



Highlands Ranch, Colorado

# The Chronicle

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 2018/JANUARY 2019

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**Join One of Our Christmas Eve Teams!**  
**Come serve Dec. 24 at 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 or 10:00pm**

**Greeters:** Welcome all to St. Luke's. Arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the service. Contact Lisa Phillips [lisaphill4@aol.com](mailto:lisaphill4@aol.com)

**Ushers:** Assist in welcoming, seating and various duties during the service. We will need you here 30 minutes prior to the service. Contact Dean Markham [markhamdean@yahoo.com](mailto:markhamdean@yahoo.com)

**Candle Bin Team:** It takes a quick moving team to replace and repair our small candles between services. Help immediately after one of our services for 20-30 minutes. Contact Renae Parra [renae@stlukeshr.com](mailto:renae@stlukeshr.com)

**Fellowship Hall Tear-Down:** Help put away chairs in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall after the 7:00pm service. Contact Ken Fong [ken@stlukeshr.com](mailto:ken@stlukeshr.com)



## ADVENT 1 – HOPE

**Sunday December 2**  
**HOLY COMMUNION**  
 WORSHIP.....8:00, 9:30, 11:00am  
*Light is Near* (Rev. Ryan Canaday)  
 LUKE 21:25-36; JEREMIAH 33:14-16  
**TREE LIGHTING SERVICE w/ CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** (pg. 6).....5:00pm  
**Wednesday December 5**  
**FAMILY DEVOTIONAL**.....6:00-6:30pm  
**Friday & Saturday December 7 & 8**  
**CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY SHOP**.....9:00am-1:00pm  
**Friday Dec. 7: Shopping - 6:00pm**  
**Family Movie Night - 6:45pm "The Star"**

## ADVENT 2 – PEACE

**Sunday December 9**  
**NO 8:00am SERVICE**  
**CHRISTMAS CANTATA**.....9:00 & 11:00am  
 (NO CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL)  
*Light is Saving* LUKE 1:68-79; MALACHI 3:1-4  
 Don't miss this favorite St. Luke's tradition featuring the Chancel Choir, Soul Purpose Youth Choir, Primary and Junior Prayz Choirs, Tintinnabulators Handbell Ensemble and the St. Luke's Orchestra.

## Tuesday December 11

**SEASONED VOYAGERS**.....11:00am  
 "Hawaiian Holiday Adventure" - Anyone over the age of 55 is welcome.

## Wednesday December 12

**FAMILY DEVOTIONAL**.....6:00-6:30pm

## ADVENT 3 – JOY

**Sunday December 16**  
**CANDY CANE SUNDAY**  
 WORSHIP.....8:00, 9:30, 11:00am  
*Light is Good News* (Rev. Jessica Rooks)  
 LUKE 3:7-18; ISAIAH 12:2-6

**A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**.....6:00pm

## Wednesday December 19

**FAMILY DEVOTIONAL**.....6:00-6:30pm  
**Thursday December 20**  
**LITTLE SCHOOL PROGRAM**.....9:15 & 11:15am

ST. LUKE'S WESLEY PLAYERS PRESENTS  
**Christmas on BROADWAY** 2018  
*with Puppet Ministry*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30 \* 7:00PM  
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 \* 3:00PM & 7:00PM  
 NO TICKET NEEDED - \$10 SUGGESTED DONATION AT THE DOOR



## ADVENT 4 – LOVE

**Sunday December 23**  
**WORSHIP**.....8:00, 9:30, 11:00am  
*Light is Action* (Rev. Jessica Rooks & Rev. Ryan Canaday)  
 LUKE 1:39-55; MICAH 5:2-5A

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

**Monday December 24**  
 Experience **LIGHT BREAKING THROUGH THE DARKNESS**

at one of our services of carols and candles:

**CHILDREN'S**.....1:00 & 3:00pm

Children's Christmas service featuring the Puppet Ministry, Cherub's Choir, Primary and Junior Prayz Children's Choirs, Soul Purpose Youth Choir, and Joyful Noise Youth Handbells. *Nursery available at the 3:00pm service.*

**TRADITIONAL**.....5:00 & 7:00pm

Carols service featuring the Chancel Choir, Organ, Brass Ensemble, and Tintinnabulators Handbell Ensemble. *Nursery available at the 5:00pm service.*

**COMMUNION**.....10:00pm

Communion service featuring Soloists and Organ.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

**Sunday December 30**  
**WORSHIP**.....8:00, 9:30, 11:00am  
 (NO CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL)  
*Light is...* (Rev. Ryan Canaday) LUKE 2:41-52

## EPIPHANY

**Sunday January 6, 2019**  
**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION & CELEBRATION OF THE KINGS**.....8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am  
 Join us as our 15 ft. tall Magi puppets and their entourage present their gifts to the Christ child in a family worship experience. *(Burrito breakfast to benefit Guatemala missions.)*

**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**

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am services

**Mon.-Fri. Office Hours**

8:30am-1:00pm & 1:30-4:00pm

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| Rev. Jessica Rooks.....x109        | Lead Minister of Community Life                   |
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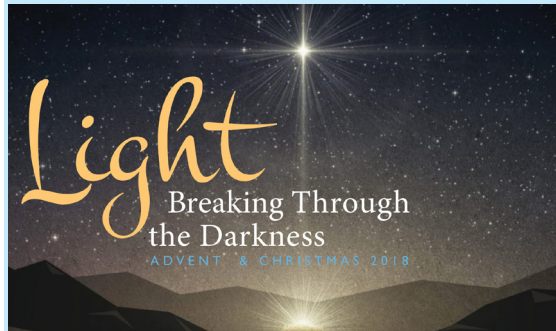


**Rev. Ryan Canaday**  
Lead Minister of  
Worship &  
Missional Life

# Shining Light on Advent & Christmas

Advent and Christmas are coming! Yes, it is already that time of year again. I hope you plan on joining us here at St. Luke's for a meaningful season of worship and community as we explore together **LIGHT BREAKING THROUGH THE DARKNESS!**

The story of Advent is the story of preparing for light to break through the darkness. It is a season of anticipation, yearning, and longing for a different kind of life and a different kind of world. Advent is a call to full consciousness—we name the darkness and we name the light as we learn how to live and work and play in the light so that darkness does not overcome us. The stories of Jesus' birth are full of light imagery. In Matthew the star in the night sky leads the wise men to Jesus; in Luke, angels sing to shepherds in the middle of the night. Light in the



darkness is an ancient-contemporary image of human yearning. It is no accident that when Christians in the fourth century formally decided on the date of Jesus' birth, they chose the winter solstice: the time when light begins to pierce the darkness.

Where do you need light? Where does the world need light? Where are you seeing light? How might we be people of light? Because the story of Jesus coming into our world is the story of **LIGHT BREAKING THROUGH THE DARKNESS!**

Grace & Peace, **Rev. Ryan**

## Service of Remembrance

**A Service of Remembrance will be held in the Chapel on December 16 at 6:00pm.** This worship service is designed to facilitate a meaningful way to honor and remember those loved ones who have died. It does not matter if the death occurred a few days ago or decades ago, remembering those we have loved is an important part of the grieving process as well as a way of honoring the memories of them that we hold in our minds and spirits.

## Mark Your Calendar and Join Us!

**Sunday Dec. 2 - 11:00am & Wednesday Dec. 5 - 7:00pm**  
**GENERAL CONFERENCE CONVERSATION** with Rev. Jessica

Join Rev. Jessica to learn about the special called General Conference in February 2019, and what this means for the United Methodist denomination and St. Luke's.

**Sunday Dec. 2 - 12:15pm**  
**EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING**

Join the Executive Team to approve the 'business of the church' in preparation for Charge Conference. The team will discuss and approve the Lay Leadership Report, the Membership Report, the Clergy Compensation Forms, along with other business. This meeting is open to all.

**Sunday, Dec. 9 - 2:00pm**  
**CHARGE CONFERENCE**

We'll gather with St. Andrew, Littleton, Hope, and Heritage UMCs for a Circuit Charge Conference meeting and worship at Hope UMC





**Rev. Jessica Rooks**  
Lead Minister of  
Community Life

## BUSES UPDATE: I Want to Say Thank You!

Thank you for supporting the Ministry in Motion fundraiser and our efforts to continue this important St. Luke's ministry.

As many of you know, the church bus had become increasingly costly to maintain and operate. The Board of Trustees created a Bus Team to organize and lead the fundraiser, as well as research options for a new vehicle(s). Our original goal was to raise \$100,000. The response was overwhelmingly positive, and we raised over \$105,000. Again, thank you!



The amount raised created a new challenge because it increased the options. The Bus Team spent weeks researching and discussing vehicles, and well as understanding the church needs. The team finally made a recommendation to the Board of Trustees to purchase two 15 passenger buses, one of which would be equipped with a wheelchair ramp. There were positives and negatives to all options, but the 15 passenger buses rose to the top of the list, in part, because they do not require a CDL licensed driver. Our pool of CDL licensed drivers has been shrinking over the years and creating challenges for our ministries.

The Board of Trustees is developing a training process for approved drivers of our new 15 passenger buses, but we no longer require CDL licensing. If you would like to be one of our approved drivers, please let us know.

I want to thank our awesome Bus Team. Lee Seamen led the fundraising efforts. James Bacon and Dave Laurvick spearheaded the search and purchase of the new buses. Sharon Oliver created the St. Luke's imagery on the bus. Their commitment to St. Luke's, and to our Ministry in Motion was exciting to watch and be a part of.

One last 'Thank You' to those who donated to our fundraiser and offered support for our children, youth, and all ministry groups who benefit from Ministry in Motion.

Grace and Blessings, *Rev. Jessica*



**Rev. Dr. Sallie Suby-Long**  
Lead Minister of  
Spiritual Life

## Living Into Our Vision

We are grateful to you for your partnership in creating our St. Luke's vision! Our commitment together is to be a vibrant community of faith that pours good into the world. This is the time when our real work begins! Thank you for your continued dedication, creativity, and presence as we take actions to live into our shared vision and core principles. Rev. Ryan, Rev. Jessica and I along with our leadership teams and staff team will guide our community as our shared vision and principles become the aspirational foundation of St. Luke's ministries.

Our vision calls us to hold deep faith in God and in one another. Thank you all for being vital, faith-filled partners on this journey! May the meaning of these words encourage and inspire our actions every day.

With Gratitude, *Rev. Dr. Sallie*

**Because of the life and teachings of Jesus, we exist to deepen people's connections with God, show compassion for all, and reflect God's love in a way that changes lives.**



**Grace** - Because all have received God's grace, we in turn are called to extend to others respect, compassion, acceptance, and love.

**Courage** - We take risks by welcoming different viewpoints, engaging in difficult conversations, and moving beyond comfort zones.

**Wonder** - Faith is a journey, not a destination. Wonder and curiosity inspire us to embrace the journey and explore the mysteries of God.

**Beyond** - God invites us to move beyond the self to others, beyond the norm to the new, and beyond our walls to the world.



**Sheri Henry**  
Director of Finance

## Stewardship Update

Thank you so much for all your participation and generosity during our Stewardship campaign. You heard throughout the campaign how lives are being changed in St. Luke's community impacting people around the world. The budget goal we set in order to keep sharing our mountain top moments, and expand what we're doing even further, was a 10% increase, \$1.2M to \$1.4M.

**We wanted to let you know the current status, knowing more pledge cards are still coming. As of November 13, we have received:**

- **219 cards received to date - Compared to 239 total cards received each of the last two years**
- **Pledged giving so far has increased 10% over last year**

If you haven't turned your pledge card in yet, you're not too late. We have a box on the Get Connected table or you can still mail them. Thanks again for the great progress towards our 2019 Stewardship goal and helping us live our principles of Grace, Courage, Wonder and Beyond.



**Renae Parra**  
Director of  
Servant Ministry

## Get CONNECTED

*Get Connected at St. Luke's.* To learn more about opportunities to get involved, contact Renae at [renae@stlukeshr.com](mailto:renae@stlukeshr.com) or x117

### Welcome to Servant Ministry

I'm Renae and my major ministry areas are Hospitality and Equipping Ministry. Hospitality includes getting our church ready on Sunday mornings and staffing our volunteer base to welcome everyone (this includes our Bread bakers, Ushers, Greeters, Coffee Team, and Get Connected Team). Equipping Ministry is matching our over 100 leadership roles with the right people; this includes our teams such as Finance, Funeral Receptions, Trustees, and many more. I would love the opportunity to connect you with classes, mission and service opportunities, fellowship and learning groups,

information about St. Luke's and much more. Feel free to contact me anytime about finding a place for you to serve at St. Luke's that works with your schedule, personality type and gifts and talents.



### Christmas Eve: Share Your Gifts of Helps and Hospitality

Many of you know that Helps and Hospitality are the most prevalent Spiritual Gifts in our St. Luke's community. These gifts become especially important and useful during our Christmas Eve services. With well over 2000 people going in and out of doors within a few hours, it takes more than me to keep things running smoothly and providing hospitality for each service. Part of being a church of grace and welcome is being prepared to handle visitors. Please consider giving 30-45 minutes of your time to assist with Greeting or our Candle Bin team. Please contact me ([Renae@stlukeshr.com](mailto:Renae@stlukeshr.com)) to participate this year on Christmas Eve! Blessings to ALL!

### New Year: Are you looking to get involved?

Yes, New Year's is right around the corner. If one of your resolutions for the new year is to get more connected or involved at St. Luke's, let me know! We always have volunteer opportunities available and I would love to find the right place for you to serve or connect. See me on Sundays at the Get Connected Center or drop me an email. Look for new class opportunities in the January bulletins.

### Are you getting emails?

St. Luke's sends out an email every Wednesday "This Week at St. Luke's" to connect you with upcoming opportunities and we send out one every Friday "Sunday at St. Luke's" to let you know about Sunday worship. If you are NOT getting these 2 emails, please let Renae know so she can add you to the list. [Renae@stlukeshr.com](mailto:Renae@stlukeshr.com). You can also sign up online - "stlukeshr.com" - to get emails from various ministries - click "resources", then "email lists". THANK YOU!



A 55+ MINISTRY

## Seasoned Voyagers

Seasoned Voyagers is a ministry for our 55 and older crowd. We do events at least once per month, often using our church bus to transport us. You can get more information or sign up for events at our table in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays. Most months we have at least one participant who is new to the group - let's keep that trend going!

### It's been a busy fall for our Seasoned Voyagers.

In October we visited the Downtown Denver Aquarium and in November we all had a blast touring the Hammond's Candy Factory. In addition to being educational and fun, our tours provide an opportunity for connection and community. Our activities are open to anyone age 55 and older. Please consider joining us for an upcoming event.



**December 11 - 11:00am-2:00pm**

### Hawaiian Holiday Adventure

**Luncheon at the church.** Join us for Food, Games and Entertainment: Music, Hula Dancing and lessons. And planning for 2019 activities.



**January (tbd) - Denver Art**

### Museum: Rembrandt Exhibit

**February 19 - Wings Over the Rockies at Buckley**

**Field.** A great opportunity for airplane enthusiasts.

**March 11 - National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL)**

**tour in Golden**

**April 18 - Mile High Stadium Tour**

Also, the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:00pm we meet at the church for informal Conversations with the Pastor. Our three clergy take turns meeting with us. Bring your questions; they love engaging with us and want to know what we are thinking.

Each month we have an opportunity to give back to our broader community through coordinated Missions. Our recent Missions include the purchase of Colorado Book Award books for the Sedalia school library and an Orchestra Scholarship fund for Sedalia Elementary. The Seasoned Voyagers continue to actively partner with Sedalia Elementary School to help meet some of the needs they have.)

Do you have an idea for one of our monthly activities? Stop by our table in Fellowship Hall to share your ideas with us. We also have flyers about our upcoming events, sign up sheets and other info.



# Guatemala Mission Trips in 2019

St. Luke's will sponsor two mission trips to Guatemala in 2019: March 23-31, and May 24-June 2 (SLY trip), respectively. If you would like to go and have any questions, please contact Ron Miller (720-381-9452, ronmiller74@gmail.com for March, or Dave Laurvick (303-791-0659 x114, davel@stlukeshr.com).



2018 Guatemala Mission Team at house construction site dedication

Cost for the March trip is \$1,900. Cost for the May SLY trip is \$1,700, so please see Dave before applying. Team is limited to SLY 11th and 12th grade students and their parents.

During our trips our construction projects will cost a total of \$5,500 which the teams will raise, however, prior construction experience is not required. We will also spend time helping at the school in the village.

Fundraisers for the trip will be our Annual Guatemala Burrito Breakfast that will be held on 6 January 2019. Burritos will sell for \$4 for pre-paid and \$5 on the day of the breakfast. Pre-paid burritos can be ordered in the Fellowship Hall between services starting on Dec. 2 and continuing for 3 more Sundays.

## HAAT Force Gearing Up for Cold Weather Season

HAAT Force (Homeless Awareness and Action Task Force - South Metro) provides motel vouchers to people experiencing homelessness who are disabled, a family, or expecting a baby. HAAT Force has roots at St. Luke's and we have been a long-time supporter of this 501c3. For more info, see [www.haatforcesouthmetro.org/](http://www.haatforcesouthmetro.org/) Checks can be made out to St. Luke's UMC with "HAAT Force" on the memo line.

**Monday Park Lunches** prepares and delivers 100 lunches, hugs and communion each week to Civic Center Park to those experiencing homelessness.



**St. Luke's provides a variety of opportunities to be in compassionate ministry with people in our local community and the wider world through our Missions Ministry.** During December we invite you to participate in our Giving Tree in the Fellowship Hall, from which you can choose to donate to several worthwhile projects. In January, we will have our annual burrito breakfast fundraiser for our work in Guatemala. The proceeds will fund materials and local labor to build houses for families in great need of shelter that provides dignity and warmth.

## Advent Missions Giving Opportunities

Thank you to all who donated Christmas gifts in November for families at Integrated Family Community Services (IFCS). You have truly blessed the Christmas season for many children and parents! Appreciation goes to Debbie Miller for organizing the IFCS Giving Tree again this year!

During Advent, there are several more worthwhile giving opportunities, as follows. You are invited to check out the tags on the Giving Tree!

**HAAT Force** - Homeless Awareness and Action Task Force. This ministry provides motel vouchers to families and people with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness in the South Metro area. The vouchers are distributed on severe weather nights. A donation of \$70 will provide shelter for a family for one night.

**Guatemala Milk Program** - This program of Pura Vida Ministries provides milk to rural children in Guatemala. A donation of \$12.50 will provide a 2.5 kg container of dehydrated milk, which, when mixed with water, will make 5 gallons of whole milk. This gift will give months of vital nutrition for chronically malnourished children.

**Guatemala Water Filter Program** - This program of Pura Vida Ministries helps to provide a family with clean drinking water and keeps children from missing school due to illness. It saves the family money on medicine and firewood to boil water. One filter costs \$40.

**Warren Village "Move-Out Bins"** - These bins contain household supplies for single-parent families who are moving out of the Warren Village First Step house into their own permanent housing. The bins contain items such as dishes, pots and pans, cleaning supplies and tools. The contents of each bin cost \$100 but any donations are greatly appreciated!

**Books for children at the school in Honduras** - this project is sponsored by our Center for Spiritual Engagement (CSE), which has a long-standing relationship with the school. We are collecting monetary donations and Rachel Suby-Long (Compaan) in Honduras will select the books. You can give a gift of literacy!

Thank you, St. Luke's, for your gracious generosity at Christmas and throughout the year!

*The Missions Team*



*The Giving Tree*



## Christmas in the Park

LET'S BRING CHRISTMAS CHEER & HOPE TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

We will be collecting cold weather items -

### Hats, Gloves, Scarves & Hand Warmers

Please drop donation in the bin marked "Christmas in the Park." in the Narthex. We will gather donated items and deliver Christmas day at 12:00noon and deliver holiday greetings and necessities to those living on the margins. We are also accepting **monetary donations** for the IKEA bags used on Christmas Day. If you are interested in serving on Christmas Day in the Park contact [sam@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sam@stlukeshr.com) for more information.



## Children's Calendar Praise, Play & Prayers

(check website for full calendar)

- Nov. 25 (SUN) - **PEAK (K-4th) 9:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins 4-week "The Gift of Jesus"
- Nov. 29 (WED) - **Family ADVENT Devotional 6:00-6:30pm** - join us in the Chapel for devotional and then Fellowship Hall for a craft
- Dec. 1 (SAT) - **PARENT'S TIME AWAY 9:00am**. Contact Sam for more info and to RSVP.
- Dec. 2 (SUN) - **JOY TREK (PreK) 9:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins 3-week lesson "Advent" - Sign up here to serve.
- Dec. 2 (SUN) - **TREE LIGHTING SERVICE/CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 5:00pm** Children PreK-6th grade are encouraged to participate in our impromptu pageant. We will have nativity costumes for the children to wear during the pageant starting at 4:15pm. BRING A PLATE OF COOKIES TO SHARE.
- Dec. 5 (WED) - **Family ADVENT Devotional 6:00-6:30pm** - join us in the Chapel for devotional and then Fellowship Hall for a craft
- Dec. 7 & 8 (FRI, SAT) - **HOLIDAY SHOP** Open 9:00am-1:00pm. Kids can shop for inexpensive gifts.
- Dec. 7 (FRI) - **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT & HOLIDAY SHOP 6:00pm** - Shop from 6:00-6:45pm and then stay for a Christmas movie "The Star" and popcorn in Fellowship Hall at 6:45pm. Bring your pillows and get comfy.
- Dec. 9 (SUN) - **Family Worship Sunday "Cantata" - No Sunday School**
- Dec. 9 (SUN) - **SLY, JR. White Elephant CHRISTMAS PARTY 5:30-7:30pm** - RSVP Sharon
- Dec. 12 (WED) - **Family ADVENT Devotional 6:00-6:30pm** - join us in the Chapel for devotional and then Fellowship Hall for a craft
- Dec. 14 (FRI) - **PARENT'S NIGHT OUT 6:00pm**. Contact Sam for more info.
- Dec. 16 (SUN) - **CANDY CANE Sunday**
- Dec. 19 (WED) - **Family ADVENT Devotional 6:00-6:30pm** - join us in the Chapel for devotional and then Fellowship Hall for a craft
- Dec. 24 (MON) - **CHRISTMAS EVE Services for Children 1:00 & 3:00pm**
- Dec. 30 (SUN) - **Family Worship Sunday - No Sunday School**
- Jan. 5 (SAT) - **PARENT'S TIME AWAY 9:00am**. Contact Sam for more info and to RSVP.
- Jan. 6, 13, 20 & 27 (SUN) - **P.R.A.Y. Program 11:00am-12:30pm**. God & Me and God & Family. Contact Sharon for more info and to RSVP.
- Jan. 13 (SUN) - **SLY, Jr. - Jumpstreet 5:30pm**. Contact Sharon for more info and to RSVP.
- Jan. 25-26 (FRI-SAT) - **SLY, Jr. LOCK IN 5:30pm-8:00am**. \$25/per person. All 5th & 6th graders welcome. Contact Sharon for more info and to RSVP.



**Sharon Oliver**  
Director of  
Children's Ministry  
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**Samantha Leahy**  
Director of Early  
Childhood Ministry  
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## St. Luke's Kids Growing with God

Welcome to St. Luke's Kids – our ministry to children birth through grade 6. **In caring for the children of St. Luke's and their families, we seek to nurture and develop faithful loving lives, modeled after the Love, Acceptance, Justice, and Hope of Jesus, through relationship and learning. We strive to create sacred spaces and experiences for children to discover and be inspired by God's love.** Join us for Sunday School at 9:30 & 11:00am and register online any time throughout the year. We run on volunteer help. Sign up online to serve our children. Thank you!



## The P.R.A.Y. Program

is coming Sundays  
**JANUARY 2019!**

1/6, 1/13, 1/20 & 1/27  
from 11:00am to 12:30pm

Open to all children

**God and Me  
(Grades 1-3)**

**God and Family  
(Grades 4-6)**

\$25 materials fee per child.

**Sign up now ONLINE**  
stlukeshr.com

Space is limited. For info:  
sharon@stlukeshr.com

Emblems will be presented on  
**SCOUT SUNDAY February 3**

## Family Advent Devotionals

Join us **Wednesdays at 6:00pm**

**Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12 & 19**

family time to help celebrate the meaning of Christmas

## Tree Lighting Service

with Children's Christmas Pageant

**Sunday Dec. 2 at 5:00pm**

(come at 4:15pm to pick out a costume!)

Kick off the Christmas season at this special family service of stories and carols and our *impromptu* Christmas Pageant! Children may come early and pick out a costume and participate in the service (no preparation required) 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 will perform. Enjoy music from SLYJO, cookies and hot drinks afterwards in Fellowship Hall.

**Bring a plate of COOKIES to share and children's TOOTHBRUSHES to donate for Warren Village or adult SOCKS for Christmas in the Park. - THANKS!**

St. Luke's

## Holiday Shop

**Dec. 7 & 8 from 9:00am-1:00pm**

This is an opportunity for children to independently shop for inexpensive gifts for their family and friends.

## Family Movie Night

**& Holiday Shop Friday Dec. 7**

Come shop at 6:00pm and stay for "The Star" at 6:45pm. Wear your pajamas and bring a pillow.

We'll provide the popcorn!



## SLY, Jr. Christmas Party Sunday Dec. 9 from 5:30-7:30pm

For all 5th & 6th graders. Bring a white elephant gift to exchange and a favorite holiday food dish to share for dinner.

## Candy Cane Sunday Sunday Dec. 16

See how the Candy Cane represents the Christmas Story and take one home!

## Children's Christmas Eve Mon. Dec. 24 at 1:00 & 3:00pm

"Light Breaking Through the Darkness"

Children's Christmas Eve services featuring the Cherub's Choir, Primary and Junior Prayz, Soul Purpose Youth Choir, Joyful Noise Youth Handbell Choir and our Puppet Ministry.

Childcare offered at the 3:00pm service.

## Celebration of the Kings Sunday Jan. 6, 2019 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

Join us as the Magi and their entourage present their gifts to the Christ child in a family worship experience featuring our Puppet Ministry.





**Kelly Amadeo**  
Director of  
Little School



Little School News:

## Have Yourself a Merry Little School Christmas!

A few days ago, a new client came in for a tour. She told me that we are one of the most highly recommended preschools in Douglas County. In addition, we also found out that we received an award for *Best Preschool in Douglas County through the Macaroni Kids Publication for the sixth year in a row!* We are so very humbled by these kind gestures and words of affirmation. What a blessing it is to be a part of such a wonderful school.

We are pleased to announce that we have raised enough money to replace the largest play structure on the playground this December. This is a huge accomplishment since typical playgrounds cost around \$30,000! The current play structure was installed 17 years ago. Play structures in the Colorado climate usually last 15 years. We felt it was in the best interest of the children we serve to begin to raise money for that play structure before the natural wear and tear took too much of a toll on the structural integrity of the playground. Ken Fong and I spent time picking out a structure that was safe, would fit properly in its designated location, and matched the rest of the building. We went with St. Luke's purple and grey as the colors, and we added a glockenspiel as well! We will have a big reveal party after it is installed. Let's pray the ground is not yet frozen in December.

### Little School Christmas Program Thursday Dec. 20

9:15am & 11:15am

This is our favorite time of year! Our big Christmas program is coming up, which last year we had 800 people attend! We have pajama day, Santa will be stopping by to see all our sweet sugarplums, and we will have a pancake breakfast! We love watching the joy of the holidays on the faces of our children. We are blessed to spend our days with young children experiencing the magic of the holiday season. We wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season, and from our Little School Family to yours, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Grace and Love,* Kelly Amadeo, Director

Little School has been a state certified and licensed preschool since established on Sept. 5, 1995. Little School is an educational outreach program of St. Luke's UMC and follows all criteria for State and National Accreditation. Little School programs are designed to provide a developmentally appropriate, play-based, Christian curriculum and to affirm each child through group and one-on-one interaction. The children enrolled in our program will find a world of educational materials, toys, dedicated professionals, and other children who are exploring the world under the guidance of a highly trained staff.



by Rev. Les Ludlam  
(retired)

## More from Les: The Thanksgiving Trip

I was attending college in Golden and my fiancé, Betty, lived in Grand Junction, so I traveled that 250-mile route between Grand Junction rather regularly. I had invited my college roommate, Bob Kaiser to join me for the Thanksgiving holiday at my family's home in Grand Junction. Bob was from Illinois, this was his first Thanksgiving away from his home and Illinois was too far away for a quick auto trip home. He had not spent much time in the mountains so I thought this would be a good time to introduce him to a part of the Rocky Mountains.

The weather had been warm over the holiday; we had enjoyed a great Thanksgiving, and now we were on our way back to school.

But there had been a sudden snowstorm in the mountains on Saturday. By the time I started driving back to Golden on Sunday evening, the roads were plowed and icy, passable, but dangerous.

Rounding the corner, going downhill off Loveland Pass, past the Seven Sisters snow-slide area, I suddenly saw a jack-knifed truck immediately ahead. Without thinking, I hit the brakes and the Chevrolet began to spin, waltzing slowly down the slick road, moving toward the edge.

A major concern for travelers going through this snow slide area is that there are no guardrails on the drop-off side of the roadway! The annual snow slide season made it impractical.

The Chevrolet lurched to a stop, just before going off the edge of the road, high-centered on the ridge of snow left behind by the snowplows.

I turned to Bob and said, are "you OK?" "Yes," he said, and then looked over his right shoulder and out the window. There was a sheer drop just below his window. As he turned back, the look on his blood-drained face answered my question. Bob said quietly, "I think I'll get out on your side of the car." We both carefully climbed out of the car and surveyed the situation.

The snow bank had saved us, but we were really stuck! We pondered on what to do next. Then, a few minutes later, an old Dodge Power Wagon with a heavy-duty winch slowed to a stop and the driver leaned out. "You boys need any help?" he called.

"Yes," I said, "I don't think the snow plows are out any more and we can't get any traction to back out of this snow bank!" "Let me try to give you a pull," said the Power Wagon driver.

After nearly half an hour of digging, winching and struggling, the Chevrolet finally slipped loose from the snow bank, pulled by the Power Wagon and its winch.

I went up to the driver, "Thanks, I don't know what we would have done! Can I have my dad pay you something? He has a garage on the Western Slope."

"Naw," was the reply, "I got a kid of my own up at CU, would want somebody else to do the same for him. Just you drive carefully, OK?"

"OK, and thanks a lot!"

And then, cold but relieved, Bob and I climbed back into the Chevrolet and started on down the mountain. I wondered to myself, "Just how much of this should I tell Dad!"

Something in our predicament on Loveland Pass triggered compassion in the driver of that Dodge truck. We were total strangers, but something prompted him to stop and help us get free of that snow bank. Perhaps this was a gentle hint to us that there are "good people" out there; perhaps the driver, whose name I never got, was moved by something beyond himself he hadn't really thought about.

By the way, Bob didn't ever go with me to Grand Junction at Thanksgiving again!

God bless Bob and. *God bless us all. -Les*



## Center for Spiritual Engagement

inspiring connection & wellbeing

### CSE Purpose:

To foster healing and wholeness of mind, body, heart, and spirit through experiences that inspire connection and wellbeing.

Take a look at our website:

**stlukesCSE.org**

### CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL ENGAGEMENT

The Center for Spiritual Engagement (CSE) exists to foster healing and wholeness of mind, body, heart, and spirit through experiences that inspire connection and wellbeing. We host a wide range of experiences including classes, retreats, group and individual coaching, mentoring, spiritual direction, outdoor adventures, mindful travel, and our signature Spirituality and Wellness Speaker Series. All are welcome to participate with us! If you have questions or would like more information, please just let me know! I look forward to talking with you and welcoming you to our CSE experiences!

Kind regards,

*Rev. Dr. Sallie Suby-Long,  
Director - Center for  
Spiritual Engagement*



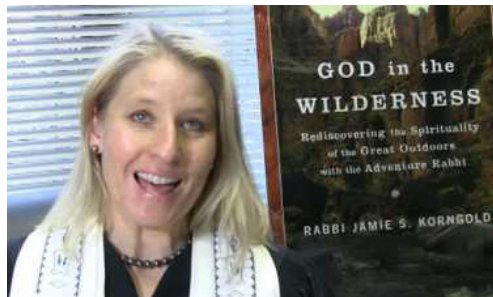
## Hearts for Honduras!

During this season of giving CSE would like to provide continued support for the children at Abundant Life Christian School by donating to buy books for their library. If you would like to help there are tags on St Luke's Giving Tree located in Fellowship Hall, labeled "Honduras Library", with all the information you need. Thank you to all who give so generously!



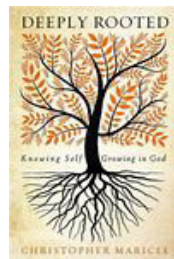
### CSE SPIRITUALITY & WELLNESS SPEAKER SERIES:

**Save the Date! We are excited to welcome Rabbi Jamie Korngold as our speaker on March 12, 2019.**



Known as the Adventure Rabbi, she has become nationally known for her pioneering work integrating spirituality with the outdoors. She is the author of "God in the Wilderness" which inspired our own CSE Outdoor Adventures. Look for more information about this opportunity early 2019.

### CSE CLASSES & EXPERIENCES:



#### DEEPLY ROOTED

Beginning Wednesday, January 9, 2019, Jenita Rhodes and Sam Leahy will facilitate a class based on the book "Deeply Rooted" by Christopher Maricle. Using a tree as a metaphor, Maricle presents a model for spiritual growth that is easy to use and remember. "Deeply Rooted" borrows Catherine of Siena's image of the soul as a tree and categorizes it into four parts: the garden, the soil and roots of the tree, the trunk and essence, and the fruits. We will explore self-knowledge and knowledge of God and how these two work together to help the soul grow. For further info contact [jenita.rhodes@gmail.com](mailto:jenita.rhodes@gmail.com).

#### THE ENNEAGRAM AND YOU

Our Enneagram workshop incorporated the time-tested model for understanding our unique way of being in the world. The process brought new insights, strategies for enhanced communication, and increased compassion. We had some good laughs, too! A Level II Enneagram class is scheduled for January 13 from 2:00-5:00pm. We'll dive more deeply into Enneagram Assessment to gain expanded understanding of how the Enneagram can serve as a powerful personal and professional tool. For more information, contact [Sallie@stlukeshr.com](mailto:Sallie@stlukeshr.com)



was at ShadowLight Center on October 20th. Reflection on the important work of our life stories, our values, and our unique giftedness helped us discern focus and direction.

#### WISDOM OF YOU

We used the power of story and reflection to celebrate and affirm our life journeys acknowledging our learning through each chapter of our lives. Another opportunity for this class is coming in early 2019! Watch for details or contact [Rena@stlukeshr.com](mailto:Rena@stlukeshr.com) or [Sallie@stlukeshr.com](mailto:Sallie@stlukeshr.com) for more information.

#### ON PURPOSE RETREATS

We welcomed two remarkable groups of people to the ON PURPOSE day retreats. The first was at the Hideaway Retreat Center on September 15th and the second







### MELINDA'S CONSCIOUS COOKING

Sheet Pan Dinners  
– New Class Open:  
Saturday, January 19,  
10:00am-1:00pm. As  
so well expressed by a  
participant of a previous  
class, this is one you  
won't want to miss. “The  
Conscious Cooking class

featured sheet pan recipes with wholesome ingredients and easy to follow directions under the expert tutelage of Melinda Davidson. The group experienced a roll up your sleeves, aprons on, let's get ready to chop morning learning how to prep and prepare 5 different delicious pan dishes. The best part - we got the pleasure of eating our exquisite yet uncomplicated creations afterwards as well as an opportunity to learn from Melinda's gift of hospitality and entertaining. When the next class is offered book early it is a memorable event!”

### FEEL GOOD YOGA WITH SUZANNE RAINEY

Thursday mornings 9:00-10:00am in the St. Luke's Chapel. Join in for a time of centering mind, body and spirit with gentle yoga moves. Suzanne combines yoga poses with mindfulness meditations to refresh and restore. This weekly class offers an inclusive, relaxed yoga environment, and we invite you to drop in whenever your busy life allows. Bring a yoga mat. Suggested donation is \$10/class. NO CLASS on Dec. 27 and Jan. 3. [renae@stlukeshr.com](mailto:renae@stlukeshr.com)

**GRACIOUS SPACE** will continue the second Friday of every month, 10:00-11:30am at the home of Jenita Rhodes. [jenita.rhodes@gmail.com](mailto:jenita.rhodes@gmail.com)

### CSE OUTDOOR ADVENTURES -

Snowy, frigid weather forced the cancellation of our final 2018 Outdoor Adventure, but we are busy planning a schedule of hikes and new adventures for 2019. Do you have a favorite destination? To be added to our mailing list contact [julie.polikoff@msn.com](mailto:julie.polikoff@msn.com) or [janestaller@gmail.com](mailto:janestaller@gmail.com).



## Care and Counseling

St. Luke's has an excellent care ministry network that is designed to meet people's needs through professional and confidential support. Through pastoral care, counseling, hospital visits, grief support, our Stephen Ministry program, Faithful Friends ministry, Benevolence Fund, Caring Connection, Prayer Team, Care Notes and our partnership with Love, Inc., our purpose is to offer compassionate skilled care and to connect people with resources. I am happy to speak with you regarding your emotional, spiritual and wellbeing needs. [sallie@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sallie@stlukeshr.com)

Kind regards, Rev. Dr. Sallie Suby-Long  
Lead Minister for Spiritual Life



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



**Kenrick Mervine**  
Associate Dir. of  
Music Ministry/  
Organist



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



**Chris Rigolini**  
Director of  
Instrumental Music

**The Music Ministry** program at St. Luke's wishes to extend an open invitation to anyone who desires to share their musical gifts and talents in service. Each ensemble is committed to the ministry at St. Luke's through practice, fun and fellowship. A few ensembles continue year 'round, however a typical season for most ensembles is September through May. We look forward to seeing current members as well as new members very soon who want to share in this spiritual gift we call music.



**The Arts Ministry** is a diverse community with a range of experience working together to create ways of sharing the Gospel with drama and music. We reach members of St. Luke's and the greater community with a wide variety of talents and gifts. The Arts Ministry performs in worship services as well as outside of the context of worship in the form of productions, both musical and dramatic. If you'd like to become part of the Arts Ministry at St. Luke's either on stage or behind the scenes, please contact James Ramsey.

## Christmas Cantata

Join us for one of the most talked about services every year; the annual Christmas Cantata happening at 9:00 and 11:00am on Sunday, Dec. 9. On this magical morning, more than 60 participants, ranging in age from 6-76, join together to offer the Christmas Story through music. We hope you'll join us for this cherished and highly anticipated tradition.

## Christmas Eve

We offer five opportunities to celebrate the birth of the Christ child on Christmas Eve. Our 1:00 and 3:00pm services are designed with families and children in mind; they feature our puppets, kids' choirs, youth choir, and youth hand bells. Our 5:00 and 7:00pm services are more traditional featuring our Chancel Choir, hand bells, brass, and candlelit singing of "Silent Night." Our 10:00pm service features communion, soloists, and a more contemplative celebration of Emmanuel.

## Kings Sunday

Sunday, January 6 will mark Epiphany Sunday; the day on which the trek of the magi is celebrated, and at St. Luke's, the journey comes to life with 15 foot tall puppets! This service brings families of all ages together to share in the triumph of the Kings' journey.

## The Spring Musical is Seussical!

Mark your calendar  
**March 1-3, 2019**

to come enjoy this fun musical, perfect for the

whole family. Charming *Seussical* teaches us the power of being unique, and the importance of fighting for your beliefs. Contact Melanie ([melanie.kirkpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.kirkpatrick@gmail.com)) with questions.



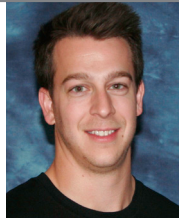




**Dave Laurvick**  
Director of  
Youth Ministry



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



**Jake Smith**  
Assistant Dir. of  
Youth Ministry

**SLY Ministry** begins and ends with youth from grades 7 to 12 learning, modeling, and living out what it means to be an inclusive Christian community. We have a beautiful youth area downstairs that provides us with the space to come together as one large group or break out into multiple small groups. We learn what it means to reach out to others in love, acceptance, and joy through fun, fellowship, Bible study, educational events and mission experiences. Whether you know what you believe, are trying to figure out what you believe, or have given up on believing, you are welcome to walk with other youth on your faith journey so that we can all grow together as we discover the power of God's spirit in our lives.

### Recurring & Upcoming Events!

- \* **SUNDAYS SLY AM** 9:30-10:30am  
Youth Room: Life Lessons from the New Testament
- \* **SUNDAYS SLY PM** 5:30pm Dinner (\$2) 6:00-7:30pm fun stuff
- \* **WEDNESDAYS** 6:00-8:00pm "Holy Grounds" Your time - your discussions, food & fun activities!!
- \* **Nov. 30, Dec. 1 & 2: All SLY Retreat**
- \* **Dec. 16 SLY White Elephant Christmas Party**
- \* **Jan. 6: Confirmation Starts**
- \* **Jan. 25-27: Youth Leadership Conference (YLC)**
- \* **March 5: Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner Fundraiser**
- \* **March 8-10: Confirmation Retreat**
- \* **Mission Opportunities:** See Dave if you are looking for community service hours!!
- \* **Sign up to receive our emails and Check [stlukeshr.com](http://stlukeshr.com) and click on "Youth" or "SLY" for up-to-date info on programs, activities, opportunities and more!**



### ON THE SLY: Welcoming the Peace of the Holiday

As the holiday season means busyness and chaos for some, Thanksgiving marks the end of the craziest time of year in the youth room. So many great things happened in the SLY world this fall! Our pumpkin patch was once again a great success. The proceeds from the patch go to our summer missions and are what make our mission trips possible. Thank you to all who volunteered or bought a pumpkin!

With the end of October came our annual Warren Village Halloween Party. Warren Village is a non profit organization that helps single parent families out of the cycle of homelessness. Every year we go down and host a party in which families can eat dinner, pick out costumes, decorate pumpkins, play games, and forget their struggles for a night. As we always do, we were again told how meaningful this event is to the clients of Warren Village. What they don't know however, is how meaningful and fulfilling it is for us to be able to be a part of such an awesome organization.

There was little room to breathe after Halloween as we jumped right into our Thanksgiving food drive. Each year thousands of families go without a Thanksgiving meal due to their financial situation and soup kitchens being closed. SLY, along with the Children's Ministry and Little School, gathered enough food to fill over 100 families' tables. Then, the weekend before Thanksgiving, SLY and SLY, Jr (5th & 6th graders) went downtown and joined other volunteers to package up nearly 500 boxes of food! We also made and sent out care boxes to former SLY folks now in college.

With the end of the food drive, and the end of November, the youth group can take a deep breath. We have our holiday party and some other fun events planned, but mostly wind down as the school semester comes to an end. We will be enjoying all December has to offer including the Christmas Cantata put on every year. Then, as the new year begins, we will be refreshed and ready to go again as confirmation starts the first week of January!

As is fitting this time of year, we want to express our gratitude to all the people who make this ministry a success. From our many volunteers to those who give financially, you make a difference in the lives of these youth. Thank you!

*Yours in Christ, Dave, Amy & Jake*





## We are United Methodist Women - What do we do?

We are a community of women who know God; we experience freedom through Jesus Christ; we develop a creative and supportive Fellowship; we are advocates for Justice; we expand the concepts of Mission; we support Women, Children and Youth. And we do all this with prayer through faith, hope, and love in Action. To simplify – we surround this above stated purpose with friendship, enjoyment, laughter, fun, food, and the satisfaction and gratification of being one of God’s servants – God gives to us, we give to others.

We invite you to you to join our team and assist us in our mission to help women, youth and children domestically here at home, nationally around the United States, and internationally. All of our missions “lift up and give a helping hand” in assisting women to become self-sufficient; youth at risk of becoming homeless; advocates for healthy family atmospheres; assisting therapists to aid children of abuse; keeping the homeless warm.

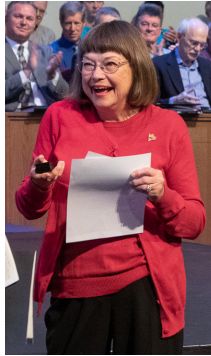


*“The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the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

## Honoring One of our Own

Each year St. Luke’s UMW recognizes a person who has truly embraced the mission of UMW assisting Women, Youth and Children and has answered the call to serve.

Our honoree’s many affirming gifts encourage Mission Work, Social Action, Education... just to name a few. She quietly serves in all of these avenues and more. You see her all



around our Church; she has an energized mind; she is dedicated to all she serves. She is hospitable, welcoming, fun. She is thoughtful, caring, and is always willing to help or volunteer in any way possible and always with a smile. She “gathers” others to volunteer with her. She has volunteered at VBS; Love Inc/Renewed Treasures; Warren Village; Our Church Garden, and for so many more charities.

A financial contribution to the United Methodist Women’s Mission fund celebrating women, children and youth has been given in honor of our recipient.

We are so proud to present a Special Mission Recognition Certificate and Pin to **Fran Fouche West**. Thank You, Fran, for your presence in our lives.

## Is there an Angel in your life?

Throughout our individual years I’m sure you will all agree that we have had Angels in our lives.

They are those special friends that make us smile, give us a helping hand, know what we are going to say, and at times finish our sentences.

We, the UMW have been blessed with many of those angels assisting us in our events, donating their time, energy and money to our missions.

*One of our Angels is Peggy Fretzs*. She is our “Decorating Angel”.

We thank her for the fun times shared at meetings, her great ideas, her generosity in opening her home for our “work days”, her delicious treats, and the giving of her time, energy, and her special stash of supplies.

Peggy, we thank you for the many blessings you have shared with us.

## Fall Fest Bake Sale

The Fall Fest Bake Sale was held Oct. 28 with a harvest of fall goodies offered for purchase. Our harvest was abundant with tastes of fall homemade goodies baked by the ladies of UMW. Thank you to everyone who supported the sale, enabling us to contribute to the Youth Mission Trips and UMW Missions.

## Annual Candlelight Dinner

The Annual UMW Candlelight Dinner for 2018 has been cancelled. UMW is taking a brief hiatus to update our purpose and vision with the new vision of our church.

## Quilt of Valor

*The Itch to Stitch Guild, an interest group of United Methodist Women, made and presented the Quilt of Valor to Pam Burke on November 11, 2018. This is a national recognition for veterans to honor and comfort those who have served our country.*

Pam took a courageous step in 1970 when, as a teenager at the height of the Vietnam War, she decided to enlist in the Air Force. She reported to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio for basic training, then going to Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas for advanced leadership and computer training. She reported to the Air Force Academy where she was tasked with setting up the computer center and later the computer training for cadets. Pam was then transferred to NORAD – the North American Aerospace Defense Command for the next six years. NORAD is a joint US – Canadian command which conducts aerospace warning, aerospace control and maritime warning in the defense of North America. Pam worked inside fortified Cheyenne Mountain just outside of Colorado Springs. She worked both in the command and computer centers. She specialized in tracking missile launches around the globe. She can also enlighten you on Santa Claus and other flying objects.



## Interest Groups of UMW

Looking to expand your participation in our community? Join one of our Interest Groups! Email [umwinfo@stlukeshr.com](mailto:umwinfo@stlukeshr.com)

**Book Club** ~ Fiction/ Non-fiction/Informative/Fun. Fourth Monday, Room 206, 6:15pm potluck followed by our Book Club meeting at 7:00pm.

- Dec. 24 - NO Meeting during the Holidays
  - January 28, 2019 - TBD
- For more info, contact Cathy Collins at [scecollins@q.com](mailto:scecollins@q.com).

## Common Thread ~

Friendship/Fellowship/Caring/ Sharing. First Thursday of each month, 10:00am. Meets at the church. \*\*Dec. 6 meeting will be at the Egg & I, 10:00am. Contact: Caroline Butler [carolinebutler@q.com](mailto:carolinebutler@q.com) or Betty Smith 303-797-3225

**Itch to Stitch** ~ Projects of Crochet, Knitting, Sewing, Quilting donated to charities. All skill levels are welcome! Meets monthly, 3rd Saturday, 10:00am (No meeting December). Contact Fran West 303-797-7107. Check out our Facebook page – “St Luke’s UMC Itch to Stitch Guild”.

**Save the Date - May 4-5:** UMW District Conference Spiritual Retreat, Glen Eyrie, Colo. Springs, CO.



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*Because of the life and teachings of Jesus, we exist to deepen people's connections with God, show compassion for all, and reflect God's love in a way that changes lives.*

**Poinsettias \$25** There will be a table to order poinsettias in the Narthex on Dec. 2, 9, & 16. Please help us decorate for the Christmas season, In Honor Of, In Memory Of or In Celebration Of. Names will be listed in the bulletin. You may take your Poinsettia home after the 10:00pm Christmas Eve service. Or you may donate your Poinsettia, it will be taken to a nursing home for others to enjoy.



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE



**Kristi Pawley**  
Temporary Office  
Administrator

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Contact Rev. Sallie Suby-Long or the Office Administrator if you have any additions/removals 303-791-0659 x132, leave a note at the front desk, or email [sallie@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sallie@stlukeshr.com)

#### LATEST ENTRIES TO PRAYER LIST:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Bob Mainger</i>       | <i>Katie Mueller</i>        | <i>Carrie Enloe</i>      | <i>Michael McCarthy</i>   |
| <i>Rev. Pat Shaffer</i>  | <i>Rodger Henke</i>         | <i>Dick Frame</i>        | <i>Richard O'Neill</i>    |
| <i>Kaye Shapaker</i>     | <i>Marc Abbott</i>          | <i>John Heaton</i>       | <i>Roger Pederson</i>     |
| <i>Agnes Simmons</i>     | <i>Vickie Baron</i>         | <i>Jerry Hoffmann</i>    | <i>Nancy Rawls</i>        |
| <i>Suzanne Humphreys</i> | <i>Fern Berends</i>         | <i>George &amp; June</i> | <i>Paul Richards</i>      |
| <i>Ed Gustafson</i>      | <i>Tushka Breen</i>         | <i>Hutchins</i>          | <i>Bruce Stahlman</i>     |
| <i>Al Lustie</i>         | <i>Jim &amp; Barb Britt</i> | <i>Nels Jacobs</i>       | <i>Kimberlee Trembath</i> |
| <i>Renie Sanek</i>       | <i>Sarah Cleary</i>         | <i>Jennifer Jensen</i>   | <i>Pam Week</i>           |
| <i>Mary Walker</i>       | <i>Karen &amp; David</i>    | <i>Justine Langas</i>    | <i>Linda Young</i>        |
| <i>Tate Allen</i>        | <i>Corson</i>               | <i>Jerry Lubben</i>      | <i>Ellen &amp; Jim</i>    |

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

*Sarah and Mac Merchant, and big sister Lydia, on the birth of Spencer James on Oct. 13*

#### SYMPATHIES TO:

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| <i>Kristi Pawley on the passing of her aunt, Judi Rhoads</i>                        | <i>Amiel and Betty Smith on the passing of their grandson, Jeremy Smith</i> |
| <i>The Richeson family on the passing of Randy's father, Ray L. Richeson.</i>       | <i>Melinda Davidson on the passing of her cousin, Jennifer Saiger Smith</i> |
| <i>Bryan Hutchison on the passing of his mother, Arlene Hutchison.</i>              | <i>Julie Polikoff on the passing of her mother, Phyllis Prichard Vanman</i> |
| <i>Dan and Kathy Swier on the passing of Dan's mother, Cathryn Swier.</i>           | <i>Dale Sevcik on the passing of his cousin, Lupe Drysche</i>               |
| <i>The family of Bob Sala.</i>  | <i>Wendy Walberg and family on the passing of her mother, Marilyn Ott</i>   |
| <i>Chris and Kelly Rigolini on the passing of Chris' grandfather, Fred Rigolini</i> | <i>Brett and Kelly Maxam on the passing of his mother, Karen Maxam.</i>     |

*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

### Weather Closures

*In the event of inclement weather, the pastors and staff of St. Luke's have adopted these procedures:*



#### During the week:

- When North Douglas County cancels school, St. Luke's will close the church office and cancel all classes, meetings, and events in the building. All childcare for the day will be cancelled.
- When North Douglas County schools announce an early dismissal, St. Luke's will close the office and cancel all afternoon and evening classes, meetings, and events.
- If there is no school closure, but weather conditions are becoming severe, staff and group leaders will determine by 4:00pm if evening classes, meetings, and events will be cancelled.
- When North Douglas County delays the start of the school day, St. Luke's will open at the normal time (8:00am). All classes, meetings, and events will continue as scheduled.

#### On weekends and holidays:

- The church staff and group leaders will determine whether classes, meetings, and events will be held.

All closures will be posted on the St. Luke's website ([www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com)) as soon as a decision is made. The closure of the St. Luke's Little School will also be given to local television and radio stations.