



The Chronicle

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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and much more!

Easter Fun Day Saturday
March 31 at
10:00am-noon

Hippity hoppity, Easter's on its way!! Saturday March 31 10:00am-noon will be another Easter Fun Day celebration! What a fabulous time for St. Luke's children and those throughout the community to come together to share Easter joy. Don't miss photo opps with LIVE bunnies and with THE Easter Bunny. Fun times will be had by children of all ages as we will have games, treats, a bouncy castle, crafts, egg dyeing, an Easter egg scavenger hunt and much, much more! To make the event special many volunteers are needed to serve in various roles. You may sign up directly at the children's page of stlukeshr.com for volunteering opportunities the day of the event. However, for those who would like to help with the needs prior to the event please contact Dawn Johnson at dawn@stlukeshr.com



Tell me the stories of Jesus
I love to hear!

Scenes by the wayside,
tales of the sea.

Stories of Jesus,
tell them to me.

You are invited to celebrate Easter at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Connect with the age-old stories in new ways, listening for their timelessness and transforming invitation to new life. Join us on a journey from darkness to a season of increasing light as spring emerges and faith is born again. Let the stories of Jesus light the way. God is about to do a new thing.

Hope abounds in the
miracle of Easter.

Guatemala Trips Update

Team 1: March 16-25

Team 2: March 23-April 1

Thank you to the St. Luke's congregation for your continued support of our cornstalk school fundraisers. We raised almost another \$1000 from the Valentine Treat Sales and many proceeds from *She Loves Me* will also go towards our effort. The congregation's generosity continues to amaze us! Before you know it that cornstalk school will be replaced by strong cinderblocks and the children will be learning in a safe and strong building. Be sure to follow Ken Fong's blog of both weeks of the Guatemala trip on the St. Luke's website to watch the construction of the school while we are down there. Keep those prayers coming.

Sunday March 25: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

Who Is My Neighbor –Rev. Bradley Laurvick

Fusion Service 6:34pm –Rev. Bradley Laurvick

Sunday April 1: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

Palm Sunday Services

Party Time! –Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes

Children's Parade of Palms, St. Luke's Choirs and Orchestra

Fusion Service 6:34pm –Rev. Bradley Laurvick

Thursday April 5: 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday Service of Communion

Friday April 6: 7:00pm

Experience Good Friday

Colorado Premier of *"Stabat Mater"* by Karl Jenkins

Telling the Story through Drama and Music

St. Luke's Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Sunday April 8: 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00am

Easter Services of Resurrection

The Day of Resurrection –Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes

St. Luke's Choirs, Handbells, Band and Brass Ensemble

Fusion Service 6:34pm –Rev. Bradley Laurvick

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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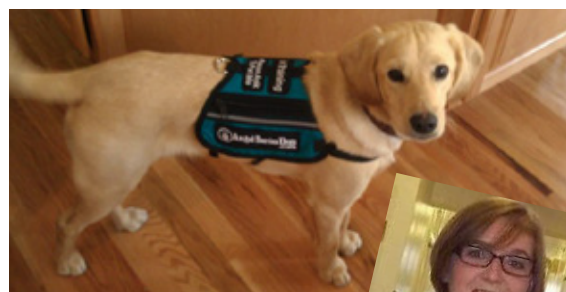
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entrances. To receive *The Chronicle* via US
mail, please call or email the Church Office.**Rev. Janet Forbes**
Senior Pastor

Help Our Katy and Her Service Dog

Katy Drake
thought that going
to breakfast with
her grandmother,
Caroline Butler,would be safe. Until her tongue because
to swell and her breathing became
labored. It was the seventh time during
her first year of college to go into
anaphylactic shock because of eating
or smelling food that had been cross-contaminated with seafood. Katy
is severely allergic to fish, shellfish, and other common campus smells.
Often these episodes put her in the hospital for days.Katy has now withdrawn from school and moved back home to rethink her
options. The good news is that the Drakes have discovered an agency, Angel Service Dogs,
that trains allergy-alert animals. The dog would alert Katy to things in the environment to which
she is allergic and warn her, thus helping her to stay safe and healthy. Katy's dog, Leo, will cost
\$16,000 to train and equip for the work. The website for the agency is angelservicedogs.org.**Chick-Fil-A (3700 E. Highlands Ranch Parkway) is hosting a Spirit Night fund-raiser for Katy on Wednesday, March 21 from 5:00-8:00pm.** Katy will be presentto tell more about her story and the amazing things that Leo will be able to do. The entire St.
Luke's community is invited to participate and spread the news. Thank you for your continuing
generosity that makes a difference in the lives of young people globally. **Blessings, Rev. Janet**

Welcome to Dave Laurvick as Director of Youth Ministry

It is our joy to welcome Dave Laurvick to the position of Director of Youth Ministry
at St. Luke's. Dave says that he has been listening to God's nudging through the youth
leadership community to consider turning his long-time avocation for ministry into a
vocation. We are all the richer for his career shift and leadership decision!Because of the potential conflicts of interest with the multiple internal and
external candidates, all staff at St. Luke's recused themselves of any of the
decision-making in the search in order to maintain strict ethical boundaries. The staff role was to support
the work and processes of the Hiring Team and Staff Parish Relations. The decisions of those teams were
unanimous. Moving forward, Rev. Janet will serve in a supervisory relationship with the new director until
such time as we have a change in associate minister.Dave has been a volunteer with the St. Luke's youth program since 1997. He has participated in 11 mission
trips with the Junior High, Senior High, and College teams. He has been a sponsor with both SLY AM and
PM programs for over 6 years, been on numerous weekend retreats, as well as serving as a prayer partner
and family group leader for confirmation.Dave's goal is to help build a foundation for faith journey, one that leads young people to their own
personal relationship with God.Dave offers the unique benefit of transitional continuity. Working with the group for such an extended
time, he has developed deep relationships with the full range of youth - from the newest kids coming up
from SLY, Jr. to those departed for college and beyond. He holds similar relationships with their parents
and/or guardians.Dave has a vision for legacy ministry, building a bridge between the senior high youth and college young
adults. Aspects would include a mentoring ministry for youth heading to college with the chance to help
the college students stay connected to their faith and to vision their ministry callings. He is eager to
connect with leaders in Children's Ministry, strengthening the connections for SLY, Jr. as they transition into
Youth Ministry.Dave brings management expertise from a business career in planning, organization, supervision, logistics,
and budget oversight. He already brings licensing for the church bus. He brings a love for the creative arts
with degree in Theater Arts.We will look forward to celebrating the ministry of Erin Klein who has served with such faithfulness and
commitment as the Interim Director of Youth Ministry.**Dave Laurvick**
Director of
Youth Ministry



Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Associate Minister

Reflecting on Peace

I find myself at peace. It is a peace that is so seemingly out of place that my friends are asking if perhaps it is not peace, but instead denial.

So many of us are in the midst of a myriad of life changes- to be honest who isn't. And even if there aren't a lot of changes, there are a lot of demands, expectations, stressors, and requirements that surround us. It can all be quite stressful.

And yet, in the midst of all of mine, I find myself at peace. As I reflect on this peace, I realize it all stems from some very wise words a friend shared with me. "Do not worry about tomorrow, for today has enough worries of its own," oh yeah, that friend was Jesus.

"Do not worry about your life..." Jesus says in Matthew 6. I've always thought this was a bold opening. I would have worked into it, but Jesus, he just goes for it. He then names the material and worldly nature of so much of our stress and then invites us to recognize that this is not God's desire for us. God wants us to experience life, not be stressed by it. He then asks one of those annoyingly insightful, very obvious, but hard to live out questions he is so good at asking, "who by worrying can add even one minute to their life?" In fact, every minute we spend worrying is one less minute we have. I don't know about you, but I am in no position to be losing minutes.

I just spent a week of professional development in California at my annual Wisdom 2.0 conference, where we focused on developing mindfulness in a technologically rich world. The repetitive theme, almost to the point of a shared mantra between all of the world renowned speakers and tech-gurus, was "now". This moment, right now, is all we have. We don't have what has gone by, we don't yet have what will come, all we have is now. The worst thing we can do is lose it, be distracted from it, or squander it. This is what I hear Jesus saying. It's not that worrying makes us unfaithful, it just makes us less aware of the moment we are in, the "right now" that God is giving us.

Today certainly has enough worries of its own... To be honest, this moment has enough worries of its own. Why take on any more?

I invite you to join me in a place of peace. The kind of peace that makes our friends wonder if we are really in denial. The kind of peace that lets us get the most out of right now. The kind of peace that comes from God.

Pull Your Chair up to The Common Table: April 29

The Common Table has moved to Sunday after the 11:00am service! Our first meeting for the year was on February 12. Danny McIntosh discussed the origins of the Methodist church, and how the foundation of Methodism is people gathering together, supporting each other on our individual and shared journeys. He also explained the structure of the global United Methodist Church, and the purpose of the upcoming General Conference in Tampa, Florida from April 25 to May 4. Rev. Brad talked about his duties as the first elected delegate from the Rocky Mountain Conference. He and the other delegates (totaling 6) will be part of the 1,000 or so delegates from around the world as they discern, dialogue, and conference. The quadrennial meeting results in the Book of Discipline (legislative rules of church) and the Book of Resolutions (non-legislative resolutions). Rev. Janet has just finished her four-year team as first elected delegate, with a meeting in Portland to appoint bishops to various conferences.

Our next Common Table will be Sunday, April 29, from 12:15 to 2:00pm. Please join us for this opportunity to connect with each other, share our vision, and celebrate the net that holds us together.

Special Needs Trusts

Do you have a child with special needs or a loved one who may need ongoing financial support now and even after you're gone? How do we ensure that the money is used as needed and someone is there to advocate for this individual? Maybe you would like help in the management of their funds now. A Special Needs Trust can help you achieve these goals. This program will help you understand what's involved, how to choose a Trustee and other things to consider. **Join us Wednesday March 21 from 6:30-8:00pm** in Fellowship Hall to learn from Brad Frigon, whether a Special Needs Trust is something that could be beneficial for your family. Want to know more about this program before coming? Contact Martha Boon 303-694-3604. *Brad is the principal of the Law Offices of Bradley J. Frigon, located in Englewood. He is recognized as a national expert in special needs law and is the sole member in the state of Colorado of The Special Needs Alliance, an invitation only national network of lawyers dedicated to disability and public benefits law. Brad was appointed by the governor to serve on the Colorado Advisory Council for People with Disabilities and serves on the board of directors for the Colorado Fund for People with Disabilities.*

Interested in learning about becoming an adult class facilitator at St Luke's, then **SAVE THE DATE! We are hosting a Learning Expo on Saturday, May 12.** More information to come.

H.A.A.T. Force Update by Peter Reif:

This is an article written by one of our volunteers for her church newsletter. I thought it very meaningful. Meeting and working with homeless individuals can be very insightful.

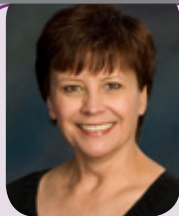
We interview each person or family and try to provide contacts for appropriate social services for long term solutions to the client's homelessness. A typical woman I interviewed is in her mid-40's. Last night she slept in the recessed doorway of a local business. It's an older building with wooden doors, so some heat seeps out. She has a "pretty good" sleeping bag, but admits it's still cold. A warm bed, a heated room, a coupon for a free meal for tonight, sound like "a dream come true."



On the Screen at St. Luke's

Friday, March 23,
6:00-9:00pm Youth Room
Popcorn, snacks & soda.
Donations appreciated!

Join us as we gather to watch "The Way" (PG-13) A powerful and inspirational story about family, friends and the challenges we face while navigating this ever-changing and complicated world. Sponsored by Seasoned Voyagers 50+ Ministry



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)

To discover more about your own Spiritual Gifts and where you may serve best, visit www.stlukeshr.com/p_volunteer.asp, and begin serving where God has given you talents and gifts!

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

****NEW 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

Grocery Certificate Team: Help sell our grocery cards on Sunday mornings. It's a great way to meet folks and help our church at the same time! Every time people use their grocery card St. Luke's benefits. Members generally work one Sunday per month, selling these before and after services. **Spiritual Gifts:** Administration, Helps
Contact: Paula Severseike 720-519-1194
seikes@comcast.net or Marilyn Bacon
303-791-7649 jamesnmarilyn@msn.com

If you are interested in helping with many of our community mission connections, please contact Jerry Hertzler 720-480-0476
jmhertzler@comcast.net or Mike Preble
303-997-7474 mikepreble@yahoo.com
Co-Leaders of our Mission Team.

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



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:

Joe Forbes - Janet Forbes' brother
Jackie Para
Teresa Bradley - Jennifer Ferguson's mother
Jean Brown - Rachel Nolder's friend
Loli Hill
Jan Goehring
Caroll Gabert
Bethany Detwiler - Lisé Takayama &
Wendy Walberg's co-worker
Arlene Hutchinson -
Bryan Hutchinson's mother
Mary Jo Weber
Peter Young
Dwight Griggs - Susan Hooke's father
Shannon Isaac - Louise Jasper's daughter
Paul Romero - Gov Lucero's uncle
Guadalupe Sosa - Michelle Mallory's mother
Clay Dobronyi
Dawn Vidoni - Kathy Swier's family friend
John Wagner
Pat Cady - Wally Sackett's sister
Kim Peterson
Alwyn Carvalho - Sharon Hayllar
Margaret Johnson - Kristin Foster's grandmother
Jerry Keyack - Betsy Keyack's brother
Jeanie Giknavoria -
Jim & Joy Damsgard's daughter
Emily Tintzel - Bob & Fran West's daughter
Matt Rhodes - Little School Dad
Bill Burkett - Janet Walter's father
Marla Dillsaver - Little School Teacher
Katy Drake
Jessica Stipe - Karen Herr's granddaughter
Audrey Bladt - Christie Connor's mother
Becky Futch - Les Ludlam's niece
Margaret Wegleitner -
Elizabeth Bauer's family friend
Jill Wright
Melissa Wester
Kellan & Mason Wheeler
Bud Scholle
Trish Adcock
Jackie Durban
Aspen Marthaler
Andrea Stogsdill
Roger Schoenwald & Stanleigh Chism -
Val Clark's friends
Jim Luedtke - Teri Burget's uncle
Ardis Sheimo - Rev. Sallie Suby-Long's aunt
Ron Larr - Karen Altier's father
Wendy Court - Nancy Jackson's friend
Sharon Gamel - Val Clark's neighbor

Vanessa Johnson
Susan Johnson
John Garvey
Christopher Raap
Betty McIntyre
Jan Lindquist
David Morris -
Row Helman & Roxie Morris' father
Mary Nell Jones
Linda Young

SYMPATHIES TO:

Rob & Susan Hooke on the passing of Susan's uncle, Kendall Griggs
The Jones family on the passing of Jack Jones
Ken & Linda Ready on the passing of Linda's father, Ronald Atkinson
Bud & Sharon Scholle on the passing of their niece, Terry Jensen
Phil & Amy Cavanaugh on the passing of Amy's grandfather, Bob Miller
Frank & Linda Harris on the passing of Frank's sister, Sandy Robles
Scott & Lynda Fickling on the passing of Lynda's aunt, Ruth Ursin
Truman & Bobbi King on the passing of Truman's father, Truman King, Sr.
Robin, Devin, Ryan & Keaton Milerowski on the passing of husband/father, Steve Milerowski
Audrey Elling on the passing of her father, Peter Elling
Christina Manthey on the passing of her father-in-law
Sturgis & Susan Wetherington on the passing of Sturgis' mother
Marie Blue on the passing of her brother, John Wagner
Scott & Lindsay Hetherington on the passing of Scott's aunt, Jane Gray Smith

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Peri Peterson on the birth of her son, Rhyland Aaron - proud grandfather, Scot Peterson & great-grandmother, Mary Peterson
Ryan & Jenn Sims on the birth of their son, Graham Grayden Sims and to proud grandparents, Jon & Lisé Takayama
Chris & Stephani Maher on the birth of their son, Peyton William Maher



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

From Rev. Sallie **UMC Ministers: Elders and Deacons – What's the Difference?**

Several years ago, I shared with Rev. Janet that I was experiencing a call to further ministry but that I didn't see myself in the usual role of a Church Minister and Preacher. She said, "You could be a Deacon!" And I said, "What's a Deacon?" Some of you might be wondering as well. So, let me try to answer a few simple questions. As you may know, Rev. Janet and Rev. Brad are UMC Elders (called to ministries of word, service, sacrament, and order) and I am a UMC Deacon. In short, Deacons are United Methodist specialist clergy. The diaconate, (the function of diakonos meaning servant or steward, ambassador or representative), is traced to Acts 6-7 and the heritage of Stephen, Philip and others called to administer charitable functions of the community of faith.

Are Deacon's Ordained Ministers? Yes, like Elders, Deacons are ordained Ministers in the United Methodist Church. Deacons are specialized clergy with expertise in a particular field. For example, Deacons may specialize in pastoral counseling, teaching, health care, community organizing, nonprofit management, administration, children's ministry, spiritual direction, information technology, chaplaincy, or any number of other specialties.

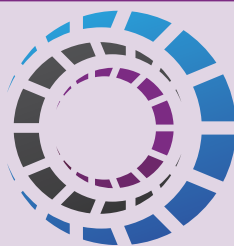
Are Deacons Appointed by the Bishop? Yes, like Elders, Deacons are appointed by the Bishop, however, unlike Elders, they are responsible for finding their own position or employment. Once a Deacon finds a position, the Bishop is asked to officially make and bless the appointment. Deacons are not part of the UMC itinerancy process. In simple language, itinerancy in the UMC means Elders are appointed by the Bishop and often move from church to church as needed several times throughout their Ministry career. Since Deacons have professional specializations and find their own employment, itinerancy generally does not apply to UMC ministers who are ordained as Deacons.

Do Deacons serve in churches? Deacons may be engaged in ministries inside and outside the church. The purpose of a Deacon's ministry is to connect the church with the world. This "bridging" responsibility means Deacons can serve in a variety of professional and community settings including churches, schools, universities, hospitals, and community organizations, to name a few. For example, UMC Ministers who are ordained as Deacons may be professors, nurses, teachers, administrators, counselors, videographers, IT specialists, musicians, principals, doctors, lawyers, missionaries, and the list goes on and on. They often hold joint appointments in a faith community and another settings. Deacons are ordained to ministries inside and outside the church that address a variety of the needs of God's people.

Do Deacons Complete Seminary Training?

Yes, Deacons complete seminary preparation. Like Elders, they may complete the Master of Divinity degree, or Deacons may choose a different seminary degree or specific courses that align with their area of ministry. Often, Deacons have specialized training in another field as well. Here's where I fit into all of this! In addition to my preparation at Iliff School of Theology where I completed a Master of Arts degree in Specialized Ministry, I also hold a Master of Science Degree in Higher Education/Human Development. I am currently completing my PhD in Professional Studies in Education with an emphasis in Psychology and Leadership (my dissertation research is on transformational learning and women's leadership development but I'll tell you about that another time!) Prior to joining the clergy team at St. Luke's, I worked in university settings and in the nonprofit and for profit sectors in teaching, human development and management roles. So, my areas of specialty as a United Methodist Minister – Deacon include pastoral care, counseling, and spiritual direction and my ministry also integrates expertise in adult education and development. I hold certifications in leadership, conflict resolution, appreciative coaching, and several personal/professional development assessments and processes. I hope to continue sharing these gifts in creative and meaningful ways. And, I am always inspired by the ways each of you offer your gifts within our community and beyond!

God invites all of us to minister in many different ways. The roles of United Methodist Deacons are as diverse as the number of individuals who are Deacons. The ministry of the Deacon is intended to create bridges of connection for our faith in the world – in all the interesting and surprising ways that the Spirit leads!



*Journey toward
Wholeness*

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

Spirituality and Wellness Series 2011/2012 **Continuing our Journey toward Wholeness**

by Jane Staller

On March 6, Dr. Andi Pusavat and Reverend Jerry Herships led us with wisdom and humor in an exploration of how spirituality, and happiness, and dreams, and *Dayeinu* can all inform who we are, where we are going, and how to celebrate where we are in this moment.

To recap our Spirituality and Wellness journey so far this year:

On October 4, 2011, Dr. Andi Pusavat: Always practical in her approach to the tough questions, Dr. Andi walked us through strategies to help us focus on what really matters. Andi's workshop handout, *Chasing*

Happiness: Strategies for Focusing on What Really Matters, provided practical strategies for clarifying what really matters in our lives.

On January 17, 2012, Reverend Jerry Herships told a life story, his own story, of chasing a dream of happiness and finding it in a most unexpected place. The experiences he shared provided powerful connection points for workshop participants.

From Reverend Jerry: "In telling our personal stories, there is revelation [and learning], both for the teller and for the listener... We can learn from each other.

From Dr. Andi: "When we ask, 'what do I do with my life,' we perhaps seek to understand what is behind our question."

From Reverend Jerry and Dr. Andi: "When we say, 'if I just knew what God wanted for me to do,' we must be careful what we ask for. Where do we start? How do we continue? What do we do when we encounter barriers?"

From Reverend Jerry, a final thought and quote from Oscar Wilde: "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." *Dayeinu.*



Jake's Take

Woof! Woof! Jake, Ms. Sharon's dog, here and I am so excited for spring and summer for children at St. Luke's. Take a look at all of the fun below - I'm starting to pant just thinking about it.

Easter Fun Day

Saturday
March 31
10:00am-noon

Enjoy games, Easter egg hunts, live bunnies and much more!!



Children's Dinner Theater Fri. May 4

fee, fi, fo, fum!

Dinner 6:00pm, Show 7:00pm

St. Luke's Kids 1st-6th grade tell the tale of a beanstalk, family, hope & a GIANT!

Enjoy food and fun!

Proceeds benefit the St. Luke's Garden Ministry.



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
begins April 16**

www.stlukeshr.com

Sign up for one
or both sessions.

\$30 per session. For all kids
age 3-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.

**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.

*This is Jake, heading out to chase
rabbits.... until next month!*



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: March Merriment at Little School

Where has the time gone?
We had such a wonderful
February with our Dad's
Saturday and our Scholastic
Book Fair and now we
seem to be on the downhill
slide to the end of the year!
Wasn't it just Christmas?

March is a fun month
at Little School as the
leprechauns are about

causing mischief and you never know what
tricks they might be up to. We found out the
true story of St. Patrick and all that he did to
teach others about God. We got to change the
clocks forward and celebrate the first day of
Spring but as we know in Colorado the weather
is the biggest "trickster" of all!

Career Days were the 5th & 6th of the month
and our wonderful, talented parents came to
school and shared about their careers. It is so
fun to find out what they do and it gives our
children some ideas about what they might be
when they grow up! We will also be having our
Class Pictures taken to remember our fun year
at Little School :-)

REGISTRATION IS STILL AVAILABLE
AND WE HAVE GREAT CLASSES
WAITING FOR SOME FABULOUS
CHILDREN TO JOIN US - PLEASE TELL
ALL YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS!

LITTLE SCHOOL WILL BE ON **SPRING
BREAK FROM MARCH 24-30** SO IT WILL
BE QUIET AROUND HERE!

Little School is blessed as an outreach ministry
for the community. Visitors or volunteers are
always welcome and we appreciate your prayers!
Thanks to Ms. Sam, Ms. Sharon and Ms. Dawn
for their wonderful support to all of us!

Blessings, -Ms. Kay and Staff

America's most practical and entertaining parenting class
Becoming a Love and Logic Parent is coming to St. Luke's in April:
Four Thursdays April 5, 12, 19, 26 from 9:15-11:15am **OR** 6:00-8:00pm
To register contact: erin@suzannecrawford.net or **720-280-9337**
Cost: \$69 per person, \$130 per couple



ST. LUKE'S FAMILY CAMP

Only 135+ days 'till Family Camp!!! It's kind of like the countdown to Christmas, but instead of the hustle and bustle, you can use that time to dream of all the fun you'll have camping with St. Luke's! Family Camp 2012 is July 20-29. **Sign-up now through May 15** to reserve your spot at Snow Mountain Ranch in Granby, CO. There are a variety of sites such as tents, RV hookups, yurts and cabins. You can also share a site with friends. Join us for a few days or the whole time; it's a great way to meet new families and enjoy the great outdoors! Sign-up at the kiosk in the Narthex on Sunday's or online. Call Amy Antinoro at 303-663-6656 with any questions.

Are You Good to Go? Find Out April 17

On April 17 at 7:00pm Jo Myers, author of the book, *Good to Go – A Guide to Preparing for the End of Life*, will lead us in an easy, informative and humorous discussion about a not-so-easy-to-talk-about topic. As Jo says, one of the few things in life that's certain is death. She presents realistic, practical, and professional advice in an amusing and sometimes unexpectedly delightful way. Jo shares her insights through personal stories and her simple, down-to-earth ABCs on planning for the inevitable. Some of the things she'll talk about include... *What to do when there's no do-over, Wishes and ways to make them know and get them carried out, Managing family relationships, How-to's and how not to's for end-of-life issues, Offering sympathy in helpful ways, What to expect when dealing with the passing of a loved one...* And many helpful tips based on her personal experience

A thirty-year veteran of major market radio in Denver, Atlanta, South Florida, Cincinnati, and Nashville, Jo Myers is a seasoned professional speaker who offers a thought-provoking approach to death and dying. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, you may contact Rev. Sallie at 303-791-0659 x32 or sallie@stlukeshr.com. **Good to Go!**

(Jo's Myers book, *Good to Go*, will be available for purchase following the session)

More from Les: Remembering my Grandmother

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

Gladys Ireland was well known in the small Kansas town of Toronto. Born in 1900, the daughter of Clement and Alberta Ireland, she was famous and admired for her cooking, for her good looks, and for her very strong will! Five foot-two inches tall, blue eyes, wavy red hair that over the years turned to auburn and then gray, Gladys was the "heartthrob" of this part of Greenwood County. She liked to have fun.

Young James Ludlam was a classmate of hers and he had fancied her for some time. But he had not risked expressing these feelings to her, for he knew conversation with Gladys could be a little overwhelming! He was afraid of being rejected.

There was a dance coming up at the local Grange Hall and James decided this was the time to ask Gladys to go with him. He was ready to start courting and Gladys was the "apple of his eye!" So he decided to take that risk and ask her to the dance.

Gladys burst upon the porch. "Oh, hello James, nice to see you; what are you here for?" James, flustered a bit at her sudden entrance, stammered, "I... would like to ask you... to... ah..."

Gladys finished his sentence, "Oh, I would be delighted to go with you to the Grange dance! Now, James, you will be driving your father's new buggy won't you?"

And I could fix a small picnic basket we could have a nice snack down by the Fall River before we go the Grange."

James swallowed hard and nodded without really realizing how quickly things were happening. They went to the Grange, love grew, and they were married in 1919.

Over her life, Gladys would travel by horse, auto, train and jet airplane. Her life saw tremendous technological advances, world wars, and economic turmoil. She experienced happiness in new life, and sadness in the death of loved ones. By any definition, hers was a full life, and certainly not a dull life!

Her life reminds me of the words of John in Revelation 3:15-16: *I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth.*

If anything, Gladys was not, not even for a moment, lukewarm! And she didn't tolerate anyone who was, whether we liked it or not!

After moving to Grand Junction, Gladys got a job waiting tables at the Peach Bowl Café in Palisade. One evening, just at closing, an amorous customer approached her with less than respectful intent. Wham! went her foot to his shin, then whop! as her purse smacked the back of his head and a loud scream brought the owner and police. She was safe, but that was the end of her waitressing!

Whatever Gladys did, she did it wholeheartedly, with enthusiasm and her own unique idea of how things should be and go. She may have been petite but there was an energy, a power that influenced, taught and shaped anyone who came close enough to be touched by her.

Years later, Gladys didn't just participate in the programs at the Older American Center in Grand Junction; she was the hostess, leading many of the social activities. At age 80, she complained about the lack of participation by some of the "older members," most of whom were 10 to 15 years younger than her.

For all her life, the heart of an 18-year old girl beat in the breast of this woman. Whenever something was planned, she needed to be in the center of things.

Holiday meals had a special ritual, overseen by Gladys. There would be food enough for an army, and it seemed that she was intent on making all of us eat till we burst. "There's more macaroni and cheese here, just a little more... why don't you clean it up?" If the offer was refused, "What do you mean you're full, don't you like my cooking?"

Each our family was loved by her, and in her sight, each of us belonged to her. She would thrill us, flatter us, anger us and frustrate us! If she liked you could do no wrong. If she didn't, you might receive the appellation, "That old sap!"

Sometimes she made it a little hot for family and friends. But she also let us know that there was a firm foundation to fall back upon, a rock to which we could hook our hopes and dreams. We never doubted where she stood. Many lives, certainly mine, were influenced by the way Gladys lived her life. While things might not have always been comfortable in her presence, they were always good and there was no doubt about direction or desired outcome.

Let us never be lukewarm, for Gladys' sake! **God bless us all! –Rev. Les**



"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 – St. Luke's United Methodist Women invite all women to a Spiritual Day Apart, March 10, 8:30am-2:30pm at Castle Rock UMC. A day of reflection, learning and fellowship facilitated by Rev. Dottie Mann. Bring your Bible, notepad and a small salad to share. Carpool from St. Luke's at 8:00am. Info contact Betty Ludlam 720-951-1171 or bludlam@wyoming.com

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



April 7, 2012: "Soul Practices" different methods of prayer and other disciplines. Hosts: Lynda Fickling and Elena Lynch, Mission - UMCOR School Kit Items - blunt metal scissors, 8½ x 11 spiral notebooks, 1 inch or larger hand held pencil sharpeners, new 30 centimeter ruler, unsharpened plain pencils, 2 ½ inch erasers and 24 count box of crayons.

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, **March 26** - *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad, **April 23** - *The Weird Sisters* by Eleanor Brown, **May 21 (3rd Monday)** – *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand. 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

April 2 – Little Holly Asian Café, Highlands Ranch, **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.gbgm-umc.org/umw/>
 UMCOR website: <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor>
 Visit www.UMWOnline.net to network with others, get and share resources.

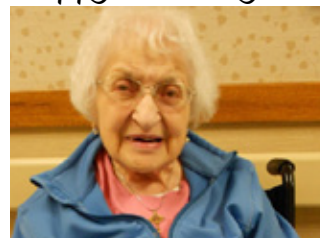


The Hope Benefit for DenUM

Please join us for a silent auction to benefit DenUM. We invite you to be our guest for drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Suggested donation is \$25. Thursday April 12 from 6:00-8:00pm at the RedLine Gallery at 2350 Arapahoe, Denver 80205. Featuring the contemporary art collection of RBC Wealth Management with works by Chuck Close, Roland Fischer, Roy Lichtenstein, Vik Muniz, Hung Liu, Jaune Quick-to-See Smith and many others.

All donated items and donations greater than the value of the auction item are tax deductible. Please RSVP to Carolyne at carolyne@denum.org or 303-350-5066 or contact Brad Bonjean for more info bbonjean@openscan.com.

Happy Birthday to Rose Templar who turned 100 years old on March 5th!



"How to live to 100? Love Jesus!" -Rose

Welcoming our newest members

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

Mark & Rachel Lucas (not pictured)

"We think St. Luke's is the perfect spiritual home for our family."



Jim & Kristin Ryan

"We want to be a part of a worshipping community seeking justice for all of God's people."



Norm & Anne Schillo

"We feel good about joining this church."



Susan Warren

"Friendly, size and volunteer opportunities"

Learn the “Carry Crew Concept” to Help Carry Friends in Hard Times

by Elizabeth A. Billups

In Galatians 6:2 we are instructed to, “Carry each other’s burdens,” and this is what the “Carry Crew Concept” is all about.

I have a friend, Lecia, whose husband, Jim, was diagnosed with a terminal disease called ALS when he was 43. They have two young boys. When I first learned their horrible news, “How can I help?” was the question that kept churning in my mind. I am not the best cook, but maybe food from me is better than Lecia having to make it herself? I can’t even get around to cleaning my own house, so I doubt I’ll do a good job cleaning hers. And some people have a green thumb, but I would be more likely to kill her plants rather than save them!

Then in the middle of a Sunday sermon it occurred to me that throughout our city, and most likely through out the whole world, people are limited from helping their friends simply because they don’t know how. A few minutes later, another thought struck me. I can use the gift God gave me for organization to help Jim and Lecia’s friends find meaningful ways to support the family. I can help build a crew to “carry” Jim and Lecia through this very hard time.

I can find those who enjoy cooking and set up a simple delivery method for their dinners. And there are bound to be people who enjoy going to the grocery store, gardeners who love getting their arms into dirt up to their elbows, guys who are really handy with small house projects... and maybe even people who enjoy cleaning!

I immediately felt a weight lift from me as I considered the solution. It had to be God-given as it fell so perfectly in sync with His teachings about how to use our individual spiritual gifts for the betterment of the whole.

We developed “Team Jim” – a crew consisting of about 25 loving, generous and dedicated volunteers who provide Jim, Lecia and their family with grocery trips, meals, housecleaning, house projects, yard work and more.

After creating and implementing the systems for Team Jim, I created a short guidebook called “The Carry Crew Concept” to share the simple steps in creating and managing a volunteer support team.

If you would like to receive my guidebook and learn how to carry a family in need, please attend the following training session or contact me using the information below.

What: Learn the “Carry Crew Concept”

When: Sun., April 22, 11:00am-1:00pm

Where: Room 128 downstairs

Cost: \$10 for training materials

Contact: Please RSVP or contact me with questions at elizabethbillups@gmail.com or call 303-346-1999.



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

A Special Good Friday Experience

During this year’s Good Friday service, the Chancel Choir will perform a very special piece of music. “**Stabat Mater**” was composed in 2008 by well regarded Welsh composer Karl Jenkins. Translated “sorrowful mother,” the text focuses on the suffering of Mary during the Crucifixion, and features English, Latin, Greek, Hebrew, and Aramaic language. The Chancel Choir will be singing select movements of this large work and there will be some dramatic readings to provide a very different and very moving Good Friday Experience 7:00pm on April 6.

Easter Sunday Services

St. Luke’s offers five services for you to choose from, and the service start times vary a bit from St. Luke’s regular schedule. The 8:00am service musically features the Sunrise Band, the Youth Handbells, and the Soul Purpose Youth Choir. The 9:00, 10:00, and 11:00am services all feature Chancel Choir, the Tintinnabulators, and our Brass Ensemble. Finally, there will also be a SLY Fusion service starting at 6:34pm.

Love and All That Jazz Concert was All That and More!



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

On February 11, Love INC hosted a benefit concert, *Love and All That Jazz*, here at St. Luke’s. It was a huge success! The Ministers of Swing, under the direction of Dr. Jim Ramsey, provided a variety of delightful, toe-tapping music. The four talented ladies of The Soprano Effect sang along with many of the band’s songs. Gabe Mervine impressed the audience with his amazing trumpet-playing skills. All were treated to a highly enjoyable evening of music.

During intermission, people bid on a large number of silent auction items contributed by members of St. Luke’s, other individuals in the community, and local businesses. While looking at, and bidding on, the variety of gifts, there was a large assortment of delicious desserts to choose from. There was something to satisfy everyone’s taste buds!

Love INC raised an impressive amount from ticket and silent auction sales at this fundraiser. Rev. Doug McKinney, Love INC Executive Director, stated that nearly 400 people attended and many silent auction items were purchased. Rev. McKinney said the benefit event raised over \$10,000. Both the number of people attending *Love and All That Jazz* and the amount raised are double the numbers of last year’s benefit event! He, his staff, and volunteers are thrilled with the successful evening. The money raised will support Love INC’s valuable programs that help many people in need during these tough economic times.

Love INC wishes to thank all those who took part in this benefit event. The outstanding musicians, the silent auction coordinators and contributors, the providers of the delicious desserts, and, of course, those of you who attended *Love and All That Jazz* made the evening such a success. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Carry Crew continued: The Caring Connection is a large ministry at St. Luke’s that offers meals, transportation, and care in a variety of ways on a shorter-term basis. We are grateful for all those who are part of this ministry. By using the “Carry Crew Concept,” we can expand this care over time for individuals or families that may benefit from extended assistance as they manage longer-term health concerns or challenges. I want to help you build crews to carry people in hard times. Imagine it... no more feelings of wanting to help, but not knowing how... no more people needing help, but not getting it... It may sound like a dream, but it could be our reality.

All hands on deck!



Upcoming Events!

- * **Sunday March 25: Emergent Spring - An evening of spring- ing into Spring!**
- * **Sunday April 22: Progressive Dinner**
- * **Fri. April 27/Sat. April 28: 30-hour Famine**
- * **Sunday May 6: Confirmation Sunday**
- * **Sunday May 20: Graduation Sunday**
- * **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

Well... this is Erin and this will be my last Hello from Below. As most of you know, my time here as Interim Youth Director is quickly coming to a close. Sunday, March 11 will be my last official day as director here at St. Luke's. We openly welcome Dave Laurvick as the new Director of Youth Ministry. Though many of you may know Dave, you can read more about him and his call to ministry towards the front of this issue.



Erin Laurvick
Interim Director of
Youth Ministry



Dave Laurvick
Director of
Youth Ministry

The past two years working with this program have been quite the adventure. In August of 2010 I joined the ministry team as the pastoral intern in Youth Ministry as part of my masters program at the Iliff School of Theology. In July of 2011, I became the Interim Director of Youth Ministry as the search process for a new youth director continued. My time with the youth here has helped me learn so much about youth, ministry, myself, and my faith. I have gotten to know so many of the families of St. Luke's and am glad that St. Luke's will remain my home church through this transition. I have been a member here since I was confirmed in 1997 and though my life has taken me away at different stages, I still call this church and congregation home. I will continue to volunteer and have a presence with the youth and at St. Luke's as long as my husband Brad and I are living in Colorado. We both will be graduating at the beginning of June. Brad is finishing his PhD in Religion and Social Change and has been diligently applying for jobs at universities, non-profits and other venues across the country. I have also been exploring the next steps along my vocational path. Life is an exciting journey - who knows where it will take us next!

Thank you all for your love and support as I learned my way through this experience. I am happy to have been able to help through this period of transition and am so grateful for the opportunity. The youth at this church really are something special. I know great things will continue to come from them in the future and I can't wait to see it!

Love & Blessings, Erin

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.

We Don't Waste: Filling the Plate, One Plate at a Time

Congratulations! SEVENTY St. Luke's volunteers, contributing over 9,000 cumulative hours, rescued over 3,500 servings of food from each 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. WDW is in the early stages of planning a fundraising event in September—the First Annual Fill a Plate event.

Here's how YOU can help. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 7, from noon to 2:00pm. Bring family, friends, neighbors, book groups, teammates, church groups (and anyone else!) to St. Luke's... and unleash your inner artist to PAINT A PLATE TO END HUNGER!

For a tax-deductible \$25 donation (the equivalent of 45 servings of food!), you paint a plate which will be glazed and fired by St. Luke's own ceramics artist and teacher, Diane Lindsay. Your finished plate will be donated to WDW, and attendees at the September Fill a Plate event will receive a plate as a reminder that there are always more plates to fill. Your monetary donations and ticket sales from the Fill a Plate event will help WDW meet increasing operating costs and expand operations.

Please visit the We Don't Waste website: www.wedontwaste.org. For groups wishing to meet at times other than April 7, and for other questions, please contact Andrea Kirchhoff 303-683-6652 or akirchhoff6652@yahoo.com. And stay tuned for more information about the Fill a Plate event in September!





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.

Trustees Corner: **NEW Chairs, NEW Team**

The NEW chairs are here! The NEW chairs are Here! Our thanks to the Fellowship Events Team, our own UMW, and Drama and Music Ministry, we're pleased to offer a more comfortable Fellowship Hall to you! We appreciate all of the hard work these teams have completed, and have planned for the near future, that made this happen, we truly could not have done it without you!

The Trustees Team welcomes 4 new members this year, Brian Bauer, Will Coffield, John Fry, and Brian Bacon. In the first couple of months, working with our youth, we've tackled a youth break out room renovation. Planning for the upcoming musical and Easter services, we've worked hard on repairing, updating, and cleaning sanctuary lighting. There's not much that tops operating a 26' scissor lift to keep it interesting here! Some of you may have notice that we even fixed that buzzing emergency light in the Sanctuary!

We're working hard to prioritize our projects for this year – and very thankful that we have a team of dedicated volunteers who will help us do our very best for you! We are truly blessed.

There's a place for you, here, too! Please save the date: April 7, is our 1st workday from 8:00am-noon. We can really use your help as we prepare our church for our upcoming Easter services. Everyone is welcome to join us! If you need childcare, please contact Sam as soon as possible and make a reservation!



Seasoned Voyagers and Celestial Seasonings

by Joyce Rovetta & Ann Roadarmel

*Celestial Seasonings for
the Seasoned Voyagers.*

What could be more appropriate!

On Wednesday, April 18, a busload of Seasoned Voyagers head to Boulder to experience some of their other worldly pleasures. We will tour the Celestial Seasonings factory to see for ourselves what ingredients go into the famous teas and herbal concoctions. Then we have time for lunch in their Cafe and a stroll down Pearl Street Mall for shopping and dessert. Those wishing to start their Pearl Street adventure early can make arrangements to be dropped off and designate a pick up point. To be in that busload just sign up and prepay at the Seasoned Voyagers table on Sunday mornings through April 15.

Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm, Wednesday, April 18

Where: Celestial Seasonings and Pearl Street Mall
in Boulder

Cost: \$8 plus lunch, prepaid at sign up

Contact: Joyce Rovetta 303-470-5705 for more
information.

The Seasoned Voyagers continue to bring entertaining activities and programs for your enjoyment. Our trip to the Art Museum was a rounding success. We had 22 people join us for a fascinating tour of both the new and old portion of the art museum. The lines and intersecting angles of the new building are a wonder to look at but making sure that people do not bump their heads on the angular walls, the museum staff has kindly marked the floor for unsuspecting views of the art collection. A fantastic art collection of dolls made out of beads and shells was awesome. The intricate work and detail was an art in and of itself. This exhibit was on loan from a couple in New York and would be leaving the museum shortly.

Even though we did not see the Denver Library art collection, due to a broken water main in the Library, the trip ended with a tasty luncheon at the Palettes Restaurant inside the Art Museum. We had some time after lunch to go back and see some of the exhibits that were missed and then boarded the bus back to St Luke's.

We hope you are able to join us on our next two tours to Celestial Seasonings and the Centennial Airport. We have a great time together and the fellowship is the best around.

Our standing activities include Conversations with Rev Janet on the 1st Tuesday of the month and Game Day on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Won't you come on down and join us? We also have a lunch and learn on Thursday from noon-1:30pm called Spiritual Quest. This session we are reading Father Richard Rohr's book called "Falling Upwards", led by Lynda Fickling and Ann Roadarmel. We are in the process of developing this program further. Stay tuned for more details and information regarding this program. Please call Ann Roadarmel at 303 792 5110 or email her at alroadamel@gmail.com for more information.



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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.*

MARCH/APRIL 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship –Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes 8:15am: Contemplative Worship 11:00am: Lenten Study 12:15pm: Learning with St. Luke's Mtg. 5:30pm: Youth Dinner (\$2) 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	19 Little School Class Picture Day	20 Little School Class Picture Day 6:30pm: CMT Meeting 6:30pm: Lay Leadership 7:30pm: Planned Giving Team Meeting	21 5:30pm: SLY Homework Hour 6:00pm: Lenten Study 6:30pm: SLY Wednesday 6:30pm: Parents of Teens/Young Adults with Depression/Bipolar 7:00pm: Itch to Stitch	22 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship	23 Week 2 MISSION TEAM to Guatemala 6:00pm: On the Screen at St. Luke's	24 7:00am: Lenten Study
25 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship –Rev. Bradley Laurvick 11:00am: Lenten Study 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	26 Little School CLOSED for Spring Break 7:00pm: Women's Book Club	27 Little School CLOSED for Spring Break 7:00am: Men's Group © Egg & I 7:00pm: Group Spiritual Direction 7:30pm: Staff Parish Relations Team Mtg.	28 Little School CLOSED for Spring Break 5:30pm: SLY Homework Hour 6:00pm: Lenten Study 6:30pm: SLY Wednesday	29 Little School CLOSED for Spring Break 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship	30 Little School CLOSED for Spring Break	31 7:00am: Lenten Study  10:00am- noon: Easter FUN Day
 APR 1 Palm Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship –Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes 11:00am: Lenten Study 5:30pm: Youth Dinner (\$2) 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion	2 6:30pm: Women's Night Out	3 2:00pm: Conversations with Janet	4 5:30pm: SLY Homework Hour 6:00pm: Lenten Study 6:30pm: Parents of Teens/Young Adults with Depression/Bipolar 6:30pm: SLY Wednesday	5 Maundy Thursday 9:15am & 6:00pm: Love & Logic Parenting Class 10:00am: Common Thread 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship 7:00pm: Maundy Thursday Communion Service	6 Good Friday Little School CLOSED 9:30am: Playgroup 7:00pm: Good Friday Worship Experience	7 8:00am-noon: Work Day 8:30am: Simply Saturday
Easter 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00am: Worship –Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes 6:34pm: Fusion 	9 7:00pm: Trustees Meeting	10 1:00pm Seasoned Voyagers Game Day 6:30pm: Finance Team 7:00pm: Missions Team 7:00pm: Group Spiritual Direction	11 1:00pm: Seasoned Voyagers 5:30pm: SLY Homework Hour 6:30pm: SLY Wednesday	12 9:15am & 6:00pm: Love & Logic Parenting Class 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship	13 5:45pm: Parent's Night Out	14 8:00am: Engaging Spirituality 10:00am: Genealogy 101 6:45pm: Bridge Club
15 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship 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	17 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: Parents of Teens/Young Adults with Depression/Bipolar 6:30pm: SLY Wednesday 7:00pm: Itch to Stitch	19 9:15am & 6:00pm: Love & Logic Parenting Class 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship	20 9:30am: Playgroup	21 9:00am: Sanctuary Care Team 10:00am: Wesley Writers 7:00pm: Collage Concert