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I 0th Annual Golf Event!

New venue! New time!

St. Luke's will be hosting the 10th Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday Aug. 24, 8:00am at Murphy Creek Golf Course in Aurora. The morning tee-time and reduced rates will make this an attractive venue for our event and the course is a lot of fun. Excerpted from their website:

"...1920s farmhouse theme and a hauntingly wonderful and different layout have established Murphy Creek as a destination course. With more than 80 bunkers, stunning water features and wide, rolling fairways, Murphy Creek is truly a golf experience. The greens are large and fair and the prairie-links course challenges and entertains all levels of golfers. It was the site of The 2008 U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship. Also ranked in Golf Digest's America's Top 10 Best New Courses for 2001..."



Summer Worship Series - Join Us!

Is Guatemala Calling You in 2014?

We are currently making plans for our Spring 2014 St. Luke's Mission trip to Guatemala. Dates for next year's trip will be March 21-30, 2014. The focus of the trip will be construction, most likely school classrooms and/or cinder block homes. No prior building experience is needed for this trip. In addition, the trip itinerary will include visits with sponsor students and a visit to the John Wesley School.

We are also looking into the feasibility of sponsoring a St. Luke's Dental Mission trip in May 2014. At this point, we are looking for dentist and dental hygienists who would be interested in volunteering their time and talents to help rural families in Guatemala. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, please contact us so that we can determine if we have enough dental personnel to staff such a trip.

If you are interested in going on either the March construction trip or May dental trip, or would like more information on these trips, please send an email to Laura Richards, laura@puravida.org I will keep an email database and keep you updated as further plans develop for both trips.



With much appreciation and thanksgiving for the life of one of our saints, and for the expression of musical praise for generations to come! Thank you to the Don Haas family for the donation of a new and beautiful grand piano in the chapel in memory of Alberta Haas.



Holy Land Pilgrimage 2014

March 20-30

to Israel, Palestine, and Jordan with the choice of an extension to Petra in Jordan

Leader: Dr. Janet Forbes **Faculty:** Dr. Tom Phillips

This pilgrimage will acquaint travelers with the geographical and cultural settings of the New Testament and relate historical studies to contemporary dynamics in Israel, Palestine and Jordan. The pilgrimage will include forums on historical and contemporary themes and visits with local people. The learning process will be contextual and experiential, introducing us to the moral dimensions of biblical studies and exploring how biblical faith relates to the context of the Holy Land.

INFORMATION GATHERINGS

Sunday, June 30 at 4:00pm and Monday, July 13 at 6:30pm

Hosted by The Society for Biblical Studies (www.sbsedu.org) whose mission is: to reform biblical scholarship, to redeem pilgrimage from commercial sightseeing, and to renew the mission of the Church.

Send inquiries to Rev. Janet at janet@stlukeshr.com

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

Shaped by the Bible

Summer at St. Luke's 2013

I call it an Aha! moment.

It is the moment when I can hear, when I know,

that an answer is being offered to me.

All other sounds measurably fade, including the banter in my brain. It is when the answer travels from my heart to my head and says, "This is so."

No questions follow, no objections interrupt; just the recognition that I must listen and follow."

-Sharon E. Rainey, Making a Pearl from the Grit of Life

Shaped by the Bible

Our Summer Worship Series, SHAPED BY THE BIBLE, will grow out of the stories of our community. In this diverse congregation, how are the scriptures transforming us?

Disciple Bible Study says that the authority of the scripture lies in its ability to cause encounter between God and the one who reads it. When we read the Bible and God speaks to us, we hear the Bible with fresh insight.

This summer, we'll be making pearls from the grit of our stories! The birth of a pearl seems miraculous to me. Pearls are grown by live mollusks. An irritant of some sort lodges itself in an oyster or clam's soft inner body. The creature begins to secrete a smooth, hard, crystalline substance, encasing the irritant, layer upon layer, until the pearl takes shape.

As we celebrate the pearls – the spiritual journeys – that we are creating, I am asking you, "Which story in the Bible best reflects your life at the moment?" Which biblical event is a metaphor for your life today? Are you taking a great risk like Moses and the Hebrew people when they challenge Pharaoh, escaping the bonds of slavery in Egypt? Are you speaking prophetic words, like Amos, inviting a child to turn from destructive ways? Or, are you, like Jesus, walking on water, resisting temptation or power?

Our Summer Worship Series will be built upon the interlacing of scriptures that are shaping St. Luke's. Send your Bible story or passage to Rev. Janet at janet@stlukeshr.com –Grace, *Rev. Janet*

Do we have your correct family contact information?



Now is your chance to update your record for our annual Guide Book & Directory and database cleanup. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you planning to move soon? Are all your children still at home and are they included in your family contact information? Do you want your information published?

Please update your contact information by filling out the form at the Get Connected Center or contact Lynda©stlukeshr.com





Rev. Ryan Canaday Associate Minister

What Does Grace Mean to You?

During the morning worship services a few Sundays ago, I posed this question: "What

does grace mean to you?" Wow! What a loaded question. I invited you all to respond...to shoot me a text or to jump on my Facebook page and join the discussion. You all certainly responded...and that is AWESOME! On that morning I received 47 text messages. It brought to light a few things for me.

First, I learned just how many of you bring your cell phones into worship on Sunday mornings. No judgment...just an observation:) AND I learned that my cell phone could be blowing up in my pocket and I could still make it through the sermon. But this leads to a few slightly more important questions, thoughts, and observations.

Does grace ever get old? Do we ever outgrow the concept of God's unconditional love in our lives or find that we no longer need it? I don't think so, and I don't think you all think so either...according to my phone and Facebook page. There is just something about grace. We want to talk about it. We want to think about it. We want to define it. But more importantly we want to experience it. Let's be honest, there is just something really cool and profound about the idea of God's unconditional love and forgiveness--and so many of you picked up on this idea. I have the texts to prove it! That God is always there no matter what we've done or where we've been. I like to think God never gets tired of saying to us: "Welcome home child."

We screw up. We don't live up to our potential. We make mistakes...big ones. We hurt others. And God always says, "Let's create something better... together." Grace. It never gets old. God never gives up on us or the world. Ever.

One other thing this whole experience got me to thinking about...the power of interactive and participatory worship. It's something I would love to keep playing with. How do we encourage the congregation to have a voice...even in our preaching? How do encourage participation throughout the worship service? I'd love to hear some of your ideas. But for now I'll simply say thank you! Thank you for interacting. Thank you for participating.

I hope you continue to experience God's grace in some really cool ways this summer!

Grace & Peace, Rev. Ryan

Join us for Revolution at 6:30pm each Sunday This summer
Revolution will
be gathering at
Spring Gulch Park!
9920 Silver Maple
Road



Rev. Sallie Suby-LongAssociate Minister

St. Luke's Adds Another Spiritual Director to our Team!!

"Asking life-giving questions and companioning people as they look closely at the transforming work of God in their lives."

The Spirit is clearly leading St. Luke's in the Ministry of Spiritual Direction! We now have six individuals who have been called to this ministry and who have completed professional preparation/certification to offer their expertise in this practice.

Our warmest congratulations to Marshall Kuhn who recently completed his training with the Benet Hill Spiritual Formation Program. Marshall joins Janet Johnston, Lynda Fickling Leigh Ramsey, Jenita Rhodes, and Sallie Suby-Long.

Spiritual Direction is both a contemporary and ancient practice that focuses on supporting people in their spiritual, emotional, and psychological growth. Many people find that spiritual direction enhances their sense of meaning and fulfillment.

Like with most things in life, the best way to fully understand Spiritual Direction is to experience it. Spiritual Direction is as unique as each person because it is tailored for the needs, hopes, and experiences of the person. Spiritual Directors are trained to help people share their sacred stories, to discover more about what gives them joy, to support them in connecting to their spiritual center, and to what inspires them toward deeper meaning in life. In more common terms, Spiritual Direction might be compared to life coaching with specific attentiveness to a wholistic approach.

Every St. Luke's Spiritual Director is trained to listen, to support, to raise thoughtful questions and to create a welcoming and gracious space in which an individual can address the topics that are most relevant to her/his life. In an atmosphere of trust, individuals are supported in discovering their spiritual strengths, finding solutions to challenges, and experiencing greater meaning and connection.

If you are interested in working with a Spiritual Director, please contact Pastor Sallie or any of the following Spiritual Directors for more information!

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Congratulations, Marshall! Marshall Kuhn Completed Spiritual Direction Certification in May, 2013. May God continue to bless you as you offer your gifts.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

Sharon Williams and Learning with St Luke's will be presenting Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace University" **beginning July 17 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall.**Financial Peace University is a nine week course that teaches how to come up with, and implement a financial plan. It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, Financial Peace University presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more. The classes typically last an hour and a half, and will run from July 17-September 11 and child care will be provided.

If you are looking for more information about Financial Peace University, join us for a thirty minute **informational and preview meeting on Sunday, June 30 at 12:15pm** in the Conference Room.. To register for the class, visit www.daveramesy.com/fpu, then click on the "find a class" link, once that loads, search for St Luke's United Methodist and click to register. For any questions about registration or Financial Peace University, contact Learning with St Luke's at lwsl©stlukeshr.com or Sharon Williams sharonewilliams©juno.com



Lynda Fickling Director of Servant Ministry/ Spiritual Director

CICENNECTED

Monday Mornings at McDonald's (MMM)

Here's an open invitation to you throughout the summer! Meet me at the Highland's Ranch McDonalds (Broadway & Highlands Ranch Parkway)... 8:30-10:00am.

I want to get to know you better and help answer questions you may have regarding St. Luke's, including our activities, programs and anything else that comes up! Consider this Café St. Luke's outside the building! Looking forward to Mondays!

Join us for Coffee & Conversation



about the History of St. Luke's, the United Methodist Church, our programs and ministries. **9:30am July 14** in Rm 213. All welcome!

St. Luke's: Your Spiritual Community

We invite you to experience community with St. Luke's.

To connect in a deeper way, please contact one of our Pastoral staff or Lynda Fickling, Director of Servant Ministry lynda©stlukeshr.com 303-791-0659 x20

We look forward to sharing our journeys together.

New! AGELESS SINGLES group

A social group for unmarried, divorced, widowed, men and women of all ages.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday July 7:

Little River Band concert at Hudson Gardens. Purchase ticket by June 23. Gates open 5:00pm, show starts at 6:30pm.

Saturday July 13:

Evening hike - Lone Tree Bluffs Regional Park, starts 6:00pm.

Saturday August 10:

Drive up to Mt. Evans, picnic lunch at Echo Lake. Meet at St Luke's at 9:00am.

RSVP to Allison Wright, allisonwright303©yahoo.com or 720-371-6760.



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:

Olivia Murrow Joe Forbes - Rev. Janet's brother Kathy Hutchison - Dave Laurvick's sister Tony Zaragoza -

Kirk & Linda Hall's close friend Jan Brace - Patricia Shaffer's friend Leslie & David Wildrick - Anne Packer's friends Joan Ponds - Jan & Charlie Rufien's friend Alec - Kirk & Linda Hall's friend George Hayllar - Tom Hayllar's uncle Ian Falivene

Larry Miller - Heidi Carlson's father Frank James - Kathy Swier's uncle Jenny Dewey - Kathy Swier's niece Jim & Shirley DuLuca Ena Affan - Elena Lynch's cousin Creighton Smith - Dewey & Sharon Smith's son Mary Mack Eley - Marj Mack's sister

LaVawn McLeland Bert Woods - Val Clark's friend

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Doug & Renee Saba on the birth of their daughter, Bridget Ayla Saba

SYMPATHIES TO:

Rick & Louise Jasper on the passing of their brother-in-law, Carl Hochmuth

Tom & Sallie Suby-Long on the passing of Sallie's aunt, Ardis Sheimo

The Vargo family on the passing of family friend, Stella Kane

Welcoming our newest members

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



Jason & Kate **Blanchard**

Dyani Galligan

"Because St. Luke's so openly and warmly welcomes all people as we each do our part to make the world a better place everyday for friends and strangers."



& Michelle White "It took a long

time, but we found a home like we had before."

Pat Brown



Adam & Lauren Hulse

"Good Atmosphere."

Linda Malone

"I love St. Luke's commitment to "After Hours Denver" and all the other outreach programs.







Spirituality and Wellness

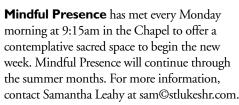
"Walking the labyrinth is a way of praying with the body that invites the divine presence into an active conversation with the heart and soul." (from Praying a Labyrinth by Beth Richardson.)

On May 4 the Spirituality and Wellness Team lead a labyrinth walk through St. Luke's own labyrinth in conjunction with World Labyrinth Day. The theme "Walk as One at 1" provided opportunities to learn

more about the role of labyrinths in spiritual practice. Walkers were provided guides to help them to remember God's blessings as preparation to entering the labyrinth, to "let go" and become centered as they enter the labyrinth, to receive whatever the creative spirit offers as they walked the labyrinth, and to be open to gracious resolution through their retraced steps. Participants joined with labyrinth walkers around the world in creating and sharing sacred space along the journey through St. Luke's labyrinth. For more information about the role of labyrinths, contact Jenita Rhodes (jenita©pcisys.net).

May is the time for early Colorado wildflowers in the foothills, and the Spirituality and Wellness Team led a hike over the South Mesa/Big Bluestem/ Towhee Loop Trail searching for the regular May bloomers.

May is also a time, it often seems, for endings, and the Spirituality and Wellness Team is using this time for reflection, assessment, and planning new beginnings for the coming year. The team has scheduled a retreat in early June to the Hideaway Center near Colorado Springs. If you have an interest in joining the spirituality and Wellness Team as we plan for the future, please talk with Reverend Sallie (sallie@stlukeshr.com) or Renae Parae (renaeparra@aol.com).



The Outdoor Adventures Team has planned several activities through the summer

to continue facilitate our encounters with God through listening, looking, and contemplating God's wonderful creation. We invite all at St. Luke's to join us this summer as we seek new sacred spaces.

- July 12 deepen our awareness of the sacred while participating in an authentic Japanese tea ceremony at the Botanic Gardens (10:00-12:00 am). As follow-up to the tea ceremony, we will host an evening event on Thursday, July 18 to share reflections and enhance our learning. Preregistration through Denver Botanic Gardens is required. Cost is \$30 per person. For more information, contact janetjohnston@comcast.net.
- August 1 explore Chatfield Reservoir in a canoe, guided by a naturalist from South Suburban Parks and Recreation (6:00-8:00pm). Canoes, paddles, and life jackets will be provided for your \$22 pre-registration fee. Space is limited to 12 participants. For more information, contact janetjohnston©comcast.net
- Saturday in August (TBD), we will hike to Gem Lake near Estes Park.
 An optional Friday overnight at the Olivers' cabin is planned; watch for details in the St. Luke's Bulletin and Week © a Glance.

-The Spirituality and Wellness Team





Thank You for Your 30th Birthday Gifts!

Through your generosity, we've completed several important projects we've had on our 'back burner' for some time! We are so very grateful!

Our new front doors will be here soon! So very pleased to have the new automatic opener buttons! Such a nice 1st impression for everyone!

Children's Ministry has definitely enhanced their program planning with the addition of the new media and cooking workshop equipment! And the Nursery is enjoying a new back door and a new TV! Our Youth are 'settling in' at their new squishy beanbag lounge! These enhancements are sure to be a big hit with this fall's new classes.

We've got lots of other projects in queue – the most important of which will improve our drainage and icing issues at the lower northwest entrance. Please pardon our dust and foot traffic re-routes as we do the necessary dirty work before our fall kick-off.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made these projects happen! If you missed out on the opportunity to participate and would like to offer a donation, we still have opportunities for you! Please contact Dave Cupp to take a look at our list or talk to Sandi Miyaki or Ken Fong about a gift of service on one of our many on-site projects. We welcome and encourage your participation! —Sandi Miyaki

HAAT Force Update

We provided 1359 nights of shelter this year. This means that each year we have been open we have doubled the number of nights of shelter that we provide. Our first season was 300. The next was 600 And this year, 1359.

This growth is unsustainable and thus we are looking into other business models to provide this service but at a reduced cost. I have recently been approached by an organization called "The Tri County Severe Weather Shelter Committee". This is an organization that is looking into churches to open their doors on severe weather nights in the winter. They serve that same area as HAAT does, Jefferson, Arapahoe and Douglas counties. They have aligned themselves with Love INC as a gap ministry. They have asked HAAT Force to participate with them in this ministry. We are currently looking into this. We would retain our own identity but partner with them serving as a distribution site for them and we would use their services to provide shelter. This is very much a pilot program. They did have one church open their doors this past year and it seems to have gone well.

I am aware of several other programs similar to this that operate in other areas in the state. We are interested in this "New" business model and I will keep everyone up to date as to how this progresses.

Thank you, Peter Reif, President HAAT Force



Woof! Woof! Jake and Max, here! Let the fun fair begin! We are so excited for the EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR! Soon the church will look like a big fair and over 350 children will come to experience Vacation Bible School with us! woo hoo!

Thanks to all of the VBS Volunteers to everyone who has served this past year or has signed up to serve in Children's Ministry - you are all blessings in the lives of our children.

Summer is a great time to serve in Sunday School and at VBS - the kids need YOU! And you will find it's one of the most rewarding ways to serve God and share your gifts. Help create lasting memories and grow in your spiritual journey with us! Sign up online or email Sharon or Sam.

Don't forget our great website www. stlukeshr.com/children. You can check out upcoming Events, and the Sunday School Servant Schedule! Please let Sharon & Sam know if you have any questions.

Love and Doggie blessings!



Sharon Oliver Director of Children's Ministry



Samantha Leahy Director of Early Childhood Ministry



Coordinator

Luke's Kads Growing with God

curriculum. We are learning what it means to be a good neighbor. Neighbors are FRIENDLY, GIVING, BOLD, FORGIVING **& WELCOMING.** So far in PEAK we've had Art, Cooking and Cinema and coming up we will do Games, Science and Storytelling. All children are invited to sing the prelude at 9:30

and 11:00am worship on June 30 & July 14 to share our VBS songs. There is no Sunday School on July 7 - enjoy Family Worship time. Then on July 21 we start a new curriulum all about prayer. What a wonderful way to spend a summer with fanstastic workshops, learning amazing Bible stories, singing fun



Stephanie Kirk Children's Ministry



Summer

On June 2 we said goodbye to our 6th graders as they moved up to 7th grade and into SLY

(St. Luke's Youth.) We are so

see what their future holds!

proud of them and can't wait to

PEAK and Joy Trek are having

is Here!



Sept. 1 the children will move up to their next grade on Promotion Sunday. Join us for a great summer! Don't forget our Servant Training on Sept. 10 with special guest Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley who is an expert on children and sprituality and kids in crisis. Watch for more info to come. Not to miss!! Morning Vacation Bible School (VBS) kicks off on June 24 for an amazing week and then evening VBS will be July 9-12 and it's already filled up! We have over 150 volunteers and feel so blessed by all the support. We are also very excited to support UMCOR for our VBS mission by collecting school supplies for school kits that will be used all over the world. THANKS to all who got items off our VBS Donation Board. You are a crucial part of the success of VBS and we are so grateful! Thank you St. Luke's!!!!

songs, and discovering many different ways that we can pray including the Lord's Prayer. On

MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

JUNE/JULY: Warrn Village & UMCOR

Highlighting Mission Opportunities: For more about 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

Warren Village will once again receive produce from the St. Luke's Garden this summer and fall. Warren Village exists so that low income single parent families achieve sustainable personal and economic self-sufficiency. Specifically, Warren Village nurtures the potential in individuals and families through three on-site integrated programs:

- HOUSING Providing safe, affordable subsidized housing; offering 93 one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments accommodating families of up to six children and one adult.
- THE GRETA HORWITZ LEARNING CENTER — On-site, nationally accredited, quality child care and early childhood education for as many as 113 children, ages six weeks through ten years, through a multicultural and gender-fair curriculum developed for at-risk urban kids.

FAMILY SERVICES giving parents and their children the opportunity to change and improve their lives through a full range of services, including comprehensive case management, vocational assessment, evening life skills classes, childenrichment activities, mentoring and residentinitiated leadership opportunities.

For more information about St. Luke's involvement with Warren Village, contact Laura and Mike Richards at corichards@aol.com or go to www.warrenvillage.org for additional details about Warren Village.

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) St. Luke's Mission Trip



UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude 🚺 that they overwhelm a United Methodist Committee on Relief community's ability to recover on

its own. Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States, as well as those in Africa, Asia, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. In July, St. Luke's will send 14 mission team participants to the UMCOR West depot in Salt Lake City. The trip will take place on July 21st through 27th. The UMCOR West depot serves as a material resources warehouse to store UMCOR supply kits. UMCOR West helps reduce shipping costs and enhances efficiency when responding to emergencies in the western part of the US. The St. Luke's team will assemble emergency kits that will be used in future UMCOR disaster response work. In preparation for their trip, the team will launch a drive on June 23rd to collect supplies to take to Salt Lake City. These will include Health Kits, supplies for Cleaning Buckets and monetary donations. An insert detailing these items will be in the 6/23 bulletin. In addition, the Vacation Bible School program will put together "School Kits" for the team to take to the UMCOR West depot.





Kay SwansonDirector of
Little School

Little School News: Summer Fun!

Little School is on summer break and we hope that all of you are creating memories with your families. Our teachers and staff are taking a well-deserved break to spend time with their own families! The school office is open on Tuesday afternoons and most generally on Thursdays from 10:00-3:00pm (unless I am at a training or out-of town.) You can always reach me by

email at Kay©stlukeshr.com and I will get back to you right away.

Paperwork packets are DUE by July 1, 2013 and may be dropped off at the main office of the church from 9:00am-4:00pm daily (except the lunch hour.) You are also welcome to mail them to Little School, 8817 South Broadway, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129. Remember to turn in all papers by July 1 ~ with the exception of medical papers that you may need to take to the doctor's office before school starts in September.

Lots of fun happenings this summer at St. Luke's - Don't forget about 3 more Wacky Wednesdays in July as well as many fine performances by our Performing Arts Academy. Sunday School is also continuing through the summer. Hope you will join us. If you like a more casual atmosphere our Sunday night service Revolution is meeting at Spring Gulch Park for worship and fellowship!

Take time to enjoy all that summer brings to our lives, walks together or hiking, swimming, fireworks, play dates, picnics, farmer's markets, the mountains, camping, roasting marshmallows and star gazing! Take lots of pictures and pass out lots of HUGS!

Blessings for the summer, -Ms. Kay and Staff

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

Wacky Wednesdays

Each week children will enjoy music, crafts, chapel time and games.

Open to all children age 2 1/2 through entering 3rd grade!

SIGN UP NOW!!

TIME: 9:30am-noon WEDNESDAYS: July 17, 24, 31

\$20 per day.

Registration forms downstairs and online.

Contact: sam@stlukeshr.com

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"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."

Save the date for Rocky Mountain Conference Mission U (formerly known as School of Mission.) It will be held at St. Andrew again this year Aug 1-3. Such a convenient location! This year they are also offering a one day only class on August 1st. Topics this year include: Spiritual Growth- Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly; Geographic Study-The Roma of Europe; Mission Study-Poverty. Please email Renae Parra (RenaeParra@aol.com) if you would like to receive an informational handout and registration forms. It is not too early to register and order your book(s) for the classes. Last year our church had six attendees; we would love to double that this year! Registration is due July 1st.

Mile High Ubuntu Work Day on Saturday July 13, 2013 8:00 am - 12:30 pm. This is a day of service where UMW units from around the Mile High Area serve all on one day. Typically you get to select which organization you want to work for and/or what type of work you want to do. Please contact Janet Sackett 303 794-4303 (jsackett©comcast.net) if you would like to participate. Organizations to chose from this year include: Cafe 180, The Haven, She She's Corner, LOVE Inc, Jefco Action Center and Interfaith Community Services.

Thank you for attending our Spring Tea and Fashion show! We were able to donate \$500 to Renewed Treasures from our ticket sales and cash donations.

Betsy Keyack has organized a mission trip to the UMCOR Depot in Salt Lake City for mid-July. We are still collecting items for health care kits until July 16th that the group can take on behalf of our church. The collection box is in the Mission Closet at St. Luke's. All items must be NEW. A kit contains: 1 hand towel (15" x 25" to 17"x 27") kitchen, cleaning and microfiber towels not acceptable, 1 washcloth, 1 metal nail file or clipper (no emery boards or toenail clippers), 1 bath size soap (3oz and larger), 1 toothbrush, 1 adhesive bandages (3/4" to 1"), 1 gallon plastic bag, \$1 to purchase toothpaste.

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

Itch to Stitch - Second Saturday 10:00-11:30am. Meet in Goliath area of church basement; Call Fran West 303-797-7107 for more info. Not meeting in July or August. Currently making Cancer Care blankets that fold into pillows for travel and cutting hundreds of squares for Vacation Bible School

***Annual Fiber Field Trip!!!! This year we will attend Denver Art Museum's "SPUN: Adventures in Textiles" coming on a Friday in June or July. Watch the bulletin for info.

Women's Night Out - First Monday, 6:30pm

• No meetings planned for June and July; Restaurant planning night in August Contact Elaine Carlstrom at ecarlstrom@comcast.net for more info.

Simply Saturday - First Saturday, 9:00am; Room 206

• June and July - no meetings planned.

Watch for information on Ubuntu Day of Service

For information contact: Janet Sackett jsackett@comcast.net or www.stlukeshr.com, Quick links, Email Lists, to add your name to the email distribution list.

Book Group - Fourth Monday, Room 206, 7:00pm (Potluck Dinner 6:15pm)

- June 24 "Hedy's Folly" by Richard Rhodes
- July 22 "The Witness" by Nora Roberts
- Aug 26 "Killing Lincoln" by Bill O'Reilly

Contact RenaeParra©aol.com to for more info.

<u>Common Thread</u> - meets First Thursday at 10:00am, usually at the church. Call Caroline Butler for more info 303-797-3225

Save the Dates:

Saturday, September 21, UMW Annual District Meeting at Sunrise UMC Sunday, September 29 2:00-4:00pm, UMW Fall Kick-off event



Upcoming Activities Roxborough Revisited



Join the Seasoned Voyagers, a 55+ ministry on June 26, Wednesday evening from 4:45 to 8:45pm to Roxborough Park. Bring your picnic supper and lawn chair. We will be car pooling so let us know if you want to be a driver or a passenger. Cost is \$5.00 per person (except drivers pay admission in lieu of this) includes park admission and a donation to the park fund raiser. Sign up at church (began June 2) or email to Joyce. Your place is held by your payment. For info contact Joyce Rovetta 303-470-5705 or rovetta©juno.com

July 19 - plan to join Seasoned Voyagers for a Free Wine Tasting at Desert Moon Winery. Details will come in July email blast but tentatively we'll meet some place to eat and go to tasting room for 1:00pm.

For more information call Judy Dearasaugh at 303-814-3304 or email Joyce Rovetta at: rovetta©juno.com

To always be aware of activities such as this for our 55+ members, get on the Seasoned Voyagers email list at StLukesHR.com.

From home page, go to quick links and go to email lists. Scroll down to Ministry Email Lists where you will be able to "select a list" and go to Seasoned Voyagers and enter and submit your name and email address.

You will then get all email updates about Seasoned Voyager activities.

More from Les: Fred's Mythological Dream by Rev. Les Ludlam



(From Wikipedia) A myth is a sacred narrative usually explaining how the world or humankind came to be in its present form... Myths may arise as either truthful depictions or over elaborated accounts of historical events, as allegory for or personification of natural phenomena, or as an explanation of ritual. They are transmitted to convey religious or idealized experience, and to teach.

Fred and Bill had been lifelong friends, they had gone to high school together, had attended the same university and each had been the Best Man at the other's wedding. But the friendship had recently taken on a new meaning when Bill was diagnosed with a severe, chronic, fatal disease. Fred

tried to spend as much time with his friend as he could, but it was a long trip to Bill's home and it was painful to see someone close to you dying inch by inch.

Bill died a few weeks ago and Fred had agreed to do the eulogy at the memorial service. Now, Fred found himself angry, angry with God! "Bill was such a good man," thought Fred, "he was a kind and thoughtful person; he has done so much for so many! His death seems such a terrible waste! I feel guilty that I am alive and he has died!"

Fred fell into a state of depression. He let small irritations consume him, and his work began to suffer. And, in addition, he began having this strange dream.

He dreamt he was standing at the edge of a large arena; there seemed to be thousands of people standing on the playing field. All were talking and all were looking at him! He strained to make out the words being spoken, but the sound seemed to be a mixture of different languages being spoken simultaneously. The cacophony was almost too much to take!

Finally, in frustration, Fred cried out, "Where am I?" "Who are you?"

Suddenly, the crowd grew silent! Then, all together, they turned and smiled at Fred. "You are kind-hearted and good," came the words, seemingly from nowhere!

Fred called out again, "Where am I?" "Who are you?"

"You are kind-hearted and good; we are your brothers and sisters in creation! We are all connected!" "But, where am I?" he repeated.

"You are in the midst of all that is creation. You are grieving the loss of your friend. You are kind hearted and good. We grieve with you."

Fred felt strangely comforted and very confused. He thought to himself, "This is going somewhere; I'm not sure where, but it seems OK." Then he replied. "Yes, I grieve over my friend's death! The loss of his life seems so meaningless to me; the opportunity for him do all the good things he could have done has been taken away! His death seems to be a terrible waste! Why couldn't it have been me to die, instead of him?"

"Why, indeed," came the reply, "I too grieve over the untimely loss of your brother, and you are right, it could have been you, had you contracted the same disease. But you did not." There was a pause. "Fred, You are kind-hearted and good and I love you; I seek none but the best for you and I have created you with the freedom to choose so that you can grow, struggle, co-create, and make things a little better in the place where you exist."

"But why did Bill have to die?" asked Fred, "He didn't do anything to cause his disease!"

"All that I have created is good, but there can be harmful outcomes when people encounter the powerful natural forces that shape the world."

Fred thought carefully about what he was hearing and now responded, "You must be God! Are you real? Am I just imagining all this?"

There was a deep, rumbling laugh! "I AM WHO I AM" came the reply. "I am the fabric that is the Universe! I am the smallest of particles and the vastness of galaxies. All that has been created has come from me. Examine your knowledge of history, Fred. You'll find that I use ordinary people. And I am within you. I love you. And I choose you to carry my message."

"But, why me?" Fred asked softly, "I am no great theologian, I have no power or influence on the minds of others!"

"Examine your knowledge of history, Fred, you'll find that I use ordinary people as my communicators, those who look beyond the edge of popular thought.

You have come to understand more about the physical world in which you live, and as your experience and knowledge grows, there is a need to communicate a new myth, a story that carries truths about Me and my will, presented in ways that people today can meaningfully use as they live their day-to-day lives."

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Dave Cupp Director of Finance

ThankYou ForYour Continued Financial Support

Happy 30th Anniversary St. Luke's

– BELATED PARTICIPATION IS

ENCOURAGED! It is not too late for you to participate in our 30th Anniversary

Celebration. We have received over \$30,000 in gifts and issued 70 new grocery cards through

the first week of June.

Keep in mind that participating in the grocery card program is a way for your 30th anniversary participation to continue giving at **no cost to you.** When you enroll in the program by getting your free starter card for either Kings or Safeway here at St. Luke's, we will get at least a 5% rebate to go into our general fund every time you reload the card at the grocery store. The report we received for the period ending in mid-May indicated 77 families had reloaded their cards with an average reload amount per card of \$245. Ten families reloaded their card two times during the month, two families reloaded three times, two families reloaded four times and one family reloaded five times. These numbers will continue to increase as more free starter cards are issued.

Participation is so easy. All you do is get your free starter card reloaded as needed at the service counter using your credit card, check or cash. If you forget to stop at the service counter they can reload at the cashier if you let them know before they ring-up your purchase. You can use the card to purchase store items and gas. Unfortunately, you can't use it to purchase gift cards.

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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 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.



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Summer Music

Kennrick Mervine organizes all of the service music that you will hear during the summer. If you are interested in providing music at service (with a solo, duet, etc) at St. Luke's, contact Ken at kenm©stlukeshr.com.

What a Show! St. Luke's Brass Ensemble and the Colorado Women's Chorale

Our very dedicated Brass Ensemble joined with the Colorado Women's Chorale for a fun night of choral and brass music. The highlight of the evening was a new piece by composer Gwyneth Walker titled "Sweet Molly and Friends" for women's choir and tuba. The dazzling tuba accompaniment was played by St. Luke's Ethan Goddard. Carl Fitch, David Rhodes, Kevin Larsen, and Brian Ernster also accompanied the choir throughout the night. Jennifer Ferguson, director of both groups, said that "this was one of the best programs the CWC has ever done, and I was thrilled to integrate music from St. Luke's with the Colorado Women's Chorale!" Thanks everyone for dedication and musicality!

Summer Choir Camp

Have you always wanted to be a part of the Chancel Choir? Is it time to rejoin after taking a break? Summer Choir camp will be held on Saturday, July 20 from 9:00-11:00am. Everyone interested welcome! For more information, contact James Ramsey at jim@stlukeshr.com.

Keep Singing! And Playing!

The Music and Arts Ministry program would like to wish a happy summer and bright future to all of our graduating seniors in the Class of 2013. We hope you never give up the joy of music in your lives, and come visit the music and arts programs frequently!

Memorial Gifts Say You Care

Sometimes a gift of flowers is not appropriate or not enough recognition. When the obituary suggest "in lieu of flowers" you can make a gift through the St. Luke's Memorials and Honors Giving Program. Your gift in memory of someone special at the time of their death, or at the anniversary of their death, is a wonderful way to remember their special contribution to life.



The Planned Giving Team has made memorial giving at St. Luke's easy. There are memorials and honors giving brochures and special envelopes located in the literature rack just inside the front door. These items provide an easy way for you to select several giving opportunities plus the possibilities you may have that are not listed. Also, they provide an easy way for proper recognition of your gift. All you have to do is turn in your donation to the church office using the special items.

The Purpose of St. Luke's Planned Giving Team Provides information, opportunities and administration for members and constituents to make provision for giving through St. Luke's by means of wills, annuities, trusts, life insurance, memorials, and various types of property. This includes the St. Luke's Endowment Funds and Memorials and honors giving program.



Upcoming Events!

Check out our summer mission trips:

- Yakima, Washington Trip for Sr. High Students
- July 28-August 3: Rapid City, South Dakota Trip for |r. High Students
- August 4-11: New Jersey Trip for College Students
- * August 9-10: GEMs End of Summer Lock-In
- August 18: SLY Kick-Off Meeting for ALL PARENTS AND YOUTH!
- Sign up to receive our emails and Check www.stlukeshr.com and click on "Youth" or "SLY" for up-to-date info on programs, activities, opportunities and more!



It is with joy and sadness that we say goodbye to our graduating youth. These youth have helped to shape SLY and have impacted us adults on our faith journeys as much as we have them. They will be truly missed!

Also, we are so excited to welcome our upcoming 7th graders to SLY! We can't wait to get to know you and watch you grow!

ON THE SLY:

Summer Happenings!!

The best time of the year is here... Summer!! School is out and we are now free to have loads of fun!! Moving into our summer programming means the beginning of our Wednesday groups STMs and GEMs. This is what the youth wait for all year!



Dave LaurvickDirector of
Youth Ministry



Amy McMullen Assistant Dir. of Youth Ministry

STMs (Shortcuts To Manhood) is a group made especially for the boys to get together, hang out, and play ultimate frisbee. And of course, boys love to eat, so after getting all worn out and sweaty, they head to a fast food restaurant for dinner and fellowship! All boys going into 7th grade through just graduated seniors are welcome! Meet at the church at 6:00pm and bring money for dinner!

GEMs (Girls Enrichment Ministry) is a group made just for the girls! GEMs meets at 6:00pm on Wednesdays to do all sorts of fun things! This summer's events include a mall scavenger hunt, cookie decorating, a greeting card making class at Archivers, tie dye, Zumba, and more!

Summer also means its Mission Trip time!!! At the beginning of June we welcomed home our crew from Guatemala. *Look for the recap of this amazing trip in our next issue!* Over 50 Sr. High will be leaving bright and early on the 22nd of June to do mission work in Yakama, Washington. Then at the end of July we will be sending off our Jr. High to Rapid City, South Dakota. Finally, at the beginning of August our college group will be heading out east to New Jersey to work with Habitat for Humanity. Prayers of safe travels are much appreciated as we head out into the world to be the hands and feet of Christ!

We are SLY (St. Luke's Youth) and we are an inclusive group for all 7th-12th graders that focuses on fellowship, fun, and finding out what this God thing is all about! As always, we have lots going on and are so excited to grow closer while having fun and being the hands and feet of Christ!

As always, we have a lot going on! We are blessed to be able to work with the youth of St. Luke's and we love to watch their relationships grow with God and each other!

–Yours in Christ, Dave & Amy

Here is a snapshot of our summer schedule:

Sundays:

- SLY AM (9:30-10:30am) Talking about life and the bible with our adult
- **SLY PM (6:00-7:30pm)** All sorts of fun and "chill" activities are happening Sunday nights in the youth room this summer! Check out our website for details.

Wednesdays - Summer Programming:

- GEMs (Girls Enrichment Ministry) 6:00-8:00pm: Fun events just for Girls!! Some events we have coming up include Tie Dye, Card Making, Cookie Decorating, and Zumba! Check out the website or the Youth Room for details!
- STMs (Shortcuts To Manhood) 6:00-8:00pm: A weekly time to play ultimate frisbee and eat fast food just for the boys! Meet at the church and we'll take the bus to the park together! Bring money for dinner!

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Fred's mind raced, he caught his breath, but said nothing...

"Are you ready Fred? Are you willing to try? This may be hard for you, but no more difficult than it was for those who have written in my behalf in the past."

"If I do this," said Fred, "I must be honest to my own understanding of the physical world, I cannot profess something that is not consistent with that which I have observed and experienced in my life."

"I expect no less!" came the reply.

"I will have some hard questions," continued Fred, "some of them have been in my mind for some time."

"I know what's in your mind and the questions you have, so ask away!

But I charge you to listen with your heart and your mind and to respond once you've heard!" was the response.

"OK, then, let's go!" exclaimed Fred.

Fred heard a soft ringing, like a bell in the distance, and he was having trouble hearing the voices of those in the arena. The vision of all the faces began to fade and suddenly he found himself awake! He reached over and turned off the alarm clock, he turned back and stared at the ceiling. "What a strange dream," he thought, "I wonder what it all means....."

There will be more dreams for Fred! Where will the conversation go next month? What questions will Fred ask? What responses will he receive? *God bless us all! –Les*





Blessings to you all!

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Join us in growing together toward full humanity through living the teachings of Jesus: Love, Acceptance, Justice and Hope.

SAVETHIS DATE! If you have donated your time, a monetary gift, or an item, such as diapers, food, or clothing to **Love INC**, please plan on attending Love INC's second annual appreciation event on Sunday, August 18. Love INC's staff and board members want to thank you personally for your contributions. We feel you all are an essential piece of Love INC's success. More details will be placed in the Sunday bulletins and on the screen closer to the time of the event. If you weren't able to attend Love INC's first appreciation event last year, don't miss this one. A fun time will be had by all!

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