



# The Chronicle

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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and much more!

## The Good Friday Tenebrae

April 22 is "God's Friday" on which Christians remember the death of Jesus on a cross outside Jerusalem.

At St. Luke's, we are planning to observe Good Friday with a service of Tenebrae, or "shadows" at 7:00pm. As the events of Holy Week unfold, there is a gradual extinguishing of the lights and candles in the Sanctuary. The Chancel Choir will flavor our remembrance with songs of hope and we will tell the story—A very personal, very public story of a friend who died and the friends who didn't understand. Didn't comprehend who he was and what his personage meant, and the power he had over life, over death, over our lives.

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

## St. Luke's in Guatemala – A Spring Break to Remember



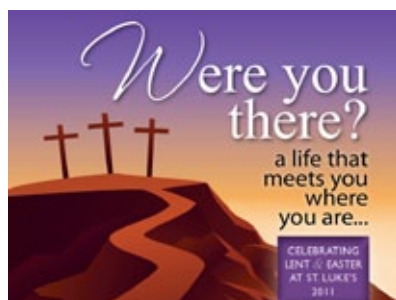
by Laura Richards Spring Break will never have the same meaning for two groups of St. Luke's missionaries who spent their break in Guatemala. Our first group of 27 began their mission trip on March 11th and the second group of 31 followed on March 18th, with each group spending ten days in Guatemala. Both teams took donations of clothing, shoes and toys as well as all the supplies necessary to run three bible camps for over 500 kids. We stayed in the city of Chichicastenango while in Guatemala and spent our time building four adobe homes, a cinder block



home and eight chicken coops. Along with the building projects, we had the opportunity to get to know the people of Guatemala on a much more intimate and personal level as we interacted and played with the families receiving the new homes and chicken coops.

In addition, both groups of missionaries visited the John Wesley School, a K-12 school in the city of Santa Cruz del Quiché. The team from the first week held a bible camp at the school for over 250 kids ranging from preschool age through sixth grade. When the second team visited the John Wesley School the school's marching band performed a concert for them. Later in the week, the missionaries from week two were able to help the band purchase additional band equipment for the school. Besides having time to interact with the students, team members from both weeks were able to spend time visiting with their individual sponsor kids.

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## LENTEN SERIES

### April 3: Lent 4

Dr. Stephen Collins  
*Were you There...*  
*When They Pointed Their Fingers?*  
Prepare by reading Mark 7 and 8

### April 10: Lent 5

Rev. Bradley Laurvick  
*Were You There...*  
*When Things Got Uncomfortable?*  
Prepare by reading Mark 9 and 10



April 16:  
**Easter Fun Day**  
10:00am-noon

### April 17: Palm Sunday

Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes  
*Were You There...*  
*When Jesus Went to Town?*  
Prepare by reading Mark 11

Service of Baptism at 12:30pm  
in the Chapel

### April 19-23: Holy Week

Prepare by reading Mark 12-15

*Maundy Thursday Service of Communion and Anointing*  
April 21 at 7:00pm

*Good Friday Tenebrae Service of Darkness*  
April 22 at 7:00pm

### April 24: Easter

*Servants of Resurrection*  
Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes

*Were You There...*  
*For the Surprising Ending (Or Beginning!)?*

*Sunrise Service*  
at Shea Stadium with St. Andrew and St. Luke's Youth 6:00am

*Sanctuary Services*  
8:00, 9:00, 10:00, & 11:00am  
6:34pm

**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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 of *The Chronicle* are due **April 20**  
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**Rev. Janet Forbes**  
 Senior Pastor

## Creating Tomorrow at St. Luke's: The Future Unfolds

*Vision without action is a dream. Action without vision is simply passing the time. Action with vision can change the world.* Joel Barker speaks eloquently about the power of a vision to transform a community.

One of the joys of serving as the senior minister at St. Luke's is partnering with the Executive and Long Range Planning Teams to listen at the horizons and discern the call of God from the future.

In the *Creating Tomorrow at St. Luke's* journey of research, interviews, surveys, and cottage meetings, we have affirmed our identity as an inclusive community of faith, seeking to meet people where they are, growing together toward full humanity, through living the teachings of Jesus: Love, Acceptance, Justice, and Hope. This is who we are as a community of faith!

In forming the image or picture of our preferred future, we asked several questions:

*What is your vision for what St. Luke's will look like, feel like, and be doing in five years? Are there changes in St. Luke's that would facilitate this vision? If so, what? Do you see changes or situations that are or could work against this vision? Is so, what? If you could identify one BHAG (Big, hairy, audacious goal!) for St. Luke's, what would that be? In thinking about St. Luke's as a whole, what do you see as our strengths? What so you see as our weaknesses?*

Over and over again, we affirmed our hospitality and gracious welcome, the closeness we experience through relationships and shared mission, the celebration of our diversity of belief and faith background, the richness of our music ministries, the care of our youth and children, our neighborhood, regional, national, and international reach, and our creative staff and lay leadership.

On Monday evening, March 27, the Executive Team met with Long Range Planning to begin to build a system to help us reach into the future and grab the emerging dreams.

**\*A BIG VISION** to expand ministry that helps us live our values of invitational, relational, missional, and spiritual in a demographic of spiritual nomads and tourists who may not ever cross the threshold of a church house. What about a Center for Spiritual Development and Leadership Transformation which might include spiritual direction, coaching, outdoor retreats in the mountains, learning events for values-based leadership in the work place? What about gathering space for the Fusion community that would allow for alternative worship experiences on Sunday morning? What about expanding our invitation through the performing arts?

**\*IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS**, externally and internally, in ways that connect our multiple communities, ages, and spiritual interests.

**\*GROWING LEADERSHIP** among all who serve on the staff and in team ministries.

**\*CREATIVE RESOURCES** for the funding of ministry expansion.

During the summer, teams of leaders will come together to build upon these directions. In the fall, the congregation will be invited to give feedback on the specifics of the unfolding plan.

I invite your continuing prayers that we, together, will hear the voice of God inviting us into our future!

How exciting! —Rev. Janet

## Common Table April 11

What is The Common Table? It's a time to come together for food, fellowship and discussion - an opportunity to meet and share with members of our church community. Everyone is welcome, whether you're a first-time visitor or a long-standing member. The vision of governance through a Common Table is represented in a net. The net is a symbol of the St. Luke's community. We are all connected, and there are no boundaries to dreaming, to mission, to discipleship, to growing. In the spirit of The net, we meet four times a year to broaden our understanding, deepen our faith, and remember that we are all in relationship to one another. Each meeting features a unique topic for group discussion and conversation; it's informal, fun, and meaningful!

Please join us on April 11 from 6:00-8:00pm; potluck dinner (bring a dish to share) in the Fellowship Hall! We will share a time of focus on "Stories of Transformation & Generosity of Spirit." To find out more about The Common Table, the minutes of our last meeting on Feb. 28 are posted on the website.

### Please join us!

If you need childcare, please contact Samantha Leahy or 303-791-0659x47 at least 24 hours in advance.





**Rev. Bradley  
Laurvick**  
Associate Minister

## The Gift of “Divine Inspiration”

Each week to start my sermons during Lent I am asking a question that you will not be asked anywhere else in

the world, “How’s Lent going for you?” This is an important question for me, since Lent doesn’t do anything for us without awareness and intention. One of the things we as a congregation are doing intentionally together is reading scripture. We have asked that the congregation read two chapters of Mark each week.

Our scriptures are a gift. The ability to sit down read our sacred text for ourselves is a newer development in the history of religion. To be able to read, question, ponder, reflect, engage, and at times even be frustrated by our scriptures is one of the ways we grow in relationship with God. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, believed that in reading the scriptures we experienced one of “God’s means of grace”. I quite agree.

In the United Methodist Church scripture is understood as being “divinely inspired”. This phrase stands in contrast to other traditions that use phrases like “God breathed”. I have had a couple people comment on my morning sermons that they were surprised to see me go into the scriptures so deeply because they didn’t think I took the scriptures literally. This is one of those moments where the terminology that gets used doesn’t convey enough.

The understanding of “divinely inspired” scripture in the United Methodist tradition is one that though it encourages historical context, recognizes metaphor, and allows for multiple understandings does all of these things in close relationship to the scripture. In fact, I believe our understanding of scripture calls us into a closer relationship than other understandings.

When we say scripture is “divinely inspired” it means that God inspired the people who wrote our scriptures, it means God inspired the people who collected our scriptures, it means God inspires the people who translate our scriptures, and most importantly, it means that God inspires each of us as we read it, every time we read it, in ways that speak to us.

The divine inspiration we encounter as we read our scriptures is a gift. It is a reason to pick up our Bibles and read them. It is an encouragement that God is speaking to us, just as much as God has always spoken to God’s people.

This is why I love my Bible. This is why I love being United Methodist. This is why I love that we have been reading scripture together throughout Lent.

## Seasoned Voyagers *by Ann Roadarmel*

More from the Seasoned Voyagers, each month will bring more information and progress on the development of the Seasoned Voyager Group. We want people to understand that we are not age limited. The purpose of the Seasoned Voyager’s programming is to include anyone who wishes to participate in any of the activities and programs. This includes family members, loved ones and friends of our Seasoned Voyagers, even if you do not consider yourself a “senior”, please attend with your loved one or friend.

Since the team wanted a strong foundation for basing our programming, it was decided that using St. Luke’s Mission Statement was a good start for our own Seasoned Voyager’s Mission Statement, which is as follows:

***St. Luke’s Senior Program called Seasoned Voyagers is guided by the principles put forth in the Church’s Mission Statement and includes the Church’s Core Values of being Invitational, Relational, Missional and Spiritual. St. Luke’s Senior Program shall provide intentionally structured programs and activities to enhance the lifestyles and connectiveness of our Seasoned Voyagers. This includes but is not limited to informational, educational, spiritual, and fun filled activities focusing on fellowship in a faith-based atmosphere of love and acceptance.***

The team developed goals and objectives to guide us in developing programs for all Seasoned Voyagers, their families, loved ones and friends. The objectives and goals are as follows:

1. Share our talents and gifts with others in the community and bring together individuals in need of developing relationships through individual and group activities.
2. Mentoring others in the areas of business, financial, personal, health, helping others in transition and into retirement, or assisting families in need,
3. Developing opportunities for fellowship,
4. Providing companionship for individuals who may be isolated and have no family or friends in the area,
5. Coordination with other organizations in the community to provide these services.

If you have any questions or would like to be part of the team developing St. Luke’s Seasoned Voyager’s programming, please call Ann Roadarmel at 303-792-5110 or email Ann at [alroadarmel@gmail.com](mailto:alroadarmel@gmail.com). Stay tuned... more to come about our Seasoned Voyagers.



## Our Newsletter will be Going Green

After much research, discernment, and a trial period, the St. Luke’s Staff and our Communications Team have decided to “Go Green” and eliminate the mailing of 600+ *Chronicles*, St. Luke’s monthly newsletter. We will still print a few copies that will be available at church for our visitors and will mail to those who request it for specific reasons.

*The Chronicle* will be emailed out to everyone on our email blast list 10 times a year and will continue to be filled with the stories and indepth information that make us St. Luke’s. Our *Week-at-a Glance* and our *Sunday at St. Luke’s* emails will come out weekly to help keep you informed of the latest upcoming Sunday services, activities and events. We are committed to provide you with quality communications so you can be in-the-know at St. Luke’s while preserving our natural resources. If you would like to receive these emails but are not on the list, please send your request to Brenda Schafer at [brenda@stlukeshr.com](mailto:brenda@stlukeshr.com).

We are aiming for September as the month that *The Chronicle* goes green. Please watch the weekly emails, the Sunday bulletin and *The Chronicle* for updates on the process. If you have any questions, or if you have any suggestions on how we can successfully achieve this goal, please submit them to [communications@stlukeshr.com](mailto:communications@stlukeshr.com). Thanks!



**Lynda Fickling**  
Director of  
Servant Ministry/  
Spiritual Director

## Volunteer to Serve

We are blessed to have among us so many gifted and talented people. God is moving us to be servants in a ministry uniquely paved for our own journeys. Take the time to listen to God and serve where you blossom and gain strength. Serving in a place from

the heart is more satisfying for the receivers as well as the givers.

If you need help finding that place to serve, inside or outside our community, please contact Lynda@stlukeshr.com our Director of Servant Ministry. Also, if you enjoy small assessments visit www.stlukeshr.com/SpiritualGifts to find out your gifts that God has blessed you with.

Here are a few needs that we are aware of presently:

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

**Get Connected Center:** Our information central for our community of St. Luke's. Welcome, inform and connect those who stop by. If you enjoy conversing with people, this is the best 30 minutes one Sunday a month you can give! Spiritual Gifts: Helps, Hospitality, Service. Contact: Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659x20 lynda@stlukeshr.com

**One of our 9-member termed teams seeking members:** (these teams work on a 3yr-rotation model)

**Missions:** Our Mission Team is a very important part of our core value. They are busy overseeing the programs we already have in place and keep the vision open to new areas of focus for the church. This team meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Spiritual Gifts: Helps, Mercy, Faith. Contacts: Debbie Miller mills1414@aol.com or Laura Richards corichards@aol.com

Check our Mission Kiosk and The Get Connected Center for local and global serving/volunteer opportunities.

**"All followers of Jesus are called to ministry. That's the whole concept of the Christian church: we are the body of Christ."** –Henri Nouwen



**Rev. Sallie Suby-Long**  
Associate Minister



**Brenda Schafer**  
Office Administrator

Jerry Miyaki (Mike's uncle)  
Maria Viera Harris (friend of Cindy Barlow)  
Norma Whitaker's mother, Jane  
Denise More (friend of Jenny Stevenson)  
Helen Mueller (Cindy Markham's mother)  
Annie Schoenhals (friend of the Muscianisi family)  
Sonia Cajanda (Mercedes VonNormann's sister)  
Erika Waldheim (friend of Peter & Alicia Waldheim)  
Dustin Baird (friend of Lucero's)  
Betty Kieser (Bonnie Funk's mother)  
Mandy Paul (family friend of Kay Swanson)  
Scot Trospier (Norm Veach's nephew)  
Jeff Lee  
Scott Ragan (Brian & Tonya Stegman's cousin)  
Jacob Dunnann (Brian & Tonya Stegman's nephew)  
Janet Stegman (Brian Stegman's mother)  
Kathy Rich (Ms. Kay's friend)  
Mary Severns (Bob McBride's Son-in-Law's mother)  
Mel Ludlam (Les Ludlam's uncle)  
Jane Riegel  
Curtis Hall (Debbie Newby's brother)  
Bob Worth (Edee Worth's husband)  
John Thompson (Julie Ramsett's father)  
Rick (Rachel Nolder's co-worker's brother)  
Joyce Buchanan (Joan Goddard's mother)  
Gerry Wright (Gail Abernathy's mother)  
Bob Lucero (Gov Lucero's brother)  
Ed Murrow (Dave Murrow's father)  
Roger Schoenwald (Val Clark's friend)  
Stanleigh Chism (Val Clark's friend)  
Don Leidig (Bob & Christy Rowe's friend)  
Betty Dunlap  
Patty Norton

Cathy Horvath (friend of Lisé Takayama's)  
Tom Gabel (family friend of the Haas')  
Mike Quinn (Pat Ludwig's nephew)  
Anne Thomas  
Kenny Sharpe  
Bernie Battaglin  
Peter Waldheim  
Dayna Paxton (Craig Ballard's sister)  
Rev. Eric David (friend of Victoria Mason)  
Myles Krick (friend of Amy McDowell)  
Carolyn Cooper (Angela Fuller's friend's 8 month old daughter)  
Mike Eckhoff (Mary Harper's son's friend)  
Friend of Brian Welch  
Connie Bruhn (Cheryl Wolff's sister)  
Karin Mason (Victoria Mason's sister)  
Alex Daniels (Nancy Latairis' family friend)  
Steve Marschke  
Kevin & Renee Parker (Michelle Walters' friends)  
Mary Hogan (friend of Sharon Scholle's)  
Bill Harold (Nancy Obertier's cousin)  
Keaton Wong (friend of the Takayama's)  
Darrell & Billie (wife) Aderman (friends of Rick & Louise Jasper)  
Jack Fleming (Julie Brower's father)  
Lori Lieberman (friend of Jane Damsgard)  
Donna Craven (friend of Cindy Barlow's)  
Kevin Freymeyer (friend of Greg Nolder)  
Michael & Lona Cram (friends of Nita Dunn)  
Randy Still (Rake & Jennifer Jiang's neighbor)  
Steve Irons (Bill Lee's friend)  
Doug Bryden (Kay Swanson's father)  
William Dunn (family from Little School)  
Scott Sheffield (Alicia Waldheim's friend's son)

Dan Keyack (Betsy Keyack's father)  
Rod Prentice (Betsy Keyack's friend)  
Laura McCoy (Kay Ocai's friend)  
Kirk Hall  
Tammy Ege (Rachel Nolder's friend)  
Carol Vestal (Rachel Nolder's friend)  
Chelsea Cosgrove (Bobbi King's friend)  
Jerry Keyack (Betsy Keyack's brother)  
Kim Burch (Allison Wright's sister)  
Bill Lee  
Mike Nelson  
Todd Smith  
Randy Carroll (Kristen Foster's friend's husband)  
Charles Mervine (Ken Mervine's father) –  
Nabuko Ikuro & Sachio Okudo (Kay Swanson's friends)  
Greg, Charlotte & Gregganne Weider – St. Luke's family in Japan  
17 year old runaway  
Fred Straun  
Kristy Tafolla (Kay Swanson's cousin's daughter)  
Tessa Smith  
Bob Dover (Cindy Gothard's father)  
Linda Young  
Jeff Henderson

**ARMED FORCES:**  
Corporal James "Jim" Harding, Mark Thompson, Ed Herring, Josh Brady, Jeremy Brady, Colin Gabriel, Dustin Ellington, Christopher Gardner, Shane Boeding

**SYMPATHIES TO:**  
Julie Polikoff on the passing of her father, William Vanman  
Sandy Murray on the passing of her mother, Sally  
Carroll Gabert on the passing of her cousin, John Chappel  
Cindy Barlow on the passing of her friend, Newt Crocker  
Hooke & Daniels families on the passing of Legend High School teacher/coach, Jason Ritter



**As of  
April 2, 2011**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Please stop by the Information Center; by the front door, where you will find the updated Prayer Concerns lists. Contact Rev. Sallie Suby-Long or Brenda Schafer if you have any additions/removals. 303-791-0659 x32, leave a note on the front desk, or email at sallie@stlukeshr.com or brenda@stlukeshr.com

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THIS BREAD IS:  
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We welcome you to our Christian family, 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.

Sunday Services: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am, Fusion 6:34pm  
Contemplative Worship Services – check website for dates 303-791-0659 • www.stlukeshr.com

Our new Bread Bakers leader, Stephanie Newton, has designed labels for our guest bread which we distribute on Sunday mornings to those who are our first time guests. She has added the St. Luke Bread Bakers logo to the label, along with an area to mark what type of bread we have, and if it contains allergens like nuts, gluten or dairy. A special thanks to David, Karen & Dana Dunwiddie for donating the labels from their company! We are truly blessed.

## More from Les: Take 2 Aspirin, Say Your Prayers, and Do the Best You Can

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

*So I will here end my story. If it is well told and to the point, that is what I myself desired; if it is poorly done and mediocre, that was the best I could do. 2 Maccabees 17:37-38*

Difficult situations come to all of us at one time or another. As we face pain and fear, as we strive for that which we think would make life better, we encounter difficulties.

It's all part of living. It's a result of God's creating us with free will. And it's part of the process of our growing into what we eventually become: mature individuals.

How we respond to these difficulties is shaped by who we are and what we have experienced in the past. But also, the way we respond shapes who we become over time. We change events and then, we are changed by them!

So, how do we respond when faced with some difficult situation? Is there some magical incantation, some miracle cure, some genie in a bottle we can use to make the world and those around us fit the way we want them to be?

The writer of Maccabees completes his book, by telling us that he did his best! That's all that we can do.

In 1989, seven major oil companies owned the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS), the 800-mile-long pipeline that crosses the entire state of Alaska and delivers roughly 20% of all the petroleum crude oil that we consume here in the United States each year. An operating entity, "Alyeska Pipeline Service Company," was established by these companies to maintain and operate the pipeline, its pump stations, and the marine terminal in Valdez, Alaska.

George Nelson, the president of Alyeska was a well-liked member of the community, active in his church, known for his hobby of growing flowers, and respected by his employees. But, all that changed on Good Friday, 1990, at Bligh Reef in Prince William Sound. The name, Exxon Valdez, became a household word, tinged with grief, anger, frustration and guilt. The largest, most devastating crude oil spill in United States history to that time changed many lives and many institutions, suddenly and savagely.

George Nelson was expected to provide initial cleanup response and "take care of these things." He was vilified by the press, politicians, the public, environmental activists, and anyone else who happened to have a particular ax to grind. His life, the lives of his employees, the lives of anyone related to the oil industry changed dramatically that day. We all were the villains!

I recall being asked to remove the parking permit, containing the company logo, from my car's window because several oil company employees' cars had been vandalized in local parking lots.

One Monday, George received a letter from one of the members of his church. The letter read, "I saw you last night on the television coverage of the congressional hearing. You looked terrible, your health is deteriorating. I hate what has happened, I hate that Alyeska couldn't just clean the spill up, but I don't hate you. You are a wonderful person, and I think you are letting all this become too personal. You didn't wreck that tanker and now you have a job to do. But, I'm concerned about your health, so I have a prescription for you. Take 2 aspirin, say your prayers, and do the best you can."

George was so moved by the letter from his friend that he circulated the letter to Alyeska employees, and the words became a slogan for the entire organization. George even had buttons made and gave them to all the members of the team working on the new oil spill prevention and response plan. I was a part of that team! I still have the button. "Take 2 aspirin, say your prayers, and do the best you can."

Take care of your own physical being. Talk to God, recognize that even in the most terrible of situations, God is with you, loving you, feeling the pain you feel, opening your eyes to a pathway through the confusion and turmoil.

Then get on with what must be done, putting all the God-given strength and ingenuity you have to work dealing with what must be dealt with.

When we face difficult tasks, struggling to overcome seemingly insurmountable barriers; when we endure ridicule and impatience from those who don't understand what we are trying to accomplish; when we suffer fatigue and frustration, it becomes very difficult to do the best we can.

It seems so difficult that we cannot do it alone.

I suspect that George Nelson felt the same thing.

We cannot deal with difficulties alone! We are far stronger and more persistent and more successful when we realize that God is with us! And knowing that God is with us helps us to gain the resolve to get on with what must be done. Our Creator is our guide and companion, but not some sort of cosmic "vending machine," to be called upon to "fix" something in our lives. We must deal with the stuff of life when we encounter it, and face the consequences of our actions or the actions of others. However, the results become far more bearable when we recognize that we do not bear the burden alone.

Take two aspirins: take care of your physical being. Say your prayers: affirm that God is with you and understands what you are dealing with. And then, do your best! **God bless us all! Rev. Les**



## Walking, Jumping and Climbing Together Through Confirmation

by Erin Laurvick

If you were to peek into the youth room on Sunday at eleven o'clock, you would find twenty two teenagers diving into the history, beliefs, and scriptures that make up our faith tradition. With them you would find twelve Ex-Cons (previously confirmed youth) and nine adults that are traveling beside them on their confirmation journeys. That's right folks, it's confirmation I am talking about! And, in hopes of diving even deeper into ourselves and our beliefs, on the second weekend of March, we all packed up and drove down to Ponderosa Camp to spend a couple days getting to know each other and our beliefs better. Through leaps faith, both literal and figurative, we as a group opened ourselves to try and better understand God, creeds, doctrine, and the Bible. Through reason, tradition, scripture, and experience, we as a group bounced, climbed, jumped, and performed our way to new places. I am referring to the ropes course, four square games, and amazing skits that allowed each of us to visually and physically embody the words and concepts of our religion. It was QUITE the weekend—full of laughter and tears, community and communion, questions and answers. It was such a joy to share this experience with the young people of our congregation, allowing me to encourage and educate them, yet learn and grow myself. As we continue to walk together through this confirmation and Lenten season, I encourage all of you to stop by and see what is going on downstairs and to share with us in the confirming of these young people on May 1st.







## Tucker & Jake's Take

Woof! Woof! Ruff! Ruff! This is Tucker & Jake. We are on the Children's Beat, sniffing out and reporting all the latest news.

**Vacation Bible School** is almost here! We are dancing, wiggling and wagging in anticipation. The "Shake It Up Café" is getting ready to open! Morning VBS is from June 20-24 and evening VBS July 12-15 this year! With chef's hats and cookbooks, surrounded by checkered tablecloths and chalkboard menus, kids are going to mix up the ingredients for following God. **VBS enrollment begins April 11 at [www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com)** and closes May 27 for morning VBS and July 1 for evening VBS.

Tucker... did you hear? The Easter Bunny is almost here!! Come see him at **Easter Fun Day on Saturday morning, April 16**. There will be cookies and balloon animals and Easter eggs and crafts and games and live bunnies!! We can't wait to see you!! This is the best Saturday of the year!!!

**PEAK Adventures Elementary Sunday School** continues to study the "The Garden of Gethsemane" and are learning about how Jesus prayed in the garden. We are experimenting with different ways of praying each Sunday morning and understanding the role prayer plays in our lives. We also introduced our new **"PEAK to Peak"** take home sheet to help facilitate Sunday School discussions at home. Be sure to grab one on Sunday morning, if you haven't already.

**Sunday, April 17 is Palm Sunday.** Ms. Sharon says that the children will check in at Sunday School and then participate in a Procession of the Palms during Worship. And Ms. Melanie said that there is **no Sunday School on Sunday, April 24**, but there will be coloring books available at each of the four Easter services. Dress up in your Easter best and attend one of our amazing services.

Wednesdays are hopping around here this month! The St. Luke's Kids are hard at work getting ready for the **Children's Dinner Theater** production of *Twinderella*. Mark your calendar for May 6. Dinner is at 6:00pm and the show begins at 7:00pm. This year's mission is House of Hope. We will be collecting items for babies and toddlers (sippy cups, bottles, diapers and wipes) and cash donations to buy the house a swingset! Drop off items downstairs in Goliath or in the church office or the night of the show.

Wait....Tucker, do you smell that? Is that... popcorn? I think it is!!! The next **Family Movie Night is Friday, May 20** at 6:45pm (note the date change - old date was May 27!) Put on your pjs, grab the family and pillows and join us for "Tangled"!

This is Tucker & Jake, wagging our tails and sending wet doggie kisses.



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



**Melanie Kirkpatrick**  
Asst. Director of  
Children's Ministry



**Samantha Leahy**  
Director of Childcare

## St. Luke's Kids Growing with God

### From the Nursery:

Interested in an evening out or perhaps you'll need help in the summer with the kids home from school. Contact Sam Leahy, Director of Childcare, and she would be happy to recommend a Nursery staff member or get you a copy of St. Luke's **babysitter's list** located downstairs in the Nursery. ([sam@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sam@stlukeshr.com))

**New Group Blooming!** If you are interested in being a part of a new small group "Square Foot Gardening with Kids" please contact Pam Kuhn [pamkuhn@gmail.com](mailto:pamkuhn@gmail.com). Open to all children!

### Upcoming Events BUZZ:

**Monday, Apr. 11 - VBS online signup begins**

**Wed. Apr. 13 - CDT Rehearsal 5:30pm**

**Saturday Apr. 16 - 10:00am-noon**

**Easter  
Fun Day!**

**Sunday Apr. 17 - PALM SUNDAY**

(Sunday School Procession in Worship)

**Wed. Apr. 20 - CDT Rehearsal 5:30pm**

**Sunday Apr. 24 - EASTER (No Sunday School)**

**Wed. Apr. 27 - CDT Rehearsal 5:30pm**

**Sundays May 1-May 30 - PEAK Sunday School  
"People Who Make a Difference"**  
9:30am

**Sun. May 1 - SLY, Jr. 5:30pm - Progressive Dinner**

**Wed. May 4 - CDT Rehearsal 5:30pm**

**Thur. May 5 - CDT Rehearsal 5:30pm**

**Twinderella**

**Friday May 6 - Children's Dinner Theater**

Dinner 6:00pm, Show 7:00pm

**Sunday May 15 - SLY, Jr. 5:30pm - Mini-Golf**

**Friday May 20 - Family Movie Night  
"Tangled" 6:45pm**

**Sunday June 5 - PROMOTION SUNDAY**

**Sunday June 5 - SLY, Jr. 5:30pm - Picnic**

**Wed. June 8 - Wacky Wednesdays 9:30am**

**Wed. June 15 - Wacky Wednesdays 9:30am**

**Mon. June 20- Fri. June 24 -**

9:15am-12:15pm

**VBS (Morning Session)**

**Wed. June 29 - Wacky**

**Wednesdays 9:30am**

**Tues. July 12- Fri. July 15 -**

5:45pm-8:00pm **VBS (Evening Session)**

### News & Notes:

**"GIVE 5" to Children's Ministry!** Thanks to all who attended our Children's Ministry Fairs at the beginning of April and signed up to "Give 5"!

Our goal this year is to try to get everyone who is interested in serving the children of St. Luke's to find somewhere where they can serve at least 5 times from June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012. We are so grateful to all of our Children's Ministry volunteers and still need so many more. You don't have to be a parent to serve and there are so many different ways to help - directly with the children or behind the scenes. Please continue to sign up downstairs through the months of April and May or contact Sharon or Melanie if you'd like to help. If you haven't served in the past but would like to, now is the perfect time to sign up! You make a difference to our kids.

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





**Kay Swanson**  
Director of  
Little School



## Little School News: No Foolin'! It's April at Little School

After returning from a great break, we are amazed at the short time we have with the children before Summer is upon us! Only about seven weeks to go! April will be packed with lots of Spring activities and getting ready for Easter! In Chapel Rev. Brad will be talking about why we celebrate Easter and what it means to us. We will also be watching for signs of Spring and looking for flowers, tree buds and new baby rabbits! We will be planting seeds to watch them grow and learning about bugs, dirt and worms! It is so much fun!

### OUR 16TH ANNUAL LITTLE SCHOOL "CREATIVE CRITTERS" ART SHOW WILL BE THURSDAY APRIL 28 FROM 5:00-7:00pm THROUGHOUT THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE CHURCH!

If you have never been to our art show before, you will be amazed and it is a MUST to see. Our theme this year is "OH The Places You Will Go". Please come meander through a travel log starting at the South door of the church in "Colorado Springs" and ending up at the North side in "Sydney, Australia"! Many forms of art will be displayed: painting, watercolors, collage, string art, paper art and 3-D sculptures, just to name a few that will be in every classroom. Over 1200 pieces of art will dazzle your eyes. EVERYONE IS WELCOME - BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY! We look forward to seeing all of you!

We wish you all a happy Spring with lovely warm breezes and sunny days! Blessings, -Ms. Kay and Staff:-)

## Wacky Wednesdays

Summer FUN at St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Each week children will enjoy  
music, crafts, chapel time and games.

The theme this year is:



Open to all children age 3 (by Oct. 1, 2011) through 3rd grade!  
(Must be independently potty-trained to attend.)

**TIME:** 9:30am-noon

**WEDNESDAYS:** June 8, 15, 29

July 13, 20, 27

Registration is \$15.00 per day per child. If you have any questions regarding registration contact:

Tami Clement at [ma3clement@aol.com](mailto:ma3clement@aol.com)

Registration forms available at the Little School/Superintendent's Office. **NO LATER than SUNDAY May 22, 2011.**

*continued from p. 1* Both teams took time to hold bible camps during their visit to Guatemala. In addition to the bible camp at the John Wesley School, the team from week one also held a second bible camp for about 100 kids at the Methodist church in Pocohil. The team from week two held their bible camp in the village of Chontala. Those team members got an unexpected lesson in flexibility... they had expected only about 100 children at the Chontala bible camp and were surprised by the overwhelming demand when almost 250 kids showed up instead! Bible camp activities for both weeks included making bracelets, taking individual pictures of each child, recreation games and story time. Each child was given a box of crayons and a toothbrush to take home with them as well. Both teams were able to spend time visiting the Mary Knoll Sisters, Helen and Connie, and attend Sunday services at a local United Methodist Church.

On behalf of the team members, I would like to thank the congregation of St. Luke's for your support of this wonderful mission trip... we couldn't have done it without you. If you are interested in joining us on our next mission trip to Guatemala in March 2012, feel free to contact me at [corichards@aol.com](mailto:corichards@aol.com). We'd love to have you be part of our team next year!

Thanks again for your continued support for the people of Guatemala.

## Nursing Home Visits

*Give 2 hours and brighten the life of the elderly. Did you know that 66% of nursing home residents have one or less visitors per year?*

These group visits transform the atmosphere by engaging each senior in a number of activities and conversations. Love INC is partnering with Bessie's Hope, a non-profit organization, who has designed an orientation on how to initiate a positive, meaningful relationship with the elderly which eases any discomfort anyone might have if they've never participated in anything like this before. Once the one time, 30 minute orientation is completed, volunteers arrive 5-10 minutes prior to any future visits. **Our next visit on Saturday, April 23 is needing volunteers!!**

9:00-9:30am (Orientation) 9:30-10:15am (Visit) at Cherrelyn Manor House Care, 5555 S. Elati St., Littleton, CO 80120. If interested, please contact Cindy at [cacl162@yahoo.com](mailto:cacl162@yahoo.com) or by phone 720-320-7255. We are also in need of a couple people to co-coordinator this effort! Love INC's way is to take needs and make them manageable so that volunteers can use their gifts in meaningful ways. If your gift is coordination give Cindy or Doug McKinney 303-732-5925 with Love INC a call.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Welcoming our newest members of St. Luke's and their reasons for joining our community. **Contact**

**Lynda Fickling for more info x20**  
[lynda@stlukeshr.com](mailto:lynda@stlukeshr.com)



**Erik & Tianna Pytte**



**Paul Kirk (wife Stephanie)**  
*"To fully involve myself into Christ's church and serve the St. Luke's Community."*



**Marian Ripley (husband David), Bryan, Michael, Caroline and Christopher**  
*"St. Luke's focus on helping the disadvantaged is an important component of the lessons I would like to impart on my children. I'm also very happy with the warmth exuded by the members of the church and the wonderful music and performing arts programs."*

### To become a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church:

Fill out the membership card located in the Friendship Pad or at the Get Connected Center. Hand the membership card to one of our Pastors or staff members at any time.





*"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."*

**Sassy Style & Savories** Mark your calendar for the United Methodist Women's annual Spring Tea, Sunday May 15, 2:00-4:00pm. This year our theme is "Sassy Style & Savories". As usual, we will serve a scrumptious High Tea with mini sandwiches and desserts. In addition, we are partnering with She She's Corner to put on a style show! She She's is a re-sale boutique which resells upscale clothes to clients. The money raised funds a program that assists single parent families going through difficult times. Come check out who's on the catwalk for St. Luke's. Proceeds from the ticket sales will benefit this charity. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for girls under 12. Please come support this important mission and enjoy an afternoon of style and savories!



**Food, Faith and Friends** The annual women's retreat day, Food Faith & Friends, was held at St. Luke's at the end of February. Thanks to all the women who participated and made this a fun and meaningful day. Women brought canned goods to donate to DENUM as our mission and a cash donation was made by the UMW to DENUM as well. Thanks to the FET team for preparing a delicious lunch for all of us! We hope YOU can join us next year at our retreat day.

**Concessions** Thanks for supporting UMW concessions at *Broadway on Broadway!* Your donations always go to missions and charities that support women and youth. The proceeds from the recent concessions went to our St. Luke's Youth Mission Trip fund.

**Subgroups of United Methodist Women 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:** First Saturday of the month, 8:30-10:00am (Youth Room). All women ages 18 and older are invited to join us in mission work, time for faith, devotions and building relationships. Please bring breakfast items to share.

- **May 7:** Labyrinth (Fran West & Janet Sackett)
- **June 4:** United Methodist Women Committee on relief (UMCOR) speaker Host: Betty Ludlam

For more information, please contact Elena Lynch at elenaclynch@gmail.com or Lynda Fickling at Lynda@stlukeshr.com. Childcare: sam@stlukeshr.com or 303-791-0659 x47 - 24hrs in advance.

**Evening Book Group:** Fourth Mon./month, 7:00pm Rm 206

- **Apr. 25:** *The Girls* by Lori Lansens
- **May 23:** *Secretariat* by William Nack

For more information, please call Renae Parra at 303-683-0872. To be added to the email mailing list, 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 Mon./month, 6:30pm various locations

- May 2 - Hodson's Grill (Southglenn Center)

For more info, please contact Sandy Frasier at Sandy.Frasier@yahoo.com or Elaine Carlstrom at ecarlstrom@comcast.net.

#### Mark Your Calendars:

- **Sunday, May 15** - United Methodist Women Spring Tea
- **Sunday, Sept. 11** - Fall Kick-off
- **Nov. 4** - United Methodist Women Hosting World Community Day



## 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.

sallie@stlukeshr.com

## Continuing Our Journey

If you attended any of the four Spirituality and Wellness Workshops (fall 2010-spring 2011),

- **Creating Gracious Space:** Enhancing a Spirit of Compassion and Understanding
- **Living in Gracious Space:** Strategies for Managing Stress
- **Building in Gracious Space:** Assets Building – A Strength Based (and Gracious) Approach to Helping Children and Youth Thrive
- **Growing in Gracious Space:** Living a Wellness Lifestyle

we encourage you to give us feedback about your experience(s) to help us plan for future Spirituality and Wellness activities starting in the fall of 2011. Surveys have been emailed to those who provided email addresses at registration. Paper copies of our surveys are available from Brenda in the Church office.

If you would be interested in helping us plan any or all of our 2011-2012 Spirituality and Wellness activities, please talk with Rev. Sallie or one of our other team members. Thank you for joining us this year to create 'Gracious Space' for respectful fellowship, learning, and growing as we confronted issues of importance to the St. Luke's community. *The Spirituality and Wellness Team: Bryan Hutchinson, Renae Parra, Cindy Raap, Jenita Rhodes, Brenda Schaffer, Jane Staller, Sallie Suby-Long*

## DenUM Updates: April Match to Donations and Upcoming Hope Benefit

by Brad Bonjean As many of you know Denver Urban Ministries (DenUM's) mission is to serve the immediate and long-term needs of the most vulnerable in our community, looking beyond crisis to a society of equality, justice, and compassion. Throughout the month of April, donations to DenUM will receive a proportionate match by the Feinstein Foundation. This means that your support will go even further in April.

Hope is helping someone turn their life around. Please join DenUM at their Hope Benefit, a silent auction and reception celebrating DenUM's 30 years of service in the community. The benefit will be held on May 4, 2011 from 6:00-8:00pm at Four Mile Historic Park. Please RSVP to Amanda Baker at Amanda@denum.org or at 303-350-5066.

I also want to pass along a huge THANK YOU from all of the staff at DenUM. St. Luke's is one of DenUM's strongest community partnerships, through food collection, financial support, volunteer contributions, and just being champions for those who are really struggling in our community.

## Denver Homeless Awareness Walking Tour

St. Luke's walking tour will be led by Randle Loeb, advocate for the homeless in Denver. Please join us on Saturday, May 7 from 8:00am to approximately 2:00pm for this enlightening journey through several downtown Denver neighborhoods. We will learn first-hand about issues facing our neighbors living on the streets of Denver. Randle will take us to several shelters and agencies that provide services to the homeless. He will also provide valuable insights into the lives of homeless people in Colorado. Space is limited! For details and to sign up for the tour, contact Jerry Hertzler at jmhertzler@comcast.net or 720-480-0476.



## Pura Vida's Third Annual Benefit Dinner and Celebration May 6



**Special Guests: Maryknoll Sisters Helen Werner and Connie Pospisil**



Pura Vida will hold its Third Annual Benefit Dinner and Celebration on Friday, May 6, in downtown Denver. The dinner will

provide an opportunity to celebrate the success of Pura Vida's many programs in Guatemala. St. Luke's has been instrumental in that success through mission trips, financial and prayer support for several years. The program for the dinner event will include Maryknoll Sisters Helen Werner and Connie Pospisil. They have been living in the village of Lemoa for many years and will share their thoughts about the importance of education in Guatemala. Proceeds from the evening's event will benefit Pura Vida's ongoing ministries in Guatemala.

Pura Vida's programs include providing over 250 scholarships for children in rural Guatemalan villages, many of whom wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to attend school. Many of these scholarship students are sponsored by families from St. Luke's. In addition, St. Luke's mission teams have worked to provide new housing for 14 widows and orphans of the civil war in the 1980s; five of these homes were built during the March, 2011, mission trips. The Maryknoll Sisters have been instrumental in coordinating our efforts to meet this need for housing in Lemoa. St. Luke's mission groups have also provided much needed medical care through several medical mission trips, worked on an addition to the orphanage in Lemoa and assisted in construction projects at the Methodist Retreat Center in Lemoa. Our mission teams also take school supplies, shoes and love to share with the children of these rural villages in the western highlands of Guatemala.

Please join Pura Vida on May 6 to hear more about these successful ministries. For more details about the event and to order tickets, go to [www.puravida.org/Benefit\\_Dinner\\_2011.htm](http://www.puravida.org/Benefit_Dinner_2011.htm) or call 303-215-0994.



**James Ramsey**  
Director of Music & Arts Ministries



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



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



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



**Jenna Wilcox**  
Director of Drama Ministry

### Easter Music:

**Sunrise at Redrocks** - Women of Note

**8:00am** - Soul Purpose Youth Choir, Joyful Noise Youth Handbells, Sonrise Band

**9:00, 10:00 and 11:00am** - Chancel Choir, Brass Ensemble, Tintinnabulators Handbell Choir, and Organ



### Broadway on Broadway Review

Once again, the Wesley Players along with the multi-talented tech and stage crew, the Orchestra, the Fellowship Events Team, and the UMW at St. Luke's put on an amazing show March 4 and 5. With nearly 120 participants on and off the stage, it was a huge success in so many ways! Thanks to all the volunteers who put in over 6,000 hours to create this experience and make it one of the best events at St. Luke's in 2011. Special thanks to the leadership and support folks, too! The total proceeds, around \$6,000, benefited the expanding Drama Ministry at St. Luke's so that we can continue to create and design events and shows that impact people through missions supported by St. Luke's. Thank you for supporting the Drama Ministry! Blessings and Kudos!

### Jazz at St. Luke's on April 10!

On April 10 at 7:30pm, Message Serving the Word will join St. Luke's for a benefit concert. The Sanctuary Jazz Experience is a jazz trio from Phoenix, AZ that promotes a Christian message through jazz music. They are very entertaining and fun to listen to. In addition, the Ministers of Swing and the St. Luke's Youth Jazz Orchestra will also perform for the concert. All are invited. Suggested donation at the door.



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

**Registration for the Performing Arts Academy is open!**

Register early and receive a PAA water bottle or register a friend who has never been to PAA and receive a PAA backpack. Go to [www.stlukespaa.org](http://www.stlukespaa.org) for more information or contact James Ramsey or Jenna Wilcox at [jim@stlukeshr.com](mailto:jim@stlukeshr.com) or [jenna@stlukeshr.com](mailto:jenna@stlukeshr.com)

St. Luke's  
Youth

Don't miss

### Upcoming Events

- ✱ **April 10 SLY AM:** Looking ahead – wondering what SLY will look like in the coming months? Join us for a Sunday morning lead by the Youth Leadership Team!
- ✱ **April 10 SLY PM:** Annual Progressive Dinner! Formal Wear encouraged, but not required for this traveling meal. Stop at different locations for four different meal courses – both Jr & Sr. High.
- ✱ **April 17: Seder Experience** – On Palm Sunday, join with SLY and Fusion for experiences and traditions that link us with our Christian and Jewish histories in preparation for Easter.
- ✱ **April 24: No SLY AM or PM! Enjoy Easter with your families!** Worship at 6am (Shea Stadium) 8, 9, 10, or 11am Easter morning or at 6:34pm for Easter Fusion.
- ✱ **Upcoming Fundraisers for the 2011 Sr. High Mission Trip**  
**May 1** - Pancake Breakfast with Special Toppings Bar. 8am-12:30pm  
**May 14** - Car Wash 9am-3pm  
**June 4&5** - Rent-A-Youth Weekend
- ✱ **DON'T FORGET WED. NIGHT SLY! EVERY WED. 6:30pm** See Ms. Susan for details.
- ✱ **SLY PM Dinner** 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) We thank you for your help!
- ✱ **Check [www.stlukeshr.com/sly](http://www.stlukeshr.com/sly)** for up-to-date info on programs, activities, ministry opportunities and more!

## YOUTH 2011

This United Methodist Youth event takes place every four years, and this year there are two offerings in July! One week long events at Purdue, Indiana and Sacramento, California – this summer we have potential to join other youth groups from the Rocky Mountain Conference at these events. Interested? Contact [chris@stlukeshr.com](mailto:chris@stlukeshr.com) for dates and cost information.

## CHRIS's CORNER Planting Seeds

It has been surprisingly warm so far this spring – so warm that the tulips and daffodils in my back yard are already peeking above the soil – looking for sunshine! They've actually been working all winter long for this moment, laying down good roots getting ready to make the world beautiful.



It was the thought of growing deeper roots and making the world a more beautiful place that SLY and

St. Andrew Youth are planning our annual Easter Sunrise Service. Our theme this year is "Planting Seeds of Faith" and this youth which is planned and lead by youth for all of Highlands Ranch will take place at Shea Stadium at 6:00am April 24.



This Easter worship service will include music by both St. Luke's and St. Andrew's youth choirs, a message by youth from both churches, and communion provided by St. Luke's pastors and should last about 40 minutes. You'll want to dress warmly, bring a blanket to sit on. Also, hot chocolate or coffee thermoses are welcome!

We will collect an offering that will go to Urban Peak, a shelter for homeless teens in the Denver Metro area.

We hope you'll get your Easter started early with us! Look forward to seeing you at Shea! – *Peace and Love, Chris*

### Wednesday Night SLY

We are just coming to the end of our second year of Wednesday Night SLY which is a small group of youth that meets weekly for fun and fellowship. We do everything from evening hikes, movies, Christmas caroling and game night. Some nights are lead by youth and others are lead by adults. The overall focus of Wednesday Night SLY is relationships and fellowship in a small group setting. Join us!!



**Chris Wilterdink**  
Director of  
Youth Ministry



**Susan Johnson**  
Assistant Director  
of Youth Ministry



**Erin Laurvick**  
Intern in Youth  
Ministry

## 2011 MISSION TRIPS

The Sr. High Mission trip deadline to register is passed. You can still complete and application and be 'waitlisted' for the trip. Contact [chris@stlukeshr.com](mailto:chris@stlukeshr.com) with questions!

The Jr. High trip is still being built, but registration forms are on the way! Please watch for details! This trip is open to all youth who have graduated 6th grade through 8th grade. Reserve July 5-10. Adult sponsors also welcomed!



The Youth are looking for ways to earn money to pay for their trip. That is where the St Luke's congregation comes in. **We are holding a Rent-A-Youth event the weekend of June 4 and 5.** We are looking

for individuals who need help around the house and would be willing to hire a Youth to support their mission trip cost. The Youth are very good at painting, landscaping, cleaning, window washing or whatever you need. Please contact Chris Wilterdink with your proposed project and we will place you on our schedule. Thanks for your support and prayers for our Youth.

Help fund the Jr. High Mission trip—**order your**



**Butter Braids now** for Easter, Mother's Day, or Father's Day! A Butter Braid is a flaky frozen pastry that you thaw and bake at home for a fresh treat your whole family

will love! Butter Braids are available for order on Sunday mornings April 3 & 10, and any other time (up until April 11) by emailing [chris@stlukeshr.com](mailto:chris@stlukeshr.com) your name, address, phone number and order.

## SENIOR PICTURES NEEDED

Would you like your high school or college graduate honored on Graduation Sunday this year? Please send a kindergarten picture and a Senior Picture of your graduate to Ken Fong ([kfong@att.net](mailto:kfong@att.net)) or to the church office by May 1. Please include the graduate's name, high school or university they are graduating from, and their plans for next year. This year Graduation Sunday will take place on May 15 at every worship service. This year's Senior Dinner will be on Thursday, May 12.





**Dave Cupp**  
Director of Finance



**Lisé Takayama**  
Assistant Director  
of Finance

## Thank You for Your Continued Support.

### A New Giving Opportunity For Non-Weekly Givers.

We're proud to announce a new program that will allow everyone to participate in the Sunday offering. We have a new laminated card that you can place in the offering plate each Sunday signifying that you

are a non-weekly giver who has elected to give your offering by using our electronic transfer program, transferring stocks, or writing checks monthly, quarterly, or annually rather than placing your offering in the offering plate on a weekly basis.

This new card is about the size of an offering envelope and we're calling it the "Non-Weekly Offering Card." The cards may be found in the Information Display in the foyer or at the Get-Connected Table. Simply pick up one of the cards as you enter the Sanctuary, place it in the offering plate and know that your gifts will be dedicated as an act of worship.

We have a wonderful St Luke's family who supports St Luke's with their generosity and strong stewardship commitments. This little card is just another way to bind us together as a church family and bring enrichment to all of us as we dedicate our tithes and offerings on Sunday. Thank you to sister congregations who have graciously shared this practice with our Finance leaders.

**Pick and Choose Your Method Of Giving to SLUMC.** We have many ways for you to make your giving to SLUMC easy and convenient. You may want to consider one of these convenient methods for your contributions.

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

- 1. General Fund and Capital Campaign:** All methods.
- 2. Grocery Cards:** Cash, check, scheduled automatic withdrawal from checking accounts.
- 3. Special Events:** Depending on the type of event may include cash, check, PayPal and online credit card transactions. The method(s) available at each event will be announced at the time of the event and are at the discretion of the sponsor.
- 4. Plus:** We're anxious to consider any reasonable method you know about that we haven't adopted.



## Love INC. Launches "Love on Wheels"

*Love on Wheels* is the transportation ministry operated by Love INC. We are currently



**Love on Wheels**  
"It's More Than A Ride"

providing rides for approximately 50 of our neighbors each month. Although the ministry has been up and running for some time, it has recently taken on its new name and has changed the way volunteer drivers are being scheduled. Beginning this past February, volunteers are now being scheduled in advance, allowing them to block out certain days each month that they can reserve as "Love on Wheels drive days". Each driver is called a day or 2 in advance of their scheduled day and is notified whether or not they are needed for that day. For more information about this ministry, or to volunteer, please contact Jerry Hertzler at [jerry@loveincittleton.org](mailto:jerry@loveincittleton.org), or at 720-480-0476.



## Monty's Methodism Musings: An Enigma *by Monty Hoffman*

In Western Christianity, communities of faith have tended to define themselves by their beliefs and people have tended to group together with people who believed the same thing. We have defined our community and denominational boundaries by right belief, orthodoxy. This is not the case in Eastern Christianity, which is more concerned with orthopraxy, right practice. As the volume of information has increased and the speed at which we receive it has increased, it is getting more and more difficult for large groups of people to agree on right beliefs. As a result, larger religious groups in America, such as denominations, are tending to shrink in size and the smaller groups such as independent community churches are becoming more numerous.

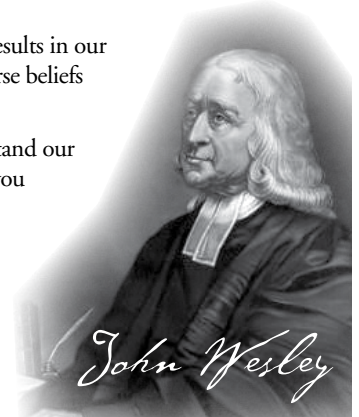
John Wesley was less concerned about the philosophical aspects of theology and more concerned with the practical aspects of how it affected our relationship with God. For Wesley, right belief followed right practice. A belief needed to result in orthopraxy for it to truly be orthodoxy.

He also called on Methodists to accept that we will have differences in beliefs and that we need to be in Christian Community with each other despite our differences. Living the catholic spirit requires us to remember that the things that join us together as a community are much stronger than the differences we have. Wesley said, "We do not lay the main stress of our religion on any opinions, right or wrong."

St. Luke's is a vibrant example of the type of community Wesley envisioned. Our belief in God's Love for all people results in our practice of taking care of each other and helping God's children where ever we can. We are a community of very diverse beliefs which we share respectfully as we try and help each other grow in our understanding of our faith.

For people who are used to looking at communities built around orthodoxy, we are an enigma and they don't understand our faith community. You may have been asked by friends, "What do you believe?" They are really asking, "What binds you together into a community?" The answer is, "God's Love and Grace."

John Wesley thought that there were things we could do to invite God's Grace into our presence and help us understand its role in our lives, both personal and communal. They include prayer, communion, study of scripture, fasting, Christian community, and acts of mercy. If you look at the program at St. Luke's in any week, you see numerous times when we practice these means of Grace together. As we do, we invite God's Grace into our communal lives. This Grace is what binds us together into a faith community. This is what makes St. Luke's an inviting place to be a part of something larger than yourself.





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## Join us for Coffee & Conversation



about the History of St. Luke's, the United Methodist Church, our programs and ministries. **9:30am any 2nd Sunday of the month: May, July, Sept. or Nov.** Meet Rev. Janet Forbes & Lynda Fickling in Rm 213 for an Orientation of St. Luke's. All are Welcome!

## The United Methodist Church

*What are our roots...? What do we believe...? Who was John Wesley...?*

**Class on Tuesday, May 3, 6:30-8:30pm Fellowship Hall**

Facilitated by Monty Hoffman [msaffordexp@aol.com](mailto:msaffordexp@aol.com)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Lent 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship</b> <i>Were You There...When They Pointed Their Fingers?</i> -Dr. Stephen Collins (Mark 7 & 8) <b>8:30am: Ministry Fair</b> <b>11:00am: Confirmation Class</b> <b>noon: Sr. High Mission Trip Mtg.</b> <b>2:30pm: SLY, Jr.</b> <b>5:30pm: Community Meal (\$2)</b> <b>6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion</b>	<b>4</b> <b>6:30pm: Women's Night Out</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>6:30pm: Spirituality &amp; Wellness Workshop</b>	<b>6</b> <b>1:00pm: Seasoned Voyagers</b> <b>5:30pm: Children's Ministry Fair</b> <b>6:30pm: Parent's Depression/ Bipolar Support Group</b> <b>6:30pm: Wed. Night SLY</b> <b>6:30pm: Lenten Bible Study</b>	<b>7</b> <b>9:30am: Children 'n Chattin' Playgroup</b> <b>6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship</b>	<b>8</b> <b>5:45pm: Parent's Night Out</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Second Saturdays (Young Adult Group)</b> <b>7:00am: Lenten Bible Study</b> <b>8:00am: Jazz Workshop</b> <b>9:00am: Jr. Prayz</b> <b>Choral Festival (off site)</b> <b>6:45pm: Bridge Club</b>
<b>Lent 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship</b> <i>Were You There...When Things Got Uncomfortable?</i> -Rev. Brad Laurvick preaching (Mark 9 & 10) <b>8:15am: Contemplative Worship Service</b> <b>11:00am: Confirmation Class</b> <b>noon: UMW Team Meeting</b> <b>noon: Youth Leadership Team</b> <b>4:00pm: New Member Meet &amp; Greet</b> <b>5:30pm: SLY Progressive Dinner</b> <b>6:34pm: Fusion</b> <b>7:30pm: Jazz at St. Luke's concert</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>VBS Registration Opens online</b> <b>6:00pm: Common Table</b> <b>6:00pm: Live, Laugh, Love Club</b> <b>7:00pm: Trustees</b>	<b>12</b> <b>6:30pm: Finance Team</b> <b>7:00pm: Missions Team</b>	<b>13</b> <b>6:30pm: Wed. Night SLY</b> <b>6:30pm: Lenten Bible Study</b>	<b>14</b> <b>2:30pm: Stewardship Team</b> <b>6:30pm: Communications Team</b> <b>6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>10:00am-noon: Easter Fun Day</b> <b>7:00am: Lenten Bible Study</b> <b>10:00am: Wesley Writers</b>
<b>Palm Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship</b> <i>Were You There...When Jesus Went to Town?</i> -Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes (Mark 11) <b>11:00am: Confirmation Class</b> <b>12:15pm: Spiritual Formation Team</b> <b>12:15pm: Altar Team</b> <b>12:30pm: Easter Service of Baptism</b> <b>5:30pm: Community Meal (\$2)</b> <b>5:30pm: SLY, Jr.</b> <b>6:00pm: SLY PM</b> <b>6:34pm: Fusion Holy Week Experience</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>6:30pm: Children's Ministry Team</b> <b>7:30pm: Planned Giving Team</b>	<b>20</b> <b>1:00pm: Seasoned Voyagers</b> <b>6:30pm: Parent's Depression/ Bipolar Support Group</b> <b>6:30pm: Wed. Night SLY</b> <b>6:30pm: Lenten Bible Study</b> <b>7:00pm: Itch to Stitch</b>	<b>21</b> <b>9:30am: Children 'n Chattin' Playgroup</b> <b>6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship</b> <b>7:00pm: Maundy Thursday Service</b>	<b>22</b> <b>7:00pm: Good Friday Tenebrae Service</b>	<b>23</b> <b>7:00am: Lenten Bible Study</b>
<b>EASTER</b> <b>Sunrise Service at Shea Stadium 6:00am</b> <b>Easter Services 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, &amp; 11:00am</b> <i>Were You There...For the Surprising Ending (Or Beginning)?</i> -Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes <b>11:00am: Confirmation Class</b> <b>6:34pm: Fusion Easter Service</b>	<b>25</b> <b>6:30pm: Women's Evening Book Club</b>	<b>26</b> <b>7:00am: Men's Group @ Egg &amp; I</b> <b>6:30pm: Learning Differences Group</b>	<b>27</b> <b>6:30pm: Wed. Night SLY</b>	<b>28</b> <b>5:00pm: Little School Art Show</b> <b>6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship</b>	<b>29</b> <b>7:00pm: Confirmation Ritual &amp; Dessert</b>	<b>30</b>