission - <http://65.110.74.16/rmcprojects.asp>  
Denver Post Community - [www.denverpostcommunity.com](http://www.denverpostcommunity.com)  
Metro Volunteers - [www.metrovolunteers.org](http://www.metrovolunteers.org)

**Love INC:** Love in the Name of Christ is a network of churches that links church ministries and volunteers to our neighbors in need. Volunteers are needed for different times and areas. Contact: Rev. Doug McKinney 303-732-5925 doug@loveincittleton.org

To Discover more about your own Spiritual Gifts and where you may serve best, visit [stlukeshr.com/p\\_volunteer.asp](http://stlukeshr.com/p_volunteer.asp) and beginning serving where God has given you talents and gifts!

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, 303-683-0196 karin@thewessons.com



### As of October 28, 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 Rev. Sallie Suby-Long know if you have any additions/removals from either list. 303-791-0659 x32, leave a note on the front desk, or email at [sallie@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sallie@stlukeshr.com)

Paula Strader (Sandi Miyaki's sister)	McKinney's cousin	Cindy Gothard
Lori Lieberman (friend of Jane Damsgard)	Jason Ritter (Ryan Hooke's teacher/coach)	Bob Dover (Cindy Gothard's father) –
Schelly Thompson (Sandy Thompson's sister-in-law)	Sonia Cajanda (Mercedes VonNormann's sister)	Chad Swier (Kathy's Swier's son)
Mark Bartellina (Mike Hutchin's cousin)	Mary Durston (Diana Starnes' mother)	Kathy Rich (Ms. Kay's friend)
David Joseph (friend of Bobbi King/Marie Blue)	Brian Rovetta	Susan Hooke
Daniel Winkle (friend of Gail Strawn)	Jim Eckberg (Kris Reif's brother)	Mary Severns (Bob McBride's Son-in-Law's mother)
Darrell & Billie (wife)	Bucky Thompson (friend of the Cepull family)	Mel Ludlam (Les Ludlam's uncle)
Aderman (friends of Rick & Louise Jasper)	Linda Ready	Cindy West (Les & Betty Ludlam's daughter)
Ross Magaughy (friend of Rick & Louise Jasper)	Ralph Cordonnier	Jane Riegel
Jerry Miyaki (Mike's uncle)	Cherie Hill	Curtis Hall (Debbie Newby's brother)
Rosie Shaw (friend of Eric Ransick)	Nelson family	Bob Worth (Edee Worth's husband)
Lolita Fernandez (friend of Joely Maddux)	Erika Waldheim (friend of Peter & Alicia Waldheim)	Bonnie Williams
Zach Bingham (nephew of Ashlee Favilene)	Dustin Baird (friend of Lucero's)	Bernie Battaglin
Bill Harold (Nancy Obertier's cousin)	Michael Van Baal (Lucero's Kindergarten teacher's brother)	Linda Keller (Candy Keller's mother)
Donna Craven (friend of Cindy Barlow's)	Valerie Block (Terry & Janet Walter's daughter)	John Thompson (Julie Ramsett's father)
Maria Viera Harris (friend of Cindy Barlow's)	Jan Cook (Amy Curtis' mother)	Bob Halderman
Mary Hogan (friend of Sharon Schollé's)	Frank James (Kathy Swier's uncle)	Sally (Sandy Murray's mother)
Norma Whitaker's mother, Jane	Betty Kieser (Bonnie Funk's mother)	Sandy Murray
Denise More (friend of Jenny Stevenson)	Sara Wright (Kathy Swier's friend's daughter)	
Emily Geraghty (3yr old- Little School)	Bill Havens (Walt Havens' brother)	<b>ARMED FORCES:</b>
Thelma Noah (friend of Rachel Nolder's)	Jennifer Havens	Corporal James "Jim" Harding,
Joan Dixon (friend of Eileen Law)	Brayden Fuller (Janet & Wally Sackett's grandson)	Mark Thompson, Ed Herring,
Keaton Wong (friend of the Takayama's)	Roberta Towell (Jon Sreaty's sister)	Maj. Steve Wereszynski,
Chris Kellams (friend of Joely Maddux)	Bob McCorkle (family friend of Kay Oscai)	Josh Brady, Jeremy Brady,
Jack Fleming (Julie Brower's father)	Mandy Paul (family friend of Kay Swanson)	Colin Gabriel, Dustin
Richard Swier (Dan Swier's father)	Scot Veach (Norm Veach's nephew)	Ellington, Lt. Jeff Hamer,
Brenda Zachek (friend of Kathy Swier's)	Gail Strawn	Christopher Gardner,
Dean Mathena (Rick Jasper's friend)	Natalie Murrow	Shane Boeding
Terry Bohn (friend of Lisé Takayama, Kam Boles, & Joely Maddux)	Ed Murrow (Dave Murrow's Dad)	
Helen Mueller (Cindy Markham's mother)	Todd Smith (Lori Smith's husband)	<b>SYMPATHIES:</b>
Bertha Roth	Jeff Lee	To Erin Brown on the passing of her friend, Kathy
Annie Schoenhals (friend of the Muscianisi family)	Norma Harris	To Chris & Nicole Eubanks on the passing of Nicole's grandfather, Milan Paulinic
Jan Rufien	Scott Ragan (Brian & Tonya Stegman's cousin)	To Scott Hannum on the passing of his mother, Nancy Hannum
Susan Robertson (sister of Janet Sackett)	Jacob Dunnan (Brian & Tonya Stegman's nephew)	To Glen & Trudy Turner on the passing of Glen's mother, Dorothy Turner
Brianna Bennett (Lynette	Janet Stegman (Brian Stegman's mother)	To Kay Swanson on the passing of her friend Shirley Quail
	Martha Smith (Brian Smith's mother)	
	Pam Haag (friend of Brian & Jenn Smith)	<b>CONGRATULATIONS:</b>
	Suellen Oliver (Bob Oliver's mother)	To Don & Jen Koenig on the birth of their daughter, Joleigh Elizabeth on Sept. 8
		To Greg & Blair Strickland on the birth of their son, Gregory on Oct. 9
		To Frank & Linda Harris on the birth of their granddaughter, Lacy Elaine on Oct. 19



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

## More from Les: "Theology of Parenting"

There are issues inherent with parenting. Dealing with these issues requires attitudes and actions I call the "Theology of Parenting." It is not limited to father and mother alone, it involves the entire family, teachers, adult friends, and anyone who acts as a role model for a child. My own theology of parenting developed through the learning process of Betty's and my experience as parents and grandparents.

**The first thing** Betty and I had to come to terms with, was when our eldest, Jim, arrived in our young family in 1965. We learned quickly that he did not really "belong" to us. Instead, we belonged to him! Children are precious gifts from God, placed into our care. We never "own" them. We are stewards! No decisions could be made or actions happen without first thinking of their impact on the baby!

After his birth, Betty and I could not do anything we wanted to do without first considering his needs and well-being. We had certain responsibilities for this new person, responsibilities that would continue for life. The realization of this responsibility scared me a little.

**The second thing** we had to deal with was that our son learned by watching; he imitated what we did, not what we said. Jim watched me working on our car one weekend and the next week he had to dump all my tools out of my toolbox to work on his toys. We quickly learned that if we wanted him to do something or behave in a certain way, we had to set the pattern.

Sociologist Pat Hershey Owen tells us, that "play in every culture is truly a child's preparation for life." Jim's play often imitated some of the patterns he saw in his parents. Those things that interested us, also interested him. Cub Scouts was particularly fun for Jim; Betty was a Den Mother and I was the Cubmaster. Scouting was important to us and became important to him. (By the way, I still think we would have won that Pinewood Derby, if we'd used just a little more graphite on the wheel axles!)

**The third thing** we had to deal with, was that all people, especially young children, need to develop and reinforce a sense of self-esteem. Parents are the primary catalysts in a child's development of that self-esteem. We learned to look for every legitimate chance to praise him when he had done something well. When he made a mistake or misbehaved, we learned we could achieve more progress by criticizing and correcting the action, not the child. We learned to not say, "I don't like you," but say instead "I don't like what you did."

**The fourth thing** I had to learn to deal with is the fact that children are all different. Betty and I had no precedent or pattern to predict how Jim, or first child, might react to a particular situation; we had no previous experience to draw upon. When his sister, Cindy arrived, our experiences as parents were different! We learned, as parents, to expect the unexpected, and be flexible. We had to open and honest with Jim and Cindy at a very early age. Kids have great "lie radar," they can tell if they're being put on in an instant!

**Fifth**, if we are to keep our children close to our hearts, we must let them go. Whether or not they or we realize it, children spend most of their pre-adult lives preparing to leave. But do we, as parents, always see them that way? As children grow, we must give them as much freedom as they are mature enough to handle safely. Experience, painful as it can sometimes be, is the most profound and lasting teacher. If our children are to grow, they must have the freedom to try, to fail and to try again. This kind of freedom, however, is very tricky. How much freedom is enough at a particular age? There is no formula, it takes wisdom and judgment and a lot of patience.

**And finally**, once our children are grown and gone from home, parenting is not done! We are parents for life, even though we are not perfect!

And now, our son, Jim's, eldest daughter, Audrey, has started her final year of high school and is preparing to "leave the nest" for college. (That makes me feel really old!)

I recognize that Jim has dealt with the same issues as a parent that Betty and I dealt with when he was growing to adulthood. His love and patience and influence on her as she has grown now show up in her values and maturity. The cycle continues.

The process of parenting is one of constant change and adjustment. It is a process of stewardship, recognizing that our children, just as we, belong to God, alone.

Our children can become our friends; they can become quite close. It often depends on how much freedom they had to develop their own patterns of dealing with life and the world as they were growing up.

The Theology of Parenting is that our children belong to God and we, as parents, are stewards, caring for them all our life. As God's stewards, as we respond to the unexpected turns and twists in our children's lives, we must always place the child's real needs first when unexpected situations confront them and us. Sometimes the appropriate response means we must sacrifice our pride, sometimes it means we must sacrifice much more.

*God bless us all! Rev. Les*

## MISSIONS

### Thanksgiving Volunteer Opportunities

The Epworth Center will be providing food baskets for the needy again this year. Volunteers are needed to assemble and deliver baskets on Saturday Nov. 20. A special registration is now open for St. Luke's members. Please visit their website at [denverfeedafamily.org](http://denverfeedafamily.org). Follow the Volunteer link. When you see the picture of Daddy Bruce's car, click on the bumper sticker that says "God Loves You". It will take you to the volunteer information form. You may also call Rev. Felicia Euell at 303-296-6287.

The Missions Team will also be collecting money for food baskets beginning the first of November. One Thanksgiving basket costs \$30. Please look for the table in Fellowship hall.

St. Luke's will also be supporting the Denver Inner City Parish with their Thanksgiving meal and food baskets. Last year we donated over 500lbs. of potatoes. Collection of perishable items will begin the middle of November. Please call Juanita at the Parish if you would like to help assemble their baskets or serve a meal, 303-629-0637 ext.10.

**Supporting Guatemala** A few members of St. Luke's Missions team recently traveled to Guatemala to select new students to be sponsored for next years enrollment at the John Wesley School. In Guatemala rural children are only able to complete up to 6th grade at the most, with many dropping out by 3rd grade to work for their families. A sponsorship allows these students

to continue on in school and be supported in their education. In December, we will have a table in the Fellowship Hall where you can learn more about the sponsorships and select a student to sponsor.

Also, in December, we will be starting our Christmas program to supply milk to the families in Lemoa, Guatemala. The cost is only \$12.50 for a can of this enriched powered milk, which can last up to 3 months.

This makes a wonderful gift to these families, who are not able to afford this luxury for their family.







## The Bongo Beat!

Woof! Woof! Hello it's me Bongo, your Sunday School Lhasa Apso! Wow! Was this last month ever exciting! **On October 10 over forty of St. Luke's third graders receive their very own Bible.** It was such a

special time for these awesome kids,

and to see the excitement and anticipation of them discovering all the stories of God's people was so much fun! One third grader, Devyn Linn, commented that she was so happy to receive a new Bible after her dog ate her last one. Now, I know the Bible has a lot to chew on, but does it really taste good? I just may have to give it a try. By the way, if you know a third grader that missed getting their Bible, there are several extra on hand. Just let a minister know you would like to receive a third grade Bible after any service, that is if I haven't munched on them first!



Oh, and munching on yummy things reminds me of **Tree Lighting Service** to be held **November 30 at 6:34pm.** Why do you ask? No I will not munch on our giant Christmas Tree, I will munch on all the delicious cookies that will be shared during the reception after the service. To make sure there is enough, Miss Joely and Miss Sharon would like each family attending the Tree Lighting Service to bring a dozen or so of their favorite Christmas Cookies to share. We will also have hot cocoa and apple juice to wash down all those yummy cookies!

One last thing I'd like to mention. I've heard Miss Joely and Miss Sharon talking a lot in their office about the people of St. Luke's **vision for our church's future.** They really want to hear from you and what are your visions for Children's Ministry in St. Luke's future. Please share your ideas with them by giving them a call at the church office or dropping a line in an email. They would love to hear from you! Also don't forget to turn in your **Be Blessed and Be a Blessing 2011** pledge cards. If you need a card, just let us know!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving! 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



Third Graders with our Sunday School **Dipes & Wipes** drive collection for Love INC.

## News & Notes:

**Family Movie Night** - Families: Grab your pillows,



put on your pajamas and cozy up in Fellowship Hall on Friday night Nov. 19 at 6:45pm to munch on yummy warm popcorn and watch the PG-rated film "How to Train Your Dragon" with other St. Luke's families.

The **St. Luke's Tree Lighting Service** will be held Sunday November 28 at 6:34pm. Join us in this special Christmas season event and **bring a plate of cookies** to share afterwards!

**Holiday Shop** will be Saturday Dec. 4-Tues. Dec. 7. This is an opportunity for children to independently shop for inexpensive gifts for their family and friends. Additionally proceeds from the shop support lunches for VBS teachers and VBS scholarships! As always,

helpers are needed to set up the shop on Friday Dec. 3 as well as to pack away the shop. During the shop hours helpers are needed at the gift wrapping station, cashier table and to assist children with shopping. **Sign up to help** online

[www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com) or contact Amy Antinoro at [rkymtnrph@hotmail.com](mailto:rkymtnrph@hotmail.com) if you are interested in serving in one of these much needed and fun areas!



## Annual Children's Christmas Pageant - Dec. 12

This year's pageant is "Joy Around the World!" Our director and pageant writer, Linda Walker, is teaming some of the Sunday School curriculum stories with the traditional scripture story and mixing in lots of Christmas carols to form this year's pageant. The pageant will be held at 3:00pm on Sun. Dec. 12. All children age 2-grade 6 are welcome to participate; we practice the songs during music time at Sunday School and will have a dress rehearsal on the morning of Sat. Dec. 11. If your child is interested in having a specific speaking or solo part please sign up online or contact Sharon Oliver [Sharon@stlukeshr.com](mailto:Sharon@stlukeshr.com) by Nov. 14. Children wanting to participate in the pageant ensemble may sign up through Dec. 5. [www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com)

## Nursery News:

As the weather turns colder outside and the days shorter, we understand how difficult it may be to bring young children to church. Our Nursery is available 8:00am to noon for ALL Sunday worship services and staffed with loving caregivers to keep your little ones happy and warm. We invite you to take time to attend church for quiet reflection to gather strength for the week ahead and to build your relationship with God and one another. We are your extended family - here to help.



**SLY, Jr. will be meeting Nov. 7 and Nov. 21.** Watch for details for our Nov. 21 afternoon trip to DenUM with SLY to help with Food for ALL Thanksgiving baskets.

**Visit [www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com) for upcoming events. If you have any questions** about Children's Ministry programs contact Joely Maddux x11 [joely@stlukeshr.com](mailto:joely@stlukeshr.com) or Sharon Oliver x27 [sharon@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sharon@stlukeshr.com).



**Kay Swanson**  
Director of  
Little School



## Little School News: Feasting & Fun

Little School will have a very busy time with Halloween behind us and Thanksgiving and Christmas upon us! Rev. Brad's chapel time will be about the Widow's Mite and how we can give generously! November is a time of celebration and feasting while we learn about our heritage and how America was founded. The children will be busy reading books about Pilgrims and Native Americans and we will top it

all off with our Annual Feast! The children get to sample traditional foods from turkey to pumpkin pie. Their costumes always make a festive celebration and Ms. Kay gets to wear her Pilgrim outfit for the 16th year! LITTLE SCHOOL TAKES THEIR FALL BREAK - NOV. 22-NOV. 26 to spend time with their families during this wonderful time.

December things don't even have time to settle as we ALL don our pajamas and have our pancake breakfast for our 4's and Explorers! St. Nick's

Day is a great day to find out about the Patron Saint Nicholas who gave to the poor and comes to fill our shoes with pennies and candy. Rev. Brad will be telling us the Shepherd's story for chapel and then someone in a red suit always makes a surprise visit later in the month! December will be topped off with the Children's Christmas Programs on Dec. 15 & 16. Little School will then take a breather and be on Christmas Break Dec. 17-Jan. 2.

We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving! GET READY because Little School Registration begins in January 2011... more to come!

Blessings, -Ms. Kay and Staff :-)



## Journey toward Wholeness

### ST. LUKE'S UMC SPIRITUALITY AND WELLNESS WORKSHOP SERIES 2010/2011

A Workshop Series  
responsive to St. Luke's  
Wellness Inventory.

For more information  
contact Rev. Sallie or any  
member of the Spirituality  
and Wellness Team.

## First Workshop Spawns Small Group

Approximately 50 people attended the first Spirituality and Wellness Workshop, "Gracious Space: Enhancing a Spirit of Compassion and Understanding" on Tuesday, September 21. We shared in large and small groups our individual experience of creating and receiving the acceptance and compassion that Gracious Space confers in our lives.

Several participants expressed interest in a small group to explore more deeply the concept of Gracious Space. The Spirituality and Wellness Team will host a conversation on Sunday, November 7 at 12:15pm in Room 212. During this gathering, we will review the concept of Gracious Space and formulate a plan for further study and application.

**Mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 6:30-8:30pm for the next Spirituality and Wellness Workshop, Living in Gracious**

**Space: Strategies for Managing Stress.** This session will be facilitated by Andi Pusavat, Counseling Psychologist and Director of the Iliff School of Theology Counseling Center. We will continue exploration of Gracious Space as we learn new approaches for coping with stress and for living life with a greater sense of peace and purpose.



**Take a peek  
out the  
windows  
and see our  
brand new  
play piece and  
new bark and  
sand for the  
playground!  
We are very  
excited to**

**have a climbing structure to allow  
our children more large muscle  
play. Because of a very generous  
donation from an alumni family we  
were able to add to our playground.  
During the week of October 22 we  
held two ribbon cutting ceremonies  
to open our new space! We are  
blessed to have such wonderful  
families that help us to be an  
outstanding program! PLEASE  
SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN ON  
THE NEW EQUIPMENT TO KEEP  
THEM SAFE!!**

## Getting to know a new church is often overwhelming and simply... not simple!

We offer to you, **3 simple ways** to discover more about our community and how you may get connected easily.

Please join us at one or all three of the following sessions in order of your needs or preferences. We will be offering these monthly, so the choice is yours! For more information, stop by our Get Connected Center located in our large foyer.

Questions? Contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20  
Lynda@stlukeshr.com \*childcare and/or Sunday school is available

### Three Simple Ways: 9:30am Sundays Rm. 206

1. 2nd Sunday of the Month: Café St. Luke's Fellowship, coffee and conversation covering the History of St. Luke's, how to find the answers to all of your questions about our community and a tour of the facilities.
2. 3rd Sunday of the Month: Connecting to St. Luke's Discover our programs and ministries. How do you volunteer to serve and where can I serve inside and outside of the St. Luke's community? What are my Spiritual Gifts and why do they matter?
3. 4th Sunday of the Month: My Spiritual Growth How does one continue their journey of faith as an adult? Together we will explore the answer to this question and introduce you to some of our classes.





*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 information, visit the Get Connected Table or contact Elena Lynch at elenaclynch@gmail.com.



## "Joy, Joy, Joy"

**The Annual Candlelight Dinner and Program sponsored by the United Methodist Women at St. Luke's will be December 7, beginning with appetizers at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$15 and will be on sale each Sunday in November at the Get Connected Center.**

This year we will focus on how to find joy in difficult times – joy in our faith, families, friends, giving and receiving. How do we stay focused on the real reason we celebrate Christmas, keeping our lives uncluttered and joyful?

The mission emphasis this year is Love INC. We will hear from representatives about the programs and donate to the incentive program for clients working with volunteer counselors on their finances. The clients receive a box of the following items: house cleaning supplies, paper products, soaps, first aid items and feminine hygiene products. The complete list is available at the Candlelight Dinner Display at the Get Connected Center.

Come join us for FUN, LAUGHTER, LOVE and SMILES, and may your holiday be filled with PEACE and JOY.

The dinner will be served by the Fellowship Events Team. We need a few more servers. Please sign up at the Get Connected Center.

**Mark Your Calendars:** Saturday, Feb. 26 UMW Retreat

**Upcoming Rocky Mountain Conference UMW Events:**

[www.rmcmw.org](http://www.rmcmw.org)

Spiritual Life Retreat

April 29 - May 1, 2011 Y Camp of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO

**Upcoming National UMW Events:**

Women's Division <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/>

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor>

*"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*

### Who are the St. Luke's UMW Officers?

**President** – Betty Ludlam

**Vice President** – Janet Sackett

**Treasurer** – Renae Parra

**Secretary** – Lori Smith

**Communications** – Katie Johnson

**Secretary of Program Resources** – Grace George

**Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth** – Sharon Smith

**Mission Coordinator for Social Action** – Fran West

**Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach** – Elena Lynch

**Chairperson Committee on Nominations** – Fran West

**Church Women United** – Sylvia Brady

**Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation** – open

**Conference Liaison** – open

**Staff Representative/Associate Pastor** – Rev. Sallie Suby-Long

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

Remember to check out the Interest Groups and find your spot to help us fulfill the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women.

**Simply Saturday:** Meets first Saturday of the month. For more information, please contact Elena Lynch at elenaclynch@gmail.com or Lynda Fickling at Lynda@stlukeshr.com. Visit stlukeshr.com Quick links, Email lists to add your name to the email distribution 'list.

**Women's Night In:** Fourth Monday of the month, 6:00pm Fellowship Hall. November 22—"Breakfast for Dinner" For more information, please contact Dawn Johnson at drjohnson636@gmail.com.

**Evening Book Group:** Fourth Monday of the month, 7:00pm Conference Room.

- November 22 *Stones into Schools* by Greg Mortenson

- December 20 *The Christmas Bus* by Melody Carlson

For more information, please call Renae Parra at 303-683-0872.

To be added to the email list, send a request to RenaeParra@aol.com

**Itch to Stitch:** The group has made baby items that were donated to Bridgeway for pregnant teens and Mommy Rocks. 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, Nov. 1 – Pasquini's (7431 Park Meadow Drive). Nov. 1st – Pasquini's (7431 Park Meadow Drive), Dec. 7 – UMW Candlelight Dinner. For more information, please contact Sandy Frasier at Sandy.Frasier@yahoo.com or Elaine Carlstrom at ecarlstrom@comcast.net.

## MISSIONS



Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ  
of Littleton

We'd like your help as Love INC moves forward to bridge the gap of loneliness for elders in our community. Statistically, 66% of our elders in facilities in this country today have an average of one visit per year. They are forgotten. I'm pleased to share that one of our most fun and impactful activities from last year is returning as a new Gap

Ministry for Love INC. **"Brighten an Elder's Day".**

Cindy Chumacas with St. Luke's United Methodist Church has agreed to take on this GAP Ministry and lead orientations and coordinate visits. Love INC is partnering with Bessie's Hope, a local non-profit organization, to bring joy into the lives of our resident elderly in two local nursing homes. These group visits transform the atmosphere by engaging each senior in a number of activities and conversations. So far the response has been great! God's love was evident on October 19 when our first group of volunteers visited Clare Bridge of Highlands Ranch. This heartwarming experience creates a unique bond and team spirit among the volunteers. They often report that they receive more from the visits than the elders.

We are looking for 6-18 volunteers to attend each visit. Adults, teens and even children are welcome. Tuesday visits will be held at Clare Bridge of Highlands Ranch, 9160 S. University Blvd., Highlands Ranch, CO 80126 and Saturday visits will be held at Cherrelyn Manor House Care, 5555 S. Elati St., Littleton, CO 8012

**The following is a list of the visitation dates already scheduled:**

Sat., Nov. 6 - 9:30-10:00am (Orientation) 10:00-10:45am (Visit)

Tues., Nov. 9 - 5:45-6:15pm (Orientation) 6:15-7:15pm (Visit)

Sat., Dec. 11 - 9:30-10:00am (Orientation) 10:00-10:45am (Visit)

Tues., Dec. 14 - 5:45-6:15pm (Orientation) 6:15-7:15pm (Visit)

Please contact Cindy Chumacas at 720-320-7255 or email, cac1162@yahoo.com if interested in any or all of the dates!





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



**Ken Mervine**  
Associate Dir. of  
Music Ministry/  
Organist



**Kay Coryell**  
Dir. of Handbells  
& Children's Music  
Ministries



**Matthew Rose**  
Dir. of Instrumental  
Music Ministry

## The Wesley Players Invite You to "A Christmas Festival" December 17-19



The Wesley Players welcome you to A Christmas Festival featuring *Amahl and the Night Visitors* - A story of a little boy transformed by the Holy Child. This special Christmas production will open with vocal and instrumental selections that will set the mood. Members of the Chancel Choir and Youth Choir and many of our instrumentalist will present a few of our favorite Christmas carols and a couple of unique numbers which will prepare hearts of all ages for our second act, Amahl and the Night Visitors. Amahl is a young boy who walks with a cane and lives with his widowed mother in a small town around the time of Jesus birth. When we

meet Amahl and his mother they are at the end of their material means and Ahmal's mother tells him that they may have to become beggars. Three majestic kings arrive and ask for accommodations for the night. The kings are visited by a shepherd chorus and teach Amahl and his mother about the Holy Child they seek. This is a powerful story which will touch your heart and warm your spirit.

Performances are Friday Dec. 17 at 7:00pm, Saturday December 18 at 7:00pm and Sunday December 19 at 2:00pm. For those who would like a night out, plan to purchase tickets for dinner and the show. The Benefit Dinner is at 6:00pm on Saturday and the cost for the evening is \$40 per person (\$30 is tax deductible) with a front row reserved seat. Childcare (5 and younger) will be available for both of these performances at no additional cost. Admission is a suggested donation of \$10 per adult and \$5 per child for all performances. Don't miss it! Questions, contact James Ramsey.

## Broadway On Broadway!

The Wesley Players is working now on an original compilation of great Broadway hits from the past and present. Interwoven by our very own Jack Kennedy, these acts will have something for everyone. Ranging from *South Pacific* and *Annie* to *Ragtime* and *Grease* we are covering Broadway's history and including numbers for children, youth and adults. These numbers vary in sizes as well so if you love to sing solo there are numbers for you. If you prefer to play in a large group, there are numbers for you. We have included many group numbers and there will be some dancing. Plan to join us now for this thrilling production!

**Auditions will be the evening of November 19 and the afternoon of November 20.** Music selections for these auditions will be available outside the music office starting November 1. We will hold callbacks for this show on December 8. Callbacks will include learning additional music and additional dance. We begin rehearsals January 5 and will run Wednesday evenings, Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons through the end of February. We will perform the first weekend of March. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be available in the beginning of November. You can auditions to only perform in one number or as many as we can make work. All are invited and all will be cast. Check out our list of selected songs and let the excitement brew!

### Broadway On Broadway Show Order:

Song Title	Show of Origin	Group Size
Ragtime Opening	Ragtime	Large
Some Enchanted Evening	South Pacific	Solo/Duet
I Feel Pretty	West Side Story	Small
Comedy Tonight	Forum	Large
You're The Top	Anything Goes	Small
It's The Hard Knock Life	Annie	Large
You'll Never Walk Alone	Carousel	Solo/Duet
Seasons Of Love	Rent	Large
Pretty Women	Sweeney Todd	Small
I Have Dreamed	The King And I	Solo/Duet
Your Daddy's Son	Ragime	Solo/Duet
Ol' Man River	Show Boat	Large
Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Large
Getting To Know You	The King And I	Small
All I Ask Of You	Phantom	Solo/Duet
Memory	Cats	Solo/Duet
Do-Re-Mi, Finale	Sound Of Music	Small
Hand Jive	Grease	Small
One Hand, One Heart	West Side Story	Solo/Duet
Bring Him Home	Les Miserables	Solo/Duet
Sunrise, Sunset	Fiddler On The Roof	Large
Sit Down You're Rocking		
The Boat	Guys And Dolls	Large

## Denver Celebrates Native American Heritage Month "Honoring and Offerings to the Ancestors"

St. Luke's will be hosting a special event in celebration of the National American Indian Heritage Month on **Sat. November 13 at 7:00pm**. The show will feature internationally acclaimed, Red Feather Woman, (Rose Red Elk) and The Seven Falls Indian Dancers. Red Feather Woman (Rose) is an award winning recording artist, traditional Native American storyteller/singer songwriter and author. Weaving traditional Native American stories with her original contemporary acoustic style music, will leave you spell bound with her enchanting oral storytelling expression and song. The Seven Falls Dancers will share their traditional Jingle Dance Story of healing, Fancy Shawl - Fast dance imitating the butterfly and the Grass Dance - Northern male dance. The dancers will be adorned in their colorful traditional regalia; will embrace the audience with an exhilarating touch of the authentic culture of the Plains Indians. This family friendly all American Indian production and cast will be the leading and most entertaining show in Denver during the Native American Heritage month. The all star assembly promises to educate, enlighten and entertain with an evening of traditional Native American stories, dance and music. Arts and Craft tables will be on hand, proceeds will support UMC Native Ministries, and Alternative Voices public radio.

**Admission is free and a freewill offering will be taken to honor the performers and support non-profit Native Ministries.**

Co- Sponsored by the United Methodist Native Ministries, AlterNative Voices Native, public radio, Red Elk Enterprises, St. Luke's Methodist Church. For more information contact [www.alternativevoices.org](http://www.alternativevoices.org); [www.redfeatherwoman.com](http://www.redfeatherwoman.com); [www.sevenfallsindiandancers.com](http://www.sevenfallsindiandancers.com)





### Upcoming Events

#### ✧ November 14 – Youth

**Sunday!** Worship with us at 8, 9:30, & 11 to explore 'Digging Into Youth'. Several youth preachers will share the pulpit with Janet to share about some of their most transformational experiences in mission.

#### ✧ November 21 – DenUM's

**Food For All.** Up until November 21 SLY is collecting non-perishable Thanksgiving foods like instant potatoes, yams, cranberries, and gift cards to help families in need. Bring donations to the youth room up until the morning of November 21.

✧ **SLY PM Dinner** every regularly scheduled Sunday night at 5:30, \$2 Donations appreciated! You can now sign up to help provide dinners online [www.stlukeshr.com/sly/sundaydinners](http://www.stlukeshr.com/sly/sundaydinners) Having parents help provide a group meal in the middle of 4 hours of youth activities allows our youth to set aside blocks of time at church! We thank you for your help!

✧ **November 28 – Annual Tree Lighting & College Care Pack Packing.** Join us and bring the family for a night of Christmas carols, the lighting of our annual tree, snacking on homemade cookies, and packing up finals care packages for college students.

✧ **December 5 – Annual Christmas Video Scavenger Hunt for SLY PM.** Special start and end time to be announced!

✧ **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

### SLY at Warren Village *Halloween Haunted House 2010*



### CHRIS's CORNER

## Post-Feeding of the 5,000 Continuing the Miracle

The Feeding of the 5,000 raised over 60,000 pounds of food to stock DenUM's shelves, and hungry families around Denver will use that food to create memories and meals until the end of the year. The last big event that Denver Urban Ministries hosts to fill their 2010 shelves is the annual Food For All. Our group will participate on Sunday, November 21 to provide Thanksgiving meals to hungry families across the metro area.

All month long we'll be collecting non-perishable Thanksgiving-related items like cranberries, instant potatoes, and canned vegetables. In addition to food items we are also collecting donations to purchase grocery store gift cards for families to buy their own Thanksgiving turkeys. Donations of food and money will be taken all the way up until Sunday the 21st, and your generosity is encouraged. What better way to continue the miracle of sharing?

Youth are invited to stay after church on Nov. 21 to head downtown to deliver the food and sort donations until about 3:00pm that afternoon. I'll be slinging cans and jars alongside you!

– *Peace and Love, Chris*

**Pumpkin Patch Thanks!** Thank you to all those who worked and shopped at this year's Pumpkin Patch! It felt like a very successful year, and we will publish our final earnings for the year in the December *Chronicle*. The Pumpkin Patch is a success only because of your support!

## 2011 Confirmation Classes

Information will be available to register for 2011 Confirmation Classes by Thanksgiving. If you (or your youth) are in 8th grade or up, they can participate in this spring's Confirmation classes which take place from 11:00am to noon Sunday mornings. Classes begin in January and end in May. These classes help youth learn more about their personal faith, and whether they want to become members of the United Methodist Church.

### MINISTRY FAIR

**Ministry Fair for January 9:** Come to Fellowship Hall between and after services on January 9 to celebrate **Missions and Support Teams** as they share their ministry with St. Luke's! This is a great way to meet the people who serve on these teams, find information about service and support and to see how our congregation ministers to our community and to our world.

For more information on how St. Luke's serves, check out our Ministry Catalog at the website under 'Ministries' or at the Get Connected Center at church.

**Questions?** Contact 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).





**Dave Cupp**  
Director of Finance



**Lisé Takayama**  
Assistant Director  
of Finance

**Thank You For Your Continued Support.** Our budget performance continues to go as planned. Thank you for making this happen.

With Less Than 60 Days Remaining in 2009, **It's Time To Begin Your Year-End Tax Planning.** For the church to give you credit for your donations in

2010, we must receive your donation on or before December 31 or it must be postmarked on or before December 31. Some of the methods you may choose to use for your donation may take a considerable amount of time for processing and getting it to the church before the December 31 deadline. If you need assistance or information for getting your transaction processed, please give Lise or me a call. We will be glad to assist you.

**The Planned Giving Wills, Trusts & Taxes Workshop Was A Big Success.** Several of our members attended our first Planned Giving Team presentation on October 26. The program was presented by Linda Gardner, CPA, who has worked closely with the Rocky Mountain Conference United Methodist Foundation (RMC Foundation) for many years serving as a Consultant and Board Member. Currently, she is serving as their Gift Planning Director. Her program was filled with general information that would be useful in planning your estate. Several of those who attended have indicated to me that the meeting was very good and they learned one or more things that they need to take care of immediately. They also indicated that the information was general information and not a sales meeting. The Planned Giving Team has no plans to have any information meetings where sales pitches will be made. They will all be planned to provide general information that you can use when you are taking care of your estate matters. So, stay tuned for our next presentation.

**Audit Report Team Report Has Been Completed.** The audit team has completed their work of reviewing our financial records for the years 2008 and 2009 and have submitted their report to the Finance Team. The team members are Jim Wolff, Team Leader, Mike Ramsett and Tammy Schugel. In selecting members for this team, the Leadership Team always seeks persons who are members or constituents of St Luke's and have experience in the finance and accounting fields. Preferably, they have either worked in auditing or have worked in auditing at some point in their career. The objective of the audit team is to determine the degree to which the transactions they select to review comply with the church policies, guideline, and procedures.

The audit report for 2008 and 2009 indicates that "Tests related to internal control over receipts and expenditures have identified no excursions from established internal control practices. The design of internal controls appears appropriate and designed to prevent fraud and material misstatements at a reasonable level of assurance. Based on the results of the tests of internal controls and review of the bank activity, it appears that the reports of St. Luke's United Methodist Church at December 31, 2008 and 2009 fairly represent the financial condition of the organization."

#### **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: **General Fund and Capital Campaign, Grocery Cards, Special Events, plus, we're anxious to consider any reasonable method you know about that we haven't adopted.**

## **This Joint is Jumpin'**

We are back in full swing at St. Luke's! On any given evening, and through most days, starting just before sunrise, we've got classes, resource groups, missions teams, worship, contemplative services, music, drama rehearsals, and support groups underway. We're so proud that so many of you have stepped into leadership or sponsor positions supporting these wonderful and important sessions! Our church home is ALIVE with such tremendous energy.

In order to make sure your meetings go well, please be sure you keep Brenda Schafer, our Office Administrator, in the loop with meeting time changes and reservations. You can reach her at the church office, or leave a voice message if you've missed her to make sure your room reservations are finalized. If your group needs to reschedule, or skip a session from time to time, please let her know about that, too, so others can use the space.

If you need something special, be sure Brenda knows about that, too. We need advance notice so the rooms can be set up and you can get underway without any delay. This includes any special equipment like sound, power, chairs, and tables. Please don't borrow any equipment from the Sanctuary or other rooms; it's often where it is because someone reserved it in advance and it's really tough when items disappear and our technical team can't find them and have to scramble for Sunday services.

We've also got our electronic locks fully programmed. Brenda finalizes changes as needed so we're open in plenty of time for your afterhours sessions, and so that doors are locked on time as we work to make sure everything is secure once people have left.

If you want to double check meeting times, contact a leader, or visit one of these groups just to check them out, our website includes an up-to-date calendar that's always open for review so you can make plans. We truly appreciate your helping us to make sure there's always plenty of room for ALL of you, ANYTIME! Thank you for all you do for St. Luke's and each other, we appreciate it!

## **Thank You!** (from Rev. Patricia Sailors-Westlake)

I would like to thank everyone who helped in so many ways to make my move to a new home so smooth, pleasant, and efficient. A special thanks to Nita Dunn for organizing my move, the packers, and the unpackers all did a magnificent job of sorting, and storing, and setting up my new place. Not only did you save me a great deal of stress, you made what could have been a hassle into a fun project full of laughter and great memories. Thank you to everyone who brought meals on the day before, the day of and the day after the move. I am settling in and love having St. Luke's visitors. **May St. Luke's be showered with blessings of grace.**



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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.*



## Thanksgiving Celebration

On Tuesday Nov. 23 at 6:30pm,  
we'll join with our neighbors,  
Christ Lutheran Church, for a service  
of thanksgiving and communion, followed by  
dessert and fellowship. Childcare provided.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NOVEMBER 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>Be Blessed and Be a Blessing</b> <b>Celebration Sunday</b> 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship - Rev. Janet Forbes 5:30pm: Community Dinner (\$2) 5:30pm: SLV, Jr. 6:00pm: SLV PM 6:34pm: Fusion 7:30pm: Jazz at St. Luke's	<b>8</b> 6:00pm: Live Love Laugh Club 7:00pm: Trustees	<b>9</b> 6:30pm: Finance Team 7:00pm: Missions Team	<b>10</b> 5:45pm: Evening Prayers with Communion 6:30pm: Wed. Night SLV	<b>11</b> 6:30pm: Communications Team 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship	<b>12</b> 5:45pm: Parent's Night Out	<b>13</b> 7:30am: Men Under Construction Breakfast 7:00pm: Native American Heritage Celebration 
 <b>Youth Sunday</b> 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship 9:30am: 3 Simple Ways to Discover our Community noon: UMW Meeting 5:30pm: Community Dinner (\$2) 6:00pm: SLV PM 6:34pm: Fusion	<b>15</b> 6:00pm: Common Table	<b>16</b> 6:00pm: Love & Logic Parenting Follow Up 6:30pm: Children's Ministry Team 7:00pm: Lay Leadership Mtg. 7:30pm: Planned Giving Team	<b>17</b> Little School Feast 5:45pm: Evening Prayers with Communion 6:30pm: Wed. Night SLV 6:30pm: Depression/Bipolar Support Group	<b>18</b> Little School Feast 9:30am: Children 'n Chattin' Playgroup 5:00pm: Grief Support 6:30pm: Long Range Planning 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship	<b>19</b>  6:45pm: Family Movie Night	<b>20</b> 10:00am: Wesley Writers
<b>Thanksgiving Sunday</b> 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship - Rev. Janet Forbes 9:30am: 3 Simple Ways to Discover our Community 12:15pm: Spiritual Formation Team 5:30pm: Community Dinner (\$2) 5:30pm: SLV, Jr. 6:00pm: SLV PM 6:34pm: Fusion	<b>22</b> 6:30pm: Women's Night In 7:00pm: Women's Book Club Little School Break	 <b>23</b> 6:30pm: Thanksgiving Worship Service 7:00pm: Staff Parish Relations Little School Break	<b>24</b> 5:45pm: Evening Prayers with Communion 6:30pm: Wed. Night SLV Little School Break	<b>25</b> Thanksgiving Office Closed Little School Break	<b>26</b> Office Closed Little School Break	<b>27</b>  8:00am: Hanging of the Greens & Work Day
 <b>Advent Sunday I</b> 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship - Rev. Brad Laurvick 9:30am: 3 Simple Ways to Discover our Community 5:30pm: Community Dinner (\$2) 6:00pm: SLV PM 6:34pm: Tree Lighting Service/Fusion	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>DEC 1</b> 5:45pm: Evening Prayers with Communion 6:30pm: Wed. Night SLV 6:30pm: Depression/Bipolar Support Group	<b>2</b> 9:30am: Children 'n Chattin' Playgroup 5:00pm: Grief Support 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  9:00am: Holiday Shop
<b>Advent Sunday 2: Cantata</b> 8:00am: Chapel worship 9:30 & 11:00am: Cantata 8:30am: Holiday Shop 12:15: Guatemala Missions Meeting 4:00pm: SLV PM: Video Scavenger Hunt 5:30pm: SLV, Jr. 6:34pm: Fusion	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  6:00pm: UMW Candlelight Dinner	<b>8</b> 5:45pm: Evening Prayers with Communion 6:30pm: Wed. Night SLV	<b>9</b> 5:00pm: Grief Support 6:30pm: Communications Team 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship	<b>10</b> 5:45pm: Parent's Night Out	<b>11</b> 7:30am: Men Under Construction Breakfast