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#### ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

#### APRIL 2014





Sat. April 12 10:00am-noon

Grab your family and come join us for games, Easter egg hunts, egg dyeing, balloon animals, photos with the Easter bunny, cotton candy, bouncy castle, crafts and MORE! If you can help, we need you. Sign up online at the St. Luke's website. This is a great and FUN way to serve our church and our kids! *Thanks so much*!





Sunday April 13: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am Palm Sunday Services -Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes Children's Parade of Palms, St. Luke's Choirs and Orchestra

#### Thursday April 17: 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday Service of Communion



Friday April 18: 7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service 'Featuring *"Requiem"* by Karl Jenkins Telling the Story through Drama and Music St. Luke's Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Sunday April 20: 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 & 11:00am Easter Services of Resurrection *Love Lent to the World: Imagine!* -Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes St. Luke's Choirs, Handbells, Band and Brass Ensemble



## The Easter Greeting from Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes



Rev. Janet Forbes

Very early in the morning, as soon as the sun came Senior Pastor out and they dared go outside, they hastened to the tomb. The first ones who came were the women, those who had loved him so very much. They were loaded with linen, oil, and perfumes, because they came to bury him properly.

The men only came afterwards, when the news about the empty grave reached them. They were running very fast, as fast as they could. John, being the younger, overtook Peter, but, being the younger, he waited for Peter to enter the tomb. They all gazed into the tomb before entering it, full of hesitation. They were all surprised, very surprised.

The story is, of course, about what happened to Jesus, and yet when you read it, it is all about them. First, it happened to Mary; then it happened to the other women; then it happened to John and Peter;

then to the others; and finally to Thomas. They believed; something happened to them!

Certainly something had happened to Jesus. No doubt, he rose from the dead. Yes, he overcame darkness and evil. But the story is really about what happened to them when they saw the empty tomb, when he appeared to them, a first time, a second time, in the house where they met, outside at the lake, seeing him walking over the seas, eating bread and the fish he fried for them.

The story is about them; they believed! That is how we should celebrate Easter. What happened to Jesus is, of course, the main thing. It is the beginning and the end, the foundation and the pinnacle. But what we are asked to celebrate is what overcame them and what should overcome us. *continued on page 2* 

## My Confirmation Experience

by Abby Lauer (14 years old)

At the start of confirmation in January, I'm gonna be honest, it was a little nerve-wracking. There was a lot of information and I didn't know very many people. But as the weeks went on, not only did my faith and belief grow, continued on page 9 Sunday Worship Services: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am Contemplative Service (Check website for dates & times)

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

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

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#### All submissions for the **May 2014 issue** of *The Chronicle* are due April 20

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The Chronicle is published 10 times per year and is emailed to those on our email blast list, and it can be found on the church website. Printed copies are available at church entrances. To receive *The Chronicle* via US mail, please call or email the Church Office. continued from page 1 Recently, I talked with a mentor, a women of wisdom and hope. She told me: "As you know, life has its ups and its downs. The older you become, the better you know: it is light and darkness, sun and shadow, sweet and bitter, good and evil, sickness and health, virtue and vice, progress and regress, falling and rising, life and death, Good Friday and Easter!"

This is all true, but what the witnesses started to believe at that empty tomb, as they ran home, when they saw him – is that good will overcome, that death will disappear, that light will triumph, that up will prevail over down, the up of the resurrection over the down of the cross.

They were not only willing to believe, they were willing to live that belief in their lives, themselves risen from all death!

There are several stories that I tell every Easter. When the world was locked in the midst of the cold war, the lecturer paused in his speech before summing up. His large audience listened fearfully. "Therefore", he said, "there is no God: Jesus Christ never existed; there is no such thing as the Holy Spirit. The church is an oppressive institution, and anyway, it's out of date. The future belongs to the State, and the State is in the hands of the Party."



He was about to sit down when an old priest near the front stood up. "May I say two words?" he asked. (It's three in English, but he was, of course, speaking Russian.) The lecturer, disdainfully, gave him permission. He turned, looked out over the crowd, and shouted: "Christ is risen!" Back came the roar of the people: "He is risen indeed!" They'd been saying it every Easter for a thousand years; why should they stop now?

We join that endless parade of Christian brothers and sisters around the globe who gather to proclaim the ancient greeting. Join us this year for the Holy Week journey: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday Communion, Good Friday Tenebrae, and the Easter Festival.

## Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

# Everything you always wanted to know about church, but were afraid to ask! May 4 at noon

Our next **Common Table** will be on Sunday, May 4, immediately following the 11:00am service. The format for this will be different from previous Common Tables, as we are seeking a wider range of questions from the congregation! Rather than focusing on simply one or two topics, we'll be guided by the questions of the day (as well as a few submitted earlier).

Some example questions may be:

- The Catholics have the Pope who's the leader of the United Methodist Church?
- How does one become a member of St. Luke's? What does it mean to be a member?
- Why has the United Methodist Church been in the news recently?
  I've been baptized in a different denomination do I need
- to be baptized as a United Methodist?
- How do I get involved in a leadership role at St. Luke's?
- Who supervises our pastors and other staff?
- Why do we have communion the first Sunday of every month?
- I want to start an adult Sunday School class, based on book I've read. Who do I talk to?
- Are there United Methodists in Africa?

**Send your questions** to CommonTable©StLukesHR. com and we'll get it on the agenda for the May Common Table! Even if you don't have a question for us, join in the community conversation on May 4! Bring a potluck dish to share! Nursery care will be available – please notify Sam at least 48 hours prior to the event at sam©stlukeshr.com





Featuring: Softball, Garden, Golf, Family Ministry & PAA

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## How do we get connected here?

Rev. Ryan Canaday Associate Minister

We have heard this question

over and over from younger families who are coming through the doors of St. Luke's. Connection. It's deeper than a program or three easy steps. Connection. It's about relationship. We want to create meaningful and sustaining relationships. So if you're a young family-with or without kids-here's what you need to know.

#### April 13 – Sunday 11:00am **Picnic at the Church**

Join us in the church backyard. We'll provide the sub sandwiches... you bring a side to share. Children are welcome/there will also be childcare at that time. Please RSVP by April 10 (shoot an email or text so I know how much food to get) ryan©stlukeshr.com or 303-944-5061

#### May 20 – Tuesday 6:00-9:00pm Food & Drinks at Fox & Hound in Lone Tree

\$2 drafts and they're throwing in a few free apps! We have arranged childcare at the church for \$10 per family. So drop the kids off there, then head on over! When the date gets closer, those that need childcare will have to RSVP Sam Leahy, Director of Early Childhood Ministry sam©stlukeshr.com.

We will be starting small groups soon. If you're interested in this, talk to me!

Grace & Peace, Rev. Ryan



#### Welcoming our newest members

Abigail Antinoro Olivia Ary Madeline Ash Gabriel Barnard Griffin Barnard Annalise Betts Joshua Burget Sarah Cavanaugh Caden Foster Chase Goldsberry Matthew Hertling-Johnson Caden Wetzel Annalise Hildebrand Taylor Krening

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that "Daddy works in an office" or "Mommy doesn't work".



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& Raymond

Brent & Rachel

Hayden & Colter

King, Grant,



essons learned. For many years now, St. Luke's Little School has had a March educational event called "Career Days". We ask our parents and other adults to come and share about their careers or hobbies. As you may suspect, most children have no clue what kind of job their parents have other than being able to tell us

We have found that many of our parents have very interesting jobs and over the years we have had a Navy deep sea diver, a couple who both worked for the FBI and showed us all of their very cool glow in the dark cameras and ink! We have also had the chef from the Outback who demonstrated how to make the blooming onion and pizza chefs that came in and let us all toss pizzas around. We are always impressed with the variety of careers that our parents have and their willingness to share.

This year, we were a little low on parent availability, so I reached out to our church staff and members to share their talents. It was so heart warming to ask and receive such a great response. What amazing people we have and to see them interacting with children was delightful. Mr. Ken (Mervine) our fabulous organist played for the kids, talking about the "king" of the musical instruments and showing off all the sounds that it can make. Ms. Stephanie (Kirk), a part-time caterer, cooked with all the different classes helping them to practice a little math making gorp! Betsy (Keyack) shared with us about her missionary

work and brought her famous parrot puppet. She also talked about opportunities that girls can find in the computer world, something she did for a very long time. Ms. Carrie (Mallery) mesmerized the kids with her piano playing and everyone was delighted to hear the music from "Frozen."

Ms. Betty (Ludlum) has become the official "toy lady" and talked about working for Learning Express. Imagine working at a toy store! Jenna (Wilcox), also a parent, read a very interactive story to the kids and gave them a little taste of acting! And of course the kids were enthralled with Mr. Barry's (Curtis) stories about airplanes and working at the airport. When you add to that array of talent, two rocket scientists, a sheriff, a photographer, a nurse, a leather tanner and fitness and Karate instructors, our children had an excellent sampling of some pretty neat jobs.

The lessons I learned were that of sharing and the amount of talent that we are surrounded by each day, which we sometimes take for granted. And how God has given each of us gifts to share with others, even in the simple matter of career days at a preschool. It's taking time out of a busy schedule to spend a couple of hours amongst wiggly, curious, little ones. It's the recognition from a child that whispers "Hey mom she was at my school". It's the smiling faces of children who have never heard the organ before or actually met someone who launched a rocket! I wonder if you know how blessed we are here at St. Luke's and that there are many unique individuals that take the time to be role models to young minds. It only took asking and it turned into a fabulous event! Maybe next year you would like to be a part of this important day. Just think of the impression you could leave on a child's heart! Blessings, Ms. Kay

We are all busy. We are all created to work. We are all called to be co-creators with God in this beautiful world.

Lynda Fickling Director of Servant Ministry/ Spiritual Director

"We must join our prayer with work. Work, cannot substitute for prayer.

Nevertheless we can learn to make work a prayer. How can we do this? By doing our work with Jesus for Jesus." -Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Where do you feel passionate about serving your community? In this time of spring and re-birth examine where you are fulfilling those passions in your life, consider what it is that speaks to your heart. What is that "thing" you will do no matter how busy you are or how limited you may think your time is. It's always a Yes count me in! That is enthusiasm (coming from a Greek phrase en theos, "with God.")

So when you are enthusiastically pursuing a passion that God has put in your heart, you are doing it with God! (\*ask the latest folks in Servant by Design how they are discovering/uncovering their passions!)

Here are a just a few areas that need you but this isn't limiting - be creative! What is on your mind that you can give back to your community? Please visit the Get Connected Center or contact Lynda Fickling, Director of Servant Ministry lynda©stlukeshr.com 303-791-0659 x20. My passion is to listen to you and help you hear where God is calling you to serve. That is where I am most en theos in my vocation.

#### A few ideas:

#### \*Gifts of Hospitality, Helps, Encouragement, **Discernment:**

- Get Connected Center contact lynda@stlukeshr.com •
- **Easter Sunday Hospitality** We'd love to have your smile & helpful hands at either Greeting, Ushering, Coffee Team or Parking Lot duty. If you can help anytime please contact lynda©stlukeshr.com or sign up at the Get Connected Center. Thank you!

#### \*Gifts of Faith, Compassion, Helps, Hospitality: Sunday AM's and other days/times:

- Children's Ministry contact sharon@stlukeshr.com or sam©stlukeshr.com
- Youth Ministry contact davel©stlukeshr.com or • amy@stlukeshr.com

#### \*Gifts of Mercy, Compassion, Helps, Hospitality, Faith, Craftsmanship:

- Service Saturday at St. Luke's, April 19 (Clean/fix-up • our church) - contact sandi.miyaki@realtor.com
- Habitat for Humanity – contact Stan.Voth©umheritage.com
- Sunday morning at St. Paul's UMC -• contact pwiethoff@msn.com

These are just a few items we have but there are a lot more for you to pray over! Don't forget to go to our site and fill out the Spiritual Gifts assessment http://stlukeshr.com/ spiritualgifts/ and pick up a Catalog of Ministries to see the many areas of service for you to be en theos!

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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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 Schafer Office Administrator

#### **LATEST ENTRIES TO PRAYER LIST:**

Olivia Murrow Ioe Forbes – Rev. Janet Forbes' brother Kathy Hutchinson – Dave Laurvick's sister Jan Lindquist Pete Reif Jane Riegle Katelyn Klug – Peter & Linda Young's granddaughter Debi Sheppard Jenna Wesson John DamsgardCronin Jennifer Hopwood Claire Alpert Eileen Law Alice Johnson – Karin Wesson's mother Scott Hetherington Brian & Tami Randall - Nancy Cushing's cousins

Laurie Sopko – Nancy Cushing's friend Sylvia James – Kathy Swier's aunt

SYMPATHIES TO:

Fred & Lynette Warren on the passing of Lynette's father, Lester Dale Erb Dean Conklin on the passing of his mother, Mary K. Conklin The family of Gordon Saddlemire Diane Lindsay on the passing of her *aunt/godmother*, *Mildred Lindsay* Don Haas on the passing of his brother-in-law, David Green Jim & Katie Youll on the passing of Jim's grandfather, Jim Youll Doug & Pam Lyons on the passing of Pam's brother, Frank Schiott Nancy Abbott on the passing of her friend, Edna Chang-Grant

## Monday Mornings at McDonald's

Highlands Ranch Pkwy & Broadway. Drop in! 8:30-10:00am

#### **Or...** Join us for Coffee & Conversation

about the History of St. Luke's, the United Methodist Church, our programs and ministries. 9:30am any 2nd Sunday of the month (Excluding December) Meet Rev. Sallie, Monty Hoffman and Lynda Fickling in Room 212 We look forward to getting to know you!

#### St. Luke's: **Your Spiritual** Community

Our hearts lead the way when we join in a community. We embrace new friendships, discover shared passions and connections, ask questions, and begin to understand who Jesus is for us, in our lives. 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.

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Six inches of fresh snow and a clear Coloradoblue sky created perfect conditions for our

snowshoeing hike at the Flying J Ranch

on Saturday, March 12. Beginners and

**Outdoor Adventures:** 



connection • inspiration • transformation



experienced snowshoers reveled in the beauty of cascading veils of sparkling snow, outlines of barren trees recapitulated in shadows across undulating snow fields, sunlight filtering through dense forest, and the occasional wispy cloud sailing across the blue sky. Josh Staller provided a brief lesson on how to use light and shadow to enhance photo composition. Our snowshoers practiced their new skills with

surprising and lovely results. Janet Johnston, our leader, invited us all to "Be visually present", to connect what we "see in the outdoors to what [we] know or have experienced" to help us define our feeling in the moment. We shared our experiences over hot chocolate and then headed for lunch and more fellowship at DW's 285 Diner near Conifer.

#### **Coming Up:**

*Hike to Mallory Cave* – Saturday April 12. EC "Duke" Mallory grew up in the Midwest dreaming of mountains. His family moved to Colorado when he was 10, and Duke realized he was home. He wandered the foothills and wild places west of Boulder and in 1932 he discovered Mallory Cave. Duke was Carson Mallory's father, and Carson and Michelle Mallory will lead a hike



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to the cave to celebrate sacred family stories and Duke's life; he would have been 100 years old. Look for details in the St. Luke's bulletin. (janestaller©gmail.com, julie.polikoff©comcast.net)

*Spring Hike in Alderfer/Three Sisters* – Saturday, May 17. Beautiful vistas, abundant spring wild flowers, and rocky outcroppings will offer a delightful experience to hikers of all levels. Details in the St. Luke's Bulletin. (janestaller©gmail.com)

#### **Classes and Experiences:**

*World Labyrinth Day* – Saturday, May 3. Join with people around the world to create a "rolling wave of Peace and Healing Energy." We'll meet at 12:30 at the St. Luke's Labyrinth (behind he church) for a short introduction to Labyrinths, their history and uses. At 1:00pm we will begin walking the Labyrinth and continue until everyone has had an opportunity to walk and celebrate peace and healing between peoples and nations. (jenita©rmcumc.com)

*Mind Body Nutrition and Spirituality* – As a follow-up to her presentation on Feb. 4, Kimba Ashworth, certified Eating Psychologist, offered a 4-week workshop to deepen participant understanding of Mind Body Nutrition and Spirituality. From one participant, "This class is a health journey that has opened my heart and mind to honor, respect and celebrate my body. I am learning the ongoing concept of 'embodiment', to be fully in this body, invite my spirit back in, and to nourish my soul."

**Ongoing: Mindful Presence** – offers the opportunity to be present with our self and our state of mind. You are invited every Monday at 9:00am into St. Luke's Chapel for quiet meditation. Give yourself permission to enjoy time for devotion, stillness, prayer and reflection. For more info contact sam©stlukeshr.com.

#### **Spiritual Development**

#### First Steps is coming to St. Luke's Center for Spiritual Engagement.

Rev. Leanne Hadley developed the First Steps program to provide spiritual nurture for children and teens that are experiencing loss and pain. The program has been hosted at the First United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs for many years. Reverend Hadley is making a gracious gift to St. Luke's by transferring the First Steps program to the St. Luke's Center for Spiritual Engagement. Rev. Hadley will train St. Luke's volunteers in program methodologies in April.; additional training sessions will follow later in the year. On Mother's Day, May 11, Rev. Hadley will be preaching at St. Luke's, and we will celebrate and consecrate the gifting and the acceptance of First Step's. (renaeparra@aol.com)

## Seeds

#### Taken from Urban Promise: Honduras blog by Jonathan Kays - Volunteer 03/21/2014

Hollowing a small depression in dark earth, placing a seed, sprinkling water. If you're like me then this image makes you smile, makes you think of burrowing your toes into cool black soil, and gives you that dream of one day having tomatoes, strawberries, fresh basil leaves, flowers, and apples so sweet and crisp.

Isn't it so easy to see that "one day" fruit? But unlike many of us who think only of the harvest, the true gardener is a bit of a pessimist (probably would call herself a realist.) For the true gardener knows that the seed may never actually grow, that only with a great deal of work and some luck will anything grow at all.

To the true gardener every seed planted is a risk, it's accepting the knowledge that there is something outside of her control and that the plant will either grow, or it won't. From the very beginning, she must accept that no matter how much she waters, fertilizes, pares and prunes, she is unable to make that plant grow.

But verily she will water and prune, she will fight drought, wind, pest, and disease, she will build scarecrows and curse rabbits, she will pray for rain, and when there is none she will carry bucket after bucket of water to soothe the blistered earth. She will work hard, even though she knows that she is not in control. The true gardener understands that the seed burgeoning from the soil is her responsibility, even though she can't force it to bloom.

Children are our seedlings, youth our saplings, and for them we are responsible.

When the earth was young and man and God walked together, the place where they walked was a paradise, this place was a garden. Genesis 2:15 says that "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it." It says that from the very beginning we were gardeners.

And now, our charges have changed, but the importance persists. And though we threw away paradise, should we not still seek it? To create gardens full of our children, to care for them so that God can allow them to grow, so that God can use them for his perfect purposes.

I think that we are all called to garden still, to care and tend so that one day we might have many fruits. Fruits of peace in lands of struggle, of kindness in homes of coarse words, and of gentleness where there has only been violence. We believe that with work we can tend the garden that God is growing here in Copán, and that in time we will see such a harvest, a harvest that will change everything.



Woof! Woof! Meow! Jake, Max, and Shea here to bring you up to speed on what we are sniffing out at the church. We've interviewed several human folks around the church and this is what they are telling us:

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ONLINE

REGISTRATION IS APRIL 14 (opens at 7:00am) - MARKYOUR CALENDARS - www.stlukeshr.com - We fill up fast!

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER SUNDAY April 20 - Enjoy the family service!

#### "TWEET!" CHILDREN'S DINNER THEATER



IS MAY 2!! Rehearsals are in full swing! The kids are working hard on this uplifting show. We have robins, hummingbirds, owls, eagles, red birds, blue birds, cuckoo birds, doves, woodpeckers (that rap!) and squirrels! Definitely plan on going to see this musical! Have dinner at 6:00pm and see the show at 7:00pm. Our very own Cherubs Choir will be our opening act! The performance is free but bring some donations for dinner and for our

2 missions projects for the John Wesley School in Guatemala:

- 1. We will be collecting Spanish children's books (and money to buy books) for their new library. (Our goal is 200 books!)
- 2. We will be collecting money for their sponsorship fund to help a child continue their education when their sponsor can no longer support them. This fund is crucial for these children to be able to stay in school. Our goal is to put \$500 in to the fund this will pay for a child for a full year of school and then some.

THANKS for your support!

#### Easter Fun Day

Saturday April 12 10:00am-noon Enjoy games, Easter egg hunts, live bunnies and much more!!

We need you! Sign up to volunteer on our website!



Family Movie Night Friday May 16 6:45pm

Put on your pjs, grab the family and pillows, and come see this fun film and sing along with your St. Luke's family. Popcorn provided! Rated PG.

### Little School Summer Play School

Little School has a new summer program that will be available to children that are registered for Fall classes. Children must be completed potty-trained and immunized. There are three exciting themes with plenty of zany learning and fun! 9:00am-noon

- July 15 & 17: Creative Cooking (\$50)
- July 29 & 30: Science Exploration (\$50)
- August 12 & 14: Splish-Splash Water Fun (\$50)





Samantha Leahy Director of Early Childhood Ministry

Stephanie Kirk Children's Ministry Coordinator



#### Our Sunday School program (9:30 & 11:00am)

wouldn't work without all of the dedicated adults and youth that help on a Sunday morning. We hear over and over how

rewarding it is to serve with the children. Check out the servant

schedule online stlukeshr.com/children and find a place to share your gifts! Contact Sharon©stlukeshr.com or Sam©stlukeshr.com with any questions.

#### Vacation Bible School Online Registration

begins April 14 at 7:00am www.stlukeshr.com

VBS Morning session: June 23-27 9:15am-12:15pm VBS Evening session: July 8-11 5:45-8:00pm \$35 per session.Age 3-entering 5th grade. Adults: Volunteer to help all 5 days and get a free registration.



#### Wacky Wednesdays

Each week children will enjoy music, crafts, chapel time and games. Open to all children age 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years through entering 3rd grade! (Must be potty-trained.)

TIME: 9:30am-noon WEDNESDAYS: June 4, 11, 18 July 9,16, 23

Registration is \$20 per day per child.

If you have any questions regarding registration contact: Tami Clement at **ma3clement©aol.com** Registration forms are online and at the church. Kay Swanson

Director of

Little School

#### Little School News: Amazing April

Can you believe that we are ready for April and Easter? We had a welcomed break with time off to enjoy the beginning of Spring, and a time for our teachers to recharge and refresh for the remainder of the year! Yikes! ...only about 8 weeks!

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Chapel this month will be another surprise package about Easter and we will talk about rebirth and new growth! Hopefully it will mean an increase in outdoor play and learning as we look forward to warmer days and sunshine. We

are so blessed to live in the beautiful state of Colorado and have such an engaging playground! The soccer balls will be flying and the slide will be in full use, with sandcastles in the sandbox! What a joy to watch children at play! Take time to do that and remember your childhood days of carefree outdoor time.

#### Our fabulous CREATIVE CRITTERS ANNUAL

**ART SHOW** will be held on Thursday, April 24 from 5:00-7:30pm. If you have never attended this show, you might want to take time out of your busy schedule to see the transformation of the lower level of the church into a full-blown art gallery starting at the North entrance of the church! All of the children make a piece of art for each room and over 1, 000 children and families walk through! Our theme this year is SHAPES, and it is always so fun to see what the children create and how they will use shapes in their artwork. If you are here on Thursday nights for a class or choir practice you might want to come a little early and see this OUTSTANDING event! The next Picasso just might come from Little School!

LITTLE SCHOOL HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE BEST PRESCHOOL IN DOUGLAS COUNTY FOR THE SECOND TIME! PLEASE GO TO **MACARONI KID.COM** AND VOTE FOR OUR PRESCHOOL! WE ARE HONORED TO BE NOMINATED FOR ANOTHER YEAR AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

**ALUMNI!** We would LOVE it if you would go to our Facebook page or greatschool.org and write a REVIEW! We would especially appreciate those alumni families with children in Elementary school and beyond to let the community know how well your child is doing in school. We hear so many success stories and we would like to spread the word!

**ENROLLMENT** is still available and we would welcome more children! If you meet a new family at the store or rec. center or the park, please be sure to let them know that St. Luke's has the #1 preschool in Douglas County!

Blessings, Ms. Kay and staff "Children go where there is excitement and stay where there is love."



UNITED



"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."

METHODIST WOMEN

**Spring Tea -** Sunday May 18, 2:00-4:00pm-Plans for the annual UMW Spring tea are underway! Tickets go on sale, April 27. \$10 adults; \$5 ages 12 and under. Bring your daughters, mothers, aunts, grandmothers, anyone who is special to you. You will be treated to Tea sandwiches, desserts and entertainment. Our theme this year includes HATS!

Feel free to wear a hat if you have one. Our mission recipient will be Renewed Treasures. It is optional to bring a clothing item for a young boy or girl that can be donated to Renewed Treasures thrift shop (in good condition).



#### Itch to Stitch MARCH MADNESS -

Twelve women created their own March Madness one

Saturday in March - sewing like crazy making baby gowns and cloth diapers for UMCOR layette kits. Thanks for your efforts ladies!

**UMW Conference Retreat** - Estes Park - May 2, 3 & 4. Please contact Janet Sackett (jsackett©comcast.net) if you would like to attend. We have a group driving up for the day on Saturday, May 3rd.

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

Women are welcome to attend a subgroup of UMW anytime during the year!

<u>Itch to Stitch</u> - Second Saturday 10:00-11:30am. Meet in church basement. All skill levels welcome! Contact Fran West 303-797-7107 mfranwest©gmail.com for more info.

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

- April 7 Carlos Miguels Highlands Ranch Town Center
- May 5 Little Holly's in Highland Ranch (2223 W. Wildcat Reserve)

Contact Elaine Carlstrom at ecarlstrom©comcast.net or Jean Dunn at jd-teacher©hotmail.com

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



#### Simply Saturday Helping Hands -

First Sat. morning of each month Rm. 206
May 3 - 9:00am (watch bulletin for details)
Contact Linda Osborn at lmosborn5©gmail.com for info.

<u>Women's Monday Night Bible Study</u> - second Monday, 6:30pm Room 213. We are studying the DVD set "Sisters - Bible Study for Women" beginning with "Knowing God". Contact Janet Sackett or Lisa Phillips for more information (jsackett©comcast.net or lisaphill4©aol.com)

<u>Book Group</u> - Fourth Monday, Room 206, 7:00pm. (Potluck 6:15pm) Contact RenaeParra©aol.com to for info.

April 28: "Killing Jesus" by Bill O'Reilly

• May 19 *(3rd Monday due to Memorial Day):* "True Sisters" by Sandra Dallas Contact RenaeParra©aol.com for more info

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#### MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

Africa Highlighting Mission Opportunities: For more about missions supported by St. Luke's, please contact Jerry Hertzler Imagine No Malaria 720-480-0476, jmhertzler©comcast.net or Scott Hetherington 484-883-0778 scott.g.hetherington©gmail.com



April:

St. Luke's is participating in the worldwide effort to rid the African continent of deaths from malaria by 2015. As a congregation, our goal is to raise \$25,000 during Lent to contribute to that effort. Donations can be made by check (include "Imagine No Malaria" on the memo line) or online at the St. Luke's website. Please read on to learn more about this effort...

Every 60 seconds, malaria claims a life in Africa. Millions of lives, needlessly lost each year. A continent. Entire nations...slipping away. Slipping through life's precious net. Unless you hear the buzzing inside you.

Imagine No Malaria is an extraordinary effort of the people of The United Methodist Church, putting our faith into action to end preventable deaths by malaria in Africa, especially the death of a child or a mother.

Achieving this goal requires an integrated strategy against the disease. As a life-saving ministry, Imagine No Malaria aims to empower the people of Africa to overcome malaria's burden. We fight malaria with a comprehensive model.

So, how will we do it? How will we eliminate deaths from a disease that has killed so many millions of people for thousands of years? Imagine No Malaria helps us take the next step in this fight.

We continue to support Nothing But Nets, because bed nets are an effective tool against the disease. We're doing more. First and foremost, we work in full partnership with communities in Africa. Empowering people to be part of the solution. Providing the tools needed so they can fight malaria.

**So here's the plan:** The United Methodist Church is using nearly 200 years experience in Africa to work against malaria. This comprehensive approach is divided into four main parts:

**I. Prevention:** We are improving the ways people fight the disease locally: Using bed nets. Access to diagnostic tests and medicine. Draining standing water. Improving sanitation. Every person can take steps to prevent malaria deaths, from protective measures to taking swift action when malaria symptoms begin.

**2. Treatment:** Improving infrastructure. There are literally hundreds of churches, schools, hospitals and clinics operated by The United Methodist Church in Africa, but what good are they if medicines to treat malaria aren't available? We'll make sure these facilities have the diagnostic tests and treatment needed to save lives.

**3. Education:** We are reaching out to those who need it most. We trained thousands of local people in African communities to teach their communities about avoiding malaria. For example in Sierra Leone, Angola, Zimbabwe, Democratic Republic of Congo these workers went door-to-door to deliver bed nets, installed them in homes and taught people how to properly use and care for the nets.

**4. Communications:** And finally, your support helps upgrade communications networks throughout the continent. Building new radio stations and providing hand-crank and solar-powered radios will ensure we are reaching great numbers of people with life-saving information about malaria.

**What makes us so sure?** We are putting in place a system of accountability. By establishing health boards in Africa, these groups will be held responsible for stewardship of your donation and results, putting funds to work with a plan that creates malaria programs that truly serve the needs of their local communities. We now have 12 trained health boards in 16 African countries. These boards will be eligible to receive more funding from our partners like The Global Fund.

For more information about Imagine No Malaria go to www.imaginenomalaria.org.

# Looking to Make a Difference?

If you are looking for a way to make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate, please consider volunteering your time and talents with one of the many LOVE INC (In the Name of Christ) services. To find out more about the possibilities, a one hour Volunteer Orientation is scheduled for Thursday, April 10 at 1:30pm. It will be at the Love INC office - 5854 S Datura, Littleton, CO 80120. There will be a tour of the Renewed Treasures resale shop following the meeting. Love INC serves the SW metro area, south of Hampden and west of University. Please take this opportunity to love your neighbor and help someone in need. Love INC works to match its volunteers where they are best suited based on one's skills and interests. Please call the Love INC office today at 303-798-0037 or e-mail doug@loveinclittleton.org to express your interest. Your contributions are needed and appreciated.

## **Mental Health Speaker**

#### WHAT IS GOING ON WITH MENTAL HEALTH IN COLORADO? COME MEET MOE KELLER

**WHO:** Moe Keller, Former Colorado Congresswoman who wrote our Colorado parity laws. She is currently the Vice President of Public Policy and Strategic Initiatives, Mental Health America of Colorado.

**WHO IS INVITED:** Anyone with an interest in Mental Illness. Those with a mental illness as well as parents, family members, friends of those with a mental illness. Teachers, counselors, advocates - all are welcome. Content is intended for young adults/adults.

**WHAT:** Brief overview of:

- Proposed mental health allocations from taxes on marijuana sales
- Mental Health updates for young adults (18-30+)
- Mental Health parity in health insurance plans as required by the Affordable Healthcare Act ("Obamacare")
- Child's Mental Health Treatment Act
- Crisis Response System
- Resources/Hand-outs
- Volunteer opportunities

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 16, 6:30-8:00pm (refreshments provided)

WHERE: St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 8817 S. Broadway, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129 Childcare is available for the event by reservation only. Reservations must be made 48 hours prior to the event. Contact Sam©stlukeshr.com for specific childcare information and reservations. Contact mboon18©mac.com for general event questions.

**WATCH FOR:** Dates for future similar meetings in order to expand on these topics and more.

#### CONNECT

#### Confirmation continued from page 1

on, not only did my faith and belief grow, so did my relationships with my fellow confirmands. At the beginning of every class Dave came up with these little creative activities which helped us to get to know each other. Through the weeks you could see that the friendships we created weren't just going to last through church, but even outside of church.

We also created a paper sunflower made up of vines that we wrote our thoughts down on about the previous week's lesson. The lessons we learned were very informational but not the boring kind of information. Personally, my favorite lesson was learning about the Holy Spirit. It's always nice to know that God is always there. Even though we can't see him, it's nice feeling his spirit. A few other things we learned were the R.E.S.T. Strategy which helps us make decisions using Reason, Experience, Scripture and Tradition, as well as talking about creation, and many more things.

But, confirmation wasn't all about work. On the weekend retreat, we built up strong relationships with EVERYONE through team building activities. One of the neatest things I witnessed during my confirmation journey was on the retreat when everyone was cheering each other on at the ropes course. We were all encouraging each other and telling them that we all believed in them and that they can do it! Confirmation was an important and rewarding experience for me!



Seasoned Voyagers just

had a well attended and very interesting and informative St. Patrick's Day potluck. Caroline Butler and her crew provided yummy corned beef, potatoes, cabbage etc and we all brought salads or desserts.

Our mission connection for the month was Habitat for Humanity and we were fortunate to have three folks from that organization join us and provide much information about this great organization. Go to www. habitatmetrodenver.org for more information on Habitat.

On April 10, members of Voyagers will travel to Cherokee Castle in Sedalia with a side trip to Sedalia Elementary Library where St. Lukes' volunteers. Sign up at church on Sunday or contact rovetta©juno.com. Cost \$20, guided tour, bus ride, drink & snacks at Daniels Park. Details will follow in email to all those registered for Seasoned



Voyagers Ministry email. Sign up at stlukeshr.com - click "resources" then "email lists" and follow the instructions. For May 5 we're planning a Cinco de Mayo luncheon.

## MUSIC & ARTS MINISTRIES



**James Ramsey** Director of Music & Arts Ministries



Kenrick Mervine Associate Dir. of Music Ministry/ Organist

e Jennifer Ferguson Associate Director of Music Ministry



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

## **Good Friday Service**

The St. Luke's Chancel Choir and members from the St. Luke's Orchestra are putting together a very special performance of Karl Jenkin's "Requiem" for a reflective Good Friday service. This large work combines traditional Latin with modern composing techniques for a music that is moving to experience. The Good Friday service is Friday, April 18 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

#### **Easter Services**

Join us for our Easter morning services on Sunday, April 20!

- 8:00am: Youth Bells and Soul Purpose Youth Choir
- 9:00, 10:00, & 11:00am: Chancel Choir, Brass Ensemble, and Tinntinnabulators Bell Choir

Parking available across the street at the Westridge Rec Center for overflow parking!

#### **Music Celebration Concert - April 27**

Join us for an exciting concert on Sunday, April 27 at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary! The many instrumental musicians of St. Luke's are preparing an entertaining array of music for our annual end of the year concert. Showcase performances from the St. Luke's Wind Ensemble, the Ministers of Swing, SLYJO, and the Flute Ensemble. From classical to jazz to the Beatles, we've got it all! This concert is FREE! See you there!

## **Pirates! Arrrrg Maties!**

Congratulations to the entire cast and crew of *The Pirates of Penzance* for putting on a spectacular and hilarious show for St. Luke's and the community in March. A special congratulations to Director Melanie Kirkpatrick for her stellar vision and hard work. For a week the Sanctuary of St. Luke's took us to a world of piracy and modern major generals. The Drama Ministry and Wesley Players of St. Luke's give us plays and musicals every year that feed our spirit of community and give us a much needed artistic outlet.

Stephanie Newton, who assisted Joan and Bill Goddard on the beautiful set, tells us, "Painting the Pirates set cheered my heart this past winter. It was fun to see people get excited and creative as it all came together for a good cause!" From the pit orchestra, Jennifer Ferguson tells us, "Seeing the cast of Pirates grow and develop this exciting and dramatic comedy was very meaningful to me... especially when I got to see the final product from the orchestra! It is so exciting to see the passion and growth in the performers. It is also a privilege to play with such talented musicians in the orchestra. We are so blessed at St. Luke's to have an exceptionally talented community. Great job everyone!"

Every year, St. Luke's produces a play in the fall and a musical in the spring. Keep checking with *The Chronicle* and the St. Luke's website to learn more about auditions and performances!



## **ON THE SLY:** The Gift of Time

Everyone knows that giving is important. It is an integral part of holidays as well as a part of everyday life. Well coming out of the season of Lent and into Easter, giving has been a hot topic in the youth room. Many teens do not have jobs or money so they wonder how they could give to others, especially the needy. Our youth decided that the gift of their time was just as important as giving money, so that is what they did!

Over spring break, the youth participated in many different daily missions and gave up much of their time to help others. On Monday, the youth went downtown and delivered 75 sack lunches, that they had prepared, to the homeless. "I was surprised at how quickly they all went" stated Terri Ary.

Upcoming

**Events!** 

April 25-27: Jr. High Youth

Sign up to receive our emails

and Check www.stlukeshr. com and click on "Youth" or

9:30-10:30am - SLY AM

5:30-6:00pm - SLY Dinner

hungry teens! Sign up to help on

We need help feeding these

our website. \$2 per person.

All sorts of fellowship and fun

Homework/Tutoring Hour:

A chance to get your homework

done and even get help if you

6:30-8:00pm - Coming up we

& Shake, and an Easter

scavenger hunt!!

have Game Night, going to Steak

activities are going on this month!

Check out our website for details.

6:00-7:30pm - SLY PM

A look at the Bible

**Quest District Retreat** 

**April 27: Youth Sunday** 

May 30-June 8:Youth

**Guatemala Trip** 

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5:30-6:30pm -

Another day a small group went to Café 180 to volunteer. Café 180 is a restaurant that has no prices. You pay what you want or what you can, but if you can't pay, you are not turned away! The restaurant is mostly run by volunteers and is a great outreach for the community. The youth got the chance to cut and prepare foods, do dishes, clean tables, and interact with the customers.

Over 30 youth and parents spent two full days down at DenUM over break sorting food and helping out in their

pantry. This was not the most interesting part however, that came at lunch time! As the clients of DenUM often have to do, the youth were given the equivalent of a meals worth of food stamps, \$1.20, to buy their lunch at the local convince store. The concoctions of mac & cheese and hotdogs they came up with did not quite fill them up. Hunger however was not the only realization they came up with, they found out it was nearly impossible to eat healthy and get all the nutrients needed on this budget. This hit home with the

youth and heightened their passion for working with DenUM and their food bank.

Many awesome things happened in March and they were not all about spring break missions. In early March we confirmed 29 youth into the church! All of these (mostly 8th grade) students went through an 11-week class to learn about the church, the bible, and God. The beautiful confirmation ceremony, complete with gifts, was well deserved as these youth worked (and played) hard! Check out the story of Abby's journey through confirmation in this issue!

#### See photo and list of Confirmands on page 3

SLY (St. Luke's Youth) is 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 love to watch God work in their lives!

–Yours in Christ, Dave & Amy















will be 40 spots initially, so get yours in NOW !!

#### More from Les: "The Girlfriend's Older Brother" by Rev. Les Ludlam



His left arm was withered, it had not developed with the rest of his body after a near fatal farm accident when he only twelve. He had spent long times in the hospital, had been taken to several doctors but the nervous system damage was not repairable. He would endure long bouts of migraine headaches and the side effects of his heavy regimen of medications, leading to severe diabetes.

But he hadn't let that slow him down.

He walked with a bit of a limp and could come across as rather intimidating with someone he didn't know. Perhaps this was his

means of offsetting the first impression of others seeing his physical limitation. "The best defense is a good offense."

But he was whiz with things mechanical. He worked as the mechanic at a local gas station. He loved old cars and tinkering with them. And he was a bit of a daredevil; he had actually gotten a speeding citation from sailing down off a railroad overpass on his bicycle!

He was outgoing, popular with the girls and had dated many.

He was also the older brother of the girl I had started dating!

My first impression of Roger was not good.

Rowdy, occasionally getting into trouble with the school and local constabulary, running with a crowd known for their wild parties, his circle of friends was well outside my "geeky" world. I was just a little scared of him.

He was also a very protective older brother and on one occasion early in my dating his sister, we happened to meet on the street near their high school.

"So you're the one whose been taking my sis out," he said. "Well, you just remember; treat her with respect or I and my friends will have some business with you. You understand?"

I nodded nervously and subserviently, "I understand."

Roger graduated from high school, married Patty and continued to work as a mechanic at a local garage. I graduated from high school and entered college a year later and wouldn't see him much on my brief weekend trips back home to see my parents and most importantly, my girlfriend.,But I didn't forget his warning.

Over the years, we would see each other occasionally at her family gatherings and I gradually came to understand the details of his life.

My initial fear, borne out of ignorance and misunderstanding of his projected image of toughness began to evolve into respect. After all Roger was my brother in law!

He moved to Northern California, got a job with the city's Street Maintenance Department, and became known in town as the "Street Sweeper Expert!" In his spare time he restored a 1951 Chevy pickup; I loved it!

A few years later, Roger would go through a painful divorce and a difficult job of keeping his two sons "on the straight and narrow." He later remarried a woman with two girls of her own and Roger related to them as the father they had not experienced before.

To Roger, family was everything and on a visit to his home one spring in the late 70's, he had an announcement. "Les, I know you are a winemaker and I've discovered the ideal place for you to buy when you retire in a few years! It would be good to have Betty and you nearby." He had discovered a small home with property at the edge of town and it had grapevines growing! He had done some checking and had learned that the property might be going up for sale in a few months. I was far from retirement at that time, but Roger's enthusiasm tempted me!

Over the years I discovered that behind Roger's facade of toughness was a soft heart and a gentle and loving spirit. Although his life was far from dull or simple, he made the most of it and gave of himself as best he could whenever he could.

I learned just why my wife loved her brother so much.

Over a few short years, I was changed by Roger.

My attitude toward him, initially influenced by those early encounters and stories, grew into a genuine affection and respect and love for my brother-in-law.

My first impressions were not the real Roger.

I came to care for him as a brother and I was truly humbled and honored to officiate at his funeral in 2004.

God bless us all! -Rev. Les





Imagine No Malaria

**Sheri Henry** Director of Finance

generosity, we have collected approximately \$6,700 for

the Imagine No Malaria campaign. We appreciate your gifts and look forward to seeing the mosquitos disappear from the net on our altar as we continue towards our goal of \$25,000.

#### Pick and Choose Your Method Of Giving

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:

- **General Fund and Capital Campaign:** Ι. All methods.
- Grocery Cards: Cash, check, scheduled EFT 2. from your checking account.
- Special Events: Depending on the event, may 3. include cash, check, PayPal and online credit card transactions.
- Plus: We'd consider any reasonable method 4. you know about that we haven't adopted.

We appreciate your continued support!



We welcome all volunteers to join us for our spring Service Saturday event scheduled for April 19 from 8:00am-noon. We'll be working inside and out. All ages are welcome! We're getting our Labyrinth ready for our upcoming Walk As One - World Labyrinth Day, May 3, and spending time inside so we're all spruced up for our Sunday morning celebrations! We welcome volunteers of all ages - if you have young ones who would be more comfortable in the Nursery, please make a reservation sam@stlukeshr.com earlier that week. Youth needing community time, please bring your forms! Thank you to our volunteers for Your Gifts of Time and Service to St. Luke's!

#### FINANCES



#### St. Luke's United Methodist Church

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St. Luke's United Methodist Church welcomes you to our Christian family, where we share life. Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are accepted and encouraged to grow spiritually.

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

#### **AGELESS SINGLES**

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

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

 Saturday April 12: Trip to the Wildlife Sanctuary in Keenesburg. Meet at St. Luke's at 9:30am to carpool to the sanctuary.
 Friday April 25: Drinks, dinner and a movie. Further details to come. RSVP to Allison Wright, 720-371-6760, allisonwright303©yahoo.com

#### OUR CALENDAR

For the most up-to-date calendar of events check www.stlukeshr.com

#### Sunday ~ April 6

12:15pm ~ Seasoned Voyagers Team 2:30pm ~ SLY, Jr. to Warren Village

Monday ~ April 7 6:30pm ~ Women's Night Out

**Tuesday ~ April 8** 6:30pm ~ Children's Ministry Team 7:00pm ~ Missions Team Meeting

Wednesday ~ April 9 4:00pm ~ Spiritual Directors Meeting

**Thursday ~ April 10** 10:00am ~ Seasoned Voyagers -Cherokee Ranch & Castle Tour 7:00pm ~ Learning w/ St. Luke's Team

**Friday ~ April 11** 5:45pm ~ Parent's Night Out

Saturday ~ April 12 10:00am ~ Easter Fun Day 10:00am ~ Genealogy 101 10:00am ~ Itch to Stitch

Palm Sunday ~ April 13 8:00am ~ UMW Executive Team 9:30am ~ Café St. Luke's Monday ~ April 14

7:00am ~ VBS Online Registration Open 6:30pm ~ Finance Team Meeting 6:30pm ~ UMW Bible Study 7:00pm ~ Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday ~ April 15** 5:00pm ~ Center for Spiritual Engagement Team Meeting 7:30pm ~ Planned Giving Team Meeting

Wednesday ~ April 16 6:30pm ~ What's Going on with Mental Health in Colorado?

**Thursday ~ April 17** 7:00pm ~ Maundy Thursday Service

Friday ~ April 18 9:00am ~ Playgroup 7:00pm ~ Good Friday Service

Saturday ~ April 19 8:00am ~ Service Saturday 10:00am ~ Wesley Writers

Easter Sunday ~ April 20 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00am ~ Easter Worship Service (No Sunday School) Monday ~ April 21 Easter Monday ~ Office Closed

**Tuesday ~ April 22** 7:00pm ~ Staff Parish Meeting

**Thursday ~ April 24** 5:00pm ~ Little School Art Show

Youth Sunday ~ April 27 8:30am ~ G.P.S. Fair 2:00pm ~ Music Celebration Concert

Monday ~ April 28 7:00pm ~ Women's Book Club Thursday ~ May I 10:00am ~ Common Thread

Friday ~ May 2 9:00am ~ Playgroup 6:00pm ~ Children's Dinner Theater ~ Tweet!

Saturday ~ May 3 9:00am ~ Simply Saturday

Sunday ~ May 4 11:00am ~ Family Camp "All Camper" Mtg. 12:00pm ~ Common Table 12:15pm ~ Seasoned Voyagers Team