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Join Us for Our Empty Bowl Event

On the evening of Oct. 4, Love INC's network of 20-plus Christian churches is sponsoring the annual Empty Bowl event and silent auction. This simple soup supper will be a solidarity meal for the upcoming World Food Day. Love INC is deeply committed to offering life-changing services to combat physical and spiritual hunger in our community.

Susie Wargin, 9News Sports Anchor, will be emceeing the event. For an individual ticket of \$40, guests are served a simple meal of soup and bread. You choose one of the 500 handmade bowls donated by Denver-area potters and woodworkers. Each bowl is a keepsake reminder that there are always empty bowls in the world and right in our own neighborhoods. Love INC is poised to transform lives by serving up love to those in need. Go online for tickets www.loveincittleton.org, or call 303-798-0037. To reserve a table (\$450) call 303-732-5925

*Love the food. Love the cause.
Love what Love INC is doing
in our community.*

St. Luke's 13th Annual Family Camp! Another Year of Fun and Fellowship!



by Kristi Amick We had a great turn out at the 13th annual St. Luke's Family Camp this year. For the second year, we camped at Snow Mountain Ranch. Over the course of camp – July 20-29 – there were 35 families for a total of 132 people! Some families came up for a weekend, others stayed for the entire week.

The mornings and afternoons were beautiful – perfect for the many Family Camp activities, including archery, canoeing, zip lining, high and low ropes courses, horseback riding, hiking, and even a day at Winter Park. We also continued the Family Camp tradition of tie-dye, and each camper tie-dyed an item of their choice. While there were a large variety of activities, I think everyone can agree that fellowship with others in our combined “Family Camp family” was a favorite pastime, no matter what we were doing.

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Jr. High Mission Trip to Durango 2012

by Alyssa Markham Mid-morning of Monday July 9th, 2012, 27 Junior High Youth and 9 adult sponsors and all our stuff packed into the bus, a trailer and a few vehicles to embark on a journey that would leave us in Durango, Colorado. Although I have been on several mission trips as a youth, this was my first experience as an adult leader, and I was truly impressed with the passion that these youth put into their serving in the week that followed.

The first place we worked was at the Durango Food Bank. There were groups collecting food and monetary donations at grocery stores in Durango and the surrounding areas all four days that we were there. It was truly amazing for me to see how comfortable they

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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)

CHANGING LIVES FOR GOOD is the theme of our upcoming campaign to encourage us to be faithful in ministries envisioned for 2013. It is more than a theme—it's an effort to show how our congregation can make a lasting difference in the lives of children, youth, adults, and families.

Stewardship always asks the question: *What do I really care about? In what will I invest my life and my resources?* As we continue in anxious times with so many families still affected by tenuous financial realities, I would like for more and more families to enter into the joy of investing in St. Luke's and spiritual formation so that we might be blessed by blessing and supporting others. That's what families do for one another!

Our Executive Team is asking each of us to consider disciplined, proportional giving. For those that give a percentage of their income now, take another step to two this year toward the biblical goal of the tithe or 10% of the household income for God's work.

Stewardship is not about money, it's about what we do with our money. Rev. Ryan and I will be sharing what God has to say about the vital role of stewardship in our personal lives.

Author Rich Cunningham has described the four purposes of giving.

Give to honor God: Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. —2 Corinthians 9:7

Give to serve the needs of others: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you. —Matthew 35:40

Give so that you may deepen your spiritual journey: Think of us in this way, *continued on page 2*

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

Make a Difference

Next March 2013, St. Luke's will celebrate thirty years as a

congregation. We'll start that observance this fall, at the heart of who we are, affirming our commitment to making a difference in the world. As I like to say it, our commitment to make the world different.

We know that we live interdependently. We cannot escape each other's problems. Amidst all the affluence of Highlands Ranch, Lone Tree, Centennial, Littleton, and Castle Rock, there are people who are hungry, homeless, jobless, ill, disabled, desperate, isolated, and ignored. Our world, for all its blessings, is unequal, unstable, and unsustainable.

And so, the great mission of our lives is to move our neighborhood, our nation, and the world toward creating communities of care.

We'll be grounded again this season by the banner on the side of the truck in our parking lot. We are telling our community a story about caring... a story about Jesus and about us... a story about the feeding of five thousand families in the Galilee in the first century and in Denver in the twenty-first.

This mosaic graces the altar in the Church of the Multiplication, located on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee in Israel. St. Luke's will be asking our community to replicate that mosaic... to act against hunger in our own backyard. It's that simple.

The story began with bad news. *John the Baptist had been killed by King Herod. Everyone was stunned by this tragedy, by the loss of this great prophet, including Jesus, who was John's cousin and protégé. Jesus wanted to get away by himself to grieve. So he got into a boat to sail across the lake. The crowds followed along the shoreline, keeping an eye on his boat. When Jesus landed, many people had already arrived. Jesus looked on the crowd with compassion. And so he taught and healed. The day quickly passed. It got to be late, long into the day, and one of the disciples said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."*

In John's version of this story, the disciple Andrew found a young boy with five loaves of bread and two fish, and brought the boy to Jesus. Jesus invited everyone to be seated on the grass. He took the bread and fish, looked up into heaven, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it his disciples who gave it to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. And there were twelve baskets of bread left over. Five thousand families were fed.

The feeding shows that Jesus, God's messiah, invites all people to a great banquet where everything is shared and no one goes hungry... ever! The feeding of the five thousand is about more than the sharing of food. It is about sharing a vision of wholeness for all people. In unambiguous language, Jesus commands the disciples, "You give them something to eat!"

St. Luke's is living the commitment to be a part of what God wants to bless. Whether you are bringing non-perishable groceries to help fill the pantry of DenUM, or gleaning after the Broncos games at Mile High stadium, or sorting clothing for resale at Renewed Treasures, or providing fall break food for students at our partner school in Sedalia, or buying pumpkins to sustain youth in mission, or serving homeless youth at Urban Peak, you make a difference and make the world different by living the teachings of Jesus.

What a joy to serve with you! —**Rev. Janet**

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as servants of Christ and stewards of God's
mysteries. —*1 Corinthians 4:1*

Give out of gratitude to support the leadership, life, ministry, and mission of St. Luke's: Remember the Lord your God for it is the Lord who is giving you power to make wealth that God may confirm a covenant. —*Deuteronomy 8:18*

Our giving and our sharing of our money is a deeply spiritual, devotional act. Giving is a spiritual exercise, a spiritual discipline just like prayer is a spiritual discipline. Prayer is not something optional if we have decided to follow Jesus' teachings. It comes with the job description. Serving other people is not something optional. It is one of the spiritual practices. Worshipping God is not something we vote on. It is one of the spiritual practices. It is the same with giving. It is an act of devotion. It is a spiritual discipline for all Christians just like praying or serving or worshipping. And that is why we call the act of bringing a portion or our resources forward to dedicate to God's work an offering, instead of a collection. It is an offering of our lives and ourselves and our treasure. The money symbolizes our lives and our work. It is a very spiritual thing. We are not balancing the budget here in this act, we're balancing our lives.

We continue in uncertain times. At St. Luke's, we are called to hold one another in prayer and substance. These times require much faithfulness, deeper relationships, and vigilant hope! We are all changing lives for good!

—**Rev. Janet**



Rev. Ryan Canaday
Associate Minister

It's a Revolution! *Fusion is now Revolution - Sundays at 6:30pm*

Throughout the Gospels and the book of Acts, we see those among the early Christian movement doing some pretty wild things. Caesar was the emperor, the son of god, and if you lived in the Roman Empire, you were to proclaim him king and lord. Peace was to be found in him—peace through victory. Life was to be found in him. But these early Christians were proclaiming a very different message: “Jesus, the son of God, is king! Jesus, the one who gave up his life, is Lord! **Real life is found not in serving yourselves, but in serving others.** Peace is found not in victory, but in reaching out to the margins—the least, the last, and the forgotten in the 1st century Roman Empire.” A revolution was beginning. Many of the religious authorities were also disturbed by some of these early Christians. The religious folks were good at determining who was in, who was out—who was worthy of God’s love, and who wasn’t. But these early Jesus followers said “no” to this system, again proclaiming a very different message: God’s love and grace is for all people—the poor, the sick, the powerful, the wounded, the sinner, the prostitute, the tax collector... God’s love extended even to those who couldn’t possibly fit inside the religious box [as demonstrated in Acts ch. 8—the story of the Ethiopian Eunuch being baptized, not circumcised]. For God so loved the world... yeah, these early Christians took this idea pretty seriously as they followed in the way of Jesus, a 1st century Jewish Rabbi. A revolution was happening. Love was changing the world.

We want to be part of that revolution. We want to struggle together in loving the world, in proclaiming a different kind of king, a different kind of lord. We too believe that God’s love and grace is for all people—the homeless, the hurting, the single mother, the big family, the addict, the straight-edged, the inked, the non-inked, churchy people, and the not-so-churchy people... God’s love extends even to those who don’t really fit inside the ‘church’ box, those who may never really feel comfortable inside the doors of a church building. **God’s love is BIG... big enough to change the world, big enough to create a revolution.** God’s love calls us to proclaim a message of love not just inside the walls of a church building, but also to the suffering places in our community, city, and world.

Some early Christians traveled throughout the cities, towns, and villages, spreading a message of God’s love for all people. At one point in their journey, they arrived to Thessalonica. Soon after their arrival, they were charged with creating a disturbance. The city authorities shouted, “These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also...” [Acts 17:6]. What if we were ‘these people’? What would it look like for us to go out into the world together and follow in the way of Jesus? What would it look like to participate in the revolution?

Come find out! A new thing is happening! We want to be part of something bigger... we want to change the world through love!

REVOLUTION. We gather on Sunday evenings at 6:30pm.



Rev. Sallie Suby-Long
Associate Minister

“Spiritual Care and Formation” – From Nursery Ministry through Adult Ministry

In the weeks ahead, you will notice that we are referring to Pastoral Care, Children’s Ministry, Youth Ministry and Adult Education Ministry collectively as “Spiritual Care and Formation Ministries”. From the youngest little ones in our congregation to adults, our intention is to offer opportunities to grow in our faith, care for each other and continue in our journeys of formation as people of God. As a staff team, we believe that our development and growth as people of faith begins early in our lives and proceeds right through adulthood. **This continuum of growth and “becoming” seems to fit well in our St. Luke’s community – it’s how we are and who we are so to speak.** Whether a young child, a middle, high-school or college student, a young adult, middle-aged adult, or seasoned adult, we are all formed by engaging in experiences where we can love and be loved, learn, reflect on life, raise questions with one another, learn from scripture and our personal stories, discuss our challenges and joys, care for each other, have fun together and see how God is present at all phases of life. This is the miraculous way we are formed and transformed as people of faith. So, our “Spiritual Care and Formation” language simply reflects the vibrant, engaging, growing and changing life of our community. We are here to encourage and celebrate one another at every phase of the journey. I’m happy to talk with any of you about what opportunities may be right for you at this time in your life. I also know that anyone on our staff team or any of our lay leaders or team leaders will be happy to talk with you, too. This issue of *The Chronicle* includes lots of important information about what’s available through our community. And, you can always go to the St. Luke’s website for a comprehensive list of Spiritual Care and Formation opportunities. You can reach me at 303-791-0659 x32 or at sallie@stlukeshr.com

Camp continued from page 1 This year, due to consistent evening rainstorms and a fire ban at Snow Mountain Ranch, s’mores and campfires were missed. One evening it cleared up and we were able to sit around a campfire pit (filled with growing wild flowers instead of a campfire!) for songs. It ended with a lovely rendition of *Edelweiss* led by Leigh Ramsey, which this camper will not soon forget.



Now when you think of camping, you probably think hot dogs on

a stick, right? Not at Family Camp! During our shared breakfast and dinners, we enjoyed many wonderful meals, including pancakes, potato skillet hash, sloppy joes, tacos – even marinated steak. I heard a lot of people comment that “we eat better at Family Camp than we do at home!” A BIG thanks to the camp organizers!!

Next year, whether you’re a returning camper or a new participant, we hope you will join us and become part of our growing St. Luke’s Family Camp family.

REVOLUTION

CHANGING THE WORLD THROUGH LOVE



Lynda Fickling
Director of
Servant Ministry/
Spiritual Director

All are welcome into the community of St. Luke's

Should you be ready to take the next step and become members, here are the simple steps:

- 1) Please fill out the New Member Card located in our friendship pad and/or at the Get Connected Center.
- 2) Then you may simply hand the card to one of our Pastors or

Lynda Fickling our Director of Servant Ministry. She will then need to meet for a few minutes to go over the New Member Packet and have your picture taken.

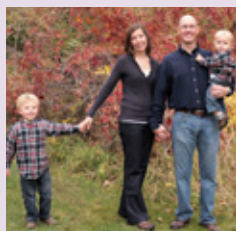
We look forward to you becoming a member of our family!

Contact Lynda Fickling for more info x20

lynda@stlukeshr.com for more info go to www.stlukeshr.com

Welcoming our newest members

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



Todd & Megan Land Payson and Dillon

"We are excited to join into a community church in our neighborhood. The amazing opportunities for our children to be involved and for our family will allow us to create some amazing memories."



Catherine Morgan

"I am seeking community in Christ, a chance to nourish the larger community in need, and to expand my spiritual journey through the power of Christ."

All New Members of St. Luke's are invited to our

"New Member Meet & Greet"

Sunday Oct. 7, 2012

4:00-5:30pm

At Rev. Ryan & Tami Canaday's home

Come meet other new members

and get to know your staff

Enjoy light snacks and fellowship

Please RSVP the number

of people attending

to Lynda@stlukeshr.com

303-791-0659 x20

By Thursday Oct. 4

We celebrate your membership with the family of St. Luke's!



Brenda Schafer
Office Administrator

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please stop by the Information Center, by the front door, where you will find the complete and updated Prayer Concerns list or view the listing on our website. Contact Rev. Sallie Suby-Long or Brenda Schafer if you have any additions/removals. 303-791-0659 x32, leave a note on the front desk, or email sallie@stlukeshr.com or brenda@stlukeshr.com

LATEST ENTRIES TO PRAYER LIST:

Richard Hayes – Penny Jones' father
Carol Bryden – Kay Swanson's mother
Jan Goehring
Betty Dowis
Ruby Gray – Lise Takayama's mother
Anita Armistead – Elaine Selander's friend
Greg Johnson – June Riggert's son
Einar Anderson – Carolyn Berghoefer's friend
Mary Smothers
Dean Abrams – Laura McCarthy's friend
Harry Long – Jay & Annie Van Hoosen's nephew
Linda Young
Shirley Bracko – Carol Gabert's friend
Patty Norton
Rusty Lindell – Roberta Hamilton-Griggs' friend
Sylvia James – Kathy Swier's aunt
Peter Reif

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Lane & Laura Weatherson on the birth of their daughter, Lydia Rose Weatherson, and to proud grandparents Sturgis & Susan Weatherington
Nick & Donna Andrew on the birth of their son, Michael Owen Andrew, and to proud grandparents Norm & Beckie Veach

SYMPATHIES TO:

Ryan & Jenny Levine on the passing of Jenny's grandfather, Norm Pfief
Jon & Linda Sreaty on the passing of Jon's aunt, Dorothy Chappell
Ken & Gina Lowrey on the passing of Ken's grandfather, Robert Lowrey
Michael & MaryAnne Eagelston on the passing of MaryAnne's mother, Yvonne Malabed

Group Spiritual Direction – A 3-Week Course

Sundays: Oct. 29, 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.

Academy for Missional Wisdom

Dr. Elaine Heath's leadership at Annual Conference this year presented opportunities to missionally engage with our communities in a deeper way. The Rocky Mountain Conference would like to host an **Academy for Missional Wisdom**. Here is a brief summary of the Academy:

"The Academy for Missional Wisdom is a two year non-degree program that provides laity and clergy with the theological foundation and practical skills needed for starting and leading micro-communities of contemplative prayer and missional action. The program integrates distance learning technology, immersion experiences, and retreats as well as a contextualized practicum with coaching to provide accessible and affordable education for persons who work full-time".

To learn more, visit www.missionalwisdom.com

Bishop Stanovsky and the Cabinet are eager to offer this opportunity to the clergy and laity of the Conference. The starting date is January 2013, and the cost for the Two Year Academy will be \$2500.

If you feel a call and are interested in this journey, please contact Lynda Fickling Lynda@stlukeshr.com 303-791-0659 x20.

More from Les: Church Camp

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



Summertime church camps were enjoyable experiences for me and probably had some influence on my early spiritual development. In my pre-teens, however, I saw the weeklong experience as a way to get away from the summer heat of Grand Junction and the supervision of my parents! (This is a picture of the worship area of the church camp I attended.)

"OK, they will take you as a kitchen worker. You can attend church camp without paying tuition. Your duties will be washing dishes, cleaning tables and taking out the trash after each meal." I was thrilled! This was probably the only way I could go to church camp at Baron Lake on Grand Mesa this year! On arrival at camp, I learned that my partner for the work, Loren, had worked kitchen duty before and he could "show me the ropes." "The best part," Loren told me, "is that since meal cleanup takes some time, we get excused from attending morning vespers! We can do what ever we want after our breakfast chores are done!"

On Monday morning, our chores were completed so we decided to walk to the nearby rowboat rental place and get a boat and maybe do some fishing. "The cooks told me that if we clean the trout, they'll cook the them for us for dinner," exclaimed Loren, "and the lake's just been stocked!" The boat rental clerk pointed out some likely spots to catch some fish and we were on our way. The trout dinner that night was especially delicious, with envious glances from our fellow campers. But, on Wednesday, Loren wasn't feeling well after breakfast. I wanted to try some more fishing, so I decided to rent a rowboat on my own and fish in another spot. This time I had little success.

The morning was warm there was a light breeze blowing. I was tired. I rowed to a spot not far from the camp and decided to relax a bit. I rolled up the extra life jacket in the boat to use as a pillow. Then I wedged the fishing pole against one of the oarlocks to hold it in place. I pulled my hat down over my eyes, leaned back on the pillow and enjoyed the mountain aromas and sounds...

Rev. Jim was the leader for morning vespers (worship) at the camp. An area on the shore of the lake had been set up to serve as a worship area. There was a cross, made from two medium-sized logs, set up on the shore and slightly uphill from it was seating, made from larger logs. As the campers began to file in, Jim thought of the years he had spent at the camp and how many of the young people who had attended had experienced a meaningful experience with God. He was enjoying himself!

Jim began the service with a song, sung with guitar accompaniment, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so..." The young congregation listened with mixed attentiveness as Jim began a prayer thanking God for the beauty of the mountains and silent grandeur of the forest around them. But then, a laugh and whispering interrupted him. The campers were looking past Jim, out toward the lake, and not paying much attention to his solemn prayer. "What's distracting them?" he wondered, as he turned toward the lake. There, he saw a rowboat floating by, driven by the light breeze, and there was someone lying in the boat! The passenger appeared to be sound asleep!

"That's a guy from our cabin!" exclaimed one of the boys. Laughter and chatter filled the air as the worshippers discussed the scene. Jim failed to see the humor of the situation. I had slowly drifted off to sleep, gently rocked by the boat driven by the breeze. Then suddenly, my dreams were interrupted by the sound of laughter and talking! I sat up slowly and realized I was just off shore from the morning vespers group! Then I saw Rev. Jim and he did not look very happy!

I gathered my wits, reeled in my fishing line and proceeded to row as quickly as I could to the boat rental dock. I turned in the oars and hastily walked back to my cabin. When I arrived, I saw a note on the message board by the door. "Ludlam, see the camp director immediately!" Both Loren and I met with the camp director that afternoon. The conversation was short and to the point. We were not being sent home. It was too far to travel to Clifton. We would attend morning vespers as soon as our kitchen chores were done each day, for the rest of the week, even if we arrived late. No camper would be allowed to leave the camp without checking in at the camp counselor's office. And, no camper could go out in a boat alone. Our parents were told about our indiscretion and advised that any sporting equipment we might bring to camp in the future had to be checked in at the recreation desk and checked out only during designated recreation periods. We learn more from our mistakes than our successes. We grow as we struggle to overcome the consequences of our actions. I was lucky, I could have suffered more than embarrassment after falling asleep in the boat, but I didn't realize that until much later in life. Does God watch over the foolish? Maybe so... **God bless us all! -Rev. Les**

Monty's Methodism Musings: George Whitefield

by Monty Hoffman In the beginning, the term Methodist did not have any denominational or theological connotations; it simply meant that the person who it was applied to was a member of the Holy Club at Oxford University. I want to hold up another member of that club who was as influential in the Great Awakening of the 18th century as John Wesley. His name was George Whitefield (pronounced Whit-field) and he was a dear friend of the Wesley brothers despite major theological differences.

George was born in 1714 and was the son of an inn keeper. He had a gift for oration that was recognized early on in his life and he was sent to Oxford University. While he was there, John Wesley returned to carry out his duties as a fellow and the two became fast friends despite their 11 year age difference. Both became well known preachers of the First Great Awakening.

George was short, pudgy, and cross eyed. He was also gifted with a voice that let him be heard by thousands in the days before sound systems. After being denied access to the pulpit at many of the Anglican Churches because his preaching style was too emotional, he went to the fields and started preaching to thousands at a time.

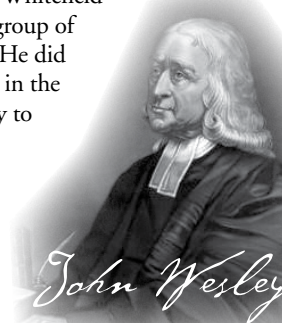
In 1740, he made the second of his seven voyages to North America. He landed in New England and then made the unheard of trip of riding by horseback to Charleston SC. Along the way, he preached the Gospel several times a day, sometimes to groups of thousands. This trip established him as the most famous evangelist of his day in North America.

Despite their friendship, George and John disagreed on predeterminism. George stayed with the Calvinist idea that God's grace was available only to the predetermined elect. John adopted the Arminian idea that God's grace was available to all. They never overcame this difference in theology and never tried to make light of their differences. They still had great affection and admiration for each other regardless of their differences.

George did not use predeterminism to dismiss the inequalities of the world as "God's will". He agreed with Wesley that we were called to make the world a better place. He established an orphanage as the first charity in North America. He called all into relationship with Christ, not just those who considered themselves the elect. Despite his views on slavery, he was the first to preach the Gospel to the African slaves in North America.

On his 7th trip to North America, George died in Newburyport, MA and was buried there. Back in England, John Wesley preached his funeral sermon, as George had asked him to do if he failed to return from one of his voyages. People on both sides of the issue wanted to make a fuss about the theological differences. Wesley would have none of it. The message of his sermon was that George was a man of God and the evidence of God's grace in his life was present in all parts of his life.

Wesley's message of grace for all people has prevailed in the American Methodist movement. Whitefield did not leave a church or even a group of writings to carry on his message. He did leave us an example of a life lived in the presence of God's grace and a way to live the catholic spirit in the face of differences with other people of faith. I think that is a life well lived and a reason to honor George as a part of our Methodist family.



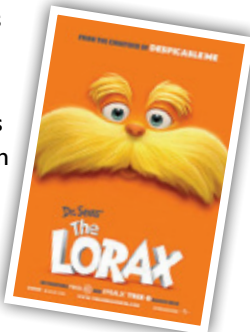


Jake's Take

Woof! Woof! Jake, Ms. Sharon's dog, here and I am so excited for fall! The air is getting cooler and I think I smell popcorn! Oh, yes, must mean that Family Movie Night is right around the corner.

Join us for "The Lorax" rated PG. Friday Sept. 21 at 6:45pm

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



We are having a blast in Sunday School!

Preschoolers are learning the story of The Sower and then will learn about Baby Moses. Elementary children are learning about Jewish traditions and Feast & Festivals of the Old Testament. Tweens are exploring what the Bible is all about and coming up in Godly Play we will learn about Creation, Noah and the Exodus. Wow!

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.

Servant Training is coming up on Sunday Sept. 16 at 11:00am! 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 can'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 at our Fall Kick Off on Sept. 9. Our next gathering will be Sept. 23 at 5:30pm. Come for dinner (bring \$2 to cover the meal) and then we will join SLY and hear from a speaker from Nuba Water/Walk for Sudan and we will participate in a project to help raise funds for this amazing cause. Don't miss it! On Oct. 7 we are going to the Corn Maze! 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!



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

Congratulations to our newest Acolytes:

Welcome 13 new Acolytes who completed training:

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| Kiana Warren | Gabriella Patella | Leah Kahns |
| Evan Stogsdill | Avery Acua | Abby Couillard |
| Owen Metz | Sophia Strickland | Tyler Amick |
| Alyssa Nelson | | |
| Emilie Owens | | |
| Caitlin Owens | | |
| Abigail Strickland | | |

Congratulations on this honor of being an important part of our worship!



Craft Prep Night

Join us Monday September 17 at 6:00pm.

Your help is needed in preparing Sunday School crafts...if you have some time to spare we would love to see you! Contact Dawn - dawn@stlukeshr.com.

Love & Logic - Oct.

Would you like to feel more confident as a parent? Would you like to have more fun parenting? Would you like to feel more relaxed at the end of the day? Join us for AMERICA'S MOST PRACTICAL AND ENTERTAINING PARENT TRAINING

BECOMING A LOVE AND LOGIC PARENT®

Three Thursdays
October 4, 11, 18
6:00-8:30pm



Cost: \$69 per person, \$130 per couple (checks payable to: Love & Logic)

To register please contact: Suzanne Crawford - Facilitator suzanne@justshutterup.com cell 303-883-8800

Childcare Available! RSVP for childcare: sam@stlukeshr.com (there is a small fee for childcare per child, contact Sam for details)

Third Grade Bible Sunday is Sept. 23!

Families of 3rd graders! Your children have reached a very special milestone! It's time to present them with their very own Bible! A gift to you from St. Luke's. We have a special Sunday each fall where the pastors will bless the Bibles in worship and present them to the children. If your third grader would like to be part of this wonderful St. Luke's tradition, and would like to receive a Bible, email sharon@stlukeshr.com their full name to put on the name plate and which service they will be attending on Sept. 23 (9:30am, 11:00am or 6:30pm) - we would love to honor them with their very own Bible. Please email by Sept. 20. We will also have sign up sheets out on Sunday. If for any reason, you will be unable to attend service on Sept. 23, but would still like to receive a Bible, just contact Sharon. Feel free to help spread the word and share this opportunity with other third graders that you know.



Kay Swanson
Director of
Little School



Little School News: **We're Off & Running!**

Hard to believe that summer has flown by and we are so excited for our 17th year of preschool to be under way! We are beginning September with a wonderful compliment of children **HOWEVER, we still have room for more!!!** PLEASE TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS THAT WE HAVE AVAILABILITY FOR 2 1/2 year old and 3 year old

children! They can call Ms. Kay at 303-791-1982 for further information.

Our theme for this year at Little School is "Paint Your Own Rainbow" and we are looking forward to exploring and learning how to be our own unique creations that God made us to be. We will be talking about how we are all God's children and that we are individuals with wonderful traits, personalities and characteristics. We will also be talking about how we can have the freedom to grow, learn and develop as our own person! God has given us the ability to be who we are and we want to nourish and encourage that in all of our terrific children! We are looking forward to jumping right into learning and anticipate the Fire Trucks coming to visit us later in the month.

It is always such a joy, to see the halls and rooms of the lower level once again filled with laughing children, eager to learn and teachers eager to be back teaching! What a blessing to have such an amazing space in which to learn, laugh and grow! Thank you to all of my staff and to Mr. Barry for their hard work getting everything "spit-spot and shiny!"

Come visit us and see what we are all about and don't forget to let your friends and families know that we have a place for their child!

Blessings, Ms. Kay and Staff

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

Sunday Sept. 16 - Guatemala Planning Meeting for the March 2013 mission trip.

12:15pm in Rm 213. In order to reserve spaces on the trip, we will be accepting applications and first deposits at that time. The focus of the trip this year will be on building three additional classrooms for the school in Chontala. Trip dates will be March 16-24, 2013. This trip is open to anyone (ages 15 and up) who might want to join us. Contact Laura Richards at laura@puravida.org

SEPT.: Hunger

Highlighting 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.

We Don't Waste will host its First Annual Fill a Plate for Hunger fundraiser

from 6:30-9:00pm on Wednesday, September 19, at beautiful Hudson Gardens. A dozen award-winning restaurants from Larimer Square will provide tasty bites, and the event also features cocktails, a live auction, a special jewelry giveaway sponsored by John Atencio, and surprise entertainment! All of the proceeds will benefit We Don't Waste. Every day, We Don't Waste rescues high-quality, left-over food from restaurants, caterers, event venues and other food purveyors (food that otherwise would be landfilled), and delivers it at no cost to more than 35 agencies serving the vulnerable populations in Denver. St. Luke's volunteers rescued 45,000 servings of food—just from the suites at Broncos games—in each of the last two years! Over the last three years, We Don't Waste has rescued a total of 2.5 million servings! We Don't Waste's goal is to buy a refrigerated box truck, which will allow it to greatly expand its mission by rescuing even more food

and providing it to even more of the food insecure. Tickets are \$75 per person. (Hint: Did you Paint a Plate to End Hunger? We have a surprise for you!) Contact Andrea Kirchhoff (akirchhoff6652@yahoo.com), or sign up next to the Broncos game sign-up table in the Narthex after the 8:00am and 9:30am services, or register online at www.blacktiecolorado.com. See you there!

Let's Go Gleaning - Family Mission Trip!

You are invited to participate in a short mission trip to Alamosa on Sunday, September 23, to glean the local potato fields and bring the produce back to a local food bank. This trip is sponsored by La Puente ministries in Alamosa and St. Andrew UMC. This is a family mission trip for all ages. On previous gleaning trips we have eaten a meal at La Puente shelter with the local people; visited the non-profit coffee shop, El Milagro; shopped at the thrift store, Rainbow's End; and enjoyed the Fall farmer's market. You can extend your stay to Saturday or Monday (Douglas County schools are off) and visit the Great Sand Dunes National Park. Contact Betsy Keyack, bkeyack@att.net, 303-346-7057, for more info and/or to sign up.



Grand Opening!

Renewed Treasures had their Grand Opening on Saturday, August 25. The Leadership Team wants to thank all the countless volunteers that have helped these past few months in turning this dream into reality. Rev. Janet, representing the 22 South Metro churches which have pledged support for the thrift store, cut the ribbon and offered a prayer of hope and thanksgiving for the new store and the blessings it will bring to the community. Rev. Doug McKinney, the executive director of Love Inc., praised the volunteers for their efforts and emphasized the gap that the new store will fill, providing needed goods for those who are less fortunate while providing an outlet for quality goods to be renewed through the gifts of those who donate. Doug's commitment was echoed by Nita Dunn and Jerry Hertzler, who through their tireless work coordinated and managed the overall process of getting the store up and running. The store hours are 9:00am-5:00pm Tuesday-Saturday. Donations may be brought to the store during these normal business hours. **The store is located at 6512 S. Broadway** in the shopping center behind the McDonald Hyundai dealership, right next to the Solid Grounds Coffee House. The staffing for the store is provided by volunteers who typically work 4 hour shifts. Each shift consists of a Manager and 4 Helpers. If you have been holding back, waiting for an opportunity to serve, this is it. If you feel this ministry is calling you, if you have been looking for that perfect opportunity to serve, please contact Nita (303-886-0381, dunnheim@msn.com) or Jerry (720-480-0476, jmhertzler@comcast.net). Follow our updates at www.loveinlittleton.org and Facebook.

—Bob Davis



"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."

Fall Kick-Off Meeting

September 16 from 1:30-3:00pm

Please mark your calendar for the United Methodist Women's fall kick-off meeting. Please join us for home-baked pie and fellowship. This event is free! Our Mission focus will be the We Don't Waste project. Come hear from one of the leaders of this group and learn about the amazing work they are doing.

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. For more information, visit the Get Connected Table or contact Betty at bludlam@wyoming.com

• **Simply Saturday.** Attention: All women of St. Luke's aged eighteen and up... Looking for a place for fellowship, missional and spiritual opportunities? Then come investigate Simply Saturday with its new format, new look and new mission statement. Simply Saturday is part of St. Luke's United Methodist Women and meets the first Saturday of the month at 9am. It promises to provide missional, spiritual and learning opportunities for all women aged eighteen and older. The opportunities will take place both at the church and in the community. Some of the upcoming activities scheduled include meeting Pastor Ryan, visiting other churches, exploring different faiths, and serving others through local mission projects. Stay tuned to the bulletin, Chronicle, and screen at church for exciting opportunities to grow spiritually and to serve others, with a group of women who enjoy each other's company. No need to bring anything - just bring yourself (and a friend!)

- Sat., Sept. 8 (meet at church at 9:00am to carpool) for tour of Trinity UMC in downtown Denver; optional lunch at Cafe 180 afterwards.
- 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. 4 - Volunteer at Love INC Thrift Shop, Renewed Treasures

For info, contact Lynda Fickling Lynda@stlukeshr.com 303-791-0659 x20. 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, **September 24 - The Sisters from Hardscrabble Bay** by Beverly Jensen
October 22 - Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother by Amy Chua. 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:** 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. For more information, please contact or Elaine Carlstrom at ecarlstrom@comcast.net.

Mark Your Calendars:

- Sept. 16 – **St. Luke's UMW Fall Gathering**
- Sept. 22 – **District Meeting**, Applewood Valley UMC, 2035 Ellis St., Golden
- Dec. 4 Tuesday – **Candlelight Dinner**



Journey toward Wholeness

Spirituality and Wellness Opportunities

The Spirituality and Wellness team is exploring new paths to connect with and nurture the spiritual aspects of our lives. Please, save the dates for the following Spirituality and Wellness evening events:

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

This will be an evening of interactive and contemplative activities to help us integrate our being and doing and our experience of God in our lives. Guided visual and tactile experiences will alternate with the contemplative beauty of a Taizé service.

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

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

• **Mindful Presence – Opportunity for Meditation** (Starts September 10, 2012) Sam Leahy will lead weekly Monday sessions for Moms, Dads, and Others from 9:15-10:00am in the St. Luke's Chapel. Opportunities for coffee and conversation will follow

• **Engaging Spirituality – Live Deeply, Love Broadly** (Starts September 14, 2012) Jenita Rhodes, Renae Parra, and Sam Leahy will facilitate this new class that explores the intersection between contemplative presence and social action and will focus on the practical challenges of following Jesus into our broken world. Engaging Spirituality begins with a weekend retreat, and will include three seven-week sessions on Wednesday evenings through May, 2013.

• Outdoor-bound Spirit-driven Adventurists!

This new Spirituality and Wellness initiative, lead by Janet Johnston, Jane Staller, and BillieAnne Kennedy, will provide a variety of outdoor activities throughout the year that will enable us to listen, to look, to contemplate, and to commune with God through God's wonderful creation. Eleven hikers joined us for our first adventure on August 4th for a beautiful early morning, spirit-filled hike at Roxborough State Park. Look for more details on the following 2012 activities in a future St. Luke's Week © a Glance:

- » **September 7-10:** We will partner with the Mountain Retreat planning team to lead outdoor adventures at the Mountain Retreat
- » **September 29:** Fall colors hike of Chief Mountain
- » **October 20:** Biking the Cherry Creek Trail

• **The Integrated Work of Leadership – A Journey of Transformation** Rev. Sallie Suby-Long will lead this series focused on authentic self/leadership and finding congruence between who we are and what we do. Details will follow soon.

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

- The Spirituality and Wellness Team

Bring your Pet to the Blessing of Animals Sept. 30 at 6:30pm

As autumn arrives, people in various places may notice something odd. A procession of animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters and even horses, is led to churches for a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets.

This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. Francis loved the larks flying about his hilltop town. He and his early brothers, staying in a small hovel, allowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey.

Francis wrote a Canticle of the Creatures, an ode to God's living things. *"All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures."* And there was testimony in the cause for St. Clare of Assisi's canonization that referred to her little cat!

Many of us will attest to the continuing affection we have for our furry, feathered or finned friends. A pet can be a true companion. Many people arrive home from work to find a furry friend overjoyed at their return. Many a senior has a lap filled with a purring fellow creature.

The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic: eye to eye, person to pet, two creatures of love.

No wonder people enjoy the opportunity to take their animal companions to church for a special blessing. Church is the place where the bond of creation is celebrated.

St. Luke's will offer a **Blessing of Animals** service on Sunday evening, Sept. 30, at 6:30pm on the back lawn of the church. Bring your pets (under restraint) for a special blessing. The Revolution worship team will host this brief service and all are invited to stay for refreshments and the making of lunches for the homeless in Civic Center Park.

"Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."

Ministry Fair - Sept. 30

LOOK DEEPER into Service Ministries 8:30am-12:30pm
Visit booths sponsored by:

- "Opportunities to Serve" Teams
- Fellowship Groups



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

Performing Arts Academy (PAA) Summer Recap

PAA had an incredibly successful summer with record attendance and programs offered! We had over 200 students and 30 PAA faculty and staff involved in various Musical Theater offerings, Band Camp, Rock Band Camp and Summer Camp for Pre K-1st Grade. Additionally, we raised over \$2,500 for missions which included Urban Peak and Warren Village, programs voted on by the students. Many thanks not only to the amazing staff and faculty but also to the parents who were involved with helping make these productions and programs successful. None of it would be possible without your support.

Here's a sneak peak at 2013 with new classes and programs!

Intensive I: Willy Wonka & Fame

Intensive II: Cinderella by Rodgers and Hammerstein; Band and Orchestra Camps; Rock Band Camp; Choir Festival Camps; Acting and Dance Classes.

For more information on any and all programs at PAA, please visit www.stlukespaa.org. Early Registration with a 20% Discount begins soon!!!

MORE FROM OUR SUMMER

SLYA's First Summer!

I can hear the wheels turning in your head... What the heck does SLYA stand for? Well, I'm proud to say that SLYA is the official acronym for our new group:

St. Luke's Young Adults group!! That's right, we finally have a group for all those 18 and up young adults! This was the groups first summer in action, and boy did we have fun! We kicked off the summer, and the group, with planning and ice cream. Then filled it with ultimate frisbee, a concert in the park, a day at the museum, movies in, movies out, and much more! We ended the summer with a BBQ at Dave Laurvick's house. It was a great way to celebrate summer and say goodbye to those in the group who are going away to college this fall.

The focus for this group is fun and fellowship. If you are a young adult 18 and up, we want you to come join in the fun! We meet Thursdays at 7:00pm, unless an activity warrants a change in time. The best way to get the down low on what's going on is to join the young adults email list on the St. Luke's website. We also have a facebook page, which is a great way to communicate information! Feel free to contact me (Amy McMullen) or Dave Laurvick with any questions! We look forward to seeing you there!

A Note from Angie:

Dear Staff & Congregation of St. Luke's, SPRT & Consultation Team:

Thank you for the beautiful Communion set. I look forward to using it! You all have been so generous with me and cared for me more than I could have dreamed. I will think of you when I wear the robe and use the set. Thank You!

(Angie Steinhauer - St. Luke's Pastoral Intern Fall 2011-Spring 2012)

On August 12 Love INC of Littleton hosted its first ever event for its volunteers, church partners, and supporters

There was a great turnout for the volunteer round-up. Michael Strappelli entertained the 100+ guests with his amazing singing talent, and the Westernaires displayed their impressive rope-twirling talents. During the program, seven volunteers were recognized for their outstanding contributions to Love INC's growth and success. St. Luke's members, Jerry Hertzler and Nita Dunn, received certificates of appreciation for their dedication and determination to open a thrift shop, Renewed Treasures, to serve the public and Love INC clients. Love INC staff and board members want to thank all who attended the volunteer and supporter round-up.



Upcoming Events!

- * **September 16 – Hip Hop Night (6:00-7:30pm)** Dave's good friend Eddy Kovacevich is a devout Christian, and a professional hip hop choreographer! He will be coming to share his faith journey and his hip hop moves. Bring your dancing shoes!
- * **September 23 – Nuba Water Project/Walk for Sudan Speaker and make/decorate containers for fundraiser! (6:00-7:30pm)**
- * **September 29 – Pumpkins Arrive (9:00am)** It's that time of year again, Pumpkin Patch! This is our biggest fundraiser for youth missions, and we've set our goal high this year! We need people to help us unload the truck on the 29th, and as always, we need people to help work the patch! Look for the signup sheet in Fellowship Hall!
- * **Sign up to receive our emails and Check www.sites.google.com/site/stlukeshryouth2012 for up-to-date info on programs, activities, opportunities and more!**



ON THE SLY: Where Did The Summer Go?

You know how they say 'time flies when you're having fun'? Well we certainly had fun this summer, and it sure flew by!! We just had our annual Messy Games Night. And when we say messy, we mean messy! The night included an egg toss (raw of course), team mustard wars (mustard being the weapon) and of course a contest to see who could

make the best ice cream sundae (did I mention that the youth were the ice cream!) We also had an amazing time walking around the track at Cresthill Middle School raising money for the Relay for Life. It was a night of music, walking, and very little sleep! The fall should be filled with just as many good times. Here is the rundown of what's goin' on:

Sundays: SLY AM (9:30-10:30am) – September is going to be Music Month! We will be incorporating music and lyrics from tunes that reach out and grab us, ones that pull at our hearts and mind, ones that stir and express our emotions, feelings, and beliefs. It will be a month of relating music to the world and our lives.

Youth Dinner (5:30-6:00pm) – Help feed our youth, sign up on the St. Luke's website

SLY PM (6:00-7:30pm) – All sorts of fellowship and fun activities are happening Sunday nights in the youth room including game nights, movies, ultimate frisbee, hip hop night on the 16th (read more at left) and a dance party on the 30th!

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 start August 29. This is the place the youth shine in showing what is important to them and creating their own unique ways to grow closer to each other and God.

Finally, did you know we had over 30 different schools represented at SLY? We have made a 'where do you go to school?' board to hang up in our youth room! All we need now are wallet size photos of all our youth to fill it out! Come check it out!

As you can see, we have a lot going on! We look forward to a busy and fulfilling fall getting to know all of you a bit better! *Yours in Christ, Dave & Amy*



Dave Laurvick
Director of
Youth Ministry



Amy McMullen
Assistant Dir. of
Youth Ministry

continued from page 1 were approaching even those who looked "less than inclined to donate" and talking to them about what we were doing, and then seeing the joy when that person came back with a bag of groceries for us. All together we were able to collect about 2500 pounds of food and almost \$5000 dollars in donations.

One of the most special things about helping at the food bank happened to us at a Walmart one evening. The whole group ventured to the local Walmart, split into our prayer groups and each group was given \$50 to spend to feed a family of 4 for a week, all of which we would donate to the food bank. After we all had done our shopping and were loading all of the groceries into the cars, a man also loading his groceries up asked Edee Worth what was going on. She explained what we were doing and he handed us a few things from his bag. We thought that was awesome! But then, he came back and asked to speak to a couple of adults inside the store. Once inside, he grabbed a cart and said that we should fill it full of groceries that he would buy for the food bank! And mind you, it was well after 8:00pm, he had his two young kids and wife with him, and they still had quite a drive back to their house. He donated over \$160 of groceries to the food bank, which we took the next day. He told us that he was working at a restaurant now, but he had gone to the food bank before for groceries when times were even harder, so even though he didn't have much, they still had more than some people and wanted to donate. It was truly an amazing thing to see someone being so spontaneously selfless!

For two days of the week we worked with Companeros at two trailer parks. We sorted clothes, and had a giant yard sale for all the residents. We also worked in the trailer park doing jobs for some of the residents such as



tree trimming and trash removal. The kids really showed their strength, especially when met with the task of lifting big couches and armchairs into the trailer. But nevertheless, we prevailed, and made a huge difference for the residents of the park. Nicole, who runs the organization Companeros also came and spoke to the

kids about immigration and the struggles people go through as immigrants to the U.S, which was a great learning experience for all.

Finally, we did a few smaller jobs including helping to beautify the inside and outside of the church that we were staying at by cleaning and tree trimming. A couple of the youth were able to go volunteer at the local soup kitchen as well. They cooked and served lunch for the homeless, and were able to sit and visit for a short while with some of them. There was also a group every day that worked to unpack and sort all of the donations we collected at the Food Bank.

We had such a great variety of work to do and all of the kids were very impressive with how hard they worked as well as how kind they were to everyone on the trip and everyone they met! We celebrated the trip with a rafting expedition on Saturday in Durango, which was full of laughs and smiles! The kids enjoyed swimming in the water and going over the rapids so much, that the ride home right after was pretty quiet!

Overall, I'd say our mission trip was definitely a huge success! I enjoyed getting to meet and know all of the great kids that were along, and having the experience of being a leader on a trip that I have enjoyed as a youth for so many years. I hope that they will invite me to come back as a leader again next year!



Dave Cupp
Director of Finance



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

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.

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 our 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!



Seasoned Voyagers Plan for Year Two

Finishing our first full year of activities, the Seasoned Voyagers core team is organizing for the coming year. Each major leadership position and some specialties are adding co-chairs for continuity and back up. For example, Rev Janet Forbes has joined us as staff liaison and Lynda Fickling continues in the staff resource role.

Jon Streety will join Ann Roadarmel as co-leader until Jan 1, 2013 at which time Rich Krening will be added as co-leader. Ann and Bill Roadarmel, who have been pivotal in creating this program will be off on a new journey of retirement land. Their RV may see more action, but they will live nearby in Longmont and we hope to see them often. Cultural Luncheon specialty led by Les Ludlum has a new co-leader Ben Daly. Trip specialty led by Joyce Rovetta has individual trip co-chairs and is looking for one for the Colorado History Museum trip.

Lunch & Learn: A Spiritual Feast, begins on Thursday, September 13 from noon-1:30pm. Bring a lunch and join us as we read "Christianity After Religion" by Diana Butler Bass, a great conversation on the future of the church. Contact Ann Roadarmel alroadarmel@gmail.com or Lynda Fickling, Lynda@stlukeshr.com

Looking for Leaves from the Georgetown Loop Railroad

On Wednesday, September 26, the Seasoned Voyagers bus goes into the mountains looking for fall color and to ride the Georgetown Loop Rail Road, an engineering marvel from the mining era of the 1880's. Then we lunch and shop in the quaint Victorian Georgetown. There are three options: (1) Ride in a parlor car enclosed and with tables, \$40; (2) Ride in an open car with unrestricted views, \$31.50; (3) Just view the railroad from the station and ride the bus into town for extended shopping and lunch, \$10.00. Sign up on Sundays.

Relay for Life – Thanks!

by Betsy Keyack

A team of about 55 people from St. Luke's - families, youth and adults of all ages - participated in the Relay for Life on August 10-11 to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Our team raised over \$2500! We enjoyed music, food and fellowship as we walked around the track or sat and chatted at our "campsite." Our young people graciously ran our cupcake sale. Some of our team participated in a Zumba class and many energetic St. Luke's people did LOTS of laps. When it got dark, luminarias decorated in memory of or in honor of members and friends of St. Luke's were lit and placed around the track. Then there was a memorial vigil at which each team captain read their names of people who had passed away from cancer as well as those who have or have had cancer and their caregivers. We from St. Luke's read 78 names, with special remembrance to Kenny Sharpe, a dear friend to many, who passed away last Fall. St. Luke's had an impressive tent city as many of us opted to spend the night. We were grateful for the free Starbucks coffee and Krispy Creme donuts that awaited us in the morning, especially since most of us didn't get much sleep!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all who were team members, gave or raised donations, purchased our T-shirts and luminarias, brought and purchased cupcakes. It was wonderful way to show support to so many people at St. Luke's who have been touched by cancer and to contribute to the ongoing work of the American Cancer Society.



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Cooler weather reminds us that soon HAAT Force will be starting its third season. And in conjunction with that we have some upcoming

events we would like you to keep in mind. Columbine United Church will be supporting HAAT Force by holding an **Electronic Recycling Event** on Oct. 13. Please watch for more information as we get closer.

Also our **Fall Kickoff Celebration** will be the following Thur. Oct. 18 at Café 180 from 5:30-7:30pm —Peter Reif

SEPTEMBER 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship —Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:30pm: Revolution | 3 Labor Day (office closed) | 4  Little School's new school year begins! | 5 5:30pm: SLY Homework Hour 6:30pm: Wed SLY 6:30pm: Parents of Kids w/Depression/Bipolar 6:30pm: Gap Group begins | 6 9:30am: 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life begins 10:00am: Common Thread 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship 7:00pm: Young Adults 7:00pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsals begin | 7 Mountain Retreat 9:30am: Playgroup 7:00pm: Chancel Choir Retreat | 8 Mountain Retreat 8:30am: Simply Sat. 9:00am: Chancel Choir Retreat 10:00am: Itch to Stitch 10:00am: Genealogy 101 6:45pm: Bridge Club |
| 9 Kick Off Sunday Mountain Retreat 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship —Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes 9:30am: Cafe St. Luke's 10:30am: St. Luke's Annual PICNIC 11:00am: Financial Empowerment for Women noon: UMW meeting 12:15pm: Seasoned Voyagers Core Team Mtg. 3:30pm: SLY Jazz Orchestra Rehearsals begin 4:30pm: Soul Purpose Youth Choir Rehearsals begin 5:30pm: SLY, Jr. Kick Off & INFO Mtg. (\$2 dinner) 5:30pm: SLY PM Kick Off & INFO Mtg. (\$2 dinner) 6:30pm: Revolution | 10 Mountain Retreat 9:15am: Mindful Presence begins 6:30pm: Women's Night Out 6:45pm: Divorce Recovery 7:00pm: Trustees | 11 9:30am: Just Faith begins 11:00am: Seasoned Voyagers Kick Off 6:00pm: Joyful Noise Youth Handbells begins 6:30pm: Children's Safe Sanctuary Training 6:30pm: Lay Leadership 6:30pm: Spirituality & Wellness Team Meeting 7:00pm: Missions Team | 12 5:30pm: SLY Homework Hour 6:30pm: Children's Choir Rehearsals 6:30pm: Disciple I begins 6:30pm: Disciple III begins 6:30pm: Jesus in the Gospels begins 6:30pm: Wed SLY 7:20pm: Tonechimes begins | 13 DISCIPLE 9:30am: Jesus in the Gospels begins 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship 7:00pm: Young Adults | 14 5:00pm: Engaging Spirituality Retreat 5:45pm: Parent's Night Out | 15 8:00am: Engaging Spirituality Retreat 10:00am: Wesley Writers |
| 16 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship —Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes 8:15am: Contemplative Taize Worship 11:00am: Children's Safe Sanctuary Training 12:15pm: Learning with St. Luke's Team Meeting 12:15pm: Guatemala Mission Trip Meeting 1:30pm: United Methodist Women Fall Kick Off 5:30pm: Youth Dinner (\$2) 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:30pm: Revolution | 17 6:00pm: Children's Ministry Craft Prep 6:30pm: The Torah | 18 6:30pm: Children's Ministry Team 6:30pm: Stewardship Committee Meeting 7:30pm: Planned Giving Committee Meeting | 19 5:30pm: SLY Homework Hour 6:30pm: Wed SLY 6:30pm: Parents of Kids w/Depression/Bipolar 6:30pm: Engaging Spirituality begins | 20 noon: Lunch & Learn: A Spiritual Feast 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship 7:00pm: Young Adults | 21  9:30am: Playgroup 6:45pm: Family Movie Night "The Lorax" | 22 Youth Retreat 9:00am: Sanctuary Care Team |
| 23 Third Grade Bible Sunday Youth Retreat 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship —Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes 12:15pm: Common Table 12:15pm: Altar Team Meeting 5:30pm: Youth Dinner (\$2) 5:30pm: SLY, Jr. 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:30pm: Revolution | 24 6:30pm: Men's Spirituality Group begins 7:00pm: Women's Evening Book Club | 25 7:00am: Men's Group @ Egg & I 6:30pm: The United Methodist Church 7:00pm: Staff Parish Relations Meeting | 26 9:00am: Georgetown Loop Train Trip 5:30pm: Homework Hour 6:30pm: Wed SLY | 27 noon: Lunch & Learn: A Spiritual Feast 6:30pm: Contemplative Fellowship 7:00pm: Young Adults | 28 | 29  9:00am: Pumpkins Arrive!! |
| 30 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am: Worship —Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes 8:30am: Ministry Fair 5:30pm: Youth Dinner (\$2) 6:00pm: SLY PM 6:30pm: Revolution/Blessing of Animals | OCT 1 11am-7pm | 2 2:00pm: Conversations with Janet 6:00pm: Spirituality & Wellness ~ Invitation to the Soul | 3 11am-7pm 5:30pm: SLY Hour 6:30pm: Wed SLY 6:30pm: Parents of Kids w/Depression/Bipolar 6:30pm: Contemplative writing workshop begins | 4 11am-7pm 10:00am: Common Thread noon: Lunch & Learn: A Spiritual Feast 6:00: Love & Logic Parenting 6:30pm: Contemplative 7:00pm: Young Adults | 5 11am-7pm 9:30am: Playgroup | 6 9am-7pm 8:30am: Simply Sat. |