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and much more!



Feeding of the 5000!

Join us **Sept. 30, Oct 1 & 2** to collect food that will benefit the DenUM food bank and local families in need. This is a great event for the entire family. The success of this event begins at the stores with our food collectors. Please consider signing up at a local grocery store. We also have shifts available for food sorting at St. Luke's and food collection drivers.

In addition to the food drive, this year we are excited for our inaugural Feeding of the 5k Run/Walk. This event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 9:00am. A race t-shirt and pancake breakfast is included with your race registration. Don't miss out on this fun, family friendly event.

Sign-ups are available online for Feeding of the 5000 at feedingofthe5000.us

Register for the Feeding of the 5K Walk/Run at feedingofthe5k.com



Work & Prayer in Rapid City

by Emily Maddox

The 2016 Jr. High Mission Trip was to Rapid City, South Dakota. There were about 60 of us on the trip. Another group even joined us from North Glenn. Everyone was split into work groups and prayer groups. As work groups there were many jobs such as working in a food pantry, a mission center, running food drives, working at a thrift store and a daycare. The job list is endless and it taught me many skills that I will use for the rest of my life such as how to talk with people. For my work group, we ran a food drive for two days, worked at the daycare, worked at the thrift store, worked at the Cornerstone mission building, worked in the food pantry, and worked with the mentally disabled at a workshop. At the food drives, we made signs and handed out a list of food for people to buy. It was a lot like the Feeding of the 5,000. At the daycare, we organized a shed full of toys, games, books, etc. When my group worked at the thrift store, there was another group there, so we split up and half of us put cloths on hangers and half of us worked with testing electronics. It was a lot of fun. When my work group

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Are you interested in joining the St. Luke's March 2017 Guatemala mission trip?

We will be having our first planning meeting on **Sunday, Oct. 16 at 12:15pm in Rm 213**. Applications are available at www.puravida.org/upcoming-trips. The construction focus of the trip this year will be on homes and/or school buildings in the Lemoa area. We also plan a variety of additional activities such as visiting Sister Connie and Sister Helen and other projects. Trip dates will be March 18-26, 2017. This trip is open to anyone (ages 15 and up) who might want to join us. Any questions, please contact Laura Richards at laura@puravida.org



Join us for "Galatians: One Love" Fall Worship Series (Sept. 11-Oct. 16)

Family Camp 2016: Olympics!

For a week in late July, families gathered in Granby, Colorado for St. Luke's 17th annual Family Camp. This year we celebrated the Olympics,



and campers had the opportunity to compete in fun events such as the cornhole toss, glow-in-the-dark lawn darts, miniature golf, and the very popular donut eating contest. Old traditions continued as well, including kickball, the tubing hill, and the low ropes course where everyone works together to complete the challenges. Campers created their own tie dye designs, and at night enjoyed fellowship and s'mores around the campfire.

Family Camp took place at Snow Mountain Ranch, and each family spent the day enjoying the outdoors and all that the beautiful Colorado mountains have to offer. The day spent at Winter Park is always a favorite place for families, whether ripping down the Alpine Slide, or enjoying a cup of coffee with a friend. The day at Lake Granby invited everyone to sit, relax, enjoy the water and each other's company.

Along with all the fun and games, fellowship is always a highlight of family camp. During our community breakfasts, campers made plans for their day, coming back together to share their stories while eating delicious dinners. The adults formed new bonds (and strengthened old ones), while their children's friendships blossomed over bike riding, games, and just playing in the dirt around the campsites.

Everyone returned home refreshed, renewed, and ready for next year's Family Camp adventure. We hope your family will join us in July 2017 for another great week!

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

Learn, Grow, and Serve by Becoming a Stephen Minister

Would you like to become part of a ministry that gives people care and support while making a difference in your own life? If your answer is yes, I hope you will consider becoming a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministry is all about help, hope and healing.

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who provide one-to-one caring ministry to people experiencing grief, divorce, illness, job loss, transitions, and many other challenging life circumstances. Through in-depth training, Stephen Ministers are prepared to provide a very high level of care. Our Stephen Ministers say the training helps them to work with the person who is placed in their care and that it also enhances relationships in other areas of their lives.

As a Stephen Minister, you'll be matched with someone in need of care. You'll meet with the person about once a week to listen, care, pray, encourage and offer support. Stephen Ministry can be life-changing for both the person receiving care and for the Stephen Minister. We are fortunate to have a excellent group of Stephen Ministers who are presently engaged in this ministry. I love working with this dynamic and compassionate team!

This year, we are celebrating 10 years of Stephen Ministry at St. Luke's. We invite you to consider whether you would like to serve others in this way. To learn more about the process for becoming a Stephen Minister, contact me or any of our Stephen Ministry Leaders. Applications are available at the Get Connected Center. (Sallie@stlukeshr.com, 303-791-0659).

Warmly, *Rev. Sallie*

Stephen Leaders: Bob West, Laura McCarthy, Melinda Davidson, Nancy Abbott

Get to Know Sallie

Rev. Dr. Sallie Suby-Long, Ph.D.

Sallie Suby-Long serves as Lead Minister of Spiritual Life at St. Luke's. Sallie leads ministries of congregational care offering counseling, coaching and spiritual mentoring. She also serves as the Founding Director of The Center for Spiritual Engagement – an innovative ministry created to promote healing and wellness through outdoor adventures, classes, travel, and experiences that inspire connection and transformation for people of all ages. In addition, Sallie serves as dissertation faculty at Creighton University teaching doctoral students in the Interdisciplinary Leadership Program.

Sallie brings over 25 years of professional leadership experience to St. Luke's. Before hearing a call to expanded ministry, Sallie served as Senior Associate with Trustee Leadership Development and Ki ThoughtBridge. She worked with clients nationally creating and implementing customized leadership development experiences for leaders in nonprofit agencies, educational institutions, faith communities and businesses. Most recently she was instrumental in the development of state-wide, cross-sector leadership initiatives in Wyoming and Montana.

Sallie has always been passionate about transformative education and has served in faculty and management positions at Willamette University, Washington State University, and Lewis and Clark College. She was President and Co-Owner of Leadership Innovations Group, Inc., a leadership education and consulting firm based in Denver, Colorado. In addition, she directed education initiatives for Girls Count, a Denver-based organization focused on enhancing girls' and women's educational and career achievement. Sallie earned a Master or Science degree in Human Development and a Master of Arts degree in Counseling, Care and Spiritual Formation. In 2012, Sallie was thrilled to fulfill her long-time dream of earning her Ph.D.

She loves the people of St. Luke's and their innovative, generous, and creative energy along with their passion for music and mission. Sallie started singing when she was just 5 years old and believes music opens a sacred

place within where we are transformed. Sallie and her husband Tom (who celebrated their 30th anniversary in May!) have lived in Washington, Oregon, and Colorado – perfect for people who love biking, skiing, hiking, and exploring beautiful places. Tom is a Physician and Assistant Professor of Cardiothoracic Radiology at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Sallie and Tom's greatest love is being parents to three remarkable daughters; Rebecca, a student at CU-Boulder, Sarah, a young professional in downtown Denver, and Rachel and son-in-law Jake, teachers and directors of a bi-lingual Christian school in Honduras.

**Education**

Ph.D. Education, Emphasis - Leadership
& Psychology, Capella University
M.S. Higher Education & Human
Development, Iowa State
University
M.A. Pastoral & Spiritual Care, Iiff
School of Theology
B.S. Education, Iowa State University



Rev. Ryan Canaday
Lead Minister of
Worship &
Missional Life

One Love. One Gift.

I am grateful for your commitment and love for this St. Luke's community. We are ready to begin our Fall Worship Series, "Galatians: One Love", where we'll be figuring out together what it means to get rid of the barriers that separate us, the barriers that create division, the barriers that keep us from experiencing oneness with God, with each other, and with the community. We are knocking down barriers all over the place—in our own lives, in the community, in the world. How awesome it is to be part of this community!

So, let's cut to the chase. This is a note about giving. Why give financially? Well, I think there are lots of reasons. Here's just three of them to get us started. First, your generous giving helps us carry out our mission and vision—growing together toward full humanity through living the teachings of Jesus: Love, Acceptance, Justice, and Hope. The mission trips, our ongoing service projects in the community, the groups that create space for dialogue around tough issues regarding justice and peace in our world, our thriving Children's, Youth, and Music ministries,

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Get to Know Ryan

Rev. Ryan Canaday

What I've done/am doing...

- Grew up in Mid-Missouri (Lake of the Ozarks) and graduated from Camdenton High School in 2000
- Graduated with a BA in Biblical Studies from Colorado Christian University in 2005
- Earned an M. Div with a concentration in Justice & Peace Studies in 2009 from the Iliff School of Theology, Denver
- Served as the Director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Denver, from 2007-2012
- Served as Associate Pastor at University Park UMC, Denver from 2011-2012
- Serves as Lead Pastor of Worship & Missional Life at St. Luke's UMC, Highlands Ranch from 2012-current
- Community Engagement Team Leader for Project Humanity (non-profit organization rooted in Africa)
- Faith Spokesperson for the Interfaith Alliance of Colorado

Who I am...

- Life Theme: To help others experience God and beauty in their mess and brokenness
- "Husband" to Tami since 2005
- "Poppy" to three kids: Selah Rayne (6), Shiloh Eve (3.5), Breck Brandon (6 months)
- Passionate about communicating the Christian story in honest and relatable ways
- Values deep, authentic conversations and relationships
- Passionate about recovery and the 12-steps and dedicated to those still suffering from addiction
- Relies on God's grace and knows the power of one day at a time
- Uses his experience, strength, and hope to inspire and give hope to others
- Finds great joy in seeing people come alive as they discover their True Self
- Finds just as much joy in going to a Rockies game, hanging out in tattoo parlors, building blanket forts and telling stories with his kids, and creating meaningful, transformational, spiritual group experiences with his wife, Tami



Rev. Jessica Rooks
Lead Minister of
Community Life

Welcome Bishop Karen

Join us in welcoming our new Bishop Karen Oliveto to the Rocky Mountain Conference. Bishop Oliveto was elected to the episcopacy by the Western Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church on July 15 and assigned to serve the Mountain Sky Area, effective Sept. 1. **The installation service for Bishop Karen Oliveto will take place at 3:00pm Sept. 24 at Arvada United Methodist Church**, 6750 Carr St., Arvada, CO 80004. It will be followed by a reception with the bishop and her family. All are invited to attend and take part in welcoming our new bishop to the Rocky Mountain Conference. If you can't attend the service personally, you can view it live online.

<http://livestream.com/mountainsky/RMCOlivetoInstallation>
The Episcopal Transition Team: Brad Laurvick, Kent Ingram, Melanie Rosa, Kunle Taiwo, Margaret Hotze, Eric Strader and Youngsook Kang

Grace and Blessings, *Rev. Jessica*

Get to Know Jessica

Rev. Jessica Rooks

Jessica Rooks serves as the Lead Minister of Community Life at St. Luke's UMC. Jessica shares preaching responsibilities with Rev. Ryan, coordinates baptisms and funeral/memorial services, and participates in worship planning. Her responsibilities include serving as staff liaison to the Board of Trustees, the Equipping Ministries Team, the Staff Parish Relations Team, the Common Table, the Communications Team and the Community Learning Groups. Jessica is also part of the Pastoral Care Team.

Jessica joins St. Luke's pastoral staff after fifteen years of local church ministry in the Rocky Mountain Conference. She began her ministry at Arvada UMC, where she served as the Associate Pastor for seven years. Following her time there, Jessica served as the Sole Pastor at Lamar UMC in southeast Colorado. She spent the last six years as the Sole/Senior Pastor at Cameron UMC in southeast Denver. Jessica also served St. Paul's UMC in Denver for one year, leading the congregation through the process of closing the church. In her fifteen years of ministry, she has served small, medium and large churches in rural, urban and suburban settings.

Jessica is active in the Rocky Mountain Conference and within the United Methodist denomination. Currently, she serves on the conference Board of Ordained Ministry, the Conflict Transformation Team, and the Design Team for the 'Clergy Young in Ministry Academy.' She was a delegate to the 2012 and 2016 Western Jurisdictional Conferences, a reserve delegate in 2016 and a delegate to the 2012 General Conferences. She also served on the Board of Directors for United Methodist Communications from 2012-2016. Jessica has led UMW retreats for the Metro District and taught at the UMW Mission u. Her work at the conference, jurisdiction and general church levels are based in her belief that the United Methodist denomination is most effective when all areas of the church work together in service to God and the community.

Jessica is a 'cradle Methodist' – she was baptized at Highlands UMC in Denver, and grew up at Westminister UMC. She is a Colorado native and received her B.A. in Economics from Western State College in Gunnison, and her M.Div. from Iliff School of Theology in Denver.

Jessica met her husband James in Youth Group at Westminister UMC, and have been married for fifteen years. James is the U4-U14 Club Director at Real Colorado EDGE Soccer Club in Arvada. James and Jessica have two daughters: Morgan (13) sings in the Colorado Children's Chorale and plays the flute; Kaylee (10) plays soccer and enjoys performing. The Rooks family is pleased to be joining the St. Luke's community, and looks forward to our time here.



Ongoing Communitas Groups

CHRISTIAN CONNECTION

Adult class studying books of topical interest, chosen by the class. Our fall studies include *What We Talk About When We Talk About God* by Rob Bell and *The Evolution of Faith: How God is Creating a Better Christianity* by Philip Gulley. All are welcome.

Time/Place: Sundays 9:30am Rm 213

Contact: Ron & Suzanne Humphreys
303-795-6486 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
marshall.kuhn@hotmail.com

GAP GROUP Discuss spiritual topics, chosen by the group. No preparation required. Drop in. All are welcome.

Time/Place: Wednesdays 6:30pm Rm 122

Contact: Bob Oliver boboliver@pcsys.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 SLY AM (7th-12th grade)

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

NEW Fall Communitas Groups

We experience God through the messy creation of authentic community. We start with life together, this leads us to encountering God and finding deeper meaning in the world. Bios of leaders pictured below available on our website. **SIGN UP ONLINE** stlukeshr.com under **Communitas Groups**



WHY? Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm Sept. 14 - 5 wks.

Most of us are pretty good at telling others what we do, but many of us haven't invested the time and energy into figuring out why we do what do. Have you taken on a new role or started a new business, project, faith journey, recovery journey, or some sort of other journey? Why are you doing this thing? Why are you passionate about it? Why have you given your life to it? Let's figure out our whys together, in community. This is part of the process of inspiring others to be their best self, their true self—the one God created them to be.

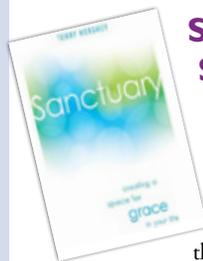
LEADS: Ryan & Tami Canaday 303-791-0659 x112 Ryan@stlukeshr.com



POVERTY Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm Sept. 14 - 10 wks.

When we think about poverty it is most often in very personal terms. We may see an image of a malnourished child, or a beggar in rags with a blank stare. It could be a gaunt migrant worker, or perhaps dead farm animals at a dried up reservoir. Such images are real. Some form of such depictions are part of the news on a regular basis; always focusing our attention on personal loss; because after all, that is what we each can relate to most easily. We can relate. But is that the true, full nature of poverty? Jesus said "...you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me." Who is he talking about? Who are these poor? Moses said to the Israelites I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor." What does that mean? In this discussion group we will explore the breadth and depth of poverty and the poor. We will look at the great diversity of thought and action today by exploring historical perspectives, looking at modern definitions and investigating the views of prominent religious and political leaders as well as economists and historians. What is poverty? That will be the challenge for this discussion group.

LEAD: Stephen Bennett stephenwbennett54@gmail.com



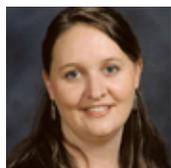
SANCTUARY: CREATING A SPACE FOR GRACE IN YOUR LIFE

Sundays 11:00am-noon Sept. 18 - 6 wks.

The challenges of daily life take a toll on our energy, time and effort. What we need is Sanctuary - a place and space that allows us to Reflect, Rejuvenate and Restore. This is not a program to add to your to-do list, but a way to approach life through a new lens of grace, freedom and contentedness. Based

on the book by Terry Hershey; the author is coming to St. Luke's on Oct. 18! (See www.stlukescse.org for details) Book \$13; due at first class.

LEADS: Renae Parra renaeparra@aol.com & Lynda Fickling Lynda@stlukeshr.com



SOCIAL PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Thursdays Noon-1:00pm Brown Bag Lunch Sept. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 20, 27 & Nov. 3

Did you know, the United Methodist Church has a statement of belief/ understanding on many of the social issues facing our world? "The United Methodist Church has a long history of concern for social justice. Its members have often taken forthright positions on controversial issues involving Christian principles. Early Methodists expressed their opposition to the slave trade, to smuggling, and to the cruel treatment of prisoners... The Social Principles, while not to be considered church law, are a prayerful and thoughtful effort on the part of the General Conference to speak to the human issues in the contemporary world from a sound biblical and theological foundation as historically demonstrated in the United Methodist traditions." These contemporary social issues include food safety, space, adoption, suicide, civil rights, alcohol and drugs, rural life, urban life, mental health, organ donation, the right to health care, poverty, gambling, the death penalty, and education, among numerous other topics. Rev. Jessica will lead a discussion on the UMC Social Principles as we ask ourselves where we stand on these issues and why the church deems them important. You can purchase a booklet for \$3.00 at the Get Connected Center.

LEAD: Rev. Jessica Rooks Jessica@stlukeshr.com



THE ARMOR OF GOD
BY PRISCILLA SHIRER

Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm
Sept. 29 - 8 wks.

A Bible study for women that will:

- Equip you to get serious, specific, and strategic in their discipline of prayer
- Turn challenges and discouragement into opportunities for prayer
- Grow spiritually as you dig deeper into Scripture and expand your understanding of prayer
- Develop and implement practical, purposeful prayer strategies
- \$13/Book

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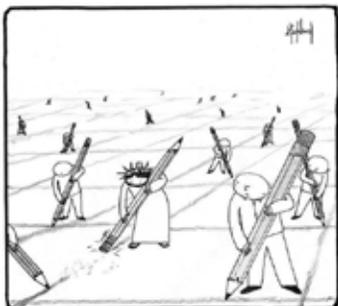


THE LINES THAT DIVIDE US

Sundays 9:30-10:30am
Oct. 23 & 30

I have some bad news and some good news. The bad news is that we have become very good at drawing lines that divide us by age, race, sexual orientation, religion, nationality and political perspective. We are very good at drawing the lines. That is the bad news. The good news is that God never learned to color within the lines. Loosely based on the book, *Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love* by retired United Methodist Bishop, William Willimon, our discussion will lead us to explore and struggle with how our faith calls us to view and relate to the “other” – those on the other side of the lines that society and we have drawn. Books available now for \$6.00 or on Amazon.com or Cokesbury.com

LEAD: Rev. Dr. Jim Ryan
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Lynda Fickling
Director of
Servant Ministry/
Spiritual Director

Get CONNECTED

The Gift of Serving

As we enter a new season of our community, the Equipping Ministry Team (EMT) invites you to look around, see where you would like to serve in and through St. Luke’s.

We are called to serve one another, it isn’t an option... it is a gift we are given. In Matthew West’s song “Do Something” (you can view on YouTube), he writes “God, why don’t You do something” and God replies “I did, I created you.”

To guide you in the direction that God may be calling you, please take our Spiritual Gifts assessment on our site at www.stlukeshr.com/spiritualgifts It will only take you a few minutes (don’t think too hard, go with your gut.)

Our Spiritual Gifts feed into our Passion. Passion, the thing that you can’t stop talking about, thinking about, always volunteer for – even when you think you don’t have the time. We all have a passion; we all have gifts that serve the purpose of being God’s hands and feet in the world. And the amazing thing about our gifts is that we often feel more blessed than those that we have served.

St. Luke’s has over 85 ways to serve in our community—inside the walls and even more outside the walls. After you take the assessment, look over the definition of your gifts and seek out the place God is calling you to join him. www.stlukeshr.com/p_ministries.asp has our listing of areas to serve for your convenience.

If you need any help, please contact Lynda Fickling Lynda@stlukeshr.com 303-791-0659 x120 (Director of Servant Ministry and Co-Lead of EMT) Sandy Larson larson6872@msn.com (Co-Lead of EMT)

When we become one another’s servants, we ultimately discover a heavenly joy which refreshes, restores, and rejuvenates us for what lies ahead. Wouldn’t our world be a little bit of a better place if we all had that joy? –Scott Himel



Using our Spiritual Gifts

About a year ago, I invited Kristin Foster to go on a journey with me. You see, she has a gift of creative communication through her photography. I asked if she would put our Mission & Vision statement into a visual presentation. She did. And what she did is amazing! Thank you Kristin, for sharing your gifts with us! Please visit http://stlukeshr.com/p_about_us.asp

Serving Our Neighbors in Highlands Ranch



There is need for help to our neighbors, even in Highlands Ranch. In early July, a senior citizen, Amanda, called the Metro District to see if they could clear brush in her over-grown yards. Unable to honor her request, Jodie McCann of the Metro District called St. Luke’s and Lynda Fickling for help. Within a day, Lynda found two volunteers to lead the project, Jeff Seefeldt and Ron Miller, and others from our congregation and Boy

Scout troop to help. After 2 sessions to cut brush and remove a dead tree, the team completed their objective and the yard was cleared. Ron then contacted Jodie to ask for help on removal and they came the next day! Amanda depends upon the sole support from her neighbor, Leslie, and the St. Luke’s volunteers were glad to help Leslie assist Amanda. This was a beautiful example of following the word and putting it to action.

“... Well done, good and faithful servant!” –Matthew 25:21

Children's Ministry News

Praise, Play & Prayers with St. Luke's



**Promotion
Sunday!
Sunday
Sept. 11**

Children move up
to their new grade
in Sunday School!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

(check our website for full calendar)

September 11 (SUN) - 9:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Joy Trek (PreK: 2-4 yrs.) begins 3-week lesson "Paul's Letters"

September 11 (SUN) - PEAK Sunday School starts

4-week rotation "Bible Teachings" Children K-4th grade participate in workshops to learn the Bible lessons

September 11 (SUN) - TWEENS (5th & 6th grade)

9:30am Sunday School Begins

September 11 (SUN) - 11:00am GOLIATH

GATHERINGS Servant Training

September 16 (FRI) - PLAYGROUP 9:00am -

September 16 (SUN) - 6:45pm **FAMILY MOVIE**

NIGHT "Zootopia"! Bring your blankets and pillows, wear your pjs - we'll supply the popcorn - and come watch a movie with your St. Luke's family.



September 17 (SAT) - Parent's Time Away

9:00am-noon Contact Ms. Sam to rsvp

September 18 (SUN) - Third Grade

BIBLE SUNDAY - Third graders receive

a new gift Bible - Please email Sharon by Sept. 4 to sign up to receive a Bible.

PLUS Bible Study at 9:30am Sunday School just for 3rd graders: Sept. 18, 25 & Oct. 2 with our pastors.

September 18 (SUN) - SLY, Jr. KICK OFF 5:30-7:00pm

-ALL 5th & 6th graders and their parents are welcome!

September 25 (SUN) - 12:05-1:00pm Acolyte Training

2nd grade through 6th grade eligible. RSVP to Ms. Sharon

October 2 (SUN) - SLY, Jr. - Feeding of the 5000

service afternoon from 11:00am-2:00pm - RSVP with Ms. Sharon if you can help. Bring a sack lunch and non-perishable food to donate.

October 2 (SUN) - 9:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL: Joy

Trek (PreK) begins 3-week lesson "Feeding of the 5000"

October 7 (FRI) - PLAYGROUP 9:00am

October 8 (SAT) - Parent's Time Away 9:00am-noon -

Contact Ms. Sam to rsvp

October 9 (SUN) - 9:30am PEAK K-4th Grade

SUNDAY SCHOOL Special Stewardship Sunday: Money & Time"

October 9 (SUN) - 11:00am GOLIATH

GATHERINGS Servant Training - All are welcome to come learn about serving in Children's Ministry RSVP with Ms. Sharon

MISSION STATEMENT:

In caring for the children of St. Luke's and their families, we seek to nurture and develop faithful loving lives, modeled after the Love, Acceptance, Justice, and Hope of Jesus, through relationship and learning. We strive to create sacred spaces and experiences for children to discover and be inspired by God's love.



Sharon Oliver
Director of
Children's Ministry



Samantha Leahy
Director of Early
Childhood Ministry



Stephanie Kirk
Children's & Families
Ministries Coordinator

St. Luke's Kids
Growing with God



**SLY, Jr. 5th & 6th
Grade Fun & Service
Club KICK OFF
Sept. 18 - 5:30pm!**

Dear Sunday School Families,

Thank you for registering your children for the 2016-2017 Sunday School year. *If you haven't registered yet - please go to www.stlukeshr.com.* We are excited about sharing in your child's faith journey this year and so grateful to spend time with them on a Sunday morning. Our registered children have name tags made and their names are included on the sign in sheet roster found outside of each classroom.

For your child's safety please follow these steps for **check in** and **check out**:

1. When you arrive for 9:30am Sunday School, please find your child's classroom (PreK is in the David area to the left as you come down the main stairs and K-6th is in the Goliath area to the right after you come down the main stairs.) Don't hesitate to ask if you need help finding their room. 11:00am Godly Play Sunday School sign in is just outside of the Sanctuary doors.
2. Sign your initials next to your child's name on the sign in sheet and pin their name tag (from the bin or wall rack provided) on their shirt and leave your child with the classroom attendant. If you have a guest with you or have lost your name tag, please sign in with the Superintendent at the bottom of the stairs for a temporary name tag then come sign in at the classroom. 11:00am Godly Play Sunday School children will stay with their family until after Children's Time during the worship service and then will go to class in the Chapel.
3. Keep the duplicate name tag with YOU.
4. Please indicate on the sign in sheet where you will be in the building in case of any emergency.
5. For pick up, please check to make sure classroom activities are finished, and then present your child's duplicate name tag to the classroom attendant (Godly Play pick up is in Rm 212 by the Chapel) and they will get your child and you may sign them out and put both name tags back where you got them.

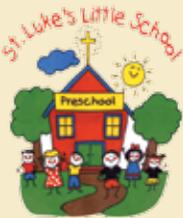
Most of our communication for Children's Ministry are delivered through email. If you are not receiving our email blasts, please let us know. Our calendar of events and lots of other important information can be found on our Children's website. Bookmark it and visit us often.

We also encourage you to volunteer in Sunday School. It's easy, fun and a great way to serve our church community. Serve just a few Sundays throughout the year or lots - we are glad for the support and welcome your participation. You can check the online sign up www.stlukeshr.com/children

We are so blessed to have your children in Sunday School and your family as part of our St. Luke's community. *Let's grow with God together!*



Kay Swanson
Director of
Little School



Little School News:

Back to School Again! Year 22!

Welcome back to all of our returning families and our new families that will be joining us this year at Little School. We are very excited to see all the smiling young faces that will be spending their preschool year with us. We always love to see the parents some with trepidation and others that are leaping for joy as they leave their child with us! Each year brings new adventures, new challenges and new touches to our hearts! *Our theme for Little School will be "Harmony" and we will be exploring what that means to live in Harmony, in our classroom, with our families and in our world.* With all of the struggles that our families face today, teaching our children to

live peacefully with all people in a kind and caring manner, will be our focus. Acceptance, consideration and communication will help us to take these skills everywhere we go. Each teacher was trained in an educational program from National University on how to implement this in their classes. The grant allowed each teacher to receive a training manual, curriculums, conversation starters, CD's and a puppet. We are very blessed to have received this special grant on such an important learning opportunity.

All of our Little School teachers are returning again this year. With the only changes being the loss of Ms. Bonnie to retirement and Ms. Christy to the public schools, our teachers are back and well prepared for a new year! Some teachers have changed rooms, teaching partners and age groups - but we are so honored to have an incredible staff that will continue our tradition of the "Best Preschool In Highlands Ranch" for the last four years! Please be certain to stop by any time to see our creative, imaginative classrooms that are bright, inviting and packed with fun! A HUGE shout out of thanks to our Mr. Barry Curtis, our facilities manager who work so very hard to make our school sparkling clean with shiny floors and carpets! Along with our teachers, we are so proud of our facilities that we share with Sunday School!

We do have a few openings in our program if you know of someone looking for a great preschool! If you meet a new family that has moved to our area, we would appreciate your referral. Thank you!

A personal note, some of you may know that, I was diagnosed with cancer over the summer. This has been an interesting journey with joys and struggles. However, with the amazing support I have received from staff and the church, it has made it much easier. I plan to absolutely keep working as much as possible through my chemo treatments that will end by Thanksgiving. I cannot thank Little School and the church for their confidence in me to continue to do my ministry as Director of Little School. I have a very capable staff that are highly trained and will do an outstanding job of carrying on, when I am unable to be at school. I do have to be careful about germs and as you know, preschool is a prime location for little ones who sneeze, cough and have bugs! I thank God each day for the excellent treatment that I am receiving, and the blessings that have been given to me.

We ask that you pray for our Little School this year as we minister to our children. We ask that you pray for all children of all ages, that are beginning a new school year, that they may be nourished, loved and protected. We ask God's guiding hand on our teachers that do so much to help our children be successful!

Blessings, Ms. Kay

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



by Rev.
Les Ludlam

More from Les: Millie and the Wolf (pt. 1)

Millie was an independent girl. She had to be, for her mom had died not long after she was born.

Her dad, Eric, a sled dog breeder and racer, and his sister Sue, had raised and schooled her. But she had been pretty much on her own as she was growing up near Talkeetna, Alaska.

One late spring day, when the snow was almost completely gone from the forest floor, Mille went into the woods to collect edible mushrooms. She had just about filled the basket when there was a sound that caught her attention. She leaned forward, straining to hear more clearly. It was whining, coming from an obviously very young animal. She put down the basket and moved cautiously toward the sound. As she came around large fir, she saw a wolf puppy, curled up in a small patch of grass! The mother was nowhere in sight. Mille knew that wolves are very protective of their young, so she was sure that something bad had happened to the mother. She bent down and picked up the puppy; she cradled it in her arms. The puppy didn't complain. "I'll bet you're hungry and thirsty!" she said. Millie started back to her family's cabin with the puppy resting in the basket.

A few days later Eric and the sled-dog team arrived back from a competition in the mountains near Vancouver. He was more than surprised at finding a wolf puppy in the house! "You know you can't keep her," he sternly told Millie. "Sled-dogs hate wolves and they will try to kill her when she gets older." Millie nodded, "Yes I know." She began to plan how to safely release her ward back into the wild.

Millie had named the wolf pup "Star" because she had a unique mark in the fur on her forehead. Every week, she would take Star to the woods, not far from where she had been found as a puppy. Millie would unfasten the collar from Star's neck then let her run for a while. Millie would whistle and call, "come." She would then stand up and start walking for home. Star would follow her to the house, and when they arrived, Millie would refasten the collar. This routine continued until one trip in mid summer when Star didn't return when Millie whistled. Millie had known this would eventually happen; she wiped a tear from her eye, said, "Goodbye Star!" and then sadly walked home.

But this was not the last time she would see Star. *This story concludes in the next Chronicle. God bless us all. -Les*

AN INVITATION FROM REV. JANET FORBES FOLLOW MY PILGRIMAGE!

Since my retirement from St. Luke's on June 30, I have been preparing for my pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago across northern Spain, leaving on Labor Day, Sept. 5 and returning to Denver on Nov. 5. I will enjoy Paris for a few days before traveling to Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port to begin walking on Sunday, Sept. 11. I hope to complete the pilgrimage in Santiago de Compostela on Friday, Oct. 21. After a few days of rest on the Spanish coast, I will visit family in Barcelona. **I will be posting updates and photos on Facebook** so that family and friends can follow my progress and offer words of encouragement and prayer. Send me a friend request or simply follow along. I am new to this forum so have patience with my learning! Thanks for Revs. Sallie, Ryan, and Jessica for blessing this connection and adding their prayers to my journey!



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

Please like our Facebook page to keep up-to-date on events: www.facebook.com/stlukeshrumw "St. Luke's United Methodist Women - Highlands Ranch, CO"



Pie & Prayer - Blessedness On August 28 the UMW Annual Summer's End Celebration of "Pie and Prayer - Blessedness" was held. Rev. Jessica was our keynote speaker. We listened to Patty Proffitt from Children's Hospital-South, and heard testimony from Jennifer Cameron and her daughter who was a patient at Children's, and the great Doctors and Staff that cared for her. Our Mission Recipient was Children's Hospital-South, to which we provided

many toys and gifts off of their wish list for their patients. We enjoyed delicious "Mini Pies" baked by our UMW Team, and the tables were decorated with cute mini pie centerpieces.



UMW District Meeting: All are invited to attend the Mile High/Pike's Peak UMW District Meeting on Sat., Sept. 10 from 9:30am-2:30pm at Littleton UMC. Speaker: Cafe 180 and Haven House.

UMW Monthly Mission Projects:

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.

August Monthly Mission Recap:

Warren Village First Step On Aug. 18, The UMW, including Fran and Bob West, George and Elaine Carlstrom, Jon and Linda Streaty, Hayley Nelson, and Sharon Smith hosted a Summer Cookout for Warren Village First Step, which is a one year transitional living program for women; and women with children. It offers communal housing, on-site classes for developing life skills assisting residents in becoming self-sufficient. The event was attended by 13 adult residents and 13 children.

Future UMW Missions:

September: Urban Peak

October: Feeding of the 5000 and the 5K run

November: tbd

December: St. Luke's Children's Holiday Shop

UMW Mission Giving: *The Blessedness of Giving*

For over 140 years the United Methodist Women have turned faith hope and love into action for women, children and youth through the Five Channels of Mission Giving:

Pledge to Mission – supporting your unit by making a \$pledge to assist in their mission to help women, children, and youth;

Special Mission Recognition – honoring an individual for their mission service to others;

Gift to Mission – honoring an individual for their Christ-like mission service;

Gift in Memory – honoring the deceased or giving a tribute to someone who significantly touched your life;

World Thank Offering – celebrating Gods Blessings in our lives so that we may be a blessing to others in our communities and around the world.

We, The United Methodist Women members will continue to bless the world through Mission Giving just as God has blessed us in and through Christ. If you are interested in pledging to help support UMW, please contact Sharon Smith at umwinfo@stlukeshr.com



Itch to Stitch is looking for new members!

Do you knit, crochet, or sew? We need YOU! We are looking for new members who can help us as "Angels". Our Angels are those members who help us on projects anonymously (you do not need to attend a meeting!)

We are in need of:

- Prayer shawls or mini pocket prayer shawls (for St. Luke's Congregational Care Ministry)
- Baby blankets, quilts, hats, sweaters, and booties (for Children's Hospital)
- Lap robes (for the Veteran's Hospital), sized for wheelchairs.
- Children and adult hats, scarves (for Mondays in the Park)
- 100% wool hats for Military soldiers (for Warmth for Warriors)
- We can also use 5-inch crochet granny squares or 5-inch knit squares for us to assemble into the above projects as well.

All we need you to do is make one of these above items, using yarn or fabric from your stash or ours, and return them to the church... It's that simple! We will deliver the item to the corresponding charity! It's that simple!

Questions? Contact Fran West at 303-797-7107.

Itch to Stitch: Restarting Sept. 10 from 10:00am-1:00pm. Meets 2nd Saturdays. All skill levels welcome! Contact: Fran West - 303-797-7107.

Common Thread: Restarting Sept. 1, First Thursdays, 10:00am. Contact: Caroline Butler carolinebutler@q.com or Betty Smith 303-797-3225

Book Group: Fourth Mondays, 7:00pm (potluck 6:15pm) Contact: Renae Parra renaeparra@aol.com Sept. 26 - "We are Called to Rise" by Laura McBride

For more info, Sharon Smith: umwinfo@stlukeshr.com

Trustees Corner: How was your Summer Vacation?



Along with the help of many of you, Trustees have made terrific strides towards completing lots of projects over the summer! We are so very grateful for the hard work and help from many volunteers through these past warm, sunny months! *Special thanks go to Scout Troop 633*, which has helped with our Service Saturdays. Volunteers mowed our lawns each week (some of our youth raised Mission Trip Funds by pitching in), pulled weeds – lots of them – changed light bulbs in high places like the parking lot, the narthex, and our sanctuary, and

low places like classrooms and hallways. You helped on two Service Saturday events by scrubbing 100 mesh chairs each time, deep cleaning our Fellowship Hall tables, wiping down wood walls, and trims throughout the main level and giving windows a shine! You pulled more weeds! You refreshed our pastor's offices, and replaced worn, tired blinds in the main office! You worked on the bus – from cleaning to regular maintenance, and when our bus was off site, you picked up our rental bus or helped by driving extra cars so we could get our Wind Crest members and constituents to church on time! You pulled more weeds! You repaired woodpecker damage to our stucco! We are also so blessed for Mr. Barry's dedication – over about 3 weeks' time, he's stripped and refinished every tile floor in the building and cleaned carpets in time for fall activities! We had terrific help from PAA and VBS teachers and participants as they collected and removed trash daily during their busy, creative sessions! God Is Good! Welcome Back!

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



www.stlukesce.org

September is such an exciting month

at St. Luke's; our choir returns, new classes kick off, new sermon themes emerge, children graduate to more "grown-up" Sunday School classes – it just feels like a great time for each of us to begin something new! The Center for Spiritual Engagement has a number of new opportunities this fall that will help you to explore more deeply your spirituality, to prepare and sample new foods, to experience our beautiful Colorado outdoors, and to try out a renewing yoga class. We hope you will consider joining us, as we connect with one another and with our deeper spiritual selves through our shared experiences.

Speaker Series: Tuesday, October 18 6:30-8:00pm in Fellowship Hall



An Evening with **Terry Hershey**, author of *The Power of Pause* and *Sanctuary: Creating a Space for Grace in your Life* – Story is one of the most powerful forms of communication and Terry is a master storyteller. He tells stories of grace and inspiration as he shares his gift of seeing the world with new eyes. Spending a moment or a day with him is more than an experience; it is an adventure that will leave you longing for more and yet

feeling full and satisfied. In his latest work Terry talks about "sanctuary". A sanctuary restores us, replenishes us and nourishes us. If we practice a "power of pause"—creating sanctuary spaces—it spills into our relationships, our work and our faith. Come hear his inspirational message about why you need sanctuary and where you can find it.

TICKETS GO ON SALE SEPTEMBER 1: Purchase your tickets (\$10 each plus \$1 processing fee) through the CSE website at stlukesce.org. Tickets also will be sold in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings in October. Some tickets will be available at the door for \$12 the night of the event. Contact renaeparra@aol.com for more info.

Classes and Experiences:

STARTING SOON! 2 NEW FALL CLASSES:

Sanctuary: Creating a Space for Grace in Your Life
by Terry Hershey (see information on page 4)

The Soul of a Pilgrim Class: 8 Practices for the Journey Within by Christine Valters Paintner

Sept. 16-Oct. 28 (7 weeks) Fridays 10:00-11:30am Chapel



You are invited to take an Inner Pilgrimage: *The Soul of a Pilgrim* is organized into eight sections and leads us to follow intentional steps to make a transformative journey within. Class Facilitators will be Jenita Rhodes and Sam Leahy. Books will be available at the first class for \$10. For more information and to sign up, contact sam@stlukeshr.com.

Morning Yoga with Gargi returns! Join us Thursday mornings (9:00-10:15am) in the Youth Room starting September 1. This class combines spiritual reflection with the discipline of yoga to help us feel rejuvenated and centered. All abilities are welcome. Suggested donation \$12/class (renaeparra@aol.com).

Outdoor Adventures:

Sunday, September 11 – Pot Luck Picnic and Canoeing at Bear Creek Reservoir 4:30pm till sunset. Come celebrate with us 4 years of Outdoor Adventures. We'll meet for a potluck picnic at the Boat Ramp picnic area. Canoes will arrive around 5:00 (6 of them). Phil Waltz, a South Suburban naturalist, will provide paddling instruction and guidance about what we can expect to see on the Reservoir. It will be a beautiful evening to connect with one another as we reminisce about past adventures and plan for new ones. Park fees are \$7/car. For more information, contact janestaller@gmail.com.

On Saturday August 27 the Ediger family (Suanne, Jared, Miles and Kelsey) led a hike to the Devil's Head Fire Tower, the only working fire tower in Colorado!



Jared began the hike with an inspiring reflection. We enjoyed stunning views on our way to the summit, and then climbed the 143 steps to the fire lookout. The 360-degree views were magnificent! As we rested, before heading back down the mountain, Suanne shared interesting facts about the history of the fire station. Back at the bottom, we indulged in delicious treats. Thank you Edigers!... and all who joined us on this spectacular Colorado day!

Save the Dates for these future Outdoor Adventure Experiences:

- October 15 – Hiking in Golden Gate State Park
- November 12 – Annajulie ("AJ") Preble and friend will lead us on an exploration of Colorado's geological journey.

Pura Fiesta: Friday, October 21, 2016 6:00pm *Stepping Stones to Success: An evening benefitting Pura Vida Ministries*

Join us at Lakewood Country Club to celebrate Pura Vida's success stories and dreams for a bright future for the children of rural Guatemala.

Highlights will include: Guest speaker Rev. Ryan Canaday, Video presentation by Ken Fong, Silent Auction, Pure Life Award

Online registration at <http://www.puravida.org/dinner.html>



Upcoming Events!

- * **September 9-11**
7th/8th Grade Retreat!!
- * **September 11**
9:30am SLY AM - Miss Amy
12:00-1:00pm Guatemala Mission Trip
Info Meeting (if you've ever thought
about going with us, come check it out!)
5:30-6:00pm SLY Dinner \$2
6:00-7:30pm SLY PM - Human
Foosball
- * **September 24:**
Pumpkins Arrive!! 1:00pm
- * **September 30-October 2:**
Feeding of the 5K
- * **October 2:** Confirmation Info
Meeting - Noon
- * **October 21 & 22:** Blue Bench
Classes for Girls!!
- * **November 20:** Deliver Thanksgiving
Boxes to DenUM
- * **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: Messy Start to School

Finally Fall has arrived! And although we will miss the hot weather and mission trips of summer, a new school year is always exciting! We kicked off this school year by welcoming our new 7th graders to SLY. Some fresh faces and new friends will help to make this semester at SLY a blast!

To celebrate the start of school, we hosted our annual Messy Games Night. And when we say messy, we don't 'mess' around! Our night was filled with raw egg tosses, a game of tanks where the goal is to spray the other teams with goo, some creatively decorated ice cream sundaes where the 'ice cream' was students, and of course a pudding and jello filled slip-and-slide!! Mr. Bacon may have been able to spray off most of the stickiness with the hose, but those fun memories will not be going away anytime soon!

We are gonna get messy again on September 24th, but this time we need help!! That's right, it's already that time of year.. Pumpkin time!! On the 24th a whole semi truck full of pumpkins will be pulling into the church parking lot, and we will unload them all.. By hand! This is teamwork at its finest, and the more help we have, the easier it will be!! So come by around 1:00pm to get a little messy with us!

Speaking of messy, us SLY folk know that life can be messy sometimes. We may be just middle and high schoolers, but we have seen and experienced our fair share of messiness. That is why this month we are diving into the mess with some real discussions on drugs, sex, and alcohol. We see and hear about it at school all the time, what a better and safer place to talk about these real messy issues than in youth group!

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



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worked at the main Cornerstone mission building, we mainly pulled weeds out of their front yard, but afterward got a tour of the building. Then, at the workshop for the mentally disabled, there was one day where there was a spa day for the ladies and sports day for the guys, and there was another day where we helped out with making dream catchers. It was my favorite thing seeing how everyone lived with their disability and I loved being able to see God in every one of these people. It was eye opening. Finally at the food pantry, we sorted food into categories such as vegetables, fruits, cereal, etc. Unlike Feeding of the 5,000 we didn't have to sort by expiration date. In fact we collected so much food that the building had to build more shelves to hold all of the food. It was amazing seeing how many people wanted to help out with the mission. After every work day we had a devotion and we would separate into our prayer groups and talk about what that topic was for that day and how we saw that topic in our day. The saddest part of the mission trip was the 8th grade goodbye for me. As a new freshman I found this sad to leave all of the friends I made on this trip, but at least I get to see most of them on Sundays. But most importantly, I will take all of these skills that I learned over the last three junior high mission trips, and use them in my life. I am going to take these new skills and look for volunteer opportunities to help out here in Denver like those Rapid City. I will look forward to the next four mission trips as a senior high school student. This has been an amazing last mission trip as a junior high student. I am grateful for all the possibilities it gave me.

Young Adult Ministry is Growing!



Our young adults group has been competing in our Tuesday Trivia Night for almost a year now, and we're actually getting quite good! Last month we competed against some of the top teams across town at the DJ Trivia League Tournament, and won second place!! With the \$200 prize we were able to go camping as a group down by the Great Sand Dunes!



Our young adult ministry has been growing and we are so excited for it! We are still meeting every Tuesday at Lodos for trivia, but are thrilled to announce the start of our very

own young adults bible study! We will meet on the first Monday of the month starting in October from 5:30-6:30 and then we'll hang out and watch football after! It will be drop in style and made to fit perfectly with the typical busy life of us 20 somethings! If you'd like to know more about either of our events, contact Amy or Jeremy!

Welcoming our newest members

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



Kent & Liz Lersch

Michelle Bergman Reason for joining: "Looking for a new Christian family/home and felt St. Luke's was that place the first time I attended services."



Mary Walker (no photo) Reason for joining: "I find the services spiritually nourishing, love the message, the music, the prayers - all of it. I have enjoyed participating in Stephen Ministry, Sacred Travel and hiking..."

If you are interested in making a deeper commitment by joining St. Luke's, please contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659 x120 lynda@stlukeshr.com or visit www.stlukeshr.com

One Love. One Gift. from page 3 the creation of worship experiences that strive to be inclusive in relevant ways... we are growing together! And just a few words about our actual building. Yeah, we get it, the Church is the people, not the building. Yes, people are sacred...relationships before bricks and mortar. We believe this. But check this out: This isn't a Sunday-only building; we have all kinds of community groups and ministries meeting here throughout the week. We welcome nearly 500 people each week for various support groups and provide space for them to experience abundant life. 500 people... that's pretty cool! Your giving keeps this building up and running and it helps usher in life for those who need it most.

Second, a very practical reason: your generous giving sustains this community so that we continue doing God's work in the world. As you know, we have an incredible staff here at St. Luke's and your giving provides their compensation and honors their dedicated work.

Why give financially? Third reason: when you give, it changes you. When you give, you are recognizing that you have a gift, and you are passing that gift forward. Let's just be honest, you can't really keep the gift unless you give the gift away. We have been given so much. It is appropriate to ask: "What are we doing with the gifts God has given us?" When we give, we experience the living God who breathes life in us, through us, and all around us. When we give, we give life to other people—and that changes us.

Various Ways To Give

- Offering plate on Sunday mornings
- Automatic Withdrawal (bank account/credit card)
- St. Luke's online/app donations
- Stock donations
- For more options, contact Sheri Henry, Director of Finance

One Love. One Gift. We're all in this together—as one.
Grace & Peace, *Rev. Ryan*



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Director of Music
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Organist



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



Kristi Pawley
Music & Arts
Admin. Assistant/
Accounting Clerk



Steel Magnolias

Save the Dates... Nov. 4-6

Steel Magnolias is coming to St. Luke's! *Steel Magnolias* is a comedy/drama play about the

bond among a group of Southern women in northwest Louisiana. The women are delicate as magnolias, but tough as steel. The play was written by Robert Harling, based on his experience with his sister's death. Look for more information in the weeks to come; if you have questions, please contact

A Message from Ken...

As our summer worship series ends, we are grateful to the Music Ministers who have given so generously of their time and talents during August. I've received so many appreciative comments from our worshipping community. A heartfelt thank you to Ed Coryell, Roger Adcock, Ed Law, Linda Harris, Summer Choir, Jon Streaty, Annie Betts, Bryan Hutchinson's Men's Quartet and Sisters of Soul! *Blessings, Ken Mervine*

Meet the Music Ministry

SOUL PURPOSE:

Welcome to our series *Meet the Music Ministry!*
This month we highlight the *Soul Purpose Youth Choir.*

If you love to make music with friends, sing in a cool choir during church services, and are in junior high or high school, then the Soul Purpose Youth choir is for you! The youth choir rehearses from 4:30-5:30pm on Sunday afternoons and everyone is welcome to join. Soul Purpose has been singing as a choir at St. Luke's for over 20 years; having a blast singing to the glory of God for our community! Even if you're not sure how to read music or want to be a more confident singer, there is a place for you in the choir. Throughout the year, they work hard to sound great, while having a ton of fun hanging together. **The first rehearsal for the season is Sunday, September 11 at 4:30pm.** If you have a conflict, come the next week! We want you to be part of the choir and help make a positive impact in our community through music. If you have any questions, contact Dr. Jim at jim@stlukeshr.com; he'll be happy to answer any questions you have. Looking forward to seeing you in the choir!!! More information on all the music groups, can be found in the Music and Arts pamphlet and on our website.



Sheri Henry
Director of Finance

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- You may enroll in either of these methods by going online at stlukeshr.com or contacting us directly. *Thanks for your financial support!*



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

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



The fall is a great time to join the Music and Arts ministry! St. Luke's offers many different ways to share your musical or artistic gifts with our community. You are invited to go to the website and click on the Music and Arts webpage to learn more about all the ensembles, rehearsal times, and leadership. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Kristi Pawley at kristi@stlukeshr.com.

PAA Gala Save the date! The annual PAA gala will be held on Sat., Nov.19 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 drjim@stlukespaa.org.

C O N G R E G A T I O N A L C A R E



Brenda Schafer
Office Administrator

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:

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| <i>Natalie Murrow</i> | <i>Bonnie Anderson – Nancy</i> |
| <i>Debi Sheppard</i> | <i>Abbott's sister-in-law</i> |
| <i>Kay Swanson</i> | <i>Louis & Delores Hall – Debra</i> |
| <i>Minnie Mortimer</i> | <i>Newby's parents</i> |
| <i>Stuart Beecher</i> | <i>Peter Waldheim</i> |
| <i>Joel Brennemann - Lynda</i> | <i>Stephen Collins</i> |
| <i>Fickling's nephew</i> | <i>Jackie Durban</i> |
| <i>Jacob Pawley</i> | <i>Gail Strawn</i> |
| <i>Sandy Lowe – Janice Ernster's</i> | <i>Mary Rovetta – Joyce Rovetta's</i> |
| <i>mother</i> | <i>mother-in-law</i> |
| <i>Benjamin Braswell</i> | <i>Quinten Krotchta</i> |
| <i>Jan Munoz</i> | <i>Kalie – Trudy Turner's friend</i> |

SYMPATHIES TO:

- Danny & Susan McIntosh on the passing of Susan's father, Harvey Gabert*
Ed & Eileen Law on the passing of family friend, Rayney King
Don & Marcia Enger on the passing of Don's sister, Janet Sisk
Eric & Schawn Kellogg & Robert & Shani Jones on the passing of Schawn & Shani's mother, Sandra Mae Foster Ritchie

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Rev. Brad & Meghan Laurvick on the birth of their daughter, Grace Elizabeth, to grandparents, Dave & Elizabeth Laurvick, and to big brother, Joey, too!*



“Jesus did not call us to the poor and to the pain only to be helpful; he called us to be in solidarity with the real and for own transformation. It is often only after the fact we realize that they helped us in ways we never knew we needed. This is sometimes called “reverse mission.” The ones we think we are “saving” end up saving us, and in the process, redefine the very meaning of salvation!” –Richard Rohr

For those who support our mission on Mondays to provide lunches to those who are hungry and homeless - Thank you!