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## Renewed Treasures Now Open Mondays!

LOVE INC (In the Name of Christ) just announced that the Renewed Treasures Community Resale Shoppe has extended its business hours to now include Mondays. This added day gives all of us an additional day to support this worthy ministry. If you have not visited the shop, please take some time to do so between the hours of 9:00am-5:00pm Monday-Saturday. The shop is currently in need of spring and summer clothing for men, women, teens and children. Household items, as well as small furniture pieces, are also desired. Volunteer services are also appreciated. Donate. Shop. Serve. Thank you for helping St. Luke's with this valued ministry.



## **Guatemala Mission Memories**

by Nancy Copher

On March 21st a group of 26 left the United States for a week-long trip to Guatemala. This is my fourth time to Guatemala. The work we were able to accomplish while we were there for a week was amazing. We worked building up the walls for a kitchen we're building for a local school, started on a home for a widowed mother, Marta, with two children, and ran a band camp for the John Wesley School. All the work that was done was done as a labor of love, with compassion, and the strength that God gave us.



The work crew down there is so patient with us. We want to make sure that we are placing the cinder blocks level, therefore we are constantly asking Manuel or one of the other workers to check our work. Sometimes we need to tap the cinder block a little more here or there with the hammer, or we have to start all over again. Then there are times that we get a "perfecto." I was

amazed to hear that Marta had carried a cinder block on her head up a steep hill *(photo above)*. It was great to know that she wanted to help with the building of her home.

First time Guatemala missionary, Sam Leahy shared, "It was a rewarding experience to travel with the Guatemala mission team this past March. We saw first hand how few material things people need to be truly content. Marta, the widowed mom of two who worked beside us to build her home, showed us THINGS are not what makes a

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# The Journey to Ordination in the United Methodist Church: Celebrate with Rev. Ryan!

It will be our joy to celebrate the ordination of Rev. Ryan Canaday and his membership in full connection in the Rocky Mountain Conference at the Annual Conference session in Pueblo on Sunday, June 22. The service will be celebrated at the Pueblo Convention Center at 320 Central Main Street at 9:00am.

In the life of a congregation, there are persons who experience a call from God to explore a vocation in the ordained ministry of The United Methodist Church, as a licensed local pastor, deacon or elder. The 2012 Book of Discipline outlines the steps that congregations follow to support these persons.

Persons inquire about candidacy with their pastor, or another ordained minister, or Rev. Melanie Rosa, District Superintendent of the Mile High/Piles Peak District. The inquiring candidate will be asked to read The Christian as Minister, which outlines the varieties of vocational options: missionary, chaplain, community organizer, pastor, educator, musician, administrator, counselor, teacher. As pastor of St. Luke's, I usually meet with our inquiring candidates over a period of months.

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## St. Luke's Set to Music

On May 4th, the Chancel Choir and Orchestra performed the "Justice Suite" by Mark Miller that was commissioned for our 30th Anniversary celebration last year. The lyrics of the Justice Suite are based on the scriptures at the heart of the St. Luke's story: Micah 6:8 (What does the Lord require? To do justice, to seek

kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.) and Isaiah 58 (Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?). Stunning!

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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

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Senior Pastor

from Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes

Memorial Day is a day of remo

Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. In my family, we

**Memorial Sunday:** 

The Lessons of Remembering

also celebrate the lives of our every-day saints, those beloved ones who have gone to be with God. We remember them, re-calling the lessons of living and dying that were their gifts of us.

There was a boy in my high school named Joe. He missed a lot of school because he kept having operations on his back. But he kept his grades up and somehow managed to be one of Woodson's best athletes.

I remember one school track meet. Joe came flying down the cinder track, those long, wiry legs reaching for every

inch of lead, and won the hundred-yard dash. We cheered wildly!

He talked about learning to live each day as if there were no tomorrow...

Only a few parents ever came out to those school track meets. Most parents had to work. But Joe's parents made a point of being there. They came down out of the bleachers to congratulate him. And to my surprise, they were crying.

Only one year later, Joe was dead. All those operations were for cancer of the spine.

I wonder what kind of courage they needed the day Joe told them he was trying out for the school football team. I wonder how they felt, watching his games, watching him swerve past one opponent, only to be smashed down by another's jarring tackle. I can only guess.

Years later, another father told me about his son's inherited an incurable illness. "Most

of the pain isn't giving up your child," he said. "It's giving up your expectations for him. You keep thinking what he could become. So you try to protect him against everything because of your hopes for his future. It's funny – until we accepted the fact that our son could die in spite of all our efforts, we couldn't let him live."



Jesus said puzzling things

like that, too. He talked about learning to live each day as if there were no tomorrow, about giving up your life so that you could have it.

It makes more sense when I think of Joe. He lived with his own death within him. His parents gave up their expectations for his life and just let him live today.

One day, of course, there was no tomorrow. But Joe had a lot of good todays. The rest of us at school used to feel sorry for Joe. "Poor Joe," we thought.

We should have learned something from Joe and his parents.

-Rev. Janet



**Rev. Ryan Canaday** Associate Minister

## Come SHINE with us!

A new ministry is starting (and already thriving!) at St. Luke's and I'm really excited about this! Some of the younger families/marrieds have been gathering to discuss how we might

better connect and the ways in which we might make a difference in our community. We've got some fun events planned, some upcoming service projects, and small groups in the works... we are stoked about what is happening here! This new ministry in the making is called SHINE. Check the Sunday bulletin for more info, or talk to me if you want to know more. If you want to be on the SHINE email list let me know.



The King's are fairly new to St. Luke's. They are helping in organizing some of the new happenings with

SHINE. Hear their excitement about getting connected at St. Luke's, and with this new ministry.

"My husband, Brent, and I moved to Highlands Ranch last summer along with our three small boys. We were eager to find a new church family that suited all of us. We have found that with the creation of Shine. After our first social event, a family picnic, it was encouraging to see other families similar to ours looking for connections here at St. Luke's. With a parent's night out at The Fox and Hound on May 20th and a night of camping for the entire family at Chatfield State Park on June 14th, Shine is really getting a great start. Brent and I look forward to forming more meaningful relationships in our church community. Through social and spiritual interaction, Shine is a promising new opportunity for young families of all types." —Rachel King

Grace & Peace, Rev. Ryan



Rev. Dr. Sallie Suby-Long Associate Minister

St. Luke's Center for Spiritual Engagement and First Steps:

# A Serendipitous Partnership

I am feeling amazed at how God orchestrates details, brings people's talents and passions together and creates ministries that transform us. Many years ago, in the midst of a conversation, Rev. Janet and I felt a surprisingly powerful inclination to begin creating a Center for Spirituality connected with St. Luke's. We started with a small group of individuals who were excited about creating experiences that would help people grow spiritually and lead healthier more fulfilling lives. Others stepped forward and said, "I'd love to be part of this!" They shared their gifts. They offered their passions. Together we created seminars about courage, mindfulness, healthier decision-making, authenticity, finding sacred experiences through outdoor adventures and the like. And the Center grew. People joined us and shared their experiences and wisdom and stories. New ideas emerged. People connected. Soon we became the St. Luke's Center for Spiritual Engagement.

Then we met Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley who inspired us with her ministry of spiritual formation with children and teens. We loved her dedication to helping hurting children heal and transform. She asked us if we would like to become a new home for her ministry called First Steps. We all enthusiastically said, "Yes"!

With the addition of First Steps spirituality for children and teens, The Center for Spiritual Engagement will begin offering spiritual formation ministries for people of all ages – from birth through adulthood. Our dream for a Spirituality Center has been unfolding in ways we could have never imagined! Thanks to the grace of God and the talents and commitment of many, we will continue to expand ministries of healing, connection, inspiration, and transformation.

On Sunday morning, May 11th, we're having a celebration of the Center for Spiritual Engagement and our serendipitous partnership with First Steps. Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley will be sharing stories about transformative ministry of First Steps at all three services and we will be honoring the ways God has been leading us on this remarkable journey. You are all invited!



## The Bloodmobile is Coming to St. Luke's June 1

Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs a transfusion of donated blood. Your blood donation can save and enhance the lives of up to 3 patients. It can help kids with

cancer feel better or save the lives of car accident victims. The Bonfils Bloodmobile will be at St. Luke's on Sunday June 1 from 8:30am-12:30pm. Donors are being asked to schedule a time to donate before then. Look for the Blood Drive table in the Narthex, or contact Jerry Hertzler jmhertzler@comcast.net or 720-480-0476 to schedule your donation. You can also schedule your donation directly at www.Bonfils.org using Site Code A558.

# Looking for a way to deepen & strengthen your relationship with God?

Please join us as we engage in centering prayer and other contemplative practices including lectio divina, visio divina and inspirational dvds. Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm in the Chapel. Contact: Glenda Watson, 303-768-9156, glendagwatson©aol.com



Lynda Fickling Director of Servant Ministry/ Spiritual Director

# GENNECTED

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

"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

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. Here are a just a few areas that need you but this isn't limiting – be creative!

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

• Get Connected Center – contact lynda@stlukeshr.com

## \*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.

## 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!



**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 Ioe Forbes -Rev. Janet Forbes brother Kathy Hutchinson -Dave Laurvick's sister Jan Lindquist Jane Riegle Claire Alpert Winnie Kolves Bruce & Lois Thompson Ralph Johnson -Karin Wesson's father Colleen Swanson – Kay Swanson's former mother-in-law Heather Williams Minnie Mortimer Sylvia Brady Ďebi Sheppard Victoria Hunt Eileen Law Tom Roths Nan Adams Linda Walker

#### SYMPATHIES TO:

Kathy Swier on the passing of her aunt, Sylvia James Kris Reif on the passing of her husband, Peter Reif Karl & Buffy Krantz on the passing of Karl's sister, Kim Kamlet Ioan Venable on the passing of Rev. Fred Venable 1st grader, Samantha Hodges on the passing of her mother, Diane Hodges Marj Mack on the passing of her sister, Mary Eley Roberta Herbertson (friend of Dick & Carol Frame) on the passing of her son, William Kohnen Bob & Sharon Oliver on the passing of Bob's grandfather,



Sunday, June 1 12:30-2:30pm

Rev. Janet Forbes & Bob Davis' hom $\epsilon$ 

Robert Wesley Oliver I

Welcoming those who are newly connected to our community

Gather for conversation & BBQ!

RSVP to Lynda Fickling

Lynda©stlukeshr.com



## "For where two or more come together, there I am in the midst of them." -Matthew 18:25

#### Welcome First Steps!

St. Luke's and the Center for Spiritual Engagement are very excited to celebrate the gift of the First Steps program from Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley and the First United Methodist Church of Colorado Springs. Leanne began her work with children as a hospital chaplain serving children struggling with cancer. As Leanne tells it, the children taught her what "worked" in terms of helping them to experience God's presence. When Leanne moved into the church as the Director of Christian Education, she discovered that her



approach to spiritual development with children and youth in crisis, also worked to help children develop a sense of God and God's holiness at very young ages. Dr. Hadley added form and shape to her methods through her doctoral studies program, and First Steps was born. For more than 13 years, Leanne and her volunteer staff have been helping children and youth in Colorado Springs to discover their very own authentic voices in their crisis experiences and a safe and sacred space to experience God's healing love.

Leanne also gifted St. Luke's with two inspiring days of training for 21 interested volunteers in mid-April. Our Children's Ministry programs already have incorporated some First Steps methods into our programs. The Center for Spiritual Engagement will be working with St. Luke's staff over the coming months to prayerfully consider how to fully integrate First Steps into the spiritual life and growth of our children and youth. First Steps is unique in providing a proven model of spiritual growth and development specifically for children and youth; we are blessed to receive this gift on behalf of the families in our community. Dr. Hadley will join us on Sunday, May 11 to preach to our congregation and to allow us

to celebrate her and the

First Steps program.

#### **Outdoor Adventures:**

An enthusiastic group of 15 hikers met at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) near Boulder on Saturday, April 12, to hike to Mallory Cave. Carson and Michelle Mallory were



our guides, sharing information about the geology and history of the area. Carson's father, E.C. "Duke" Mallory 're-discovered" the cave in 1932 and spent many hours wandering through the thick forests and rocky hill sides that kept the cave hidden for many years. Carson and Michelle shared sacred family stories, and Michelle read from the book "Obit: Inspiring Stories of Ordinary People Who Led Extraordinary Lives" by Jim Scheeler, a local reporter who incorporated interviews with Carson's mother and some of Duke's own writings. The trail was a little steeper than we expected, and pauses to catch our breath offered beautiful views of the magnificent Flat Irons above and the city of Boulder and the endless plains below. Lunch at Beau Jo's Pizza offered opportunities to share experiences and connect with one another.

**Coming Up: 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:**

Every Monday morning Mindful Presence offers the opportunity to be present with our self and our state of mind. You are invited each 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 information contact sam@stlukeshr.com.

#### REV. RYAN continued from page 1

To start the candidacy process, the inquiring candidate writes to the district superintendent requesting admission into the candidacy process. They always include a statement of their call. Rev. Melanie listens for how God has been working in their lives and community to compel them to pursue this vocation.

If the candidate has been a member of the United Methodist Church for at least one year, they register with the denomination (General Board of Higher Education and Ministry – www.gbhem.org) and receive a mentor and candidacy guidelines. The candidacy mentor helps the candidate examine the call of God in light of the scripture, the role and function of United Methodist clergy, personal gifts and grace, and evidence of leadership.

If encouraged to move forward, the candidate consults with me and the chairperson of our Staff Parish Relations Team to request a meeting to declare their intent and seek a recommendation. The SPRT interviews the candidate and makes a recommendation to a Church Conference. At the Church Conference, members of St. Luke's must confirm the recommendation by a two-thirds majority vote. Stephen Collins is a declared candidate at St. Luke's.

Usually, declared candidates are already in seminary. A declaration of candidacy does not mean that St. Luke's pays the tuition for a graduate degree. All educational requirements are at the expense of the candidate, though there are scholarships and loans available through the United Methodist Church.

In order to be certified, the candidate meets with the district committee for an interview and approval as a certified candidate. The following must be completed prior to certification: a written response to questions regarding God's call and the role of the church in the call, formative Christian experiences, beliefs as a Christian, gifts for ministry and present understanding of the call to ministry as deacon, elder, or licensed ministry; required psychological reports, credit checks, criminal background check. A certified candidate may apply for license as a local pastor. Rev. Dave Money is a certified candidate from St. Luke's who has been licensed for pastoral ministry.

Following the completion of seminary and one year of certification, the candidate is commissioned and appointed to serve in a congregation or ministry as a provisional clergy for several years. Since 2012, Rev. Ryan has been a provisional elder serving as Associate Minister specializing in ministries with young families, youth, and children.

Ordination is only one of the ways that persons are exploring vocational options in ministry. We have members who are exploring seminary classes as well as certification in missions, evangelism, spiritual direction, and Christian education. God continues to speak to us in ways that are life transforming and vocationally enriching. My ears and heart are always open to explore the ways that God might be calling you! —Rev. Janet

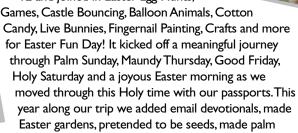


Woof! Woof! Meow! Jake,Max, and Shea here to bring you up to speed on what we are sniffing out at the church.We've interviewed several human folks around the church and this is what they are telling us:

## Thanks to all for a FUNtastic

# Easter Fun Day and an incredibly meaningful Holy Week and Easter

Record numbers of families came out on a gorgeous Saturday morning April 12 and joined in Easter Egg Hunts,



frond crosses, felt the sadness of the death of Jesus along with the triumph of new life. What a journey we took. Glad you came along!

## The critics are "raven" - "Tweet!" took

**flight!** Thanks so much to everyone involved in our Children's Dinner Theater this year. Our production of "Tweet!" on May 2 was a huge success - "best one yet" said by many and we raised lots of money for our Guatemala mission. More details and a complete recap to come!

## Get ready for the Workshop of Wonders - VBS is on it's way! Before you know it, VBS will be taking

over the church - it's the BEST time of the year and you will love being a part of this great event. Sign up now to volunteer - we need 150 people to make this work - wow! - any day you can help is a gift. Contact Sharon or Sam to sign up or go to the website to sign up to volunteer.

## SLY, Jr. 5th & 6th grade club finishing strong

We had a great outing to Warren Village hosting a book fair and cookie decorating, a delicious Progressive Dinner and is looking forward to our big end of the year party on May 25 at 5:30pm. Come celebrate our special year together. RSVP to sharon@stlukeshr.com.

Sunday School offers sacred places Join us on a Sunday morning at 9:30am and 11:00am to learn about wonderful Bible stories that help form our faith foundation and to find ways to grow close to God. At Joy Trek, PEAK, Tweens ROCK and Godly Play - YOU are a blessing. You are listened to and you are valued. Whether as a child in the program or an adult or youth servant - YOU matter and make Sunday School the incredibly special place that it is. Come join us and learn more about how you can be part of the sacred space we call Sunday School at St. Luke's. Contact Sharon or Sam for info and to sign up!

## \*\*\*If you are looking for summer babysitters contact Sam at sam©stlukeshr.com for a list of some great St. Luke's youth!

We look forward to seeing your family on Sunday. And remember whether your week is fantastic or not so great, we are here to welcome you with open arms and open ears. You are a blessing to all of us!



Sharon Oliver
Director of
Children's Ministry



**Samantha Leahy** Director of Early Childhood Ministry



Stephanie Kirk Children's Ministry Coordinator

St. Luke's Kads
Growing with God



## Family Movie Night Friday May 16

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.



## Vacation Bible School

Online Registration

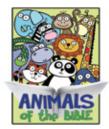
www.stlukeshr.com

**FULL - VBS Morning:** June 23-27 **STILL OPEN - VBS Evening:** 

July 8-11 5:45-8:00pm

\$35 per child. Age 3-entering 5th grade.

Adults: Volunteer to help all days of either session 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 News: May Means Moisture (Including Tears!)

Here we are at the end of our 19th year of Little School. My how I always marvel at the growth of our children and how they have become so self-confident! I love to look back at the early pictures of their first months here and smile because we see such amazing changes in them. They are taller, smarter and have the school routine down

pat! And they all know how to carry their baskets all by themselves! Of course we have fallen in love with them all and will miss them when they are off to new adventures. I wish we had kept track of how many Little School graduates we have had pass through our school, I am sure it is over 2,000! The best part is hearing back from our alumni parents about how well they are all doing in school and the praise the give us for getting them off to a very good start! When I first started working here, I was unsure of where the children would come from and I truly believe God wanted this Little School here and always provided us with terrific families and children! Praise the Lord!

May will be filled with lots of year end celebrations with our fun in the sun days, field days, Spring Sing for our little ones and their Mother's day teas. The 5's and Explorers will have a grand celebration for graduation on May 21 at 9:00 and 11:00am. In between all of that we will have our May nature walks, our (4-5's) hotdog cookout (graciously

prepared by our wonderful Mr. Barry) and outdoor play and learning time!

Thanks for coming to our Annual Art Show in April - our theme was SHAPES and they were everywhere! What creative kids we have!

Doesn't seem possible (and I know I say this every year) but it just doesn't seem possible that we have made it to the end of another VERY

successful year! We are truly blessed to continue our fine community reputation and be a welcoming place for children. Our staff is devoted beyond measure and we have fabulous support from St. Luke's!

Thank you for your prayers! We wish you a happy summer and great family times! Hope to see many of you at Wacky Wednesdays, Vacation Bible School, Play School for Little School and PAA!

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



"The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."



**Spring Tea Sunday May 18, 2:00-4:00pm:** Last day to purchase tickets is May 11. \$10 adults; \$5 ages 12 and under You will be treated to Tea sandwiches, desserts and a program by Spellbinders. 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).

**Spiritual Day Apart:** This yearly spiritual day was held in Castle Rock. Jenita Rhodes from St. Luke's was our presenter for the day speaking on "Seeking our Call - How to Listen." One participant reflected, "As in life, you hear what you are involved with at the time because it speaks to your heart. We listened, we laughed, we talked, we wrote our own story timelines, made our own Mandala (a circle representing the self and our inner harmony, a circle of healing), we prayed and experienced a wonderful day where our hearts were touched by the presence of God."

Subgroups of United Methodist Women at St. Luke's: Women are welcome to attend a subgroup of UMW anytime during the year!

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

Women's Night Out - First Monday, 6:30pm (Off for the summer) Contact Elaine Carlstrom at ecarlstrom@comcast.net

<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</u> - First Sat. morning of each month Rm. 206. 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)

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

- May 19 (3rd Monday due to Memorial Day): "True Sisters" by Sandra Dallas
- June 23 "Murder at the Brown Palace" by Dick Kreck

Contact RenaeParra@aol.com for more info

Women's Bible Study: The Monday Night Women's Bible Study is currently reading: "Knowing God, Making God the Main Thing in My Life" by Kimberly Dunnam Reisman an ordained Elder in the UMC. In the book she states: "What kind of posture we assume in our relationship with God will have a great deal of impact on our ability to know God more deeply and to make God the main thing in our lives." She then told the following story: There is a mythical story about a sea captain who was guiding his ship on a very dark night and saw faint light in the distance. He told the signalman to send a message. Alter your course 10 degrees south." A prompt message returned, "Alter your course 10 degrees north." The captain became angry because his command had been ignored, so he sent a second message, "Alter your course 10 degrees south—I am the Captain!" Again, a message promptly returned, "Alter your course 10 degrees north—I am Seaman Third Class Jones." Infuriated, the captain sent off a third message, knowing that it would evoke fear, "Alter your course 10 degrees south—I am a battleship!" Once again a prompt reply came, "Alter your course 10 degrees north—I am a lighthouse".

Lisa Phillips said "The story reminds me of an old hymn we sung when I was a child, (I don't know if it's still in the hymnal or not): Brightly beams our Father's mercy from His lighthouse evermore, But to us He gives the keeping of the lights along the shore. Let the lower lights be burning! Send a gleam across the waves! Some poor fainting struggling seaman, you may rescue, you may save." continued on page 11



May: St. Luke's Garden

## MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

Highlighting Mission Opportunities: For more about missions supported by St. Luke's, please contact Jerry Hertzler 720-480-0476, jmhertzler@comcast.net or Scott Hetherington 484-883-0778 scott.g.hetherington@gmail.com

## My Walk with an Immigrant

by Betsy Keyack

On the Monday of Holy Week, I received a call from a pastor in Tennessee, asking if I could help an immigrant from Guatemala named Edgar. This is Edgar's story.

Edgar is 18 years old. He's a nice young man with a small build and a warm smile. He comes from the Western Highlands of Guatemala, where St. Luke's goes on its yearly mission trips. Edgar lived with his mother and he has two older sisters. He has little or no education; he spent his life up until now working in the fields.

Edgar has relatives in Tennessee, who were sending money to Guatemala to help Edgar's family. Edgar became a victim of extortion for this money. Extortion is not uncommon in Guatemala, with potentially deadly consequences. Edgar needed to get out of that situation as soon as possible.

Edgar embarked on a trip to stay with his relatives in Tennessee. First he traveled on the roof of a train to Mexico, along with other potential immigrants. This is the usual way to go. He went from Mexico into Texas across the Rio Grande River in a boat. At some point, Edgar was picked up by the authorities. He was boarded onto a plane bound for Denver with hundreds of other immigrants. During the plane flight, Edgar and the others were shackled on their wrists and ankles.

In Denver, Edgar was taken to the Immigrant Detention Center in Aurora. He was there for almost two months. Edgar said it was crowded there. It sounded like they did not get a balanced diet; Edgar said they are mostly beans. During his stay in the Detention Center, Edgar watched TV, hung around and went to daily worship services, which were organized by Edgar and other Guatemalan immigrants.

Edgar's relatives in Tennessee found out that he was in Aurora. The relatives and the pastor in Tennessee were able to raise the \$2500 bond required for Edgar to be released. That is when Edgar came into my life. The bond could be posted on Wednesday. Could I pick Edgar up at the Detention Center and take him to the Greyhound bus station so he could get on a bus to Tennessee?

I enlisted the help of Mark Ely of Pura Vida because I needed a translator. Mark and I met in downtown Denver at 4:00 pm and went to get Edgar. It turns out that Edgar was released earlier than expected and he had been sitting outside on the sidewalk for 2-1/2 hours. Needless to say he was happy to see us. He talked with his uncle in Tennessee on my cell phone to let him know we were there.

At the bus station, we checked Edgar in first. Right after that, we got dinner in the terminal; Edgar had not eaten since that morning. Mark had a burger, I had pizza and Edgar had both a burger and pizza. We also got snacks for the bus. Mark explained to Edgar that he had to change buses in Indianapolis and Cincinnati. When it was time for Edgar to board the bus, we all hugged. Edgar gave us the thumbs-up sign as he entered the bus. I prayed for God to send His angels to watch over Edgar on his long trip. He wouldn't arrive in Tennessee until 5:30 am on Good Friday!

Wednesday night and Thursday I kept Edgar's bus schedule up on my computer so I could see where he was at various points in time. I continued to pray for him. At 4:00 am Good Friday, I got the call from Edgar's uncle telling me that Edgar had arrived! Thank you, God!

In the future, Edgar will be will be going through the judicial system, where a judge will decide if he has to go back to Guatemala or if he can stay with his relatives. Edgar's uncle asked that we continue to pray for Edgar, so that he can stay with them. As I write this, I am sure that Edgar, his relatives and the pastor from Tennessee are looking forward to an especially joyous Easter Sunday!

I feel blessed for having been given this opportunity to walk with Edgar. It made an impact on me emotionally. It was a "God-thing" for me to have gotten the call from the pastor in Tennessee. This experience energized my spirit. I hit it off really well with Edgar's uncle on the phone and I hope to connect with him periodically to see how Edgar is doing.

## **Check out our Garden!**



The St. Luke's Vegetable Garden will be in full swing this summer producing fresh

vegetables to deliver to Warren Village. We will be growing tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, garlic, onions, peas, carrots, lettuce, radishes, and squash. The St. Luke's vegetable garden is located west of the children's playground. We need volunteers for food delivery to Warren Village and help with harvesting. Any willing volunteers can contact Todd Land via email at pdllandscape©gmail.com

#### GUATEMALA continued from page 1



house a home. It's love that makes a house a home. God is at work in Guatemala."

The first year I went,



I met a boy named Jeremy, in the market. We always go to the market in Chichicastenango. Jeremy never tried to sell any of his items to us, he was there to help us find what we were looking for. I really appreciated his help as myself and a few others wondered through the market. Ever since that time I always take the time to look for him, catch up on what's going on with him

and his family, and of course buy some item(s) from him. The money he earns is used to help put his sister, Mary, through school.

I want to thank all of those who support this mission. With everyone's help we are helping to change lives.



## Seasoned Voyagers

On April 10th the Seasoned Voyagers had an exciting day. To begin the day we went to Sedalia Elementary school for a tour and to deliver library books, supplies and King Soopers Gift cards. This was our mission project for the month. Sedalia Elementary is in

great need of books and supplies as their school funding is not adequate to support the needs of the students.

We then proceeded to Cherokee Castle and Ranch for a private guided tour. This is a unique setting atop a high hill overlooking Sedalia. Not only is it a working ranch but it is a historic mansion with great Colorado history. We were able to explore the castles towers, great room, bedrooms, library, dining room and kitchen as well as many other nooks and crannies. A wonderful time was had by everyone.

We celebrated Cinco de Mayo on Monday May 5th with a luncheon and mission project benefiting a downtown Denver ministry helping day laborers and women entrepreneurs.



Please join the Seasoned Voyagers in June, traveling to ancient Mayan lands now exhibited in the newest wing of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

We leave from St. Luke's Tuesday, June 17 on RTD transport at 9:30am and return at 2:45pm.

The \$20 cost includes transportation, museum admission and a ticket to the exhibits 10:30am admission. We are allowed to spend up to one and one-half hours in the exhibit. Extra time may be spent catching up on other new things at the museum or visiting old favorites and a bit of time for lunch. Bus will return at 2:00pm to arrive at 2:45pm.

## For more information contact Kay Oscai koscai@earthlink.net.

If you want to know in advance what's coming, please sign up on St. Luke's website to Seasoned Voyagers ministry email to receive our regular email blasts to keep informed of "voyages" before they occur.

You can get email notices of all activities simply by going to StLukesHR.com and using "Quick Links" selection "email lists" to go select list "SeasonedVoyagers" in Ministry email lists and enter your name and email address. You can use same mechanism to remove your name later if you choose.



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## Music Celebration! On Sunday April 27th





we celebrated the end of our "season" with an instrumental music concert, our Music Celebration! Thanks to SLYJO, MOS, and to the Wind Ensemble for participating. The Music Ministry program at St. Luke's is grateful for all of the musicians who make our work possible. Our volunteers include singers, instrumentalists, bell players,

children and youth participants, everyone who works in the drama and puppets program, and the sound and tech crews who work our performances and services. Our program is truly one of group and community spirit, and we are very blessed to have such great music at our services and at all of our extra concerts, benefits, and performances year round. THANK YOU, St. Luke's, for giving us our musical voice.

## Summer Music During the summer months,

the Music Ministry program at St. Luke's switches it up a bit. We give the Chancel Choir and our regular ensembles a break, and let small groups and soloists provide a diverse range of music for our Sunday services. Interested in playing or performing? Contact Ken Mervine at kenm©stlukeshr.com.

## **Ensembles on Vacation!**

Our music groups are taking a summer break, but that means that this is the perfect time to get involved in our (or more) of our many groups, so that you can join us when rehearsals begin again in August! We need adult and youth bell players, Youth musicians for SLYJO and Soul Purpose, children singers for Kids Prayz and Cherubs, adult singers for Chancel Choir, and every instrument imaginable is needed for our many different ensembles. Now is the time! Visit our website and check out our list of Music Ministries to see where you fit in! Contact Jennifer with questions about joining at jennifer@stlukeshr.com.

## Sedalia Elementary Thanks Seasoned Voyagers

The Seasoned Voyagers recently visited Sedalia Elementary. We got a tour and brought books for the library, pencils for the teachers and King Soopers gift cards. We received the following "Thank-you" letter:

Dear Members of the St. Luke's Community, On behalf of the students and staff at Sedalia, please accept our sincerest thanks for your generous book donation for our Library. It is because of people like you and your kindness, and willingness to help that our students have the resources to continue to reach for and achieve their goals. The gift cards that were purchased by your members are invaluable to so many of the families here at Sedalia. We so enjoyed you coming to visit and tour our beautiful little school.

Thank you again for all you do for us. Sincerely, George Boser, Principal, and Staff"



## Upcoming Events!

- May II: Happy Mother's Day! music rehearsals are still on but no evening SLY activities)
- May 18: Graduation Sunday (no evening SLY activities)
  - 6:00pm All current 6th graders and parents INFO mtg.
- May 25: 5:30pm Dinner & End of Year Party
- \* May 30-June 8:Youth Guatemala Trip
- ¥ June II: GEMs & STMs start
- June 23-27: Volunteer to help with VBS - go to children's webpage to sign up
- July 6-12: Jr. High Mission trip - Flood Relief work, Northern CO
- July 26-Aug. 2: Sr. High Mission Trip - Navajo Reservation, New Mexico
- \* Sign up to receive our emails and Check \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

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



## Sundays:

- 9:30-10:30am SLY AM
   Life lessons and the New
   Testament
- 5:30-6:00pm SLY Dinner
  We need help feeding these
  hungry teens! Sign up to help on
  our website. \$2 per person.
- 6:00-7:30pm SLY PM
   All sorts of fellowship and fun activities are going on this month!
   Check out our website for details.

## **Wednesdays:**

- 5:30-6:30pm (ending May 21)
   Homework/Tutoring Hour:
   A chance to get your homework done and get help if you need it!
- 6:30-8:00pm Coming up we have Balloon Art, Water Fun and more!

## ON THE SLY:

## Get Ready, Get Set, GO!

The weeks after Lent turn into some of the most hectic times for SLY-but then again, when isn't!

Our first big event was Youth Sunday—and by all accounts, it was amazing! Executive Producer Amy directed a passionate team of youth to discuss life, faith, and how we have God with

us - good times and bad. Stirring music, moving video, poignant sermon, and discussions about faith even through the toughest of challenges made for a deeply moving experience.

And while THAT was going on, Dave and a crew of 7th and 8th graders were at the Rocky Mountain District Jr. High Retreat - our own Abby Lauer

was on the planning team. Based on the movie "UP", we talked about how we need to Give UP, Grow UP, Rise UP, Stand UP, and BUILD UP! We are a Building UP community, set to build up our faith, our world, and everybody in it.

We are now getting ready for a very busy summer. The Guatemala team leaves May 30, the Jr. High heads up north to do flood recovery in Colorado the beginning of July, and the Sr. High heads to the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico the end of July. Summer Wednesdays begins June 11 with STMs (Short Cut to Manhood) for the guys and GEMs for the girls (Girls Enrichment Ministry). We have 5 district volleyball meets on Tuesday nights, as well as a number of

single day service opportunities at places like DenUM, Food Bank of the Rockies, Café 180, and more!

On April 28th we were joined by a number of our soon-to-be Graduates at the annual Senior Dinner. (Photo below.) We shared some stories, a few laughs, and a few tears. We talked about how life is about to change, how we stay connected to our faith... and with St. Luke's Young Adult Group. We will honor all our Grads on Sunday May 18.

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

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!

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



**Dave Laurvick**Director of
Youth Ministry



Amy McMullen Assistant Dir. of Youth Ministry







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## More from Les: "Pat and the Crosley Station Wagon" by Rev. Les Ludlam



It was the second week of the New Year, and the mid-January cold snap had been one of the worst for the area we lived. The roads stayed very icy and treacherous for days and days. Pat's mother, Lillian worked as a "Registered Practical Nurse" at St. Mary's hospital on 7th street. It was about a 5-mile drive from home to the hospital.

Lillian had given up driving a few years before so she depended on Pat to get her to work for the 7:00am to 3:00pm shift. On this

> morning, Pat and Lillian got up extra early to get ready for the trip to the hospital.

(The family car was a 1949 Crosley station wagon, an early compact.)

Pat bundled up two-year-old Kathy and put her in the back seat and the three of them left for the hospital. Driving west on Patterson Road, Pat noticed that the pavement was particularly icy. Then, suddenly as they started down a slight grade toward 12th street, a pickup came sliding out of a side street onto Patterson!

Pat instinctively hit the brakes on her car and the Crosley began to skid sideways. The light Crosley and the slick road were not a good combination. She tried steering into the skid, but to no avail. The Crosley narrowly missed the pickup but continued to slowly spin, out of control.

The car's path led to a shallow ditch at the side of the road and as the small station wagon left the roadway, it began to tip sideways. It slowly rolled over and stopped, on the passenger side, in the ditch.

Pat found herself lying on top of her mother. Lillian was shaken but only had a scratch on her arm. Two-year old Kathy was crying hysterically in the back and Pat checked to see if she was okay. Nobody was hurt.

Pat spoke to Lillian, "You take care of Kathy, I'm going to open the door and climb out." The driver's side of the car was now the top, so she opened the door, pushed it up and well back to assure it wouldn't fall back. She climbed out, then reached back in to take the baby as Lillian lifted her up, then she helped Lillian climb out.

Several cars had stopped by now, so Pat carefully walked across the ice to three young men standing there. "Do you think you can set the car upright?" she asked.

"Sure!" said one and they walked over the station wagon to see what it might take. She turned to a young woman who was with the men and said, "And would you see if my mother is all right?"

Then Pat took Kathy's hand and told her, "Now, you stay with grandma Lillian till we get the car taken care of."

The young men had no trouble righting the car. Once it was upright, Pat got back in the car, rearranged some of the things that had been scattered as it turned over, and tried to restart the engine. To her relief the engine started right up! The young men helped push the car back onto the roadway. At that moment the city police cruiser showed up.

"We have a report of an accident, ma'am," the patrolman said, "Is anyone hurt?"

"No, we are all right," said Pat, "but you might check the man driving that pickup over there, he was driving rather strangely!"

The patrolman looked over the Crosley. "Is that the only damage?" he asked, pointing to the scratches on the passenger side of the car. "I believe so," said Pat.

"Don't see any need to write a citation," he said, "but I'll need to see your driver's license and make a report." "That's fine," she replied calmly.

Pat, Lillian and Kathy then proceeded to Saint Mary's Hospital. Lillian was an hour late to work but felt good enough to work the rest of her shift. Pat returned home and after putting Kathy down for a nap, she went back to the kitchen, started a pot of coffee, sat down, and then she cried... and cried.

I am convinced that God was with Pat on the day the Crosley overturned.

She didn't panic. She calmly took control of the situation. She made sure that her loved ones were all right and cared for and only then focused on the task of getting the car upright and running again. She was stronger than she had ever dreamed she could be.

Some time later, she told a friend about the incident. "I can't imagine how I got the strength to do what I did!" (I can.)

God bless us all! -Rev. Les





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We appreciate your continued support!



SERVICE SATURDAY

# Trustees Corner: Service Saturday May 10 8:00am-noon

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Roma Study recap: this one day class opened our eyes, our minds and most importantly, our hearts to the Roma people (often called the gypsies of Europe.) Sylvia Brady shared: "We knew Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves. We knew the "Gypsies" were a wandering people. We did not know some "Gypsies" settled down, in homes, in ghetto-like communities. We knew they segregated themselves. We did not know local societies segregated the Roma, drove them to the outskirts of communities, then farther away. We knew they were an unschooled people. We did not know the schools did not want them, and they, in turn, distrusted the schools, the "educated" society. We knew "Gypsies" might steal our children. We did not know "Gypsies" were fearful we might steal their children, through education, through temptations, as well, as physically." Thank you to all who participated in this mission class. To borrow the DVD and study guide, contact Renae Parra (renaeparra©aol.com).



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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 May 17:** Audubon walk at Chatfield State Park.

Meet at St. Luke's at 10:00am.

Friday May 30: Dinner at Saj Mediterranean Grill

at Southglenn Mall at 6:00pm.

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

#### Saturday ~ May 10

8:00am ~ Service Saturday

10:00am ~ Genealogy 101

10:00am ~ Itch to Stitch

5:00pm ~ Colorado Women's Chorale Concert

#### Sunday ~ May I I

Happy Mother's Day!

Celebration of First Steps

8:00am ~ UMW Executive Team

9:30am ~ Café St. Luke's

#### Monday ~ May 12

6:30pm ~ Executive Team Meeting

6:30pm ~ UMW Bible Study

7:00pm ~ Trustees Meeting

## Tuesday ~ May 13

2:00pm ~ Conversations w/ Rev. Janet

5:00pm ~ Center for Spiritual

Engagement Team Meeting

6:30pm ~ Children's Ministry Team Meeting

7:30pm ~ Missions Team Meeting

## Friday ~ May 16

9:00am ~ Playgroup

10:00am ~ Carry Crew Training

6:45pm ~ Family Movie Night - "Frozen"

#### Saturday ~ May 17

9:00am ~ Carry Crew Training

## 10:00am ~ Wesley Writers

Sunday ~ May 18

8:15am ~ Contemplative Worship

2:00pm ~ UMW Spring Tea

6:00pm ~ SLY info mtg. for 6th graders

#### Monday ~ May 19

7:00pm ~ Women's Book Club

## Wednesday ~ May 21

9:00 & 11:00am ~ Little School Graduation

6:30pm ~ Parents of Teens/Young Adults w/ Depression/Bipolar Support Group

#### Sunday ~ May 25

5:30pm ~ SLY & SLY, Jr. Year End Party

#### Monday ~ May 26

Memorial Day ~ Office Closed

## Tuesday ~ May 27

7:00pm ~ Staff Parish Meeting

#### Wednesday ~ May 28

6:30pm ~ Holy Land Info Meeting

## Thursday ~ May 29

6:30pm ~ Youth Guatemala Luggage Party

## Friday-Sunday ~ May 30-June 8

Youth Guatemala Mission Trip

#### Sunday ~ June I

Promotion Sunday - 6th Graders

12:15pm ~ Seasoned Voyagers Core Team

12:30pm ~ The Gathering

## Monday ~ June 2

Summer PAA Classes begin

9:00am ~ PAA "The Jungle Book"

9:30am ~ PAA Summer Camp - "Furry Fables"

## Wednesday ~ June 4

9:30am ~ Wacky Wednesdays begin

6:30pm ~ Parents of Teens/Young Adults w/ Depression/Bipolar Support Group

#### Thursday ~ June 5

9:00am ~ PAA "Aladdin Kids!"

9:00am ~ PAA "Hairspray Jr."

10:00am ~ Common Thread

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7:00pm ~ St. Luke's Young Adults

#### Friday ~ June 6

9:00am ~ Playgroup