



The Chronicle

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Stories in Music!



On Nov. 2 at our Jazz Concert, we listened to foot-tapping selections from the Big Band era up to contemporary arrangements by the St. Luke's Youth Jazz Orchestra and the Ministers of Swing and then we were treated to the fabulous Gabe Mervine Quartet. Each group was simply amazing! In addition to the jazz concert, we rededicated our beloved Sanctuary piano. After an incredible night of music, we raised over \$1,000 for the John Wesley School Band program! Thank you St. Luke's! *cont. on page 11*

Create a Story of Change

You are invited to write a new Christmas story! Revs. Janet, Sallie, Ryan, and Sarah are challenging you to give 10% of what you spend on Christmas gifts to create a story of change. What kind of gift can you give, or donation can you invest, or relationship can you enhance that will make a difference and increase the common good? Can you be a partner with God in loving people, or creatures, or creation?

Gather the members of your family and dream together about a place to bless. Then, on Christmas morning, talk together about the changes that were initiated. How did the gift change the givers as well? When we put our generosity and passion together "with glad and generous hearts", grace and love can't help but overflow into the world. Create a story of change!



A Story that Changes Everything: ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. LUKE'S

This is the season of incarnation... when God chooses to dwell among us. During Advent, we'll tell the story from two vantage points:

- Through the eyes of the first family, we remember the first Christmas story.
- Through contemporary eyes, we'll see that Love comes down to live among us every day.

The incarnation is a story of transformation, both then and now, that changes everything. The stories illumine us and make us glow with the Presence we've always wanted.

What came into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light. —John 1: 4-5

November 29

Hanging of the Greens

November 30

First Sunday of Advent
Tree Lighting Service with
Children's Impromptu
Christmas Pageant

December 2

United Methodist Women
Candlelight Dinner

December 4, 5 & 6

Amahl and the Night Visitors
with the Central City Opera

December 7

Second Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion

December 14

Third Sunday of Advent
The Christmas Cantata
Holiday Shop

December 18

Little School
Christmas Program
PAA Holiday Festival

December 20

Puppet Show

December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Candy Cane Sunday

December 24

Christmas Eve Services
1:00 & 3:00 Children's Services
5:00 & 7:00 Traditional Services
9:00 Communion Service

December 28

First Sunday of Christmas

January 4, 2015

Epiphany Sunday
Procession of the Kings



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... but not without YOUR help! Please join us on Saturday, November 29 at 9:00am to decorate our beautiful church for the season of Advent.

This community event invites everyone (including families!) to be a part of this special time when we transform our church!

Donuts will be served and childcare is available for those with young children.

We hope you will join us!

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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Rev. Janet Forbes
Senior Pastor

Worship Renewal and Design at St. Luke's

Leaders at St. Luke's have been watching recent trends in our patterns of worship. In fact, everywhere I go, I talk to pastors who are experiencing the same thing: *People who attend church are attending less often.*

People who used to attend every week are attending three times a month. People who were around twice a month often now show up once a month. And attenders who used to come once a month are showing up half a dozen times a year. This is true of rapidly growing churches, mega-churches, mid-sized churches, Bible churches, and churches like St. Luke's where many are connecting to faith for the first time. Some church leaders I know wonder whether people will even attend physical buildings a decade from now. I believe they will, but maybe not in traditional patterns.

So what's going on? Well, culture is changing. But two of the biggest factors that used to drive attendance in the last twenty to fifty years are now reproducible online.

Two decades ago, if you wanted to hear great preaching, you had to go to church. Podcasting and online campuses have changed this. If you wanted great music, you had to go to church. Now, for \$20, all your favorite songs are on your phone wherever you go.

So what are we to do? Here are six ways that St. Luke's is choosing to respond.

- 1. We are planning an awesome online presence.** Launching an online campus is a 2015 goal for us. Between Facebook, Twitter, podcasts, websites and blogs, all of us can stay connected. Even giving to the church online has never been easier. Many people tell me that when they're not physically present, they stay in touch via all of these media.
- 2. We elevate personal relationships.** Somehow facilitating a personal relationship is easier and more effective in person. Faith communities that value personal relationships will always attract people who value personal connection (which is, I think, almost all of us).
- 3. We love people!** Can you love, fully-love, people without being fully present? Do human relationships go to their deepest level in person? I think so. Two in five couples meet online today. But even those two in five couples who meet online don't stay online. They partner in face-to-face covenants. Love can be expressed online, but its deepest fulfillment happens through personal contact.
- 4. We are designing an irresistible experience.** We are re-designing worship with deep soul: sensory-rich, creative and welcoming, gathered around story, radically present to the Spirit of God. Something happens to us when we gather in that Holy Presence! A live concert is never quite the same as watching a song on YouTube or even a concert in full HD on a kicking home theater system. Church is more than the sum of its parts... between the message, music, prayer, creative elements, human interaction, and hallway conversations. You can get some of it online, but not all of it. At least not yet.
- 5. We create a culture of serving.** Online church doesn't allow many serving opportunities. When you get up early to prepare breakfast for the homeless, or shepherd a group of 2nd graders, or mentor a confirmand, or greet people with a smile, or serve as a worship leader, or drive the bus for Windcrest, somehow you find a place in service of a goal greater than yourself. St. Luke's is committed to serving outside our church house: locally, nationally, and internationally.
- 6. We prioritize children and youth.** Parents can catch a podcast, but kids really miss out when parents miss. To be with their friends who are running in the same direction, and to have another voice who knows their name, favorite food and hopes and dreams saying the same thing a loving parent would say, is so far un-reproducible in cyber-community. I believe that when the parents miss church, the kids are the biggest losers. The more we prioritize families, the more families will prioritize Sundays.

Worship in the St. Luke's community is a radical endeavor...risky, daring, prophetic, centering, and counter-cultural. God's grace abounds! So let us be bold. Let us be brave. Let us be together.

-Rev. Janet

Grief Support Group

Many times people feel alone with their grief when a death or loss of a loved one has occurred. Many grievers have found that mourning in a safe place with people who will listen to their stories and hold their feelings and pain for a little while is helpful. St. Luke's has an opportunity for you to receive support on your grief journey. Join Visitation Pastor, Rev. Pat Shaffer, Mindful Presence Leader and Early Childhood Director, Sam Leahy, and Stephen Minister, Nancy Abbott for a four week support group. We will meet Sunday evenings, Nov. 2, Nov. 9, and Nov. 16 in the Conference Room of St. Luke's UMC from 6:30 to 8:00pm. On Sunday, Nov. 23, there will be a service of remembrance open to anyone who would like to remember the death or loss of a loved one held in the chapel beginning at 6:30pm. Please call Rev. Pat at 720-988-5430 or email her at prshaffer04@yahoo.com to let her know you will be attending.



Rev. Ryan Canaday
Associate Minister

What If...

Large white posters have been hanging on the perimeter walls of the sanctuary for the last several weeks. On big, bold letters at the top of each poster read the simple words, "What if..." I asked you all to write on these posters some of the things you long for, dream of, some of the things you might do--or we might do--in order to live better stories.

What if your story wasn't held back? What if you could let go of all the resentments that hijack your story? What if shame and fear no longer determine your next steps? What would it look like for you--for us--to participate with God, to submit our stories to a God who is in the business of creating all things new? We pose these in questions because questions allow the conversation to begin. What if...you all said some incredibly bold, brave, and courageous things. Check them out below. I can't wait to see some of the new stories being lived in and through this St. Luke's community!

Grace & Peace, Rev. Ryan

- What if I took the words from my son's writings before his death to create a message of hope for others?
- What if I found a way to share my story--my time with breast cancer--with someone who is just starting that battle and scared? I think sharing my journal could help.
- What if I could forgive that one person?
- What if you had fun at church and people would actually go there because they wanted to?
- What if I find love again? Will I be brave enough, strong enough, to try again?
- What if I was unashamed?
- What if I forgave my cousins and my parents?
- What if I started thinking of others and not just me?
- What if God isn't real?
- What if we asked why more often?
- What if we followed where God is leading, not where culture is leading?
- What if I shared you can never fall too hard, too fast to come back up?
- What if I accepted my brother unconditionally?
- What if I used my talents to focus on myself and heal me instead of others for the next 30 days?
- What if I honored my daughters memory and established a charitable event to raise money and awareness for stopping domestic violence?
- What if I actually focused more on family?
- What if I actually finished my novel?
- What if I decided to really write? I know I can, I just wonder how God is calling me to use this gift?
- What if I served the Lord in many more ways?
- What if I organized children to help with the cause of elephant poaching?
- What if I wasn't afraid?
- What if I opened my heart for all the good God has for me?
- What if I gave my life to follow God?
- What if I wasn't afraid?
- What if I let her go?
- What if I spent more time with those I love?
- What if I truly forgave my sister, instead of being high and mighty, and stubborn?
- What if I listened with my heart instead of my head? What if I thought with my heart instead of my head? What if I was not afraid?
- What if I gave everything to God?
- What if we could forgive God?
- What if we could practice forgiveness?
- What if I give up my life for two months in the states and take care of my parents?
- What if I actually listened?
- What if we went into full-time mission service in the UK?
- What if I let go of my security blanket job & routine and trusted God to guide me on a new journey?
- What if I did a daily vlog?
- What if I changed my marriage?
- What if my wife and I loved more people?
- What if I treated my husband like I treat my friends?
- What if I trusted more?
- What if I found a really creative way to share the carry crew idea with all of the people struggling with cancer, ACS, etc?
- What if my mother had wanted me? Would my life have been different?
- What if I could teach hungry people to grow their own food in urban gardens throughout Colorado--and could teach them to can their food for winter?
- What if I reconcile with my cousin?
- What if leaving didn't have to be hard?
- What if we all believed together that God loves us all and has the plan all set for us?
- What if I connect with my family?
- What if I lived my best life and helped others live their best life--and have the courage to let God lead?
- What if I left my family to experience a different perspective with my husband?
- What if I had the courage and conviction to reach out to my brother?
- What if I let go of fear? Let go of the past? Saw myself as life sees me? What if I fulfilled my dreams?
- What if I took a really long walk?
- What if I was a voice for community wherever I am?
- What if I mentored challenged youth?
- What if I wrote my story so my girls would know the truth?
- What if I forgave my sister?
- What if we moved over seas to experience another culture?
- What if I started living now instead of waiting?
- What if I sold all my earthly possessions?
- What if I enjoyed what is instead of worrying about what isn't?
- What if I could accept my circumstances?
- What if there is no more child slavery?
- What if I allow my youngest to reconcile to reconcile with me as part of her 12-step program?
- What if I choose to not be afraid to take a stand for what is right?
- What if I had given my best effort all the time?
- What if we opened our hearts to the underserved and take time to help?



Rev. Dr. Sallie Suby-Long
Associate Minister

A Vision for Healing and Wholeness

The Center for Spiritual Engagement

I have been observing something powerful within our community over the past months and it's very exciting! While our remarkable



leadership team has guided the development of the Center for Spiritual Engagement focusing on a mission of healing and wholeness through connection, inspiration, and transformation, many of you have linked us with outstanding people that are helping to make this vision a reality. Rick Fort connected us with his sister, Cathy Vanderkooy, who is creating a similar ministry in Vancouver, B.C. We have the opportunity to collaborate and enhance our learning. Bev and Tony Ashworth connected us with their daughter Kimba who is offering her outstanding expertise on the psychology of eating as part of our Spirituality and Wellness Series. Eileen Law introduced us to Shelby Trinkino who blends her proficiency in financial advising with a passion for wellness. Melinda Davidson recognized the dynamic giftedness for spiritual growth modalities in her friend Gargi Argarwala and graciously introduced her to the ministries of the Center for Spiritual Engagement. Carson and Michelle Mallory connected us with the story of Mallory Cave via a beautiful hike to the actual site first discovered by Carson's father, Duke, many years ago. These are just a few examples of the ways God's spirit is working through all of us to create opportunities for transformative learning and wholeness. I know it's a common phrase, but it really does take a village! Our interconnectedness is vital. I am grateful that we are all part of making this vision a reality through connection to a variety of spiritual practices and to people who share a passion for this important work. You are warmly invited to be part of the ongoing ministries of the Center for Spiritual Engagement. Details about upcoming opportunities are on page 5. Exciting things are happening! --Pastor Sallie



Lynda Fickling
Director of
Servant Ministry/
Spiritual Director

Get **CONNECTED**

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!* All are welcome... all conversations are welcome! See you there!



Welcoming our newest members

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



Bob & Lynne Belleville

"We were drawn by your friendliness and warmth. We share your values: we enjoy the music, service, pastors, and ministries. We appreciate that you are an inclusive community as Jesus taught us to be."



Tonya Whaley *"I was looking for a community that had women in leadership, a strong community presence and full of diversities. A community that is accessible and open and welcoming to differences of abilities."*



Sarah Merchant
(pictured at left)

Shawna Culter (no picture available) *"Need to feel I belong to a family of God."*

Stephen & Ann Bennett (no picture available) *"We are seeking personal growth, and St. Luke's offers us diversity, intellectual challenges, a dynamic music program, and opportunities to share in a spiritual community environment"*

If you are interested in connecting to our community, please contact Lynda Fickling lynda@stlukeshr.com 303-791-0659 x20. We look forward to sharing our stories and growing together in faith.

There's Still Time to Get Your St. Luke's Directory Photos!

Still time to get that picture taken! Go to pictorialservices.com to reserve a convenient time. Or give Bettingers a call at 303-400-6023. You will receive a free 5x7 and a directory of St. Luke's folks in the Spring. Don't miss out! Any questions contact Deb at dhofer744@gmail.com or 575-302-3017.

Invitation to the Sand Creek Healing Run

NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 3

Our Bishop, Rev. Elaine Stanovsky, has invited the St. Luke's community to participate in an experience of remembrance and healing:

Dear Friends: The slow, difficult work of remembering the history, honoring those who died and healing broken communities and relationships continues. This is the work of cultivating abundant life. Nov. 29, 2014 will mark the 150th anniversary of the Sand Creek Massacre. Clint and I, along with our three sons, will be there and hope that many of you will join us. United Methodists commemorated this tragic event and its long-lasting scars during the Yellowstone and Rocky Mountain annual conference sessions. Now we have an opportunity to join descendants of the Massacre in a solemn public commemoration over five days from Saturday, Nov. 29, through Wednesday, Dec. 3. The official website, including the schedule for the Commemoration, is sandcreekmassacre150.com. Anyone intending to participate during any or all of the five days, or to volunteer, should register at this site.

To help you plan your participation, here is an overview of events scheduled:

November 29, 2014: 150th Anniversary of the Sand Creek Massacre

9:00am: Prayerful Preparation for Opening Ceremonies, Eads United Methodist Church, 110 E. 11th St., Eads, CO. Sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Noon: Bus departs from Eads UMC to Sand Creek Massacre Site.

1:00pm: Opening Ceremonies, Sand Creek Massacre Site.

November 30, 2014:

Dawn: 16th Annual Spiritual Healing Run & Walk begins at Sand Creek Massacre Site.

December 1 & 2, 2014:

Dawn: Spiritual Healing Run & Walk begins each day in a different location.

December 3, 2014:

Dawn: Color Guard at the grave of Silas Soule, Riverside Cemetery

11:00am: Runners arrive on west steps of the Colorado State Capitol with Closing Ceremonies.

The Rocky Mountain Conference is inviting people who want to participate in the opening ceremony to a Prayerful Preparation gathering at 9:00am Saturday, Nov. 29, at Eads United Methodist Church, prior to the 16th Annual Spiritual Healing Run & Walk. All are invited to attend, reflect and learn more about the Sand Creek Massacre before heading to the opening ceremony of the run, which begins at 1:00pm at the Sand Creek National Historic Site. Parking will be very limited at the Sand Creek Massacre site, so the Conference has arranged for boxed lunches and a charter bus to carry people from Eads to the site. If you can contribute \$35 to cover the cost that would be great. If you can't, then ride anyway to reduce the number of cars at the site. Please register online for the Saturday Prayerful Preparation at Eads UMC and to ride the bus.

The Spiritual Healing Run & Walk itself begins at sunrise on Sunday, November 30. This is not a race. You can run or walk as far as you choose any or all days from Sunday through Wednesday. Or you can encourage the runners along the way with your prayers and cheers. Surely God, known to us in Jesus Christ, is leading us into these rare and precious relationships and this holy, healing work. —*Elaine J. W. Stanovsky*

I am so grateful for your sponsorship of three young adult runners in honor of my 25th anniversary as an Elder in the United Methodist Church. Bob and I plan to be in Eads, Colorado and at the Sand Creek Massacre National Park Service Memorial on Saturday, Nov. 29. We will be present on the Capital Steps on Wednesday, Dec. 3 to greet the runners.

You are also invited to a learning session with Dr. Stephen Collins on Tuesday, Nov. 18 in Fellowship Hall from 1:00 to 2:30pm. Stephen is a Sand Creek scholar and will immerse us in the multi-faceted perspectives on this tragic event. Thanks to the Seasoned Voyagers for sponsoring this conversation.

Together, let us pray for the ongoing work of reconciliation. Be a part of telling a better story. *Grace, Rev. Janet*



Our Mission:

To promote healing and wholeness by creating opportunities for authentic connection, and by providing experiences that inspire and transform.

Please visit our new website www.stlukesce.org to learn about upcoming opportunities and explore our photo gallery.

Speaker Series:

- Tuesday, November 4 (6:30-8:00pm): Kimba Ashworth, Certified Eating Psychology Coach, joined us again for an evening of learning and sharing around a favorite subject, FOOD. The Holiday Season is filled with opportunities to celebrate, reflect, and deepen our connections to Spirit. Food often plays a starring role in the celebration, and many of us face this part of the Holiday Season with fear, stress, and worry. Kimba shared some practical tips to help us prepare for healthy Holiday eating. And we took a deeper dive into the psychology of Holiday eating, and learned some new ways to love our humanness and embrace our hunger for life!



Outdoor Adventure Ministry: We have been blessed with an unusually beautiful fall that has afforded many opportunities to connect with nature, with God, and with one another in a variety of lovely settings.

- On Oct. 4 we caught the last of the mountain colors along our drive to Chief Mountain. We climbed the 11,700 foot peak against crisp, clear Colorado blue skies. Lunch at Little Bear in Evergreen afforded opportunities to share our experiences and learn more about one another.
- October 25 we were blessed once again with a beautiful autumn day as we hiked along one of the loveliest sections of the High Line Canal trail to the Marjorie Perry Nature Preserve. We explored the ponds and marshes in this tranquil suburban oasis, seeking signs of nature's transformation and reflecting on our own personal "becomings."
- Saturday, November 22:** Join us to climb Spruce Mountain near Larkspur. Meet at St. Luke's to carpool at 9:00am. We'll have lunch (optional) at Spur of the Moment in Larkspur.



For more info contact janet.johnston@comcast.net, Julie.polikoff@msn.net, janestaller@gmail.com

Classes and Experiences:

- Mindful Presence Meditation is a short meditation experience that supports our ability to be unconditionally present to our breathing, core, thoughts and emotions. Meditations can be provided for your group experiences. We also invite you to read the Weekly Reflections on our website. Previously listed Reflections are archived on our website. For more info and to discuss your opportunity, contact sam@stlukeshr.com.

First Steps: Our trained Holy Listeners are leading the Storytelling Workshop in the current Peak Sunday School rotation, which focuses on Samuel, who listened to God's call to servanthood. We are helping children to understand the role of Holy Listeners at St. Luke's. If your child is experiencing a crisis of any sort you can request a Holy Listener to meet with your child during the Sunday School hour in a secure and confidential environment. For more info, contact Rev. Sallie at sallie@stlukeshr.com.

Open the Eyes of My Heart: Consecration Sunday, Nov. 16

It is one of my favorite songs for worship!

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you.
I want to see you.*

While on renewal leave, this song became a prayer, inviting me to a more generous world, saying that God's love is much wider than we can ever imagine!

At the heart of the song is a commitment to connection.

Many of you know that my brother, Joe Forbes, just received the gift of life, a new heart. We don't know much about the donor, except that he was a tall man, like my brother, and a young man. In the first days in Intensive Care at Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark, New Jersey, wondrous revelations emerged. Since my brother has been living on an LVAD (Left Ventricular Assist Device) for 16 months, he had been used to the sound of that machine, a swooshing movement. Now, he speaks of the un-nerving sound of a beating heart and the deafening rhythm of a pulse! That new sensation has become thanksgiving prayers without ceasing!

And he hears music! Sometimes the tunes are jazz-like, or simple children's nursery rhymes, or symphonic creations. But the rhythm is always in harmony with the beating of the new heart. So my niece and I are speculating about the donor and his love of music and whether or not the heart has a deep memory of the man who gave so much. I hope so! Thanks be to God.

When the eyes of our hearts open, when we see what God is doing, fueling the future, opening doors to deeper gratitude, compassion, and connection,
I want to jump into that energy!

On CONSECRATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, Bob and I will join you in bringing gifts to grow our life together and respond to what God is already doing in those connections.

- We will respond to the tremendous growth in our children, youth, and young adult ministries, especially as our young people double their days of mission response. We must expand our capacity to receive the families who are coming!
- Invite a Director of Communications and Social Media to introduce us to our 21st century netted connections.
- Launch worship re-design, deepening our experience of God's presence.

Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord!

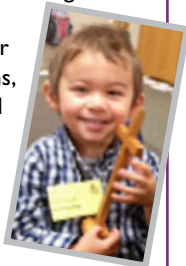
*With much heart and hope,
Rev. Janet*



Woof! Woof! Meow! Jake, Max, and Shea here to bring you up to speed on what we are sniffing out for children at St. Luke's.

Register for the 2014-15 Sunday School year online www.stlukeshr.com/ children and paper forms are available at the church. Children need to be enrolled for each new school year. We're packing lots of great learning into our Sundays about the Bible and the stories in it, our own stories, creation connections, prayer, living like Jesus taught and MORE! It's a great year - full of sharing God's love!

Check out our NEW Online Servant Sign Up & Schedule! Thanks to all who have gone online www.stlukeshr.com/children to sign up. It's fast, easy and a great way to double check when you serve. Come serve with us - one Sunday or lots! We need to fill 25 servant spots each week(!) so there's plenty of room for all. **We need YOU! Especially PEAK workshop leaders.** Come and share your gifts with our children.



Family Movie Night

Friday Nov. 21 at 6:45pm

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas"
Celebrate this season of gratitude and hope with this fun and heart warming classic Dr. Seuss story, rated PG. The curmudgeonly recluse Grinch hates Christmas but after he conspires to deprive Whoville of their favorite holiday by stealing everything associated with

the holiday, he learns that the spirit of Christmas goes much deeper than tinsel and toys. A story that changes everything... JOIN US!! Wear your pajamas, bring your pillow - we'll provide the popcorn!

Mark your calendars:

- Nov. 14 - Parent's Night Out - 6:30pm
(Contact Ms. Sam to be part of this group)
- Nov. 21 - Playgroup 9:00am
- Nov. 21 - Family Movie Night 6:45pm
- Nov. 23 - 9:30am Sunday School: PEAK starts a 5-week rotation "In the Manger"
- Nov. 23 - SLY, Jr. to DenUM noon-4:30pm
- Nov. 29 - Hanging of the Greens 9:00am
- Nov. 30 - 9:30am Sunday School: JoyTrek starts a 4-week lesson "Advent"
- Nov. 30 - Tree Lighting Service with Children's Christmas Pageant/Recital 6:30pm

Doggie Kisses and Kitty Snuggles,

Family Camp 2015 - Sign up Coming Soon

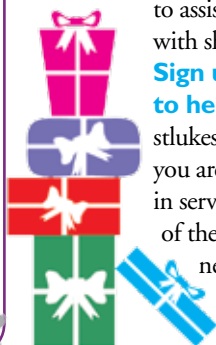
Now that we are in the full swing of fall, summer seems like a distant memory. But we are already making preparations for next year's Family Camp. We will be returning to the beautiful Snow Mountain Ranch in Granby, Colorado from July 17-26, 2015. Snow Mountain Ranch offers an opportunity for many fun activities, s'mores by the campfire, and fellowship with our Family Camp family. We hope you can join us for a few nights, or stay the whole week. Our online sign up begins on January 11, 2015.

St. Luke's

Holiday Shop

The Annual Children's Holiday Shop will be Sat. Dec. 13- Tues. Dec. 16. This is an opportunity for children to independently shop for inexpensive gifts for their family and friends... and pets. Additionally, proceeds from the shop support lunches for VBS teachers! Helpers are needed for set up (on Friday Dec. 12), at the gift wrapping stations, cashier table and

to assist children with shopping. **Sign up online to help!** Go to stlukeshr.com if you are interested in serving in one of these much needed and fun areas!



Sharon Oliver
Director of
Children's Ministry



Samantha Leahy
Director of Early
Childhood Ministry



Stephanie Kirk
Children's Ministry
Coordinator

St. Luke's Kids
Growing with God

Family Advent Devotionals

Join us **Wednesdays**

Dec. 3, 10, 17 6:00-6:30pm
for family time mid-week to help us celebrate the meaning of Christmas.

Tree Lighting Service

NEW

with Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday Nov. 30 at 6:30pm
(come at 6:00pm to pick out a costume!)

ALL CHILDREN WELCOME to take part!! Kick off the Christmas season at this special family service of stories and carols - NOW this service is combined with our Children's Christmas Pageant! Children may come early and pick out a costume and participate in the service (no-preparation required - just show up) by bringing to life the characters of the Christmas story! Children age 2 through grade 6 are encouraged to participate. Cherubs, Tone Chimes and our Youth Choir, Bells and Jazz Orchestra will perform. **Also, if your child would like to be part of the prelude "recital" and play a holiday song that they have prepared on their own, just email sharon@stlukeshr.com.**

Bring a plate of cookies to share!

The P.R.A.Y. Program is coming to St. Luke's in JANUARY 2015!

Join us for **God & Me** for 1st-3rd grade and **God & Family** for 4th & 5th grade (5 Sundays beginning Jan. 4). 11:00am-noon. Open to all children in Grades 1-5. Sign up now - space is limited. We need adult helpers. For info or to sign up contact sharon@stlukeshr.com. Emblems will be presented on SCOUT SUNDAY February 8.

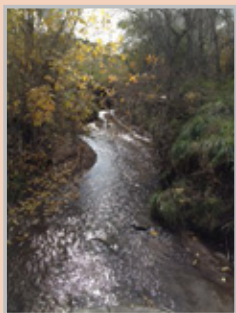


Kay Swanson
Director of
Little School



Little School News: **We Give Thanks and Praise!**

If you visited Little School these days you would find the rooms filled with laughter and joy! All the children are settling in and getting used to their new routine and mostly all the tears are gone! We have been so blessed with this gorgeous weather that we have been outside as much as possible. The kids love the outdoors and SO much learning takes place. Many of our classes have taken their Fall walk and enjoyed a picnic along the way. They always come back with so many stories about all the sights that they have seen. It's a long walk and it is quite fun to see them come back so weary ~ but excited!



November is the time we start thinking about other people that need our help. Little School will be collecting Halloween Candy after Trick or Treating, so remember to keep us in mind when your done with your goodies. This candy goes to various places like the Colorado AIDS Project, St. Nicholas Day and if

there are any leftovers, into the college boxes sent to our college kids! So please, bring them to the church. Donation boxes will be available at the Little School main office. We are on a crusade to save your thighs!

In November, we have our annual Thanksgiving Feast! All of the children gather together to celebrate the beginning of America and all of the blessings that God has given us. We decorate and wear pilgrim and native American costumes. Our feast includes turkey and all the trimming! Oh yes and we can't forget the pumpkin pie and whipped cream!

At Little School we believe in helping our kids to learn to be kind and share. The holidays are always a great time to have them help with shopping for other kids and for food donations. We are glad to say that God has given to us abundantly and we want to be sure to help our preschoolers make other hearts happy by helping! We will be collecting canned food to put in the DenUM Thanksgiving boxes that St. Luke's Youth put together. This is a very tangible way for our kids to have hands-on learning.

We wish you God's blessing as we begin this bountiful season! Please keep Little School and our staff in your prayers as we continue to celebrate 20 years of Little School!

Blessings, Ms. Kay and staff

"Children go where there is excitement and stay where there is love."

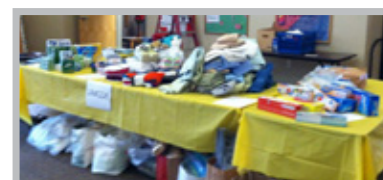
"The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the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



Candlelight Dinner Time! Tuesday, December 2 6:00-8:00pm. All women are invited to join us for a wonderful evening to kick off the Christmas season. Consider bringing a friend and sharing how hospitable and missional our church is, especially at this time of year. Our Mission for the night is Mondays in the Park; we will collect donations that evening of new adult hats, gloves and socks for anyone who would like to bring them. In addition, we will have a guest speaker present information about First Steps which is a new ministry at St. Luke's which provides healing ministries for children who need a "Holy Listener". As always, we will award a special woman with a Mission Recognition Pin (it's always a surprise!) Tickets are still only \$15. Tickets go on sale November 9th for this annual event. Look for us in the church Narthex between services.



Conference UMW Meeting - Several women from our unit attended this annual meeting in Parker and were treated to a very educational weekend with presentations on Racial Justice, Immigration Issues and Native American Spirituality as well as lots of great food and fellowship. Women brought donations for UMCOR health kits and the tables were piled with donations!



Board Positions Open - The United Methodist women will have openings on the Board for 2015. Some women are rolling off the team and others are switching positions so there are opportunities to get involved! Please contact our current President Janet Sackett (jsackett@comcast.net or 303-794-4303) to discuss where your gifts might be used on this fun team.

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

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

Women's Night Out - First Monday, 6:30pm - Contact Elaine Carlstrom ecarlstrom@comcast.net or Jean Dunn jd-teacher@hotmail.com

- December - NO WNO please join us at the Candlelight Dinner on Tues., Dec. 2
- January 5 - Luigi's (8130 S. University Blvd. Centennial)

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

- Still collecting flannel for UMCOR diapers and nightgowns. Place in UMCOR bin in mission closet.

Common Thread - meets First Thursday at 10:00am, usually at the church. This is not a sewing group, but a faithful friends fellowship group Call Caroline Butler for more info 303-797-3225

Simply Saturday Helping Hands -

Meets random Saturdays throughout the year.

- March 7- serve at Cafe 180

Thanks to those who served at Renewed

Treasures with us in October; we had seven

women sort over 40 boxes and bags of clothes to select merchandise to sell in the shop this Fall and Winter. Contact Linda Osborn (lmosborn5@gmail.com) or Janet Sackett (jsackett@comcast.net)

Women's Monday Night Bible Study - Second Monday, 6:30pm Rm 213.

- Studying *Sisters: Bible Study for Women - Unfailing Love, Growing Closer to Jesus* Contact Janet Sackett or Lisa Phillips (jsackett@comcast.net or lisaphill4@aol.com)

Book Group - Fourth Monday, Room 206, 7:00pm (6:15pm potluck) RenaeParra@aol.com for info.

- November - *"The Rosie Project"* by Graeme Simsion



MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

Highlighting Mission Opportunities:

For more about missions supported by St. Luke's, contact
Scott Hetherington 484-883-0778 scott.g.hetherington@gmail.com

What is Happening at Love INC?



Hopefully you saw the October Chronicle article about the success of the Love INC (In the Name of Christ) 2014 Empty Bowl Event. If not, please take a look at the last issue for an update on that major fundraiser. In other Love INC news, the Severe Weather Shelter Network is starting its new season. This is a group of faith-based organizations (including the Homeless Awareness Action Task (H.A.A.T.) Force) that partner to provide emergency overnight shelter to the homeless. Last year they were open 82 nights and sheltered over 1900 guests total. This Love INC Gap Ministry provides food, fellowship, transportation and a safe, warm place to spend the night. One of the ways you can contribute is by providing cold weather gear such as boots, blankets, coats, hats, gloves, etc. If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause please call 303-798-0037.

Additionally, Love INC is in need of warehouse space to house the Furniture Ministry. The current area that is being used will not be available after November 30. If you know of a place that may be available for little or no cost, please contact Rev. Doug McKinney, Love INC Executive Director, doug@loveincittleton.org

Lunches in the Park

St. Luke's currently prepares and serves 100 sack lunches to those who are less fortunate in Civic Center Park every Monday. A heartfelt thank you to those who donate lunch items and the generous volunteers who serve each week. Your support is profoundly appreciated. Ongoing donations and volunteers are welcome as we continue to serve those in need.



Guest Speaker: Mark Ely - Nov. 12 6:30pm

St. Luke's "Place at the River" class is having Mark Ely come and speak on Wednesday, November 12 from 6:30-8:00pm in Room 213. He will be telling his personal story, how he developed relationships in Guatemala and how Pura Vida started. We will also be showing a video about a day in the life of a Guatemala scholarship student and telling Rosa's story.

Thanksgiving Community Meal

**Thanksgiving Day
Thursday November 27
Noon-2:00pm**

This meal will be served in St. Luke's Fellowship Hall and is available to anyone in need of food or companionship during this time. RSVP to sam@stlukeshr.com
Reservations are helpful, but not necessary.

Dinner will be provided by members and friends of St. Luke's. If you would like to sign up to donate prepared traditional Thanksgiving items please see our website - www.stlukeshr.com

We welcome and appreciate your participation



A 55+ MINISTRY

Seasoned Voyagers Update

Our Seasoned Voyagers journey to Chihuly exhibit at Denver Botanical Gardens this month was less (only 1/4 of our church van) populated than our usual voyages. I hasten to say that it was NOT due to any lack of enthusiasm for this fine exhibit but, quite the opposite. It was because so many (yours truly went



twice before scheduled trip) of our voyagers are DBG members and had visited already, one or more times, during exhibit before the SV trip. I'm enclosing a great photo provided by this trip's leader Kay Oscai of the small but enthusiastic voyagers who attended. Enjoy!

Energy of core team has quickly turned to planning for November Sand Creek Event. That event will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 1:00-2:30pm with coffee and dessert after Sand Creek presentation by Steve Collins and Rev Janet. Details will follow in SV email blasts but get ready to do a signup on some Sunday soon. Please, take note that this is an event hosted by Seasoned Voyagers group but open to entire congregation.

Also watch for more information to come on a Christmas lunch in December and a trip to the Colorado History Museum for January 2015!

Travel in the Footsteps of Paul

The Revs. Pat Shaffer and Dwight Blackstock are hosting a pilgrimage/cruise to follow the footsteps of Paul, April 7-18, 2015. The tour company is Educational Opportunities and both Pat and Dwight have traveled with this company in the past. Our hope for those who join us on this pilgrimage is that each one will come away with a deeper understanding of some of the background to Paul's letters. We are looking forward to this learning experience as well as having some wonderful days at sea to relax and enjoy the Mediterranean. If you would like a personal reference for EO and Norwegian Cruise lines, please join me, Pat Shaffer, on **Nov. 14 at 7:00pm** at my home, 9909 Spring Hill Drive, Highlands Ranch. You can RSVP to prshaffer04@yahoo.com or call 303-989-8847 or contact me for more information about the cruise and registration. Registration and final payment (without a penalty of \$100) must be made by Dec. 8, 2014.

More from Les by Rev. Les Ludlam



Dancing Trees

It was a particularly windy day, with gusts of more than 75 miles per hour in the foothills. It was a good day to stay indoors. As I comfortably watched from my window, I noticed the tree branches in a nearby stand of evergreens moving back and forth, driven by the wind in a rhythmic pattern that seemed to me like they were dancing! The sight was mesmerizing, I watched for nearly half an hour! As evening approached, I was on to other things that seemed more important to me at that time. Before retiring that evening, however, the sound of the wind outside reminded me of what I had watched earlier in the day. Perhaps that's what influenced my dream that night...

I was walking through the forest, I saw tree limbs swinging in cadence to an unheard melody, the rhythm seemed joyous. They seemed to be dancing! I marveled at the sight! Suddenly I heard, a very quiet, very old voice. "We are dancing! We were created without muscles and tendons so our only movement is the growth of our roots and limbs. When the wind comes it refreshes us and brings dramatic movement to our limbs that lifts our spirits. Through the movement we are celebrating our being!" It didn't seem odd to me that trees could talk. Dreams are not limited by rationality! The voice continued as I dreamt.

"Sometimes the wind becomes so strong that our branches are broken or blown away; sometimes the older, weaker members of our community are torn from the soil. But that is part of living and life as a tree. When the winds and rain become violent and damaging, we remember that wind and rain are but part of our Creator's system for bringing life-giving water from the oceans and seas to sustain those that live on the land. So when the wind blows, we dance joyously to thank our Creator for life itself. When the rains come, our roots draw in the life giving moisture that sustains us. We grow and produce seed so that our species may continue to exist. Our time is not the time of humans and other creatures that live in and around the places where we put down our roots. During our lifetimes we see many generations of animals pass before us. Some help us, some harm us, but all benefit from our presence. We provide safety for nests and security for many; we produce food and shade from the sun's rays. We give of ourselves to those who would build dwellings and usable devices from our limbs and trunks. Our limbs are taken as fuel for cooking food and heating dwellings. But too often, those who benefit from our presence take us for granted; too often that which we offer is wasted and our role in the cycle of life on this planet is forgotten in the push to satisfy selfish desires. But we persevere and we are thankful for those who nurture our seedlings and fight the diseases that harm us."

The voice became silent, and I perceived that I was expected to respond...

"Thank you, trees, for all that you do to sustain my life! Thank you for the food you yield, thank you for the shade and safety of your branches, thank you for homes, for tables and chairs, campfires and baseball bats. Thank you for refreshing the air I breathe!" I paused, marveling at the incongruence of having a conversation with a tree! Then the old quiet voice came again.

"You are welcome. We are all part of the Creator's system of life. Both plant and animal depend upon each other for survival. We only ask that you remember our mutual interdependence and use wisdom and care when you consume that which we have freely given you. Our Creator would have it no other way."

"Neither would I," I thought. The trees continued to dance, when suddenly a loud sound startled me from sleep. I sat up and heard the sound of hail and rain on the roof; a thunderclap must have awakened me! The dream was beginning to fade from my memory, but I thought, "Yes, I wouldn't want it any other way as well." **God bless us all, Les**



Sheri Henry
Director of Finance



Kristi Pawley
Accounting Clerk

Financial FUN FACT

Did You Know?... We have a \$1.3 million loan on our building and make monthly payments of approximately \$10,800!

Grateful for Our Trustees Team!

Can't believe it's nearly been a year since our team came together. We are very grateful for their time, talents and creativity as we've worked together to improve and maintain our building and grounds! Overall this team is here for each other. We do whatever is needed to make your experiences while you're here better, cleaner, brighter, warm when it's cold, and cool when it's hot; flush and drain as needed, caring when it counts, in such a way that you probably won't even notice. A lot of work is completed by this team on a regular basis – here are just a few highlights.

Brian Bauer serves as our finance team liaison helping us to stay connected and make informed, collaborative decisions. **Brian Owens** has helped us stay on top of battery management on our security and alarm systems, and **Jennifer Richeson** has served as our liaison to Little School and offered painting, Christmas lighting and decorating designs, and landscape attention. Ever wonder who's responsible for our sign out front – mystery solved, **Randy Larson** tells the story with LESS than 120 characters every week often switching the messages throughout the week!

Vicki Lauer has delivered emergency preparedness training across several teams, **James Bacon** manages the landscape crews, and now proudly joins the ranks of our volunteer bus drivers! **Ben Daly** is quick to help with our honey-do lists. **Sandi Miyaki** shares team chair duties with **Ken Fong**, project managed the implementation of our new drainage improvement project and manages our commercial cleaning team.

Ken is our technical team leader as well – managing all of the computers and teaming with Dr. Jim and our amazing tech team to make worship and performances HD. **Steve Howard** and **David Trotter** are our masters of the chair rail, and have stepped in to help us with our temporary bus rental. **Russ Overman** has stepped into floor repair for us, and **Buddy Key** is our liaison to our Support Team ministry and works with youth to complete landscape clean up and chores. **Mike Stephens** manages lighting inside and out, and **Ken Decker** spends most of a day each quarter changing furnace filters and applying seasonal fertilizer.

We are also blessed to have **Dave Laurvick** managing the day to day maintenance of the bus along with James, and **Rich Krening** managing the Golf tournament that makes the wheels on the bus go round and round!

Sound intriguing? We'd be very glad to have your support as we prepare for 2015. If you're interested in joining our merry band, please contact Dean Conklin via email: deanhconklin@yahoo.com or leave a message at St. Luke's main number: 303-791-0659.



Upcoming Events!

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!



✦ **November 23** – Packing Thanksgiving Boxes for DenUM

✦ **Sign up to receive our emails and Check www.stlukeshr.com and click on "Youth" or**

Sundays:

- **9:30-10:30am** – SLY AM
Life as a Youth
- **6:00-7:30pm** – SLY PM
All sorts of fellowship and fun activities are happening Sunday nights in the youth room! Check out our website for details.

Wednesdays:

- **Homework/Tutoring Hour 5:30-6:30pm** – A chance to get your homework done and even get help if you need it!
Wed. SLY 6:30-8:00pm – Youth directed fellowship activities including dinners out, game nights, and fun art projects!

Mark Your Calendars Mission Trips Summer 2015

- Guatemala Team May 30-June 7
- Sr. High to Rockford IL June 13-21 (*pending final logistics of transportation*)
- Jr. High to Crownpoint NM July 12-18 (*pending final logistics of Transportation*)

Registration forms available soon!

Informational meetings in Youth Room:
Sr. High (current 9-12) Feb. 8 @ 11:00am
Jr. High (current 6-8) Jan. 11 @ 11:00am

ON THE SLY: Ready for the Holiday Season!

October and pumpkin season has wrapped up nicely. We reached our goal at the pumpkin patch and are looking good for next summer's mission trips! Thank you to all who spread the word, worked, and bought pumpkins this year, it is truly because of you that our ministry lives on!

We celebrated the end of October by putting on a Halloween party for the children and families of Warren Village. Warren Village is an outreach that strives to end the cycle of homelessness in single parent families. It is a great program that offers housing, childcare, help with schooling or getting a job, and many other life skills classes. We had nearly 75 children, mostly 5 years and under, attend the party with their families. We ate pizza, dressed up, played games, and had tons of fun! One of the most important part of our mission to help at Halloween is that we provide free costumes to the kids who attend! Due to expense, without these costumes, many of the children would not get the chance to dress up and feel like a normal kid. We gave away so many costumes this year! We had adorable little monsters, super heroes, and princesses all over the place.

This was awesome, but what it means is we need MORE costumes for next year! So, if you go by the clearance rack at the store and can't resist or have some gently used kids costumes you would like to get rid of, we could really use them!

As one holiday outreach comes to an end, the next is in full swing! SLY and SLY Jr. are partnering to fill over 100 boxes of food for the Thanksgiving Food Drive at DenUM. Each box is filled with all the fixin's needed to feed a family a thanksgiving meal. Hundreds of families go without on the holidays and we want to do our part to change that! We could really use your help! We need everything from stuffing and gravy mix to jello and pie filling! Our biggest need however is \$10 dollar grocery store gift cards so families can buy a turkey. BONUS... if you buy them at the church a portion of the proceeds comes back to St. Luke's! It's like giving twice! Check sidebar for a full list of the items needed.

As with most people, SLY has some holiday traditions that we are excited to bring to life once again this year. We have our **College Care Boxes** (need items by Nov. 21- let's send some love for those pre-finals all nighters), annual **Fancy Thanksgiving Pot Luck** coming up where everyone dresses up, drinks cider, and enjoys each other's company, as well as our **White Elephant Gift Exchange** in mid-December. We also truly enjoy supporting our musical peers as they perform at both the **Tree Lighting and the Cantata**. The holiday season is a magical and joyous time of year and it is no exception at SLY.

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*



Dave Laurvick
Director of
Youth Ministry



Amy McMullen
Assistant Dir. of
Youth Ministry



Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes

Our Youth and Children's Ministries have committed to provide 100 Thanksgiving Dinner boxes for DenUM for those that will be without this year. You can help us out by donating any of the following items:

- \$10 gift card
- boxed stuffing
- canned corn
- canned green beans
- gravy (box or jar)
- crunchy onions
- cream of mushroom soup
- jello
- sweet potatoes
- cranberries
- pie filling
- fruit cocktail
- pie crust

Please bring your donations to the Youth Room. *Thank You!*

Central City Opera Comes to St. Luke's!

Central City Opera outreach is collaborating with St. Luke's Music Ministry in a special production to raise funds for the St. Luke's Performing Arts Academy with a production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. Stay tuned in the bulletin and on the St. Luke's website for more information on tickets. The shows will be December 4-6 in the St. Luke's Sanctuary. This is a great opportunity to see a professional production so close to home!



James Ramsey
Director of Music
& Arts Ministries



Kenrick Mervine
Associate Dir. of
Music Ministry/
Organist



Jennifer Ferguson
Associate Director
of Music Ministry



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

Christmas Cantata!

It's almost time for one of our favorite musical traditions at St. Luke's! Cantata Sunday will be on **December 14** at both the 9:30 and 11:00am services. This is a delightful collaboration of the St. Luke's Orchestra, the Chancel Choir, The Tintinnabulators, Kids Prayz, and Soul Purpose Youth Choir. A holiday extravaganza! See you there!

Christmas Eve Services at St. Luke's

Start planning ahead for Christmas Eve. We offer a variety of experiences for our Christmas services, from lively to mellow.

1:00pm and 3:00pm services - Family and Children's Service. Music includes Kids Prayz, Youth Bells, Soul Purpose Youth Choir, and Puppet Ministry. Suitable for all and delightful for young children.

5:00pm and 7:00pm services - Traditional Service. Music includes the Chancel Choir, the Brass Ensemble, the organ, and many traditional hymns. A peaceful and inspiring time to welcome the holy Christ.

9:00pm service - Contemplative Service. Music includes solos and organ. This service is a more reflective service and includes communion.

Tree Lighting at St. Luke's!

Sunday, November 30! Mark your calendars for this great family friendly St. Luke's tradition! This year's Tree Lighting will begin at 6:30pm and will include the Children's Christmas Pageant, music from the Cherubs Choir, Children's Sunday School classes, Youth Bells, and songs from the Soul Purpose Youth Choir. After our tree is lit, we welcome all to a cookie reception in the Fellowship Hall where you can eat tasty treats will rocking out to the St. Luke's Youth Jazz Orchestra.



Nunsense was a huge success!

Thank you to everyone who turned up to support our great cast and crew. The first performance on Friday evening sold out hours before the show, and on Sunday tickets sold out so fast that the crew added about 50 extra "limited view

seats" so that as many people could enjoy the show as possible. The cast was hilarious, and many patrons agreed it was the funniest show they had ever seen. Great job to director Anna Kilbon on a truly wonderful show. Special kudos go to Melanie Kirkpatrick who not only starred as the immensely funny Reverend Mother, but who also produced the show. Donations brought in were able to go to both of our causes, DenUM and the Drama Ministry (for lights in the Sanctuary). The cast and crew enjoyed working in the Fellowship Hall, where our fabulous tech team hung the new lights and created a fantastic, intimate space that worked ideally for a show like *Nunsense*. We also want to call out the generous donation made by City Bakery in Denver, and that of the Choir, who supplied the yummy desserts. Keep your eyes open... given the success of the show, it's just possible that the Little Sisters of Hoboken may be coming back next fall in a Christmas special!



Les Mis Auditions

St. Luke's Wesley Players
Performances March 13-15, 2015

Audition Dates:

November 15 – 9:00am-noon
November 16 – 1:00-4:00pm



All Roles Available:

Auditions will be held at St. Luke's on Saturday morning, Nov. 15 beginning at 9:00am and Sunday, Nov. 16 beginning at 1:00pm. Go to www.stlukeshr.com for more info and to sign up!

If you have questions, contact Melanie Kirkpatrick at melanie.kirkpatrick@gmail.com.

continued from page 1 For the rededication, Rev. Janet blessed the piano for its service to our congregation and ministries. Carrie Mallery played 2 songs, one of which was the first song played on the piano in the Sanctuary nearly 20 years ago. Ken Mervine, Sandy Larson, and Rev. Janet also played selections on the piano throughout the concert. It was a delightful tribute to such a beautiful instrument.

The Steinway D Grand Piano is one of the best pianos in the world, constructed by hand in 1975. St. Luke's received the piano as a gift given in memory of Nelle Ferguson in 1995 by her son Bob Ferguson, long time member of St. Luke's who now lives in Paso Robles, CA and who also attended this special concert. As the story goes, Bob invited Carrie Mallery, our accompanist at the time, to help pick out a piano as a memorial gift to St. Luke's. She was delighted and they both went to Wells Music off of Broadway and I 25 at the time. Carrie sat down at the first piano she came to and played. It was a gorgeous 9 foot long grand piano. She couldn't resist. It was the Steinway D and she turned to Bob and he said, "I think this will do." Carrie was in shock, stunned but excited beyond belief. What was found out later is this piano came to town after spending many years at Carnegie Hall. Of course you can imagine, many famous musicians played this piano during that time. The price of the piano has accrued dramatically since the day Bob bought it for St. Luke's to where it is now valued at nearly \$150,000. The work that was performed on the piano was needed for the last 5 years. After 40 years, parts just continued to slip and this was the year fix it. We needed a new pin block and replacement of hammers, pins, strings, actions plus a refinish of the entire body. The Steinway D Grand piano is essentially brand new and "good to go for another 40 years!" We're so happy to have "her" back! Soli Deo Gloria! Marshall Luke was the master artisan behind the rebuild and also attended the concert and was moved that his efforts would be used by such a worshipping community and musical outreach program.



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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.*

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

Gratitude and Respect: Honoring the Flag of the United States



In its Open Forum on Monday, October 20, the Executive Team of St. Luke's hosted conversations about the use and care of the flag of the United States in the community life of St. Luke's. The following policy was unanimously affirmed:

- The flag of the United States is displayed at all times in the central gathering space of St. Luke's, the narthex. With a sense of deep gratitude, the flag is placed in our PUBLIC SPACE to make a PUBLIC STATEMENT that we are FREE TO WORSHIP in this holy place and ALL ARE WELCOME.
- The Flag will be displayed in the sanctuary on the Sundays closest to these national holidays: Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Veterans Day.
- Our scouting groups may display the flag during their ceremonies.
- Everyone is invited to honor the flag in ways that are sensitive to the placement of competing symbols or displays near the standard.

Following that meeting, Rev. Janet Forbes visited with multiple persons who expressed some of the diverse perspectives on the appropriate display of the flag in a faith community. Everyone, without exception, wanted to display the flag in ways that are respectful and in harmony with flag etiquette.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Contact Rev. Sallie Suby-Long or Brenda Schafer if you have any additions/removals. 303-791-0659 x32, leave a note on the front desk, or email sallie@stlukeshr.com or brenda@stlukeshr.com

LATEST ENTRIES TO PRAYER LIST:

<i>Mike Sexton</i>	<i>Julia Klug</i>	<i>Sandy Gibbons</i>
<i>Terri Ary's father</i>	<i>Molly Mitchell</i>	<i>Jack Kennedy</i>
<i>Bethany Gaul</i>	<i>Patrick Griggs</i>	<i>Val Clark</i>
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<i>Father Carlos</i>	<i>Richard Peterson</i>	<i>Alexander Murray</i>
<i>Casavantes</i>	<i>Peter Waldheim</i>	<i>Betty Nelson</i>
<i>Jon Kellogg</i>	<i>Raap family</i>	<i>Waltraut Brisk</i>
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