



# The Chronicle



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and much more!



## Thank You from Shayla's Fire Drive

Thank you, St. Luke's, for your tremendous response to Shayla's Fire Drive for the families of the Waldo Canyon Fire. Eight-year-old Shayla Levine (pictured) and her family (parents, Jenny and Ryan, and sister, Chloe and brother, Nolan) will transport all of our donations to the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce for distribution among the victims of the ravaging fires west of Colorado Springs. **Thank you, Shayla, for your leadership in making a difference!**



## June Brought Joy to Joplin, MO



by Marilyn Bacon The June 2012 Senior High Mission trip to Joplin, Missouri was my first mission trip. There were 56 youth and 11 adults. We had the St. Luke's bus, two 15-passenger vans and 2 large SUV's and one huge trailer to carry all the luggage and tools we packed. Everyone going on the trip had to arrive at St. Luke's at 3:30am Sunday June 17th. We were on the road at 4:11am; twelve hours later we were in Joplin.

Joplin experienced a massive tornado in May 2011. The tornado area was  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 mile wide and 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles long. The tornado was on the ground for 32 minutes and 167 people lost their lives. The devastation area is not hard to pick out, being in the Midwest there are lots of huge old trees, and where the trees cease to exist is where the tornado hit.

Most of the clean up had taken place shortly after the devastation. One of our jobs, which most of us worked on for some part of three days, was covering a basement foundation with dirt. We had several dump truck deliveries of dirt made during the week; we barely made a dent in filling the hole. The youth

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## Operation Overboard makes a big splash at St. Luke's!

Vacation Bible School served over 300 children this summer at St. Luke's! Special thanks to the over 150 volunteers who made this amazing event possible. The underwater theme was a big hit with the children as they learned to dive deep with God. They made crafts, participated in science projects, ate snacks and played games and learned about people in the Bible who have deep faith and treated their families and the congregation to their favorite VBS songs! Can't wait until next summer!!

## Golf: Aug. 25!

The St. Luke's Golf Event, which supports our "Ministry in Motion" church van, is fast approaching. The golf outing will once again be held at beautiful Arrowhead Golf Course. This is an exciting venue with giant red rock super structures reaching upward to the sky. Laced with green fairways, lush greens, and the glimpse of deer here and there, it is the place to play golf. Last year everyone asked if we could please come back again this year. Well, we're back. But time is slipping away and you need sign up for the 4 person scramble soon. Saturday August 25 is the St. Luke's Golf Event and we will enjoy all the sights of Arrowhead. After the round we will enjoy a sumptuous meal in the clubhouse which is included in the price of the event. All this for only \$135. But you must hurry and sign up as the deadline is August 19. Please join us as you will want to be a part of the support for our "Ministry in Motion." See you there!



**Don't golf but still want to support "Ministry in Motion"?** We are looking for volunteers for the day of event! Please contact Teri Burget at 303-908-5404 if you are available to help. And we need donations for our silent auction and goodie bags. Do you have gift cards that you won't use? Would you like to get discounts off gas by buying gift cards at King Soopers or Safeway? If so please drop them by the Office or golf table by August 19. **Thank you.**

**Sunday Worship Services:**

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

6:34pm: Fusion

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

Adult, Youth &amp; Children:

9:30am &amp; 11:00am

**Nursery available for:**

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

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**Rev. Janet Forbes**  
Senior Pastor

# De-Mystifying the Bible

## (At least a little bit!)

The Bible—the Holy Scriptures—is a book of books about God, what we have experienced of God over many centuries, what we have recorded about God's activities and interactions with Israel and the ancient world.

To those who are unacquainted with the Scriptures, there may be a certain mystique about what the Bible is, what it says, and what it means. Even those of us with a seminary education or who have been thoroughly immersed in the Scriptures can't agree on everything! So, whether you are a novice or expert at the Bible, if it seems mysterious to you, there is good reason. At the same time, God longs to be known, and the Bible is one of the means by which God is revealed to us.

### Here are a few pointers to help with the new discoveries.

**First, and most important—don't be afraid to read it and try to figure it out on your own.** If scholars haven't come to consensus for hundreds of years, there's no fault to you if something seems strange or unclear. Remember that we are 2000 years away from the historical Jesus and much, much farther from the Old Testament events. Someone from the 40th century picking up a 2012 whodunit might need some help understanding the idioms, 21st century stuff (what's a gun?), and history, at the least. So, use a good study Bible with notes and cross-references to help understand customs, terms, history, and context. Since the Bible is one of God's many ways to speak directly to you, also try to leave your mind and heart open to what that word might be. Then check it out with others you trust.

**The Bible is a book of books, written over time.** There are many understandings of who wrote the Bible, and there are numerous contributors. Much of the Old Testament, at least, was shared as oral history before being written and collected. When it was collected in writing, it was copied and tweaked (with and without copyist mistakes) over and over again. The texts of what we know as the Old Testament were centuries old before they became "official," over time, around the end of the first century.

**The Bible books are not in chronological or historical order** (which is sometimes highly inconvenient!). Everything in the Old Testament happened before the New Testament, and the first five books of the Old Testament are roughly in some chronological order, but not the prophets, for example. All of the Gospels were written after the letters of Paul, and Paul's letters are in order of length, not date. What this means is that you need to do a bit of historical homework by reading the introduction to the biblical book in a good study Bible to help get oriented to the time and culture.

**The chapter and line verses were not original to the texts,** but added to aid in our reading and organization. Scripture references note the book, then the chapter, then the verse or verses, such as John 3:16—the Gospel of John, chapter 3, verse 16. Bibles include a table of contents, and it's there to be used.

**There is a multitude of translations and paraphrases of the Bible, and they are not all equally good.** You might want to have more than one "flavor" to help with understanding. The New Revised Standard Version, the New International Version are the two biblical translations used in the highly acclaimed The New Interpreters Bible commentary series which is the St. Luke's library. The brand-new Common English Bible may become the new favorite over the next decade! Those Bibles were translated from the original texts of the ancient Scriptures from (mainly) Hebrew and Greek. The Message, for example, is a paraphrase that started with the English translation and reworded it into colorful and colloquial, English-based phraseology and idioms. This does not carry the same weight or accuracy of an actual translation, though the different twist of phrase can bring some insight. Any Bible in English (or Spanish or French or something other than the original languages) is at least one step away from the original biblical text. It is subject to the nuances of the language into which it is translated, and that language itself changes over time. Compare, for example, the King James Bible (ca 1611), which was actually a revision of earlier Bibles and the New Revised Standard Version (1989).

**The Bible means what it means, but not necessarily just exactly what it says.** Virtually any specific text is interpreted somehow. While this statement can open a debate on how to interpret the scripture, we can probably agree that Scripture should be studied. When it says something happened in 40 days or 40 years, for example, that may really mean a generation or a general passage of time.

**You may want to consider a Disciple Bible Study this year.** Rev. Ryan, a fine Bible scholar and teacher, will be leading the popular Disciple 1: Becoming Disciples through Bible Study. In a community of fellow pilgrims, we review issues of culture and history, seek each other's wisdom, and weigh what we read against our best understandings of love, grace, accountability, and justice.

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**Rev. Ryan Canaday**  
Associate Minister

## It's Good to Be Here!

Just a few weeks ago we (Tami, Selah, and me...and Siracha, our little 12 lb., min-pin/chihuahua, who seemingly has springs in his hind legs) moved from southwest Denver down to Highlands Ranch. We moved on a Thursday, and by Saturday night we were completely unpacked. God bless Tami... there was no rest for the Canaday's until EVERY box was unpacked!

All that to say, we're settling in nicely and loving our new home.

Also, just a few weeks ago, I began serving in my new appointment here at St. Luke's. I have to tell you, it's good to be here (and I can hear all of you saying, "It's great to be here!") Seriously, it's good to be here—and there are lots of reasons for saying this.

I think you all should know what others are saying about you. The word on the street is that St. Luke's is a vibrant, life-giving community. While at Annual Conference in June, I heard a lot about St. Luke's from colleagues, friends, and lay people. The narrative was overwhelming: "You're gonna love St. Luke's. They're a growing church. They're missional. They're welcoming. They're doing church the right way." And I could go on. I also heard lots about how great the senior minister was and the rest of the staff, and how great the music ministry was, as well as the children's and youth ministry. And I kept hearing about this very cool thing called Fusion. All of this is true... I have experienced it! However, the comments I kept hearing from my friends and colleagues about St. Luke's were rarely centered only on the senior minister or on one particular ministry, but rather the dominant story was that of community—again, that St. Luke's is a vibrant, life-giving community. I was encouraged by this. It showed me that St. Luke's is a place where ALL the people are coming together to make this a great place—a great church! I was excited to be here long before I arrived. It's good to be here!

One other thing: this place is filled with passion, and I love it! I spent the last couple of weeks meeting with different staff members. I wanted to know their passion and vision for ministry, and how I could be most supportive... I also wanted to know important events and meetings that I should be attending. I was so encouraged with these meetings. We have an awesome staff—people who are genuinely passionate about the mission and message of Jesus. And I'm not just saying these things to make you feel good. I truly believe it. Ask Tami, I could hardly shut up about it at dinner last night... I was just so excited!

It's good to be here. And I look forward to getting to know you all more, and to work together to do this crazy, but awesome, thing we call ministry!



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

## Thank You!

Dear St. Luke's, You continue to amaze me and bless my life! Thank you for your kindness and support and for celebrating ordination with me in June. Your generosity of spirit and your example of faithfulness are appreciated more than I can express. I am so grateful to be in ministry with you. *Sincerely, Pastor Sallie*

## Looking for Spiritual Care & Formation Opportunities? Here They Are!

Wholeness and well-being are central to our spiritual formation. And, creative opportunities to nurture our well-being continue to increase at St. Luke's! God is at work among us infusing creative energy and new ideas. The Spirituality and Wellness Team and Learning with St. Luke's have been inspired to create many new classes and experiences intended to connect people in community while engaging new approaches to learning and spiritual growth. From Colorado outdoor adventures, to meditative experiences, to the spirituality of finances, to Discipleship groups, and the list goes on! There are wonderful opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth. Details are available on the St. Luke's website, in our Catalog of Ministries and this issue of *The Chronicle*.

And, there are many additional ministries designed to support your well-being and spiritual formation. I'll be happy to connect you or share more information with you at any time. Confidentiality is always respected. *Blessings to you!* (sallie@stlukeshr.com) or 303-475-0141.

### St. Luke's Spiritual Care and Formation Ministries:

**Pastoral Counseling and Care** — Rev. Sallie, Rev. Janet and Rev. Ryan offer short-term, faith-based counseling, pastoral care, and referrals for individuals, couples, and families seeking support.

**Stephen Ministry** — provides confidential, one-on-one care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Stephen Ministers are lay persons who have specialized training in providing emotional and spiritual care.

**Faithful Friends Ministry** — offers spiritual care and visits to individuals in care centers, those who may be dealing with long term illnesses, health challenges, or significant losses, people who are hospitalized, and individuals who may have difficulty getting to St. Luke's for services.

**The Caring Connection** — provides support to members of St. Luke's and the community by making companion visits, taking meals to families in need, running errands or providing transportation.

**Care/Prayer Team** — gathers regularly to pray for concerns of individuals, the congregation and the community. Requests for prayers may be sent through the website, written on a prayer request card or shared with a member of the staff team.

**Support Groups and Classes** — St. Luke's offers support groups and classes focused on a variety of topics including 12-step programs, divorce recovery classes, grief support groups, and parenting classes. Information about current groups is available on St. Luke's website and in the Care Ministries brochures in the church entry.

**Spiritual Direction** — The process of spiritual direction honors each person's unique life journey and supports people in managing transitions, enhancing self-awareness and growing in faith.

**The Samaritan Fund** — provides financial support and assistance for those who are part of our St. Luke's family. If you or someone you love is in need of some extra financial support to make it through a difficult stretch, please contact one of the pastors.

**Benevolence Fund** — provides support for those in need who are not directly connected with the St. Luke's family.

If St. Luke's does not offer the type of support you need, the pastoral team will make every effort to connect you to additional resources, support networks, and care providers within our community.

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*As United Methodists, we consider another set of filters, which we refer to as the Wesleyan Quadrilateral: Scripture, tradition, reason, and experience.*

We consider Scripture to be primary and also recognize that we understand and filter our doctrine of Scripture (as a whole) and certain texts (in particular) through our traditions, experiences, and reasoning. Scriptural interpretation is formed and informed by those three filters and those three filters are informed and formed by Scripture. To understand the pieces, we must also look at the whole.

### So, in short form, keep these questions in mind:

- What do I think this Scripture passage means?
- What do I know of the history, culture, and context of this passage and time period?
- How is God/ Jesus/the Holy Spirit presented in this passage and is it consistent with the broad range of what we know and have experienced?
- How does it square with a biblical/theological understanding of love, grace, accountability, and justice?
- What might God be saying to the community and also to me through the Bible?
- How does the community confirm (or not) what I think is true about it?

Prayerfully consider a time of Bible study this year!

—Rev. Janet



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

## 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:

- 1) Please fill out the New Member Card located in our friendship pad and/or at the Get Connected Center.
- 2) 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.

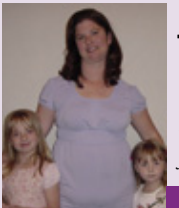
*We look forward to you becoming a member of our family!*

**Contact Lynda Fickling for more info x20**

lynda@stlukeshr.com for more info go to [www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com)

## Welcoming our newest members

of St. Luke's and their reasons for joining our community.



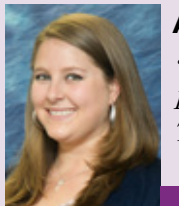
**Jen Cameron**

*"I think St. Luke's has something for everyone. I really enjoy the Fusion service and the many programs offered for children, women and families."*



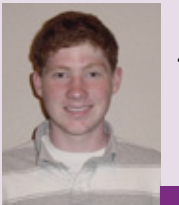
**Al Hunter**

*"To join a growing community of faith with a large youth group and opportunities for youth activities."*



**Amy McMullen**

*"I grew up in this church. Its about time I become a member. This is my family."*



**Marc Thomson**

*"Quite simply, God led me here."*

## Members Who Have Moved

It is always difficult to say good-bye to dear friends. May God's Peace, Grace and Love be with them always, as they begin a new journey away from their St. Luke's community:

**Corey & Julie Brower, Carson and Jacob**  
Cleveland, OH

**Ed & Jeanne Heyse, Sarah and Lucas**  
Alabama

**Matthew & Jessica Krewer**  
Fullerton, CA

**Marian & David Ripley,**  
**Bryan, Michael, Caroline and Christopher**  
Chicago, IL



**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 [sallie@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sallie@stlukeshr.com) or [brenda@stlukeshr.com](mailto:brenda@stlukeshr.com)

## LATEST ENTRIES TO PRAYER LIST:

Lori Brazell Hutto - Belinda Guerette's friend  
Jackie Durban  
Linda Young  
Ann Smith  
Eli Dunbar - John & Mindy Dunbar's grandson  
Tiffany Clement  
Jane Ann Rayman - Elizabeth Laurvick's sister  
Gerry Ryder  
Drew Harris  
Alberta Haas  
Marian Schenck - Mary Jo Weber's friend  
Taylor Baird - Terri Burget's father  
Susan Warren  
Julie Bluck - Karen Altier's friend  
Jackson St. Alban - Valerie Koenig's friend  
Dave Laurvick  
Olivia Murrow  
Harry Long - Jay & Annie VanHoosen's nephew  
Joe Jeffrey - Lorraine Kiyama's brother  
Emma Kate Smith  
Amber Schleb - Bob & Fran West's family friend  
Miranda Krayca - Jenna Wilcox's 2nd cousin  
Jaso Isaac - Louise Jasper's daughter's niece  
Tom Ashworth - Tony Ashworth's father  
Carol Merrill - Sherry Treat's mother  
Wren McKittrick - Trudi Mathew's godson  
Stacey McKittrick - Trudi Mathew's friend  
Bettie Nelson - Tami Clement's mother  
Molly White - Jon & Lisé Takayama's neighbor  
Patricia Norton  
Roger Young  
Roxann Browning - Laura Richards' mother  
Michael Cordonnier - Mary Jo Weber's nephew  
All affected by the Aurora Theater shooting  
Fran West  
Jim Halderman - Bob Halderman's brother  
Amy McMullen  
Wayne & Sharon Stephens -  
Mike Stephens' aunt & uncle  
Mark Breen

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Irv & Jackie Durban on the birth of their grandson, Jacob William Durban  
Rev. Brad & Meghan Laurvick on the birth of their son, Joseph Bradley Laurvick  
Jason & Holly Harris on the birth of their daughter, Lexi Marilyn Harris, & to proud grandparents, Frank & Linda Harris  
Mike & Chelsea Smith on the birth of their daughter, Emma Kate Smith  
Kevin & Heather Harris on the birth of their son, Nathaniel Luke Harris, proud grandparents, Frank & Linda Harris

## SYMPATHIES TO:

David & Bonnie Funk on the passing of Bonnie's mother, Betty Kieser  
Carson & Michelle Mallory on the passing of family friend, Wilma O'Dougherty and Michelle's uncle, William Richard Sosa,  
Bret & Marla Schroeder on the passing of Bret's sister, Keri Schroeder  
Missy Hart on the passing of her brother, Bonner Kelly  
Mildred Moodie on the passing of her son, Bruce D. Moodie  
Todd McNamara & Kristina James-McNamara on the passing of Kristina's father, James Wall  
Peter & Alicia Waldheim on the passing of Peter's brother, Stephen Waldheim  
Mike & Diana Stephens on the passing of Mike's cousin, Gary Crandell  
Charlie & Jan Ruffen on the passing of their friend, Rolie Cahalane  
Chris & Emily Wilterdink on the passing of Emily's grandmother, Eleanor Gage  
Jon & Lise Takayama on the passing of Lise's uncle, Marvin Doering  
Norm & Beckie Veach on the passing of their friend's son, John Harris  
Brian & Elizabeth Bauer on the passing of Elizabeth's aunt, Sandra Hornbuckle  
Karrie, Caden, Logan & Ashton Brester on the passing of husband/father, Aric

## "A New Beginning" Divorce Recovery Seminar

**12-wk. program starting Monday, September 10,  
6:45-9:00pm. Rm 213**

For those who are separated or divorced, this workshop brings healing from a Christian community.

**Cost:** \$100.00 \*scholarships are available

**Contact:** Larry Sears 720-524-0440 [lrsars@q.com](mailto:lrsars@q.com)  
Childcare available.

Please contact Sam Leahy for details [sam@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sam@stlukeshr.com)

*Please keep in mind your friends, all are welcome.*



## More from Les: Encounter with an Intern

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

Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara is a "teaching hospital" and contracts with a local medical school to provide an intern on-site working experience for nursing students.

I had a chance to meet some of these nursing interns during my stay at the hospital and had a particularly delightful encounter with one of these interns. I'll call her Jenny for privacy purposes.

It was Wednesday morning; the infection in my right leg had been identified as type A Strep, and the doctors were focusing in on treatment targeted on those specific bacteria. "It will likely take a week of so to knock it down," said Dr. Farr, "we will continue the I.V. treatments for several days. We won't let you go home till oral medications can be used to fight this infection effectively."

I felt pretty blue; I'd be spending Easter far from home! Then, Jenny appeared. She was all business with her nursing duties but I quickly discovered that she would also take the time for conversation with her patients. "Are you comfortable?" she asked, as she filled the water carafe on my bedside tray. "On a scale of one to ten where "10" is excruciating pain and "1" is mild and fleeting pain, how's the pain in your leg?" "Maybe two," I replied, "It's tolerable." I smiled, "Thanks for asking!"

Jenny smiled back, "That's our job," she said. "And you do it well," I replied. And this led to more conversation. "You introduced yourself as a 'Nursing Intern' when you first came in, where do you go to school?" I asked. "Chamberlain College of Nursing," she replied, "I'm midway through my second year." "I've not heard of Chamberlain," I commented. "Oh, it's pretty well known in the nursing profession," she replied, "I'm from Phoenix and decided to come this school after getting advice from some nurses I know there."

As we talked, she started to remove the dressings on my leg, "The doctor has ordered replacement of the dressings every 2 days," she said as she lifted my foot, "Does that hurt?" Then she proceeded with re-dressing the wound.

During our conversations, I learned that Jenny was living with her boyfriend. He was enrolled in U.C. Santa Barbara and has been struggling with the direction he should take in his education. He likes engineering but is afraid that the course of study is too difficult. Then, Jenny added with a sigh, "We've talked about getting married, but he doesn't want to 'burden' me with his indecision about his career direction. She finished wrapping the dressing, seemingly deep in thought. As she lowered my re-dressed leg, she added, "I'm sure that we could live comfortably on my income as an RN, demand is high for trained RNs and getting married after I get a permanent job would give him more time to decide."

I smiled, "I don't really know you or your boyfriend, but it sounds like the two of you have really thought about marriage and your respective careers and that's healthy." I paused for a moment, wondering if I was going to far.

"We have," Jenny replied with a smile. We know we'll marry, we just don't know when, we can't decide." My mom is flying here from Phoenix to spend Easter with us and I know she will ask the same question she's asked before, "When?"

"Humor me," I said, looking directly at her, "spend some quiet time with your boyfriend as soon as you can and work on two questions, 'What has to happen for you two to make that decision?' and 'What can you two do to make it happen?'"

Jenny squeezed my hand and quietly said, "We will." There was a call for on her pager and she turned to go. "Concentrate on getting well!" she said as she left the room.

I didn't see Jenny the next day, but then on Friday morning, she appeared again, right after the shift change-out. "How are you doing? The doctors tell us the infection is just about eliminated." She had a look on her face that suggested that she had more to talk about. She checked my IV and noted that it was about half done. "Another couple of hours," she quietly said to herself. Then, Jenny looked at me directly, "We talked last night, as you suggested. We realized that there's nothing else that has to happen before we decide. So we are going head with our wedding plans." "Great!" I responded.

"By the way," added Jenny, I checked your patient information file, are you a minister?" "Yes, United Methodist." She smiled again, "Could you perform our ceremony?"

Reflecting later on this encounter with Jenny, the nursing intern, I realized that by focusing on her issue I had forgotten about my own discomfort. I hadn't taken the time to feel sorry for myself as I sought to help her figure out "the right thing to do" on her own.

And isn't this true for all of us; as we focus on meeting the needs of others, we tend not to worry about our own problems.

*God bless us all! -Rev. Les*

## Guatemala 2013!

We're in the early planning stages for our March 2013

trip to Guatemala. As most of you have heard, our construction project for the Cornstalk School

community was a huge success. The finishing touches are currently being put on the school and the Caserio Rosario community is thrilled with the results. For our project next year, we have been asked to provide a similar service for the community of Chontala. The school in Chontala has so outgrown their facilities that they currently have students in desks in the hallway and "make-shift classrooms". Many of our past team members have visited the Chontala area and we have developed a strong relationship with Pastor Geronimo and this community, so this project will have special meaning.

Dates for our St. Luke's trip will be March 16-24, 2013. This does not overlap the Douglas County School break and that this might cause difficulties for some of you. However, the DCSD break falls over Holy Week next year. During that week, the schools are on break so that children are not available for student visits. In addition, most workers do not work during that time. Lastly, hotel rooms and airline tickets become price prohibitive. With all of those factors at play, it is just not possible for us to align with the school break timeframe next year.

In addition to our trip, St. Andrew UMC is planning their first mission trip through Pura Vida for next year as well. Their dates will be March 9-16, 2013. They have indicated that they are open to having guests join their team and we have offered the same to their congregation. They will be working with us on the Chontala school project and will be assisting us with the fundraising for the project. I am coordinating registrations for both trips, so if you are interested in either trip, let me know.

We hope to have a planning meeting for our St. Luke's trip in early September. I just wanted to make you aware of our trip dates so that you can begin to make plans. If you are unable to make the trip next year but have an interest in financially supporting the school project or assisting in fundraising, I'd love to talk with you. We are hoping to be able to build at least 3 classrooms for Chontala which will involve raising over \$20,000... so we will once again have our work cut out for us!

Thanks again for your continued support of Pura Vida and our work in Guatemala. Feel free to contact me with any questions you might have in regards to the trips or the project.

*Laura Richards [laura@puravida.org](mailto:laura@puravida.org)*





## Jake's Take

Woof! Woof! Jake, Ms. Sharon's dog, here and I am so excited to tell you that our summer was AMAZING! **VBS** and **Wacky Wednesdays** and **Sunday School** were so much fun. We learned so much about God's Creation and how we can help take care of it. Don't miss our tree planting on Aug. 26. *I love trees!!*

**Don't forget to register your child for the new year of Sunday School!** We ask that families *fill out a new registration form* each year for their children and now's the time. You can do it online at [www.stlukeshr.com/children](http://www.stlukeshr.com/children) or grab a peach-colored form on Sunday mornings at the Superintendent's Station and fill out. Thanks so much!

**GIVE 5 to Children's Ministry!** What better way to spend a Sunday morning than serving with our children! It's one of the most fulfilling ways to give of yourself, your gifts and your time. Contact us for more information.

**Servant Training is coming up!** All servants are required to join us for this fun and informative training session each year to equip our servants and keep our kids safe. Choose Tuesday Sept. 11 at 6:30pm or Sunday Sept. 16 at 11:00am.

**SLY, Jr. (5th & 6th graders)** had a great time serving at Warren Village, leading a Book Fair on Aug. 1. Kick off for the new year of fun and fellowship is Sept. 9 at 5:30pm. Check out our full schedule on at [www.stlukeshr.com/children](http://www.stlukeshr.com/children). Contact [sharon@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sharon@stlukeshr.com) for more info.

**Doggie blessings!**



**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

### Additional Important Dates:

**Sept. 2 - 9:30am** 2 year old's Sunday School class starts & **PEAK Dive into the Bible** Special Sunday School

**Sept. 23 - 3rd Grade Bible Sunday!** Send your 3rd graders name to [sharon@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sharon@stlukeshr.com) to sign up for their Bible.

## Respite Afternoon Saturday Sept. 1 from 1:00-4:00pm

Our Nursery staff is offering another respite afternoon on Saturday, Sept. 1 to families with children who have special needs and their siblings who are age 2 to 12 years of age. The afternoon will offer socialization and fun to the children and respite for parents. For detailed information on this program please contact Sam Leahy, Director of Childcare 303 791-0659 x40 [sam@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sam@stlukeshr.com)

## Wacky Thanks!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all the children who attended Wacky Wednesdays this summer and shared in the joy of learning about

God's Creation. Thank you to Anne Hamilton, Tami Clement, and the fabulous teachers and assistants who supported this fun program. Also a big thanks to Rev. Janet, Rev. Sallie and Rev. Ryan and Edee Worth who led the Chapel Time. We are so grateful.



## YOU Make a Difference!

### Blessing of Teachers & Backpacks and a TREE?!!

Don't miss August 26 when we will bless our teachers and bring your backpack for a special blessing as we start the school year and remind each other that we each make a difference. Join us at 9:30 or 11:00am for the blessing. ALSO don't miss our tree planting ceremony at 9:30am during Sunday School for our very own **Children's Ministry Tree** in the St. Luke's backyard!

## Acolyte Training Sunday Aug. 26 12:15pm



**Now for 2nd graders!** All children 2nd grade through 6th grade are welcome to join us for Acolyte Training on August 26 at 12:15pm. Please RSVP to [sam@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sam@stlukeshr.com). A pizza lunch will be provided. Come learn how to perform this important part of the worship service and then sign up to be an Acolyte throughout the year at any of our worship services.

## Family Movie Night

### "The Lorax" Sept. 21 6:45pm

Bring your pillows, wear your pj's and join your St. Luke's family for popcorn and "The Lorax" to kick the fall off right! This new take on the classic Dr. Seuss tale is a delightful PG animated romp. A 12-year-old boy searches for the one thing that will enable him to win the affection of the girl of his dreams. To find it he must discover the story of the Lorax, the grumpy yet charming creature who fights to protect his world.



## Parents: An Invitation to Mindful Presence

You are invited to our Chapel on Monday mornings for a weekly devotional and a chance to be still in silent prayer or meditation. Our lives can be overwhelmingly busy running from one thing to the next, transforming us from human *being* to a human *doing*. Mindful Presence is the ability to be there and be present with our self and our state of mind. Starting Monday, Sept. 10, from 9:15am-10:00am we will open our sacred space to invite you to be quiet on the inside. Give yourself permission to enjoy time for devotion, stillness and reflection. The Chapel time will be followed by coffee and conversation in an adjoining room and we encourage you to take that peaceful state into your week.





**Kay Swanson**  
Director of  
Little School



## Little School News:

### It's that time of year!

August is a busy month for Little School as we are anticipating the arrival of our returning and brand new families for the school year of 2012-2013. Summer has been a welcome break, but now we are getting excited to see all of our new smiling faces!

Please mark your calendars for these exciting events:

**Parent Open House:**  
Wed. August 29 at 6:30pm

### Children's Open House:

Thurs. August 30 from 10:00-11:30am

**School Begins:** Sept. 4, right after Labor Day!

Joining us this year will be Rev. Ryan, our new Assistant Minister! We are very pleased that he will be helping with our monthly chapel times, with story-telling, singing and perhaps a little dancing! We can't wait!

We continue to ask that you keep Little School in your prayers as we begin another year, loving, teaching and nurturing children in a very caring, Christian environment. If you would ever like to work with our preschoolers, you are certainly welcome. Remember that we always need substitute teachers (paid position) for when our own are unavailable. If you are interested please let Ms. Kay know at [kay@stlukeshr.com](mailto:kay@stlukeshr.com) and we will sign you up! Nothing will make your day brighter than dozens of HUGS!

We wish you blessings! -Ms. Kay and Staff:-)

***"Kids go where there is excitement.  
They stay where there is love."***



## Backpack Project

As I write this, my living room is bursting with backpacks, school supplies, and new outfits! Thank you so much, St. Luke's, for sponsoring 36 children! These boys and girls will have all the supplies they need to start their school year off right, and get to show off a brand new outfit for the first day. The generosity of the congregation, sponsors, and children attending VBS overwhelmed me! I look forward to dropping these supplies off at Interfaith Community Services. What a wonderful way to spread God's love to these precious children!

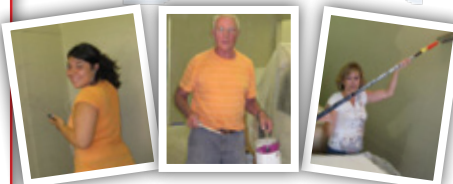
-Kristin Foster

## ST. LUKE'S MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

### Highlighting Available Mission Opportunities

For more information about the following mission opportunities or any other missions supported by St. Luke's, please contact Jerry Hertzler 720-480-0476, [jmhertzler@comcast.net](mailto:jmhertzler@comcast.net) or Mike Preble 303-997-7474, [mikepreble@yahoo.com](mailto:mikepreble@yahoo.com).

### Renewed Treasures "Your Community Resale Shoppe" Set to Open in August



Love INC's Renewed Treasures resale shop is scheduled to open its doors in August. It's been a busy summer for the St. Luke's Leadership Team and dozens of volunteers as preparations are being made to open the shop. The Grand Opening celebration is scheduled for August 25, although the shop will likely be open for business well before the Grand Opening event.

Renewed Treasures is located at 6512 S. Broadway in Littleton. It's just north of Arapahoe on the east side of Broadway, behind the McDonald Hyundai dealership and right next door to the Solid Grounds Coffee House. We've been remodeling the retail space over the past few weeks and are acquiring clothing racks and other fixtures to fill the space with merchandise.

We're currently accepting merchandise donations at the rear door of the shop location on Thursdays from 10:00am-3:00pm and on Saturdays from 8:00am-noon. Please call to make arrangements for donating at other days/times.

Follow our progress via the web, [www.loveinclittleton.org](http://www.loveinclittleton.org) and Facebook, [www.facebook.com/pages/RenewedTreasures/317764644936266](https://www.facebook.com/pages/RenewedTreasures/317764644936266). For more information about Renewed Treasures, please contact Jerry Hertzler at 720-480-0476 [jmhertzler@comcast.net](mailto:jmhertzler@comcast.net) or Nita Dunn at 303-886-0381 [dunnheim@msn.com](mailto:dunnheim@msn.com).

***Thank you for  
your support!***

### Help Cambodia Students Scholarship Program

**On Sunday, August 19, student photos and biographies will be available for sponsorship in the Fellowship Hall**

by Laurie Gilbert What can \$100 do for a student in Cambodia? That is one question that we like to answer every August! This is when Dalay Lawrence (currently living in California) and I start the hunt for new and renewed sponsors for K-12 and university students.

For the past 11 years the kind generosity of our sponsors from St. Luke's and beyond has been connected with needy students in Cambodia. One of the unique aspects of our **Help Cambodian Students scholarship program** is that 100% of your donation goes to your recipient student, not a penny less. This is made possible because all work is done by volunteers on both the U.S. and Cambodia sides, eliminating any administrative overhead. Your contributions through St. Luke's qualifies as a valid charitable donation. For more info, see the FAQ page [www.helpcambodianstudents.com](http://www.helpcambodianstudents.com)

For a student in Cambodia education can bring knowledge, hope, confidence, and a brighter future. Pastors select the children that are chosen to receive a sponsorship in the providence that they live in; they are chosen because of their particular family situation after consideration of their financial need and academic potential. Students from K-12 who receive the scholarship are able to attend school for a "full day." Your funds are sent to Rev. Joseph Chan, a UMC missionary, who then transfers the funds to the local pastors. For the K-12 students, the local pastor disperses funds monthly. For those who sponsor students attending college, they are given their scholarship in one lump sum since they are in different colleges and locations.

Dalay Lawrence receives photographs and brief biographies of each student, which will be passed on to the new or renewed sponsor. Each sponsor will receive at least one thank you and update letter from his or her student. We are blessed to have Rev. Joseph Chan in charge in Cambodia as he is in position to regularly check in with the pastors and students.

Go to [www.helpcambodianstudents.com](http://www.helpcambodianstudents.com) to get more details and testimonials, or email Dalay [dydalay@gmail.com](mailto:dydalay@gmail.com) or Laurie [laurie.gilbert77@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.gilbert77@gmail.com).



*"The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."*

**Local Mission Opportunity: Cafe 180** On a recent Saturday, Simply Saturday organized a group of ten adults to volunteer at Cafe 180 in Englewood. Cafe 180 is a "pay as you can" cafe where patrons can exchange an hour of work for their meal, if they are unable to pay. Those who can afford to pay give what they would at a comparable restaurant or pay a little extra for those that cannot. The group participated in two shifts to prep food, serve lunch, and clean up the cafe. The group was very impressed with how well the cafe is run and the cleanliness of the restaurant and wants to spread the word that the food is outstanding. Top notch quality ingredients go into wonderful recipes: homemade pizzas, wraps, salads and soups. Please consider having your next "lunch out" at Cafe 180 (on Broadway just north of Hampden in the King Soopers in the parking lot.) Keep your eyes and ears open for a future opportunity to serve again at Cafe 180! For more information go to [www.appetitesunite.org](http://www.appetitesunite.org)

**School of Christian Mission** Five women from St. Luke's attended the recent three day School at St. Andrew UMC. Topics this year are Poverty, Haiti and Immigration and the Bible. St. Luke's was represented in all three of the classes. Everyone walked away with a wealth of knowledge and awareness of the subjects and was inspired by the discussions and activities. The School of Mission is also offering a ONE-DAY EVENT on Saturday, August 25 at Brentwood UMC in Denver. The class is a one-day immersion in one of the three subjects. Registration is \$40 and the deadline without late penalty is August 11. Contact Betty Ludlam or Renae Parra for registration information. Several from St. Luke's plan to attend the one-day class and you are welcome to join us. This educational opportunity is open to ALL (men and women).

**Women's Night Out Kick-Off** Come Join Us for the Kick-Off Dinner for Women's Night Out on September 10 at 6:30pm. We will meet at the Mellow Mushroom, located at The Streets of Southglenn, 2154 E. Common Avenue, Centennial. Bring the names of your favorite restaurants or the ones you have always wanted to try. Please keep in mind reasonable prices and locations. Contact person is Elaine Carlstrom at [ecarlstrom@comcast.net](mailto:ecarlstrom@comcast.net).

**Fall Meeting** Mark your calendar for the United Methodist Women's fall kick-off meeting - September 16 from 1:30-3:00pm. Mission emphasis will be "We Don't Waste". Please join us for home-baked pie and fellowship. *We encourage you to stay for the Boulder Philharmonic concert following the meeting.*

### Subgroups of United Methodist Women at St. Luke's UMC:

- **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 For more information, please contact: Lynda Fickling
- **Book Group:** Fourth Monday of the month, Room 206, Evening meeting 7:00pm, **August 27 - Princess: A True Story of Life Behind the Veil in Saudi Arabia** by Jean Sasson **September 24 - The Sisters from Hardscrabble Bay** by Beverly Jensen. For more information, please call Renae Parra at 303-683-0872. To be added to the email mailing list, send a request to [Renae.Parra@aol.com](mailto:Renae.Parra@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. For more information, please contact or Elaine Carlstrom at [ecarlstrom@comcast.net](mailto:ecarlstrom@comcast.net).

### Mark Your Calendars:

- Sept. 16 – **St. Luke's UMW Fall Gathering**
- Sept. 22 – **District Meeting**, Applewood Valley UMC, 2035 Ellis St., Golden
- October 19, 5:00pm & October 20, 9:00am – **Conference Meeting**, Park Hill UMC (5209 Montview Blvd., Denver 80207)
- November 2 – **Church Women United**

## Spirituality and Wellness – Journey Toward Wholeness

Our team has begun planning for the coming year, and we are excited to announce that we will be exploring new paths to connect with and nurture the spiritual aspects of our lives. We are especially excited about the beginnings of a closer working relationship with the learning at St Luke's team. We expect to share resources and expertise to enhance our respective ministries. We also plan to share a website to facilitate information sharing and registration.

*Please save the dates for the following Spirituality and Wellness evening events:*

### • Oct. 2 (6:30-8:30pm) Invitation For Your Soul

This will be an evening of interactive and contemplative activities to help us integrate our being and doing and our experience of god in our lives. Guided visual and tactile experiences will alternate with the contemplative beauty of a Taizé service. We also will provide a preview of our new directions for exploring the spirit in our journey toward wholeness. We hope you will join us.

### • Feb. 5 (6:30-8:30pm) An Evening Focused on the Authentic Self with Rev. Ryan Canaday and Friends (Details coming soon)

*In addition, stay tuned for more details about the following activities:*

- **Mindful Presence – Opportunity for Meditation** Samantha Leahy will lead this weekly Monday morning session for Moms, Dads, and others from 9:00-10:00am a.m. in the St. Luke's Chapel.
- **Engaging Spirituality – Live Deeply, Love Broadly** Jenita Rhodes, Renae Parra, and Sam Leahy will facilitate this new class, developed by the same team that brought us Just Faith. Engaging Spirituality is a spiritual deepening process that explores the intersection between contemplative presence and social action. Seeking both ancient and contemporary wisdom, this class focuses on the practical challenges of following Jesus into our broken world. Engaging Spirituality will begin with a weekend retreat on September 14, 2012, and will include three seven-week sessions on Wednesday evenings through May, 2013.
- **Outdoor-bound Spirit-driven Adventurists!** This new Spirituality and Wellness initiative, lead by Janet Johnston, Jane Staller, and BillieAnne Kennedy, will provide a variety of outdoor activities throughout the year that will enable us to listen, to look, to contemplate, and to commune with God through God's wonderful creation.
  - **August** – A spiritually driven hike along the Fountain Valley Trail in Roxborough State Park
  - **September** – Mountain Retreat, (Sept. 7-10, 2012) We will partner with the Mountain Retreat planning team on an outdoor adventure
  - **October** – Biking along one of our many local bike trails; details to be developed
- **The Integrated Work of Leadership – A Journey of Transformation**

Rev. Sallie Suby-Long will lead this multi-week series focused on authentic self/leadership and finding congruence between who we are and what we do.

It will be a year full of rich opportunities to explore our spirituality, and we hope you will join us on the journey.

- The Spirituality and Wellness Team



**Chancel Choir** is beginning rehearsals again! Our first rehearsal is Thursday, September 6 at 7:00pm in the music room. All singing abilities welcome! Contact Jim at [jim@stlukeshr.com](mailto:jim@stlukeshr.com).



**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

## Much Ado About Nothing is coming this fall!

Auditions are August 17 and 18. If you've always wanted to perform in a classic production of Shakespeare's play *Much Ado About Nothing*, now's your chance! For more information, please contact Jenna Wilcox at [jenna@stlukeshr.com](mailto:jenna@stlukeshr.com)

## CONFERENCE NEWS

### Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky Returns to the Mountain Sky Area



Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky has been re-assigned to the Rocky Mountain and Yellowstone Conferences of The United Methodist Church. The Episcopacy Committee of the Western Jurisdiction recommended re-assignment of Bishop Elaine to the Mountain Sky Area and it was

affirmed by the Jurisdictional Conference.

Rev. Elaine J.W. Stanovsky was elected a bishop in The United Methodist Church in 2008. Over the last quadrennium (2008-2012) she has served the Rocky Mountain and Yellowstone Conferences, comprising 400 churches spread across the states of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and Utah.

Rev. Janet Forbes, who is a member of the Western Jurisdiction Episcopacy Committee, representing the Rocky Mountain Conference, said, "Bishop Elaine returns to the new Mountain Sky Area to continue to lead our new relationships, experiments, and mission, especially her sensitive care for our native peoples and the re-telling our shared history. We are delighted to welcome Bishop Elaine and Clint back home!" Bishop Elaine enthusiastically said, "It is a joy to be in ministry with the people of the Mountain Sky Area."

Bishops are appointed in four-year terms and are itinerate within the Jurisdiction in which they were elected. In the U.S., bishops normally serve in an Episcopal Area for up to two terms (8 years), but they can continue in that Area for a third term with a special vote of the Jurisdictional Conference.

Again, welcome back to the Mountain Sky Area, Bishop Elaine!

## Attention St. Luke's Musicians of All Ages!

For all new and returning musicians at St. Luke's, the music staff would love for you to consider joining one or more of our fantastic performing ensembles. We offer a wide range of music groups and opportunities, and a full list can be found on our website.

**Kick-off Weekend is coming and we will be starting rehearsals for several groups over the next few weeks:**

- **Chancel Choir:**  
Thursday, Sept. 6 at 7:00pm
- **Brass Ensemble:**  
Saturday Sept. 8 at 8:00am
- **Tintinnabulators Adult Handbell Choir:** Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 7:00pm
- **St. Luke's Youth Jazz Orchestra (7th-12th):** Sunday Sept. 9 at 3:30pm
- **Soul Purpose Youth Choir (7th-12th):** Sunday Sept. 9 at 4:30pm
- **Joyful Noise Youth Bells:**  
Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 6:00pm
- **Primary (1st-3rd) and Junior Prayz (4th-6th) Children's Choirs:**  
Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 6:30-7:20pm
- **Tone Chimes (4th-6th):**  
Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 7:20-8:00pm
- **Cherub's Choir (3 yrs-K):**  
Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 6:30-7:15pm
- **MINISTERS OF SWING, FLUTES and ORCHESTRA are TBA.**

**Please come and join us!** If you have questions about joining an ensemble, please contact Jim Ramsey at [jim@stlukeshr.com](mailto:jim@stlukeshr.com) or Jennifer Ferguson at [jennifer@stlukeshr.com](mailto:jennifer@stlukeshr.com).

St. Luke's offers several music ensembles for St. Luke's Youth, grades 7-12. If you play an instrument, enjoy singing, or just love to perform then you belong in one of our groups!

The **St. Luke's Youth Jazz Orchestra** meets Sunday afternoons at 3:30pm in the music room starting in September. SLYJO is open to any student grades 7-12 who play an instrument. We are always looking for trumpets, trombones, and saxophones as well as non-jazz instruments like flutes, clarinets, even strings! We play a mix of jazz and contemporary pop in a band setting. This year we are going to have a renewed sense of mission and outreach within the band. Contact Jennifer Ferguson at [jennifer@stlukeshr.com](mailto:jennifer@stlukeshr.com) for more information!

The **Soul Purpose Youth Choir** meets Sundays at 4:30pm after SLYJO in the music room. The choir is open to students grades 7-12. Soul Purpose sings at church service throughout the year and is led by Jim Ramsey. Interested in joining? Contact Jim at [jim@stlukeshr.com](mailto:jim@stlukeshr.com)

## Sept. 16 Boulder Philharmonic

*Opening Night Acclamations*  
Featuring Christopher Taylor, Piano

**When/Where:** Sunday, Sept. 16  
3:00pm St. Luke's UMC

### Tickets:

Premium - \$30 (center front rows)  
General Admission Adult - \$20  
General Admission Student - \$10

### Program:

Jeffrey Nytch - *Acclamations*  
Sergei Prokofiev - *Piano Concert No. 3*  
Piotr Tchaikovsky - *Symphony No. 4*

The Boulder Phil's season launches with the high-spirited and rousing *Acclamations* by CU composer Jeffrey Nytch. Beautiful and blazing, Prokofiev's popular Third Piano Concerto, Played by Boulder native Christopher Taylor, is a tour de force combining incredible technical demands with heartfelt lyricism. Tchaikovsky's magnificent Fourth Symphony dramatizes the composer's struggle with destiny. The opening "fate" motive sweeps us along through twists and turns, ultimately leading to one of the most exhilarating codas in all of music.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit the John Wesley School Band Fund for the purchase of instruments. The John Wesley school is located in Santa Cruz del Quiche, Guatemala.



## Upcoming Events!

- \* **Thursday, Aug. 9**  
**St. Luke's Young Adult 7:00pm**
- \* **Friday, Aug. 10**  
**Relay for Life starts 6:00pm,**  
**ends Sat. 8:00am**
- \* **Saturday, Aug. 11**  
**Jr High Mission Trip reunion**  
**7:00pm Youth Room**
- \* **Sunday, Aug. 12**  
**SLY AM 9:30am**  
**SLY PM 6:00-7:30pm**  
**MESSY GAMES NIGHT**
- \* **Thursday, Aug. 16**  
**St. Luke's Young Adults 7:00pm**
- \* **Sunday, Aug. 19**  
**SLY AM 9:30am**  
**Faith Day at the Rockies**  
**1:10pm Game**
- \* **Thursday, Aug. 23**  
**St. Luke's Young Adults 7:00pm**
- \* **Sunday, Aug. 26**  
**SLY AM 9:30am**  
**SLY PM 6:00-7:30pm**
- \* **Wednesday, Aug. 29**  
**RETURN TO SCHOOL**  
**SCHEDULE**  
**Homework 5:30-6:30pm**  
**Activity 6:30-8:00pm**
- \* **Thursday, Aug. 30**  
**St. Luke's Young Adults 7:00pm**

## EXTRA SPECIAL FUTURE DATES

- \* **Sunday, Sept. 9**  
**SLY KICK OFF NIGHT**
- \* **Saturday, Sept. 29**  
**PUMPKINS ARRIVE**  
**Unloading at 9:00am**
- \* **Sign up to receive our emails**  
**and Check [www.sites.google.com/site/stlukeshryouth2012](http://www.sites.google.com/site/stlukeshryouth2012)** for  
up-to-date info on programs, activities,  
ministry opportunities and more!

## HELLO FROM BELOW (downstairs in the Youth Office)

**G'Day from Down Under...** Have we had a BUSY Summer? The loud and clear answer is - YES we have!

June and July have been filled with the starting of the Young Adult Group, STM (Shortcuts to Manhood), GEM (Girls Enrichment Ministry), District Volleyball, the Sr. High Mission trip and the Jr. High Mission trip!

The Young Adult Group, now officially the St. Luke's Young Adults (SLYA), has started off with meeting on Thursday nights from 7:00-8:30pm. If you have just graduated or recently graduated high school, attending college/trade school/working... (ie. everyone 18 and up!), this is for YOU. We have done Movie Night, Museum Day, Jump Street, and more. If you know a young adult who should be part of this group, let Dave or Amy know and we'll send a personal invitation.

The STM and GEM groups have been meeting Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00pm (see sidebar article.)

**Starting August 29, Wednesdays will go back to the school schedule of homework hour from 5:30-6:30pm, and an activity from 6:30-8:00pm.**

(Note: Eat before you come or bring something with you, no meal is served on Wednesdays!)

The Sr. High Trip had a team of 67 (11 adults/56 youth) driving to Joplin, MO, to work on the tornado recovery. We painted churches, filled holes where houses once stood, worked on a homeowner's property damaged by the tornado, the homeless shelter/soup kitchen, a day camp for children of displaced families, broke up concrete pads so rebuilding could begin, built sheds so displaced families could store what belongings they could recover....oh, and we had a little fun too! We capped the week with a fun day at the water park in Kansas City, spent the night at Platte Woods UMC, and arrived home Sunday evening. *See article on the cover.*

The Jr. High had a team of 36 (9 adults/27 youth) head off to Durango, CO the second week of July. Look for a complete recap in the next issue of *The Chronicle*.

We still have a very active schedule of events before school starts: a St. Luke's tradition - **Messy Games** - August 12, **Faith Day** at the Rockies August 19, and **Fall Kick-Off** September 9. Not long after that, Saturday Sept. 29... drum roll please...the **PUMPKINS arrive**, 9:00am to help unload the truck.

We've had a lot happening, and a LOT more to come.

*Yours in Christ, Dave & Amy*



**Dave Laurvick**  
Director of  
Youth Ministry



**Amy McMullen**  
Assistant Dir. of  
Youth Ministry

## Summer SLY on WED nights has been a BLAST!

If you've happened by the church on a Wednesday evening this summer, you may see a group of teenage girls, engaged in a variety of activities. Up to 20 or more young ladies have enjoyed all types of activities, such as tying quilts for those affected by the Waldo Canyon fire, exploring Park Meadows in a scavenger hunt, creating (and sampling) yummy dips and salsas, and enjoying an evening of Zumba at a local exercise studio! Meant to strengthen and support relationships among these young ladies, Girls Enrichment Ministry (or GEM) has been a summer SLY program for the past few years.

Yes, there is an equivalent for teen boys. Shortcuts to Manhood (STM) is a Wednesday evening gathering time for the guys. Other than an occasional variation, they play ultimate frisbee and grab some fast food afterward.

continued from page 1 however, seemed to enjoy shoveling dirt into wheelbarrows and dumping into the hole. The days were hot and humid, but the youth kept shoveling and singing Disney movie tunes. On Friday some of our youth challenged another youth group that were working down the hill from us, and also were staying at the same church we were, to a dance off. So at noon about 20-25 youth lined one of the main streets of Joplin, just a couple of blocks from where we were working and performed a wobble dance, led by Caleb Heaton. The youth received several hoots, hollers and honks from passerby's, there was a paramedic who stopped to get a picture of the group.

We walked over to the McDonalds to have our lunch in air conditioning, and Amy McMullen treated us to ice cream cones. We had a lunchtime devotion and when we were finished I walked to the trash can and a man leaving McDonalds touched my shoulder and said "Thank you for being here". I told the man "you are very welcome". It was very touching to me to have a stranger offer thanks out of the blue.

When the pile of dirt had been moved into the hole Dave showed up with the bus. We had to load 20 people, 20 shovels, 4 coolers, 3 wheelbarrows onto the bus. We needed to take the tools back to AmeriCorp whom had assigned this project to our group. As the last of the wheelbarrows were loaded onto the bus, Bennett McIntosh began singing, "I am a CHRISTIAN" and the rest of the youth joined in. I was amazed that these young people, after working so hard, had the energy to sing. After we dropped off the tools, Dave drove us by the FEMA trailer camp. Some people are still living in those trailers because there is not enough affordable housing. Very few houses have been replaced in the tornado zone. Most of the property owners have chosen not to rebuild, a lot of this property was used as rental housing prior to the storm. Joplin is full of hope and we wish them well.

This was a good mission trip filled with a variety of projects and even a day at the Water Park. Hard work balanced with fun makes a good mission trip.



## Looking for Spiritual/Intellectual Engagement? Take a Look at What We are Offering

*Learning with St Luke's, Paul Kirk*

The Learning with St. Luke's team has been busy this summer gearing up for a full slate of classes that begin this fall.

Throughout the summer, we have been busy re-vamping our offerings and publicity, as well as finding new ways to support our facilitators and provide the best service possible to the congregation. Be prepared to see ample advertising for our fall offerings, be it on Sunday mornings, via email, and here in *The Chronicle*.

The complete course offerings rolling out this fall will be available in a pamphlet, and online via our overhauled website on the Learning with St. Luke's link at [www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com). Below you can look at a sampling of the courses we will be kicking off come September. You can register for any of these classes on our new Learning with St. Luke's website at [stlukeshr.com](http://stlukeshr.com), and then click on the Learning with St. Luke's link. For a more comprehensive list of classes available, pick up a Learning with St. Luke's pamphlet at our table before or after a Sunday morning service.

## New Fall Classes - Join Us!

**Friends & Faith** On Sundays at 11:00am, join the group to go over topics that will guide us to put our faith in to action.

**Disciple 1, 3, & Jesus and the Gospels** Beginning this fall we will offer Disciple 1 and 3 on Wednesday evenings (separate classes) and Jesus and the Gospels on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings.

**The Torah** Join us on Thursday, September 17 at 6:30pm in the Conference Room, learn about the Jewish culture and text with facilitator Val Clark.

**12 Steps to a Compassionate Life** Every Thursday morning at 9:30am, join the group to discuss Karen Armstrong's book "12 Steps to a Compassionate Life" in order to live compassionately in a world where it is easy to live otherwise.

**Methodism** On September 25, Monty Hoffman will give an introductory overview on Methodism.



**Cafe St. Luke's** A St. Luke's Orientation! If you would like to get to know St. Luke's in a deeper way, come to Coffee and Conversation on Sunday, September 9, at 9:30am in Room 212.

**Men's Study Group** On Monday, September 24, at 6:30pm in Room 212, come to the Men's Study Group to enjoy fellowship and encourage spiritual discussion and growth.

**Engaging Spirituality** Begins with a weekend retreat on September 14-15, and regular classes starting September 19 at 6:30pm in Room 212. Engaging Spirituality engages in conversation and study so we can follow Jesus in a deeper, spiritual way.

**Family Ties that Bind** Starting on Thursday, October 11 6:30-8:30pm, this six week course explores the stress that may come from relationships with family and co workers. We will meet in Room 212.

**Just Faith** On Tuesday mornings at 9:30am, come to Just Faith, a 30-week class, exploring justice and social change that impacts our faith journeys.

**Gap Group** Drop in every Wednesday at 6:30pm in Room 122 for Gap Group, a discussion of various spiritual topics.

**Beth Moore Bible Study** *Esther: It's tough being a woman* On Thursday October 11 at 6:00pm in Room 206; a Beth Moore Bible Study on the book of Esther.

If you have any questions or have any future class ideas or thoughts, please email us at [lwsl@stlukeshr.com](mailto:lwsl@stlukeshr.com).



## Seasoned Voyagers Ride Again!

Pack a picnic and a lawn chair and hop on the Seasoned Voyagers trip bus **August 12, Sunday evening**, to combine the beauty of sunset at our nearby Roxborough State Park with the reflected sounds of Skanson & Hansen acoustical guitars. The bus leaves

at 4:15pm and should return at 8:45pm. Sign up and \$7.00 covers transportation and admission and saves your place on the bus. If the bus fills up, we will need a volunteer SUV or pickup driver to carry all the chairs and coolers. To preview the music, go to [YouTube.com](http://YouTube.com) and ask for Skanson & Hansen. *Sunshine on My Shoulder* and *Sunset Prelude* are great examples. For more information or to volunteer a chair carrying vehicle, call or email Joyce Rovetta 303-470-5705, or [rovetta@juno.com](mailto:rovetta@juno.com).

Save these September dates:

**September 11** - Annual Kick off, 11:00am-1:00pm. Potluck lunch with guest speaker Manijeh Badiozamani on "A Slice of Life in Tehran"

**September 26** - Sign up for a ride on the Georgetown Loop railroad with lunch and shopping in the quaint mining town. 9:00am-4:00pm

### Wesley Writers

Why write, especially, memoirs? The answer is basically quite simple. It is to leave to our children and grandchildren a bit of what we were really like, not just today but yesterday -- in times before they knew us.

Wesley Writers meet at 10:00am on Aug. 18. Our subject is a wee bit different than our usual memoir. For we shall explore "What DO I Plan To Do With The Rest Of My Life?"

Whether you have a plan or not, you are welcomed to come and hear about ours. We just might have some good ideas!

## Trustees: There's a Place for You Here!

The objective of our team is to manage the church property, equipment, and investments to support the mission, vision, and values of St. Luke's. This fall as you're thinking about how you might become more involved, we hope you'll consider becoming a part of our team. There are lots of ways we can use your help -- whether it's as a core member with a 3 year rotational commitment, serving as a specialist, volunteering on one of our 4-5 annual work days, or just completing tasks on our To-Do list, there really is a place for you here.

We meet on the second Monday of each month in the main floor conference room at 7:00pm. If you'd like to learn more, please contact Sandi Miyaki on 303-913-9993 or [sandi.miyaki@realtor.com](mailto:sandi.miyaki@realtor.com) or Ken Fong on 720-253-6569 or [kfong@att.net](mailto:kfong@att.net). Our next meeting is on September 10, we'd love to see you there! Thank you!



It's hard to believe with the warm/hot weather we are having that soon H.A.A.T. Force will be

starting its third season. And in conjunction with that we have some upcoming events we would like you to keep in mind. Columbine United Church will be supporting H.A.A.T. Force by holding an electronic recycling event on Oct. 13. Please watch for more information as we get closer. Also our Fall Kickoff Celebration is tentatively planned for the following Thur. Oct. 18 at Café 180. I will let you know further details as we get closer to both of these events.

—Peter Reif



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where we share life. Wherever you are in your faith journey,  
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the teachings of Jesus: Love, Acceptance, Justice and Hope.*

**DATE  
CHANGE**

**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**Feeding of the 5000 weekend**  
**is October 20 & 21!**

**Save the Date: Sunday Sept. 9!**

**St. Luke's Annual Picnic**

**10:30am-1:00pm**

**Food, Games, & Music by our own Fusion Band!**

**Free will donation for the food. All are Welcome!**



# AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5</b> 8:30-11:30am: Ministry Fair 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship -Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes 12:15pm: Seasoned Voyagers Core Team Mtg. 12:15pm: UMW meeting 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship 7:00pm: Young Adults	<b>10</b> Relay for Life 5:45pm: Parent's Night Out	<b>11</b> 6:45pm: Bridge Club 7:00pm: Jr. Hi Mission Trip Party
<b>12</b> 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship -Rev. Ryan Canaday 4:00pm: Spirituality & Wellness Team 4:15pm: Concert & Picnic, Roxborough Park 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	<b>13</b> 7:00pm: Trustees	<b>14</b> 6:30pm: Lay Leadership 6:30pm: Children's Ministry Team 6:30pm: Finance Team 7:00pm: SPRT 7:00pm: Missions Team	<b>15</b> 6:30pm: Parents of Kids w/Depression/Bipolar 7:00pm: Itch to Stitch	<b>16</b> 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship 7:00pm: Young Adults	<b>17</b> 9:30am: Playgroup 6:00pm: Much Ado About Nothing Auditions	<b>18</b> 9:00am: Much Ado About Nothing Auditions 10:00am: Wesley Writers
<b>19</b> 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship -Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes 8:15am: Contemplative Worship 12:15pm: Learning with St. Luke's Team 1:00pm: Much Ado Auditions 1:10pm: Faith Day at the Rockies 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00pm: Tintinnabulators Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal begin	<b>22</b> 6:00pm: SLY Safe Sanctuary Training (off-site) 6:00pm: Much Ado About Nothing Rehearsals begin	<b>23</b> 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00am: Sanctuary Care Team 1:30pm: Golf Event @ Arrowhead Golf Club
<b>26</b> Blessing of Teachers & Backpacks 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship -Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes 12:15pm: Acolyte Training 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	<b>27</b> 7:00pm: UMW Monday Night Book Group	<b>28</b> 7:00am: Men's Group @ Egg & I	<b>29</b> 5:30pm: SLY Homework Hour 6:30pm: Wed SLY	<b>30</b> 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship	<b>31</b>	<b>SEPT 1</b> 1:00pm: Respite Day-Out
<b>2</b> 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship 12:15pm: Seasoned Voyagers Core Team Mtg. 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	<b>3</b> Labor Day (office closed)	<b>4</b> Little School's new school year begins!	<b>5</b> 5:30pm: SLY Homework Hour 6:30pm: Wed SLY 6:30pm: Parents of Kids w/Depression/Bipolar	<b>6</b> 10:00am: Common Thread 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship 7:00pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsals begin	<b>7</b> Mountain Retreat 9:30am: Playgroup 6:00pm: Chancel Choir Retreat	<b>8</b> Mountain Retreat 8:30am: Simply Sat. 9:00am: Chancel Choir Retreat 10am: Genealogy 101 6:45pm: Bridge Club
<b>9</b> Kick Off Sunday Mountain Retreat 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship -Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes 9:30am: Cafe St. Luke's 10:30am: St. Luke's Annual PICNIC 12:15pm: UMW meeting 3:30pm: SLY Jazz Orchestra Rehearsals begin 4:30pm: Soul Purpose Youth Choir Rehearsals begin 5:30pm: Youth Dinner (\$2) 5:30pm: SLY, Jr. 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	<b>10</b> Mountain Retreat 6:45pm: Divorce Recovery 7:00pm: Trustees	<b>11</b> 11:00am: Seasoned Voyagers Kick Off 1:00pm: Game Day 6:30pm: Lay Leadership 6:30pm: Finance Team 7:00pm: Missions Team	<b>12</b> 5:30pm: SLY Homework Hour 6:30pm: Wed SLY	<b>13</b> 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship	<b>14</b> 5:45pm: Parent's Night Out	<b>15</b> 10:00am: Wesley Writers

