



The Chronicle

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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and much more!



Feeding of 5K team presenting check to DenUM's Tammy Mulligan.

Community at its Best

This year's Feeding of the 5000 is in the books! Thanks to everyone that joined in this community effort to collect food and funds to support DenUM. In just three days we were able to fill a semi-truck with food and raise \$15,000 that will be used to supply additional food and support. Our first ever Feeding of the 5K Run/Walk was a huge success with over 130 participants! Because of your generosity, hungry families around the Denver area will have food on the table. That's community at its best. *Thanks to all!*



See Food Donation List for DenUM Thanksgiving Food Boxes on page 10.

Thanks for your help!



Grief Support Group

If you are experiencing the loss and grief of a loved one, please consider joining me, Rev. Pat Shaffer and Stephen Minister, Nancy Abbott, on the following **Sundays Nov. 6, 13, 20 from 12:15-1:30pm** in the St. Luke's Chapel. The heart of this Grief Support Group is sharing your grief story after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend with others who are on the same journey and understand what you are feeling and experiencing. Group values are listening, caring, and keeping confidence. Helpful resources are shared as well. Please email pat@stlukeshr.com or call 720-988-5430 to register or for more information.

Fri. Nov. 4 at 7:00pm
Sat., Nov. 5 at 7:00pm
Sun., Nov. 6 at 2:00pm

Don't miss this comedy-drama play about the bond among a group of Southern women in northwest Louisiana. Get to know Truvy, Annelle, Ouiser, Clairee, M'Lynn and Shelby and see why they are delicate as magnolias, but tough as steel. The sudden realization of their mortality affects the others, but also draws on the underlying strength—and love—which give the play, and its characters, the special quality to make them truly touching, funny and marvelously amiable company in good times and bad.

The play was written by Robert Harling, based on his experience with his sister's death. If you have questions, please contact Melanie Kirkpatrick at melanie.kirkpatrick@gmail.com.

Tickets are \$15 each and include dessert. Purchase online at www.stlukeshr.com.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

Saturday, Nov. 26 8:00am: Hanging of the Greens/Service Saturday

Sunday, Nov. 27 Advent 1 *Advent: Preparing To Have Things Taken From You* (Rev. Jessica Rooks & Rev. Ryan Canaday) *Matthew 24:36-44*

5:30pm: Tree Lighting Service with Children's Impromptu Pageant

Wednesdays, Nov. 30-Dec. 21

6:00pm: Family Advent Devotionals

7:00am & 7:00pm:
An Advent Lectio Divina Experience

Saturday, Dec. 3 6:00pm: Puppet Show – *One Life to Give: Live in Ten Minutes*

Sunday, Dec. 4 Advent 2 *Holy Communion Mary: Here Am I. Let's Do This!* (Rev. Jessica Rooks) *Luke 1:38 & 1:46-56*

6:00pm: A Service of Remembrance

Tuesday, Dec. 6 6:00pm: UMW Candlelight Dinner

Dec. 9 & 10 9:00am-1:00pm: Holiday Shop

Sunday, Dec. 11 Advent 3 *Christmas Cantata Gabriel: You're The One Who Gets To Announce The New Thing* *Luke 1:26-28*

Thursday, Dec. 15 6:30pm: Performing Arts Academy High School Holiday Festival

Sunday, Dec. 18 Advent 4 *Candy Cane Sunday Joseph: When Trusting In Something Bigger Than Yourself Is Really Hard* (Rev. Ryan Canaday) *Matthew 1:18-25*

Saturday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services
 Children's - 1:00 & 3:00pm
 Traditional - 5:00 & 7:00pm
 Communion - 10:00pm

Sunday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day Service
 9:30am only *Shepherds: Running Toward Good News* (Rev. Jessica Rooks) *Luke 2:8-20*

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017 New Year's Day Service
 9:30am only - Holy Communion (Rev. Ryan Canaday)

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017 Epiphany Sunday
 Celebration of the Kings

Sunday Worship Services:

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

Sunday School:

Adult, Youth & Children:
9:30am & 11:00am

Nursery available for:

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

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Rev. Jessica Rooks
Lead Minister of
Community Life

Living Into Beloved Community...

"Beloved community is something every Christian is called to participate in. God

invites us to co-create the realm of God. Beloved community is the tangible, visible, here and now experience of God's realm. My hope is that we in the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference will live into Beloved Community so boldly that every church will be a beacon of love and justice, whether that community is in Blue Cliff, Eagle Valley, Lakewood, Salt Lake City or Denver. That no matter what language we may speak in our churches, no matter where on the theological scale we may fall, no matter what our demographics, every church will bear the love of Christ into their communities in ways that utterly transform the neighborhood." –Bishop Karen Oliveto

The theme for our Rocky Mountain Annual Conference, for the next four years, is *Living Into Beloved Community*, but what does this mean? What does it mean for a local church, and for the churches of an Annual Conference to live into beloved community? Bishop Oliveto's vision is grounded in scripture, specifically in Matthew 25: *For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothing. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.*

This vision of beloved community based on the teachings of Jesus will guide the work of the Annual Conference in a very specific way. Here is the four-year breakdown:

2016-2017: For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink.

"What are issues related to hunger and access to clean water in our neighborhoods, states, region, and world, and how can we order our lives and ministries to respond with the hands of Jesus?"

2017-2018: I was naked and you gave me clothing.

"In what ways are people naked: whether homeless, stripped of a safe sanctuary, stripped of dignity and respect, what are ways we can seek to clothe people, work for affordable housing, safety, civil rights, justice?"

2018-2019: I was sick and you took care of me.

"How are we dealing with the epidemic of drugs in our region? What are doing about addictions? (Bishop Oliveto) came from a community that said, 'We are all in recovery from something' – how are we creating healthy pathways to recovery? How are we dealing with health issues in our region?"

2019-2020: I was in prison and you visited me.

"When there is a cradle to prison pipeline for black and brown men, what are we doing to address systemic racism? How are we offering liberation to those placed in social and economic prisons? How do we unlearn the –isms that shackle the souls of so many?"

Bishop Oliveto includes in her vision these questions, "Every community needs to consider, who is not here? Who is in our city, our village, our town, and why aren't they in our pews? How can we welcome the stranger as an honored guest, knowing that when we do, we may be entertaining angels unaware?"

What would it mean for St. Luke's to live into beloved community? Who is not here? I hope you'll join me in delving into these questions, as we work together to live into beloved community.

Grace and Blessings, *Rev. Jessica*



Join Us for our Worship Series:

"One People: From Other to Friend" through November 23.

How might we begin to see ourselves, to see God reflected in the people who seem the most unlike ourselves?



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

Showing Up

Last weekend I had two back-to-back experiences with our St. Luke's community that were deeply moving. The first was the women's experience in Keystone jointly hosted by the Center for Spiritual Engagement and Project I am For You. The retreat was meaningful because every person was willing to be real

and to share parts of their life stories. The connections were transformative and I was honored to be in the presence of so many courageous individuals.

The second happened on Sunday afternoon – the very same weekend. Tom and I hosted The Gathering in our home along with Rev. Ryan and Rev. Jessica. It was a casual afternoon open to anyone who wanted to connect more deeply with St. Luke's. We had great, honest conversations, connected in new ways with people that we had either just met or who we were getting to know better. It was a wonderful time of learning about each other's lives and hopes for the future.

Both of these experiences were reminders of how important it is for all of us to be part of a community - a community where we are encouraged to fully show up and let ourselves be seen and known while we also create a welcoming space for others to do the same. Meaningful connection is not an extra in life. It is an innate need of the human spirit. My sincere hope is that we will continue to make St. Luke's the kind of community where we can show up as we are and walk humbly, authentically and courageously with God and with each other.

***"Courage starts with showing up and letting ourselves be seen."** –Brené Brown*

Warmly, *Rev. Sallie*



Rev. Ryan Canada
Lead Minister of
Worship &
Missional Life

A Word About Advent

The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming" or "visit", begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year for Christians. During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ.

Advent is coming... and I'm excited about our Advent and Christmas worship series! **ONE LIFE: FINDING US WHERE WE ARE.**



One life. Advent waits in anticipation of this one life. It's about longing, desire, that which is yet to come. That which isn't here yet. And so we wait, expectantly. Together. Because all is not right in the world, something is missing. Advent charges into a broken world with an announcement of good news, and it finds us where we are—in the ordinariness, the struggle, the joy, the heartache. Advent says something new is happening. There's a

new day and it's not like the one that came before it.

Christ coming into our world. This moment meets us where we are and it often catches us by surprise.

Amidst the hustle and bustle of the holidays, in the rhythm and flow of everyday life, how are we remaining open, hospitable, and present to the arrival of Christ in our world? One Life. It found them where they were. It finds us where we are. It changes everything.

There's lots happening around here during this Advent and Christmas season. So check out the calendar on the cover of this issue, find ways to stay connected—find ways to love and serve others, and let's wait in anticipation together.

Grace & Peace, *Rev. Ryan*

St. Luke's Giving Tree



St. Luke's is once again providing Christmas for 20 families through our Giving Tree project. We will be providing

a new outfit and a toy for each child. Parents will be getting one small gift. Grocery certificates will help provide Christmas dinner for the family. Tags on the Giving Tree, which is in the Fellowship Hall, make it possible for you to choose what you would like to donate. **All gifts should be placed under the tree by noon on Sunday December 4.** Thank you for bringing Christmas joy to those less fortunate.

An Advent Lectio Divina Experience...

WEDNESDAYS 7:00am & 7:00pm



Lectio Divina is a Latin term meaning "divine reading." It is a contemplative and meditative form of reading scripture dating back to the early church. The purpose of Lectio Divina is to let go of assumptions, agendas, and arguments, and open ourselves to what God is saying to us in the moment. In Lectio Divina, scripture is read multiple times, often using

different translations. Time is spent in quiet reflection and prayer, followed by sharing and conversation.

This year, we are preparing an Advent Lectio Divina experience. Each Wednesday in Advent, we will use Lectio Divina to explore and delve into the birth stories of Jesus. **You can join us at 7:00am or 7:00pm on Wednesdays, November 30, December 7, 14, and 21.** Come to one, or all eight gatherings. Our clergy team is leading this Advent Lectio Divina experience. Join us as we take time to pause each week during Advent for study and prayer. Please contact Rev. Jessica, jessica@stlukeshr.com, with any questions.



Service of Remembrance

A Service of Remembrance will be held in the Chapel on December 4 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.

“Drop In” Communitas Groups

CHRISTIAN CONNECTION

The Christian Connection class is a group that is on a journey of spiritual discovery. Our path has navigated through a wide variety of topics, such as vulnerability with Brené Brown, the controversial works of Marcus Borg and John Shelby Spong; the contemporary views of Rob Bell, Diane Butler Bass and Parker Palmer; wonderful classics like “*Your God is Too Small*”, and Martin Buber’s “*I and Thou*”; as well as social justice works such as Father Gregory Boyle’s mission with gangs in East LA and “*Helping Without Hurting*”. We often like to like to bring best-selling books into our class, too. Come join the journey with us! All are welcome.

Time/Place: Sundays 9:30am Rm 213

Contact: Ron and Suzanne Humphreys rbhumphreys@comcast.net

OPEN MINDS: A SPIRITUAL DIALOGUE

Adult class that works to strengthen faith journeys through studies of religion, philosophy, science and history. Past studies include *God and Empire*, *Falling Upward* and *Bridges Out of Poverty*. All are welcome.

Time/Place: Sundays 9:30am Rm 210

Contact: Raina Powell 303-795-8457 rainapowell@aol.com

CONTEMPLATIVE FELLOWSHIP

A time of study and prayer for those following the path of the Christian mystic. Books and videos are available to introduce newcomers into enriching fellowship. All are welcome!

Time/Place: Thursdays 6:30pm Chapel

Contact: Marshall Kuhn 303-931-5473 marshal.kuhn@hotmail.com

GAP GROUP

Discuss spiritual topics. No preparation required. Drop in. All are welcome.

Time/Place: Wednesdays 6:30pm Rm 122

Contact: Bob Oliver boboliver@pcsisys.net

GENEALOGY 101

Who is my great-great-grandfather and where did he come from? Learn the basics for your start in researching your family tree. All are welcome.

Time/Place: 2nd Saturdays 10:00am Rm 206 (Conf. Room)

Contact: Sylvia Brady 303-955-0457 jonsyl@comcast.net and Les Ludlam 303-451-5141 lludlam@wyoming.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30am JOYTREK (age 2-PreK)

9:30am PEAK (K-4th grade)

9:30am TWEENS (5th & 6th grade)

9:30am SLYAM (7th-12th grade)

11:00am GODLY PLAY (PreK-6th)

Guatemala Mission Trip?



The next Guatemala Mission Trip will be March 18-26, 2017 and there are a few spaces still remaining. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Miller at 720-381-9452.

Thankful For Long Johns



Each year on Thanksgiving, our friends without homes have plenty of opportunity for a meal. This year we are collecting Long Johns and socks to keep those less fortunate a little warmer as unfavorable weather approaches. Please drop your donation in the mission closet or a bin marked “Thankful for Long Johns” in the Narthex. We will hand out the items on Thanksgiving Day in Civic Center Park at 12noon and will meet in the park at 11:00am for set up. If you are interested in supporting, contact sam@stlukeshr.com. Please consider this as one of the many ways to reach the heart of another on this day of Thanksgiving.

Altar Team News Flowers



Poinsettias -

\$25 on Sale Nov. 20, Nov. 27, and Dec. 4.

Please help us decorate our Altar for the Christmas

Season – In Honor of, In Memory Of, or In Celebration of. Names will be listed in the Christmas Bulletin. Take home your Poinsettia after the Sunday, Dec. 25, worship service.

Sunday Altar Flowers for 2017 -

\$35 for two bouquets.

Sign Ups: Nov. 6, Nov. 13, and Dec. 4

~ Celebrate and Honor your Family or Friends by providing Sunday flowers for our Altar.

~The cost of two bouquets is \$35 payable to St. Luke's UMC. Our Altar Team Floral Designers will purchase Seasonal Flowers or you may provide the arrangement yourself. Flowers should be in the church office by Friday noon labeled “Sunday Flowers”. Flowers may be taken home after the 11:00am service.



by Rev.
Les Ludlam

More from Les: The Desert Seed Company

The Desert Seed Company was a small division of a solar energy company acquired by my employer during the height of the company's research in the early 1980's into ways of developing renewable energy resources. One of the operations created by Desert Seed Company was a small alfalfa processing plant near El Centro, California.

The plant was designed to recover a compound called "Xanthophyll" from alfalfa. Xanthophyll (orange) is a natural chemical related to chlorophyll (Green). Commercial chicken producers add this product to their poultry feed mixture to produce a customer-pleasing golden hue in the meat of a dressed bird.

"Shall we hang on to this plant?" I was asked. "It's not part of our mainline business, but go take a look at it and if it can be profitable, we might keep it for a while."

The unsaid inference was that if the company did decide to keep it, I might become the plant manager. El Centro and surrounding area are extremely hot most of the year so the location was not that desirable for living. But the project was technically fascinating and I liked the possibility of getting back into some engineering/operations function. I agreed to look at the plant and drove to El Centro to meet the plant staff and learn as much as I could about the operation.

I approached the evaluation with enthusiasm! The mechanical equipment brought back memories of my work with the oil shale retort in Colorado years before. The plant worked well and produced a good quality animal food product; the farmers liked the premium price they were paid for the alfalfa. Things looked promising from a technical point of view.

Then we explored the market for our Xanthophyll product. The poultry production business operates on a thin profit margin. We needed to understand the implications of this, so there were talks with poultry producers.



One feed buyer told us, "You make a good product; it does what we need. The dressed chicken color is what the customer wants. But, there is a problem with your product, it's too nutritious!" The buyer continued, "We must carefully balance all the nutritional factors in the feed we give our chickens to satisfy customer expectations and maximize our profit margin. Your alfalfa-derived product is so rich in protein that adding it the poultry feed mix forces us to adjust the total blend. Our total feed costs actually go up when we use your product."

The poultry producers had done their homework and insisted on a lower price for our Xanthophyll product. We had been focused more on the technology of producing the product and less on the marketplace. We looked carefully at how we could cut costs and lower our price.

A surprise came a when we learned that Mexican marigold growers could produce Xanthophyll without all the protein and could do so at a much lower cost. Their costs were a fraction of Desert Seed's costs and the market for our Xanthophyll suddenly disappeared! And so did the poultry producers.

The market place doomed a technically sound, efficiently run and well-managed plant. It couldn't make a profit! We closed the operation, paid the farmers to cancel our supply contracts, shut down and dismantled the plant, and sold it for salvage prices. Our workers took local jobs or transferred to other company locations.

Jesus said, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, this fellow began to build and was not able to finish."

—Luke 14:28-30

God bless us all. —Les

Get CONNECTED



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... but not without YOUR help!

Please join us on Saturday, Nov. 26 at 8:00am

to decorate our beautiful church for the Advent season.

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

Donuts will be served and childcare is available for those with young children (email sam@stlukeshr.com 48hrs. before event for reservation.) *We hope you will join us!*

Smell That?

We're all sensitive to smells

"Hmmm you baked, there's cinnamon in the air."

"Eeww, your turn, the baby needs changing."

Smells are a part of every day. Some are life altering like smelling smoke and detecting a potentially damaging fire. Other smells/scents can be life altering in how they affect a person's immune system, e.g. asthma, headaches, coughing, congestion, rash, hives, and intestinal upset.

None of those sensitive to the scents have chosen this. It's a medical condition that has been with us since childhood or one that has developed with age.

As we seek to continue to find ways to be a welcoming and affirming community it would be a gracious gift to be alert to this issue. We have a chance to keep our common space as free from scents as possible—to limit the scent we use, perfume, cologne, after shave—the list is long.

Thinking about our environment would be a practice in making hard choices. Scent is personal and it is a hard choice to forgo its use. Love is really not a sentiment—it's an activity.

Those of us that have a cranky immune system sometimes lovingly and with grace need to leave a space, just as those that love scent might lovingly put on their favorite scent with a light touch.

We all get to choose the scent of love.

Children's Ministry News

Praise, Play & Prayers with St. Luke's Kids

Holiday Shop



The Annual Children's Holiday Shop is Friday & Saturday
Dec. 9 & 10 from 9:00am-1:00pm.

This is an opportunity for children up to age 12 to independently shop for

inexpensive gifts for their family and friends. Prices for the gifts range from \$1-\$10 and proceeds from the shop support volunteer lunches for Vacation Bible School.

Donations needed: Gift Bags & Gift Tags. Please drop your donations in the box marked "Holiday Shop" in the Narthex.

Volunteers needed: If you are interested in volunteering or have questions contact abbeyharrison@yahoo.com.

CHILDREN'S CALENDAR:

(check our website for full calendar)

November 4 (FRI) - **PLAYGROUP** 9:00am - All are welcome!

November 5 (SAT) - **Parent's Time Away** 9:00am-noon Contact Ms. Sam to RSVP and for more info

November 6 (SUN) - 9:30am JOY TEK (preschool) Sunday School begins 3-week rotation "**Widow's Offering**"

November 6 (SUN) - **SLY, Jr. GAME NIGHT & Service Project** 5:30-7:30pm - ALL 5th & 6th graders are welcome! \$5 for dinner & activities. See SLY, Jr. calendar online.

November 11 (FRI) - **PNO Parent's Night Out** 5:45pm Contact Ms. Sam for more info

November 13 (SUN) - 9:30am PEAK (K-4th grade) Sunday School begins 5-week rotation "**Good News!**" Children participate in workshops to learn the Bible lessons and Christmas carols.

November 18 (FRI) - **PLAYGROUP** 9:00am

November 18 (SUN) - 6:45pm **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT "Finding Dory"**
Bring your blankets and pillows, wear your pj's - we'll supply the popcorn.

November 20 (SUN) - noon-4:00pm **SLY, Jr. - DenUM Food for All** - 5th & 6th grade service event. Meet at the church and we will go to DenUM together - Please RSVP to Sharon by Nov. 19.

November 27 (SUN) - 9:30am JOY TEK (preschool) Sunday School begins 3-week rotation "**Advent**"

November 27 (SUN) - 5:30pm **Tree Lighting Service with Children's Christmas Pageant** - Join us for this fun family tradition to welcome Advent. Come early at 5:00pm to get a costume on (all children age 2-6th grade) and participate in the impromptu pageant. Sing carols and watch as we light up our Christmas Tree.

November 30 (WED) - 6:00pm **Family Advent Devotionals**

December 3 (SAT) - 6:00pm **Puppet Show** "One Life to Give: Live in Ten Minutes" by our very own Puppet Ministry

December 4 (SUN) - 5:30pm **SLY, Jr. Christmas Party**

December 7 (WED) - 6:00pm **Family Advent Devotionals**

December 9 & 10 (FRI. & SAT.) - **Children's Holiday Shop** 9:00am-1:00pm



Sharon Oliver
Director of
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Director of Early
Childhood Ministry



Stephanie Kirk
Children's & Families
Ministries Coordinator

St. Luke's Kids
Growing with God

Tree Lighting Service with Children's Christmas Pageant Sunday Nov. 27 at 5:30pm

(come at 5:00pm 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.

Also, if your child would like to be part of the prelude "recital" and play a holiday song that they have prepared on their own, just email sharon@stlukeshr.com.

Bring new adult-sized socks to donate!

Family Advent Devotionals

Join us **Wednesdays**

Nov. 30-Dec. 21 at 6:00pm
for family time mid-week to help celebrate the meaning of Christmas.

SLY, Jr. Christmas Party

**Sunday Dec. 4
from 5:30-7:30pm**

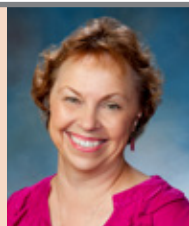
For all 5th & 6th graders. Bring a white elephant gift to exchange and a favorite holiday food dish to share for dinner.

Don't forget to bring in your food donations for our Thanksgiving Boxes (see complete list on Page 10) **THANKS!!!**

SAVE THE DATE: Family Camp Friday July 21 to Friday July 28, 2017



St. Luke's Family Camp, an event your whole family will be thankful for attending. Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby, CO
Sign-ups start January 1, 2017, more information to come soon.



Kay Swanson
Director of
Little School



Little School News:

November Grateful Greetings

The temperatures are falling and the days are getting shorter, but we still have plenty of time to play outside in the leaves and sunshine. November is a great month to start thinking about others, so we will be participating in the Thanksgiving Food Boxes with the Children & Youth of St. Luke's. We have a contest between our classes to see who can bring the most food! It is always fun to see if the corn room can beat the green bean room! This goes right along with our chapel time this month. We will be talking about the Children's 2nd Commandment: "Be Kind and Thoughtful in All You Say and Do." We will be helping or children



to understand that some people have far less than we do and we can be helpful in a very significant way even though we are small people **WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

Little School Celebrates Thanksgiving with our annual Feasts on Nov. 16 and 17. We dress up and have a full feast of Turkey,

mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pie! We learn about our ancestors, where our families came from and how America came to be. We will explore our Native American friends and their important culture. After our big feasting days Little School takes their fall break Nov. 21



through Nov. 25 to allow our families and teachers time to celebrate! When we come back we will have a visit from our Fire Truck and learn about fire safety. Soon after that we will be jumping right into December with the anticipation of St. Nicholas Day.

Remember us in your prayers and keep in mind we LOVE visitors!

Blessings, Ms. Kay

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



St. Luke's Little School -
Best Preschool in Douglas County
2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016!



A 55+ MINISTRY

Seasoned Voyagers Christkindl Market

Join us as we experience the tastes and crafts of Germany located downtown Denver.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 29
9:15am-1:00pm

COST: \$5

MISSION: Bake Sale on Dec. 4 to benefit Sedalia Elementary

CONTACT: Rich Krening, rkrening@msn.com

Who are the Seasoned Voyagers?: A 55+ Ministry based on St Luke's Mission and Core Values of being Invitational and Relational within the broader community of Highlands Ranch and the surrounding communities. The Seasoned Voyager Program is a Missional and Spiritual undertaking in reaching out to others. We provide intentionally structured programs and activities to enhance the lifestyles and interconnectiveness of our Seasoned Voyagers.

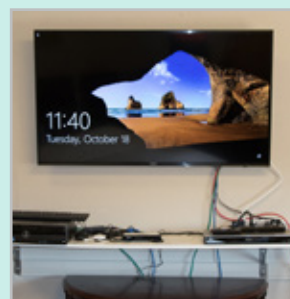
Join our email list at www.stlukeshr.com (under resources)

Blood Drive Nov. 27



BONFILS BLOOD CENTER

What a wonderful way to give back! The Bonfils Fall Blood Drive is November 27, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, 8:30am-12:30pm in the St Luke's parking lot. Sign up on Sundays the 13th and 20th or call MaryAnne Eagelston at 720 891-2248 or email eagelstonma@gmail.com.



Trustees Corner: VIDEO!

Thanks to a generous donation by Scott Wesson and his family, our Conference Room

and classrooms are now outfitted with modern video equipment. Each room has a large 4K flat screen LCD monitor. A disk player is provided to play DVD or Blu Ray disks. A Windows PC is included to run Powerpoint or other presentations, and to connect to the internet (eg, play YouTube videos). Other devices, such as Windows or Apple laptops, can also be connected to the monitor. Finally, a Chromecast device is provided.

The video setups are included in Rooms 117/118, 206, 210, 212, and 213. One additional setup is mounted on a TV cart for use in other rooms; it's usually located in Room 117/118. Instructions for use are included in each room.

St. Luke's United Methodist Women is on Facebook!

Like our Facebook page to keep up-to-date on events: www.facebook.com/stlukeshrumw

"St. Luke's United Methodist Women - Highlands Ranch, CO"



UMW Candlelight Dinner - Dec. 6



The United Methodist Women's Candlelight Dinner is just a few weeks away. Tuesday Dec. 6 at 6:00pm. We invite all ladies to begin their advent season with us... In the Candlelight Ambiance and Soft Lights of a Christmas "Winter Wonderland"... Enjoying a Delicious Dinner... Catered by our Fantastic Fellowship Events Team... and Elegantly served by our wonderful men of St. Luke's... Enjoy "Ringing in the Season" with wonderful music provided by our own St. Luke's Tinnabulators.

Please join us and enjoy a beautiful beginning to the Advent Season. Tickets go on sale Nov. 13 in the Narthex for \$15 each.

Our Mission recipient will be The Crisis Center (Formerly Women's & Family Outreach Center): To support our mission, please bring any of the following items to the Candlelight dinner: Cleaning supplies (household cleaners, Clorox wipes, etc); Bathroom and general hygiene products (shampoo, soap, shaving supplies, etc); Paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, Facial tissue), Feminine hygiene products (sanitary napkins, tampons); and Kid-friendly non-perishable snacks (i.e. granola bars, fruit snacks). The Crisis Center exists to end domestic violence through advocacy, education, and prevention; while helping communities live free of violence.

- **Advocacy:** The Crisis Center tirelessly advocates for our clients and community as it relates to ending violence.
- **Empowerment:** The Crisis Center seeks every opportunity to ensure our clients have the inner strength to be sustainable.
- **Prevention/Intervention:** The Crisis Center seeks to establish and provide useful resources to mitigate all of the circumstances that lead to violent outcomes.
- **Service/Education:** The Crisis Center offers a wide variety of programs, events and ways to learn how to end the cycle of violence.

All services are provided on a non-discriminatory basis regardless of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation. We serve persons from all ethnic, cultural and economic groups, of all ages and lifestyles.

Interest Groups of United Methodist Women at St. Luke's:

Itch to Stitch ~ Mission - Crochet, Knit, Sew, donating projects to charities. NEW TIMES! Meets 2nd and 4th Saturday from 10:00am-12:00pm in church basement. All skill levels welcome!

Contact: Fran West - 303-797-7107. Check out Our Facebook page!!! - "St. Luke's UMC Itch to Stitch Guild"

Common Thread ~ Friendship, Fellowship, Caring, Sharing. (not a craft circle, but older ladies meeting for fellowship). First Thursday of each month, 10:00am. Meets at the church. Contact: Caroline Butler (carolinebutler@q.com) or Betty Smith (303) 797-3225)

Book Group ~ Fiction / Non-fiction / Informative / Fun.

Fourth Monday, Room 206, 7:00pm (potluck 6:15pm) Contact: Renae Parra (renaeparra@aol.com) At the November meeting, we will be choosing our reading list for 2017.

- Nov. 28 - "Have a Little Faith" by Mitch Albom
- Dec. 26 - no meeting - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Let us be a part of your Spiritual Journey. We will Support you in Friendship and Fellowship ~ Keep you in Prayer ~ Listen to your Thoughts ~ Enhance your Handiwork Skills ~ Satisfy Your Mission Needs ~ And... Supply YOU with Renewal.

Shhhhhh!

This is a surprise!

Special Mission Recognition Award

Each year St. Luke's UMW recognizes one person who has truly embraced the mission and purpose of UMW and has answered the call to serve. This special person will be recognized at our UMW Candlelight Dinner. A financial contribution to the UMW Mission Fund will be given in her honor. To find out who this special person is, attend our Candlelight Dinner on Dec. 6!

UMW 2017 Leadership Team:

We would love to have you join our team assisting 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; and the list goes on. Our hearts are always touched by listening to the Mission Speakers, and the wonderful work they accomplish. And over the years we have supported over 25 different missions. Join our team in this wonderful adventure.

If you are interested in joining the UMW Leadership team, please contact Sharon Smith at umwinfo@stlukeshr.com

"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."

UMW Monthly Mission:

The emphasis of the United Methodist Women is "turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth". All are welcome to join St. Luke's UMW in working at our monthly missions.

For October, our mission was helping out at the Feeding of the 5000 and 5K run. Several members of UMW as well as their spouses, helped collect and sort food, and volunteered to assist with the 5K run event.

For November, The UMW are looking forward to sponsoring a family from the annual Integrated Family Services Giving Tree. Details will be announced through the Book Club, Itch to Stitch, and Common Thread. Our Giving Tree recipient is a Grandmother, raising her 12 year old Granddaughter. Please contact Sharon Smith at umwinfo@stlukeshr.com by November 10 if you would like to be a part of this meaningful effort.

For December, UMW will be assisting the St. Luke's Children's Holiday Shop, by helping the children of St. Luke's with shopping for their family members or wrapping their gifts.

For further information about UMW:

Email us at umwinfo@stlukeshr.com.

Look for our brochure at the church entrance - Or find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stlukeshrumw>

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

www.stlukesce.org



Morning Yoga Come try something new this Fall! Morning Yoga with Gargi continues on Thursday mornings (9:00-10:15am) in the Youth Room on Nov. 10, 17, Dec. 1 & 8 and resuming again on Jan. 12, 2017. Gargi invites us to turn off

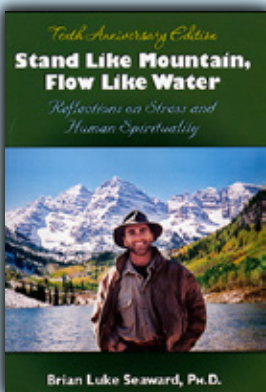
our mind chatter, and tune into our bodies. All abilities are welcome. Drop in once, and you'll want to come as often as your busy schedule allows. Bring a yoga mat. Suggested donation \$12/class. (renaeparra@aol.com).

Speaker Series:

Sanctuary! On Tuesday evening, October 18, Terry Hershey created "Sanctuary" for our St. Luke's community. Through stories, humor and practical guidelines, Terry gave us permission to pause,



reflect and discover what is most important. He invited us to become aware of the "thresholds" in our lives – the places and moments that nourish, replenish and bring us grace. The evening was so much more than just another speaking event, but was a unique experience for all of us to slow down, become aware of and celebrate the moment.



SAVE THE DATE!

Speaker Series Feb 21, 2017 An Evening with Brian Luke Seaward

author of "Stand Like Mountain, Flow Like Water"

Classes & Experiences:

Rooted: A Women's Weekend Seventeen women honored and celebrated our lives at the Rooted Women's Experience, October



21-23. This event was the first partnership between the Center for Spiritual Engagement and Project I Am For You (PIAFY). We traveled to Keystone on a beautiful fall day, foreshadowing a lovely weekend for this adventure. Tami Canaday of PIAFY created a safe and gracious space for us to connect with one another as we explored past challenges, the strengths we own, and how those strengths have enabled/can enable experiences for courageous living. Simple, healthy food, comfortable accommodations, stunning Colorado blue skies, and a surprise visit by a rather large female moose blessed our Women's Experience.

Outdoor Adventures:

In October we hiked the Raccoon Trail at Golden Gate Canyon State Park. Golden



aspens at their sparkling peak inspired us as we drove to the trailhead at Panorama Point, where we enjoyed magnificent views of the Continental Divide. Following our invigorating 2.3 mile hike, we connected with one another over delicious shared snacks.

Geology Hike – Saturday, November 12. Annajulie (AJ) Preble and her friend Estee Medberry will lead us on a journey of discovery as we explore Colorado's geological transformations. Our destination is North Table Mountain near Golden. Meet at St. Luke's at 8:00am to carpool. This is our last Outdoor Adventure of 2016; we'll celebrate with a tailgate potluck. More adventures to come in 2017!

Opportunities in early 2017:

(check our website regularly for updates and more info):

- **Book Conversation: Stand Like Mountain, Flow Like Water** by Brian Luke Seaward Beginning January 22 at 11:00am
- **Level I Lyfe Coaching** with Gargi Agarwala Thursday mornings 10:30am-noon; 6-week course starting in January. Lyfe Coaching Level I is a powerful experience that supports participants to access their inner wisdom, honor their passions and individual giftedness and clear the path to claiming an authentic, purposeful and joy-filled life.
- **Enneagram Class** with Rev. Shawn Kellogg Saturday, Jan. 28 9:00am-1:00pm
- **Healthy Relationships Class** with Carl Cleveland 6 weeks in early 2017 (evening class). Improve your relationships learning about relationship systems and having a chance to address your specific situations.
- **Exploring Your Spirituality Class** with Bryan Hutchinson Date/times TBD
- **Soul of a Pilgrim Class** 8-week evening class that leads you to follow intentional steps to make a transformative journey within.



Upcoming Events!

- ✦ **Nov. 2 - 5:30-6:30pm**
Homework Hour
6:30-8:00pm Wed SLY - Giant Jenga
- ✦ **Nov. 4-6: Ignite Sr. High District Retreat**
- ✦ **Nov. 6 - 9:30-10:30am**
SLY AM - Ms. Karin
5:30-6:00pm SLY Dinner \$2
6:00-7:30pm SLY PM - Board Game Night
- ✦ **Nov. 9 - 5:30-6:30pm**
Homework Hour
6:30-8:00pm Wed SLY - Homemade Pretzels
- ✦ **Nov. 13 - 9:30-10:30am** SLY AM
- Mr. Paul
5:30-6:00pm SLY Dinner \$2
6:00-8:00pm SLY PM - Jump Street
- ✦ **Nov. 16 - 5:30-6:30pm**
Homework Hour
6:30-8:00pm Wed SLY - Fort Night!
(Bring your Nerf Guns!!)
- ✦ **Nov. 20 - 9:30-10:30am**
SLY AM - Miss Amy
12:00-4:00pm DenUM Thanksgiving Boxes downtown
- ✦ **Nov. 23 - No Wed SLY**
Happy Thanksgiving!!
- ✦ **Nov. 27 - 9:30-10:30am**
SLY AM - Jeremy
5:30-7:30pm SLY PM - Tree Lighting
- ✦ **Nov. 30 - 5:30-6:30pm**
Homework Hour
6:30-8:00pm Wed SLY - Dinner at Qdoba (Bring \$\$)
- ✦ **Dec. 4 - 9:30-10:30am**
SLY AM - Mrs. Karin
5:30-6:00pm SLY Dinner \$2
6:00-7:30pm SLY PM - SLY White Elephant Gift Exchange!
- ✦ **Sign up to receive our emails and Check stlukeshr.com and click on "Youth" or "SLY" for up-to-date info on programs, activities, opportunities and more!**



ON THE SLY: Being Blessed, Being a Blessing

The costumes have been put away and the sea of orange pumpkins in the parking lot has gone.

This October was, once again, a reminder of how good God is. The pumpkin patch went quite well thanks to the the generous donations of time and money from the congregation and greater community. Our summer mission trips will be more accessible to more students because of the success of The Patch.

Along with The Patch, October also had us prepping for our annual Halloween Party at Warren Village. It is an honor every year to be able to throw a party for the homeless families of Warren Village, and this year was no exception! There were costumes, games, pumpkin decorating, pizza, and of course lots of candy. Getting to see the face on the children when they are told they get to keep their costume however blows all that out of the water!

Just because it's November now doesn't mean that our community outreach is slowing down, in fact we have one of our biggest projects of the year coming up! Every year thousands of families need help in making a Thanksgiving meal a reality, and it's one of the few days a year the soup kitchens are closed. The youth, partnering with the children and Little School, pledged to put together Thanksgiving boxes for 100 families this year! See list on the right.

We at SLY don't forget to take care of our own during the holiday season. We know that our friends in college tend to go through a lot of stress and pressure this time of year with the combination of finals and being away from home. This is the time when a reminder of home and a note of encouragement (and some treats) is greatly needed. At the end of November we will be putting together care packages for all our college friends to let them know we are thinking of them!

We are so grateful that we in SLY have the opportunity to be a blessing to others out in the community. Contact Dave, Amy, or Jeremy for info on how you can help us help others.

Yours in Christ, Dave, Amy & Jeremy



Dave Laurvick
Director of
Youth Ministry



Amy McMullen
Assistant Dir. of
Youth Ministry



Jeremy Brown
Assistant Dir. of
Youth Ministry



DenUM Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes

Our Youth and Children's Ministries have committed to provide 100 Thanksgiving Dinner boxes for Denver Urban Matters (DenUM)

to be given to those that will be without this year. You can help us out by donating any of the following items by November 20:

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



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



Our Young Adult group has been quite active these past few months!

Besides our typical Tuesday Night Trivia, we have participated in many community service projects and kicked off our new Bible Study Series. Our next Bible Study gathering (hosted at Amy's house) will be on November 7th at 5:30pm! We are also going to

help with The Parade of Lights downtown again this year! Contact Amy or Jeremy for more info on any of our events we have going on, we'd love to see you there!!

Get to Know Melanie



Melanie Kirkpatrick

Melanie, producer of our Wesley Players productions, has been a member of St. Luke's since 2009, and a member of the Drama Team since 2013. She has been involved in theatre the majority of her adult life as a teacher, director, performer

and producer. When not working at St. Luke's, she works with Quantum Corporation and also runs a school uniform business called Uniform Consignment. Melanie and her husband Peter have been in Colorado in 2007, moving here from the San Francisco Bay Area. They have two children, Kate (9) and Ashton (7) and enjoy spending time exploring the state when the opportunity allows.



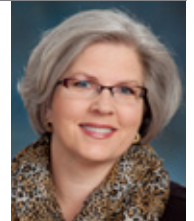
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Organist



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Dir. of Handbells
& Children's Music
Ministry



Kristi Pawley
Music & Arts
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Accounting Clerk

Mark Your Calendars!

The Wesley Players:

Oklahoma! Auditions



November 12 & 13, 2016 (Performances March 10-12, 2017) The award-winning musical tells the story of cowboy, Curly McLain, and his romance with farm girl, Laurey Williams. If you have questions, please contact Melanie Kirkpatrick at melanie.kirkpatrick@gmail.com.

Get to Know Angela



Angela Alderson

Angela Alderson co-directs Kids Prayz and Tone Chimes and enjoys sharing her passion for music with the kids and youth at St. Luke's. She also gets the pleasure of working with PAA during the summer.

During the work week, Angela teaches general music to almost 600 students at Peakview Elementary in the Cherry Creek School District, and is proud to be in her 20th year of teaching. She also leads and directs a 4th and 5th grade choir of about 100 students. Last year, she achieved a goal of having her school choir perform the National Anthem at every major sports venue in Denver. She actively participates in the district elementary music team and serves in many leadership positions within the school. She feels blessed to be able to do what she loves to do as her job every day.

Angela is proud to basically be a Colorado Native (since her parents moved here when she was 9 months old), and happy to be raising her kids here. She attended Littleton Public Schools and graduated from Arapahoe High School. She went to Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa and graduated with a Bachelor of Music Education. She later received her Masters in Elementary Education from Grand Canyon University. She met Adam in college and they are about to celebrate 21 years of marriage. They have 3 children: Thaddeus (almost 16), Quinten (14), and Cassandra (almost 8). The boys enjoy lacrosse, Cassandra enjoys gymnastics, and all the kids enjoy music. The Alderson family enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, and making music together. Angela is a proud sports fan, especially football, and has a passion for the Broncos. This summer, she decided to train for her first half marathon and will be completing that goal in the middle of October. She is proud to be showing family and friends that anything is possible!



Sheri Henry
Director of Finance

Giving at St. Luke's:

You can now make donations using an app on your phone (iPhone or Android). Install the [easyTithe app](#), then search for St. Lukes (no apostrophe) and register. Contact Sheri@stlukeshr.com for more info.



PAA Gala Saturday, Nov. 19

The annual PAA gala will be held at The Wildlife Experience at 5:30pm. Don't miss this amazing, one-of-kind event that helps support the great work that PAA is doing in our community. For tickets and information, please visit stlukespaa.org or contact Dr. Jim at drjim@stlukespaa.org.

Meet the Music Ministry

Welcome back to our series *Meet the Music Ministry!*

SISTERS OF SOUL

SoS, as they are called, is a small group of ladies who enjoy singing selections arranged for women's voices (two, three and even the occasional four-part). While they love singing a wide range of repertoire, upbeat renditions of Gospel tunes seem to be their favorite. They work hard in preparing their selections and they enjoy the community of this Music Ministry.

The group rehearses on scheduled Thursday evenings following Chancel Choir (about 8:15pm) and sings several times a season at the 11:00am service. They also extend their ministry outreach by singing at local Nursing and Assisted Care facilities. For further information, please contact Ken Mervine at kenm@stlukeshr.com



Christmas Cantata - Dec. 11

Cantata comes from the Italian word cantare, which means "to sing." In its early form, cantatas referred to a music piece that is meant to be sung. The cantata has evolved through the years. Loosely defined today, a cantata is a vocal work with multiple movements and instrumental accompaniment.

Join us on Sunday, Dec. 11 at the 9:30am or 11:00am service for our Christmas Cantata. Enjoy this early Christmas gift!



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where we share life. Wherever you are in your faith journey,
you are accepted and encouraged to grow spiritually.*

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

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Brenda Schafer
Office Administrator

***Don't you be afraid,
for I am with you.
Don't be dismayed,
for I am your God.
I will strengthen
you....*** –Isaiah 41:10

SYMPATHIES TO:

*Roger & Vicki Lauer on the passing of Roger's father, Ed Lauer
Brian & Janice Ernster on the passing of Janice's mother, Sandy Lowe
Bob & Betty Halderman & Kim Joseph of the passing of Betty's
aunt & Kim's great-aunt, Johanna Singer
Greg & Nancy Boyer on the passing of Nancy's father,
Dr. Bryce Hughett
Jeff & Keri Madsen on the passing of Keri's mother, Betty Jean Wells
Karen & Kyle Bobkowski on the passing of their father, Ted Bobkowski
Dan & Kathy Swier on the passing of their neighbor, Jeff Zalesak
Phil & Amy Cavanaugh on the passing of Phil's father,
Bill Cavanaugh*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Contact Rev. Sallie Suby-Long or Brenda Schafer if you have any additions/removals
303-791-0659 x132, leave a note at the front desk, or email sallie@stlukeshr.com or
brenda@stlukeshr.com

LATEST ENTRIES TO PRAYER LIST:

<i>Natalie Murrow</i>	<i>Fran West</i>	<i>Sherrie Miller</i>
<i>Debi Sheppard</i>	<i>Fred Strawn</i>	<i>Myles Hoenisch</i>
<i>Kay Swanson</i>	<i>Robert Oliver – Bob</i>	<i>Trudy Turner</i>
<i>Stuart Beecher</i>	<i>Oliver's father</i>	<i>Diana Davidson – Marty</i>
<i>Peter Waldheim</i>	<i>John Brendlinger</i>	<i>Davidson's mother</i>
<i>Ray Sutcliff – Leigh</i>	<i>Austin Raap</i>	<i>Glenn Turner</i>
<i>Ramsey's father</i>	<i>Ann Lamoreaux</i>	<i>Duane Schafer – Brenda</i>
<i>Karen Rufien –</i>	<i>Michelle Bergman</i>	<i>Schafer's father</i>
<i>Charlie Rufien's</i>	<i>Linda Ready</i>	<i>Chris Harrison</i>
<i>daughter</i>	<i>Chris LaMee</i>	

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

*Josh & Hilary Clement on the birth
of their daughter, Paxton and
to grandparents John & Tami
Clement too!
Randy & Sandy Larson on the birth
of their granddaughter,
Brooke Anne Larson
Daniel & Claudia Lueth on the birth
of their son, William Alexander,
and to big sister Olivia too!
Tim & Kam Boles on the birth of their
granddaughter, Brynn Jacqueline Link*

Planning for Cold 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) 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.

