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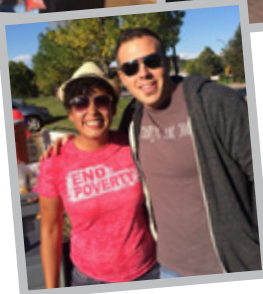
## Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes

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!**

## Feeding of the 5000 - A Great Story!



We had another great year with the Feeding of the 5,000 food drive for DenUM! Did you know this food drive stocks their pantry for almost the entire year? And the cash donations raised in this food drive will allow DenUM to purchase fresh food for the folks who come through their

doors. That's a pretty awesome story! What an incredible weekend! After adding in the cash donations from the community, we will have again collected nearly 100,000 pounds of food for DenUM. I am reminded of what can happen when a community comes together to take the teachings of Jesus seriously: "feed them... all those who are hungry." Lives are changed—those who give the food and those who receive the food. Following are a few words from Brad Bonjean. I've had the privilege of serving with Brad on this project for the last three years. He's an incredible guy... check out his story!

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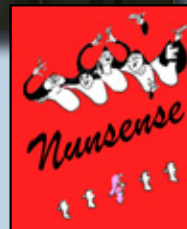
## Nunsense Oct. 24-26!

Mark your calendars!

The Little Sisters of Hoboken are coming to St. Luke's this October and you won't want to miss it.

After their cook, Sister Julia, accidentally poisons 52 of their sisters, the remaining nuns are in dire need of funds to finish the burials. They decide the best way to raise the money is to put on a variety show... and that's where we will find them on October 24-26 in the Fellowship Hall. You will meet Reverend Mother Mary Regina (Melanie Kirkpatrick), a former circus performer Sister Mary Hubert (Dyani Galligan), Mistress of the Novices a streetwise nun from Brooklyn named Sister Robert Anne (Sandy Larson), Sister Mary Leo (Colleen Herskovits) a novice who is also a wannabe ballerina; and the delightfully wacky Sister Mary Amnesia (Erynn Shyrack), the nun who lost her memory when a crucifix fell on her head. They are joined by fellow nuns NancyLee Manus, Cathy Collins and Sam Collinsworth to feature star turns, tap and ballet dancing, an audience quiz and comic surprises. Since its premiere in the 1980s, *Nunsense* has become an international phenomenon. With more than 5000 productions worldwide, it has been translated into 21 languages.

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## Jazz Concert & Piano Rededication!

Nov. 2 7:00pm

The November 2 concert will feature a variety of exciting Jazz repertoire performed by SLYJO and Ministers of Swing. Gabriel Mervine, Trumpeter, will be our featured guest artist, bringing his own Jazz Combo for the second half of the evening's program. And we will welcome back our beloved Steinway grand piano! As part of the Steinway re-dedication celebration, solo piano selections will be performed by Carrie Mallery, Sandy Larson, Ken Mervine, and our very own Pastor, Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes!

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**Sunday Worship Services:**

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am,  
Contemplative Service  
(Check website for dates & times)

**Sunday School:**

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9:30am & 11:00am

**Nursery available for:**

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**Rev. Janet Forbes**  
Senior Pastor

# Story: The Heart of the Matter

from Rev. Dr. Janet Forbes

Paul was the church-planting missionary of the early Christian movement throughout the Mediterranean region. We have several of his letters to the fledgling congregations in the Christian scriptures. In one of his letters, he reminds the people of the deep connections that are gifts of spirited community. He asks everyone to attune to the Holy Spirit and live in partnership with God and each other.

*"I implore you to lead a life worthy of your call. Bear with one another in love, in complete selflessness, gentleness, and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one body, there is one Spirit, just as you were called into the one and same hope. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God who is Father of all, over all, through all, and within all. And each one of us has been given his own share of this grace" (Ephesians 4:1-7).*

**This is such amazing good news!** Once we profess that there is one God, we begin to see the activity of that one Pattern, one Center, one Source, and one Grace, and that it is, at its heart, a very coherent world.

One of the joys of my renewal leave was time for extended periods of prayer, especially in the solo days near the ocean. There is a new kind of knowing that settles into the bones when we pause and ponder the beauty of creation. The sunrises and sunsets, the beat of the waves on the shore, the colonies of shore birds, the powdery-quartz sand, and the diverse, laughing families flowed in and out of my breath prayers. Then, while learning about the convergence of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity in the history of Spain, I wondered and, sadly, came to understand why this new sense of connection is so hard to sustain in the midst of magical, cultural, and rational religion.

The **HEART OF THE MATTER** that blossomed in me is that we are participating in something much bigger than we are. According to writer, Richard Rohr, Spirit, as Paul uses the term in his letters, is this realm of shared knowing, a new consciousness about being together in community (con-scire - to know with). **Our life is first, last, and foremost a participation in this one larger reality, called Ruach, called Shalom, called Story, called God.**

In my prayer time, the message that kept bringing me back to my heart was this simple statement: Janet, your life is not about you. You are about life.

St. Luke's, each of us is an instance of the one pattern that, for Paul, was uncovered, made clear, validated, and made available to all in the life of Jesus. That's why Jesus is called the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One who reveals this way of being in his birth, teaching, and passion. Jesus shows us that we are more a "we" that we are an "I."

So, our stories matter because they open us more fully to new kind of knowing and being together! They shape the persons who tell them and the communities who dwell in them.

As we celebrate our stories, we will remember that we are greater than the sum of our parts. When we put our stories, our gifts, and our passion together with glad and generous hearts, grace and love can't help but overflow into the world. Our storied lives become living letters... inspiring, transforming, and important.

**You are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone.**

—2 Corinthians 3:3 CEB

Gratefully,

**-Rev. Janet**



Story: The Heart of the Matter

## General Board of Global Ministries offering young adult mission opportunities

Generation Transformation (GT) applications are now available for 2015 young adult mission opportunities. Generation Transformation is an initiative of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries offering service opportunities for young adults ages 18-30. With three different mission tracks to choose from, GT offers a program to fit the mission desires of all who wish to serve. These three programs are: Global Mission Fellows, Global Justice Volunteers and Individual Volunteers.

The deadline to apply is Oct. 15. The 2015 service applications are available online. For more information, go to [www.umcmmission.org/GT](http://www.umcmmission.org/GT) or email [gmfellows@umcmmission.org](mailto:gmfellows@umcmmission.org).





**Rev. Ryan Canaday**  
Associate Minister

## The Importance of Our Stories

We just wrapped up a worship series on “Story: The Deepest Things We Know.” Our current series continues the story theme, “Story: The Heart of the Matter.” In fact, in worship on Sunday mornings we’ll stay with the theme of “story” for the entire year. Several Storyline groups have launched this Fall—small groups of people meeting to share their story and find themselves in God’s bigger story. **Why all this talk about story?** *Simple: we understand things better through story. We make sense of God, ourselves, and the*



world through story, more so than we do lists or bullet points.

Show me a list of your life events in chronological order, and chances are I’ll be unmoved, no matter how many interesting things you’ve done or major things you’ve accomplished. Why? Because lists are boring—not just yours, mine would be boring, too. Besides, most of us care more about who you are rather than what you’ve done. Tell me the story of that major accomplishment. What obstacles were in the way? What were some of conflicts that you had to overcome? How were you transformed in this journey? Tell me that story. THAT story is probably compelling. Chances are, I’ll find myself in that story. Show me a list or bullet points, I’ll be lost and disinterested. What makes the Christian story so interesting; so compelling? It’s certainly not a list of doctrines or beliefs in which to hold. No! That’s neither interesting nor compelling. I love the Christian story because it’s about a God who never gives up on the world, a God who never stops loving the world, a God who is always with us—through the good, the bad, and the ugly. It’s a story that is always pulling us forward; a story that is constantly moving us toward love, grace, justice, and reconciliation. It’s a story that I want to participate in. It’s a story worth telling. It’s one worth living.

During our 5-week series of “Story: The Deepest Things We Know,” we had Conversations with **Courageous Storytellers** during the sermon time. These storytellers modeled for us vulnerability, authenticity, and courage. I am so grateful for their willingness to share a piece of their story with the St. Luke’s congregation. It was moving. Good stories are the ones where you and I say: “hmm, that’s me.” We find ourselves in them. Many of us found ourselves in the stories of our Courageous Storytellers. It convinced us that we are not alone—in both our positive and negative story turns—we are not alone. And when we catch that—when we truly grab onto that message—life all of the sudden becomes more beautiful, more meaningful.

**On a final note:** perhaps some of you have felt a stirring deep inside your bones, the Spirit moving in the depths of your soul. Maybe you’ve felt called, persuaded, or whatever word fits, to take a leap a faith in order to live a better and more meaningful story. When these kinds of stirrings happen we don’t want to miss them or ignore them. I encourage you to stroll through the Sanctuary, grab a pencil from one of the baskets, and write a couple sentences on our “What If” posters. What if... I did this or we did that? Dream big!

**The next chapter is blank.** Turn the page in the coloring book, it’s empty. Maybe God is waiting for us to join the divine in creating something better, something new, something beautiful. Maybe the story has just begun. What kind of story are you going to live?

Let’s tell this story together! *Grace & Peace, Rev. Ryan*



**Rev. Dr. Sallie Suby-Long**  
Associate Minister

## Stephen Ministry in the Desert!

Ten years ago, St. Luke’s started a Stephen Ministry program under the caring leadership of Rev. Pam Rowley. With a generous financial gift from Mr. Marvin Mauch, who had benefitted from Stephen Ministry along his own life journey, St. Luke’s was able to begin this ministry of individual care. Stephen Ministry has flourished at St. Luke’s. More than 50 individuals have completed training to serve as Stephen Ministers. Hundreds of people have received individualized care through this ministry both within St. Luke’s and in our extended community.

Now, ten years later, Rev. Pam is the pastor of St. Paul’s UMC in El Paso, Texas. When Pam told us she hoped to begin a Stephen Ministry in her congregation, our St. Luke’s Stephen Leaders immediately saw an opportunity! The Stephen Ministry Team offered a generous gift to St. Paul’s UMC to encircle another community and to extend this gift of care “in the desert” as Rev. Pam says.

Pam said she was reminded of the verse from the Prophet Isaiah, “I am about to do a new thing, now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert” (Isaiah 43:19). We all sense God’s Spirit moving among us with this wonderful partnership and the gift of connection and care for those who are experiencing difficult times in life.

Thank you Stephen Ministry team for your generosity. And, thanks to all of you for buying peaches! The huge success of our peach sale has made this gift possible. God is good! —*Pastor Sallie*



## Welcome Rev. Sarah Merchant!

Sarah Merchant and her husband Mac moved from

Washington state to the beauty of the Rocky Mountains. Born and raised in Casper, WY, Sarah enjoys the ever present sun and vast areas to run, ski, take pictures in beauty. Sarah is currently finishing a Masters of Divinity from Iliff Seminary in order to become an ordained pastor in the UMC. Mac adds color and melody to their lives as a professional pianist and accompanist. Sarah’s mom and dad still live in Casper but like visiting Denver to see foreign films and visit their favorite daughter. Her younger brother Daniel works as a chemical engineer but prefers fishing and golfing when he can get away. She enjoys traveling because of the amazing experiences and meeting best friends who live around the world instead of down the street. Sarah has kissed a giraffe in Kenya but prefers her husband and enjoyed a chai tea in the town square of Stockholm, Sweden where the symphony was playing the theme to Harry Potter. Reading, running, writing poetry, eating fruit and pizza, and exploring new places are top of Sarah’s like list. Sarah is hoping that living in Colorado will help her move closer to fulfilling an item on her bucket list: climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. One hill at a time.

Sarah we are thrilled to have you with us at St. Luke’s.  
*Welcome!*



**Lynda Fickling**  
Director of  
Servant Ministry/  
Spiritual Director

## Get CONNECTED Monday Mornings at McDonald's

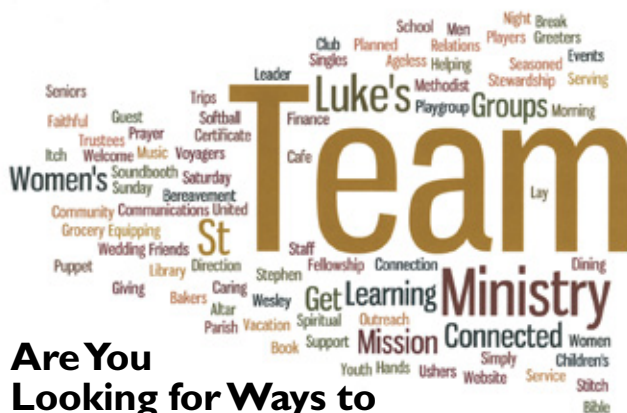
Join me anytime between  
8:30-10:00am at the  
McDonald's on the  
corner of Highlands



Ranch Parkway/Broadway.

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



## Are You Looking for Ways to Connect at St. Luke's?!

We invite you to keep our thriving community filled with your many gifts and passions. Contact Lynda Fickling [lynda@stlukeshr.com](mailto:lynda@stlukeshr.com) or Audrey Elling [audreyvoice@aol.com](mailto:audreyvoice@aol.com) to begin serving and growing our community.

## Directory Photos!

A huge thank you to Deb (& Dennis!) Hofer who led the charge for our Picture Directory movement this year! From creating the Ministry Moment, to being here every day hosting and getting volunteers in place (a thank you to her team, too!) we appreciate her serving our community! If you see her, give her a big THANK YOU!

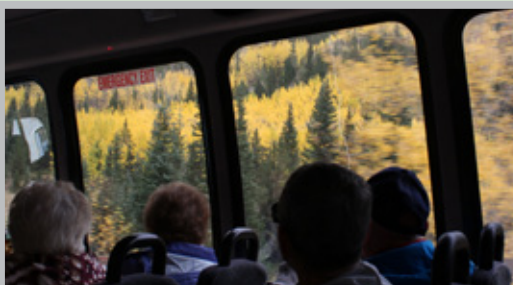
**\*\*If you haven't had your picture taken, it is NOT too late!** Make your appointment today at [pictorialservices.com](http://pictorialservices.com) (Bettinger's studio located at 2431 S. University, Denver) or call 303-400-6023. You will receive a free 5x7 and church directory in the Spring! If you should purchase additional photos, you will receive a discount... don't forget Christmas cards! (these orders will be ready 4-6 weeks after you have them taken). Other questions? Contact Deb Hofer at [dhofer744@gmail.com](mailto:dhofer744@gmail.com) 575-302-3017.



A 55+ MINISTRY

## Seasoned Voyagers - Voyage to Echo Lake via Guanella Pass

We started our Voyage to Echo Lake lodge with an "interesting" construction detour! We ended going up via Guanella Pass and got to see the fall colors. We finally reached summit which had a "health station" for which we all rejoiced and scrambled out into the 39 degree weather for much needed relief. We did finally make it safely to Echo Lake Lodge, which we were told would be closing end of month as road to Mt Evans already closed Monday.



Well at 10,600 feet we enjoyed some wonderful meals and saw interesting things at the gift shop, many of which boast "I made it to 14,270 feet" - which I did many years ago when the lovely

little gift and rest house (The Crest House built in 1941) was still on summit before burning in propane delivery accident on Labor Day weekend 1979. I was told Forest Service refuses to let a summit house be rebuilt.

Suffice it to say that we had a marvelous day in spite of some rain and the near freezing outdoor temperature all day. Our van driver Brian did an absolutely marvelous job of driving us through rain and shine, past major road construction, and on very scenic paths through Guanella Pass and Georgetown on the way up and then down past Evergreen to Interstate 70 and then home to St. Luke's safe and sound after a long and very interesting Seasoned Voyage.

**Our next trip is Oct. 14 to see the Chihuly glass art at the Denver Botanic Gardens. For more info contact Kay Oscai [koscai@earthlink.net](mailto:koscai@earthlink.net)**

—David Lamoreaux



## The Gathering Nov. 2 at Rev. Ryan's home

Whether you are new to St. Luke's or have been connected for a while now, we invite you to be our guest(s) on Sunday, Nov. 2 from 12:30-2:30pm at the home of Rev. Ryan and Tami Canaday. We will eat (!) and join in

conversation with new friends and leadership of St. Luke's. RSVP to Lynda Fickling [Lynda@stlukeshr.com](mailto:Lynda@stlukeshr.com) 303-791-0659 x20! \*Childcare will be provided with reservation to [sam@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sam@stlukeshr.com) 48 hrs in advance, please! All are Welcome!

*"They spent their time learning from the apostles, and they were like family to each other. They also broke bread and prayed together."*—Acts 2:42-47 (CEV)





## Our Mission:

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

Have you visited our new CSE website? Our home page features a short meditative devotion that changes weekly. We hope you'll visit us regularly.

**[www.stlukesescse.org](http://www.stlukesescse.org)**



### Speaker Series:

#### "Holiday Food for Body & Soul"

**Tuesday, November 4 - 6:30-8:00pm:**

Kimba Ashworth, Certified Eating Psychology Coach, joins 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 will share some practical tips to help us prepare for healthy Holiday eating. And we'll take a deeper dive into the psychology of Holiday eating, so that we can learn some new ways to love our humanness and embrace our hunger for life! (For more info contact Julie.polikoff@msn.net.)

If you missed Carl Cleveland's thought-provoking presentation, Paths to Better Family, Workplace, and Personal Relationships, on September 16, we have a recording available. Participants overwhelmingly agreed that we gained new perspectives and strategies to improve important relationships, and we will try to integrate them into our lives. The video is available through Rev. Sallie ([sallie@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sallie@stlukeshr.com)).

### Outdoor Adventure Ministry:

- A beautiful early fall evening on September 16 provided a colorful backdrop for our 2-year Anniversary Celebration at Chatfield State Park. We hiked through the lightly traveled south end of the park, which offered opportunities for reflection and for connecting with one another. Our potluck picnic included roasting marshmallows for s'mores, an Outdoor Adventure Ministry tradition. Check out our new website for photos of our Anniversary Celebration and to find out about our upcoming adventures. We also had a wonderful hike on Oct. 4 to Chief Mountain.
- Saturday, Oct. 25:** High Line Canal Trail to the Marjorie Perry Nature Preserve.
- Saturday, Nov. 8:** Hike around the Pawnee Buttes at Pawnee National Grasslands.



For more information about our Outdoor Adventures, contact janet.johnston@comcast.net, Julie.polikoff@msn.net, janestaller@gmail.com

### Classes and Experiences: Ongoing

- Mindful Presence at 10:00am on Mondays. For more info contact [sam@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sam@stlukeshr.com)

**First Steps:** Our trained and compassionate Holy Listeners began to integrate holy listening opportunities into our Sunday School program on Sept. 14. If a child is experiencing a crisis of any sort (family divorce, loss of a loved one, moving to a new school/home, illness, bullying, death of a pet, family financial or health challenges), parents can request that a Holy Listener meet with their child during the Sunday School hour in a secure, welcoming, and confidential environment. For more information, contact Rev. Sallie at [sallie@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sallie@stlukeshr.com).

## Open the Eyes of My Heart: Consecration Sunday, Nov. 9

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/](http://www.stlukeshr.com/) children and paper forms are available at the church. Children need to be enrolled for each new school year. It's gonna be a great year!

**Check out our NEW Online Servant Sign Up!** Thanks to all who have gone online [www.stlukeshr.com/children](http://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 workshop leaders.** Share your gifts with our children.

**Welcome our Newest Acolytes!**



Logan Amick, Zoe Brandt and Taylor Curry completed Acolyte Training on Sept. 28.

**Family Camp 2015**  
**Snow Mountain Ranch**  
Granby, Colorado  
**July 17-26**

Sign up begins Jan. 1!  
Come for a night, or stay the whole week! We look forward to seeing you.



## Mark your calendars:

- Oct. 14 - CMT Meeting
- Oct. 19 - 9:30am Sunday School: PEAK starts a 5-week rotation "Samuel" & JoyTrek starts a 3-week lesson "Joseph & the Pharaoh"
- Oct. 19 - SLY, Jr. Corn Maze
- Oct. 24 - Playgroup
- Oct. 26 - SLY, Jr. Pumpkin Patch (6th graders only - sign up with Ms. Sharon)

Doggie Kisses and Kitty Snuggles,

## NEW! HOLY LISTENING DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL

**To further our mission of caring for the spiritual lives of our children, St. Luke's is now offering the opportunity for a child to meet with a Holy Listener during 9:30am Sunday School.** A Holy Listener

(HL), through our recently acquired First Steps program, is a St. Luke's adult volunteer who has been trained in the First Steps methodology. This methodology is not professional counseling but is the spiritual gift of listening to a child in a special way using tools that allow them to feel God's presence and comfort. A sign will be out on those Sunday mornings to indicate that a HL is available to meet with a child who might be experiencing a crisis of any sort (divorce of parents, loss of a loved one, moving to a new school/home, illness, bullying, transition, death of a pet, family financial or health difficulties, etc.) in their life. The short meeting could be a one time event or ongoing. (Our Safe Sanctuary policy would apply to make sure all parties are meeting in a secure, safe and welcoming environment.) Parents can request that a HL meet with their child through our Staff or the Superintendent and will be informed if a meeting occurs. Any information shared will be held in confidence within our Holy Listening Team.



**Sharon Oliver**  
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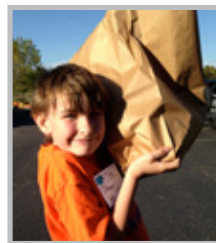
**St. Luke's Kids**  
Growing with God

## A Very Special Gift!

Congratulations to our 3rd Graders on receiving their gift Bibles on Sept. 21. We handed out 40 Bibles!!



## Attention: All 5th & 6th graders - SLY, Jr. Club Update!



SLY, Jr. played hard on Sept. 21 for our Game Night and then we made 100 lunches for the Mondays in the Park team. SLY, Jr. worked hard on Sunday Oct. 5 helping with the Feeding of the 5000. We unloaded bags of groceries from cars and vans and helped sort and box the items. We then learned all about DenUM and stayed and helped get the area cleaned up and enjoyed dinner with our church community. Way to go

Juniors! Next we will go to the Corn Maze at 2:00pm on Oct. 19. Bring \$8 and RSVP to Ms. Sharon by Oct. 18 - [sharon@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sharon@stlukeshr.com). On Oct. 26, 6th graders are invited to sign up with Ms. Sharon to help in the Pumpkin Patch - spaces are limited! And Nov. 9 we are bowling!! Please check our SLY, Jr. webpage at [www.stlukeshr.com/children](http://www.stlukeshr.com/children) for the latest schedule.

Join us for any or all events! Bring a friend! Contact Ms. Sharon for info.







**Kay Swanson**  
Director of  
Little School



## Little School News:

# Autumn Leaves are Falling

As we are watching the leaves on the trees turn, we are so thankful for the beautiful weather we have had and all the times that we have been able to play outdoors! The days are warm and the laughter is loud, but we know that means "Kids At Play" and that is the best thing ever! I saw a quote that stated "Play is the only way the highest intelligence of humankind can

unfold" - How true is that? We emphasize that we are a play based school which means children have several opportunities

throughout their day to have hands-on, play learning activities! We just love to sneak the learning in on them and they don't even know it! You should stop by and watch them in action! It is so much fun!

We welcome two new teachers to our staff this year, Kori Ledbetter, teaching a T/TH 3's class and assisting on Fridays with 4's. Kori is a sparkling new addition to our staff and we are enjoying getting to know her! Also joining us is Sarah Morris mother of Luca in our program and she is assisting on M/W/F with 4's. She is such a compassionate, kind assistant and we are thrilled to have them both. Our classes are filling, however, we do still have some openings. Please contact us or tell new friends and families to get a hold of us at [kay@stlukeshr.com](mailto:kay@stlukeshr.com). Children may start with us at 2.5 years of age (and potty trained) up to almost 6. Children may attend an extra enrichment year with us, if they do not start kindergarten at a very young 5. Please pass the word! We would love to have a waiting list!

We love October! The pumpkins are here, the leaves are changing colors and we are learning all about our animal friends that are getting ready for winter. We also get to dress up for our Fall Harvest Parties and have a great costume parade! Treats will be passed out and of course it is always a great photo op! Parents are encouraged to dress up as well!

As the weather begins to play tricks on us during October be sure to remember coats and maybe hats or rain boots???? Your totes should be able to accommodate winter clothing, so if it gets too heavy, you are welcome to take out the lunch and assist the kids! We know that the totes are a little big for some of our little tykes, but we are very proud of the way you parents are support their growth and development!

Happy Fall! We can't wait to see what this month holds for us! **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."*



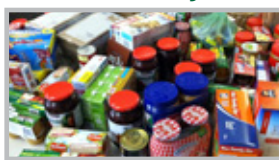
**Blessing of the Blankets** - Many of you are still commenting on the meaningful and special the blessing Rev. Sallie gave at Pie and Prayer for the blankets Itch to Stitch donated to FACES. These blankets were crafted with love



by women in Itch to Stitch to provide something special to a child visited by a FACES family advocate. Everyone could truly feel the love pouring forth into these blankets. It was a special ceremony and the women from FACES were overwhelmed by the spiritual warmth of the blessing and by all the toys donated that afternoon. Thank you for your support of this mission!

St. Luke's hosted the Mile High Pikes Peak District meeting in September.

Our guest speaker was Miok Fowler who presented her new program on **Environmental Justice**. We brainstormed many ways to practice green living in our everyday lives. St. Luke's UMW followed the theme by being as "green" as possible in our kitchen and decorations. District UMW donated lunch makings plus \$72 cash for fresh items for the Monday Lunches ministry.



**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](mailto:jsackett@comcast.net) or 303-794-4303 ) to discuss where your gifts might 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](mailto:ecarlstrom@comcast.net) or Jean Dunn [jd-teacher@hotmail.com](mailto:jd-teacher@hotmail.com)

- November 3 - Landsdowne Arms at 9352 Dorchester St. (in Highlands Ranch Town Center)

**Itch to Stitch** - Second Saturday 10:00-11:30am. Meet in church basement. All skill levels welcome!

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

Contact Fran West 303-797-7107 [mfranwest@gmail.com](mailto:mfranwest@gmail.com)

**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.

- October 4 - work at Renewed Treasures
- January event being planned

Contact Linda Osborn ([lmosborn5@gmail.com](mailto:lmosborn5@gmail.com)) or Janet Sackett ([jsackett@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:jsackett@comcast.net) or [lisaphill4@aol.com](mailto:lisaphill4@aol.com))

**Book Group** - Fourth Monday, Room 206, 7:00pm. [RenaeParra@aol.com](mailto:RenaeParra@aol.com) for info.

- October - *Ade* by Rebecca Walker
- November - *"The Rosie Project"* by Graeme Simsion

## Save the Date:

Tuesday, December 2 - Candlelight Dinner



## MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

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

**Are you interested in being a part of St. Luke's mission trips to Guatemala in 2015?** We will hold our first official meeting for the March 2015 Guatemala mission trip on **Sunday Oct. 12 at 12:15pm** in Rm 213. Dates for the trip will be 3/21/15-3/29/15. This will be a construction trip—however, no prior experience is necessary. The trip is open to anyone 15 years or older (ages 15 -18 require an adult sponsor). We will take deposits and applications at this meeting and make specific plans regarding our itinerary. Please plan to join us if you want to go on the trip or if you just want more information. Any questions, contact Laura Richards [laura@puravida.org](mailto:laura@puravida.org)



## Love INC Empty Bowl Event *Better Than Ever!*

On Thursday, October 2, Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC) held its 5th Annual Empty Bowl Event which included dazzling music, an amazing display of culinary talent, an inspirational keynote address, exciting live plus silent auctions and more. The Ken Caryl Terrace Gardens Event Center was the spacious venue for the benefit where guests selected their own

personal hand-crafted ceramic or wooden bowl designed by artisans throughout the metro area. Attendees also received an insulated lunch bag (donated by Littleton Adventist; Centura Health) for toting their selected empty bowl.

Incredibly scrumptious soups were created by a team of master chefs, culinary educators, instructors and talented students representing the Brown Palace Hotel, Art Institute of Colorado, Cook Street School of Fine Cooking and other fine establishments and educational institutions. Tuscan White Bean with Pancetta and Rosemary, Wild Mushroom Bisque, Roasted Carrot and Pistachio, Butternut Squash with Fontina Cheese, Chicken Tortilla, Fish Gumbo and many others were just among the delicious soups served.

The founder of Love INC, Dr. Virgil Gulker, was the featured speaker, sharing his message "A Season of Transformation." Dr. Gulker, currently serves as the first Servant Leader-in-Residence at the Center for Faithful Leadership at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. An inspirational and motivating message of encouragement and hope was delivered to the crowd of approximately 400 supporters. Dr. Gulker shared personal stories where lives have been transformed. He also presented the history of this national organization, which began in 1977, and now includes affiliates in 30 states, representing a network of 8,600 churches, 9,200 community-based organizations and 100,000 volunteers meeting more than 1,680,000 needs last year.

Much more can be said about this most delightful and very successful fundraising evening benefiting a worthy cause and its transformational ministries. The Love INC leadership, Rev Doug McKinney (Executive Director) and Carl Cleveland (Chairman, Board of Directors) expressed their appreciation to contributors, volunteers, donors, church and community partners who supported this event and help keep the ministry in motion every day.

## Lunch in the Park Needs

*"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."*—Mother Teresa

Thank you to our St. Luke's SLY Jr. group for making lunches this month, the love you put into the lunches was felt and appreciated! We distribute 100 lunches every Monday to those in need. Donations of jam, chips and peanut butter are welcome as we seek to serve those less fortunate. Donations can be placed in the mission closet.



## Biblical Generosity: Old Concepts for a New Day

*"You shall go there, bringing... your tithes and your donations, your votive gifts, your freewill offering..."*

—Deuteronomy 12:5-6

When we have conversations about investing in the ways that St. Luke's is making a difference, Revs. Sallie, Ryan, and I are often asked about the origin of the biblical phrase "tithes and offerings". Even though these biblical images have been celebrated in Christian community for centuries, they still name the vibrant ways we grow our faith journey and our life together.

The **TITHE** represents 10% of the bounty with which God blesses us. It is also the symbol that Paul uses when he writes to the young churches of the first century. He calls for "**PROPORTIONAL GIVING**". We are to give in proportion to what we have earned, in proportion to what we have accumulated, in proportion to what we possess. We are to give in proportion to how we have prospered under the grace of God. So, "tithing" is a symbol for planned giving. Tithing helps us give significantly in a systematic way. It is a planned share in the purposes of God. Tithing reminds us that we are all **STEWARDS** and not owners. A tithe is a guide toward responsible, healthy, significant faith-promise giving.

A **TITHE** represents what you plan to give to the ministries and future of St. Luke's. It is your plan – freely decided upon and cheerfully given. The tithe is the amount we bring weekly or monthly. Whether given by electronic funds transfer, or by a rewards card, or by check in the offering plate, it is an investment in our community and an act of worship. Next we are enjoined to bring our **OFFERINGS**. The Bible knows at least two kinds of offerings which have connection with our lives today.

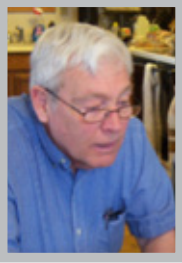
First, there are the "votive offerings". Votive offerings are part of a vow or promise, or they represent a specific act of thanksgiving to God, or a personal act of devotion. Seasonal offerings, missional giving, bequests, and memorials are in the category of votive offerings. We dedicate new bequests on the Tree of Life in the hallway beside the Chapel, celebrating the many families who have dedicated gifts in honor of loved ones.

The biblical witness also speaks of "freewill offerings." It is an unplanned, unstructured, unexpected out-of-pocket offering on the spur of the moment. The freewill offering is giving out of a sudden impulse of love, out of a felt need. It is the envelope in your worship bulletin when you arrive on a Sunday morning that invites a response for a special cause. It is the call for a special disaster relief offering due to flood, or hurricane. It is the spontaneous gift to the pastor's relief fund for homeless persons. It is a breakfast burrito to support a Guatemala Mission Team, or the Sand Creek Healing Run to honor 25 years of ministry, or our Boy Scout Troop.

Bring your tithes and your votive offerings and your freewill offerings! The text is an amazing ancient writing with a high level of contemporary relevance. It all adds up to a single central truth: *As we give of any monetary amount, we are primarily receivers and transmitters of the love of God in the world. This is the Heart of the Matter! Ultimately, that's what any giving is all about.*



**More from Les** by Rev. Les Ludlam



## The One That Didn't Get Away

The sun had been up for 2 hours and the clouds had lifted. The day was bright even though it was only 5:00

a.m. Bob and I arrived at Smitty's Salmon Safari in Soldotna, Alaska and found that the parking lot was already filled with cars and trucks! The place had the look of some major sporting event! People were standing in small groups, the talk was rather quiet but intense. The air was heavy with expectation.

At Smitty's office trailer we were told to go immediately to Mike's boat at dock seven and be ready to go out on the river. High tide had just occurred and the salmon riding in with the flood tide would be in the river. We quickly found the boat and got in.

Mike turned to me, "You fished for King Salmon before?"

"First time," I answered,

"But I've done a lot of trout fishing in Colorado,"

Mike rolled his eyes, "Forget all about what you know about catching fish! This isn't anything like trout fishing! There are some things you need to know before we go out, once you hook one these guys, there won't be time to talk about what to do."

He continued with a quick lesson. "The Kings in the river now are 'five cycle' salmon meaning they have been in the Gulf of Alaska for five seasons and on average will have grown to 50 to 90 lbs! When they come into the Kenai, they are headed to the fresh water spawning grounds upstream to reproduce. They are not eating but they have become very territorial.

When a fish encounters your lure, it doesn't attack it to eat it, it sees the lure as an invasion of its territory and interference to its movement upstream.

So, when you feel a, strong, steady pull on the line, hold tight and count 'one, two' then yank back as hard as you can to set the hook and brace yourself.

Yell out, 'Fish On!' All the other fishermen in the boat must reel in their lines to avoid entanglement and I'll be at the helm to guide the boat as the fish takes off. Your job is to keep your line taught and mine is to maneuver the boat so the fish can't break the line. Remember, these Kings are big and strong. Be prepared for a half-hour or more before the fish gets tired and we can get it to the boat."

I took the rod and reel from Mike and went my seat



in the boat wondering just what I had gotten into.

Then we pushed off from the dock and proceeded to the spot on the river where Mike had chosen to start. "Watch the other boats for signs of fish on," he called out, "if we're not getting bites, I'll move close to them." We began "back trolling" and about 10 minutes later, Bob shouted and began struggling with a fish on his line. We all reeled in and then watched the battle. An hour later, and a half-mile or downstream, the Salmon was pulled aboard to a loud cheer!

Mike repositioned the boat for another run. Time seemed to slow down as we waited for another strike. One or two brief tugs on other fishermen's lines proved fruitless.

I was beginning to think taking about a mid-morning nap and prepared to put my pole in the rod lock on the side of the boat next to my seat, when suddenly my line grew taught, and I felt a strong pull that could easily taken the rod from my grasp.

I counted "one-two" and then yanked as hard as I could.

Suddenly my quiet world turned to turmoil! I shouted "fish on" and Mike jumped to the boat helm and the others in the boat began reeling in their lines.

My line slashed through the water making a water spray "rooster tail." I could tell the fish was diving to deeper water and Mike turned the tiller and gunned the motor to follow the fish as best he could. Mike shouted, "Loosen you reel drag a bit, let him run," I made the adjustment and fishing line began stripping off the reel at an amazing rate as the fish swam hard.

The battle seemed to me to be going on forever! After about 30 minutes, my arms tired; I found myself breathing hard! I smiled to myself as the phrase "are we having fun yet?" came into my mind.

But, at last, the Salmon's energy was spent and I could reel the fish up to the boat and Mike netted it.

We returned to our dock and the usual weighing was done with photographs taken of fisherman and fish. (Mine was 55 lbs!) We had King Salmon in our freezer for most of the year!

Reflecting at home a few days later, I compared the price to traveling to Soldotna, the cost of guide service and the charges for processing, packaging and freezing the catch and found it to be far beyond the \$5 per pound for Salmon purchased at our local market.

I had interfered with the natural life cycle of King Salmon! But then I remembered that hatcheries in the spawning grounds have been established to assure continued continuation of the species. Was this a throwback to the role of prehistoric human males providing food for the family? Was it an assertion of human superiority over animal?

I don't know, but the experience was priceless!

*God bless us all, Les*



**Sheri Henry**  
Director of Finance



**Kristi Pawley**  
Accounting Clerk

## Financial FUN FACT

**Did You Know?...** Our electric/gas bill averages about \$3,100/month.



The highest and lowest months are July and April, respectively.

*Nonsense cont. from page 1*

Directed by Anna Kilbon, with musical direction by Jennifer Ferguson and Mac Merchant, and choreography by Lena Trinh, the show will be supported by St. Luke's amazing tech team, including Caitlin Bauer, Ken Fong, Tim Boles, Dan Speedy... just to name a few.

Shows are Friday and Saturday evening, October 24 and 25, at 7:00pm and Sunday, October 26 at 2:00pm in Fellowship Hall. If there is enough demand, we may add a Saturday afternoon matinee as well. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. Each ticket includes dessert. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://stlukeshr.com/reservations/Nonsense> or at St. Luke's on Sunday mornings beginning October 5.

Over the last 15 years, the St. Luke's Wesley Players has raised more than \$200,000 for worthy charitable causes and ministries. Proceeds from Nonsense will benefit both the St. Luke's Drama Ministry program as we purchase and upgrade lights for the Sanctuary, as well as Denver Urban Ministries (DenUM), as we join the St. Luke's community in support of Feeding of the 5000.

If you have questions, please contact Melanie Kirkpatrick at [melanie.kirkpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.kirkpatrick@gmail.com)

*We hope to see you there!*



## Upcoming Events!

- ✦ **October 25** – Warren Village Halloween Party
- ✦ **November 1-3** – Sr. High District Retreat
- ✦ **November 23** – Packing Thanksgiving Boxes for DenUM
- ✦ **Sign up to receive our emails and Check [www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com) and click on “Youth” or “SLY” for up-to-date info on programs, activities, opportunities and more!**



### Sundays:

- **9:30-10:30am – SLY AM**  
A look at the Bible
- **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!

## ON THE SLY: Outreach October

Its Outreach October time down in SLY! We have lots of projects going on this fall. Our biggest and most obvious project is our Pumpkin Patch. The Patch is our main fundraiser for all the summer missions that the youth get to attend. So much good work comes from these mission trips and it is all because of the success of our pumpkin patch. Thanks to all who help out!!

Over fall break, many of the youth are planning single day missions to work at Café 180, a restaurant that is run off of volunteer support and feeds people despite their ability to pay! Also, every year the youth run a Halloween Party at Warren Village for all the children and families. We bring down costumes for the kids to have, eat pizza, play games, and decorate pumpkins with them! It's going to be so much fun! And with 150 plus people expected to attend, we are going to need A LOT of candy!

Hard to believe, but it's also the time of year to start thinking about Thanksgiving! Once again the youth are planning to fill boxes with food for Thanksgiving meals for families in need. Last year, our youth were able to feed 100 of the 500 families fed through DenUM (Denver Urban Ministries). As awesome as that was, there were still hundreds of families on the waiting list that did not receive a box. So we are stepping up our game this year. Our new goal is to fill at least 120, maybe even 150 boxes! But we won't be able to do it alone! We need everyone's help to collect the food and gift cards needed to make this goal a reality!

SLY (St. Luke's Youth) is an inclusive group for all 7th-12th graders that focuses on fellowship, fun, and finding out what this God thing is all about! As always, we have lots going on and are so excited to grow closer while having fun and being the hands and feet of Christ! As always, we have a lot going on! We are blessed to be able to work with the youth of St. Luke's and love to watch God work in their lives! *–Yours in Christ, Dave & Amy*



**Dave Laurvick**  
Director of  
Youth Ministry



**Amy McMullen**  
Assistant Dir. of  
Youth Ministry



*Feeding of the 5000 cont. from page 1*

*From Brad Bonjean:* The impact that the Feeding of the 5,000 food drive has made on my life has been truly transformational. My involvement with this wonderful event started 6 years ago when my wife and I were looking for a volunteer opportunity that we could get our entire family involved in...we have 3 boys (pretty young at that time). We felt that Feeding of the 5K was the perfect opportunity, so we decided to volunteer at a store location. It was an absolute joy to see our boys transform during this time...they started out very nervous and uncomfortable handing out bags and talking to people as they came into the store, but they gained confidence with each person they interacted with until they had a clear message on who this food drive supports and how much it helps so many vulnerable families in the area...proud mom and dad moment! It was also a joy to hear so many heartwarming stories from those who donated food or financial donations at the store.

Five years ago, I had a job change and my office was moved to south Denver. I wanted to find a flexible volunteer opportunity, where I could spend my lunch hour supporting a good cause. Having volunteered

with Feeding of the 5K and knowing that DenUM was near my office, I reached out to Tammy and she welcomed my help anytime I was available. This was another transformational moment as I was filling food bags for families—the food coming from Feeding of the 5K boxes. It was so powerful and emotional when I had the opportunity to directly give these food bags out to families... and oftentimes hear their stories. This allowed me to see the direct impact our drive has on those receiving the food. I would recommend that anyone/everyone who can, go visit DenUM to see their operation first hand.

Three years ago Rev. Brad Laurvick passed the Feeding of the 5K baton to Rev. Ryan to take over the leadership role of the food drive. Ryan put together a leadership team, that I was fortunate enough to be involved with. Yet another transformational moment as I saw all of the efforts from the so, so many wonderful volunteers. These volunteers are the sole reason why this food drive is so successful year over year... and they come with their own inspirational and transformational stories as well! Thanks for another great year, St. Luke's!



## Performing Arts Academy Presents the STARS IN ARTS GALA

See the stars shine! Don't miss the Stars in Arts Gala, an elegant evening of food, entertainment celebration, and giving, on Saturday, Nov. 8, at the historic Highlands Ranch Mansion, to benefit the St. Luke's Performing Arts Academy (PAA). The staff and board of directors invite you to this first-of-its kind event, which is sure to become a tradition as we continue to grow and nurture the star qualities of all children and youth who participate in PAA programs. Proceeds from the event will support PAA scholarships and programs in the coming year.

The evening will begin with a VIP Backstage reception (hurry, tickets are limited for the reception) to mingle "among the stars"—our students and their mentors—for a sneak-peek at performance preparations. Then, place your bids on an array of silent auction items, from custom jewelry and fine wines to unique experience packages... and more! Enjoy a catered dinner among friends, and get set for a main stage performance featuring PAA students and other guest performers, more opportunities to bid on live auction items, and a special "Raise the Curtain" round of bidding. We warmly welcome Theresa Marchetta, 7NEWS anchor at KMGH-TV, and her young sidekick Eli Testa, a PAA student, as our emcees.

Presented by:



"The Gala is about celebrating how far we've come with PAA, but more important, it's about sharing the vision for this amazing kids program that serves the whole community!" says Jim Ramsey, PAA's executive director.

Tickets go on sale Oct. 12 and are \$75 per person for the Gala only, and \$150 per person for the Gala plus VIP Backstage Reception. Sponsored tables and other sponsorship opportunities are also available. We also invite your business to consider donating items or services for the auction. Learn more and buy tickets at [www.stlukespaa.org](http://www.stlukespaa.org), or contact Jim Ramsey at 303-900-7041.



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Director of Music  
& Arts Ministries



**Kenrick Mervine**  
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Music Ministry/  
Organist



**Jennifer Ferguson**  
Associate Director  
of Music Ministry



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

### Community Outreach



In 2006,  
inspired by  
their passion

for performing arts education and commitment to helping children discover their brilliance, Jim Ramsey and Roberta Hamilton Griggs founded St. Luke's Performing Arts Academy (PAA). The organization is the first 501(c)(3) non-profit to be sponsored by St. Luke's and works to fulfill a mission of providing transformative, character building experiences for PreK-12 students through music and performing arts education. PAA has flourished from 26 initial students in 2006 to more than 500 students in 2013. We anticipate serving at least 700 students in 2014.

The core values that set PAA apart and create a lasting impression on students and families are Character through leadership and integrity; Curriculum guided by educational standards; and Community extended to everyone.

During the summer months and after school during the academic year, PAA students build their skills and their sense of community through band and orchestra camps, early keyboard instruction, and acting, vocal, and technical arts training. The popular musical theater intensives offer more curriculum-driven training and opportunities for students bring to life fully staged musical productions for families and the community. So far, nearly 1,000 students from Highlands Ranch and the south metro areas have performed in PAA's 20+ musical productions.

PAA's community impact is growing because of commitment to fostering outreach and connection. For example, PAA recently piloted an offsite program at East Elementary in Littleton, a Title 1 school serving children who are considered at-risk because of socio-economic circumstances. Through this successful effort, PAA provided partial scholarships to 26 students in grades 2-6 to participate in a production of the beloved classic "Jungle Book" for family and friends. In addition, on December 18, PAA will host the second Holiday Music Festival, a community celebration featuring a unified chorus of up to 200 voices from four local high schools, under the direction of Jim Ramsey.

Visit [www.stlukespaa.org](http://www.stlukespaa.org) to find out more how you can support children and youth to: Learn. Perform. Grow.

### 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.

Audition times will be reserved online ahead of time at [www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4cacab2ba64-lesmis/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4cacab2ba64-lesmis/)

We will be auditioning in groups of 10. Sign up for just one of the available audition slots. Plan to arrive at least 10 minutes before your assigned time to return your paperwork. Audition forms, rehearsal schedule and other information is available online at [www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com) and will also be available on the day of auditions.

Everyone is welcome to audition for the Wesley Players. The majority of roles are for adults and teens over the age of 14, though there are 4 roles for children ages 8-14. We will be casting approximately 65 people total, including 35 in a mixture of ensemble and principal roles and a chorus of 30 adults who will sing from a fixed location in support of the larger numbers.

Everyone - including those interested in the 30 person chorus - needs to audition. Please prepare and memorize 16-32 bars of a song from a Broadway show with a similar style to *Les Mis* (but don't use a song from *Les Mis*). Bring sheet music with you (not a chord chart or lead sheet) in the correct key. The accompanist will NOT transpose. The music should be clearly marked and easy to read. You may not use a CD or karaoke track or sing a cappella.

No monologue or cold reading required. Your singing audition is also your acting audition.

Headshots are not required, but please bring them if you have one.

Callbacks, if necessary, will be for principal roles only. They will be held on Tuesday evening, November 18 beginning at 6:00pm. Those called back will be singing from the show and will be notified by email of their call time and the song(s) we need to hear.

If you have questions, contact Melanie Kirkpatrick at [melanie.kirkpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.kirkpatrick@gmail.com).



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

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

For the most up-to-date calendar of events check [www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com)



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While the concert is free, we welcome donations to benefit the Guatemala Band Program.

**Jazz at St. Luke's – Steinway  
Re-dedication! Join us on  
Sunday Nov. 2 at 7:00pm.**

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE



**Brenda Schafer**  
Office Administrator

*Don't you be  
afraid, for I  
am with you.  
Don't be  
dismayed,  
for I am  
your God.*

*I will strengthen  
you....*

—Isaiah 41:10

### PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Joe Forbes

(Rev. Janet Forbes' brother)

Kathy Hutchinson

Debi Sheppard

Jane Riegler

Lee Long

(Annie Van Hoosen's sister)

Julia Klug

(Peter & Linda Young's  
granddaughter)

Diane Snyder

(Lynne Sorsby Barker's sister)

Bob McGill

(Sharon Oliver's father)

Frank Harris

Carol Gill

Naomi Rodenbeck

(Brenda Schafer's aunt)

Elaine Schafer

(Brenda Schafer's mother)

Claudia (Carol Verk's friend)

Jim Chancey (Bob & Fran

West's neighbor)

Pat Keleher

Phil Merchant

Molly Londo

Patrick Griggs

Paul Peterman

Lynn McNichols

(Trudy Turner's friend)

Allen Stutz

(Scholle family friend)

Richard Peterson (Rev. Sallie

Suby-Long's step-father)

Peter Waldheim

The Raap family

Paula Lee

(Betsy Keyack's friend)

#### **SYMPATHIES TO:**

Sharon Scholle on the passing of her husband Frank "Bud" Scholle

Betty Nelson on the passing of her husband, Marius "Mike" Nelson