



The Chronicle

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Easter Fun Day Thank You's

to everyone who volunteered or donated items to help make our annual Easter Fun Day an enormous success! On Saturday, March 30, roughly 200 children and their families enjoyed crafts, popcorn, cotton candy, games, cookies, LIVE bunnies, our bouncy castle, bunny hop sack race and much more. It was a beautiful day of fun shared by St. Luke's and the community!

St. Luke's Mission Teams Share Success in Guatemala

by Julie Love-Ott



March was a very special month for two teams of missionaries who traveled to Guatemala to lend a hand with several vital projects as well as deepening our relationships with the truly remarkable people of this country. We had two teams of missionaries make the trip. Week one had 22 individuals and the week two group numbered 28. There were projects to match everyone's skill set, including building a school to replace the existing with cornstalk structure, constructing chicken coups, interacting with the beautiful babies and children at the local orphanage, painting at the John Wesley school and completing a variety of tasks at the residence of the beloved Mary Knoll sisters, Connie and Helen. *cont. on page 4*



Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Associate Minister

New Appointments are Bittersweet

It's official. We've known for the last year Bishop Stanovsky would most likely be moving me, but it just got real. Beginning July 1, I will be the senior pastor of Highlands UMC in north-west Denver.

This is wonderful, this is amazing, this is emotional, this is tough. For the last few months I have been searching for the words to describe what this moment would be. I have settled on this phrase—*I don't want to leave, but I am ready to go*. I hope this simple wording expresses my love for this place, but I also hope it demonstrates that my time here has taught me how to do the job I was called to do—even when I am called to do it elsewhere.

Over the last five years, I have been blessed beyond measure to be in ministry in this place. You all—the congregation, the staff, the clergy—have graciously and insightfully helped me grow into my role as pastor. I have held your babies hours after birth, I have held the hands of your loved ones as they have died. I have told stories for our children and shared communion at the retirement community. These moments, and so many more, were privileges. They are sacred moments that you invited me into. I will now await the invitation into these moments in a new place. Knowing I will be followed by a colleague (still to be determined), I ask you to please extend the same invitation to them.

Amidst the deep sadness of leaving, I must share with you my excitement for my new appointment. Highlands is an amazing congregation in north-west Denver. It serves a growing community that is becoming more and more filled with young professionals and new families. The Highlands neighborhood is a tightly knit community, where I am being asked to connect with local businesses and community organizations. Much like our community, it is filled with people who are a little skeptical of "religion" and are finding the Methodist church to be a welcoming place to be who you are and ask important questions of life and faith. Knowing I can no longer be here at St. Luke's, there is no where better for me to be going.

So as this transition begins I ask for your prayers. Please pray for my family as we adjust to several new life changes, all in a matter of weeks. Please pray for the congregation where I will be serving. I also ask that you join me in praying for St. Luke's, the cabinet, the Bishop, and whatever new pastor will be coming to join you here. I sincerely hope they will receive as many blessings, and opportunities to bless others, as I have.

Be Blessed and Be a Blessing, Rev. Brad

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

The Labyrinth of Life

*Your life is a sacred journey.
 And it is about change,
 growth, discovery, movement,
 transformation, continuously
 expanding your vision of what
 is possible, stretching your soul,
 learning to see clearly and deeply, listening to your
 intuition, taking courageous challenges at every step
 along the way.* -Caroline Adams

A labyrinth is an ancient symbol that relates to wholeness. It combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful path. The labyrinth



represents a journey to our own center and back again out into the world. Labyrinths have long been used as meditation and prayer tools.

Did you know that St. Luke's has a labyrinth near the Meditation Garden?

Many thanks to Ben Krantz of Boy Scout Troop #634 who built our labyrinth as his Eagle Scout project. In partnership with the St. Luke's Board of Trustees and our team

of spiritual directors, Ben's Eagle project was three years in the making. After many meetings, approvals, phone calls, write-ups, and rewrites, his project became a reality in the summer of 2011. Ben is currently a freshman at The University of Nebraska at Lincoln, majoring in vocal performance and business. We are grateful for this leadership accomplishment and gift to the spiritual formation of our community.

As we gather for worship and study this spring, continuing to celebrate the season of Easter, our theme will be the Labyrinth of Life as we reflect on the changing journeys of our lives and of our community. With transitions in the pastoral and youth ministry teams, with graduations and celebrations of internships, with the global church gathering for holy conferencing, with the dedication of our Tree of Life, this is a season of growth and possibility. Christ is risen and the whole world is turned upside down! By the light of Easter sunrise, God planted a seed of life in us that cannot be killed, and if we can remember that, then there is nothing we cannot do!

Together, may we see the labyrinth of our own lives and our community as a call to action, a journey toward deepening spirituality, an aid in healing and releasing grief, a guide through changing times, the quest to make a difference, and the walk to living the teaches of Jesus.

Journey well! -Rev. Janet

Get Connected! Ministry Fair: April 22

Come to the Fellowship Hall between 8:45am-12:15pm on April 22 to celebrate **Family and Fellowship, Children's and Youth Ministries.**

This is a great way to meet the people who serve on these teams, learn how each team ministers to our community, and get involved in these ministries yourself. The Children's Ministry will also offer a second fair on April 25.

Common Table – there's always room for more!

Join us at the Common Table,

Sunday, April 29, 12:15 to 2:00pm

for a potluck lunch and an extra helping of community! **What are your spiritual gifts?**

How do they mesh with the gifts that are in action at St. Luke's? For this Common Table discussion, we'll celebrate some of the passions and missions found around the church, and give you an opportunity to identify your own passions and gifts. To get started, please discover your gifts at www.stlukeshr.com/SpiritualGifts.

Bring a dish to *share* and come *explore* and *celebrate* with us!

My First Appointment!

by Angie Steinhauer, Pastoral/Children's Intern

I am very excited to share with you that Bishop Linda Lee from the Wisconsin Annual Conference has appointed me to the Avoca and Blue River United Methodist Churches. The churches have been sharing a pastor for over seven years and are located a little more than 1 hour west of Madison. This will be my first appointment. I am going to be their part-time pastor beginning July 1. I will live in the parsonage in Avoca that is just down the street from the church. These two congregations are made up of about 70 members each. They are an older demographic who is looking to attract and encourage young people to join them.

I was in Wisconsin in March to meet the Staff-parish teams from the congregations. On Sunday I was able to worship with both congregations. My family felt very welcomed! Although this area is just an hour or so from where I grew up, it is a place that I have not been. I am excited to spend time in the Wisconsin River that runs through the communities.

I am here for 8 more weeks though, so don't say good-bye too fast! We have a lot of events and worship times to enjoy together before I depart for home. May 20th is Graduate Sunday and I have the pleasure of sharing the message with you that day. June 1st is Iliff School of Theology's graduation at St. Andrew UMC at 10:00am. Some of my family will be coming and I look forward to showing them around this beautiful area that you all call home. Then I will head for home so that I can spend the remainder of June preparing for my new position, packing up my household items, and breathing a GIANT sigh – graduate school behind me!

Check the May issue of *The Chronicle* for a brief reflection on my time here with you!



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, Jay Van Hoosen, or any of the clergy team, Rev. Janet Forbes, Rev. Brad Laurvick, or Rev. Sallie Suby Long.

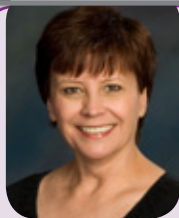
We Don't Waste: May 5

Filling the Plate, One Plate at a Time

UNLEASH YOUR INNER ARTIST! Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 5, from noon to 2:00pm. Bring family, friends, neighbors, book groups, teammates, church groups (and anyone else!) to St. Luke's and PAINT A PLATE TO END HUNGER and HELP WE DON'T WASTE! The April Paint a Plate was a great success, but WDW needs more artists and more plates! No prior experience or artistic talent required! We'll help you! Look for some of the finished plates on display between services—you'll be amazed! For a donation of \$25 (the equivalent of 45 servings of food!), or \$15 for youth, you can paint a plate! Your tax-deductible donations (cash or check, please), and ticket sales from the First Annual Fill a Plate fundraising event in September, will help WDW meet increasing operating costs.

Seventy St. Luke's volunteers, contributing over 9,000 hours, rescued over 3,500 servings of food from every home Denver Broncos game over the past two seasons—a small fraction of what We Don't Waste rescues every year from restaurants, events, caterers and major food providers. From September 2009 through December 30, 2011, WDW rescued more than \$1,100,000 of food. That's 1,800,000 servings of nutritious food that otherwise would have been landfilled, but instead was provided FREE to Denver's most underserved populations. More food is available; and there are always more men, women and children to feed. With sufficient financial resources, WDW will continue to help meet the increasing need. Please visit the We Don't Waste website: www.wedontwaste.org. For groups wishing to meet at times other than May 5th, and for other questions, please contact Andrea Kirchhoff (303-683-6652; akirchhoff6652@yahoo.com). And stay tuned for more information about the Fill a Plate event in September!





Lynda Fickling
Director of
Servant Ministry/
Spiritual Director

We are Called to Serve

"A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other"
—1 Corinthians 12:7 (NLT)

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. Volunteer/Serve where you are most passionate. Serving in a place from the heart is more satisfying for the receivers as well as the givers.

If you enjoy small assessments visit

www.stlukeshr.com/SpiritualGifts/ to find out your gifts that God has blessed you with.

Here are a few needs that we are aware of:

***NEW: Garden Team:** Did you know that we have a vegetable garden in our backyard?! We will be planting soon and are seeking folks to volunteer time in many different areas. The core team has many ideas to where the food will be donated. This is true community mission work! If you enjoy working in gardens and have the time we would love to have you. *Spiritual Gifts:* Helps, Craftsmanship, Administration. *Contact:* Tom Suby-Long tsubylong@comcast.net 303-470-9578

Sound Booth Team: This team has an active role during Sunday morning worship. You may not see the hard work behind the sound, PowerPoint and lights but they are there providing us with a wonderful worship experience. They also work special events such as our musicals, dramas, and weddings. If you enjoy working as a techie (or always wanted to!) join our team! *Spiritual Gifts:* Administration, Helps, Creative Communication *Contact:* Tim Boles 303-791-9643 tmboles@aol.com

Welcome Team: Do you enjoy getting to know people, listening to their stories, help them feel like St. Luke's is their home? If you have a passion for people and are excited to start new programs, contact Lynda Fickling our Director of Servant Ministry for more information! *Spiritual Gifts:* Encouragement, Discernment, Hospitality, Administration, Helps, Service. *Contact:* Lynda Fickling Lynda@stlukeshr.com 303-791-0650 x20

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, Lead for Lay Leadership, 303-471-8353 brucepawley@comcast.net and/or stop by our Get Connected Center.

Sunday, April 22, 11:00am-1:00pm in Rm. 128: Attend a class on the book **"The Carry Crew Concept"** by author Elizabeth Billups and learn how to build a crew of volunteers to carry a family in need. \$10 for the book. RSVP to elizabethbillups@gmail.com or 303-346-1999.



Brenda Schafer
Office Administrator

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

LATEST ENTRIES TO PRAYER LIST:

Linda Young
Carol Merrill - Sherry Treat's mother
Kelly McGehee
Mike Riegel
Jane Riegel
Kent & Phyllis Swihart -
Candy Keller's aunt & uncle
Dan Mincavage - Corey & Julie Brower's friend
Carol Bryden - Kay Swanson's mother
Katie Bancroft
Jamie Holt - Christine Walrath's friend
Steve Collins
Elaine Schafer - Brenda Schafer's mother
Lydia Norton
Charlie Williams
Sebastian Mori - Vern & Eileen Coy's relative
Jan Goehring
Mason Wheeler
Les Ludlam
Eloise Emig
Bill Garrison - Michelle Peterman's father
Carson Brower
Inez Hartley - Jen Rodgers' mother
Bruce Moody - Mildred Moody's son
Betsy Keyack
Claire Alpert

SYMPATHIES TO:

Corbett & Kristin Foster on the passing of their friend, Randy Carroll
Dave & Meryl Cupp on the passing of Meryl's father, Robert Hodge

Melissa Lobdell on the passing of her grandmother, Joanna Love
John & Andrea Mezger on the passing of Andrea's mother, Therese Boudrot
Turner & Carlyle families on the passing of husband/son-in-law, Scott Carlyle
Vern & Eileen Coy on the passing of their daughter, Jennifer Coy
Jane Damsgard on the passing of her friend, Lori Lieberman
Nancy Abbott on the death of her friend, Myrna Hagedorn
Alan & Linda Babcock and Paul & Stephanie Kirk on the passing of Alan's mother, Ernestine Babcock
The Leahy family on the passing of their friend, Lynn Johnson
Sylvia Brady on the passing of her great grandson, Gabriel Lee Clay
Mindy Dunbar on the passing of her friend, Debbie Haas
Minday Dunbar on the passing of her father, Arthur Schneider
Scott & Lynda Fickling on the passing of their friend, Greg Price
Gordon & Lisa Heaton on the passing of Gordon's mother, Eileen Heaton Leavell

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Scott & Lindsay Hetherington on the birth of their daughter, Rachel Gray Heatherington
Micheal & Kelly McGehee on the birth of their daughter, Whitney Skye McGehee
Jeff & Brittany Scheble on the birth of their son, Colin McCoy Scheble

Guatemala continued from page 1



We were also treated to a lively program and band concert at the John Wesley school. The band has grown in size, skill and instruments through the generous support of the St. Luke's community and an amazing band camp. A highlight of the trip for many came when they were able to meet with the child or children they sponsor through Pura Vida. Any language or shyness barriers quickly vanished when the culturally universal soccer ball was introduced!

If you would like information on sponsoring a child or want to receive information on next years trip, please contact Laura Richards at corichards@aol.com.

On behalf of the mission teams, we would like to thank the St. Luke's community for their financial and spiritual support of our work in Guatemala. Your presence through prayer was felt through out our journey.

More on the successful band camp at the John Wesley School in our next issue.



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

From Rev. Sallie **Our Care Ministries are Growing!**

Thanks to the leadership and participation of many individuals, our care ministries at St. Luke's continue to grow! In February, Nancy Abbott began working with our pastoral team to help provide additional support for our existing and new congregational care ministries. Nancy has served as a Stephen Leader and Stephen Minister at St. Luke's for many years and she has a passion for offering care and support to others. Nancy also has professional expertise from a long and successful career as a manager for a computer software development organization. We're thrilled to have her working with us to offer her compassion and management talents.

Nancy is coordinating our new Visiting Ministry (we're still looking for a creative name as this team is forming!). The ministry has been created to offer care to individuals in care centers, those who may be dealing with long term illness, health challenges, or significant losses, individuals who may have difficulty getting to St. Luke's for services, and people who are hospitalized. With Nancy's leadership, the team includes, Karen Altier, Carol Curtis, Michael Battaglia, Dave Money, Wally Sackett, Susan Stevenson, and Bob West. If you know of someone in our community that would benefit from a connection with our Visiting Team, please contact Nancy.

And, as a reminder, we have lots of other care ministries, too! Our team of Stephen Ministers offer one on one care to individuals who are experiencing difficult or challenging circumstances in their lives. Our Caring Connection team, ministers through offering meals, transportation and other types of care that may be needed by individuals and families in the community. The prayer team meets regularly to pray and to offer support in a variety of ways. Our pastoral team and spiritual directors offer pastoral counseling and spiritual mentoring and we have many support groups that meet at St. Luke's. With Sam Leahy's leadership (our Director of Childcare), our ministry to families with new children is growing as well. Our intention is to continue expanding our "Community of Care" in which we all care for one another. If you'd like to know more about any of these care ministries, please contact me (303-475-0141 - sallie@stlukeshr.com) or contact Nancy Abbott (Abbott7212@msn.com) and we'll be happy to offer confidential assistance to get you connected.

More from Les: **Everybody's Gotta Love Somebody!**

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

With our Lent theme of "Tell Me the Stories," I offer a story of another member of my family who had a significant influence on my life.

Ruth Ludlam, the youngest of my aunts, only 11 years older than me, was more like an older sister. She became my confidant, the one in whom I could trust my most sensitive thoughts. Advice about how to behave around girls, admonitions on keeping things neat and organized, and suggestions on what to wear to a school dance were invaluable as I grew.

I was a junior in college; Betty Hoback and I had been dating, "going steady," since my senior year in high school. We decided it was time to marry. "I can get a job in Golden," she had commented, "and with your scholarships we could get along with expenses just fine."

I told my parents of my plans to buy an engagement and wedding ring set and Mom showed me a catalog from one of their wholesale suppliers in Denver who also happened to sell jewelry. I scrimped and saved my college expense money, bought used books, skipped movies and bowling on weekends in Golden, and eating only what was offered at Mrs. Herren's boarding house.

Finally I had enough to buy a set of rings! The wholesaler was very helpful. The diamond was of very good quality while the bands were sort of average. I bought them. The rings came with me when I traveled back to Grand Junction for the Christmas break. The Ludlam family would gather on my father's birthday, Dec. 21.

I planned to give Betty the engagement ring after my father's birthday party.

We were all having a good time at the party and then, for no logical reason, I suddenly decided that this would be a good time to show off the rings to the family. I went to my car, took the small box from the glove compartment, and returned to the family. Then I offered the box to be handed around the room for all to admire.

But, when the ring box was handed to my aunt Ruth, she frowned, closed the lid and set it down on the chair next to her. Then she

turned toward me with a frown on her face. She spoke sternly "I'm not going to look at them!" she announced, "They'll look a lot nicer on Betty's hand, so I'll wait to see this engagement ring on her finger!"

"She should be showing it off, not you!"

Shamefaced, I picked up the box and pocketed it.

When I gave Betty the engagement ring later, I told her what Ruth had said at the birthday party. She smiled knowingly shook her head and said, "How can you be so smart and still be so dumb!"

Betty came with me to the next family gathering, proudly wearing the engagement ring on her finger. Everyone enjoyed admiring it, especially aunt Ruth, perhaps even more so now that Betty was displaying it.

This incident was pure Ruth! Practical, sensitive to the relationships between people, a romantic, and, for me, a reliable source of wisdom!

Ruth had a congenital heart defect that kept

her from being too active. She didn't talk about it much, but would tell others she had to "sit down a bit" when things became too strenuous. She died in her sleep as she was taking a nap one afternoon in 1992.

My aunt Ruth lived a full life because she gave it away, gave it away through love for those she came in contact with.

"Everybody's gotta' love somebody, I need somebody to love!" is a line from some rock and roll song from my dim and distant teenage past. The tune sticks in my head but those are all the words I can remember.

They're important words, however, we do need someone to love.

God bless us all! –Rev. Les

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God." –1 John 4:7-8



Jake's Take

Woof! Woof! Jake, Ms. Sharon's dog, here and I am so excited about what's been happening for children at St. Luke's. We had an amazing **Easter Fun Day** (the rabbits look so cute - I just want to lick their noses!) and **Palm Sunday** celebration. And we hope you made it to our amazing Easter service - what a gorgeous day that was! We are also in full swing with our dinner theater rehearsals. We started enrolling kids in our summer **VBS** program and our **SLY, Jr.** - 5th & 6th graders made prayer pots out of clay and participated in a very spiritual and relaxing Yoga class. Special thanks to Ms. Amy Maupin for sharing her pottery talents with the kids and to Ms. Jill

Lee for sharing her vast knowledge and skill of yoga. *Namaste!* We are looking forward to a group service project and our Progressive Dinner in May. I was so glad for Ms. Sharon to come home from Guatemala so she could feed me but I heard that her time there as part of our mission team was amazing and that the kids at the cornstalk school and the surrounding area loved all of the crayons and toothbrushes and shoes we collected for them! More fun and learning and service to others awaits as we move into summer! **Doggie blessings to all!**



Vacation Bible School

VBS Morning session:
June 25-29

9:15am-12:15pm

VBS Evening session:

July 10-13

5:45-8:00pm

Online Registration
opened April 16 and our
morning session filled up in
1 day! To get on our waitlist,

please contact dawn@stlukeshr.com

www.stlukeshr.com

Sign up for one
or both sessions.

\$30 per session. For all kids age 3
(as of 9/30/12)—entering 5th grade.

Wacky Wednesdays

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

The theme this year is:



Open to all children
age 2 1/2 through 3rd grade!
(Must be independently
potty-trained to attend.)

TIME:

9:30am-noon

WEDNESDAYS:

June 6, 13, 20

July 11, 18, 25

Registration is \$20/day per child.
(This helps cover the cost of supplies,
snacks and teacher salaries.)

If you have any questions
regarding registration
contact: Tami Clement at
ma3clement@aol.com

Registration forms available
at the Little School/
Superintendent's Office
and online:

www.stlukeshr.com/children.

We will not be able to refund
the money for any days your
child does not attend.

Return forms to the main
Church Office

by SUNDAY May 20, 2012.



Sharon Oliver
Director of
Children's Ministry



Dawn Johnson
Asst. Director of
Children's Ministry



Samantha Leahy
Director of Childcare

St. Luke's Kids

Growing with God



Kay Swanson
Director of
Little School

Little School News: No Foolin' - It's April at Little School



Spring has sprung and we are excited about the remainder of our school year and to seeing the sights of new birth and the appearance of flowers and blossoming trees! The kids will hopefully have ample opportunities to play outside and watch the St. Luke's garden begin to grow! We helped to start the new

seedlings for the garden and we will be anxious to see how they do.

It is amazing when we return from Spring Break how we notice that the children have gotten taller and more independent and looking so ready to move on! Our teachers have done such a wonderful job of preparing their students for their next steps. It is exciting to see all the changes taking place.

OUR 17TH ANNUAL LITTLE SCHOOL "CREATIVE CRITTERS" ART SHOW WILL BE

THURSDAY APRIL 26 5:00-7:30PM
THROUGHOUT THE LOWER LEVEL
OF THE CHURCH!

If you have never been to an art show before, you will be amazed and it is a **MUST** to see. Our theme this year is "Classic Tales." Please come meander through the halls starting at the south door of the church, ending at the north door. Many forms of art will be displayed: painting, watercolors, collage, string art, paper art and 3-D sculptures, just to name a few that will be in every class room. Over 2700 pieces of art will dazzle your eyes. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME - BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!** We look forward to seeing you!

We wish you all a happy Spring with lovely warm breezes and sunny days!

Blessings, -Ms. Kay and Staff

“GIVE 5” to Children’s Ministry!

It’s that special time of year again when Children’s Ministry invites you to our Children’s Ministry Fairs - Sunday morning April 22 from 8:30am-noon and Wednesday April 25 from 5:30-8:00pm to sign up to “Give 5”! Our goal again this year is to try to get everyone who is interested in serving the children of St. Luke’s to find somewhere where they can share their gifts with our children and serve at least 5 times from June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013. It was so successful last year - we are giving it a go again. We are so grateful to all of our Children’s Ministry volunteers and always need so many more. You don’t have to be a parent to serve and there are so many different ways to help – directly with the children or behind the scenes. Please continue to sign up downstairs through the months of April and May or contact Sharon or Dawn if you’d like to help. If you haven’t served in the past but would like to, now is the perfect time to sign up! You make a difference to our kids. **Visit www.stlukeshr.com for upcoming events.** If you have any questions about Children’s Ministry programs contact Sharon Oliver x27 sharon@stlukeshr.com or Dawn Johnson x11 dawn@stlukeshr.com



A few testimonials from those who serve in Children’s Ministry:

Jan Lindquist: *“Working with the children at St. Luke’s is truly a blessing.”*

Kim Joseph: *“What a joy to work with kids at St. Luke’s of all ages, needs, interests and abilities. I’ve learned a lot.”*

Melinda Davidson: *“Serving as a volunteer at Godly Play has impacted my life profoundly. I love this time directly communicating with our youth community and through the years witnessing their knowledge grow through God every time they hear stories from the bible, as well as seeing and hearing history, as they re-count the parables they have internalized. I am deeply moved at how authentically the children apply the essence of a lesson to their everyday lives and to their pure, observable, tangible gifts of God. They openly share prayers of gratitude for their teachers, their pets and for summer vacation rituals. I am humbled at their prayer concerns for their ailing grandparents, sick friends and older siblings fighting the war to restore peace in foreign lands. I treasure this time, connecting and honoring who they are today as thinkers and feelers and anticipate how much this shared hour restores, replenishes and rebalances me as a person. Thank you for the opportunity to learn and grow my faith through your children’s eyes.”*

Betsy Brown: *“I always seem to get more out of whatever I put in, even if it is putting on temporary tattoos or painting fingernails – it is such a joy to see the children having a good time at God’s House!”*

Julie Brower: *“I love being part of something that is impacting children’s lives every single day. From the youngest ages, the St. Luke’s Children’s Ministry program creates a loving environment where children want to be. They feel connected with other children, families, volunteers and staff. Speaking from the perspectives of both volunteer and parent, children want to be here and look forward to all of the activities and programs offered here for them whether it is Easter Fun Day, the Christmas Pageant, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, Godly Play, Nursery - I could go on and on. It is fun for the children and just as much fun as an adult being able to be a part of these things through serving. At the very same time, St. Luke’s Children’s Ministry programs is growing these children from the youngest ages in their faith and watching children learn and grow in their faith makes serving truly amazing. I am really honored to be a part of such an active, fun and impactful program and working and getting to know and love the children has been a true joy.”*

Children’s Dinner Theater presents “Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum” - a musical!

Friday, May 4 • Dinner 6:00pm • Show 7:00pm

fee, fi, fo, fum!

All are welcome to come enjoy a yummy dinner at 6:00pm on Friday

May 4 followed by the St. Luke’s Cherub’s Choir performing a charming prelude and then at 7:00pm sit back and enjoy a rousing musical. The show is free but we will gladly accept donations for our dinner and for our mission. Join us as 1st through 6th graders from St. Luke’s present this beloved story of Jack and the beanstalk *but* with a twist. Our children are working hard at rehearsals as they GROW their characters of villagers, trolls, servants, and animals. They will tell a story about trying to understand one another despite differences and looking for hope in any situation through dialogue, song and dance. We have a golden egg, magic beans, a big bowl of Wiggle Waggle, a beanstalk and, of course, a GIANT!

In keeping with our beanstalk theme, **all of the proceeds from the play will support the St. Luke’s Garden Ministry.** Beginning Sunday April 22, look for our beanstalk in Fellowship Hall that has “leaves” you can pluck that have donation suggestions to help GROW our Garden Ministry. We hope to raise enough money to build a fence around the garden and a compost bin as well as stock the garden with all it’s annual essentials of soil and seeds and supplies. And help to raise awareness about this wonderful ministry.

Special thanks to all of our adult and youth helpers who are assisting with our mission, publicity, costumes, props, set, dinner and tech needs, and to Linda Walker, our assistant director, and our music directors, Angela Alderson and Kay Coryell. It truly takes a village! And we have an awesome one! We are so blessed to be able to offer the kids this opportunity to experience theater, music, fellowship and mission as we GROW together. **Don’t miss dinner and the show! Let’s plant the seed of hope – ready, set, GROW!**

ST. LUKE’S 
FAMILY CAMP 

Don’t miss out on all of the fun that is Family Camp!

DEADLINE: register for Family Camp by MAY 15 to be guaranteed a site. Join us in the great outdoors at Snow Mountain Ranch YMCA Granby, CO. Family Camp is July 20-29. The first 50% of your activity fee is due by May 15 and the remaining balance is due June 30. You choose if you want to sleep in a tent, camper, cabin or yurt and if you want to come for just one weekend or the whole time! There is a mandatory camper meeting May 20. All families must attend to learn the exciting details, sign-up to help at camp, etc.



"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."



Spring Tea – St. Luke's United Methodist Women's Spring Tea Sunday is April 22, 2012 2:00-4:00pm. It is for women and girls of all ages. Tickets are \$5 for girls (12 and under) and \$8 for women. Our mission project is UMCOR student kits.

Spiritual Day Apart – Eight women from St. Luke's recently attended the UMW District Spiritual Retreat Day in Castle Rock. Approximately 100 women took the time to reflect on their inner voices and learn techniques for spiritual awareness. The guest speaker was Rev. Dottie Mann; she is a chaplain at Porter St. Adventist Hospital in Denver and is an Iliff School of Theology graduate. She gave an informative and interactive presentation on Listening to God and making time for quiet in our lives. She emphasized that women need to give and receive. Women need time for others and time for themselves. We learned techniques for finding quiet time, and practiced guided meditation, walking meditation and lectio divina. The primary scripture for the day was 1 John 4:7-13 which opened everyone's hearts. Each woman left refreshed and centered. We hope next year that even more women can attend this yearly event which never fails to inspire and refresh us.

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 in the youth room; 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

May 5, 2012: St. Luke's Garden and Labyrinth - come work in the garden.
Host: Fran West, Mission: Mugs for Cafe' 180 and SAME Cafe'

Childcare available 303-791-0659 x47. 48 hours in advance. For more information, please contact: 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, Evening meeting 7:00pm, **April 23 - *The Weird Sisters*** by Eleanor Brown, **May 21 (3rd Monday) - *Unbroken*** by Laura Hillenbrand, **June 25 - *Friendship Bread*** by Darien Gee 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:** Third Wednesdays of the month, 7:00-8:30pm downstairs near the Children's Library. For more info, please call Fran West at 303-797-7107.

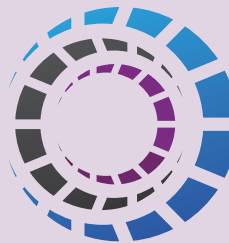
• **Women's Night Out:** First Monday of the month, 6:30pm various locations
May 7 - Mama Roma, Centennial. For more information, please contact or Elaine Carlstrom at ecarlstrom@comcast.net.

Mark Your Calendars:

- April 28-29 – **Spiritual Retreat** in Estes Park: "Enfolded in God's Love"
- May 4, 11:00am – **Church Women United Fellowship Day**, Presbyterian Church (2nd and Grant)
- June 9 – **District UBUNTU Work Day**
- June 16, 6:30am – **Annual Conference UMW Breakfast**
- July 12-14 – **School of Christian Mission**, St. Andrew's UMC
- September 22 – **District Meeting**, Applewood Valley UMC, 2035 Ellis Street, Golden
- October 19, 5:00pm & October 20, 9:00am – **Conference Meeting**, Park Hill UMC (5209 Montview Blvd., Denver 80207)
- November 2 – **Church Women United**

Keep Connected

Rocky Mtn. Conference United Methodist Women Website: www.rmcmw.org
Women's Division website: <http://new.gbmg-umc.org/umw/>
UMCOR website: <http://new.gbmg-umc.org/umcor>
Visit www.UMWOnline.net to network with others, get and share resources.



Journey toward Wholeness

Spirituality and Wellness Series 2011/2012 Recap

by Renae Parra

The Spirituality and Wellness team concluded its three-part series on The Journey to Wholeness with a workshop facilitated by both Rev. Jerry Herships and Dr. Andi Pusavat. They have both been well-received at past events and they did not disappoint for their return visit. They continued talking on the themes of happiness and wholeness which were discussed at earlier sessions this year. Dr. Andi highlighted concrete strategies for bringing more fulfillment into everyday life and Rev. Jerry followed up each point with a personal story, tale or joke that complimented each idea and gave the real life perspective that we so often need to hear.

Following are a few of the more important points highlighted throughout the evening.

- Identify your sense of purpose and know what energizes you;
- Practice being optimistic/choose the lens you look through
- Focus on positive language; focus on what you can change, not what you cannot
- Have an attitude of gratitude; stop comparing yourself to others; write down things you are grateful for every day
- Know that a faith community can enrich your life and provide you a place of safety and comfort
- Practice mindfulness; try to focus your attention on one thing at a time
- While grieving a loss, ask yourself each day what one thing you could do that day to make you feel one step better
- Be intentional in what you choose to do
- Engage a support system (quality, not quantity) of people around whom you can be your authentic self
- Don't worry about your age or how old you "will be"; you are going to age regardless. So, don't let age be an excuse to not start something new
- Do things you enjoy... simply because you enjoy them

We thank you for your enthusiastic participation in our recent series and invite you to comment on topics you would like to see discussed in the future. The Spirituality and Wellness team meets regularly to discuss spiritual practices and topics that are on the pulse of friends and family. The spiritual well-being of St. Luke's is of primary importance to us. Feel free to drop an email to Rev. Sallie at sallie@stlukeshr.com if you have comments or ideas.

Thank you again for your support of this group and our events. If you missed the session on March 6 and would like to view a copy of the DVD, see Rev. Sallie.

Learning with St. Luke's Learning Expo - May 12

Join *Learning with St. Luke's* as we discuss course curriculum, advertising, and facilitation ideas for the courses that will be offered at St. Luke's next year. If you are experienced in facilitating courses, have taken courses or are currently helping with a class, this will be a great opportunity to gather information and see what the Learning with St. Luke's team can offer you and the congregation.

Learning with St. Luke's is striving to offer a myriad of courses and education opportunities for the St. Luke's congregation. In order to achieve that goal, we need facilitators.

Facilitating a course can certainly seem overwhelming but in

truth, what **we are looking for are people who ask questions, garner conversation, and are passionate about learning.**

Everything else, advertising, logistics, setting up the curriculum, will be handled by the Learning with St. Luke's team.

If facilitating a conversation with a group of equally interested folks about a certain topic is of interest to you, please attend the learning expo on May 12, and we will go over what we can do to provide the connection and support so we can make that conversation happen.

The Learning with St. Luke's committee is very excited to host a Learning Expo on Saturday, May 12, from 8:00am-noon in Fellowship Hall



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



She Loves Me was loved at St. Luke's!

"I just loved it," was the response from many who saw the Wesley Players production of *She Loves Me* March 16 and 17. Over 500 people attended this fun Broadway musical and were stunned by the talent of the cast and orchestra. There was tremendous depth in the cast and all who came left with smiles on their faces. We were thrilled to bring an unknown show to St. Luke's and even more thrilled with the positive impact it will have in the world around us. Donations were very generous and we were able to help build the corn stalk school in Guatemala and help Love INC get closer to their goal of opening the doors to their new thrift store. Thank you to all who participated and to all who came. We are thrilled with the results!



Joining St. Luke's

When you take the step of belonging to St. Luke's, you will enjoy a **NEW CONNECTION**, a **NEW COVENANT**, and the **GIFT OF GRACE**.

You are God's gracious gift to us. We are delighted to share the journey of faith with you as, together, we grow to reflect the life of Christ.

Persons may join the church any Sunday by transfer of their membership or by profession of faith in Jesus Christ. Fill out the membership card located in the Friendship Pad or at the Get Connected Center. Simply hand the membership card to one of our Pastors or staff members at any time.

Join Rev. Janet and Lynda Fickling for **"Cafe St. Luke's" Sun. May 13, 9:30 Rm. 212** where we share coffee and conversation about the history of St. Luke's, the United Methodist Church, our programs and ministries.

Contact Lynda Fickling for more info:
303-791-0659 x 20 lynda@stlukeshr.com.

PAA launches "PAA School of Rock" and More

Performing Arts Academy is expanding our offerings again and will now offer camps for instrumentalists of every skill. As a part of our expanding vision for education in Highlands Ranch, we are offering weeklong camps which will support the programs in local schools and keep kids engaged with their instruments during the summer months. The band camps are curriculum driven, following state guidelines for music education. Our students will learn from experienced local teachers from surrounding districts.

We are currently offering camps for students in 5th grade through 9th grade. All grades are for the 2012-2013 school year. Tuition is: \$150 Non-Members and \$125 Members of St. Luke's (with a \$25 sibling discount for all who register more than one child). Tuition includes a Music folder, Camp t-shirt, daily snack, and class handouts. For dates and times and to register, visit www.stlukespaa.org. Select "Summer Programs" and then "Band and String Camps".



Upcoming Events!

- * **Sunday April 15 SLY AM and PM: Getting ready for the 30 Hour Famine "OVERCOME Hunger"**
- * **Wednesday April 18 SLY PM Homework Hour 5:30-6:30, SLY WED 6:30-8:00 Sponge Night!**
- * **Sunday April 22: SLY AM 9:30-10:30am, SLY PM Progressive Dinner, Jr. High and Sr. High Events**
- * **Wednesday April 25: Homework Hour 5:30-6:30, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Birthday Party**
- * **Sunday May 6: Confirmation Sunday**
- * **Sunday May 13: Happy Mother's Day NO SLY AM or PM**
- * **Monday May 14: College Mission Team Departs for Joplin, MO**
- * **Sunday May 20: Graduation Sunday. If you have a high school and/or college graduate, we would love to have their photo and information for the celebration. High school grads, please get a Kindergarten and Graduation pic to the office by April 29.**
- * **Check www.stlukeshr.com/sly for up-to-date info on programs, activities, ministry opportunities and more!**

Join Us!

Sundays:

SLY AM - 9:30am

WITY - 11:00am

CONFIRMATION -

11:00-1:00pm

SLYJO Band - 3:30pm

Soul Purpose Choir -
4:30pm

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

SLY PM - 6:00-7:30pm

Wednesdays:

Homework Hour -

5:30-6:30pm

SLY WED -

6:30-8:00pm

HELLO FROM BELOW

G'day from Dave Down Under...and welcome to my premier edition of *Hello from Below!*

Wow, what an amazing first month on the job! The only thing that's been overwhelming has been the love and support from all of you. Thank you for making this journey start so well.

First off, your (and by "your", I mean to ALL St. Luke's adults) youth are amazing. You should be proud of them and how fervently and passionately they represent you and the St. Luke's family. With Confirmation class, 3 mission teams in the works, SLY AM, SLY PM, SLY Wednesdays, 30 Hour Famine Project, Graduation Sunday, Senior Dinner, STMs, GEM's, Progressive dinner, there is ALWAYS something going on down here....and these are just a few of the ones I'm involved in so far!

The Confirmation class just got back from an awesome retreat at Ponderosa Retreat Center. We had encounter sessions as we worked through our Creed materials, a lot of fun (okay, a little sleep!), a high ropes adventure, and closing with an very moving Communion and foot washing service. Many thanks to Rev. Brad, Erin Klein, Paul Peterman, Amy McMullen and our ex-confirmeds for making it one of the best Confirmation retreats I've ever experienced. We are all looking forward to Confirmation Sunday May 6.

SLY AM and PM have been mixing a little fun with a little bible history/current topics discussion.

The youth are working hard and getting excited about our next major effort at acting globally: The 30 Hour Famine April 27/28. The youth of St Luke's will fast for 30 hours to help spread awareness of world hunger from a personal perspective. This is a fund raising event for World Vision, and we have requested our funds be used where they are most needed in a VERY hungry world. Please look for our information table and video on Sunday April 15 in Fellowship Hall. *P.S. This could get very interesting the morning of Sunday April 22!*

Busy weeks coming up, more fun and fellowship to happen! Please come join us.

Love & Blessings, Dave

Photos from Confirmation Retreat 2012:



Dave Laurvick
Director of
Youth Ministry

Junior High Mission Trip

The mission trip for incoming 7th graders through incoming 9th graders will be July 9-14 in Durango, CO to work with a soup kitchen, a food bank, and a Hispanic outreach program for paint, repair, etc. Trip cost \$200 and is limited to 30 youth.... so get your forms outside of the Youth Office and sign up now. First information meeting will be Sunday May 6 at 2:00pm.

Senior High Mission Trip

This year's senior high mission trip (incoming 10th graders through graduating seniors) will be to Joplin, Missouri June 17-24! We will be working on housing projects with an organization called Citi Impact to repair some of the damage done by the recent tornadoes in the area. Trip limited to 50 youth. First information meeting will be Sunday April 29 at 2:00pm. The trip will cost approximately \$400. Registration forms are available at the Youth Office. If you have any questions, contact Kara Fong at karafong@att.net.





Dave Cupp
Director of Finance



Lisé Takayama
Assistant Director
of Finance

Thank You For Your Continued Financial Support

Free King Soopers Grocery Cards Available at Grocery Card Table.

Yep—FREE. If you are a King's shopper and 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'd consider any reasonable method you know about that we haven't adopted.



Greetings from Seasoned Voyagers

*by Les Ludlam &
Ann Roadarmel*

We have had an exciting year, from Leaf Peeping in October to our Christmas Party in December to a tour of the Art Museum in February, and a Celestial Seasonings and Pearl Street Mall Tour in April. Our Traveling Committee Director, Joyce Rovetta, has done an awesome job and has more activities planned for this summer with the Georgetown Loop scheduled in the fall!

Les Ludlam also instituted a quarterly Cultural Luncheon with the first one on Texas Cuisine held in January and a Mexican Cultural Luncheon in May, so much food to appease our appetites.

Seasoned Voyagers is hosting a culinary visit to Mexico:

Date: Thursday, May 10

Time: 11:30am to 2:00pm

Where: St. Luke's Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$12

Sign Up: at the Ministry Fair on April 22

We also started a program called "Spiritual Quest", a Lunch and Learn Get Together at noon on Thursdays. Our first session studied Richard Rohr's book called "Falling Upwards", and the second session studied Rob Bell's book called "Love Wins". Both studies gave us much food for thought and encouraged us to look deeper into our faith.

We have also started a Game Day on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and Conversations with Rev Janet the 1st Tuesday of the month. These activities are open to all and provide venues for stimulating conversation and just plain good ole fellowship with one another.

As part of our evening program we had a movie night scheduled with young and old in attendance to watch "The Way", a very moving and inspiring movie.

To find out more about our upcoming activities, stop by the Get Connected Table and sign up for our Seasoned Voyagers email blasts.

Trustees Corner: Spring has Sprung!

Along with several positive and encouraging comments on our Easter Sunday Services, we got a lot of questions on the busy birds that could be heard as people walked to and from our building. "Listen to those all those birds, gosh, they're busy this morning, too!" If they were inviting our input, we let our guests in on our secret – Alfred Hitchcock hasn't returned – we've simply turned up the volume and frequency since our random recorded bird sounds made a big reduction in the number of woodpecker holes in our stucco last year. The changes we're making are to try to improve even more. We'll let you know how that goes – but in the meantime, you don't have to run for cover, we're not expecting our birds to drop any surprises as they stir!

Our Easter weekend Work Day was one of the most successful we've had – tremendous support from our Trustees, Executive, and Altar Teams, and several volunteers. We didn't get everything done on our list, but we made great progress! Thank you to everyone who participated with us, you made such a difference!

Please save the date – our next **Work Day is scheduled for May 19 from 8:00am-noon**. Priorities will be focused on outdoor clean up and repairs. We're hoping to have a terrific turn out – childcare reservations can be made in advance by calling Sam at: 303-791-0659 x40. Please bring gloves and rakes, and if you remember to toss in a wheelbarrow, that can be really helpful. All ages are welcome – if your student needs Community Service Hours bring them along, we're happy to sign their forms accordingly. Thank you all!



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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.*



Homelessness Awareness/Action Task Force: South Metro
"Addressing the Unaddressed"

Year-to-date statistics as of Mar. 28, 2012:

- We have raised year to date: **\$27,818.84**
- We have distributed in motel vouchers: **\$19,420.00**
- We have available: **\$6,063.73**
- We have provided nights of shelter:
Adult: 566, Children: 59

This represents double what we did last year!



APRIL / MAY 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 15 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship –Rev. Bradley Laurvick 8:15am: Contemplative Worship 11:00am: Faith & Friends 12:15pm: Learning with St. Luke's Mtg. 4:00pm: New Member Meet & Greet 5:30pm: Youth Dinner (\$2) 5:30pm: SLY, Jr. 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion | 16  VBS Registration begins online 6:00pm: Staff Parish Relations Team | 17 6:00pm: Children's Ministry Team Meeting 7:00pm: An Evening with Jo Myers "Good to Go" 7:30pm: Planned Giving Team Meeting | 18 9:30am: Seasoned Voyagers Trip to Celestial Seasonings 5:30pm: SLY Homework Hour 6:30pm: SLY Wednesday 6:30pm: Parents of Teens/Young Adults with Depression/Bipolar 7:00pm: Itch to Stitch | 19 9:15am & 6:00pm: Love & Logic Parenting Class noon: Lunch & Learn: A Spiritual Feast 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship | 20 9:30am: Playgroup | 21 9:00am: Sanctuary Care Team 10:00am: Wesley Writers 7:00pm: Collage Concert |
| 22 Ministry Fair SLY Hunger Protest 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship –Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes 8:30am: Ministry Fair 11:00am: Faith & Friends 11:00am: Carry Crew Class 2:00pm: Spring Tea 5:30pm: Youth Dinner (\$2) 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion | 23  7:00pm: Women's Book Club | 24 7:00am: Men's Group © Egg & I 7:00pm: Group Spiritual Direction 7:30pm: Staff Parish Relations Team Mtg. | 25 GENERAL CONFERENCE 5:30pm: Children's Ministry Fair 5:30pm: SLY Homework Hour 6:30pm: SLY Wednesday | 26 GENERAL CONFERENCE Little School - No Morning Classes 9:15am & 6:00pm: Love & Logic Parenting Class noon: Lunch & Learn: A Spiritual Feast 5:00pm: Little School ART SHOW 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship | 27 GENERAL CONFERENCE 6:00pm: 30 Hour Famine | 28 GENERAL CONFERENCE 30 Hour Famine |
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