



The Chronicle

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUMMER 2011

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and much more!



Congratulations Betty!

St. Luke's own Betty Ludlam was the recipient of the prestigious Quiet Disciple award at the recent United Methodist Women's retreat in Estes Park, CO! This honor is given to ONE woman in the entire conference (Colorado, Wyoming and Utah) who exemplifies a spirit of service and attitude of discipleship. Betty has served numerous positions in the UMW at the Unit, District and Conference level, but she has also gone above and beyond to help the organization and the church in any way she can. She simply gets things done. We are proud of her accomplishments and so grateful she is a member of St. Luke's.



College Mission Round Two – Modesto, CA

by Kayla Boos Last August, a group of 14 college kids and adults went on a mission trip to New Orleans, LA – and had so much fun, they thought they'd try it again. With 20 excited and dedicated participants, we boarded the bus for the 21-hour ride to Modesto, California. For some, this was their 8th trip, for others, the very first. We couldn't wait to see what God had planned for our week in mission.

Modesto is a beautiful town that was hit hard by the recession. Once well-kept yards are now overgrown with neglect, alleys piled with trash and old furniture. The church we stayed at was once a furniture warehouse, right in the heart of the industrial downtown.

One of the best things about mission trips is the opportunity to do things you never dreamed you would try. Throughout the week, we partnered with Habitat for Humanity to work on a small subdivision of Habitat homes. Roughly ten are already finished, and it was our job to help move several more towards completion. The work was tough but rewarding – sheathing, putting up roof trusses, decking on the roof, and building two cases of stairs. We never ran out of things to do, and there was never a shortage of new things to try, from cutting wood to climbing a ladder to hanging out a two-story window.

The detail and complexities of God's plans never cease to amaze me. On the last day of work, the Project Manager said that for the last several months, he had been praying for an extremely energetic, extremely capable group of people to come to his site. He needed a lot of work to get done that he couldn't do with just his regular crew, and he needed someone that knew how to build stairs. And then we came. Excited, committed, capable, armed with exactly the qualities and knowledge the project manager so desperately needed. We had prayed for safety, growth, and community on our trip, and our prayers had been answered. But what an incredible feeling to be the answer to somebody else's prayer. It's exciting, it's validating, and it's encouraging. We just got back from California, and already I'm wondering where we will be led next year. Wherever we go, I know it will be another spectacular adventure.

It's SUMMER and St. Luke's Garden Ministry is Sprouting!



St. Luke's has a brand new garden ministry! Just to the west of the playground area are four beautiful raised-bed gardens that include a variety of vegetables and herbs. Stop by to see what is already growing!

The Garden Ministry Team is forming and anyone interested in joining the team may contact Tom Suby-Long or Amy Dobronyi. A visioning meeting will be scheduled in the near future. There is no need to have any gardening experience - just an interest in gardening. All are welcome to participate.

The St. Luke's Garden Ministry is a great opportunity for children, teens, and adults to join together in ministry and for everyone to learn more about gardening. It's also an excellent opportunity for fellowship with families and people of all ages.

Contributions of seeds, gardening supplies, and money will be welcomed to sustain and "grow" this new ministry. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Tom Suby-Long tsubylong@comcast.net or 303-807-9914.

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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Rev. Janet Forbes
 Senior Pastor

Surf the Net: Summer at St. Luke's

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, worshipping 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 transition and change.

This summer let's surf our net together. Let's explore this amazing and connectional net that we have woven at St. Luke's. Find out what relationships, studies, worship and outreach experiences would help you create a strong "inner net" to support your spiritual journey. Let's move through these warm, longer days, with God's navigation, riding each wave of learning, growing, and connecting with joyful and open hearts.

My hope is that our summer worship series will help our families 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; our mission thrives!

Guided by the spirit of God, we are an inclusive community of faith, seeking to meet people where they are, growing together toward full humanity, through living the teachings of Christ: Love, Acceptance, Justice and Hope.

Let us dive deeper into the spiritual life of our netted community, enjoying the promises of this life we embrace.

A blessed summer to you! –Rev. Janet

Update Your St. Luke's Database Information

Does our church database have YOUR family information correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual GuideBook & Directory. Are there any changes that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year... change of phone number?... new e-mail?... have you moved?... are you preparing to move soon?... new baby?! Please contact Lynda@stlukeshr.com or 303-791-0659 x20 with any changes by June 25, 2011. This Guidebook will be mailed to all of our friends and members of St. Luke's only.



Countdown to September – 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.

We will continue to mail the *Chronicle* for those who request it for specific reasons. Please notify Lynda Fickling lynda@stlukeshr.com

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.

Please make sure that we have your email address! Send it to Brenda Schafer at brenda@stlukeshr.com

If you have any questions please contact
 communications@stlukeshr.com
 Thank you!!!

Blessings, your Communications Team



**Rev. Bradley
Laurvick**
Associate Minister

Finding an Anchor in Summer Worship

I've always loved adventures. I firmly believe that variety is the spice of

life. I thrive as a multitasker... And yet, there comes a point during summer when I long for the routine of the fall.

If there is one thing about summer at St. Luke's that is consistent, it is the amazing busyness of special events, unique opportunities, and new activities. Whether it's Vacation Bible School (June 20-24 or July 12-15), Family Camp (July 22-31), Relay for Life (July 29/30), mission trips, Performing Arts Academy, vacations, family weddings, anniversaries, holiday weekends, or weekend hikes, it is easy for the calendar to be completely filled in. These are wonderful things to be a part of. They are fun, meaningful, and great ways to spend time with family and friends. They can however, leave all of us scattered and stretched. It's why toward the end of summer I long for the regularity of fall, the kind of week where I know what I'm doing on a Thursday, just because it's Thursday.

With so much going on it is helpful to have a few points of reference, a place to look to to anchor yourself. This is why I invite you to make a commitment to worship this summer. You may not know what you are doing every other day of the week, but I invite you to know what Sunday brings. Yes, sometimes schedules take us out of town- find a church to visit. Yes, sometimes weekend mornings are tough to make happen- join us for evening worship at Fusion. Yes, there will be weeks you just don't make it- don't feel guilty. I simply invite you to consider what worship can add to your summer- not because your schedule is so empty, but because busy schedules can leave us feeling empty at times.

I look forward to all the things that we will be doing together this summer- week days, week ends, mountain evenings, Highlands Ranch mornings, on trails, around tables, everything and everywhere. Church is not just about Sunday, it is what we do and share everyday. I invite you to celebrate the rest of the days with me on Sunday.

More from the Seasoned Voyagers

by Ann Roadarmel In our early planning phase the team looked at four areas we thought would be a basis for our programming and help make it more meaningful, along with having fun and fellowship. These four areas are health, spirituality, financial, and family & friends.

Under health we looked at the changing health care system and want to offer groups/seminars on the changes that will be occurring and affecting our lives. We also thought of some areas of interest might be in nutrition, wellness, exercise, meditation and men/women's issues.

In looking at spirituality we wanted to convey that Seasoned Voyagers are an important part of St Luke's community. There will be opportunities to have short term Bible study groups, join the ongoing Wesley writers group and study genealogy and memoir writing, take part in developing a grandparent program with St Luke's Little School, or join in other opportunities for socializing and fellowship.

Financial issues covers decisions with family members about moving out of a home into a continuing care community, this may include the need for a will, having legal affairs in order, power of attorney, advanced directives, and other issues around debilitating chronic illnesses. If people were interested groups/seminars would be held to help sort out those issues with friends, family members or loved ones.

The last area the team thought was needed was family and friends involvement. Our group has no age limit and we wanted families to know that they could attend activities with their loved ones. Some family members and friends are caregivers of their loved ones and the team wanted them to know that if needed we would work with families to start a caregivers group.

We needed to have an idea of what programs were needed; we wanted to hear from you. As a result a questionnaire was developed and at the Ministry Fair on April 3rd we had 64 of you fill out the questionnaire for us! Wow! We wanted to hear from you and we did. We appreciate your willingness to participate in helping the team come up with some ideas for programming. Your help is invaluable to us in designing a program for St. Luke's Seasoned Voyagers. We want this to be your group, your Seasoned Voyagers, and what you want to do. You have given us a lot to think about. More next month about the results and plans for the Seasoned Voyagers, stay tuned, we still need to hear from you!

To let you know, the Ministry Fair drawing winners were: Kenny Sharpe, Anne Bennett, Irv Durban, Jill Lee, Mary Peterson, Jane Riegel, & Lorna Roberts. Note... all drawing entries were shredded.

If you are interested in being part of the Seasoned Voyagers Team, please feel free to call Ann Roadarmel at 303 792 5110 or email her at alroadarmel@gmail.com *thank you!*



Net News: Stories of Transformation and Generosity of Spirit

The Spring gathering of The Common Table occurred on April 11 with a powerful discussion designed to help us understand how to move forward in the implementation of St. Luke's vision. We heard from several people who shared their stories of radical transformation, in which a moment clarifies their focus, their passion, their mission. Then the group contributed ideas about how we, as a community of faith, can help turn buds into blossoms in a way that is safe and consistent with our vision. Rev. Janet then led us to a discussion of looking at the resources necessary in these times, and the group generated ideas for Stewardship. Attendees at the Common Table are a delightful mix of our leadership, our congregation, and people brand-new to St. Luke's – everyone contributes and is welcome at this unique time of fellowship. **We hope you'll join us in the Fall when The Common Table meets September 19.** The minutes of the April meeting are available in their entirety on the St. Luke's website.



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 <http://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 writing articles for our 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

Two of our 9 member termed teams seeking members: (these teams work on a 3 year 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



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Associate Minister



Brenda Schafer
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Maria Viera Harris
(friend of Cindy Barlow)
Denise More
(friend of Jenny Stevenson)
Helen Mueller
(Cindy Markham's mother)
Sonia Cajanda (Mercedes VonNormann's sister)
Dustin Baird
(friend of Lucero's)
Mandy Paul (family friend of Kay Swanson)
Kathy Rich (Ms. Kay's friend)
Mel Ludlam
(Les Ludlam's uncle)
Curtis Hall
(Debbie Newby's brother)
John Thompson
(Julie Ramset's father)
Don Leidig (Bob & Christy Rowe's friend)
Mike Quinn
(Pat Ludwig's nephew)
Kenny Sharpe
Dayna Paxton
(Craig Ballards' sister)
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 Lataitis' family friend)
Steve Marschke
Kevin & Renee Parker (Michelle Walters' friends)
Bill Harold
(Nancy Obertier's cousin)
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)
Jerry Miyaki (Mike's uncle)
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)
Rod Prentice (Betsy Keyack's friend)
Laura McCoy
(Kay Ocai's friend)

Tammy Ege
(Rachel Nolder's friend)
Carol Vestal
(Rachel Nolder's friend)
Jerry Keyack
(Betsy Keyack's brother)
Kim Burch
(Allison Wright's sister)
Bill Lee
Todd Smith
Randy Carroll (Kristen Foster's friend's husband)
Charles Mervine
(Ken Mervine's father)
Kristy Tafolla (Kay Swanson's cousin's daughter)
Jeff Henderson
Darcy Grannis
(Susan Johnson's sister law)
Patty Colligan
(Jerry Hecht's sister)
Tom Gabel
(family friend of the Haas')
Louise Huntman
(Lisa Schuth's mother)
Ruby Gray
(Lise Takayama's mother)
Heather Obertier
Judy Austin
(MaryJo Weber's sister)
Mike Breneman (Scott & Lynda Fickling's brother-in-law) –
Megan Land
Brooke Giellis (Eileen Law's friend's daughter)
Helen Burton (Eileen Law & Joyce Eyer's friend)
Ray Sutcliffe
(Leigh Ramsey's father)
Lorin Jackman
Bill Dearasaugh
Char Jackman
(Rachel Nolder's friend)
Jordan Obertier
Kelly Severseike
David Ayres
(Keith Ayres' brother)
Norma Whitaker's mother, Jane
Erika Waldheim (friend of Peter & Alicia Waldheim)
Betty Kieser
(Bonnie Funk's mother)
Scot Trosper
(Norm Veach's nephew)
Jeff Lee
Jane Riegel
Annie Schoenhals (friend of the Muscanisi family)
Bob Worth
(Edee Worth's husband)
Betty Dumlup
Patty Norton
Joyce Buchanan
(Joan Goddard's mother)
Anne Thomas
Bert Urban (Bud Scholle's sister)
Dave McQuerry (Bud & Sharon Scholle's friend)
Gene Blair (Sharon Scholle's brother-in-law)
Brandon Coonfield (Sharon Scholle's nephew)

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



As of
June 14, 2011

Pam Hinrichs
Scott Goodstein
Val Kain (Val Clark's aunt)
Bonnie Snodgrass
(friend of Betty Halderman)
Gail Abernathy
Jared Finco
(Elena Lynch's neighbor)
Nikki Markham
Ross Megawhney (Rick & Louise Jasper's friend)

SYMPATHIES TO:

Victoria Mason on the passing of her friend, Rev. Eric David
Kathy Swier on the passing of her co-worker, Mark Wilbur
Dave & Julia Murrow on the passing of Dave's father, Edward Murrow
Phil & Amy Cavanaugh on the passing of Phil's mother, Carole Cavanaugh
Lynne Sorsby on the passing of her mother, Carolynne Gibson
Pat & Fran Keleher on the passing of their nephew, Andrew Smith
Ryan & Jennifer Sims and Kevin Sims & Amy Pierce on the passing of their grandmother, Elaine McNulty
Kevin Sims & Amy Pierce on the passing of Amy's grandmother, Dorothy Pierce
Les & Betty Ludlam on the passing of their friend, Manuel "Curly" Hirata
Gov & Kerry Lucero on the passing of Gov's brother, Bob Lucero
Scott & Karin Wesson on the passing of Scott's great-aunt, Evelyn Wilson
Mike Stevenson & Gail Abernathy on the passing of Gail's mother, Gerry Wright
Keith & Dawn Johnson on the passing of their friend, Rev. Stan Wierson
Jon & Lise Takayama on the passing of their friend, Keaton Wong

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Steve & Delaney Cerny on the birth of their son, Dylan Quinten, on 4/19
Keith & Dawn Johnson on the birth of their daughter, Vanessa Gayle, on 4/26
Nick & Kristi Calfee on the birth of their son, Parker, on 5/24
Val & Elizabeth Billups on the birth of their daughter, Sophie T. on 6/5
Peter & Julia Fox on the birth of their son, Donovan Joseph, on 6/6

More from Les: Unexpected Celebration!

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

I have read somewhere that as we grow older, our close, dear friendships become more important and valued. Betty and I experienced this recently.

On Sunday, March 27, the day after our 50th wedding anniversary reception here at the church, Betty was getting ready to come back to St. Luke's to pick up the flower arrangements that we had left behind but intended to give to our children.

The telephone rang, she answered and heard, "Betty, this is Cheryl Lang, we are at your church for the anniversary celebration, have you moved it?"

Cheryl and Ehrhardt Lang are old friends of ours from the 1970's when we lived in Orange County, California. Ehrhardt was the Senior Minister at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church when we attended there. They had children, two girls and a boy, about the same age as our two, Jim and Cindy, so we were involved in several of the same activities. Our friendship continued to grow even after they moved to a new church appointment and I was transferred to Colorado. We are the godparents of their youngest son, Marcus. Our vacation trips to California would always include a visit to the Lang home.

Almost in shock, as she listened to her friend's voice, Betty responded quickly to Cheryl's question. "No! Stay there, I'm coming over to the church right now, so wait for me. Cheryl, the anniversary party was yesterday!"

Betty met the Langs as they waited at the church and had them follow her to our home. After they arrived, we all sat down to talk for a while.

"I'm so angry at myself," exclaimed Cheryl, "we had planned our Colorado vacation around your anniversary and then I got the day wrong!"

"Well we are lucky," chimed in Ehrhardt, "at least we were able to get in touch with you."

As we talked, Betty called our daughter Cindy and Cindy was able to drove over with her two children. After spending some time getting caught up in each other's lives, we decided to meet for dinner at Mimi's restaurant. Ehrhardt and Cheryl decided to go back to their hotel room and change from their Sunday best before going to the restaurant. Later, our son, Jim would bring his youngest, Jackson to join us for dinner.

We had all a good afternoon and a wonderful evening with our dear friends.

It occurred to me that if they made it to the reception on Saturday, we might not have had a lot of time to spend one-on-one with them! We reminisced about Ehrhardt's amazing stories as the son of a German missionary to Japan in the late 1930's to after WWII. We remembered my being the leader of the young adult group, The God Squad, and the fundraising outdoor beef barbeque pit we baby-sat one night at Good Shepherd. We talked about our grown children and their careers and we shared pictures, lots of pictures.

The Langs continued their trip as planned, riding the Cog Railway up Pike's Peak and visiting Estes Park before their return home. A few days later, Cheryl called us from the airport, as they were getting ready to board their flight back to California. "We had the most wonderful time with you, I'm almost glad I got the date wrong."

I'll close with a sincere "thank you!" to all those who worked on the preparations for the anniversary reception, to all those who attended, and to Rev. Janet who made it all very special with her marriage rededication ceremony. The whole experience on the 26th was a bit overwhelming but wonderful!

The intersecting rings of personal relationships represented at the reception were amazing! Friends from our neighborhood interacted with friends from the church; family members interacted with former fellow employees from the "Oil Shale Days." Distances travelled for some and the years friends had been apart seemed to dissolve into the present moment and pace! Here in real terms was a manifestation of just how many lives we have touched over the years and how our lives have been shaped by each relationship.

The arrival of the Langs on Sunday was an exclamation point to the entire weekend!

Impromptu plans are some times the best plans.

God bless us all! Rev. Les

DenUM Is Saving Green While Being Green!

by Brad Bonjean As part of DenUM's 30th Anniversary celebration, solar panels are being installed on the building. The solar panels are part of DenUM's commitment to good stewardship of all of our resources and will enable DenUM to redirect utility savings into basic needs assistance for the thousands of client families who come to DenUM each month. This installation will provide an estimated operational savings of more than \$60,000! During these times when the need in our community is greater than ever, the additional services DenUM will provide are a beacon of hope.

The 10kW solar electric PV system was made possible through grants and ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funds. The federal and state funding, combined with funds from Xcel Energy and The Atmosphere Conservancy, made it possible for DenUM to get this system for only \$7,500, and DenUM is looking to our community of support to help fund the remaining amount. By supporting DenUM's solar panel project through financial donations, you will have a long-ranging impact. Your support will mean additional services to the families who need assistance most over the 25-30 year lifetime of the system. We hope you'll help DenUM in committing to sustainability, both for the agency and the low-income families who rely on DenUM to get their basic needs met.

Installing solar panels at a social service agency is an innovative approach to stewardship that demonstrates DenUM's commitment to "inspire hope as an advocate and trusted provider of needed services" for the next 30 years and beyond. Donations in support of this project can be made directly to DenUM at www.denum.org or through your offering at St. Luke's by designating DenUM as the recipient of your contribution. Thank you for your faithful support!

H.A.A.T. Force Update:

Homelessness Awareness/Action Task Force

We have solidified our relationship with Family Tree to serve as our fiscal agent. This will help lend credibility to us as an organization. We are striving for incorporation as a nonprofit corporation and to obtain 501 (c) (3) status. This has a one-time fee of \$850. We will solicit funding in the future to raise the \$850 fee.

Upcoming events: 7/6/11 Motel voucher providers meeting at St. Luke's. Fall kickoff fund raiser will be in mid-September, exact date TBD. It will be hosted by Café 18. We will expand our services next season. We will have hats, scarves, gloves and hopefully coats to give out. Café 180 will give us vouchers for a free meal. We will also have brochures available with our services listed. We continue to seek volunteers, please contact Peter Reif, 303-263-7225.

CONTRIBUTORS as of 2/28/2011 \$12,540
Clients Served: 225 adults, 38 children



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, wagging and shaking with joy in anticipation. The "Shake It Up Café" is getting ready to open! Morning VBS filled up quickly and we have over 300 children joining us this year! Evening VBS July 12-15 is still open - register online now. With aprons and cookbooks, surrounded by checkered tablecloths and chalkboard menus, kids are going to mix up the ingredients for following God. Go to www.stlukeshr.com - enrollment closes July 1 for evening VBS.

Easter Fun Day was the most FUN DAY ever!! The Easter Bunny left eggs all over the back lawn, and then stuck around for games and pictures. Keep an eye on your email - if you got a picture with the Easter Bunny, he tells us that you'll be getting them soon!!

PEAK Adventures Elementary Sunday School just finished a rotation on "People Who Make A Difference." Now we are travelling through a different workshop each week with "Shake It up Summer" experiencing Passover and Pentecost and other biblical festivals and later in the



summer we will experience "Peace & Justice: Seeds of Love".



The Children's Dinner Theater production of **Twinderella** was fantastic! The kids worked so hard and put on a wonderful show with lots of laughs. We raised over \$1000 dollars and received many donations of diapers and wipes and sippy cups to give to House of Hope. We toured their building and got to see where the new swing set will go that they will purchase with our cash donations.

We still need folks to sign up to "Give 5" to Children's Ministry! Thank you to all of the great Shepherds and Teachers and Workshop leaders who serve every Sunday in Sunday School and at all of our various events. We couldn't do it without you. There are still plenty of opportunities to serve - and several areas where we have a particular need. **We need at least 2 more people to sign up to help work the Cooking rotation for PEAK.** If you like to cook and you'd like to help the children of St. Luke's, we need you! Please email sharon@stlukeshr.com. **We also need Teachers and Shepherds for our preschool kids.** They give the best hugs so please come down and join us! You can continue to sign up on Sunday mornings, or reach out to Melanie and Sharon if you have questions!

Promotion Sunday was June 5, and the kids in their Sunday School classes moved up to the next class. Kiddos moving from the Nursery to the 2's class are the only exception... they will be spending the summer with Ms. Sam and all the great toys in the Nursery, and then start Sunday School in September. Don't forget that all families need to register their children each year for Sunday School. It's a quick process and you can do it on Sundays downstairs with the Superintendent or you can do it online by going to www.stlukeshr.com/children. Please let Sharon & Melanie know if you have any questions. They'd be happy to help you when they get back from walking us around the block. Woof!

SLY, Jr. ended their year with a big backyard picnic with SLY. We sent our 6th graders up to SLY and welcomed our new 5th graders into the group. Any 5th or 6th grader is welcome to join SLY, Jr. at any time. We start our activities in the fall and meet about twice a month throughout the school year. It's lots of fun!

This is Tucker & Jake, signing out until next month! We are wagging our tails and sending everyone 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

News & Notes:

Our mission this year for VBS is collecting canned food. Please join with us in collecting cans of vegetables, fruits, soup, tuna, beans, etc.. for our local food banks. Just drop them off in Goliath through July 15. Thanks so much!

Upcoming Events BUZZ:



Sunday June 5 - PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sundays June 5- July 17 - PEAK Sunday School

"Shake It Up Summer" 9:30am

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)

Wed. July 13 - Wacky Wednesdays 9:30am

Wed. July 20 - Wacky Wednesdays 9:30am

Sundays July 24- August 28 - PEAK Sunday

School "Peace & Justice: Planting

Seeds of Love" 9:30am

Wed. July 27 - Wacky Wednesdays 9:30am

Sunday August 7 - Family Picnic 11:00am

Friday August 26 - Family Movie Night

6:45pm





Kay Swanson
Director of
Little School



Little School News: Nine Months of Laughter & Love

How can it possibly be the end of the school year? Nine months of laughter, discoveries, music, art, science, reading, math, play, stories, water and sand play, outdoor play, toys, show n' tell and OF

Little School still has openings for Fall! Call us! 303-791-1982

COURSE tremendous growth! Our little shy three-year-olds are all turning four and ready to step up to next year and our four and fives have graduated! So many memories and so many stories! We certainly shed a few tears as the last of school went by.

May's chapel by Rev. Brad was all about sending out the disciples and that's just what we are preparing our students to do. We hopefully have given our little ones the ability to go forth and be good stewards of the earth and friends to all. Our theme this year was "SHINE" and we know that each one of them will shine in many ways! Thank you to our teachers for all of the love, time and teaching they have given each and every one of them!

GRADUATION was amazing and our theme for this year was "Bright Beginnings" because we know they are off to a wonderful start to their future education. Our three's will be having a lot of fun in the sun and splashing off to next year! Little School will be closed for the summer, but don't forget our special programs Wacky Wednesdays, Evening VBS and Performing Arts Academy - lots of summer fun!

During the summer please contact us through our email little.school@stlukeshr.com. This is THE BEST way to get a hold of us for a SPEEDY answer. The Little School office is closed over the summer except for Tuesday afternoons. Please do not call the church office as they will not be able to assist you. Thank you!

Looking Ahead:

July 1 - September Tuition Due
Sept. 1 - Parent Open House (evening)
Sept. 5 - Labor Day
Sept. 6 - Children's Open House (morning)
Sept. 7 - School Starts!

Thank you to all of you who have supported us through prayers, donations and kind words. We wish you are a very blessed summer and see you in the Fall!

Lovingly, -Ms. Kay and Staff:-)



Ready, Set - School!!

2011 Inter-Faith Community Services

Won't you please help a child from a less-fortunate family start their school year off on their best foot possible? Last year our congregation purchased 90 backpacks. Let's be NUMBER ONE again. We will have the children's names on Sunday June

19 and June 26 for signup. We are soliciting sponsors who are willing to go shopping for a child. Sponsors receive information about their child - their sizes and what grade the child is going into (a school supply list is included). We ask for a new outfit for the first day of school - underwear, socks, etc., a gift certificate for a new pair of shoes and a new backpack with school supplies. Everything is then put in the backpack or in a large garbage sack and brought to St Luke's on July 17 or 24.

To sign-up early, email Suzanne Humphreys at rbumphreys@comcast.net. Include your name, address, city, zipcode, email address and phone number. The student information will be mailed to you. Note: Inter-Faith serves the people of Centennial, Englewood, Glendale, Highlands Ranch, Littleton, Lone Tree, Sheridan and unincorporated Arapahoe County.

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



Michael Battaglia

"Great fellowship, great music program, a place to grow in faith and teaching of God's word & humanity."



Beckie Veach

"I would like to join in worship at St. Luke's with my husband Norm. I am looking for a place of fellowship, spiritual growth and service to others in Christ's name & love and believe I have found it here."

All are welcome into the community of St. Luke's.

Should you be ready to take the next step and become members, here are the simple steps:

- Please fill out the New Member Card located in our friendship pad and/or at the Get Connected Center.
- Then you may simply hand the card to one of our Pastors or Lynda Fickling our Director of Servant Ministry. She will then need to meet for a few minutes to go over the New Member Packet and have your picture taken.

We look forward to you becoming a member of our family!

Please contact Lynda Fickling lynda@stlukeshr.com for more information or go to www.stlukeshr.com/p_join.asp

Also joining:

Jerry & Maryellen Davis

And our 24

Confirmants:

Alex Gothard,
Alex Oliver,
Alyvia Hildebrand,
Amanda Burget,
Avery Hill,
Bailey Ash,
Brad Meier,
Charlie Auran,
Emerson McIntosh,
Hannah Hazelwood,
Hayden Kinney,
Jackson Goldsberry,
Jocelyn Roth,
Joey Cavanaugh,
Katie Tourtillott,
Laura Nolder,
Megan Henry,
Natalie Hoagland,
Nikki Markham,
Sarah Linder,
Scott Roberts,
Shanelle Thevarajah,
Taylor Griggs,
William Bleye

Did you know that 60% of nursing home residents have one or less visitors per year?

Love INC is partnering with Bessie's Hope, a local non-profit, to bring joy into the lives of our resident elderly in two local nursing homes. These group visits transform the atmosphere by engaging each senior in a number of activities and conversations. **Sat. July 30 & August 27: 9:00-9:30am**(Orientation) 9:30-10:15am (visit) at Cherrelyn Manor House Care, 5555 S. Elati St., Littleton, CO 80120 **Wed. July 13 and August 17: 6:00-6:20pm** (Orientation) 6:20-7:15pm (visit) at Clare Bridge, 9160 S. University Blvd., Highlands Ranch, CO 80126. Contact Cindy if interested cacl162@yahoo.com or 720-320-7255



United
Methodist
Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

"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 The United Methodist Women held their annual Spring Tea, "Sassy Styles & Savories" on Sunday, May 15th. There were over 100 people in attendance. They enjoyed singing by Roberta Hamilton-Griggs and her two daughters. Sandwiches, scones, miniature cupcakes and cheesecake bites were served in the fellowship hall, which was decorated in pink, black and white. A fashion show was presented by Lynn Beaver with fashions from She She's Corner. St. Luke's United Methodist Women were able to present She She's Corner with a nice contribution from the tea and fashion show.

United Methodist Women Bookshelf

The United Methodist Women Bookshelf has moved! It is still located in the church library in the office. However, now you will find books on the top left shelf instead of the bottom, so everyone can reach them better. Three new titles were recently purchased. Anyone is welcome to borrow these books:

- ***Half the Sky*** - Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide
- ***Inheriting the Trade*** - A Northern Family confronts its legacy as the largest slave-trading dynasty in U.S. History
- ***Slant*** - A thirteen-year-old Korean-American girl wants plastic surgery on her slanted eyes

United Methodist Women make a difference! Missions and Charities receiving donations from St. Luke's UMW in the past year: She She's Corner/James Resource Network, UMCOR, Love Inc, Douglas County Women's Crisis Shelter, St. Luke's Youth Mission Trips, DENUM, Guatemala Missions Trip, Warren Village, Denver Children's Home and UMW local and global ministries. Thank you for your continued support.

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 and up are invited to participate in a time of devotions, deepening our faith, relationship building, and mission work.

- **July 16:** We will volunteer at Food Bank of the Rockies. No breakfast or childcare today. Mission: canned food.
- **August 6:** Join us for our planning meeting for the next year of Simply Saturday. Please bring a breakfast item to share.

For info, contact Lynda Fickling at lynda@stlukeshr.com. Childcare: sam@stlukeshr.com or x47 - 24hrs in advance.

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

- **June 27:** *A Saint on Death Row* by Thomas Cahill
 - **July 25:** *Redeeming Love* by Francine Rivers
 - **August 22:** *The Color of Water* by James McBride
 - **September 26:** *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffman
- For information, please call Renae Parra at 303-683-0872. To be added to the email mailing list, RenaeParra@aol.com



Journey toward Wholeness

resiliency. Resiliency grows out of hope, and sometimes we need to look to others to carry hope for us. Resiliency is needed both at the individual level and the community level, where it creates a safe environment to talk about mental health. As a community of faith, we as members of St. Luke's are challenged to cultivate hope and resiliency in ourselves and for others.

Dr. Mountain's workshop was the fourth and final Spirituality and Wellness workshop for 2010/2011. The Spirituality and Wellness Team soon will begin planning new learning experiences for 2011/2012. We welcome your ideas, and we invite you to share them with any team member. If you are interested in joining us, please speak to Reverend Sallie.

The Spirituality and Wellness Team wishes to thank all who joined us this year to explore Spirituality and Wellness issues in the context of Gracious Space. To recap our journey in 2010/2011:

- In September the Spirituality and Wellness Team led an exploration of the concept of Gracious Space, a way of being that sets the tone for honest and vigorous exchange with others, deep listening, and creativity around challenging issues.
- In January, Andi Pussavat led discussion and activities that provided opportunities to practice new strategies for managing stress and moving toward wholeness in our lives.
- In March, Dr. Dana Max described the Asset Building Approach and challenged us, as members of St. Luke's, to create the Gracious Space necessary for nurturing competent, caring, and responsible children and youth.
- And in April, Dr. Jane Mountain challenged us to create the Gracious Space that will cultivate hope and resiliency in ourselves and for others.

If you were unable to attend the January, March, or April Spirituality and Wellness Workshops, Ken Fong videotaped the large group sessions. You can contact Reverend Sallie to arrange to view the videos. —Jane Staller

NEW! Women's Book Club Women's Book Club will also be starting an afternoon meeting time. For more information, please email Renae Parra at renae.parra@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. No meetings over the summer. For more information, please contact Sandy Frasier at Sandy.Frasier@yahoo.com or Elaine Carlstrom at ecarlstrom@comcast.net.

Mark Your Calendars:

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

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

School of Christian Mission July 21-23, 2011 First UMC, Boulder
District Annual Meeting Sept. 17, 2011

Upcoming National United Methodist Women Events

Women's Division: website: www.new.gbgn-umc.org/umw/

UMCOR: www.new.gbgn-umc.org/umcor

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

Trustees Corner

Classrooms at St. Luke's

As we are now at the end of the school year, and many of our classes take their summer break, we'd like to ask that you call or send a message to Brenda Schafer in the office with your updated meeting schedule. You can reach her via phone, at 303.791.0659 or via email: office@stlukeshr.com.

With your help we can make sure we're updating our room schedules, and plan for summer sessions. We can also make sure our front door is open and ready for summer gatherings on time.

First Impressions Calling all closet landscape architects, gardeners, designers, and hobbyists! Last year we focused on getting our lawns in good shape, and dug out and pruned back a lot of overgrown shrubs. This spring we'd like to liven up our front yard landscaping, but we need your design ideas. We know there are a few of you that have wonderful gardens, know well how to work with Colorado's dry climate, and always produce an inviting garden. Please contact Sandi Miyaki if you're interested in helping us with our design – email: sandi.miyaki@realtor.com or phone: 303-913-9993.



Congrats Jenita!

On May 1, Jenita Rhodes (pictured center with Sister Marilyn of Benet Hills far right) became our fifth

person to complete the certification program for Spiritual Direction. We congratulate her and celebrate God's gift to this community.

Other's of our community who have completed this certification are: Leigh Ramsey, Rev. Sallie Suby-Long, Lynda Fickling and in her second year of process, Janet Johnston. Spiritual Directors support individuals who are discerning vocational and life decisions, embracing change and new chapters of life, negotiating challenges, recognizing and celebrating important insights, enhancing self-awareness and being attentive to what is sacred in all aspects of life. We will be gathering this summer to discern God's direction for this team. If you are interested in meeting individually with any of our Spiritual Directors, please contact Sallie Suby-Long 303-791-0659 x32 sallie@stlukeshr.com



Laura and Mike Richards were awarded the 2011 Pure Life Award by Pura Vida Ministries at their annual dinner on May 6th. The award was given in grateful appreciation for the Richards' outstanding support of Pura Vida and it's continuing effort to provide educational opportunities for children in rural Guatemala.



James Ramsey
Director of Music
& Arts Ministries



Kenrick Mervine
Associate Dir. of
Music Ministry/
Organist



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



Jenna Wilcox
Director of
Drama Ministry

Hymn Sing Throughout the summer, all worship services will include "mini" hymn sings of some of the favorites many of you have requested over the years. It's a new tradition at St. Luke's that carried over from last summer and I hope you look forward to it as much as I do. The 8:00 service congregation has enjoyed having these hymns as part of their worship experience every Sunday since last summer! During the prayer response, we will sing one or two verses of a set of three hymns chosen by the worship team that is guided by requests each week. If you have a request for a specific hymn, please don't hesitate to send me an email and share it with me - jim@stlukeshr.com. **Blessings!**

Broadway on Broadway at Wind Crest



The Wesley players took to the road on May 23rd and presented Broadway tunes to the residents of Wind Crest senior living community in Highlands Ranch. Rave reviews were expressed by all who attended!

Summer Choir On July 9, the Summer Choir Retreat will kick off at 9:00am and go to 11:30am. All are welcome to join. It's a great way to sing in the choir without a weekly commitment. The Summer Choir will sing at the 9:30 and 11:00 services on July 10 and August 7. If you have any questions, please call or send an email to jim@stlukeshr.com

Summer Music Schedule 9:30 & 11:00 services

June 19 - Patrick Griggs and James Ramsey	August 7 - Chancel Choir;
June 26 - Vacation Bible School; Sunrise	Siena Gaskill (piano)
July 3 - Jocelyn Roth (baritone)	August 14 - Ken Mervine (organ)
July 10 - Chancel Choir	August 21 - Grace Notes
July 17 - Grace Notes; Keith Johnson	August 28 - Erin Stewart (violin)
July 24 - Sunrise	& Penny Rose (clarinet); Sunrise
July 31 - Mica Mallory	September 4 - Tony Ashworth

Thank You, Matt!

On behalf of the Music Ministry at St. Luke's, I want to thank Matt Rose for his commitment to the program. Matt stepped down as Director of Instrumental Ensembles in May. However it's not good bye, we will see him playing bass from time to time in the orchestra and Ministers of Swing! We wish him continued success as he pursues his musical career in the film industry. Thanks, Matt! *—James Ramsey*

St. Luke's
Youth

Don't miss

Upcoming Events

- * **June 19:** No SLY PM - Happy Father's Day
- * **June 19-25: Senior Hi Mission Trip to Detroit**
- * **June 26 SLY PM:** Movie Night
- * **July 3 SLY PM** – Renaissance Fest - Bring \$ buy tix at door.
- * **July 5-9: Junior Hi Mission Trip to Grand Junction**
- * **July 10 SLY PM:** Giant Twister
- * **July 17 SLY PM:** Mission/Service Opportunity
- * **July 24 SLY PM:** Pirate's Cove - \$ to buy tix at door
- * **July 31 SLY PM:** Arcade Night
- * **Aug. 7 SLY PM:** Family Picnic
- * **Aug. 14 SLY PM:** Messy Games
- * **Aug. 21 SLY PM:** Rockies Faith Day (\$ buy tix by 7/31)
- * **Aug. 28 SLY PM:** Denver Museum of Nature/Science
- * **DON'T FORGET GEMs/STM EVERY WED. 6:00pm**
See Ms. Susan for details. and TUESDAY night Volleyball!!
- * **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 We thank you for your help!
- * **Check website**
www.stlukeshr.com/sly for up-to-date info on programs, activities, ministry opportunities and more!

CHRIS's CORNER

A Time to Reflect

REFLECT *lri•flek1* verb

- 1) (of a mirror or shiny surface) show an image of
- 2) (reflect well/badly on) bring about a good or bad impression of
- 3) (reflect on/upon) think deeply or carefully about

Well, it has been almost 7 years since I was welcomed to the St. Luke's staff to lead a youth group that had just gone through a difficult and unexpected transition... I found a group of dedicated youth and adults who wanted a new direction and new ways of being in meaningful community with each other. Some of those leaders who worked with SLY back then are still helping out with youth now, others have found new passions to pursue. The class of 2004 (the first graduating class I met!) are now 24 and 25 years old, graduated from college and figuring out life as young adults.

I guess I feel reflective as I write my final Chronicle article as a staff person – not only thinking deeply and carefully about my time, but also thinking about how SLY as a ministry reflects well or poorly on me as a professional, and also how SLY has come to reflect some my own personality. I am proud of how SLY has grown and changed since I started in 2004 – a wider a variety of program, a larger group to get to know, and a deeper commitment to serve outside the walls of St. Luke's. I never thought of myself as a 'revolutionary' Director of Youth Ministry – more of an 'evolutionary' Director. When I started, I think very few programs needed to be turned on their head, rather all aspects of SLY as a ministry needed to evolve into better versions of themselves.

Youth ministry, as much as any other ministry, is a reflection of those parts that make it whole. SLY does reflect the personality of its leadership, but also reflects the gifts, talents, and desires of every participant involved. SLY has never been about one person, but about a group of people who all care about young people and facilitating meaningful experiences with each other and with God. I have no doubt that the personality of SLY will continue to reflect the new leadership, but also those who make up the group. St. Luke's Youth is exactly that, never an individual but always a group. I believe that as the change in leadership takes place, the evolution and growth of SLY will continue and it will be good!

I have been privileged to work with adults who have amazing hearts for young people, met some incredible youth and student leaders, and shared some of the most meaningful moments of my life with friends from this community of faith.

You have been present as I bought (and fixed up) my first house, as Emily and I got married, and even as I have welcomed my own child into this community of faith. Every minister hopes that we can make a difference in someone's life – and we also hope that our own lives are changed through our ministry. I know that my life has been changed because of St. Luke's. I also hope and pray that I have made a difference in at least one life during my time on St. Luke's staff.

Emily and I will continue to be members of St. Luke's so this isn't really a goodbye – just a transition into a new type of relationship. I will be there to support the new Director of Youth Ministry as they begin their own tenure guiding this amazing group. I hope you will be there to support and love them as well.

– *Peace and Love, Chris*



Chris Wilterdink
Director of
Youth Ministry



Susan Johnson
Assistant Director
of Youth Ministry



Erin Laurvick
Interim Director of
Youth Ministry



Welcome Erin!

Erin Laurvick (Klein) has agreed to serve in a full-time capacity as the Interim Director of Youth Ministry, beginning in early July until April 30, 2012.

The search for a new Director of Youth Ministry will continue with intentional networking and "head-hunting" with the position posted publicly again in the fall.

The plan gives the youth program the constancy of leadership from Erin and Susan, even as we would invite and orient a new director.

Welcome to Erin with new leadership and responsibilities!
We are both blessed and grateful!



Dave Cupp
Director of Finance



Lisé Takayama
Assistant Director
of Finance

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 with any dollar amount you need and as often as you like at either 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 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.

Coming Soon: a Love INC Thrift Shop! If you are interested in this opportunity to create a shop that will serve both Love INC's clients and the entire community – now is the time for a ground floor opportunity. Short term and long term tasks are available! If you're interested or just want to know more, please contact Jerry Hertzler at 303-791-4010 or Nita Dunn at 303-791-6575.

It Takes A Village Bicycle Drive

This organization provides bicycles for some of their clients in order for them to have basic transportation. So if you have a working bicycle that you can donate please call me, Peter Reif, 303-263-7225 prior to bringing it to the church. We do not have storage space and I will have to store them away from the church. They can also use accessories such as helmets, locks and chains. I will begin collecting the bikes in June and through July.

Monty's Methodism Musings: A Concern for Social Justice *by Monty Hoffman*

The Methodist Movement started with the start of the industrial revolution in England. John Wesley's message of God's Love for all people instilled hope in people who had been told they were not loved by God. His message that God gives us the freedom to choose how to live our lives inspired people to make better lives for their families instead of accepting the difficult circumstances that people told them had been predetermined for them by God's will. The Methodist Movement helped people who were forcibly removed from the rural estates and had moved to the industrial centers of England understand how to survive and thrive in their new circumstances. Hope and the idea that God's Love and Grace were a part of their lives were all important parts of this but so were education, help with their families and learning to live in a new environment.

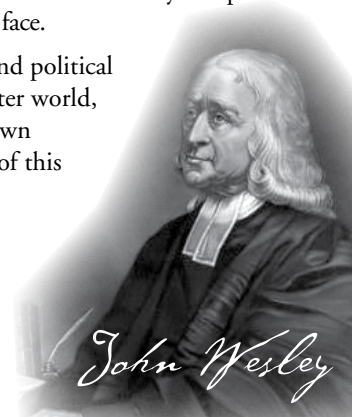
In America, the Methodist Church was the church of the frontier. It was at the forefront of providing social services such as education and health care in the new towns and cities that sprang up on the western edge of settlement. Our legacy of colleges and hospitals are still visible today in the towns and cities of America.

For Wesley, belief without action was hollow Christianity. He felt we were called to make the world a better place, to show a concern for social justice.

It is unfortunate that the term social justice has taken on a political connotation. For Methodists it simply means making the world a better place for all of God's children. While some issues may have a political element, most do not. We live in a complex world surrounded by complicated people and it requires the efforts of many people with many different approaches to overcome the problems we face.

St Luke's is a faith community that incorporates people with different backgrounds, beliefs, world views and political views. It is not surprising that we have many views on what path to follow to accomplish the goal of a better world, but we agree on the goal of a better world for all of God's children. When people of divergent views sit down with a common goal, wonderfully creative and energetic ways emerge to accomplish that goal. The result of this approach is apparent in the Missions program at St Luke's.

Your Missions Committee has made the effort to provide you a number of opportunities to work for a better world. Thoughtfully consider what parts of this program you feel called to be a part of. Whether you feel called to serve a neighbor across town or around the world, there are opportunities for you to serve. You are part of a faith community that knows there are many ways to show a concern for social justice. Find one that fits you.





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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: July, Sept. or Nov. Meet Rev. Janet Forbes & Lynda Fickling in Rm 213 for an Orientation of St. Luke's. All are Welcome!



JUNE/JULY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 Pentecost Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship —Rev. Bradley Laurvick 11:00am: Bible at a Glance: Bible 101 noon: Youth Leadership Team 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	13 PAA www.stlukespaa.org PAA 7:00pm: Trustees	14 PAA 10:00am: VBS Training 6:30pm: Finance Team 7:00pm: Missions Team	15 PAA 9:30am: Wacky Wednesdays 6:00pm: GEMs/STM 7:00pm: Itch to Stitch	16 Annual Conference 9:30am: Playgroup 2:30pm: Stewardship Team PAA 6:00pm: 101 Dalmations & Guys and Dolls, Jr. 6:30pm: Contemplative	17 Annual Conference PAA 6:00pm: 101 Dalmations & Guys and Dolls, Jr.	18 Annual Conference 8:00am: VBS Decorating 10:00am: Wesley Writers
19 Father's Day Annual Conference Sr. Hi Mission Trip to Detroit 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship —Monty Hoffman 8:15am: Contemplative Worship 6:34pm: Fusion	20 Morning Vacation Bible School (VBS) Sr. Hi Mission Trip to Detroit	21 Morning VBS Sr. Hi Mission Trip to Detroit	22 Morning VBS Sr. Hi Mission Trip to Detroit 6:00pm: GEMs/STM	23 Morning VBS Sr. Hi Mission Trip to Detroit 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship	24 Morning VBS Sr. Hi Mission Trip to Detroit	25 Sr. Hi Mission Trip to Detroit
26 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship —Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	27 PAA Camp	28 PAA Camp 7:00am: Men's Group @ Egg & I 6:30pm: Learning Differences Group 7:00pm: SPR Team	29 PAA Camp 9:30am: Wacky Wednesdays 6:00pm: GEMs/STM	30 PAA Camp 9:30am: Playgroup 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship	JULY 1 PAA Camp 9:30am & 1:30pm: Shareformance	2
3 No Sunday School 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship —Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 Jr. Hi. Mission Trip to Grand Junction	6 Jr. Hi. Mission Trip to Grand Junction 6:00pm: GEMs/STM	7 Jr. Hi. Mission Trip to Grand Junction 9:30am: Playgroup 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship	8 Jr. Hi. Mission Trip to Grand Junction 5:45pm: Parent's Night Out	9 Jr. Hi. Mission Trip to Grand Junction 9:00am: Summer Choir Retreat 6:45pm: Bridge Club
10 Jr. Hi. Mission Trip to Grand Junction 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship 9:30am: Cafe St. Luke's noon: Youth Leadership Team 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	11 PAA	12 PAA Evening VBS 6:30pm: Finance Team 7:00pm: Missions Team	13 PAA 9:30am: Wacky Wednesdays Evening VBS 6:00pm: GEMs/STM	14 PAA Evening VBS 9:30am: Playgroup 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship	15 PAA Evening VBS	16 8:00am: Simply Saturday 10:00am: Wesley Writers
17 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	18 PAA	19 PAA 6:30pm: Children's Ministry Team	20 PAA 9:30am: Wacky Wednesdays 6:00pm: GEMs/STM	21 PAA 6:00pm: Annie 9:30am: Playgroup 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship	22 Annie PAA 6:00pm: Annie Family Camp	23 Family Camp
24 Family Camp 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	25 Family Camp	26 Family Camp 7:00am: Men's Group @ Egg & I	27 Family Camp 9:30am: Wacky Wednesdays	28 Family Camp 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship	29 Relay for Life Family Camp 6:00pm: Relay for Life	30 Family Camp 12:01am: Relay for Life