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# Lent/Easter The Chronicle

Highlands Ranch, Colorado

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 2022



## Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner: March 1 from 5:00-7:00pm

Enjoy delicious pancakes with your St. Luke's community and prepare for the beginning of Lent! Hosted by your Lay

Leaders and Family Ministry at St. Luke's. Contact Paul Kirk to help. A free-will donation will support the ministries of St. Luke's.



## Ash Wednesday: March 2 at 7:00pm

Join us for 2 experiential "element stations" in person worship services: Children in the Fellowship Hall and Adults in the Sanctuary. Or grab a take-home bag with all 5 elements and join us via the

livestream. (Pick up bags during regular office hours; 9:00am-1:30pm.)

## Easter Lily Orders



Lilies are a beautiful addition to our Sanctuary and altar for our Easter services. You are invited to support this tradition.

Lilies can be ordered between March 27 and April 4, between the services in the Narthex and online. Cost will be \$20 per plant. You can take the plant home after the last service on Easter Sunday or donate it and it will be taken to a nearby hospice center and nursing home. When you order the plant, you will be invited to do so in celebration of, honor, or memory of a loved one. Memorial recognition will be listed in the service bulletin on Sunday, April 10. Please reach out to Stephanie in the church office if you have questions.



## Lent/Easter 2022

On the Road of Life we see signs of God, and they can help lead us to where God wants us to be. Following on this journey we will become connected to ourselves, each other and God.

March 1 – **Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner:** 5:00-7:00pm

March 2 – **Ash Wednesday - Winding Road:** 7:00pm Winding Road Life is a winding road because the journey has many twists and turns.

March 6 - **U-Turn:** Matthew 4:1-11, Psalm 51:10-13, Jesus is tempted, but he U-turns and doesn't follow the devil. What do we need to turn around this Lent? How can we reflect and renew our relationship with God?

March 13 - **One Way:** Matthew 7:13-14, Psalm 17:1-5, Only one way: through the narrow gate. Let God direct you on the path you need to go.

March 20 - **Watch For Falling Rock:** - Matthew 7:24-27 Psalm 31:1-5 God is our refuge and strong foundation, keep aware of the health of your spiritual footing.

March 27 - **Merge:** - UMCOR & CONFIRMATION SUNDAY John 4:4-15, Psalm 65:9-13, Samaritan woman at the well lets her soul merge with living water.

April 3 - **Yield:** Matthew 11:28-30, Psalm 26, Yield your life to God. Give GOD the right of way!

April 10 - **Palm Sunday - Stop:** Mark 11:1-11, Psalm 46, Jesus was at the top of the Mount of Olives and stopped before going into Jerusalem. Let us stop before we go into Holy Week. And let us proceed to stop and do one thing each day to be holy. (Easter Fun Day!)

April 14 - **Maundy Thursday:** 7:00pm - Passover Meal Reenactment

April 15 - **Good Friday:** 7:00pm - Stations of the Cross Experience

April 17 - **Easter - Exit:** 6:30, 8:00, 9:30 & 10:45am Luke 24:1-9, Psalm 118:1-3, 15-17, Every exit is an entry. Jesus' death was not an exit, but an entry point for us. In his end is our beginning.



Our church building is back open. Check with the office for accessibility.

**Sunday Worship services**  
**9:00am** live streamed and in person  
**10:30am** in person

**Sunday School**  
**9:00am** PreK-12th grade

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**Rev. Michele Kaminsky**  
 Lead Minister

# Signs for the Journey

*Dear St. Luke's Family and Friends,*

I have a question.

**Can you relate to this quote?**

**“Everything's falling apart on me, God, put me together again.”**

I feel like I've had similar words come to mind many times in my life, and they are not new. In fact, they are ancient. They are from Psalm 119:107 from The Message Bible, yet they are timeless because they speak our truth. They speak our feelings when times are tough or when we are at a loss for what to do next.

And guess what?

**God not only puts us back together again, God leads us to green pastures and still waters.** (Psalm 23:2) And this Lent, we are going to find our way to those soothing and peaceful places right inside of us. Because life is a journey, and every journey has rough and rocky roads, hills and valleys, and peaks and plains. And every journey has plenty of soothing and restoring green pastures and more than enough of refreshing, still water.

So let's go there!

**Let's take the journey of renewal, restoration and repair this Lent.** And to help us get there, let's follow Jesus' human journey that reveals the signs we have from God along the way. Signs that let us know we are not alone and that the green pastures and still waters are just around the corner waiting for us. How wonderful!

And now I have one more question.

**Will you journey with us?**

I'll see you there.

*Reflecting the Love of God in the World with Each of You, Rev. Michele*



## UMCLEAD 2022 is a leadership conference



with the mission to create space for Christian leaders to be vulnerable and courageous, connect them around their hopes for the future, and equip them to bring those hopes into reality. This is an annual conference structured around TED-style talks given by UMC clergy, laity, and activists with the intent to inspire and teach. I received funding from the Mountain Sky Ministerial Education Fund to attend this conference January 23-26 and I am so grateful for the opportunity!

The conference was hosted at Normal Heights United Neighborhood Church, a congregation that is part of the Desert Southwest Conference of the UMC. Normal Heights is doing beautiful things in their community as they minister to children and families from the school across the street, provide food and housing to those who are experiencing homelessness, and partner with the nearby arts community for regular events.

The three-day conference was a breath of fresh (ocean) air for my soul. I was so moved by the colleagues who shared and by those who I was able to meet. I loved the colors, the plants, the sunshine, and the architecture of San Diego. It was a

wonderful break from January in Colorado. It is always an honor to represent St. Luke's and to share what we are doing here that inspires others and to learn from other church leaders around our connection. Thank you for your support and encouragement to attend conferences such as this. - **Rev. Liza**





**Rev. Liza Stoltz Hanson**  
Associate Minister

## St. Luke's Observes Black History Month

February has long been designated Black History Month in the United States, a month-long celebration of the triumphs, achievements, and adversities of Black Americans who have influenced our great nation. Black History Month has been officially recognized every year since 1976. However in 1915 Harvard-trained historian Carter Woodson and Rev. Jesse Moorland founded an organization specifically focused on researching and promoting the achievements of Black Americans and people of African descent. The work of this organization laid the groundwork for what we now recognize as Black History Month.

**I find great value in celebrating our diversities and I believe it is valuable to do so as a faith community.**

As a person of faith, a central tenet of my beliefs is that all humanity is beautifully and wonderfully made in God's image (Genesis 1:27). It is also central to my Christian faith that we follow the teachings of Jesus to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind - and to love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:37-39). As a result of these scriptures and the values of my faith, knowing that discrimination, biases, violence, and systemic systems of injustice are still causing great harm in our communities based on difference in culture, race, and ethnicity is deeply troubling to me.

It is exciting to me to witness the good work St. Luke's has been committed to through the engagements with Brave Spaces that has expanded into many vital opportunities. See Sallie's article on Brave Spaces and the Center for Spiritual Engagement's Legislative Action information in this issue.

During the month of February, the words of impactful Black Americans have been shared in our regular congregational wide e-mail communications. All of these quotes are included here. The hope is that you might spend time learning more about the lives of these leaders, writers, theologians, scholars, politicians, and teachers.

*"Hold on to your dreams of a better life and stay committed to striving to realize it."* – Earl G. Graves, Sr., Entrepreneur and Publisher

*"Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations."* –Dr. Mae Jemison, NASA Astronaut

*"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair."* –Shirley Chisholm, Teacher and Politician

*"No person is your friend who demands your silence or denies your right to grow."* – Alice Walker, Pulitzer Prize-winning Novelist and Poet

*"Truth is powerful and it prevails."* –Sojourner Truth, Abolitionist and Women's Rights Activist

*"If you don't ever walk through trouble, or confront a risk, or reach beyond your comfort zone, you will never meet the rest of yourself."* –Dr. Vincent Harding, Historian and Scholar

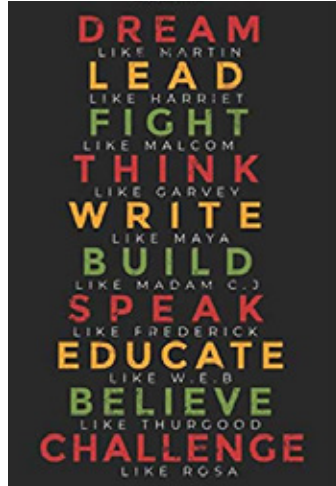
*"I had no idea that history was being made. I was just tired of giving up."* –Rosa Parks, Mother of the Modern Civil Rights Movement

*"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."* –James Baldwin, Novelist and Playwright

As a bonus, I will leave you with one additional quote.

American actor Morgan Freeman, *"I don't want Black History Month. Black History is American History."* I find in Freeman's words the challenge and truth that Black History should not and cannot be confined to a single month. May we each be reminded of the connection and responsibility we hold to love and understand our neighbors and to do what we are called to live our values to act with justice, to love with mercy, and to walk humbly with God.

*Peace and Love, Rev. Liza*



**Rev. Dr. Sallie Suby-Long**  
Minister of Healing & Wellbeing  
Director – Center for Spiritual Engagement

## Anti-Racism & Allyship: Initiatives & Partnerships of St. Luke's CSE & Community

*"The time is always right to do what it right"*  
– MARTIN LUTHER KING

As we continue to learn through our study of anti-racism, which we began in 2020, we are called to be good Allies (and Good Ancestors) in the work of dismantling systemic racism in our communities.

Being a good Ally requires those of us who have privilege and power to engage in self-reflection, learning, and action to support and to stand in



solidarity with those who are experiencing racism. Our community continues to collaborate in learning together and engaging in action.

The urgent work of healing takes all of us. We are guided by God's presence and St. Luke's foundational commitment to Micah 6:8 *"And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."* Everyone's engagement to dismantle systemic racism in our communities is strongly encouraged. If you would like to talk further about where and how you can become more involved, I welcome a conversation with you. Here are a few of the ways our community has been taking action together.

**Brave Spaces** – Began weekly gatherings with the St. Luke's community for learning, listening, creating awareness and anti-racism/allyship actions in response to the murder of George Floyd. Formation of CSE Anti-Racism Leadership Team- **JUNE 2020 – PRESENT**

**"We Cannot Walk Alone": Anti-Racism and Allyship Livestream** - with Rev. Ken Brown, Jordan Lee, Garlinda Burton, and Rev. Janet Forbes, moderator. **MARCH 2021.** Over 600 people viewed the event & partnerships were begun.

**Anti-Racism 101 Classes** via the United Methodist Church Commission on Religion and Race. **SPRING/SUMMER 2021** 12 people completed the course

**CSE Resource Page** with Anti-Racism and Allyship books, movies, videos, readings, etc. CSE website page devoted to resources. [www.stlukesce.org/brave-spaces-resources](http://www.stlukesce.org/brave-spaces-resources)

**Dinner and Dialogue on Race** – Partnership with Trinity UMC & the Department of Justice. 80 people participated from around the metro area including police officers, educators, volunteers, ministers, parents, professors, etc. St. Luke's had a strong, dedicated contingent. **SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2021** Video of Dinner and Dialogue Experience shown on 9news. **NOVEMBER 2021**

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**David Garrett**  
Director of  
Community

## Blessed Community!

I am so humbled and overcome with joy as I accept this *Director of Community* position as part of our St. Luke's staff. Community is the feeling of fellowship with others and I truly hope to grow and support St. Luke's outstanding and blessed community. Since working in this capacity beginning in July, it has been a wonderful experience meeting so many people at worship, creating classes for our Wholehearted Living series, and supporting the various teams at St. Luke's.

Speaking of our St. Luke's teams, do you know that most of our leaders serve 3 years on their team. Each of our teams have nine members: three members who roll off each year, three members who roll on each year, and three members who stay on for consistency. Have you ever wondered what these teams do? Here is a brief run-down of their primary responsibilities. If participation on any of these teams interests you or if you have, please let me know.

**Staff Parish Relations** - Evaluates clergy and clergy candidates; liaisons with staff regarding workplace issues; participates in interview and hiring process, budget management for salary and benefits. Ensure that employment laws are followed.

**Missions** - Provide support and advice to the various mission activities of St. Luke's.

**Equipping Ministry** - Identify potential members for teams at St. Luke's. Match spiritual gifts and passions, and skills to the needs of St. Luke's. Make individual contacts to invite people to be a part of our Ministry Teams. Support healthy transitions of leadership at St. Luke's.

**Finance** - Support St. Luke's Director of Finance in overseeing the church budget, general fund and expenses. Maintain "transparency" of SLUMC General Fund finances to congregation.

**Trustees** - Oversee maintenance, repair, or installation of church property: building, landscaping, bus, security and contents (such as audio/visual equipment).

**Family Ministry Team** - Discusses, plans, and helps support our family ministry programs at St. Luke's. This team meets quarterly and communicates via email throughout the year. Others interested are welcome to attend.

**Lay Leadership** - Grow faith through support of congregational integrity. Lay leaders connect to our clergy and staff as representatives of the congregational community.

*Grace and Blessings, David*

## United Methodist Women Update

*"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."*



## UMW Interest Groups:

**Book Club** – Fourth Monday 7:00pm on Zoom.

- March 28 *The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race* by Walter Isaacson
- April 25 *The Jane Austen Society* by Natalie Jenner

For more information contact Teri Burget, [teri0962@gmail.com](mailto:teri0962@gmail.com)

**Itch to Stitch** – Projects of crochet, knitting, sewing, quilting are all donated to charities. We usually meet on the 3rd Saturday 11:00am to 12:00pm.

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

**UMW Ladies** – A time to connect and chat - Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. For further information contact Fran West, [mfranwest@gmail.com](mailto:mfranwest@gmail.com).



## Grief Support Group

Many times people feel alone with their grief when a death of a loved one has occurred. Many griever have found that mourning in a safe place with people who will listen to

their stories and hold their feelings and pain for a little while is helpful. St. Luke's has an opportunity for you to receive support on your grief journey. Join Rev. Pat Shaffer and Stephen Leader, Nancy Abbott, for a four week support group. **We will meet Sunday afternoons March 6, 13, 20, 27 at 11:45am in the Chapel.** Please call Rev. Pat at 720-988-5430 or email her at [prshaffer04@yahoo.com](mailto:prshaffer04@yahoo.com) to let her know you will be attending.

## Golf Event Volunteers

*St. Luke's Annual Golf Event is Saturday, August 13, 2022 at Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course in Castle Rock*



Like other Fundraiser events, it requires volunteers to make the day successful. We need between 7-10 volunteers to help with both pre-event and day-of event activities. This will include reaching out to our local neighborhood businesses for donations. Also, making phone calls and driving to businesses. Both adults and children are highly encouraged to volunteer for this event.

### Pre-Event Volunteers:

- Donations and Event Sponsorships:** This team assists staff with acquiring in-kind donation items from businesses and outside vendors for our live auction and other event needs. They will also help reach out to businesses to present event sponsorship opportunities. This process begins at least four months prior to the tournament.

### Day-of Volunteers:

- Check-in & Registration:** This team sets up the check-in and registration area before the event begins. They then help manage the two-hour check-in process for both golfers and other event volunteers, directing people to their assigned areas, handing out golfer gifts, and communicating any important information for the day.
- Tear Down & Clean-up:** This team helps collect all event materials at the conclusion of the day and helps with clean-up. General venue clean-up is a top priority in order to keep good-standing relationships with our venue partners and be good stewards of what we've been allowed to use. This process typically lasts about an hour after the event ends.

If you are interested, please contact Brian Owens 720-635-7222  
[Brian.owens@comcast.net](mailto:Brian.owens@comcast.net)

## Support UMCOR on March 27!

UMCOR is the humanitarian relief and development arm of the United Methodist Church. The annual UMCOR Sunday offering on March 27 is for UMCOR's relatively small administrative expenses. That way, when you donate to a project, such as US Disaster Response, 100% of your offering will go to that project. UMCOR is there for the long-haul helping communities after disasters! Several members of St. Luke's served on UMCOR Early Response Teams, to help those who lost their homes in the Marshall Fire. See a video on March 27 during worship about how Andrea Mezger, Tom and Mina Hall and Lee and Yvonne Seaman helped these homeowners.





## Remembering Advent

What a blessing to be able to gather online and in person to celebrate **The Miracle of the Manger** during Advent. Do you remember the beautiful greens and decorations decking our halls? Do you remember the Tree Lighting service with the children and getting to eat cookies afterward? Do you remember the joyous sounds of the Cantata? Do you remember the families lighting the candles for Peace, Hope, Love and Joy each Sunday? Do you remember the candy cane story on Candy Cane Sunday? Do you remember the puppets in the Manger Zone and the big kings bowing to the baby Jesus for Epiphany Sunday? And do you remember the precious and sacred ritual of lighting candles together while singing Silent Night on Christmas Eve? These are some of the most beloved moments and traditions at St. Luke's that we will never forget. Thank you for being part of the miracle and for keeping Jesus' peace, hope, love and joy alive all year long!



## Trustees Corner: Lift Station Replacement

St. Luke's has 2 Sewage Ejector Systems, or "lift stations." These are needed because the bathrooms in our basement are BELOW the sewer line. Sewage from those bathrooms drains to a large basin, and then it needs to be periodically pumped up and out of the basin to the sewer line.

Late last year, the lift station adjacent to the Asbury Music Room began failing; it would not automatically turn on the pump to empty the sewage out of the basin. The system had to be constantly monitored and run manually to empty the basin. If the basin overflowed, raw sewage would flow onto the Music Room floor and damage the room's contents.

Barry Curtis (our Facilities Maintenance / Custodian) quickly diagnosed the problem: the float switches and pumps were all aging and failing. Working with the Trustees, we contracted to have the system replaced, but it took several months to get the needed parts. Everything was finally repaired in mid-January, at a cost of approximately \$12,000. The Music Room is now safe. —Ken Fong

*Rev. Sallie cont. from page 3*

**Legislative Action Pods Team** from St. Luke's has been participating in legislative action to influence the passage of anti-racism focused legislation in Colorado. Collaboration with State Legislature continues. **FALL 2020 –PRESENT** 10-12 people regularly participate in these efforts.

**Partnership with 9Health Vaccination Clinics** in Underserved Communities. Members of St. Luke's community volunteered at Testing & Vaccination Clinics in underserved communities throughout Denver. **SPRING AND SUMMER 2021**. Over 24 participants at various clinics.

**Me and White Supremacy Book Study** – Process of Individualized Anti-Racism and Allyship Learning Together; a group of people from the St. Luke's community engaged in conversations and personal work to honestly address our own experiences and development. **FALL, 2021**. 16 participants.

**MLK Jr. Parade** in collaboration with Trinity UMC. St. Luke's group participated in the MLK Jr. Parade in partnership with Trinity. 12 participants including Rev. Michele, Rev. Liza, and Rev. Sallie. **JANUARY 17, 2022**

**Rev. Liza trained as facilitator** for the Mt. Sky Conference as an Intercultural Development Inventory Administrator. Will serve to facilitate learning and growth of clergy followed by work in congregations. **FALL 2021 AND WINTER/SPRING 2022**

**Ongoing Conversations with Organizers of Dinner and Dialogue on Race** – CSE Leadership Team. Conversations about partnerships in anti-racism actions. Faith leaders, educators, community leaders, volunteers, & business people have joined in this collaboration. **FALL 2021 AND WINTER 2022 (QUARTERLY CONVERSATIONS WILL CONTINUE)**

**Pastoral Conversations** with Rev. Michele, Rev. Liza, Jane Staller, Julie Polikoff, Sharon Oliver and Dr. Sallie regarding prioritizing anti-racism and allyship work throughout the community.

**Staff Learning** - Rev. Michele beginning with Staff and Exec Team for further learning and conversations. **WINTER 2022**

**Five Points Welton Street Café Support** - The long-time beloved Welton Street Café in the Five Points Neighborhood where soul food is served has been struggling due to keep their doors open in the midst of COVID. Groups from St. Luke's have gathered there for lunch in an effort to offer support to minority-owned businesses. **JANUARY 2022**

**"Little Bit of Good": Celebrating Desmond Tutu** - CSE hosted a gathering open to the community to honor the compassionate, healing and life-changing actions of Archbishop Desmond Tutu who passed in late December 2021. **FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.* —portions of quote credited to John Wesley

*With Gratitude, Rev. Sallie*

## Lent Mission: Diapers and Detergent!

For our Lenten Mission last year, St. Luke's was so great at providing diapers to Love INC (3,630 of them!), and liquid laundry detergent to Bayaud Enterprises (40 containers!), that your Missions Team wants to see if we can do even better this year! Diaper donations to Love INC will assist families in need with this essential for very young children, and liquid detergent will provide clean laundry to those experiencing homelessness when they utilize Bayaud's mobile laundry truck.

Fresh laundry and dry diapers are some day-to-day essentials that we might take for granted. But being able to supply these resources to the organizations in our community whom we know are offering care and support to those in need is a great gift!

If you want to help, please drop off your diaper and liquid laundry detergent donations at St. Luke's in the Narthex between Ash Wednesday (March 2) and Easter Sunday (April 17.)

**THANK YOU!**



## Sedalia Elementary Blessed by St. Luke's and Seasoned Voyagers

During January, St. Luke's gave another round of \$25 King Soopers/Walmart gift cards to Sedalia Elementary for families in need of help throughout the year. Thank you for your generosity to our Sedalia Elementary families via the December Giving Tree!

Seasoned Voyagers, our older adult group, continues to be a strong supporter of Sedalia Elementary. In addition to contributing gift cards for families, a group wrote Valentines of support to the teachers and staff. Thanks to Kay Oscai, Trudy Turner, Edee Worth, Julie Gustafson and Betty Ludlam!

Because of generous donations by a Seasoned Voyagers member, the school has purchased programmable robots to teach the students critical thinking and programming skills. The photo shows kindergarten students trying to program a bot to go around objects lying down and knock over the ones standing up. Principal Jeff Johnson says, "So much collaboration, problem solving and perseverance happening!"



This year the Seasoned Voyagers donations will be used to purchase early literacy books for grades K-2; sturdy stools for classroom reading groups; books for each student at the Book Fair; Chromebook charging stations (teachers currently using dish draining racks); desk chair packs for supplies and texts.

A shout-out also goes to the Performing Arts Academy for bringing a production of *Lion King Kids* to Sedalia Elementary. Participating in a performance of any kind was a first-time experience for all but one student. Principal Jeff said that the students were singing *Lion King* songs in the halls and he'd never seen that much energy and genuine excitement at the school since he'd been there. Many parents were in tears of gratitude. Way to go, PAA!

We still have hope that when it is safe from covid, we will bring volunteers back into the classrooms, too! I miss the one-on-one relationships with the students! —Betsy Keyack

## Exciting Opportunity! Virtual Guatemala Construction Trip!

Through Pura Vida, you have the opportunity to join a virtual mission team to build one or more homes for families in Guatemala. If you donate toward the home construction (\$250 is recommended but we will accept any amount smaller or larger), you will be registered as a team member to receive daily video updates as the construction progresses and view the blessing of the finished home.

One of our virtual home builds will go to Tomasa and her 3 boys; they live in a house made of corn stalks, adobe and tarps. Groundbreaking has started and the Virtual Construction Build week will be March 14- 18, ending with a blessing of the home. And our Sunday School children are collecting coins to buy a gift for Tomasa's boys. This is a very interesting, impactful and educational opportunity! **To join the team, you can contact Betsy Keyack, bkeyack@att.net. Construction begin March 14 so sign up soon!**



Speaking of Guatemala, Seasoned Voyagers has had a relationship for many years with a now 16-year-old young man named Felix. We correspond twice a year, learning about his family and life and sending prayers and encouragement. With each letter we send \$50 to help his family. Thanks for Sylvia Manzanares and others for their contributions to the Felix family fund. —Betsy Keyack

## HAAT Force Helping People Experiencing Homelessness

Thank you, St. Luke's for your ongoing generous support of HAAT Force - Homelessness Awareness and Action Task Force! HAAT Force provides severe weather motel shelter to families, people with disabilities or medical issues, older adults and people with pets. Through February 1, we have provided 44 motel vouchers for 486 person-nights of shelter. Motel stays have been from 1 to 13 nights. Children have ranged in age from 6 months to 15 years old. People we are serving include families with young children living in a car, older adults living outdoors, and a person with frostbite.

While HAAT Force is providing motel shelter for severe weather, they are also connecting individuals and families with case management and housing resources through the Reciprocity Collective and Arapahoe County Housing Navigators, among other resources. Executive Director, Sienna McGrath writes: "This has been a great start to the severe weather season, but we could not have accomplished all of this without your support, so thank-you for believing in HAAT Force."



**During February HAAT received donations totaling \$6252 from St. Luke's. St. Luke's is by far the most generous of all of HAAT Force's supporting church congregations! Also, we are up to 55 vouchers for 600 person-nights of shelter.**

To connect with volunteer opportunities, contact [info@haatforce.org](mailto:info@haatforce.org). The website is [www.haatforce.org](http://www.haatforce.org). —Betsy Keyack



## Christmas In The Park

Regardless of whether we live in houses or on park benches, we all want to feel like we belong. To a family, to a community, to something, anything larger than ourselves, especially at Christmas. Christmas in the Park returned to Lincoln Park in Denver this year. More than 250 volunteers handed out sleeping bags, winter coats, boots, clothing, new socks, hygiene kits, necessary winter accessories, holiday greetings and so much love to friends without homes. Thank you St. Luke's community and the volunteers on Christmas morning for your generous donations of socks, hand warmers and your presence. May we continue to find ways to share God's love. —Sam Leahy





**Taletha Pogge**  
Director of  
Finance

## Supporting Our St. Luke's Home

Thank you for your continued support of our ministries. You can continue to give monetarily to St. Luke's in many different ways:

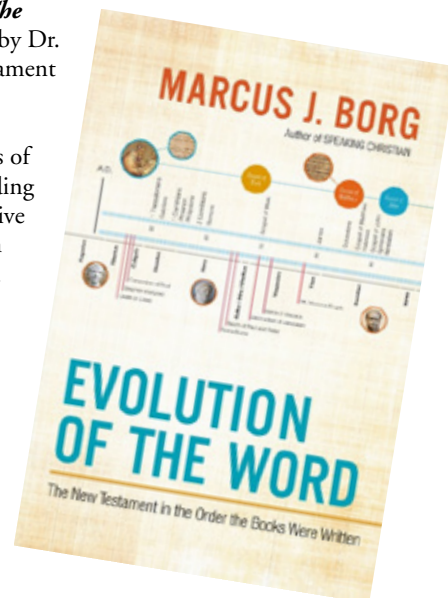
- **Turn in your monthly or yearly pledge in the offering plate or one of the offering boxes on Sunday**
- **Go online to give a one-time donation, monthly donation, or yearly donation** (stlukeshr.com - click the donate button, click on make online contribution, choose a campaign you wish to donate to, choose the frequency of your donation)
- **Mail in your donation or pledges** to St. Luke's UMC, Attn: Finance Department, 8817 S. Broadway, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129
- **Download the EasyTithe app to your mobile device and set up an account linked to St. Luke's** (search for zip 80129)
- **Add St. Luke's to your list of monthly payments with your personal mobile banking procedures**
- **Make stock donations to St. Luke's** (Contact Taletha Pogge at [financedirector@stlukeshr.com](mailto:financedirector@stlukeshr.com) for further information)
- **Attend and financially support any of the upcoming Community Raisers.**

Any financial questions can be sent to Taletha

## The Friday Bible Study

led by Rev. Liza just finished a six-month story of the parables. We read *The Short Stories of Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, a Jewish professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University. We wrestled mightily with her academic presentation of the historic, cultural, and theological interpretations of the parables that Jesus told. We appreciated reading the parables from a 1st Century Jewish perspective and we always found the final paragraph in each chapter to be meaningful, although challenging.

Next, we are starting to read New Testament epistles, but with a twist! We are using Marcus Borg's book *Evolution of the Word* which presents the New Testament books in the chronological order they were written, which is not the way they are ordered in our Bibles. We meet every Friday at noon either on Zoom or in a hybrid format. **Contact Rev. Liza [liza@stlukeshr.com](mailto:liza@stlukeshr.com)** if you are interested in joining us!



## Remembering Eden Class

*And Hashem Elohim said, 'See, HaAdam is become like one of US' –Genesis 3:22 OJB*



The passage referenced above is among many from Genesis that are entangled in scholarly controversy. The conventional reading as found in the New International Version is: *And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever."* –Genesis 3:22 NIV

This is the basis for the concept of expulsion of Adam and Eve and Original Sin a fundamental element in the Western Christian tradition. The Expulsion is dependent on the failure of Adam and Eve to obey god's commands. However as B.D Sommer points out in his book *The Bodies of God and The World of Ancient Israel* "the Hebrew language has many words for 'sin' and 'disobedience,' but none of these words appear in Genesis 3."

So what was meant by the ancient authors? Did they intend as Sommer wonders if the Expulsion narrative was an instance of subsequent banishment or rather a return to the world?

To complicate matters, historians and Biblical scholars generally agree that the book is likely a compilation of several stories, edited, redacted and transcribed many times with modifications and many reinterpretations even up to modern times.

**Join me, Stephen Bennett, in an exploration of the Expulsion story.**

**This will be a Zoom discussion running for six weeks starting on Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30pm. If interested, contact**

**[david@stlukeshr.com](mailto:david@stlukeshr.com)**

## Seasoned Voyagers

We are delighted to reintroduce The Seasoned Voyagers Ministry. We are a 55+ Ministry based on St. Luke's Mission and Core Values of being invitational and relational within the broader community. Our ongoing Missions project is the Sedalia Elementary School. See Betsy Keyack's related article in this issue of *The Chronicle* for details on this on-going Mission.



As we move with Grace into 2022 we are delighted to once begin our monthly outings for Seniors (55+). Our February activity is a visit to Denver Art Museum to view the current exhibit, Whistler to Cassatt. In March we plan to visit the Molly (Margaret) Brown House Museum and in April we will tour the Colorado State Supreme (The Ralph L. Carr Judicial Center).

Have the Courage to join us and explore the many Wonders of the Front Range and spread Grace into our community.

For more information contact Pam Burke through the church office.



### CSE Purpose:

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

[stlukesCSE.org](http://stlukesCSE.org)

## My CSE Story

by Suanne Ediger

I said "yes" to being a member of the Center for Spiritual Engagement team (CSE) seven years ago. I did not realize at that time how much my life would be enriched by being a part of this amazing group of leaders. I leave our events, gatherings, and even our monthly meetings feeling:

**Connected  
Supported and  
Energized**

At first I wasn't sure what CSE even was - and soon came to find out it is simply a ministry of St. Luke's. Rev. Sallie started it years ago to offer wellbeing experiences to our congregation. It has grown over time and offers so many amazing opportunities to explore spirituality and wellness, and form community with some awesome people. When you see an opportunity or event from CSE, take my advice and give it a try.

The spiritual fountain of CSE "flows deep and wide" to create opportunities that help myself and others feel "PEACE like a river," "JOY like a fountain," and "LOVE like an ocean!"

## CSE Experiences Recaps:

**MLK MARADE:** On Monday, January 17th, thousands gathered to honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the 37th annual march along Colfax, from City Park to Civic Center Park. A group from St. Luke's (including our clergy team) joined with folks from Trinity and Littleton UMC as we gathered near the statue of Dr. King and listened to local speakers, clergy leaders and politicians, reflect on Dr. King's civil rights work; the progress that has been made, where we are today and the much further we have to go.



**CSE Honduras:** On December 19, the CSE Team was pleased to present a check for \$8000 to Jake and Rachel (Suby-Long) Compaan to kick start their music program at the Abundant Life Christian School in Yamaranguila, Honduras. Instruments, sheet music, a flex-space and stage are all in the plans for the Music Program. Thank you for your support!



**CSE Prayers and Reflection:** In December, CSE hosted an evening in the Chapel focusing on prayers and reflections for the winter. The evening featured Kaila Davidson playing classical and holiday pieces on her harp as well as readings and prayers from a variety of leaders from the CSE Team. Thanks to all of you who participated!



**Light and Love:** In the spirit of Valentine love, CSE held an event to create care packages for St. Luke's members that have been unable to attend church services regularly, or who just may enjoy a sprinkle of kindness and compassion! Many families and SLY, Jr. kids joined in the fun and created and then delivered the packages. We heard from many people who received these little bags of love and they were overcome with gratitude.

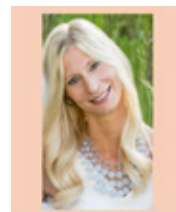


## CSE Upcoming - Join Us!:

**WHOLE – Exploring Wellness in the Blue Zones with Sharon and Bob Oliver:** In this casual class setting, we will once again focus on the 5 areas of the world (blue zones) where people live longer, happier and healthier lives and dive into the reasons why. We will also share a light meal and blue zone recipes. Join us **Saturday March 12 from 10:00am-12:30pm**. Sharon holds certification in Plant-Based Nutrition. Fee is \$20 and includes class instruction, food, and materials. For info and to RSVP, contact [sharon@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sharon@stlukeshr.com)

**MEN In Community with Bryan Hutchinson:** Mondays at 6:00pm. Join this opportunity to connect with other men in our community. The experience, facilitated by Bryan Hutchinson, will engage you in informal conversations about relevant topics and offers a chance to connect with other men regarding everyday aspects of life – family, work, faith, challenges, transitions, goals and hopes. Contact [Bryanrhutch@aol.com](mailto:Bryanrhutch@aol.com) for more information.

**NOURISH with Melinda Davidson:** a 2-part experience:



1. An Individual Reiki Wellness Healing Treatment, in-person or virtual, which includes pre and post consultations. Reiki sessions scheduled **starting in February**.
2. A Group Cooking class via zoom on **Sat., April 2**. You'll learn healthy cooking strategies and prepare nourishing foods in your own kitchen, while you engage with others virtually to savor new tastes and textures. Melinda provides a recipe booklet and ingredient list. Optionally, you can purchase a pre-assembled "market basket" of ingredients for a fee.

Price is \$120 – additional fee for cooking class market basket. Partial scholarships are available - contact Sallie. For more information or to register [nourishwithmelinda@gmail.com](mailto:nourishwithmelinda@gmail.com).

**Thursday YOGA with Sharon:** "Gentle Yoga to Ease into Summer" **Thursday Mornings, 9:00-9:45am 6 sessions: March 24, April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19, June 9**. Join us for a gentle, centering practice and enjoy a peaceful yoga experience with our very own Sharon Oliver, certified yoga instructor. \$10 suggested donation per class. For more information contact [sharon@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sharon@stlukeshr.com).

**BE WELL - COUNSELING & CONSULTATION with Dr. Sallie Suby-Long.** Sallie welcomes you to care for your health, healing and wellness. Trained as a counselor and therapist, Sallie is honored to be present with you as together you identify creative strategies for enhanced emotional, mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing. For more information contact [sallie@stlukeshr.com](mailto:sallie@stlukeshr.com).

**GRACIOUS SPACE with Jenita Rhodes,** 2nd Friday of each month 10:00-11:30am. This drop-in forum meets once each month to renew, refresh and regenerate. For more information, contact [jenita@pcisys.net](mailto:jenita@pcisys.net).



## CSE Outdoor Adventures:

**Burning Bear Trail** Saturday March 19, 8:00am. The outdoor adventure team is excited to announce their first outdoor experience for 2022. We will snowshoe along Burning Bear Trail off Guanella Pass Road.



Expect beautiful scenery on this approximate 3.5 mile roundtrip outing as we celebrate the last day of winter. We will meet at the church at 8:00am to carpool. Please RSVP to Juliepolikoff@msn.com or janet.johnston@comcast.net to attend.

### Upcoming Outdoor Adventures:

- **Wed. April 13** - White Ranch Open Space
- **Wed. May 4** - Red Rock Canyon Park in Colorado Springs
- **Thurs. June 2** - Staunton State Park

## CSE Cultural Adventures:



**Friday, March 25 at 10:30am Kirkland Museum.** Join us for an outing to this Denver gem: a museum of fine and decorative art, covering over 150 years in design. Admission \$10 (\$8

for Seniors). We will meet at St. Luke's at 10:30am to carpool.

**Thursday, April 21 - Sherpa House Restaurant and Cultural Center in Golden.** Join us for a dinner featuring authentic Himalayan cuisine. The Sherpa House is run by a family of Sherpas set up as a replica of a traditional Nepalese abode. Meet at 5:15pm at St. Luke's to carpool. We need to make reservations one week prior.

Please RSVP to: renaeparra@aol.com or janet.johnston@comcast.net.

## CSE Braves Spaces:



### Legislative Action

The Colorado Legislature is in session from January 12-May 11, and Brave Spaces once again will

be advocating for Bills that address social justice issues, including Housing/Homelessness, Mental Health, Healthcare, Criminal Justice, and other important issues. We'll be contacting our respective Representatives and Senators to encourage them to support specific social justice Bills. To identify key Bills, we'll seek guidance from members of the Colorado Black Caucus, and other organizations working for social justice, including Together Colorado, the ACLU, Colorado Consumer Health Initiative, Interfaith Alliance, and the Colorado Council of Churches. We'd love to have you join us. For more information, contact Jane at janestaller@gmail.com.

**St. Luke's Kids**  
grace courage wonder beyond

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 share our principles of GRACE, COURAGE, WONDER & BEYOND inspired by God's love.



**Sharon Oliver**  
Director of Children's Ministry  
sharon@stlukeshr.com



**Samantha Leahy**  
Director of Early Childhood Ministry  
sam@stlukeshr.com

**Lenten Family Bags!** Reserve one NOW for your family to explore Lent at home with activities and devotionals each week. Limited supply. Contact Sam or Sharon to reserve your bag or with questions.

**JOY TREK Sunday School** (children age 2 -kindergarten) will journey through the psalms during Lent. Join Ms Sam as we pray the most well-known psalms rewritten in child-friendly language. The Psalm Book contains prayers to begin your day and end your evenings, prayers of praise, of comfort, and of creation. Covering topics ranging from overcoming fears and facing bullies to expressing thankfulness and joy. The prayers in the Psalm Book help children talk to God when they are not sure what to say. This prayer book and series is a companion to the Spark Story Bible we use each week.



Spring Wacky Days

**Spring Wacky Days!** Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, March 14, 15 & 16, 2022 9:00am-12:00noon, \$25/per day. Sign up for 1 or more days. Children age 3-6 yrs.. Sign up online! Contact Sam with any questions.

## Congrats to our P.R.A.Y. Graduates

We had 16 kids go through the program in January attending 4 classes and completing a workbook and a service project to earn their faith emblem. Children do not have to be involved in Scouts to participate. The kids were able to learn more about their faith and grow in their relationship with God.



### GOD & ME (1st-

3rd): Brooklyn Abrams, Madison Abrams, Anderson Brascia, Ailey Campbell, Ben Doernbrack, Nolan Fleming, Landon Fleming, Amelia Gentry, Chloe Johnston, Josie Long. **GOD & FAMILY (4th-6th):** Hunter Ackerson, Merrick Brascia, Torin Campbell, Jake Doernbrack, Austin Maher, Peyton Maher. Big thanks to our leaders, Kris Long, Andrew Campbell, Cathy Collins, Sharon Oliver, Ann Metz & Bob Oliver.

## Children's Dinner Theater will present "It's a Hit" on April 29

We had a great group of kids 1st-6th grade audition and we are looking forward to putting on a dinner and performing this fun musical show about baseball for the congregation in the spring!

**SLY, Jr.!** Our 5th & 6th grade youth group has had a great winter with a fun Christmas Party and outdoor winter games and helping with the Love and Light Valentine's outreach service project. Coming up we have our annual lock in on March 4 and IKEA Scavenger Hunt on March 27. All 5th & 6th graders welcome, bring a friend!

## SAVE THE DATE:

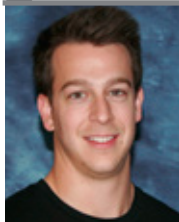
- **EASTER FUN DAY!** - Palm Sunday April 10
- **Vacation Bible School** - "Food Truck Party" June 20-24 and online registration begins April 18!



## Thank you for a Wonderful Advent Season!

We had so much fun with our Tree Lighting service and Pageant, take-home Advent bags, a successful Holiday Shop, Candy Cane Sunday, Christmas Cookie Decorating (thanks Chef Jennifer Hiltz!), Winter Wacky Days, Devotionals and Christmas Eve services with puppets! We were reminded of the love, peace, hope and joy that surround us in good times and challenging times and welcomed the light of baby Jesus into our hearts to carry us throughout the new year.





**Jake Smith**  
Director of  
Youth Ministry

## ON THE SLY: 7th-12th grade SLY Update

We are back! Come join the crew during the week and let's have some fun!

**Wednesday Nights:** will start back up soon! Keep up to date with Jake's weekly SLY emails!

**Sunday Mornings:** Sunday School and Confirmation during the 9:00am service

**Sunday Nights:** Youth Group at 5:30pm

**Youth Group:** After a short break during January due to the rising Covid cases, we are back! So, grab a friend, or 3 or 4 of them and

come hang out. Or, just come make new friends. SLY is a great place for all youth to come hang out and have fun.

**Confirmation Class:** The class is in full swing. We are meeting Sunday mornings! And we are going on a confirmation retreat in March and we will culminate with Confirmation Sunday on March 27. We have an awesome group, keep them in your prayers as they learn more about what it means to be part of God's family.

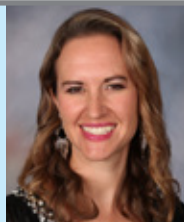
**Mission Trip:** Get your Mission Trip applications into Jake ASAP. Spots are limited!!!



**SLY Hoodies:** Get your custom-designed SLY Hoodie from Jake. Available now!

Get in on the **weekly TWIS (This Week in SLY) Email** to stay up to date with weekly emails about SLY events from Jake! Sign up on the St. Luke's website.

*Yours in Christ, Jake*



**Kelly Amadeo**  
Director of  
Little School

## ST. LUKE'S Happy LITTLE SCHOOL New Year and Yee Haw!

Yee Haw! It was Western Weeks at Little School this January! Our 230 cowboys and cowgirls participated in a variety of western themed events like a rodeo obstacle course, "pony rides," and campfire sing-alongs while roasting marshmallows on our fire-free campfire. We are having such a great time at Little School this year.

We were so excited in December to welcome our parents into the sanctuary for our Christmas Programs. We had 230 students singing traditional Christmas carols like "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and contemporary songs like "Santa Shark." We were so happy to have classes together and our parents in attendance for this tradition.



Registration is now open for the 2022-2023 school year! If you or anyone you know is looking for a Christian Preschool, we opened registration last week. Spots are filling up fast so be sure to share our website with your friends and have them email us their registration form for the fall. [StLukeslittleschool.org](http://StLukeslittleschool.org)

We are doing well as we navigate the pandemic and increased cases across our county. We feel blessed to be offering in-person preschool to our 230 students. They are happy, healthy, and growing beautifully. We hope you are all staying safe and healthy. We wish you a 2022 full of love and happiness.

*Grace and Love, Kelly*

## Prayer Journal

ST. LUKE'S LENT 2022

WE ARE NOT ALONE ON THE PATH OF LIFE



## Pick Up Your Lenten Prayer Journal:

The Lent Prayer Journal will be available all during Lent for those that want to

journal through reflection and prayer.

Each day consists of a bible verse, some writing opportunities, and then a closing prayer. Research has shown that journaling helps reduce stress, boosts our mood, keeps memory sharp, and supports mental health. Pick up yours at the church beginning Ash Wednesday or contact Stephanie in the office: [office@stlukeshr.com](mailto:office@stlukeshr.com)

## LATEST COVID POLICY UPDATE: I have some exciting news!

**Masks at St. Luke's are now recommended for worship, but not required, and we are no longer requiring waivers.** This is wonderful progress and beautiful timing, as many of us like to make a practice of being in worship during Lent.

Our staff and Board of Trustees will continue to watch case count numbers in our county and will also be mindful of the new CDC guidelines that have set Low, Medium and High Community Levels based on the ability of hospitals to handle cases. If our Community Level moves to High, we will require masks again to be supportive of our local hospitals. If cases are 200 or more per week, we will also mask up again as needed in order to minimize the risk of new infections. Masks will also be recommended, but not required, for most meetings and events outside of Sunday worship, but a few activities, such as singing, may still require masks.

So keep the prayers and positivity flowing, for we have amazing things planned at St. Luke's! And in typical St. Luke's style, if you are wearing a mask, or if you are not wearing a mask, you are always welcome, loved and valued here.

I can't wait to see you this Lent. —Rev. Michele



## The Pirates of Penzance Sells Out All 3 Shows!

The audience at St. Luke's was ready for a show - make that 3 shows - and what a show they got! Kudos to the Wesley Players Theatre Company for bringing such a fun romp to life in the sanctuary. We laughed, we were in awe of the talent and we were grateful to be together and see live theater. Much gratitude to all involved. And funds were raised for Guatemala and for WPTC. Bravo!



**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



## Organ Concert!

Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 3:00pm

Dessert reception to follow

Come enjoy an afternoon of music featuring our incomparable Ken Mervine on the organ, along with 7 of our musical groups - vocal and instrumental. There will be an opportunity to learn about this amazing instrument and experience it's full range of sounds, as well as time to ask questions and enjoy community together. A free-will offering will be collected as we begin raising funds to replace our organ. Yes, organs have a life-span and ours is coming to it's end. Be a part of bringing a new organ to St. Luke's! Contact Dr. Jim (jim@stlukeshr.com) for more information.

## Holy Week Music

Our Chancel Choir is hard at work preparing for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services featuring movements from Jenkin's Stabat Mater. If you are interested in being part of the musical impact of Holy Week, please attend rehearsals on Thursday Evenings at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Contact Dr. Jim (jim@stlukeshr.com) for additional information or to answer any questions.



**Les Ludlam**  
Retired Clergy

## More from Les: Betty, LaVerne and the Airplane

**What we do can change attitudes more than what we say.**

When Betty and I started dating, my father tended to act aloof toward her. He had someone else in mind, the daughter of his friend. But we had other plans, we married while I was still in college, against his wishes.

Shortly after graduation, Betty and I moved to California. With my new job, we decided to buy a new car through a dealer we knew in Grand Junction. We sold our old car and my father, LaVerne, offered to fly to Long Beach in his Piper Tri-Pacer and take us back to Grand Junction to take delivery.

About 9:00am, LaVerne was flying at about 12,000 ft elevation over the California/Nevada border. Suddenly, the engine started making loud, nasty noises. The propeller shuddered to a stop! Later, Dad would say that he really likes Tri-Pacers

"because they tend to glide slowly, almost like parachutes." He landed safely on a deserted county road near I-15 and the California/Nevada state line.

Three hours later, Betty and I had been waiting long enough in the airport that we were beginning to worry. Our growing anxiety was shot into orbit when an announcement came over the Long Beach public address system: "Mr. Leslie Ludlam, please call the FAA." I quickly called and heard, "Your father's airplane went down, but He is OK; he wants you to rent a car and drive to meet him.

By that evening, we arrived at the Searchlight Road exit and saw the Tri-Pacer. Dad was waiting at the plane and told us, "I'm staying with the plane tonight; you go on to Las Vegas and come back tomorrow. I'll need your help getting the plane ready to be loaded onto a flat-bed trailer and hauled to Las Vegas."

We spent a short night at my uncle's home, then drove back out to the plane early the next morning. Most of the day was spent removing the wings from of the Tri-Pacer so it would fit on the trailer. Betty would hold the end of one wing

as Dad pulled the connecting pins, then we would drop it to the ground. We were all tired and hot by the time the trailer arrived.

By evening, the trailer was on its way to Las Vegas. We decided to drive straight through to Grand Junction to take advantage of the cool night. Dad and I fell asleep in the car, Betty drove. At about 5:00am the next morning, as we approached Green River in eastern Utah, we were awakened by a blaring car radio and a cheery "good morning!" from Betty.

Dad almost cried that evening when we announced that we were going to have a baby. "You were out in that heat holding up the end of the wing and carrying my grandchild. Then you drove all night!"

From that time on, my father, the independent, controlling, sometimes irascible, LaVerne, displayed unexpected warmth, bragged about his daughter-in-law taking that airplane apart in the desert heat.

**What we do can change attitudes more than what we say.**

*God bless us all, Les*



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**Stephanie Kirk**

Director of  
Communication &  
Office Administration

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS: Latest Entries** Contact Rev. Liza Stoltz Hanson if you have any additions/removals 303-791-0659 x107, email [Liza@stlukeshr.com](mailto:Liza@stlukeshr.com), or leave a note with Stephanie at the front desk.



*Eugene Bacon,  
Don Boon,  
Bronwyn,  
Caroline Butler,  
Terri Christopherson,  
Dave & Meryl Cupp,  
Mark Dickerson,*

*Kathy Dreyer,  
Jackson Gould,  
Larene Guest,  
Lucy Gustafson,  
Arianne Heaton,  
Jerry Heinz,*

*Susan Griggs Hooke,  
Jo Johnson,  
Zander Levi,  
Marilyn Miller,  
Jolene Pace,  
Mary Peterson,*

*Jeanne Rasmussen,  
Lon Sawyer,  
Fred Strawn,  
Jon Streaty,  
Amy Weiske,  
Nan Woods*

### **WE CELEBRATE TOGETHER:**

*the beloved memory of Bill Fethke  
the beloved memories of Al Lustie and Anita Dawkins  
the beloved memory of Bob Phillips  
the birth of Calia Frances to parents Andrea and Brian Cox, and proud grandparents Carl and Laura Fitch  
the birth of Calvin Lukas to parents Jennifer and Eric Dement, and proud grandparents Mark and Linda Luckas  
the birth of Winter Lona to proud parents Adam and Jennifer, and proud big sister Juniper Lillibridge  
the birthday of Betty Ludlam  
the birthday of Edee Worth  
the 30th wedding anniversary of Dr. Jim and Leigh Ramsey  
the 32nd wedding anniversary of Bob and Sharon Oliver  
the 56th wedding anniversaries of Brenda and David Hart, Sharon and Dewey Smith, and Fran and Bob West*

### **WE EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND CONDOLENCES TO:**

*James Bacon and family on the passing of his sister-in-law, Lynn Bacon  
Kit Campbell on the passing of her grandmother, Virginia Bennett-Nelson  
George Carlstrom and family on the passing of his brother, Charles Carlstrom  
Greg Chambers and family on the passing of his father, Curt Chambers  
Family and friends of Denise Anderson on her passing  
Family and friends of Nancy Obertier on her passing  
Cindy and Shane Johnson on the passing of their sister-in-law, Kaye Johnson  
Alicia Lidge and family on the passing of her father, Harold Shreves  
Sally Link and family on the passing of her brother, Tom Moore  
Mark Luckas and family on the passing of his father, Melvin Luckas  
Linda Malone and family on the passing of her mother, Joan Hermesen  
Laura Richards and family on the passing of her father, Robert Browning  
Ruth, Mat, Kathryn, and Adam Smith on the passing of beloved husband and father, Randy Smith  
Trudy Turner on the passing of her brother-in-law, James Cleary  
Terry Walters and family on the passing of his mother, Edith Walters*