



The Chronicle

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Kids Make a Difference for Guatemala

After learning about our mission trip to Guatemala in Sunday School, Reese and Ryan Glynn and their neighbor Christian Frahm took it upon themselves to make a difference. Lara Glynn describes how it came about, "They asked if they could do a lemonade stand and I told them that we should wait until summer. Next thing I know, they have set up random cardboard boxes as a stand and had made a bunch of signs that said, 'Honk if you love Jesus' and others said, 'Donations to St. Luke's for Guatemala'." The boys would hold up their signs and yell out, "Help the Kids in Guatemala!" as cars passed by. They got about 19 honks (keeping track in a notebook) and raised \$32 to go directly to the Guatemala missions and presented it during Sunday School in April. *What an inspiration!*

Wesley Choral Festival, Connecting Musicians to Mission

by Lisé Takayama & James Ramsey



In the spring of 2011, it became apparent that there was a real need for a band at the John Wesley School in Guatemala. The students have the enthusiasm but their families do not have the money to purchase proper band instruments for their children. Once the need was identified, the participants of the Spring mission trip chipped in to purchase 19 instruments for the school.

Upon their return, Leigh and Jim Ramsey realized that we needed to finish building the John Wesley School band. The John Wesley Band Boosters club was formed and they brought the John Wesley Festival to Gates Hall on the DU campus to raise the funds to purchase more instruments, build the band room and help complete construction of the school.

Two hundred singers from St. Luke's UMC, St. Andrew UMC, Littleton UMC and Applewood Valley UMC rehearsed as individual choirs and then blended their voices together on a Saturday in November to prepare for the Festival on November 13th. The Festival Chorus was privileged to share the stage with the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra, organist Kenrick Mervine and Rev. Dave Money as John Wesley. Attendees saw an incredible video presentation about the students at the John Wesley School produced by Ken Fong and were very generous in donating to "ornaments for instruments".

The night before the concert, a gala benefit dinner was hosted by Carl and Laura Fitch for the Wesley Festival patrons. Thanks to the generosity of all dinner and concert attendees, we were able to net \$25,000 to help fund a school band room and purchase the remaining instruments needed for the JWS band students.

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An Invitation



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

Nine years ago, I experienced a call to ministry that came as a complete surprise to me! I remember saying, "God, are you sure you're talking to me?!" With a bit of resistance, yet a willing spirit, I tried to trust and listen to how God might be leading me. The journey has been one step at a time, full of new learning and experiences that have been both amazing and at times difficult. As for all of us, life requires faith and hope and some great people to support, encourage, and celebrate with us along the way.

Saturday, June 16

*Service of
Ordination*
St. Andrew UMC
7:30pm

By the grace of God, I will be ordained on Saturday, June 16. The Service of Ordination of the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church will be at St. Andrew UMC at 7:30pm. You are all invited and I would be honored to have you there! Thank you, St. Luke's, for your kindness, your support, and your faithful example. You inspire me with your ability to live lives of commitment and compassionate action. You are vital in my journey of faith and I'm grateful *to* you and *for* you.

—Pastor Sallie

Sunday Worship Services:

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

6:34pm: Fusion

Contemplative Services also offered

(Check website for dates and times)

Sunday School:

Adult, Youth & Children:

9:30am & 11:00am

Nursery available for:

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

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Rev. Janet Forbes
Senior Pastor

Welcome Rev. Ryan Canaday

Bishop Elaine Stanovsky of the Rocky Mountain Conference of The United Methodist Church intends to appoint Rev. Ryan Canaday as the new Associate Minister at St. Luke's. On July 1, we will welcome Rev. Ryan, his wife, Tami, and their two-year-old daughter, Selah.



Rev. Ryan is currently serving as the United Methodist campus minister at the University of Denver, growing this new ministry into a vibrant community among students and faculty who are "spiritual but not religious". The focal point of this work has been mission trips and outreach to the homeless and other at-risk communities in downtown Denver.

He also currently serves as the Associate Minister at University Park United Methodist Church with the responsibility for their alternative worshipping community, Peniel, similar to our Fusion experience.

He has also been a community organizer and coordinator of Peace and Justice Studies.

His diverse education background for ministry includes a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies at Colorado Christian University and a Master of Divinity at the Iliff School of Theology.

He enjoys his playing in the park with his family, Rockies baseball, keeping fit, and spending time with friends. Rev. Ryan and his family hope to re-locate their home from the DU area to south Denver.

At St. Luke's, the Staff Parish Relations Team is responsible for working with the Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Conference when we have a change in pastoral leadership.

The United Methodist Church has a unique way of matching pastors and congregations.

Rather than local churches hiring their own pastors, as in some denominations, United Methodist bishops appoint pastors to serve congregations. The primary goal of the appointment system is to match the gifts and graces of a particular pastor to the ministry needs of a particular congregation at a particular time.

On Easter Sunday, April 8, we announced that after serving at St. Luke's as Associate Minister for 5 years, Bishop Elaine Stanovsky intends to appoint Rev. Brad Laurvick as the Senior Minister of Highlands United Methodist Church in Denver beginning July 1, 2012.

May God bless us as we prepare to welcome Rev. Ryan, Tami, and Selah Canaday.

Grace, **-Rev. Janet**

FROM REV. BRAD



Rev. Bradley Laurvick
Associate Minister

Going in the Direction of St. Luke's

When I was learning to drive, the instructors were teaching us how to recover our cars in the midst of a complete loss of control. As our cars were launched into complete 360s, the instructions were simple- look where you want to go. They emphasized that too often people's eyes were immediately drawn to all of the places they didn't want to go-which was a problem. As it turns out, you tend to head in the direction you are looking.

Over the last two weeks, as I was at General Conference in Tampa Florida, the best metaphor possible was the complete loss of control, watching the world spinning 360s around me. What kept me sane, what kept me hopeful, what kept me going, was looking where I wanted to go. For me, that image is St. Luke's... I want the entire denomination to go in the direction St. Luke's is.

Invitational, Relational, Missional, Spiritual... these are the ways we have chosen to live out the teachings of Christ. We define our community by who we include and how we serve the world. We ask life's big questions together, celebrating the journey instead of just hoping for an end. And though we are not perfect, we only use that as even more reason to welcome others who aren't as well.

I want to thank you for your thoughts, prayers, Facebook notes, and support as my colleagues and I were working to shape the future of the United Methodist Church. I was very aware of your presence and never felt alone in my work. At times while I was there I was frustrated, disappointed, and exhausted, but I was never without hope. I will never be without hope for the Church, because I have seen what it can be-and know that we can continue to offer the Church and the world a place to look, simply by being a place they want to go...

My Journey through St. Luke's

by Angie Steinbauer, *Pastoral/Children's Intern*

As my time at St. Luke's comes to an end, I am thrilled at the large list of wonderful experiences that I have had here with all of you!

One of my first weeks here, I was invited to preach at the morning services. I was amazed that almost 500 people were present on a Sunday morning – to be honest, I am still amazed that 500 people gather on a Sunday morning to worship. God is Good!

I was amazed again when October came around and there were 2 semi's parked in the front lot. It is an awesome task to gather thousands of pounds of food, but the event was run smoothly and there were so many people that I got to meet that weekend.

Throughout the fall I was welcomed downstairs with our younger worshipers and even got to live through the Zacchaeus story in a new way. I didn't know that E-L-Fudge sandwich cookies looked so much like that short-Biblical man with the changed heart. Presenting the blessed elements of communion to people as young as two years old not only warmed my heart but was also a great opportunity for me to consider how I view communion.

Christmas at St. Luke's created memories that will last a lifetime. I was privileged to spend my first Christmas away from home with all of you. I don't know the next time that I will be a part of five worship services in one day, but I do know that I had a great time experiencing the puppets, the people, and preaching at such a meaningful service.

Learning, along with you at St. Luke's, I have considered my understanding of grace, communion, community, missions and justice in ways that I have not otherwise had the opportunity to do. Thank you for letting me drop in to your Sunday School classes, chat with you in Fellowship Hall, and share in your Lenten Bible Study. I have secured a lot of good ideas and a lot of books have been added to my "read when I have time" list.

This spring I was blessed with the gift of a mission opportunity. Thanks to the generosity of a family at St. Luke's I was able to experience the Guatemala mission trip with the week two team. I was told it would be a life-changing event that I would remember forever; it was really was. The work this church does in Guatemala is crucial and amazing. I look forward to the updates on your future adventures in mission.

This journey in my new vocation has been enriched by the love and support of this congregation. You will forever hold a notable place in my heart as you were a vital part of my education. I have been exposed and fostered by some of the best Methodist pastors in the Rocky Mountain Conference (this is not just my idea, I read it on Facebook!). Thank you for supporting my learning, for loving me through these last nine months and preparing me for my next stop on this vocation journey.

I look forward to returning to Colorado and visiting all of you when I get some time off! There are so many tourist places I have yet to see. Let me know when you want to come to Wisconsin, I can show you a river, some cows, and a great view of rural Wisconsin. I have an extra bedroom in the parsonage; it would be a privilege to offer it to you.



Inter-Faith Community Services (IFCS) Student Backpacks

by Kristin Foster

St. Luke's UMC will be supporting IFCS again this year by purchasing backpacks, a new outfit, and school supplies for children in need.

By becoming involved in this ministry you will be helping low-income families start the 2012-2013 school year off right. You will also provide, for many of them, the only new school items they will receive. This year two options are available for sponsoring a child.

Option 1: Sign up to sponsor a child and provide them with a new backpack, outfit, socks, underwear, gift card for shoes, AND needed school supplies.

Option 2: Sign up to sponsor a child and provide them with all the above EXCEPT the school supplies which we will be gathering through Vacation Bible School and through the congregation as our July mission of the month.

I always take a picture of my children on the first day of school with their new backpack and outfit on. They have such proud smiles on their faces. I am thrilled that we are given the opportunity to help children start off the school year with a big proud smile!

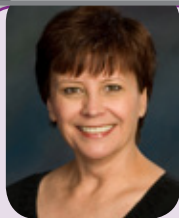
Please sign up to sponsor a child in Fellowship Hall or by emailing Kristin Foster at kristinfoster13@gmail.com by May 31. In the email please provide your name, address, and phone number so I can get in touch with you when the children's names become available (probably early June). The backpacks will be due at the end of July. *Thank you for your support!*



St. Luke's Name tags

Would you like to have your own name tag for church? We have them available for all folks at \$4.50. Just stop by the Get Connected Center on Sundays or email Lynda@stlukeshr.com and we will have it ready for you in one week.

If you are a new member, please pick your free name tag up at the GCC anytime.



Lynda Fickling
Director of
Servant Ministry/
Spiritual Director

We are Called to Serve

"Life is not an exercise for the casual bystanders. Unless we are involved, neither we nor the world can become all that we are meant to be."—Joan Chittester

2012 Community Volunteer

Guide for Denver: Whether you have one day a week, one day a month or one day a year to volunteer, you can make a difference. Presented in partnership with Metro Volunteers, this year's Volunteer Guide features more volunteer opportunities than ever before—from helping with events to walking dogs; from serving on a board to building a home and so much more. You're sure to find a way to contribute. Take a look, choose your favorite opportunities and make the call or send the email that sets you on the path of volunteer service.
www.denverpostcommunity.com

Love INC: 5854 S. Datura, Littleton, CO 80120, 303-798-0037, www.loveinlittleton.org. Love in the Name of Christ (Love INC) is a network of 21 churches that links church ministries and volunteers to our neighbors in need. It pools resources so more needs can be met. Services provided include housing assistance, clothing and food banks, childcare, transportation and job counseling. Love INC of Littleton serves the southwest metro area - south of Hampden and west of University. *Contact:* Jan Munoz 303-730-3696 or jmunoz48@hotmail.com

LINC Community Thrift Shop: Renewed Treasures is the Love INC thrift shop being started by leadership at St. Luke's. The vision for this shop is to provide a self-supporting retail operation to the community that will be run entirely by volunteers. The primary goal for the shop is to serve Love INC client families. *Contact:* Nita Dunn 303-791-6575 dunnheim@msn.com or Jerry Hertzler 720-480-0476 jmhertzler@comcast.net

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

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

Searching for a place to connect at St. Luke's? Please contact Lynda Fickling, Director of Servant Ministry, 303-791-0659 x20 lynda@stlukeshr.com or Bruce Pawley, Lead for Lay Leadership, 303-471-8353 brucepawley@comcast.net and/or stop by our Get Connected Center. Take the Spiritual Gifts assessment to discover your unique gifts God has chosen for you to serve in this world. <http://stlukeshr.com/SpiritualGifts/>



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:

Gretchen Haptonstall -
Charlie & Jan Rufien's friend
Jane Riegel
Katelyn Perkins - Val Clark's friend
Dana Fuqua - Ed & Eileen Law's friend
Jim Wall - Kristina McNaman's father
Carol Carnahan
John Carr - Heather Swanson's father
Olivia Murrow
Betty Kieser - Bonnie Funk's mother
Chip Rovetta
Haven Anderson - Little School Family
Stanleigh Chism - Val Clark's friend

Jill Wright
Lee Rozinski - Val Clark's sister
Jaime Fretz -
Bob & Peggy Fretz's daughter-in-law
Ken Berry - Charlie & Jan Rufien's friend
Bobbi King
Lena Line
Nita Dunn

SYMPATHIES TO:

Nancy Abbott on the passing of her friend,
Nancy Stanton
Bishop Elaine Stanovsky on the passing of her
mother, Edith Vernie Woodworth

We Don't Waste: May 24 & June 2 Filling the Plate, One Plate at a Time



UNLEASH YOUR INNER ARTIST! NEW EVENING DATE

ADDED! Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 24 from 6:00-8:00pm, or Saturday, June 2 from noon-2:00pm. Bring family, friends, neighbors, book groups, teammates, church groups (and anyone else!) to St. Luke's and PAINT A PLATE TO END HUNGER and HELP WE DON'T WASTE! Paint a Plate has been a great success so far, but WDW needs more artists and more plates! No prior experience or artistic talent required! We'll help you! Look for some of the finished plates on display between services—you'll be amazed!

For a donation of \$25 (the equivalent of 45 servings of food!), or \$15 for youth, you can paint a plate! Your tax-deductible donations (cash or check, please), and ticket sales from the First Annual Fill a Plate fundraising event in September, will help WDW meet increasing operating costs.

Seventy St. Luke's volunteers, contributing over 9,000 hours, rescued over 3,500 servings of food from every home Denver Broncos game over the past two seasons—a small fraction of what We Don't Waste rescues every year from restaurants, events, caterers and major food providers. From September 2009 through December 30, 2011, WDW rescued more than \$1,100,000 of food. That's 1,800,000 servings of nutritious food that otherwise would have been landfilled, but instead was provided FREE to Denver's most underserved populations. More food is available; and there are always more men, women and children to feed. With sufficient financial resources, WDW will continue to help meet the increasing need.

Please visit the We Don't Waste website: www.wedontwaste.org. For groups wishing to meet at times other than June 2nd, and for other questions, please contact Andrea Kirchhoff (303.683-6652; akirchhoff6652@yahoo.com). And stay tuned for more information about the Fill a Plate event in September!

More from Les:**The California Road Trip (with a detour)***by Rev. Les Ludlam, St. Luke's Lay Associate Pastor 1993-1997*

"We haven't seen your brother Loyd for years!" I commented to Betty as we recalled the happy events of our 50th wedding anniversary in 2011. "Let's go to California and celebrate our 51st with him and our new sister-in-law." Betty's older brother, Loyd, had out-lived two wives and had married again on the same day as our anniversary, March 26, last year. "And when we go," I continued, "we could visit friends and family we haven't seen in years!"

The California Road Trip was born. We would spend two days in Anaheim, one day in Banning, stop briefly in Fullerton and Claremont, then drive north to Solvang and spend two days there. We would then go to Paso Robles, Walnut Creek and finally, Windsor! Betty gave me a rather tired look as she read the plan.

We left on Sunday afternoon, March 25, flying to Orange County airport. Before checking into the hotel, we drove through our old neighborhood in Seal Beach. Some things had changed, others were the same, the eucalyptus trees were much larger than they had been when we bought our house in 1992! A second story had been added to our old home, but the streets were still full of kids on bikes. It felt good as remembered our two kids on those same streets.

Dinner with our dear friend, Jane, whose husband, Curly, had succumbed to cancer during the year, was bitter sweet. Jane was so sweet, a treat to recall with. She insisted on buying dinner! We knew better than to argue! The recalling and reconnecting between dear friends was far more important than who would pay!

A joint "First and 51st" anniversary celebration with Loyd and his "new" wife, Betty Jane, began the forging of a new same-name sister-in-law relationship. We all went to an anniversary dinner in Palm Springs.

Then we visited a former co-worker, Len and his wife Carolyn, and resurrected memories of living next door to each other when our children were young and the events of our early careers. A dinner with my uncle, Dean, and his wife, Nancy, allowed us to get up to date on my cousins and their families. Dean, 83, the youngest of my mother's siblings, reminded me that we are all aging and need to take care of our selves.

The trip was to continue Solvang and Lompoc, and then on to Paso Robles, Danville, and Santa Rosa for more visits the next week. We were looking forward to seeing our nephew Mark, a single dad of 15-year-old triplets. (How does he do that?)

In Lompoc, we saw our friends Ehrhardt and Cheryl, I was reminded that I had told Ehrhardt about our Wesley Writers group last year and encouraged him to write about his life experiences as a child of a German missionary living in Japan during WWII. He proudly told me that he had founded a group at his church and that he had published the book. Then Ehrhardt then gave me a copy of his book! What a story!

That night, the pain in my leg became quite severe! I was experiencing fever and chills! On Friday morning we made a critical decision; we went to the Santa Ynez hospital nearby. The staff doctor quickly determined the infection was very serious, "So, I'm ordering your transport to Santa Barbara," He said.

I responded, rather naively, "we have a rental car and Betty can drive me down."

"No, you'll go in an ambulance!" was the quiet but firm reply.

The continents had shifted! A paradigm had been replaced! Priorities were changed! This was more than just a delay in our California road trip; had become a battle for health and perhaps life itself!

Betty called our friend Bob Ferguson, our next stop and former member of St. Luke's, and our next stop. She told him about our situation.

Friday, April 30, the treatment began in earnest. Blood culture tests confirmed in infection was Group A Strep, but fortunately not the feared Necrotizing fasciitis (flesh eating) virus. They had the resources to deal with it; it appeared I was in the right place for treatment needed.

The days began leaking by with daily blood tests, continuous intravenous drug treatments, routine vital signs testing, and Betty's constant watching and care.

Finally, my fever began to break and the discoloration on my right leg began to fade. "I think we are on the right side of the hump," said the staff Infectious Medicine doctor. "We have identified the particular bacteria and can target it and stop it. Should take about five days." Betty would stay with Cheryl and Ehrhardt Lang in Lompoc.

Then Bob Ferguson drove the 50 miles from Paso Robles to visit us. He offered his Toyota for Betty to drive when she turned in the rental car.

Another close friend and former co-worker from my Oil Shale days, Chuck Waitman, called to say he was coming for a visit. Chuck lives in Danville, one of our planned stops. I noted that he had driven the 300 miles to Santa Barbara, in slightly less than 5 hours, I noted that and teased him about wanting to exercise his BMW roadster! It was great to talk with him. It reminded me just how deep good friendships go!

Then, on April 9, the decision was made that my recovery was sufficient to travel. So, on the 10th it was release papers, dressing in street clothes, driving to the airport, eating lunch that wasn't hospital food (I had a hamburger), and flying to Denver. We arrived at 6:00pm; home never felt quite so good!

Then, on the following Tuesday, the fever and leg pain was back! Laura, the Medicare Visiting Nurse, said, "See your Doctor right now!" We went to our family doctor immediately, and she said, "Go to the hospital, now!" The Littleton Hospital doctors contacted the California doctors, initiated more antibiotic treatments, and in two days had brought the infection back under control. I came home the second time on the 20th. Medication and physical therapy are continuing.

Our California Road trip had taken a detour that was unexpected, but not all negative! It gave me the gift of understanding about what real friendship is all about, and it taught me, once again, that we must take life as it comes to us and make the best of it. Keeping one's sense of humor is a key to dealing with negative events; above all, we must remember that God is present with us, even when we are not paying attention.

I think I may finish the road trip, maybe in a couple of years, and I might stop by to see my new friends at the Santa Barbara hospital.

God bless us all! –Rev. Les

Looking for a chance to get away, enjoy the outdoors and relax? Do it with your friends from St. Luke's!

MOUNTAIN RETREAT

September 7-10, 2012

Monarch Spur RV Park and Campground in Poncha Springs, CO

Activities off site include: alligator farm, Sand Dunes National Monument, golf, antiquing, rafting, fishing, horseback riding, climbing a 14-er, biking, touring, dining out... *and more!*

Tent/RV sites or Cabins (sleeps 2-6) and Apartment (sleeps 8-10) Showers and laundry room are provided.

Come early, stay late. For more info or to be part of the team contact: Val Clark 303-918-3193 or Mountain_retreat@att.net or Linda Young lp2young@aol.com

SPONSORED BY THE SANCTUARY CARE TEAM



Jake's Take

Woof! Woof! Jake, Ms. Sharon's dog, here and I am so excited because we had an amazing **Children's Dinner Theater "Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum!"** (there was even a Giant there and some yummy food called Wigglewaggle!) I'll have more details next month and will let you know how much we raised for the Garden Ministry!! Now, on to very important things I need to say so I'll get a treat:

It's time to register your child for the new year of Sunday School! **Promotion Sunday is June 3, 2012!** All children will move up to their new grade in Sunday School on that day. We ask that parents **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 or grab a peach-colored form on Sunday mornings at the Superintendent's Station and fill out. Thanks so much!

Also, we are filling out the **Servant Schedule** for our new year June 2012-May 2013 and would love to see your name on it. Serving in Children's Ministry is fun and very flexible. Sign up to be a Shepherd (class assistant - we need lots of those), Leader for Joy Trek, PEAK Workshop (Art, Cinema, Cooking, Science, Games, Storytelling) or Godly Play (all curriculum provided), or a Greeter, Superintendent, Music Leader, or a Behind the Scenes or Special Events helper (*we currently have lots of openings to help with VBS this summer!*) Training provided. We need YOU! Sign up on Sundays or contact dawn@stlukeshr.com.

Family Movie Night is May 25 at 6:45pm. We'll gather in our pajamas with our pillows to watch "The Muppets". Rated PG. Fresh popcorn provided!

SLY, Jr. had a yummy and fun progressive dinner and next we're off to DenUM to work on Sat. May 19 and then on June 3 we'll have our big picnic celebration! I hope there's leftovers for me! Contact sharon@stlukeshr.com for more info.

Doggie blessings!



Vacation Bible School

VBS Morning session:

June 25-29

9:15am-12:15pm

*****CLOSED*****

VBS Evening session:

July 10-13

5:45-8:00pm

Our Evening Session still has lots of openings!

Sign up today!

www.stlukeshr.com

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

Wacky Wednesdays

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. **Register by May 20!!**

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

Registration forms available at the Little School/ Superintendent's Office and online: www.stlukeshr.com/children.



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: Oh My, Oh My, Oh My....it's May!

Our final month is here and I thought only yesterday was the beginning, but I know better because our children have grown by leaps and bounds!

They are so much stronger and braver and self-reliant — such a sight to behold. Now is the time for glowing faces, happy places and tons of time outdoors!



The 17th Annual

Creative Critters Art Show was held on April 26th and 1,086 children, families, Grandmas and Grandpas, friends and alumni came through the halls and rooms filled with art from "Classic Tales" such as Pecos Bill, Three Billy Goats Gruff, Peter Pan, Winnie The Pooh and Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes. The artwork was outstanding and everyone was soooooo appreciative. Kudos to all the staff at Little School that worked so hard to make it a very special night!

The calendar is packed with fun activities to march us right up to Graduation day on May 16 & 17 at 9:30am. Our theme this year is "Oh The Places You Will Go" in celebration of our graduates and Dr. Seuss' 100th Birthday. Rev. Brad will join us for his final goodbye to our children and Little School as he moves to his new Sr. Minister position!

Little School will enjoy a summer break but don't forget to attend our wonderful summer programs: Wacky Wednesdays, Vacation Bible School and Performing Arts Academy! There is always fun going on at St. Luke's and we thank you for supporting such amazing activities.

Thank you to everyone for all of your prayers and support this year! We are excited to see our parents return Aug. 29 and our new children Aug. 30 for our open houses! Have a **FABULOUS SUMMER AND BE A BLESSING TO SOMEONE NEW!!!**

Blessings, —Ms. Kay and Staff

Creating a Welcoming Environment for Every Child

by Sam Leahy

As the Director of Childcare and in conjunction with the Children's Ministry team, we are always looking at ways to enhance our environment, care and support of all children at St. Luke's. Recent statistics show that 1 in 88 children have autism, 7% of children have ADHD, 8% of children have learning adversity, 10% of children have anxiety disorder and 12% of children have developmental disabilities. With the support of Sharon and Dawn, the Children's Ministry team is looking for ways to support and engage all learners and welcome every child at St. Luke's. Here are just a few examples of some the ways we are expanding our ministry. We have incorporated **sensory and fidget toy boxes** in each of our classrooms. These fun sensory toys can serve as a constant occupier or calming influence for all children when asked to sit still or adjust to a new environment. We have also included these sensory toys on the upper branch of our children's worship bags in the Sanctuary. Additionally, our Sunday School classrooms have implemented **visual schedule cue cards** as a way to improve communication between children and teachers. And our Nursery now has **fluorescent light covers** which help cut the intensity of the light to help those who may be visually sensitive. Earlier this year the Children's Ministry team hosted an information topic night and discussion on strategies and supports used in our classrooms for our servant leaders. We want all our families to know they have the love and support of their congregation and our team. If you have a child who has a specific challenge attending Sunday School, please let us know, **our childcare staff can provide a buddy** for the morning with advanced notice.

Beginning this summer (June 2, 1:00-4:00pm) our Nursery and childcare staff will be offering a quarterly respite program to families of St. Luke's who have a child with special needs. Our goal is to give these families an opportunity to relax, renew and reenergize. If you have interest in our respite program please contact me for info and to RSVP: sam@stlukeshr.com. We don't have all the answers but through prayer, reading and learning we are committed to making St. Luke's a place of inclusion for all children and their families.

ST. LUKE'S FAMILY CAMP

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.

Good to Go! Practical wisdom for the end of life

Are you Good to Go? With a crowd of over 100 people, Jo Myers shared her light-hearted, yet deeply meaningful and practical wisdom about preparing for the end of life. Using the humor and direct approach she perfected as a long-time radio personality, Jo gave us recommendations to "get ready for the big bye-bye". She reminded us that preparation now, no matter what age we are, is a gift to the people we love. Being well prepared for our passing also helps us live life more intentionally right now. Jo suggests that everyone should have a Good to Go Folder that includes things such as:

- Handwritten letters to loved ones
- Notes about wishes for our memorial service or celebration of life
- Contact names and numbers for any pre-arrangements already made
- A list of email and internet accounts with user name/password information
- Personal effects memorandum (bequeathed items with names of heirs)
- A list of people we would like to be with us (or not) in our final hours
- Words to live by; or our thoughts about life, love, happiness
- Anything we would like anyone to know after we are gone

As Jo wisely says, **"leave a legacy not a mess!"**

Her book, *Good to Go*, is a realistic, practical and even humorous book about preparing for the end of life. From cremation to choosing executors to dealing with family relationships, Jo's book covers important details about the this important reality of life. *Good to Go* is available through Amazon.com and at local bookstores. If you'd like to view the DVD from her April 17th St. Luke's presentation, you can check out a copy from St. Luke's Office.

Welcoming our newest members

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

15 Confirmands! (see page 10)

Marc & Kathy Hill (not pictured) *"We love St. Luke's!"*

Helen Warren (not pictured) *"In transferring from Iowa, I am joining the same church my family joined."*



Corey & Julie Brower

"St. Luke's is like a family to us; we absolutely love being part of this church. St. Luke's has nurtured and grown us in our faith in amazing ways, surrounded us with love and brought us so much joy!"



David & Laura Curry

"To continue our faith as individuals and within our marriage and continue that education with our children."



Jim & Katie Youll

"We have been looking for a Methodist church to join and St. Luke's felt like a great fit for us!"



"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 was held on Sunday, April 22. Almost eighty women enjoyed sweet and savory treats with their tea. Jim Ramsey and Ken Mervine provided our entertainment. The tea's mission project was UMCOR student kits.

United Methodist Women Reading Program – We have received new books for the Reading Program. The following books are available: *It's Easier to Reach Heaven than the End of the Street*, *Colorblind*, *Women Lead the Way*, and *Breathe*.

Church Women United's Friendship Day – Church Women United's Friendship Day is Friday, May 4 at 10:00am. It will be held at Grant Avenue Community Church. Bring a luncheon item to share and items for the sale table: eats and good-condition saleable items.

Parking Lot Sale – Join us on Saturday, June 9 from 8:00am-1:00pm for our Parking Lot Sale. If you are interested in purchasing a lot to sell your own gently-used items, the cost is only \$15. Contracts are available in the church office. For more information, contact Betty Ludlam.

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

June 2, 2012: Hudson Gardens. We will have breakfast at church and then tour the gardens (admission \$1.50) Host: Teri Burget, Mission: garbage bags, paper towels, ziplock freezer/storage bags for Café 180

July 7, 2012: Volunteering at Café 180 in Englewood - details to follow. Host: Lynda Fickling, Mission: Organic or home grown (ideally) apples, roma tomatoes, red onions, cucumbers, sun-dried tomatos, artichokes hearts, pesto sauce and chicken stock for Café 180

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, **May 21 (3rd Monday)** - *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand, **June 25** – *Friendship Bread* by Darien Gee For more information, please call Renae Parra at 303-683-0872. To be added to the email mailing list, send a request to RenaeParra@aol.com

• **Itch to Stitch.** Third Wednesdays of the month, 7:00-8:30pm downstairs near the Children's Library. For more info, please call Fran West at 303-797-7107.

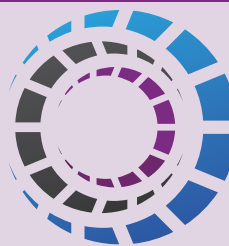
• **Women's Night Out:** First Monday of the month, 6:30pm various locations **May 7** – Mama Roma, Centennial. For more information, please contact Elaine Carlstrom at ecarlstrom@comcast.net.

Mark Your Calendars:

- June 9 – **District UBUNTU Work Day**
- June 16, 6:30am – **Annual Conference UMW Breakfast**
- July 12-14 – **School of Christian Mission**, St. Andrew UMC
- 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**

Keep Connected

Rocky Mtn. Conference United Methodist Women Website: www.rmcmumw.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.



Journey toward Wholeness

Spirituality and Wellness 2011/2012

by Jane Staller

The Spirituality and Wellness Team would like to thank everyone who attended one or more of our three workshops this year. The series explored the theme of our often-frustrating pursuit of happiness. Our speakers offered

conversation around practical approaches to finding wholeness and happiness in the everyday moments of our lives.

In October Dr. Andi Pusavat helped us take an honest look at what drives us to chase happiness, which is usually slightly beyond our reach at any given moment. Always practical in her approach to the tough questions, Dr. Andi walked us through strategies to help us focus on what really matters in our lives.

In January Rev. Jerry Herships expanded on the theme of chasing happiness through telling a life story, his own story, of chasing a dream of happiness and finding it in a most unexpected place.

In March Dr. Andi and Rev. Jerry teamed up to continue our exploration of happiness and wholeness with encouragement to:

- Clarify what energizes us
- Practice being optimistic and choose the lens we look through
- Focus on what we can change, not what we cannot
- Cultivate an attitude of gratitude
- Recognize that a faith community can enrich our lives and provide a place of safety and comfort.

Each Spirituality and Wellness workshop is rooted in the transformative principles of Gracious Space – a framework for building trust, listening deeply to one another, and engaging in honest and creative exchange around challenging issues. It's been a great year of learning and laughing together and sharing our stories with one another.

If you missed a workshop and would like to view a video of the session, please see Rev. Sallie. Thank you, Ken Fong, for your wonderful "Ministry Moments" with our speakers, and thank you for recording every session.

The Spirituality and Wellness Team will begin planning soon for next year's programs. We hope to knit together the variety of approaches to spiritual exploration that have been launched at St. Luke's. If you have ideas that you would like to add to our agenda, please share them with one of our team members or email Reverend Sallie (sallie@stlukeshr.com).

Thank you from all of us:

Nancy Abbot, Julie Polikoff, Bryan Hutchinson,
 Cindy Raap, Janet Johnston, Jenita Rhodes,
 Sam Leahy, Brenda Schafer, Bob Oliver, Jane Staller,
 Renae Parra, Rev. Sallie Suby-Long

Love INC's Renewed Treasures Thrift Shop Prepares to Open

After over a year of effort by dozens of individuals from Love INC partner churches, Love INC's Renewed Treasures (the name change was requested by Love INC's national organization) has reached its financial goal of raising \$30,000 to cover start-up costs and 6 months of expenses for the shop. St. Luke's is providing leadership to get the thrift shop up and running. Thank you to all of those who have volunteered at one of our community sales, or to move merchandise, or countless other key activities that helped us reach that goal! We wouldn't have gotten to this point without all of you!!

Our primary focus now turns toward securing retail space for our shop. We're planning to locate the shop in Littleton either along Broadway or Littleton Boulevard. We're also in the process of acquiring donated fixtures (clothing racks, shelving, etc.). We're compiling a list of volunteers to work in the shop and we're accepting merchandise donations (clothing and small household items) to sell when we open.

We expect to open the shop in the next few months. Keep an eye out for details about our Grand Opening! For more info about Renewed Treasures, please contact Jerry Hertzler at 720-480-0476, jmhertzler@comcast.net or Nita Dunn at 303-886-0381, dunnheim@msn.com.

Renewed Treasures Vision: To provide a self-supporting retail operation to the community that will be run entirely by volunteers. Through the combined efforts of our partner churches, we plan to establish a place where Love INC client families can shop for school clothes or other necessities using vouchers provided through the Love INC clearinghouse. It will also be a place where the general public can shop for quality "gently used" clothing and small household goods at a reasonable price. Further, it will be an outlet for our partner church congregants to donate salable items and to volunteer their time in a fun and inviting retail operation. Our primary goal is to serve Love INC client families. Any profits made over and above our operating expenses will go to fund other Love INC ministries.

H.A.A.T. Force Needs Volunteers

We are looking for the following:

- Social media coordinator
- Event planner
- E-Newsletter coordinator

Contact Peter Reif 303-263-7225

Comparison last year to this year:

	2010-11	2011-12
• Funds Raised	\$13,901	\$27,819
• Spent on Motel Vouchers	\$10,770	\$20,090
• Nights of Shelter Provided	277	625

As you can see we doubled in each category.



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

Wesley Festival continued from page 1

In January of this year, the final phase of the John Wesley School was completed including the new Band Room. In February, the remaining funds purchased nearly 60 instruments (trumpets, trombones and drums) as well as music and storage shelving. In March, a team from St. Luke's returned to Guatemala not only to help build a school and various other projects but also to create and run the first JWS Band Camp. Ed Coryell, Dave Rhodes, Gloria Olson and Dr. James Ramsey along with their Band Director Erwin led students in their first ever band camp experience teaching songs like "La Bamba" and "Miren que Bueno", basic rhythms, and fundamental instrumental technique. The students absolutely loved it! Since many of the students had just received their instrument for the first time a week or two before we arrived, it was quite challenging for our team. However after 3 days, the JWS Band performed almost miraculously in front of a packed courtyard at the school that included students, teachers, parents and missionaries on a glorious Wednesday morning. Loud cheers of excitement with tears of joy and pride were flowing throughout the performance. Words could barely express this beautiful moment.

Throughout the last 12 months, the gifts from so many have created

a transformational and connectional experience for so many more! Needless to say, the students can't wait for the next Band Camp! Many thanks to the St. Luke's community and many friends who have helped make this dream possible and a reality in the lives of these students not only today, but also tomorrow.

If you would like to contribute towards the next fundraising effort to purchase flutes and saxophones and to help maintain the band program at the John Wesley School, please contact James Ramsey at jim@stlukeshr.com or call 303-791-0659 x23.



PAA launches "PAA School of Rock" and More

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



Upcoming Events!

- * **Sunday May 6:**
Confirmation Sunday
- * **Sunday May 13:**
Happy Mother's Day
NO SLY AM or PM
- * **Monday May 14:**
College Mission Team
departs for Joplin, MO
- * **Sunday May 20:**
Graduation Sunday.
- * **SLY Wednesday - May 16 & 23**
(no SLY Wed on May 30)
- * **Sunday May 27: Memorial Day**
Weekend No SLY PM
- * **Sunday June 17:**
Happy Father's Day
NO SLY AM or PM
- * **June 17-24: Senior High Mission**
Trip to Joplin, MO
- * **July 9-14: Junior High Mission**
Trip to Durango, CO
- * **Check www.stlukeshr.com/sly**
for up-to-date info on
programs, activities, ministry
opportunities and more!

Join Us!

Summer Schedule:

Sundays:

SLY AM - 9:30am

SLY PM - 6:00-7:30pm

Tuesdays:

(beginning June 26):

Volleyball - 7:00-8:30pm

Wednesdays:

(beginning June 6):

GEM/STM - 6:00-8:00pm

Reflections on 30-Hour Famine from our youth:

Really opened my eyes...

*I have a lot more
than I thought I did...*

*Strengthened me mentally
and emotionally...*

I learned how it feels to be hungry...

I feel like I am making a difference...

I am so grateful for all I have...

*I have learned a lot about poverty all
over the world...*

I want to help...

HELLO FROM BELOW (downstairs)

G'day from Dave Down Under...and welcome to *Hello from Below!* And a big welcome to Amy McMullen as our new Assistant Director of Youth Ministry. More to come on that in our next issue.

End of the school year, finals, GRADUATION... something for everybody this time of year. My guess is the stress level is starting to tick up a bit with tests, papers, projects all due soon. It seems like everything and everyone is pulling us in a thousand different directions, wanting us to be in many places at the same time.

In May, the theme will revolve around taking time, actual intentional "taking time", to breathe—physically-mentally-spiritually breathing. How many of us actually think about breathing? In the space of time it takes for one slow intentional breath, we seek to center ourselves, reach out in that moment to connect with God, and with the exhale let go of the things that are creating the stress in our lives, including ourselves. We seek to try to get into that moment, rather than trying to get past a moment.

SLY was very active in April as we participated in the 30 Hour Famine. We made our signs, marched in protest of hunger, then fasted for 30 hours to raise awareness (and money) to help World Vision. It is rather a hard number to grasp that 8000 children die each day from hunger related causes, so we hope you caught the banner on Sunday April 22nd. There were over 8000 fingerprints, each representing one child.

As we transition into summer mode, STM (Shortcuts to Manhood) and GEM (Girls Enrichment Ministry) will begin June 6 from 6:00-8:00pm, along with district volleyball on Tuesdays.

Many thanks to the Ash, Burget, Roberts, Preble, Schroeder, and Fisher families for hosting the SLY Progressive dinner. The fun, food and fellowship were all awesome!

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

Love & Blessings, Dave

Congratulations Confirmands 2012!



Gracie Alexandra Daniels, Tyler John Harned, Molly Catherine Howard, Madeline Wilkes LaMee, Jacob Bender Madsen, Heidi Sharee Markel, Joshua David Merchant, Parker Evan Keanu Schroeder, Berkleigh Anne Smith, Hannah Chrystal Smith, Hannah Elizabeth Smith, Kathryn Charlotte Smith, Abigail Suntken, Brooklyn Joanne Walker, Brent Michael Wester



Dave Laurvick
Director of
Youth Ministry





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.

MAY:
Africa

ST. LUKE'S MISSION 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 or Mike Preble 303-997-7474, mikepreble@yahoo.com.



Every 45 seconds, malaria claims a life in Africa. Millions of lives, needlessly lost each year. A continent. Entire nations... slipping away. Slipping through life's precious net. Unless you hear the buzzing inside you. **Imagine No Malaria** is an extraordinary effort of the people of The United Methodist Church, putting our faith into action to end preventable deaths by malaria in Africa, especially the death of a child or a mother. Achieving this goal requires an integrated strategy against the disease. As a life-saving ministry, Imagine No Malaria aims to empower the people of Africa to overcome malaria's burden. We fight malaria with a comprehensive model. For more information about Imagine No Malaria go to www.imagenomalaria.org.



Nuba Water Project was founded in 2007 by St. Luke's member Steve Riley and two Sudanese refugees, George Tuto and Ibrahim Agor. George and Ibrahim, determined to help their people in the Nuba Mountains, worked with Steve to identify a focus for their work... water. In Sudan, some women and children walk up to six hours daily to fetch water that will likely make them sick. Besides preventing disease and death, providing a local source of clean water frees the women to do other daily household tasks and allows the children to go to school. The motto became "Clean Water Brings Life." In response to the current crisis in the Nuba Mountains—government-sponsored air attacks that have forced people to flee to caves and refugee camps - we have expanded our work to include humanitarian relief by purchasing and delivering soap, salt, and medical supplies. For more information about the Nuba Water Project, please visit www.nubawaterproject.org.

Ishe Anesu Project It is July 2010, and we are up on a hilltop, overlooking the city of Mutare Zimbabwe at the Ishe Anesu Project. Looking in any direction, one sees life in continual motion within the haze of dust from the dry countryside and the smoke from all the cooking fire pots. The traffic below is congested, and we hear an explosion somewhere off in the distance. The condemned building below us displays laundry billowing out most of its windows. There is a gentle breeze on this particular day and the sun is warm, it is a surprisingly peaceful up here on the hilltop. Just to the right of the school, sits a newly built beautiful home, it is the new Ishe Anesu (God with Us) orphanage home, waiting to be filled with 10 orphaned children and a Mom and Dad, but the reality of this picture, the emphasis is on "sits".

In 2010, our family journey to Africa with Dr. Tapiwa Mucherera and his family to share your gifts, our time and love with the 70 + children at Ishe Anesu Project. We provided uniforms, shoes, underclothes, gym equipment and painted an entire administration building in a week. I wish everyone could have the opportunity to share in this spiritual experience.

It's been two years since our visit and we still receive thank emails. Several times a year I look forward to getting a newsletter from the director, Mrs. Maria Humbane. I received one just last week and this is part of what she shared:

The completion of the construction of the orphanage is at stand-still. Although water is now connected, the house cannot be used until sewer has been done. Funds for the completion of the sewer are yet to come. On the other hand, all is paid for, for connecting electricity. We are waiting for the power company to send an electrician to come and connect power. Meanwhile, beds for the children are ready and two refrigerators are in place. Furniture for the matron is yet to be purchased—bed, stove, kitchen furniture, etc. Furniture for the children's living room is also on the waiting list. On behalf of the children of Ishe Anesu, we would like to, once again, express our most sincere gratitude and appreciation to all of you for your continued financial and moral support to the Ishe Anesu Project. May the Lord continue to bless you more and more abundantly as you continue to serve Him in helping those in need. In Christ, Maria and Bill Humbane

My heart breaks to read that still, after two years, the children have yet to move into their new, clean, love filled home. Maria shares that Africans are used to being patient, used to waiting, used to relying on their faith and hope that the future will be brighter. She said we will continue to pray, sing and praise God for what we do have. If only I had half the faith they have. I have to be honest, I'm not sure how we can help right now. But, I promise you I will let you know when I do. For more information contact Laurie Gilbert (303-791-1328, laurie_gilbert@comcast.net).



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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.*

MAY 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>13</p> <p>Mother's Day 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship –Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes 9:30am: Cafe St. Luke's 11:00am: Faith & Friends noon: UMW Mtg. 6:34pm: Fusion</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30pm: Executive Team Meeting 7:00pm: Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:00pm: Stewardship Team Meeting 6:30pm: Children's Ministry Team Meeting 7:30pm: Planned Giving Team Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30am: Little School Graduation 5:30pm: SLY Homework Hour 6:30pm: SLY Wednesday 6:30pm: Parents of Teens/Young Adults with Depression/Bipolar 7:00pm: Itch to Stitch</p>	 <p>17</p> <p>9:30am: Little School Graduation 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30am: Playgroup</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00am: Work Day 10:00am: Wesley Writers 12:30pm: SLY, Jr. to DenUM</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Graduation Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship –Angie Steinhauer 8:15am: Contemplative Worship 11:00am: Faith & Friends 12:15pm: Learning with St. Luke's Team Mtg. 2:00pm: All-Church Laurvick Baby Shower 5:30pm: Youth Dinner (\$2) 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:34pm: Fusion</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>6:00pm: Women's Evening Book Study</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30pm: Staff Parish Relations Team Mtg.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30pm: SLY Wednesday</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00pm: We Don't Waste - Fill the Plate 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>6:45pm: Family Movie Night "The Muppets"</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Pentecost 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship –Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes 11:00am: Faith & Friends 6:34pm: Fusion</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Memorial Day Church Office Closed</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:00am: Men's Group © Egg & I</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship</p>	<p>JUNE 1</p> <p>9:30am: Playgroup</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30am: Simply Saturday noon: We Don't Waste - Fill the Plate</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Promotion Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship –Rev. Bradley Laurvick (last Sunday at St. Luke's) 11:00am: Faith & Friends 5:30pm: SLY, Jr. - welcome new 5th graders 6:00pm: SLY PM Picnic with SLY, Jr. (\$2) 6:34pm: Fusion</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>9:00am: Performing Arts Academy</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00am: Performing Arts Academy</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>9:30am: Wacky Wednesdays 9:00am: Performing Arts Academy 6:00pm: STM/GEM 6:30pm: Parents of Teens/Young Adults with Depression/Bipolar</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00am: Performing Arts Academy 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00am: Performing Arts Academy 5:45pm: Parent's Night Out</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00am: Parking Lot Sale 10:00am: Genealogy 101 6:45pm: Bridge Club</p>