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and much more!

Are you interested in going on the March 2012 Mission trip to Guatemala?

If so, we want YOU! St. Luke's will be taking 2 teams to build a cinder block school for the village of Lemoa. (Currently these students are attending a school built out of corn stalks!) While we are down there we will also be visiting the John Wesley School, meeting with sponsor kids, building chicken coops and holding a bible camp. It should be a wonderful trip. No previous building experience is required. The Week 1 trip runs from 3/16-3/25 and Week 2 runs from 3/23-4/1. We still have a few places remaining on each week. If you are interested in joining us, contact Laura Richards (corichards@aol.com) as soon as possible.

Dear Edwina Brings Laughs!



Over Sept. 16 and 17 more than 300 people came to see the Wesley Players production of *Dear Edwina*. The cast was greeted with laughter and lots of applause while raising funds to build one chicken coop in Guatemala. The memorable characters and songs will not soon be forgotten by those who participated and witnessed this wonderful show. Edwina and her cast taught us all how to be polite when served something you don't like, how to set the table and to "put it in the piggy" by donating funds for missions. Thanks to all who gave of their gifts by donating time, talent, money and laughter.

St. Luke's PAA - Summer 2011 - Wow!



The Summer of 2011 was a major growing year for the St. Luke's Performing Arts Academy. We more than doubled our registration and offered two new programs, Summer Camp and Intensive III: Ensemble. With a full summer we had more students on scholarship than in any year past and we are proud to announce that we raised over \$1500 for missions. The St. Luke's PAA staff and faculty worked tirelessly to bring three shows to life, *Disney's 101 Dalmatians Kids!*, *Guys and Dolls Jr.* and *Annie*.

We are thrilled to announce that registration is open now for our Summer 2012 programs. With expanded Summer Camp dates and three Intensives, there is something for everyone age 3-12th grade. Visit www.stlukespaa.org for all the details and to register.

Feeding of the 5,000

"Oh, can't you see what our love has done" -U2

by Rev. Bradley Laurvick



There are some things that can only be accomplished when people come together in love. This phrase has never been more true to me as 60,000 pounds of food is certainly a thing that cannot be accomplished any other way. Let me give you context to help make this number as big as it is—not only is 60,000 pounds the estimated lifetime food consumption of the average American, it is also the weight of 6 full grown male elephants. Now let me give you context to help make this number as small as it is—Denver Urban Ministries (DenUM) will use all 60,000 pounds in less than two months. So let me make that seem big again—in those two months DenUM will give that food to over 2,500 families (around 10,000 people). The idea that we could collect



(and sort, box, and transport) that much food, for that many people, in one weekend truly is *continued on p. 3*

Sunday Worship Services:

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

6:34pm: Fusion

Contemplative Services also offered
(Check website for dates and times)**Sunday School:**

Adult, Youth & Children:

9:30am & 11:00am

Nursery available for:

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

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Senior Pastor

Changing Lives for Good

*I thank God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. (Philippians 1: 3-4)***Throughout October, we will celebrate the St. Luke's****community: connecting and changing lives!** Relationships are the ties that bind us together as a congregation. We are a people who live tied together by our belonging to the body of Christ.

The net is a symbol of these ties - persons of different ages, meeting in groups of differing interests, worshiping in different services, gathering from different backgrounds, longing for different spiritual journeys who are all linked together. The net also catches us in times of uncertainty as St. Luke's holds us up in times of growth, transition, and change.

My hope is that this theme will help our family strengthen the ways that we are woven together, cherishing each other, becoming a way station for those who come together with their own unique stories, diverse by generation, vocation, faith tradition, gifts, and backgrounds. Our community grows closer. Lives are changed for good!

Let us dive deeper into the spiritual life of our netted community, singing the promises of this life we embrace. The Soul Purpose Youth Choir lifts us as they sing:

*"I've heard it said that people
come into our lives for a reason
Bringing something we must learn
And we are led to those
who help us most to grow, if we let them
And we help them in return.
I know I'm who I am today
because I knew you.
I have been changed for the better.
I have been changed for good."
(For Good, Stephen Schwartz)*

CHANGING LIVES FOR GOOD

is more than a theme - it's an effort to show how our congregation is making a lasting difference in the lives of children, youth, adults, and families.

Our worship series will ask the question: What do I really care about? In what will I invest my life and my resources? I would like for more and more families to enter into the joy of investing in St. Luke's and spiritual formation so that we might be blessed by blessing and supporting others. That's what families do for one another!

CONSECRATION SUNDAY is planned for Sunday, November 6 with a service of Holy Communion and the commitment of gifts.

We continue in anxious, uncertain times. At St. Luke's, we are called hold one another in prayer and substance as many of our families struggle with unemployment. These times require much faithfulness, deeper relationships, and vigilant hope!

We are all changing lives for good!
Grace, Rev. Janet

Welcome Angie Steinhauer, our new intern!

Angie Steinhauer has joined our staff as intern from the Iliff School of Theology through next May. In 15 hours weekly, she will be learning and leading in both pastoral ministry and children's ministry.

She is a certified candidate for ministry in the Wisconsin Annual Conference and plans to return there upon the completion of her Master of Divinity Degree in June.

She received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater in business. Since that time she has worked for CUNA Mutual Group, Village of McFarland and the State of Wisconsin. From insurance to Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) to Elections law, her career has been diverse. She is a volunteer member of the Mount Horeb Fire Department where she serves as an EMT.

Angie is from Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, her father's hometown, and much of her paternal extended family lives within 20 minutes of the home farm. She is a life-long member of the Mount Horeb United Methodist Church and has been well cared for in faith in church family that her parents, grandparents and great-grandparents have called home. She is the middle child of three. Her older brother lives in Mount Horeb and her younger sister lives in Green Bay.

Many thanks for the Consultation Team from St. Luke's as they support Angie in her learning: Michelle Mallory, Chairperson and Liaison to the Staff Parish Relations Team; Nancy Abbott; Patti Speedy; Jack Goodman; Rev. Patricia Westlake; Joely Maddux, and Mary Davidson. Rev. Janet Forbes serves as Angie's supervisor in ministry.

**Angie Steinhauer**
Pastoral/Children's
Ministry Intern



**Rev. Bradley
Laurvick**
Associate Minister

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something that
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come together
we did...

Over 700 people (St. Luke's and local community members) were hands on during the event at grocery stores and on site at St. Luke's. Thousands and thousands of people gave generously—easily over 4000 donated food during the event. This is community at its best. This is church in the truest sense of the word. This is why I love who we are and who we can be. I recognize that our goal of 100,000 pounds still sits out there in front of us... and it should. The need is that great and greater, and to quote John Wesley (my good buddy and the founder of Methodism), *"if we believe it not possible, how shall we ever attain it?"*

Congratulations.

Thank you.

**May you be blessed
and be a blessing.**



*Journey toward
Wholeness*

**ST. LUKE'S UMC
SPIRITUALITY
AND WELLNESS
WORKSHOP
SERIES 2011/2012**

Spirituality & Wellness Series 2011-12 *Continuing our Journey toward Wholeness*

Sometimes our lives feel like a race from one goal to the next as we pursue that ephemeral sense of Happiness: *If I could just get that job... If I could just find that special relationship... If I could just lose those 10 pounds...* Then, I will be happy! How does all of this relate to our spiritual journey? As we race along, we often miss the meaningful moments along the way. The ancient Hebrews celebrated *Dayeinu*, roughly translated, *it is enough*. We can perhaps imagine that, as they wandered in the wilderness, God gave them water, and manna, and the concept of Dayeinu: "If God never gives us any other gifts, what has come before was enough."

We invite our community to join us for the 2011/2012 Spirituality and Wellness series to explore strategies for finding the peace and contentment we seek in the moment. Our three sessions will take an honest look at what drives human beings to pursue happiness, which is usually slightly beyond our reach at any given moment. Life often surprises us; we don't expect to be where we are. How do we find peace in the moment. How can we celebrate "Dayeinu" in our lives? We hope you joined us for our first session on October 4, Chasing Happiness, with Dr. Andi Pusavat. Please give us your feedback by completing the survey that was emailed to all participants. If you would like to view the recording of Dr. Pusavat's presentation, please see Rev. Sallie. (*Thank you Ken Fong!*)

Finding Wellness: January 17, 2012, 6:30-8:30pm

Rev. Jerry Herships Jerry will lead us with humor on an exploration of the different stages in our lives, including those challenging transitions. We'll consider ways to validate and celebrate what has come before, where we are right now, and where we want to go next.

Maintaining Wholeness: March 6, 2012, 6:30-8:30pm

Dr. Andi Pusavat & Rev. Jerry Herships Together, Andi and Jerry will facilitate us in a conversation about living intentionally and embracing all aspects of who we are with acceptance and gratitude. We'll explore what "a life well-lived" means to each of us, and how faith can help us experience joy in the present and guide us to wholeness.

For more information contact Rev. Sallie Suby-Long sallie@stlukeshr.com 303-475-0141

Monty's Methodism Musings: 3 Affirmations *by Monty Hoffman*

United Methodism is a non creedal faith. I can't write something on the blackboard and say that if you want to be a United Methodist, you need to believe all of these things. Within a broad range of Christian thought, you are free to believe what your study of scripture, understanding of tradition, application of reason, and experience of God in your life have led you to believe.

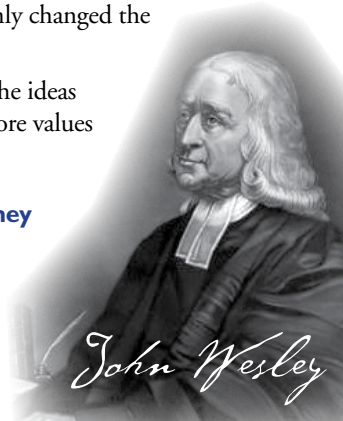
Because we do not have a set doctrinal statement, some people think we have nothing in common with each other in our beliefs. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact the idea that we can differ in our beliefs and still be called to live together in a Christian community is one of the things that defines us.

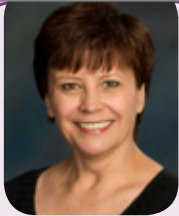
As John Wesley started the Methodist movement, there were many doctrinal issues which separated us from the mainstream of the Church of England and helped define us. Wesley told the people that he preached to in the fields that they were also loved by God and that God's Grace was a part of their lives also. This did not set well with the mainstream who thought that they were a privileged class because God had placed them there and that the poor suffered because God had predetermined that fate for the poor. They thought that if the working class poor listened to Wesley, they would "forget their place in society" and they strongly opposed Wesley. Wesley not only changed the theology of the Church of England, he changed the social landscape of England.

The defining ideas that separated us from the Church of England mainstream still define us today. They are the ideas that have drawn millions of people to the movement over the last 250 years and the ideas that we build our core values as a denomination around. These ideas can be summed up in three affirmations.

1. **God loves all people.**
2. **God's Grace is a part of all people's lives, even when they are unaware of it and even when they feel unworthy of it.**
3. **We have the freedom to accept or reject God's Grace and we have the freedom to determine how we will live our lives. God challenges us to use that freedom to make the world a better place for all of his children.**

These affirmations still warm my heart when I hear them and make me proud to be a part of the Methodist Movement.





Lynda Fickling
Director of
Servant Ministry/
Spiritual Director

We are Called to Serve

Love cannot remain by itself, it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service. -Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Ushers: Assists in the weekly worship service by ensuring worshippers are attended to during the services. Ushers typically serve on a quarterly basis. If you would enjoy serving our community in this ministry we welcome you to join us! Spiritual Gifts: Helps, Hospitality. Meeting Time/Place: Rotating Sundays at 8:00am, 9:30am or 11:00am Contact: Shawn Slade 303-660-6113 Shawn.Slade@leicaus.com

Grocery Certificate Team: Help sell our grocery certificates on Sunday mornings. It's a wonderful way to meet and welcome others here at St. Luke's. The grocery certificate program is a "Fund Raising" function for the church. Every time people purchase the certificates, a donation is made by one of the local grocery stores to St. Luke's. Members generally work one Sunday per month selling certificates between services. Spiritual Gifts: Helps, Giving, Leadership. Meeting Time/Place: none. Contact: Paula Severseike 720-519-1194 seikes@comcast.net or Marilyn Bacon 303-791-7649 jamesmarilyn@msn.com

This is the season of serving – please take a look through our Catalog of Ministries located throughout the church and on our website, for a ministry team that may be calling you!

To Discover more about your own Spiritual Gifts and where you may serve best, visit 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 Bruce Pawley, Co-Leader for Lay Leadership, 303-471-8353 brucepawley@comcast.net or Karin Wesson, Co-Leader for Lay Leadership, 303-683-0196 karin@thewessons.com and/or stop by our Get Connected Center



Rev. Sallie Suby-Long
Associate Minister



Brenda Schafer
Office Administrator

SEPTEMBER ENTRIES TO PRAYER LIST:

Myles Krick (friend of Amy McDowell)
Darrell & Billie (wife) Aderman (friends of Rick & Louise Jasper)
Michael & Lona Cram (friends of Nita Dunn)
Mel Ludlam (Les Ludlam's uncle)
Betty Kieser (Bonnie Funk's mother)
Annette Funk (Bonnie Funk's sister-in-law)
Mike Hutchins
Richard Peterson (Sallie Suby-Long's step-father)
Claire Alpert
Danny Choy (Nancy Abbott's friend)
John Streevy (Michael Streevy's son)
Nathan & Elise Bond (Amy McDowell's friends)
Lindley McCray (Jenna Wilcox's sister)
Audrey Bladt (Christie Connor)
J.D. Sahaydak (Steve & Lynda Marschke's grandson)
Valerie Block (Terry & Janet Walter's daughter)
Bruce Moody (Mildred Moody's son)
Jim Halderman (Bob Halderman's brother)
Will Tucker
Andrew Wells
Ethel Taylor (Carol Gill's mother)
Val Clark
Pat Dublin (Bob Davis' mother)
Laura Wardell (Lynda Fickling's friend)
Janet Loughry
Gina Matteson
Dwight Griggs (Susan Hooke's father)
Carl Cleveland
Zac Grass (Susan Hooke's son's friend)
Leah Mercier (Sandi & Ben Miyakai's friend)
Marion Boon (Rich Boon's mother)
Anne Bennett
Marj Mack
Beth Turner
Herb Stevens (Joyce Eyer & Eileen Law's friend)
Jennie Hall Comacho (Eileen Law's friend's daughter)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please stop by the Information Center, by the front door, where you will find the complete and updated Prayer Concerns list or view the listing on our website. 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

Gerald Gates (Bret Wilcox's uncle)
Sherril Smiley (Nancy Obertier's friend)
Bill Herold (Obertier's cousin)
Hale Herold (Obertier's cousin)
Fritz Bauernschmidt (Obertier's relative)
Daniel Serna (Obertier's friend)
Jordan Dood (Trudy Mathews' nephew)
Peri Jensen (Scholle's niece)
Nancy Meester (Amy Slade's mother)
Grace George
Jim Mitchell

SYMPATHIES TO:

Kevin Sims & Amy Pierce on the passing of Amy's grandmother, Lura Jones-Smith
David & Connie Whitmer on the passing of David's mother, Enid Whitmer
Kay Oscai on the passing of her friend, Laura McCoy
Sylvia Brady and Bruce & Andreak Kirchhoff on the passing of their granddaughter/niece, Sarah Brady
Michael Bataglia on the passing of his sister, Susan Ray
the family and friends of Rev. Marti Zimmerman on her passing
Gordon Johnson on the passing of his brother, Richard Johnson
Bob & Betty Halderman and Kim Joseph on the passing of their friend, Jean Brazda
Charlie & Jan Rufein on the passing of Charlie's cousin, Father John Wind
Angie Steinhauer on the passing of her friend, Greg Harp
Julie Brower and family on the passing of her father, Jack Flemming

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jim & Linda Allen on the birth of their granddaughter, Brailynn Marie Jensen
John Hovland & Alaina Gilbert on the birth of their son, Landon Ryan Hovland

Calling all of God's Servants

The Lay Leadership Team (LLT) is again gearing up to work with our St. Luke's teams to insure they are equipped to continue their service in 2012. Bruce Pawley and Karin Wesson are co-leading the team this year and are joined by the following team members: Jay Lee, Erin Wright, Alan Babcock, Tony Ashworth, Julie Brower, Dan Drost, Pris Spong and Jean Ann Duncan.

You may have already spoken with a member of the LLT as we have begun our team interviews. Please feel free to contact them with any questions or concerns regarding any of our teams. The LLT will be working hard in the next couple of months to identify leadership/membership needs and begin inviting those to serve. You may receive a call from us to see if God is calling you to serve in one of these capacities. There are many opportunities for you to serve in ways that match your spiritual gifts (take the Spirit Gifts Assessment at www.stlukeshr.com, on the Quick Links list). Our nine member teams with three-year terms include: SPRT (Staff/Parish Relations Team), Finance Team, Lay Leadership Team, Planned Giving Team, Stewardship Team, Missions Team, Spiritual Formation/Adult Education Team, Long Range Planning Team, Trustees Team. We also have many other teams (see the Ministry Catalog on the website under Publications or at the Get Connected Center) that have two-year leadership terms as well as teams that just need new members to bring their gifts and passions to the ministry.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can serve St. Luke's, please contact Bruce Pawley 303-471-8353 brucepawley@comcast.net, Karin Wesson 303-683-0196 karin@thewessons.com or Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20 lynda@stlukeshr.com

More from Les: Transformation #2 The Palmer United Methodist Fellowship

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

This is the second installment of a three-part series of the story of transformation during the three years I served as pastor of a very small, rural United Methodist congregation in Alaska. I believe this story has an important message about how we recognize a "call" in our own lives, whatever it may be, how we respond to that call, and how God uses people around us to affirm and support us as we move forward. I hope you enjoy the story. It's not just mine, but a story of the people who traveled with me and helped me on this sometimes confusing and circuitous path.

In early 1989, Keith and Lea Bryan, Elana Shiflea and other members of a Sunday school class at the Wasilla, Alaska, United Methodist Church decided it was time to do something. They lived 30 miles to the east in Palmer. Sometimes it took over an hour to get to the church.

One day, Keith asked, "Could we start our own church and get our own minister in Palmer?" With encouragement from their pastor, Rev. Linda Meyer, the class members decided they would explore the idea. They arranged a meeting with the Conference Superintendent, Rev. Carol Sekel, and made their request. "We need a minister and worship location in Palmer," said Keith. "We live too far from Wasilla and while there are other churches in Palmer but they don't really meet our own worship and fellowship needs."

"But Palmer only has a population of about 4,000," replied Carol, "The chances of getting enough members to allow a new church to be self sufficient are practically zero!"

"But we must have a place to worship in Palmer," replied Lea, "and we want our kids to have a good Sunday school experience."

Carol paused for a moment, "Well," she said, "if you're willing to operate as a 'Fellowship,' without being chartered or having a vote in Annual Conference, you could begin operating right now if I could find a Part-Time Licensed Local Pastor for you. But don't expect any help from the denomination."

Keith smiled, "Then could you find a pastor for us?"

Carol faced a dilemma. There was no money to support the planting of a new church in Palmer, but the Palmer families had a legitimate need and she was unwilling to tell them to go to another denomination. She felt a responsibility to respond to their need but had no resources to support any action. While she had serious doubts that the well-established community of Palmer could support any new church at all, Carol wanted to do something. "I'll see what can be done," she replied.

Later, Carol looked over a list of local ministry candidates prepared by the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and noted the candidacy file on Les Ludlam.

There were questions about Les. She knew he worked as an engineer for an oil company, but she knew nothing beyond his candidacy papers and the results from a few meetings with the Board of Ordained Ministry and his meetings with Rev. Billy Still, the mentor assigned to him.

"Les seems to have the business background to help him understand the challenges in trying to get a new church planted," she thought, and the Board believes he's ready for Certification. But could he be an effective pastor for the congregation? Would he be a good fit with the Palmer folks? Would he stick with them? Can an engineer be an effective minister? He's working full time in Anchorage."

Carol decided to talk to me.

"Will you do it?" she had asked me, and I said "yes."

After my affirmative reply, Carol said, "The next step is to meet with the folks at Palmer and then you and the congregation will decide what to do.

I'll depend on you to keep me informed on how they're doing and what you are doing to help them face some of the hard facts about starting a new church. When do you want to meet with them?"

"As soon as they are ready," I replied.

I had only a general idea about what this might lead to for Betty and me.

The meeting with the parishioners went as expected. I agreed to meet with them the following Sunday evening for their regular evening Bible study meeting and to work with them to begin the process of planning for the future. From then on, things began developing very quickly.

By December, we had located an affordable place on the Palmer/Wasilla Highway; it was in a bankrupt shopping mall, Colony Plaza (also known as "The Barn" because of the shape of the building).

A local ELCA Lutheran congregation had purchased the mall. They used part of it for their worship space and rented the remainder of the space. There was a small room in the back, on the second level where we could meet, the Lutherans could not take rent from other church organizations, and so we proposed to give them a monthly "love-offering."

We canvassed neighborhoods, borrowed a piano and a small electric organ from St. John UMC. We recruited a piano player from the congregation,



had a sign made by a local painter and put it up next to the highway. We borrowed a small table and a cross and bought some candle-holders to set up an altar. We were given surplus old bulletin covers from St. John's UMC to use for our Sunday morning order of worship. Betty, bless her heart, offered to lead the children's Sunday school!

We called ourselves "Palmer United Methodist Fellowship;" we were a church in every way that counted.

We were optimistic, and excited! On the first Sunday following New Year's day, 1990, we began regular Sunday morning worship for the Palmer United Methodist

Fellowship upstairs in "The Barn." Betty and I began driving to Palmer every Sunday; I would preach, Betty would teach the children's Sunday school. I would continue meeting, as a Certified candidate, with Rev. Billy Still and would report regularly to the Conference Superintendent.

Then, came the common experience of struggle and learning and change, for me and for the congregation. And it all happened because of the vision and commitment of many, not just the appointed pastor.

Luck happens when preparation meets opportunity—and then God's work gets going!

God bless us all! Rev. Les (Next month, Part 3)

New Member Meet & Greet

An invitation for all new members to join us for food, fellowship and a chance to meet some of the staff.

When: Sunday, Oct. 30

Time: 4:00-5:30pm

Where: Rev. Sallie & Tom Suby-Long's home

RSVP: Lynda 303-791-0659 x20

All new members are invited to join us! And if you have missed the past "Meet & Greet's" - please come!



Jake's Take

Woof! Woof! Jake, Ms. Sharon's dog, here. I am on the Children's Beat, sniffing out and reporting all the latest news. Things are happening at St. Luke's Kids!

We have had an amazing September in Children's Ministry.

We kicked off our Sunday School year and are having a blast in Joy Trek, PEAK, Tweens ROCK and Godly Play on Sunday mornings. We can still use your help. It's a great place to serve!!!



On Sept. 11 we kicked off our SLY, Jr. year and had a bbq and roasted s'mores with SLY, and our families, then on Sept. 25 we played Silly Games and then on Oct. 2 we helped out with the Feeding of the 5,000 and saw a rockin' concert full of U2 songs. **Our next gathering is on Oct. 23 at 5:30pm for Scary Movie Night with SLY!**

On Oct. 9, 45 3rd graders received their very own Bible!

Rev. Brad spent

the morning with the 3rd graders showing them so many cool things about their new Bibles. We even learned a little Greek! Oh, how I wish I could read!!

We are looking forward to our next

Family Movie Night on Nov. 4. Please bring your pillows and pillow pets and join us in your pjs for a cozy night of popcorn and **Winnie the Pooh** at 6:45pm. Leave some popcorn for me!



The St. Luke's Babysitters List

is a current listing of youth ages 12-17 who are interested in babysitting for St. Luke's families. If you are a youth interested in being on the list or a family interested in our list of exceptional youth caregivers please stop by the Nursery or contact Sam Leahy at sam@stlukeshr.com.

Upcoming Events BUZZ:

- Oct. 11, 18, 25 & Nov. 1 - 9:15am Love & Logic Parenting class
- Oct. 16 - PEAK Elementary Sunday School starts new 5-week workshop rotation: "Zacchaeus" 9:30am
- Oct. 20 - Children & Chatten' Playgroup 9:30am
- Oct. 23 - SLY, Jr. "Scary Movie Night" 5:30-7:30pm (\$2 for Youth Meal)
- Nov. 4 - Family Movie Night "Winnie the Pooh" 6:45pm

Don't forget we have a great website www.stlukeshr.com/children with lots of important info on it. You can even check out the **Sunday School servant schedule** there!

Please let Sharon, Dawn & Sam know if you have any questions. They'd be happy to help you when they are done taking me to the dog park. This is Jake, signing out until next month! Sending everyone big wet doggie kisses!



Sharon Oliver
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Dawn Johnson
Asst. Director of
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Samantha Leahy
Director of Childcare

St. Luke's Kids

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Kay Swanson
Director of
Little School



Little School News: Leaves are Falling!

Little School is in full swing and we are having fun watching the beginning of a new season. Everyone is enjoying playing outside in this wonderful weather! October will be packed with lots of fun including HEALTH WEEK October 3-7 and we will be talking about all things healthy. We provided free vision and

dental screenings for our students Oct. 5 & 6, and showed off their bright smiles on PICTURE DAYS Oct. 3 & 4.

In Chapel Rev. Brad will be talking about "We are Family" and telling us about the families of the bible. Everyone adores Rev. Brad and Chapel is one of our most favorite times!

We will top off the end of the month with our Fall Harvest parties, a visit to the Pumpkin Patch and our costume parade! We all love to dress up and Treat Or Treat throughout the church building.

DON'T FORGET THAT WE COLLECT LEFT-OVER HALLOWEEN CANDY TO DONATE TO THE COLORADO AIDS PROJECT. YOU MAY LEAVE YOUR CANDY IN THE BOX BY THE LITTLE SCHOOL OFFICE OR UPSTAIRS IN THE MAIN OFFICE OF THE CHURCH!

Little School is looking for substitute teachers! If you have taught in Elementary School and would like to come assist in a classroom, please email Ms. Kay at kay@stlukeshr.com. We need you and we will even pay you!

Enjoy these beautiful days that God gives us and "Never fear shadows. They simply mean there is a light shining somewhere nearby!" -Ruth E. Renkel

May God Shine on Your Day! -Ms. Kay and Staff



Attention Parents! Good stuff you should know...

The Children's Ministry staff team conducted two servant training sessions at the beginning of September where around 40 servants were in attendance. We reviewed the Sunday School schedule, curriculum, and the Children's Ministry "Safe Sanctuary" Procedures. Below are some highlights for all of our parents to remember about the Sunday School program. We hold ourselves to a high standard of safety to help ensure we conduct a program that is not only educational and fun but also very safe! We need your help to make this happen.

- All servants complete a background check and volunteer application. The staff will be following up and collecting completed forms throughout the fall.
- **A parent/adult guardian must sign their child in and out of class.** Please register your child for Sunday School each year. It's easy to do online or at the Superintendent's Station. Registering gives your child a permanent name tag and family number and adds their name to the class sign in sheet, it also provides us with emergency contact info and allergy info and puts you on the list to receive emails with children's programming info. Visitors and children not yet registered for Sunday School check in with the Superintendent first, then sign in at the child's class.
- Each child in Sunday School has a family number on their name tag, as well as on their sign in sheet. If a parent/guardian is needed for any reason you will be paged by that number in the Sanctuary near the large screen.
- All children have 2 name tags. One of them goes on the child (please pin it on the back of your preschool child for safety reasons and the front of your elementary-aged child) **and the other name tag is for you to use as a claim check for retrieving your child after service.**
- Teachers/Shepherds are indicated by their white name tag so you will know that this person is an authorized adult serving in our Sunday School program.
- We follow a rule of two adults for each class of children. Ms. Sharon, Ms. Dawn, Ms. Sam and the Superintendent also act as an additional adult for classrooms as needed.
- In the case of an emergency, such as a fire drill, please remember to sign your child out and show your name tag claim check. **The teacher will release your child to you as soon as all of the children from the class have been accounted for at the evacuation area.**

We need you! There are plenty of opportunities to serve within the Children's Ministry program and we welcome all of you to join us. Serving our children not only can help you along your spiritual journey and be a fun and meaningful experience, it means the world to our children that you are there for them. The servant schedule is kept updated and is on the St. Luke's website under the children's tab, so you can see when you are serving.

Please let Sharon or Dawn or Sam know if you have any questions about Sunday School procedures or volunteering within the program. **Your child's safety is our top priority and within a safe environment, learning can thrive!**

Mission Statement: *In caring for the children of St. Luke's and their families, we seek to nurture and develop faithful loving lives, modeled after the Love, Acceptance, Justice, and Hope of Jesus, through relationship and learning.*



Rev. Sallie Suby-Long
Associate Minister

Grief Support Group Begins Nov. 6

Grief comes to us in many forms, washing over us in unexpected ways and times. Tears are often an expression of our grief, and are a good and proper response to loss. At times we feel alone in this life journey. St. Luke's is offering a Grief Support Group beginning on Sunday afternoon Nov. 6 and I would like to extend to you a special invitation to have others join you in the journey of grieving... you are not alone.

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 that at one time was so natural may become awkward or even absent. Gift-giving, once so filled with fun, may somehow seem empty and sad. Significant loss, either to 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 so greatly missing the person 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 about the coming 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 "first" holidays, this group is for you.

When: Sundays from 4:00-5:30pm:

November 6, 13, 20 & December 4 (A Service of Remembrance)

Where: St. Luke's Conference Room

I hope you will consider attending the Grief Support Group, beginning Nov. 6. We can journey with one other in the coming holiday season. To sign up: 303-791-0659 x32, sallie@stlukeshr.com or at the Get Connected Center.

Just WHAT IS the Stephen Ministry Peach Sale !!!?

- The Peach Sale fully supports the Stephen Ministry program at St. Luke's. Stephen Ministry is a Christ centered support ministry available to the St. Luke's congregation and community for those experiencing difficult life issues. This year, the sale of 324 boxes raised about \$3000 to be used for continuing education resources, printed material to share where needed (i.e. grief support) and additional training.
- Delicious fresh fruit direct from the orchard (Palisade)
- Wonderful food prepared for family gatherings
- Hand created gifts for family & friend's special occasions
- Church family 'connecting time' at order table & pick up
- Opportunity to learn of church family needs

All Stephen Ministry participants appreciate the huge support given to the Peach Sale each year and hope it adds to your 'connection' at St. Luke's.



Our Nursery

provides a safe, loving atmosphere for the youngest members of our Church family. Our Nursery staff is composed of responsible and trained individuals who feel blessed to serve your children so you can attend worship or participate in a multitude of opportunities available here at St. Luke's. Our Nursery is available for worship services on Sunday mornings at 8:00, 9:30 (birth to 2 years), 11:00 (birth to 3 years). No reservations are required for worship services. We also provide childcare support for many small groups by specific request. For those classes and events that have childcare available we ask that you make a reservation for your child 48 hours prior to the event so we can maintain our commitment to providing a safe and caring environment. Thank you for allowing us to serve you and your family. For any questions or reservation requests, please don't hesitate to contact sam@stlukeshr.com.





"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."

Patches Past and Present: About 40 women attended our Fall kick-off event, Patches Past and Present. The theme was highlighted through a beautiful quilt display showcasing some very old treasures to some very new keepsakes. Thanks to everyone who shared their quilts with us. The meeting highlighted the past history of the United Methodist Women through a skit performed by some members. Information about present UMW activities and opportunities were then shared by members of various sub-groups. Betsy Keyack presented the mission focus for the event: St. Luke's School Partnership with Sedalia Elementary. Thanks to the generosity of the women attending, enough money was donated to fund the Food for Families part of the program for one year. This money will feed hungry families during three-day weekends and long school breaks. If you are interested in helping with the food sorting or delivery or in helping with a Reading Tutoring program, please contact Betsy for more information. As is tradition at the Fall event, a variety of delicious pies were served. *Thanks to all who participated.*

United Methodist Women's Reading Program: The Book List for the 2012 Reading Program was recently published. St. Luke's has purchased some books from each category and added them to the UMW Reading Shelf (upper left shelf in office library.) Anyone is welcome to borrow a book. If you are interested in participating in the reading program, please contact Grace George or Renae Parra for the list of books or other details.

World Community Day: St. Luke's will host World Community Day on Friday, November 4, 2011. We are part of the Southeast South Suburban Unit of Church Women United (CWU). The program is "Living Our Faith. Unlocking Action." Registration begins at 9:30am with coffee and refreshments. The program starts at 10:00am. All women are invited.

Annual Candlelight Dinner Tues. Dec. 6: Plans are already underway!

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; bring a breakfast item to share. Women ages 18 & up are invited for devotion and mission. This year's theme: *Friendship of Women-The Hidden Tradition of the Bible By Joan Chittester*

November 5: Financial Planning for the Holidays

December 3: Holiday Traditions/Memories

Childcare available sam@stlukeshr.com. 48hrs in advance. For more information, please contact: Elena Lynch elenalynch@gmail.com or Lynda Fickling lynda@stlukeshr.com. Visit www.stlukeshr.com, Quick links, Email Lists, to add your name to the email distribution list.

• **Book Group** Fourth Monday of the month, Room 206. Afternoon meeting 1:00pm Evening meeting 7:00pm.

October 24 – *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers

November 28 – *The Miracles of Santo Fico* by D.L. Smith

For more information, please call Renae Parra at 303-683-0872. To be added to the email mailing list, send a request to RenaeParra@aol.com

• **Itch to Stitch** is kicking off their new year of stitching on Wed. Sept. 19 at 7:00pm in Goliath - the large community room in the basement. We have new mission projects and new members. We always take donations of washable yarns and cotton fabrics. Please call Fran West at 303-797-7107 for more info.

• **Women's Night Out** First Monday of the month, 6:30pm various locations

November 7 – Wild Ginger, Littleton Ave

December 6 – we will attend the Annual Candlelight dinner

Contact Sandy Frasier Sandy.Frasier@yahoo.com or Elaine Carlstrom ecarlstrom@comcast.net

Mark Your Calendars:

-October 21-22 Annual Meeting and Celebration of the Rocky Mountain Conference

-October 20 Littleton United Methodist Trip

-November 4 St. Luke's UMW Hosting World Community Day, 8:30am-noon

-January 27, 2012 Church Women United Fashion Show hosted by Littleton UMC

Rocky Mountain Conference United Methodist Women Website: www.rmcmw.org

Visit www.UMWOnline.net to network with others, as well as get and share resources.

How do United Methodist Congregations Get their Pastors? *by Janet Forbes*

The United Methodist Church has a unique way of matching pastors and congregations. Rather than local churches hiring and firing their own pastors—as in some denominations—United Methodist bishops appoint pastors to serve in local churches and other ministry settings.

One advantage to this process is that a local church never has to go without a pastor. Likewise, a pastor (specifically, a full member of an annual conference in good standing) never goes without a setting for ministry. The primary goal of the appointment system is to match the gifts and graces of a particular pastor to the ministry needs of a particular congregation at a particular time.

This itinerant system, where pastors move from one appointment to another, dates back to American frontier days when circuit riding preachers traveled on horseback from town to town. At that time, bishops matched preachers to circuits four times a year. Now bishops typically fix appointments once a year at the meeting of the annual conference in June. **Most clergy move to their new appointment on July 1 each year.**

To understand the appointive process, it helps to know a little about how the United Methodist Church is organized. **We are a connectional church.** That means individual congregations are part of a larger network known as an annual conference under the leadership of a bishop. Most annual conferences consist of several districts. Ordained clergy are members of an annual conference rather than a local church. Our St. Luke's clergy are members of the Rocky Mountain Conference, which includes Colorado, Utah, and the southeastern half of Wyoming.

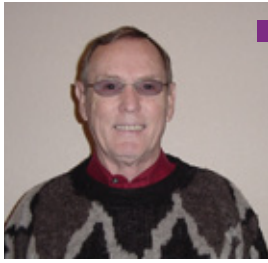
Bishops are responsible for assigning pastors to churches. Ordinarily, district superintendents assist the bishop in prayerfully making appointments. They generally meet with pastors and representatives of local churches every year to assess the effectiveness of ministry there. The superintendent of the Mile High – Pikes Peak District is Rev. Dr. Melanie Rosa.

The staff-parish relations team represents the congregation officially in this process. Usually, when everyone agrees that a current pastor's gifts and graces are a good match for the specific needs of a ministry setting, the pastor is assigned to remain for another year. Sometimes, however, a particular pastor is needed elsewhere or a local church requires someone with a new set of gifts and graces. In that case, the pastor will move and the church will receive someone new. The process always involves consultation.

If you have questions about the appointment process of the United Methodist Church, direct your inquiry to the chairperson of the Staff Parish Relations Team, Bruce Kirchhoff, or any of the clergy team, Rev. Janet Forbes, Rev. Brad Laurvick, or Rev. Sallie Suby Long.

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



Ben Daly

John & Laura Fry (no pic)

"We have been attending St. Luke's for so long and have decided to make it official. It's home to our family."



Thomas & Ginger Rode

Juliette Hamer (no pic) *"When I walked in the doors to St. Luke's it was like coming home."*



Bill Koch (no pic) *"I have missed being part of a Christian Family."*

Melissa Lobdell

Billy & Jessica McKeen (no pic) *"To be part of a Faith community that is energetic and dedicated to spiritual growth."*



Brad & Susan Warren

"The feeling of 'warmness & togetherness' as we come together with God."

Edee Worth (no pic) *"It's about time - I love St. Luke's and am active in music, children's, youth, seniors, drama, missions and sports ministries."*



James Ramsey
Director of Music & Arts Ministries



Kenrick Mervine
Associate Dir. of Music Ministry/
Organist



Jennifer Ferguson
Associate Director of Music Ministry

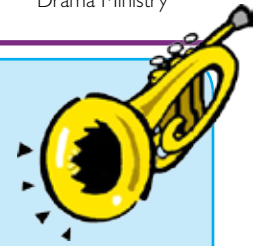


Kay Coryell
Dir. of Handbells & Children's Music Ministry



Jenna Wilcox
Director of Drama Ministry

Jazz is coming to St. Luke's! The Ministers of Swing and the St. Luke's Youth Jazz Orchestra are performing with featured guest, Gabe Mervine and his jazz ensemble, on **Nov. 5 at 7:00pm** in the Sanctuary. You won't want to miss this special event! Tickets are a recommended \$5 donation at the door.



The Wesley CHORAL FESTIVAL

Dr. James Ramsey, Founding Director

CONNECTING *Musicians to Mission*

featuring the
Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra

and the Festival Chorus -
St. Luke's UMC, Littleton UMC, St. Andrew UMC and Applewood Valley UMC

with Kenrick Mervine, organ

NOVEMBER 13, 2011
7:00pm

Benefit Performance for the **John Wesley School and Band Program** in Santa Cruz, del Quiche Guatemala.

University of Denver
Robert and Judi Newman Center for the Performing Arts
2344 E. Iliff Avenue
(across from Iliff School of Theology)

Reserved Seating: Tickets are \$11-\$30
www.stlukeshr.com or www.newmantix.com



Tickets available at the Newman Center Box Office
Open Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm
Saturday 10am - 4pm
2344 E. Iliff Ave., Suite 100, Denver, CO 80202
303.871.7720
www.newmantix.com



We need volunteers for We Don't Waste

at the following Broncos games:

Thursday, November 17 - 6:20pm

Sunday, December 18 - 2:15pm

Sunday, January 1 - 2:15pm

If interested, please contact Andrea at akirchhoff6652@yahoo.com. Join us!!



Upcoming Events



- * **Sunday Oct. 16 - Fall Festival**
11:00am-1:00pm
- * **Sunday Oct. 16 - Hayride**
See website for details.
- * **Saturday October 22 - Warren Village Haunted House**
noon-10:00pm
- * **Sunday Oct. 23 Scary Movie Night** 6:00pm
- * **Sunday October 30 - 6:00pm Halloween Costume Party**
- * **Youth Email Lists** – Looking for weekly info and updates from SLY? Well, you can sign up for an email list and get tons of important information straight to your inbox! Simply go to www.stlukeshr.com, click on the 'Eministry' button at the top of the page, then select 'Email Lists'. Parents should sign up an email address for the 'SLY Parents' list and youth should sign up for the 'St. Luke's Youth' list. *Make sure we have a recent & working email address for you!*
- * **Check www.stlukeshr.com/sly** for up-to-date info on programs, activities, ministry opportunities and more!

HELLO FROM BELOW

Orange October (to the tune of *White Christmas*)

*I'm dreaming of an orange October
Just like the ones I used to know
Where the youth sell pumpkins,
and then go on missions. To see the
corn and yellow gourds aglow*

*I'm seeing an orange October
And ask that all of you go buy
So your porches look spooky & fun
And so SLY can mission in the summer sun*



Hello folks. It's pumpkin season again. The weather is cooling down and the leaves are falling to the ground. October is one of the biggest and most important months to the youth here at St. Luke's. By selling pumpkins, these teens are raising money to help them get to their summer mission trip destinations. Each youth earns credits for how many hours they work at the patch, and then the earnings help cover their costs next summer.

We are calling this year's October "Outreach October". Not only are we raising money for next summer, but we are serving lunch at Urban Peak, putting on a Haunted House at Warren Village, and later in the month we are participating in Love, inc's 'Youth in Action'. The youth here at St. Luke's are dedicated to service, both near and far, but we need your help. We hope to see you out there this month shopping in the patch and want you to know how much we appreciate your continued love and support.

Until next month, Erin



Erin Laurvick
Interim Director of
Youth Ministry



Susan Johnson
Assistant Director
of Youth Ministry

Join Us!

Sundays:

SLY AM - 9:30am

WITY - 11:00am

SLYJO - 3:30pm

Soul Purpose - 4:30pm

Youth Dinner (check calendar) - 5:30pm (\$2)

SLY PM - 6:00-7:30pm

Wednesdays:

Homework Hour -

5:00-6:00pm

SLY WED -

6:00-8:00pm



SAVE THE DATE & RSVP

October 29 & 30

at Redstone Park 7:00pm-7:00am
email Erin at erin@stlukeshr.com
for more info or to RSVP

SEASONED VOYAGERS: SENIORS MINISTRY



By the time this article comes out, the **Seasoned Voyagers** will have had their Kick-Off Meeting on Sept. 21 and the Leaf Peeping tour to the Baldpate Inn on Oct. 5. We want to thank the team for their hard work in setting these programs up and for all in attendance, we want to thank you, too, for coming! We hope you enjoyed it!

We have many more activities planned and will be coming out with our winter-spring schedule soon. Already we have people interested in our Seasoned Voyagers programming. We have heard some requests to have evening programming, we will consider Friday and Saturdays evenings, understanding that some Seasoned Voyagers are still working but want to be included in the opportunities for fellowship and connection to other Seasoned Voyagers.

One program that has been added to our fall schedule is "Conversations with Rev. Janet". They are scheduled the first Tuesdays of the month at 2:00pm in Rev Janet's office. This is not a formal gathering, but conversations around your interests and needs in a relaxed setting. Rev Janet mentioned that she has had these types of gatherings at her previous churches and is glad to have the opportunity to continue that outreach at St Luke's.

The remaining fall schedule includes the following:

- Oct. 18, 2011 from 1:00-4:00pm in Fellowship Hall on "Everything you wanted to know about Missions" with Edee Worth and Betsy Keyack presenting. Come with your questions!
- Nov. 1, 2011 from 2:00-3:00pm, "Conversations with Janet"
- Nov. 4, 2011 movie at a local theater in late morning or early afternoon, more to come.
- Nov. 15, 2011 from 1:00-4:00pm Board and Card Games, in the Youth Room downstairs, bring your friends, with Joyce Rovetta and Ann Roadarmel organizing specific games and activities as requested.
- Dec. 6, 2011 from 2:00-3:00pm, "Conversations with Janet"
- Dec. 9, 2011 from 1:00-4:00pm Seasoned Voyagers Christmas Party, more to come!

Tentative Programs Coming for 2012 include: Travelling with a tour group – Linda Young, Rediscovering your passion – Lynda Fickling, Housing Options Fair – Ann Roadarmel, Afternoon Weekly/Monthly Board and Card Games, Movie Day – Val Clark, Movie Evening Friday/Sat. at St Luke's – Lynda Fickling, Sept. Seasoned Voyagers Retreat – RV, Tent and Cabin opportunities – Val Clark.

Accepting Requests for other ideas: contact Ann Roadarmel at 303-792-5110 or at alroadarmel@gmail.com with suggestions, questions, or ideas. The Seasoned Voyagers Team welcomes all to participate and help grow this unique program at St. Luke's. We need you and you and even you!



Dave Cupp
Director of Finance



Lisé Takayama
Assistant Director
of Finance

Thank You for your continued support!

Free King Soopers Grocery Cards Available at Grocery Card Table. *Yep-FREE.*

If you do not currently participate in our grocery card program it's easy to get started. Just stop by the grocery card table on Sunday mornings and pick-up your free Kings Soopers \$5.00 reloadable gift card. St Luke's will receive a 5% rebate for every purchase you do with this reloadable card.

You can load the card at Kings with any dollar amount you need and as often as you like by going to the Kings service desk or at the cashier using cash, check or your regular credit card. What a great way to build up points on your credit card.

The grocery card rebates from Kings, Safeway and Tony's contribute approximately \$12,000 to our general budget each year. This is a considerable amount that can grow significantly if more of our members and constituents will use the Kings reloadable cards that you obtain at our grocery card table. Give it a try.

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 eft from checking accounts.
- 3. Special Events:** Depending on the type of event may include cash, check, PayPal and online credit card transactions.
- 4. Plus:** We're anxious to consider any reasonable method you know about that we haven't adopted.

H.A.A.T. Force: South Metro Update

Our website is now up and running! More updates will be coming soon. But please visit us at: **www.haatforcesouthmetro.org**

We have a new email address: **info@haatforcesouthmetro.org**

And a new phone number: **720-230-6982**

Our first e-newsletter went out September 1. If you would like to receive a copy of it or if you would like to be on our e-mail list please let me know and I will add you.

Our fall kick-off celebration was September 22 at Café 180. I will let you know how it goes next month.

Thank you, Peter Reif



Golf Update

John Church, Chair of the St. Luke's Golf Committee, shared some great news on our annual Golf Event that was held on August 27, 2011 at the beautiful Arrowhead Golf Course.

We had great weather and raised \$7,200 and had a record turnout - 122 golfers played! One of the neat things is that over half the participants are not members or constituents of St. Luke's. It's a great outreach. John Father-Son teams did well. The Cushing Foursome headed by Harry Cushing (and son Parker) won 1st place by a wide margin! Blanchard foursome headed by Don Enger was 2nd. Raap threesome headed by Dan Raap (and son Christopher) was 3rd. Peter & Paul Northrop, Paul & Matthew Peterman came 21st and had the most biblical names. Thanks to all for a successful event!!

Trustees Corner: Safety Reminders

A couple of quick reminders – we have an **Automatic Electronic Defibrillator** in the Narthex near the coat rack, and another downstairs next to the base of the main stairway that ends at the Sunday School / Little School office. If you suspect someone is having trouble with their heart or breathing, those machines will make a diagnosis and then operate as needed while someone dials 911.

More likely 'emergency' – one of our young people needs a trip to the bathroom. Please follow the leads of our teachers and advice many of us learned in scouting – always go with a buddy, a parent or other family. It's a great habit to build with children – start it here.

Evacuations – this fall we'll have another fire drill, and complete a variety of training sessions with our Usher, Sunday School, Little School, and Staff team members. One of the topics that will be reviewed has to do with managing evacuations. Before we have our fire drill, to include a full evacuation during one of our Sunday services, we want to make sure you all know what you should do.

The Sanctuary has 3 exits. If you use one of the two on either of the front (north) corners, you'll need to be able to walk down stairs. For this reason, our Ushers will be reminded to assist those needing a hand to exit through the main front entrance. Basically we'll want anyone sitting in the the front NW quarter (nearest the Sunrise band) to head out that passage, down the stairs behind the altar, and out the NW entrance door. Those who sit in the NE corner (nearest the chancel choir), will head out that exit immediately to the exit door and down the North stairs. For those of you that like the back half – please head out through the Narthex – if you're comfortable with stairs, go down the west stairs. These are nearest the hallway to the Chapel and the Fellowship Hall.

Downstairs, our teachers will be rounding up their students, doing a headcount, and moving out of the classroom areas to the back yard along the farthest western perimeter. Families with students in any of our classes should plan to exit first, meet the teachers and reconnect with your family members. Teachers will be responsible to make sure their students are reconnected with the person who dropped them at class. Your patience is much appreciated with this process – just as it is after class every Sunday!

Anyone in the new main level classrooms that is able, should proceed down the west stairs, and those who cannot safely take the stairs, should exit through the main doors. If you're in the conference room, please exit through the south stairs. Those in the office area can exit through the staff door just past Lynda's office.

Once you're outside, if it's a real emergency, please do your best to help us by leaving the driveway open for emergency vehicles while you move to the perimeter, out of the way. We genuinely appreciate your help and understanding.



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*St. Luke's United Methodist Church welcomes 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.*

Join us for Coffee & Conversation



about the History of St. Luke's, the United Methodist Church, our programs and ministries. **9:30am Nov. 13** Meet Rev. Janet Forbes & Lynda Fickling in Rm 213 for an Orientation of St. Luke's. All are Welcome!

OCTOBER 2011

Changing Lives
for **GOOD**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>9am-7pm 9</p> <p>7:30am: Flu Shot Clinic</p> <p>Third Grade Bible Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship —Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes 11:00am: Family Camp Meeting 12:15pm: Leadership Luncheon noon: UMW Meeting 5:30pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion</p>	<p>11am-7pm 10</p> <p>7:00pm: Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>11am-7pm 11</p> <p>9:15am: Love & Logic Parenting Class 6:30pm: Lay Leadership Team 6:30pm: Finance Team 7:00pm: Missions Team</p>	<p>11am-7pm 12</p> <p>3:30pm: Stewardship Meeting 5:30pm: SLY Homework Hour 6:30pm: SLY Wednesday</p>	<p>11am-7pm 13</p> <p>6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship</p>	<p>11am-7pm 14</p> <p>5:45pm: Parent's Night Out</p>	<p>9am-7pm 15</p> <p>10:00am: Wesley Writers</p>
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<p>9am-7pm 23</p> <p>8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship —Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes 5:30pm: Youth Dinner (\$2) 5:30pm: SLY, Jr. 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion</p>	<p>11am-7pm 24</p> <p>1:00pm: Women's Afternoon Book Club 6:00pm: Women's Evening Book Club Potluck (Club at 7:00pm) 6:30pm: Executive Team</p>	<p>11am-7pm 25</p> <p>7:00am: Men's Group © Egg & I 9:15am: Love & Logic Parenting Class 7:00pm: Staff Parish Relations Team</p>	<p>11am-7pm 26</p> <p>5:30pm: SLY Homework Hour 6:30pm: SLY Wednesday</p>	<p>11am-7pm 27</p> <p>6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship</p>	<p>11am-7pm 28</p>	<p>9am-7pm 29</p> <p>youth in action 7:00pm: SLY/ Youth in Action</p>
<p>9am-7pm 30</p> <p>8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship —Rev. Bradley Laurvick 4:00pm: New Member Meet & Greet 5:30pm: Youth Dinner (\$2) 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion</p>	<p>11am-7pm 31</p>	<p>NOV 1</p> <p>9:15am: Love & Logic Parenting Class 2:00pm: Conversations with Janet</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:30pm: SLY Homework Hour 6:30pm: SLY Wednesday 6:30pm: Parents of Teens/Young Adults with Depression/Bipolar</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30am: Children & Chattin' Playgroup 10:00am: Common Thread 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Little School Closed Seasoned Voyagers movie outing 6:45pm: Family Movie Night</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30am: Simply Saturday 7:00pm: Jazz at St. Luke's</p>