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Shakespeare at St. Luke's!

To go or not to go?...
GO!!

Friday
November 2
at 7:00pm &
Saturday
November 3
at 2:00 &
7:00pm.
Suggested

donation of \$5 per person. Proceeds go to building a garage addition for the

Wesley players.



Fall is Here!

Kick Off Sunday
Church Picnic
Pumpkin Sales to
support Youth Missions
Feeding of the 5,000 Food Drive

Blessing of the Animals





Changing Lives for GOD

Learning Some Old Concepts for a New Day

"You shall go there, bringing... your tithes and your donations, your votive gifts, your freewill offering..."

- Deuteronomy 12:5-6

When we begin conversations about generosity and gratitude, the pastoral team is often asked about the origin of the biblical phrase "tithes and offerings". These biblical concepts still name the vibrant ways we choose to give.

The TITHE represents 10% of the bounty with which God blesses us. It is also the symbol that Paul uses when he writes to the young churches of the first century. He calls for "proportional giving". We are to give in proportion to what we have earned, in proportion to what we have accumulated, in proportion to what we possess. We are to give in proportion to how we have prospered under the grace of God. So, "tithing" is a symbol for planned giving. Tithing helps us give significantly in a systematic way. It is a planned share in the purposes of God. Tithing reminds us that we are all stewards and not owners. A tithe is a guide toward responsible, healthy, significant faith-promise giving.

A TITHE represents what you plan to give to the ministry and mission of the church. It is your plan – freely decided upon. It is promised out of your financial means, and cheerfully given. The tithe is the amount we bring weekly or monthly as an act of worship.

Next we are enjoined to bring our OFFERINGS. The Bible knows at least two kinds of offerings which have connection with our lives today. First, there are the "votive offerings". Votive offerings are part of a vow or promise, or they represent a specific act of thanksgiving to God, or a personal act of devotion. Seasonal offerings, missional giving, bequests, and memorials are in the category of votive offerings.

The biblical witness also speaks of "freewill offerings." It is an unplanned, unstructured, unexpected out-of-pocket offering on the spur of the moment. The freewill offering is giving out of a sudden impulse of love, out of a felt need. It is the envelope in your worship bulletin when you arrive on a Sunday morning that invites a response for a special cause. It is the call for a special disaster relief offering due to flood, or hurricane. It is the spontaneous gift to the pastor's relief fund for homeless persons. It is a breakfast burrito to support a Guatemala Mission Team or our Boy Scout Troop.

Bring your tithes and your votive offerings and your freewill offerings to the house of worship. The text is an amazing ancient writing with a high level of contemporary relevance. It all adds up to a single central truth: As we give of any monetary amount, we are primarily receivers and transmitters of the love of God in the world. Ultimately, that's what any giving is all about. —Rev. Janet

Sunday Worship Services: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am 6:30pm: Revolution Contemplative Services also offered (Check website for dates and times)

> Sunday School: Adult, Youth & Children: 9:30am & 11:00am

Nursery available for: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am services

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Rev. Janet Forbes Senior Pastor

The Net: Making a Difference and Changing Lives for Good

I have heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all of God's people. So I never stop being grateful for you, as I mention you in my prayers.

-Ephesians 1: 15-16, Contemporary English Version

Throughout October, we will celebrate the St. Luke's community: connecting and changing lives!

Relationships are the ties that bind us together as a congregation. We are a people who live tied together by our belonging to the body of Christ.

The net is a symbol of these ties – persons of different ages, meeting in groups of differing interests, worshiping in different services, gathering from different backgrounds, longing for different spiritual journeys who are all linked together. The net also catches us in times of uncertainty as St. Luke's holds us up in times of growth, transition, and change.

My hope is that this theme will help our family strengthen the ways that we are woven together, cherishing each other, becoming a way station for those who come together with their own unique stories, diverse by generation, vocation, faith tradition, gifts, and backgrounds. Our community grows closer. Lives are changed for good!

NEW MINSTRIES PLANNED FOR 2013

- Because of our program growth, we are in the joyous position to need resources to support growing Youth Ministry, particularly Confirmation. I have a dream that we would make the Confirmation experience available to every young person, regardless of their ability to pay for the resources, retreat, or mission immersion.
- The popular Spirituality and Wellness initiative expands in 2013 with the offering of group and individual spiritual direction.
- We anticipate an increase for the Staff Parish Relations Team for the new category
 of staff continuing education. We also have requests for additional hours to
 accommodate growth in pastoral care, communications, and Drama Ministry.
- The Executive Team plan to build the Capital Repairs Contingency Fund in anticipation of future major repairs to our church house.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY is planned for Sunday, November 4 with a service of Holy Communion and the commitment of gifts.

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

"I've heard it said that people come into our lives for a reason
Bringing something we must learn
And we are led to those who help us most to grow, if we let them
And we help them in return.
I know I'm who I am today because I knew you.
I have been changed for the better.
I have been changed for good."

(For Good, Stephen Schwartz)

Thank you, St. Luke's. Your generosity has touched so many. Because of your faithfulness, you are making a difference. You are changing lives for good!

-Rev. Janet



Rev. Ryan Canaday Associate Minister

Feeding of the 5,000 - Oct. 19, 20 & 21!!

We need your help in making this thing happen! What's happening? Hopefully 80,000 lbs of food will be gathered, then donated to Denver Urban Ministries [DenUM]. When the disciples saw the crowds of the 5000 they wondered what to do,

"Shall we send them away?" Jesus was filled with compassion. He responded, "No, go to them! Give them something to eat!" It's really quite simple: we're gathering food to feed the hungry. We are following the way of Jesus in a very practical way. We are coming together in love to make a difference in the world! I hope you are planning to participate.

Here is a quick checklist of how you can help us make a difference in the lives of thousands of hungry families.

- Make a personal food donation the weekend of October 19-21.
- 2. Take home bags, available at St. Luke's on the table near the front entrance, to hand out to as many friends & neighbors as you can and ask them to donate.
- 3. Sign up for shifts at our grocery store locations, and encourage friends and neighbors to do so as well. We added Safeway stores this year! Sign ups are available at St. Luke's or simply visit www. StLukesHR.com and click on "Signups" under Quick Links, then click on "Feeding of the 5000."
- Sign up to work the food trucks we will have at the church as we sort, box, and prepare the food for delivery.
- Use Facebook, Twitter, and other social media outlets to invite friends to participate and donate.

"I Make A Difference" T-Shirts are still available for \$10. If you have already purchased one, or are planning to purchase one, please wear it throughout the weekend when you are volunteering.

After all is said and done, come join us that Sunday evening at Revolution © 6:30pm! We will be celebrating our work through sharing a meal together [please bring a dish to share] and sharing some stories together of

our experiences from throughout the weekend. The Revolution band will be providing music for the evening. Food, music, and storytelling... hope to see you there!

It's gonna be an awesome weekend!



Rev. Sallie Suby-Long Associate Minister

Grief Support Group will Begin November I I

Grief comes to us in many forms, washing over us in unexpected ways and times. Tears are often an expression of our grief, and are a good and appropriate response to loss. Even though we trust we are moving toward healing, at times we may feel very alone in this journey. St. Luke's is offering a Grief Support Group beginning on Sunday afternoon November 11th. I would like to extend to you a special invitation to join others as we share our stories, honor and remember loved ones and move toward healing.

As we approach the holiday season, grieving the loss of a loved one can be especially difficult. Customary routines are adjusted, some never to be repeated in quite the same way. Laughter, that at one time was so easy, may become awkward or even absent. Gift-giving might somehow seem empty. Significant loss, either to death, divorce, or estrangement, brings about many changes in life including how we go about functioning during the holiday season. People who are grieving have many questions: How can I make it through all the events of the holidays while so greatly missing the person I love? Would I be better off to ignore the holidays this year? Should I act as if everything were normal? Should I make major changes in my holiday rituals?

If you are grieving a loss, this Grief Support Group is for you. If you have questions about how to go about the coming holiday season in the midst of grief, this group is for you. If you have experienced loss in the past, and would like to support others who are trying to cope with loss, this group is for you.

When:

Sundays 1:00-2:30pm November 11, 18, 25,

December 2 (A Service of Remembrance)

Where: St. Luke's - Room 213

I hope you will consider attending the Grief Support Group. We can journey with one other in the coming holiday season. To sign up for the grief support group, you may call me at 303-791-0659 x 32, email me at sallie@stlukeshr.com or sign up at the Get Connected Center.







Lynda Fickling Director of Servant Ministry/ Spiritual Director

Connecting within a community is often overwhelming and challenging. We encourage you to let us know what would make your journey at St. Luke's a fulfilling experience. Please contact Lynda Fickling, Director of Servant Ministry or any of our Pastoral Team. Here are a few ideas to get you thinking – then give

us a call to connect!

Volunteer to Serve – we follow a spirit-led connecting process and encourage you to take the Spiritual Gifts Assessment (www.stlukeshr.com/SpiritualGifts) This will help you match up with the areas that drive your passion. We are all seeking happiness, and it is said that this is found by serving others.

Email lists – Make sure you are receiving our weekly email blasts. They are filled with opportunities for you and your family members. (www.stlukeshr.com/p_emaillists.asp)

Visit the Get Connected Center in the open area upstairs. We have a wide variety of areas you can connect with and folks there to help guide you.

Ask your friends - where are they volunteering? What do they find fulfilling here in our community?

We invite you to experience the community of St. Luke's... Get Connected!





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. 303-79 I-0659 x32, leave a note on the front desk, or email sallie@stlukeshr.com or brenda@stlukeshr.com

LATEST ENTRIES TO PRAYER LIST:

Jil Hoffmann

Susan Leggett - Lisé Takayama & Kam Boles' friend

Sidney Wasson - Scott Wesson's grandfather Betty Lubben - Jan Munoz's mother John Thompson - Julie Ramsett's father Kristen Lionelle - Brenda Schafer's friend Rose Templar

Dave Swift - Rick & Louise Jasper's friend Dave Brown - Brenda Schafer's friend Grace George

Jim Halderman - Bob Halherman's brother Greg Johnson - Sharon Hayllar's friend Pat Wallace - Nikki Walker's mother Jacob Williams

Laura Kuhn

Angie Cortese

Mary Kuritani Linda Young

Kerry Lucero

Minnie Mortimer Georgiana Handy - Nita Dunn's mother

Wyatt Justin Snyder

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Adam & Meg Snyder on the birth of their son,

SYMPATHIES TO:

The Haas family –Don, Dan, Jon, Heather and Bill–and their extended family on the passing of Alberta Haas

Truman & Bobbi King on the passing of Bobbi's niece, Crystal Bazz

LaShai Rogers on the passing of her mother, Sheilah Williams Manley

Jim & Pam Birdwell on the passing of their son, Christopher Birdewell, while serving military duty in Afghanistan

Val & Elizabeth Billups on the passing of Val's mother, Helen Billups

Terry & Janet Walters on the passing of Janet's father, William Burket

Kay Swanson on the passing of her godmother, Mary Jane Waldron

Mike & Gwen Riggle on the passing of Gwen's cousin, Chris Fredericksen

Tony & Kelly Amadeo on the passing of their friend, Kallan Stithern

Don & Karmie Hilleary on the passing of Karmie's father, Lyle Wood

Susan, Brad & Susan, Kiana, Jim and Jack Warren on the passing of Helen Warren mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and greatgrandmother

Contemplative Writing Workshop

Using Story to Explore the Deeper Places

Insight to your Life Path through Writing



This course will enable you to take an autobiographically based event and write it in short story form. It emphasizes individualized instructor interaction and coaching, rather than group feedback. It concentrates on specific steps which lead to completing a work of writing satisfying to you, rather than preparing for publication.

In this class you will take a vividly remembered life event and put it to paper in story form. This story will bring out that special significance in your experience with great texture and nuance. You will be taking the next step past expository journal writing and going into the realm of story for a deeper, fuller expression of your experience.

If you are now ready to give yourself the gifts of time for contemplation and effort for writing, this course will support your inner vision with specific processes and intensive instructor interaction to help you succeed.

Date/Time: Every other Wednesday beginning

October 3, from 6:30-8:00pm

Location: St Luke's Church, 8817 S. Broadway,

Conference Room 206

Cost: Group meetings are free of charge

To Register or Ask Questions: Call Marty Shopes 303-877-4109 or Marshall Kuhn 303-931-5473





Marty Shopes has been a writer for thirty years. He studied with novelist Mark Harris in a Master's program at Arizona State University and taught writing to undergraduate students there. He has been teacher, manager and mentor to hundreds of people in a variety of positions ranging from Public School Teacher to Director at a Fortune 200 Company

More from Les: Bend, But Don't Break

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

As I attended the September 18 memorial service for our dear friend, Alberta Haas, I recalled some of her words of advice offered during the last year I served as the Associate Minister at St. Luke's. May God bless our memories of her.

"Got to get over to the choir loft as quickly and quietly as I can," I thought as I finished leading the Call to Worship for the 9:30 worship service. I started to step down from the altar area riser when I caught my foot and began to fall. Alberta Haas was sitting in the front row of seats right in my path of descent!

Phase III of the church building plan was well under way in 1997, but the new Sanctuary was far from complete. Worship services were still being held in what is now our Fellowship Hall. Attendance was continuing to grow and even though we had gone to three services, seating was crowded with seats extending from the Choir risers on the south to the new Narthex area on the north and from the West wall to about 2 feet from the worship area risers on the east "Up close and personal" was an accurate descriptor of the worship experience, especially at the 9:30am service.

"Can't fall on her!" I thought as I quickly tried to regain my balance. One step and I caught myself. One more and I would have been in her lap! No time to say anything, I quickly moved to the Choir risers and took my place.

After the service was over, I walked up to Alberta to apologize for the narrowly averted crash. "Alberta, I'm really sorry I almost fell on you during worship, I hope I didn't scare you!" Alberta smiled her famous smile, "Oh, I wasn't scared, I hardly noticed you were coming my way. And it would be OK if you fell on me, I might have bent, but I wouldn't break!"

A couple of months later, I would announce in worship that I had been appointed to Wheatland UMC in Wheatland, Wyoming, beginning the first Sunday in November. Alberta made a point to talk to me after the service.

"Les, I grew up not far from where you are going and I want to give you some advice about living in southeastern Wyoming. The wind does blow a little more there than we are used to here. To live there you have to learn to bend a little at times to make sure you don't break."

And that applies to a lot more in life than wind!

God bless us all as we thank God for Alberta's life and wise advice.

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Spirituality and Wellness

"In the midst of the changing season, we see new life and new visions within ourselves."

From An Autumn Blessing by Joyce Rupp and Macrina Weiderkehr

Journey toward Wholeness

The stunning beauty of our Colorado autumn has inspired the Spirituality and Wellness Team's planning and events. At St. Luke's the spirit indeed seems to be moving through quiet

moments, dramatic vistas, and time shared in gracious spaces.



September was a busy month. Participation in our Monday morning Mindful Presence sessions is growing, as our community seeks quiet centering to begin their busy weeks. Time for coffee and conversation is always available. Following a weekend retreat full of gracious spaces, our inaugural Engaging Spirituality class has begun their Wednesday evening explorations of the practical challenges encountered when we follow Jesus into our broken world. On September 29 St. Luke's hikers scaled Chief Mountain to enjoy the panoramic views of a world in glorious transition, and to gaze with respect on ancient Bristlecone pines. The broad, open summit offered private places to "listen to the aspen leaves pivot," and to reflect on our own "pivotal" experiences that can open us to the presence of God in our lives.

On October 2, the Invitation to the Soul introduced us to several new paths for connecting with and nurturing the spiritual aspects of our lives. Guided reflections accompanied tactile experiences that provided quiet, reflective opportunities to step outside of our noisy, busy lives. We experienced the contemplative oasis of a Taizé service, which offered the beauty of our candlelit Chapel, hauntingly melodic prayers, and sacred time for meditation.

Exploring new ways to experience God and to "be" quietly with our deepest selves will continue to guide the planning of our Spirituality and Wellness activities through the coming year, as we all move forward in our diverse journeys toward wholeness.

Save the Date: February 5, 2013 - An Evening Focused on the Authentic Self

-The Spirituality and Wellness Team

Group Spiritual Direction – A 3-Week Course Sundays: Oct. 28, Nov. 4 & Nov. 11, 4:00-5:30pm in the Chapel

This practice sometimes referred to as Spiritual Mentoring, Spiritual Guidance or Soul Friendship, is helping people share their sacred stories and accompanying others on the spiritual journey. It is a process of addressing spiritual formation at a deeper level and being attentive to God's presence in all aspects of life. Group Spiritual Direction or Individual Spiritual Direction often supports individuals in discerning life purpose, seeking new perspectives, working through change, embracing new chapters of life and enhancing self-awareness. Contact Rev. Sallie Suby-Long 303-791-0659 x32.







Samantha Leahy **Sharon Oliver** Director of Childcare

Director of Children's Ministry

much about sharing God's love and also having lots of fun!

Join us for "Brave" rated PG. Friday Nov. 16 at 6:45pm Bring your pillows, wear your pi's and join your St. Luke's family for popcorn and "Brave"! Determined to make her own path in life, Princess Merida defies a custom that brings chaos to her kingdom. Granted one wish, Merida must rely on her bravery and her archery skills to undo a beastly curse.

We are having a blast in Sunday School!

Preschoolers learned all about Baby Moses and are starting the story of Ruth. Elementary children learned about lewish traditions. We even built our own sukkah! Next we'll learn about Three Women of Faith -Lydia, Dorcas & Priscilla. Tweens are exploring what the Bible is all about and in Godly Play we will learn about the Exodus, the Ark and the Temple. Wow!



Third Graders were honored with their very own gift Bibles on Sept. 23. The children took part in a special blessing for their Bibles before they unwrapped the golden paper and dove in to explore their new Bibles with Rev. Ryan.

Don't forget to register your child for the new year of Sunday School! We ask that families fill out a new registration form each year for their children and now's the time. You can do it online at www.stlukeshr. com/children or grab a peach-colored form on Sunday

mornings at the Superintendent's Station and fill out. Thanks so much!

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

Thank you for attending Servant Training! All servants are required to join us for this fun and informative training session each year to equip our servants and keep our kids safe. If you couldn't join us, please let us know and we will make sure you get the proper information to be able to serve with us.

SLY, Jr. (5th & 6th graders) had a great time with SLY making donation jars and taking up collections for the Walk for Sudan. Those donations will go towards purchasing some very needed items like soap, salt, water and food to help the people in the Nuba mountains survive. We also had a fun time at the Corn Maze on Oct. 7 getting lost together in 10 foot tall corn stalks! Our next gathering will be Oct. 21 at 2:30pm for our annual afternoon of service for the Feeding of the 5,000. Bring \$3 and a can of food to donate and join us for a fun day of service and fellowship. Don't miss it! We have lots of other great events planned.Check out our full schedule at www.stlukeshr.com/children. Contact sharon@stlukeshr.com for more info.

Doggie blessings!



St. Luke's Kids Growing with God

St. Luke's Family Camp 2013: Save the Date!

St. Luke's 14th annual Family Camp will be held from July 19-28, 2013. It will be another great week at Snow Mountain Ranch in Granby, Colorado - full of fun, food, and fellowship. Come for a night or two, or stay the whole week. All are welcome!



Thanks, Dawn!

As you all hopefully learned through a church-wide email, Dawn Johnson has decided to step-down from her position as



Assistant Director of Children's Ministry, effective October 9, 2012. Dawn has contributed much to our children's programming over the past fourteen months. She assumed responsibility for the Sunday School preschool program where she brought fresh perspectives and led the effort to identify a new curriculum. Her contributions to Advent devotionals, Easter Fun Day, Vacation Bible School and Parent's Night Out have enriched the lives of our children and their families. Dawn's strong organizational skills were a plus to procedures and materials and our craft closet! Her warmth and infectious energy will be missed on staff. But Dawn will continue to be an active member in the St. Luke's family. Dawn, her husband Keith and their children Gabe and Vanessa consider St. Luke's their home, and we will continue to be blessed by their involvement. Thank you, Dawn!







Kay Swanson Director of Little School



Little School News: Fall Friends!

Little School is off to another fabulous year with wonderful children and families. It is so fun to see their smiling faces every morning and watch as they settle into their classes. The teachers are already bonding with their little ones as they begin to teach them. We love all the hugs and laughter and the warmth that permeates our rooms!

The end of September we had so much fun with the

Firemen and their BIG trucks that came to visit! We watched as they put on their equipment and taught us not to be afraid if they need to come and rescue us. We also practiced our fire drills and being safe. We gave the firemen donuts to thank them for coming and fire hats were provided by Firehouse Subs!

Our theme this year for Little School is: "Paint your own Rainbow" and Rev. Ryan came to chapel and told us the story of Noah and the promise of the rainbow. We are learning this year what it means to be unique in our own special way. We are excited that Rev. Ryan will be joining us for chapel each month and we can't wait to hear what his next story will be!

October is a busy month learning about our fall season, watching the leaves change, and cooking with apples! We will look forward to our Harvest Parties and will be helping the St. Luke's Youth by collecting Halloween Costumes. Everyone will get a chance to pick out a pumpkin at the pumpkin patch and we will listen to stories of our animal friends getting ready for winter.

This year we have a new on-going ministry to help REVOLUTION (St. Luke's Sunday evening worship service) make lunches for the homeless. We are asking our parents to donate peanut butter and jelly, granola bars, packaged small chips and sandwich bags. This will be a wonderful way for the kids to learn about taking care of others and helping the less fortunate.

LITTLE SCHOOL WILL AGAIN THIS YEAR BE COLLECTING LEFT OVER HALLOWEEN CANDY FOR THE COLORADO AIDS PROJECT. PLEASE SAVE YOUR CANDY AND BRING IT TO THE CHURCH. DEPOSIT BOXES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

We wish you pleasant fall days and time for making memories with your children!

Blessings, Ms. Kay and Staff
"Kids go where there is excitement.
They stay where there is love."

Welcoming our newest members

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

Molly Driver (no pic) "I love the music and the people I have met and the worship services."



Meghan Dietz

"I want my kids to grow up in a Christian environment & we love Janet!"



Mike & Katie Rhue

"Janet is awesome!! We felt very welcome from the very first day we attended St. Luke's."

Equipping God's Ministries

The Equipping Ministry Team (formerly the Lay Leadership Team) is again gearing up to work with our St. Luke's teams to insure they are equipped to continue their service in 2013. Bruce Pawley is leading the team this year and is joined by the following team members: Jean Ann Duncan, John Church, Jon Streaty, Joan Goddard, Melanie Kirkpatrick, and Paul Peterman

You may have already spoken with a member of this team as we have begun our team interviews. Please feel free to contact them with any questions or concerns regarding any of our teams. The Equipping Ministry Team (EMT) will be working hard in the next couple of months to identify leadership/membership needs and begin inviting those to serve. You may receive a call from us to see if God is calling you to serve in one of these capacities. There are many opportunities for you to serve in ways that match your spiritual gifts (take the Spirit Gifts Assessment at www.stlukeshr.com, on the Quick Links list).

Our nine member teams with three-year terms include: SPRT (Staff/Parish Relations Team), Finance Team, Ministry Equipping Team, Planned Giving Team, Stewardship Team, Missions Team, Learning with St. Luke's Team, Long Range Planning Team, and Trustees Team. Our newest team is our Seasoned Voyagers Team (50+ Ministry) with an 8 person, 2yr term. We also have many other teams (see the Ministry Catalog on the website under Publications or at the Get Connected Center) that have two-year leadership terms as well as teams that just need new members to bring their gifts and passions to the ministry. If you are interested in learning more about how you can serve St. Luke's, please contact Bruce Pawley 303-471-8353 brucepawley©comcast.net or Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x20 lynda©stlukeshr.com

U M W S P I R I T U A L I T Y



"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."

Spotlight on: Itch to Stitch ...

The Itch to Stitch group has several missions and one is making Prayer Shawls. The shawls may be made of cloth or yarn with each stitch considered as a prayer to help the receiver to cope, to heal or to recover from their situation.

All are welcome to join Itch to Stitch. We have two young men who made mistakes in their lives and are paying back society with prison time. They are working hard toward their release. Meanwhile, they both have self taught themselves to work with yarn and do beautiful work. Most importantly, they have found Christianity and a new way to serve when they were introduced to the idea of making prayer shawls. Finding out that each of their stitches represents a prayer of healing has given them a purpose to continue their good works. The Itch to Stitch asks the congregation to join us in prayerful support of these young men.

Simply Saturday Tour by Nan Woods

Our simply Saturday group went to Denver to have a tour of Trinity United Methodist Church, Denver's Church organized in 1959. Our guide met us outside the church and escorted us in along with a young couple from Switzerland who asked to join us. It started out as First Methodist Episcopal Church and then went through a series of names. In 1887 they voted to call it Trinity Methodist Church. On December 23, 1888 over one thousand people filled the Sanctuary.

The building is one of the first examples of Modern Gothic in the United States. Blocks of quarried castle rock Rhyolite were used for the exterior. The steeple stands 883 feet from the ground. The organ was designed by Roosevelt Organ Works of New York. In total there are 4, 275 pipes. It was one of the largest Roosevelt Organs built in the 19th century and is still in use. There are 66 lights above representing the books of the bible. The stained glass art work was designed by Healy and Miller in Chicago. The two rows of windows are identifiable by the 12 spokes symbolizing the 12 apostles and 12 tribes of Israel. The white marble angel baptismal font was built in 1888. The sanctuary was built on the second floor symbolic of the belief that we should walk upward to worship God. The seats used today are original with the building. Our tour was something we will all remember forever.

Fall Kick-Off Meeting At the UMW Fall Kick-off the new slate of officers for 2013 was approved. (Officers to be listed in next issue). The Mission focus was the We Don't Waste ministry and we donated over \$400 to help with a new refrigerated van. Thank you to Andrea Kirchhoff for sharing all the insights about this wonderful mission opportunity.

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

- · Simply Saturday.
 - Sat., Oct. 6, 9:00am Meet Rev. Ryan as he shares his faith story Childcare available 48 hours in advance sam@stlukeshr.com
 - Sat., Nov. 3 Volunteer at Love INC Thrift Shop, Renewed Treasures
 - Sat., Dec. 1 9:00-10:00am with Rev. Sallie

For info, contact Lynda Fickling Lynda@stlukeshr.com 303-791-0659 x20.

- *Book Group:* Fourth Monday of the month, Room 206, Evening meeting 7:00pm, **October 22 -** *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother* by Amy Chua. **November 26** *Heaven is for Real* by Todd Burpo For more information, please call Renae Parra at 303-683-0872.
- *Itch to Stitch:* NEW day and time Second Saturday of each month 10:00-11:30am in Goliath area in church basement. Contact Fran West 303-797-7107 for more info.
- Women's Night Out: First Monday of the month, 6:30pm various locations.

Nov. 5 - Pei Wei Asian Diner; 9532 S. Colorado Blvd. H. Ranch, 80126

Dec. 4 - join us at Candlelight Dinner

Pick up a copy of the full 2012-13 list at the Get Connected Table.

For more information, please contact or Elaine Carlstrom at ecarlstrom@comcast.net.

Mark Your Calendars:

Dec. 4 Tuesday – Candlelight Dinner

Want Your Spiritual Life to Blossom?

This Enneagram Workshop Can Help.

The Enneagram is a Personality Type Awareness Tool

Unlike the Myers Briggs it deals with understanding Motivations rather than Information Processing Styles.

- Understand deeply-held patterns that impede our ability to live and love more fully.
- Developing awareness of the underlying motivations in yourself and others.

Join us and learn how to better understand and relate with all types of people across your relationships.

Free 3-Part Workshop Meets every other Monday

Time:

Mondays 6:30 to 9:00pm

Dates: Oct. 15, 29, Nov. 12

Location: St Luke's Chapel

Contact (Presenters):

Marshall Kuhn 303-931-5473

Michael Streevy 585-943-4328

Jenita Rhodes 303-809-6440

A free short personality test will be done in-class. Those wanting to take a more accurate in-depth test can do so on-line for \$10 at www. enneagraminstitute.com

Attention St. Luke's Musicians of All Ages!

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

JOIN US!:

- Chancel Choir: Thursdays at 7:00pm
- Brass Ensemble: Saturdays at 8:00am
- Tintinnabulators Adult Handbell Choir: Tuesdays at 7:00pm
- St. Luke's Youth Jazz Orchestra (7th-12th): Sundays at 3:30pm
- Soul Purpose Youth Choir (7th-12th): Sundays at 4:30pm
- Joyful Noise Youth Bells: Tuesdays at 6:00pm
- Primary (1st-3rd) and Junior Prayz (4th-6th)
 Children's Choirs:
 Wednesdays from 6:30-7:20pm
- Tone Chimes (4th-6th): Wednesdays from 7:20-8:00pm
- Cherub's Choir (3 yrs-K): Wednesdays from 6:30-7:15pm
- MINISTERS OF SWING, FLUTES and ORCHESTRA are TBA.

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



James Ramsey Director of Music & Arts Ministries



Kenrick Mervine Associate Dir. of Music Ministry/ Organist



Jennifer Ferguson Associate Director of Music Ministry



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



Jenna Wilcox Director of Drama Ministry

SLYJO stands for "St. Luke's Youth Jazz Orchestra!"

SLYJO is a jazz/pop group that meets once a week at St. Luke's. We are made up of youth (grades 7-12) from both St. Luke's and outside communities. Students from any church, school, community are welcome to attend! We provide outreach with our music, playing for nursing homes, helping teach young children



about instruments, and playing at the St. Luke's Tree Lighting at Christmas time! We meet Sundays from 3:30-4:30pm in Asbury (the music room.) Come and join us! Contact Jennifer at jennifer@stlukeshr.com for more information!

The Colorado Women's Chorale comes to St. Luke's!

The Colorado Women's Chorale, under the direction of Jennifer Ferguson (Associate Director of Music Ministry here at St. Luke's) will be coming to St. Luke's for a special fall concert on Friday November 9 at 7:30pm! CWC will be partnering with the Douglas County High School Belles for the concert titled "Over the Rainbow," featuring selections from Les Miserables, the Orban Mass No. 6, works from Walker, Raminsh, and Persichetti, and of course the well known Somewhere Over the Rainbow. CWC is part of Augustana Arts, a non-profit organization whose mission is to "Gather community, support the arts, and delight the spirit." Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors/students and can be advance-purchased at www.augustanaarts.org/concerts.html.

Veteran's Day MOS Concert!

The St. Luke's Minister's of Swing, once again partnering with the Gabe Mervine Quartet, will be performing a special Veteran's Day concert in honor of our country's military heroes. Come and join us for a mix of patriotic and well-loved familiar tunes. Present and former military are welcome for free. Suggested \$5 donation at the door on Sunday, November 11, at 7:30pm in the St. Luke's Sanctuary.



HAAT Force will soon be starting its

third season. And in conjunction with that we have some upcoming events we would like you to keep in mind.

Columbine United Church will be supporting HAAT Force by holding an Electronic Recycling Event on Oct.13. It will be held at Columbine United Church located at 6375 S. Platte Canyon Rd., Littleton. The event will run from 10:00am-2:00pm. If you have any electronics to recycle please bring them to Columbine United. There will be a small fee for recycling. See you then.

Also our **Fall Kickoff Celebration** will be the following Thur. Oct. 18 at Café 180 from 5:30-7:30pm. Don't miss Café 180's great menu and the live entertainment provide by Owen Kortz —*Peter Reif*



Upcoming Events!

- October 16 DENUM Game of Life!! (6:00-7:30pm) The people of DENUM are coming to join us in a night of fun while we start to understand more deeply those in our community who are in need.
- October 20 2nd Load of Pumpkins Arrive (9:00am) Already time for more pumpkins to come in! Meet us there to help us unload!
- October 27 Warren Village Halloween Party (2:30-9:00pm) Each year SLY gets together and puts on a huge Haunted House/ Halloween Party for the kids from Warren Village. It is always a favorite among St. Luke's Youth!! Meet at the church at 2:30pm and we'll drive down together.
- * November 2-4 Ignite:The
 Journey Fall Retreat for 9th-12th
 Graders A senior high district youth
 event for high schoolers to connect
 with their faith and other youth with
 guest speaker Rev. Jerry Herships. It
 will be at Rainbow Trail Camp near
 Hillside Colorado, a beautiful place for
 a beautiful weekend!
- * November 18th DENUM Turkey Boxes We are heading over to DENUM to put together Turkey Boxes to give to those who can't afford their Thanksgiving meals this year!! We need people...And food!!
- Sign up to recieve our emails and Check www.sites.google. com/site/stlukeshryouth2012 for up-to-date info on programs, activities, opportunities and more!

ON THE SLY: Busy, Busy, Busy!!

We've had a lot going on, and it's not slowing down!! We started September out with our Annual SLY Kick-Off, and it was a huge success! Nearly 200 adults and youth showed up to learn more about SLY and enjoy some good BBQ. We were extremely happy to see so many new, and old faces! Later in the month, Dave's good friend Eddy Kovacevich came out for



Dave Laurvick Director of Youth Ministry



Amy McMullen Assistant Dir. of Youth Ministry

a night of Hip-Hop. Eddy is a professional choreographer and has worked with many of the top people in the music business. If it was possible, I think the youth were even more impressed than I was! After sharing his own faith journey, he led the youth, and Rev. Janet and me, in a lesson in Hip-Hop. Some of the youth came out with some pretty awesome new moves, while the rest of us learned how to 'act' like we know what we are doing!

Of course the biggest news for October is the Pumpkin Patch! Early afternoon on September 30th, a semi truck pulled into the St. Luke's parking lot full of pumpkins. We had a great turnout to unload the truck. Teamwork doesn't seem work, right? The pumpkin patch is the biggest fundraiser for youth missions at St. Luke's. There will be three youth mission trips next year and the success of the pumpkin patch is so important in making these trips happen. Thank you to all that give your time or buy a pumpkin. Your help is very much appreciated.

The pumpkin patch is not the only thing we have going on this month. We have many events occurring such as the Fall Festival at the church on the 6th and putting on our Annual Haunted House/Halloween Party for Warren Village on the 27th. Here are some of the things we've got goin' on this month:

Sundays:

- SLY AM (9:30-10:30am) We're calling this month Outreach October! What a wonderful time of
 the year to look beyond ourselves and see how we can help the world around us. We will take a look
 at some of the organizations that St. Luke's works with and ones that our youth are passionate about.
- Community Dinner (5:30-6:00pm) \$2 per person. If you feel inclined to help feed our youth, you can sign up on the St. Luke's website.
- SLY PM (6:00-7:30pm) Continuing with our theme of outreach, many of our Sunday night events
 are related to making the world a better place. On the 14th, people from DenUM are visiting us to
 play their version of 'The Game of Life' with us. The 21st will be a day full of canned food as the
 youth help out with the Feeding of the 5000, ending the day with a colorful Revolution service. And
 of course we could not end October without a good Halloween movie!! All sorts of fellowship and
 fun activities are happening Sunday nights in the youth room! Check out our website for details.

Wednesdays:

- Homework/Tutoring Hour (5:30-6:30pm) A chance to get your homework done and even get help if you need it!
- Wed. SLY (6:30-8:00pm) Youth directed fellowship activities! This month we are making homemade pizza, watching movies, playing games, and having a Halloween Party!

As you can see, we have a lot going on! We look forward to a busy October focusing on building relationships and reaching out to those in need!

Yours in Christ, Amy (& Dave!)

SLY & SLY, Jr. created donation jars for Walk for Sudan and collected over \$900 for the cause!!

Way to go!











Lisé Takayama Assistant Director of Finance

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

of Finance 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:

- I. 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.

Genealogy 101 meets at 10:00am on the second Saturday of each month and Wesley Writers meets at 10:00am the third Saturday of each month – Join Us!!

Trustees: Ministry in Motion needs Bus Drivers!

One sure sign it's September is the reappearance of LOTS of yellow school busses. You may not realize it but or own St. Luke's *Ministry In Motion* bus has been busy all summer long, and in taking a look at our fall schedule, we expect that trend to grow! If you have a CD-L license and some availability to help us out with a few trips, we want to talk to you. If you have any interest in getting your CD-L, and volunteering to drive our bus, or if you have friends or family who are already licensed bus drivers who would be interested in helping us out, please let us know, there's a place for you here!

We are blessed to have an extensive and growing list of mission, social, and outreach program opportunities every day of the week, and several involve travel to another location. Many of our weekday trips begin after most school bus drivers are done for the morning, and return in time for them to drive after school routes. In addition to the various youth and college trips you've heard about this summer, we transport Wind Crest residents to the 9:30 Sunday Worship Service, and we'd like to add service to Holly Creek, too. One of our volunteers trains and tests drivers for Douglas County Schools, and she's offered to coach any new drivers. We'll reimburse your licensing fees once you're complete and on our volunteer roster. Please call Sandi Miyaki, 303-913-9993, or email: sandi.miyaki@realtor.com to learn more. Thank you!



Greetings from Seasoned Voyagers

Manijeh Badiozamani was the Seasoned Voyagers Sept 11th Kick-Off speaker. It was a dynamic presentation and we learned about the day to day life in Tehran, Iran. She shared how people in the world just want to

take care of their families, no matter where we live or what language

we speak, it is a common bond we all share. Manijeh went a long way in bridging the gap between our two countries.

Manijeh gave us an understanding of the daily life in Tehran, that we can't glean from the TV newscasters, who are covering the political scene and not the every day lives of the Iranian people.

She also shared the joys and concerns she had ensuring that her 86 year old mother had

the in-home day care she needed. Trying to take care of her mother long distance is not an easy task as many of the audience could understand.

Her presentation left us all with some things to think about and mull over and just maybe, changed our minds how we view people from different cultures and places around the world.

To start our Seasoned Voyagers get together we had a delicious pot luck lunch and there was hardly anything left! I think people were hungry. The 26 people in attendance had a good time.

Once again look forward to conversations with Janet on first Tuesdays of each month and evening Bridge on second Saturdays.

Coming up on October 10th will be latest cultural luncheon this time celebrating German culture with delicious meal and virtual tour of the country.

Mountain Retreat

Tents and RV's and Cabins - Oh My!





The retreat weekend at Monarch Spur Campground in early September was enjoyed by twelve folks ranging in age from 5 to over 70. There was plenty to do and time for relaxation. We enjoyed shopping, hiking, bird watching, fishing, reading, napping and eating great food. The retreat allowed everyone an opportunity to do their own thing and also for all to come together for fellowship around a blazing campfire (with s'mores after the coals became perfect) and Sunday

Brunch with communion. If you are interested in joining the fun next year keep your eyes open for announcements or let Val Clark or Betty Ludlam know of your interest.



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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.

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