



The Chronicle

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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and much more!



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

Please join us on Saturday, Nov. 28 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!



unsettling time by asking: ***What are we called to bring into this world?***

Would you keep the tradition of lighting our world? Everyone at St. Luke's is challenged to give 10% of what you spend on Christmas gifts to create a story of change. What kind of gift can you give, or donation you can invest, or relationship you can enhance that will make a difference and increase the common good? Can you be a partner with God in loving people, or creatures, or creation? Gather the members of your family and dream together about a place to bless. Then, on Christmas morning, talk together about the changes that were initiated. How did the gift change the givers as well? When we put our generosity and light together in a vigil of peace and hope, love can't help but overflow into the world. ***Go light your world!***

Advent and Christmas Calendar

Saturday, Nov. 28	8:00am: Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, Nov. 29	Advent 1 – <i>The Vision Made Plain</i> (Dr. Janet Forbes) <i>Habakkuk 2: 2-4</i> 5:00pm: Tree Lighting and Children's Impromptu Pageant
Tuesday, Dec. 1	6:00pm: United Methodist Women - Candlelight Dinner
Wednesday, Dec. 2	6:00pm: Family Advent Devotions (Wednesdays, Dec. 2-23)
Sunday, Dec. 6	Advent 2 – A Sung Service of Holy Communion: <i>For Such a Time</i> (Rev. Ryan Canaday) <i>Esther 4: 1-17</i>
Dec. 12-15	9:00am-1:00pm: Children's Holiday Shop
Sunday, Dec. 13	Advent 3 – Christmas Cantata <i>Called for Good Reason Isaiah 42: 1-9</i>
Thursday, Dec. 17	7:00pm: Performing Arts Academy High School Holiday Festival
Sunday, Dec. 20	Advent 4 – Candy Cane Sunday: <i>Conceived by the Spirit</i> (Dr. Janet Forbes) <i>Matthew 1: 18-25</i>
Thursday, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Services: Children's - 1:00 and 3:00pm Traditional - 5:00 and 7:00pm Communion - 10:00pm
Sunday, Dec. 27	First Sunday of Christmas <i>By Another Route</i> (Pastor Tonya Whaley) <i>Matthew 2: 1-12</i>
Sunday, Jan. 3	Epiphany Sunday – Celebration of the Kings and Holy Communion <i>A Voice was Heard</i> (Dr. Janet Forbes) <i>Matthew 2: 13-23</i>

Go Light Your World

Advent & Christmas 2015

A little child will lead them.

(Isaiah 11:6)

Our worship conversations and scripture stories through Advent and Christmas paint a picture of the world into which God came. Like our own time, this world seemed an unlikely, or even hostile environment, for this fragile incarnation of peace and hope. This season, we will proclaim the entrance into this world again of the Light for which we still so desperately yearn. As communites, we each bear the light of memory and hope. Together, we keep the vigil. We add more and more light into an unsettled and



Save the Date! *Broadway on Broadway* is coming to St. Luke's! With classic hits and showstoppers from well-loved productions such as *Grease*; *Mary Poppins*; *Kiss Me Kate*; *The Pajama Game* and many, many others, this Wesley Players 15th Anniversary Celebration is not to be missed!

Performances are:

Friday and Saturday night, Nov. 13 and 14 at 7:00pm, and Sunday, Nov. 15 at 2:00 pm.

Advance tickets for \$10 available in the Fellowship Hall and www.stlukeshr.com. Tickets at the door will be \$12. Benefit dinner Saturday at 5:30pm - \$40 adult and \$15 child/student (includes priority seating for Saturday's show). Proceeds will benefit Pura Vida and Urban Peak.

If you have questions, please contact Melanie Kirkpatrick at melanie.kirkpatrick@gmail.com.

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. Janet Forbes
Senior Pastor

Go Light Your World

While I was in Decatur, Georgia last month for The Gathering (a group of senior ministers who gather yearly for peer learning and support), I returned to my hotel room late one evening. The overhead light outside my door was burned out and I had difficulty finding the slot for the key card. When I managed to open the door, I felt around the wall for a light switch. I found a plate where a switch was once installed... but no switch.

Not discouraged easily, I remembered spotting a lamp by the bed when I deposited my luggage earlier in the day. I found the bed in the dark and felt around until I found the lamp, but when I switched it on, nothing happened. Now what?

I thought that perhaps if I opened the curtains I might be able to use the light from the street to find another lamp. So I made my way slowly across the room to the drapes and...no drawstring! (Have you ever had days like that?)

I finally stumbled around until I found the television remote control! I pressed I could turn on and, once again, my world was lighted.

Light is important, of course. Especially when you're in an unfamiliar space. But there is another kind of light that is even more vital – inner light. Inner light shines from love and compassion and faith. It illuminates and warms a world that, for many people, can be dark and lonely and confusing.

Steve Goodier tells this story about the power of light in a dark world.

One December I received a friend in Mexico City who said this about the darkness around her: "Yesterday I bought a Christmas decoration. It's a plastic star, maybe 18 inches across, strung with small white and gold Christmas light. I hung it in my living room window last night. It looks so beautiful from outside – even better than I had hoped! I live on the second floor of a five-story government housing project building. The building where I live is tucked away where few people go. Not a whole lot of folks see my lighted star. As long as I have it plugged in, that star shines bravely and brightly out into the cold night. It shines on regardless of whether anyone is around to see it or not. And I know that anyone who does see it must be heartened by it – it's that lovely."

She ended with this observation: "I got to thinking, 'Isn't that the way we should be? Shouldn't our lives in some way shine out into the cold night – regardless of whether or not anyone admires them? It's certainly nice when someone notices us and is encouraged or heartened. But, after all, isn't it the shining itself that is most important?'"

As we anticipate the seasons of Advent and Christmas, let your light shine, whether or not you feel as if you are making a difference. Someone in your circle of influence may be stumbling in discouragement or sadness or fear and your light will change everything.

So let your light shine!
St. Francis reminds us: All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.

Go Light Your World,
Rev. Janet

*"..let your light shine,
whether or not you
feel as if you are
making a difference."*



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 November 29. Thank you for bringing Christmas joy to those less fortunate.



Rev. Ryan Canaday
Associate Minister

Doing the Good News ... in Guatemala

St. Luke's has a long standing tradition of mission—going out into the world with the message of good news and new life. This is rooted in the earliest Christian tradition. We do this at home (our church community, our neighborhoods, and our Denver community), and we do it abroad (other regions, other countries, other continents). Both are important. Jesus told his early followers to go out into the world... even to the ends of the earth. For Jesus, there was a sense of urgency. In Acts 1, Jesus tells them to go and they just stand there... staring into the empty sky. Finally, these two messengers come along and ask them, "Why are you just standing there?" In other words, "Don't you have something you should be doing... isn't there suffering and hopelessness all around you?" I'd like to think, here at St. Luke's, we don't spend a lot of time staring into the empty sky. We're a church, a community, a body of Christ that's about doing the good news.

One of these longstanding traditions at St. Luke's is our partnership with Pura Vida and our mission trips to Guatemala. There have been several of these trips over the years.

I'm am excited to be co-leading (with Jeff Seefeldt) the trip in January! We're gonna build stuff—homes, teams, and relationships—the important stuff... the kinda stuff that transforms lives. Before going to Guatemala, our team will be gathering throughout the next couple of months to begin that relationship building process; to begin knowing one another, standing with one another, having one another's backs. This is *comunitas*—the deepest form of community.

Something profound happens on these trips. If you've experienced it, you know exactly what I'm talking about. If you haven't, talk to those who have, ask them to share with you the stories. They will, and I bet they'll light up as they do. What exactly happens? I could go on and on but here's the short of it: lives are changed. On both ends. Your life and the life of the team, as well as the lives of the Guatemalan people. Lives are changed. We begin to see and interact with the world in new ways. We become more interested in the things of hope and new life. It's like something inside of us expands—like we are suddenly more aware, more awake, more alive to the things God is doing all around us. Again, the important stuff.

I hope you'll consider being part of the January team. But you need to act fast... the signup deadline is just a few days away! See the details at right.

Grace & Peace,
Rev. Ryan

Our Annual Guatemala



Burrito Breakfast will be held on Sunday Jan. 3

to coincide with 3 Kings Sunday. All funds raised at this breakfast will help support our construction costs for our upcoming Guatemala Mission trips.

Burritos will sell for \$4 for pre-sales and \$5 on the day of the breakfast. Pre-sales will be available in the Fellowship Hall between services during December.

Are you interested in joining St. Luke's 2016 mission trip to Guatemala?

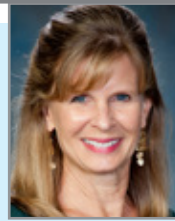
Is this the year you will decide to join us as we journey to Guatemala to work with local people to build homes in the Lemoa area? We will also be spending time in activities with village children, visit the famous market in Chichicastenango and have some free time to explore historic Antigua. Prior construction experience is not necessary.

Trip dates will be Jan. 23-31, 2016.

This trip is open to anyone (ages 15 and up) who might want to join us in making a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Guatemala. Hopefully, this is YOUR year to join us.

Applications can be found online at puravida.org

If you have any questions, contact Jeff Seefeldt, jeff62301@gmail.com or Rev. Ryan at ryan@stlukeshr.com



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

In Need of Gracious Care?

"Therefore

*encourage one another and
build up each other."*

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Our Stephen Ministers are a vital part of our care ministries and are central in fulfilling our vision of being a community of healing, health, and connection. Rev. Janet, Rev. Ryan, Rev. Pat, and I work in close partnership with our Stephen Ministers to offer care for our St. Luke's community. Their presence extends our ability to respond to the needs of our community with competence and compassion.

Stephen Ministers listen, care, pray, support, and encourage others through a confidential, one-to-one relationship when a person is dealing with challenging life circumstances. In short, they reach out to others and extend God's grace. Here are some comments from those who have received care from Stephen Ministers:

"My Stephen Minister helped me see hope in the middle of a challenging time".

"It's comforting to know I have a safe place to say out loud how I'm really feeling".

"My Stephen Minister listens with kindness and without judgment—that has helped me sort through things and see next steps more clearly".

If you are interested in connecting with a Stephen Minister, please contact me or any of our Stephen Leaders. We will be happy to confidentially link you with one of our Stephen Ministers as quickly as possible.

Pastor Sallie

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Stephen Leaders:
Nancy Abbott
Bryan Hutchinson
Paul Kirk
Laura McCarthy
Linda Osborn



Lynda Fickling
Director of
Servant Ministry/
Spiritual Director

Get CONNECTED

Want to know more about St. Luke's?!

We invite you to stop by the Get Connected Center located on the main floor near the worship area on Sundays for all the latest news on our community. From Community Learning Groups to Volunteer Opportunities, we are here to provide you the many ways to get connected.

Thank you to our team that helps you connect: Cathy Collins, Mary Peterson, Allison Wright, Faith Atkins, Nan Woods, Cindy Raap, Carleen Krenning and Jenita Rhodes.

Stop by today!!

**We could use a few more folks that can spend 30 minutes one Sunday a month on this team! Contact: Lynda Fickling lynda@stlukeshr.com 303-791-0659x20

Community Learning Groups - Drop In!

Christian Connection:

Sundays at 9:30am in Room 213 – *"If God Is Love"* by Philip Gulley and James Mulholland, through Dec. 13. The book offers a beautiful portrait of the power of love and acceptance, challenging us to a new way of life. Books will be available in the class. (Ron & Suzanne Humphreys rbhumphreys@comcast.net; 303-795-6468)

The Open Minds Class:

We are discussing a video study series by Professor Bart D. Ehrman, *"After the New Testament, Writings of the Apostolic Fathers."* We meet in Room 210, Sunday's at 9:30am. (Raina Powell rainapowell@aol.com & Les Ludlam lludlam@wyoming.com)

Contemplative Fellowship:

Join us in the Chapel Thursdays, 6:30pm – *"From Healing to Holiness"* by Cynthia Bourgeault. She focuses on the concept of Divine Therapy, a shift in awareness and personal transformation that occurs when Centering Prayer is practiced on a daily basis. (Marshall Kuhn marshall.kuhn@hotmail.com)

Welcoming our newest members

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



Chad & Faith Atkins
"It is the right place for us to be."

Jeff Bafford & Dawn Zilch

"The feeling of community that we have experienced at St. Luke's."



Joe & Julie Beling (no photo available)

"We felt very welcome from the first time we came to St. Luke's. It felt like the right fit for our family."



Terry & Debbie Boucher
"We love the worship service, educational opportunities and service opportunities."

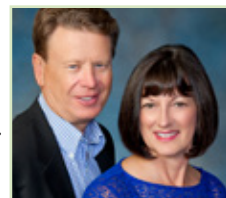
Gregory & Nancy Boyer
"There is joy in this faith community."



Don & Sandra Braswell

Curt & Natelle Brown

"We look forward to being involved in a faith community of people from diverse backgrounds and experiences who accept and care for one another."



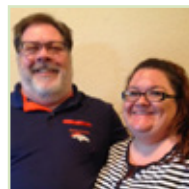
Gene & Peggy Dionne
"To grow faith through involvement in the St. Luke's community."



Jared & Suanne Ediger
"We greatly appreciate the variety of programs, opportunities to serve, and sense of a loving community."

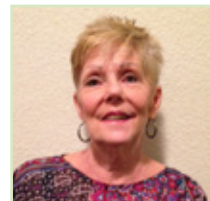


Chris & Kim Milks
"We have desire to serve, get involved, grow spiritually and feel a sense of community at St. Luke's."



Jan Roorda

"It felt like home when I walked in. Everyone was so friendly."



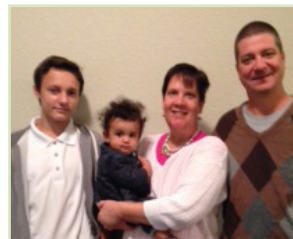
David & Dianna Slade

"We felt a sense of community and belonging, and we wanted a church that would help us grow together with God."



Suzanne Ward (Husband George)

"St. Luke's is a very welcoming and warm environment. The bulletin contained many activities. We enjoyed both Pastors messages and the music. Linda Hall has been very kind and receptive when I was interested in more information, as was Lynda Fickling and Pastor Sallie."



If you are interested in making a deeper commitment by Joining St. Luke's, please contact Lynda Fickling 303-791-0659x20 lynda@stlukeshr.com or visit www.stlukeshr.com



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

Visit our website stlukesce.org to learn about upcoming opportunities.

CSE Fall Blessings

We have been blessed with a long and lovely Colorado autumn in which we have had deep discussions stimulated by Brené Brown's inspiring work; we have shared our stories in the tranquility of The Hideaway; and we have escaped into wild places to enjoy being together in God's beautiful creation. We have one final 2015 Outdoor Adventure planned for November 14 (more information below), and the Center for Spiritual Engagement has begun planning our learning experiences for 2016. Please visit our website at stlukesce.org to get the most current information about our opportunities.

Speakers! SPIRITUALITY AND WELLNESS SPEAKER SERIES:

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, March 1 Join us for an evening with Schawn Kellogg, RN, M.Div., and faculty member for the Institute for Life and Care. More information about this session will follow.



Hikes! OUTDOOR ADVENTURE MINISTRY:

On a beautiful fall morning, October 17, our largest group ever (27) hiked among the pine forests and rock formations above Boulder to visit Mallory Cave. Our guide, Carson Mallory, shared family stories of his roots in this area, especially stories of his father, E.C. "Duke" Mallory who discovered Mallory Cave in 1932. It was a day that focused on family and it was delightful to

have several families among our group. Visit our Photo Gallery at to enjoy the photos from this beautiful area.

- **Seven Bridges Hike, Saturday, November 14** – We hope you will join us for our final hike of 2015 along the Seven Bridges trail near Colorado Springs. In keeping with the season, we'll consider gratitude as we hike through the canyon of North Cheyenne Creek, crossing and re-crossing the creek seven times. The 3.2-mile round-trip trail rises gently but steadily along the creek through pine forests and the towering rock walls of Cheyenne Canyon. This is a great hike for families.

Yoga! CLASSES & EXPERIENCES:

On October 23, 24 we traveled to the beautiful and peaceful Hideaway Inn and Conference Center for the "Your Story Communitas Retreat". We spent our time engaging in individual reflection and sharing our stories as well as building relationships and authentic community. It was a time of renewal and inspiration!

Morning Yoga continues with Gargi Agarwalla on Thursdays (9:00-10:15am) through Nov. 19. You are welcome to "drop-in" any day to experience this centering and energizing class.



Stars in Arts Gala

Saturday Nov. 21, 6:00pm, Wildlife Experience to benefit St. Luke's Performing Arts Academy.

Dining, dancing to Ministers of Swing, student performers, and auction bidding. Tickets/info: Sundays in Fellowship Hall or stlukespaa.org.

Contact
jim@stlukepaa.org.
Can't make the event but still want to donate?
Text StarsInArts to 56651.

MOMENTS OF REFLECTION:

Sam Leahy, Director of Early Childhood Ministry and Center for Spiritual Engagement team member, writes monthly reflections for our website, and her most recent posting captures the spirit of the season.

The colors and the symbols of fall are all around us, there is something about those leaves of red, orange, yellow, and burgundy that fall from the trees that capture and create a sense of calm and comfort. Our breathing slows, our walk in daily life is delayed as we observe the richness of each day. As we enter the cabin of fall, draw in the cool autumn air, embrace the rustle of the leaves and embody the warmth of your internal hearth. Savor each moment and. discover a more peaceful, comforting sense of home.

Visit our website to experience our inspirational and uplifting messages.



Children's Ministry News

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

WELCOME 10 NEW ACOLYTES!

Congratulations to
Nathan & Reece Donnell,
Austin Curry, Brooke
& Kyle Bowling, Sadie
Weaver, Everett & Natalie



Brown and Carson & Anna Brice on completing Acolyte Training in November.

St. Luke's

Holiday Shop

Our LAST
year for
this event!



The Annual Children's Holiday Shop is **Dec. 12-15 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 \$1.00-9.00 and

proceeds from the shop support volunteer lunches for Vacation Bible School. **Adult volunteers are needed for a variety of activities including set up, gift wrapping and assisting children with shopping.**

Donations needed: New men's items • Large gift bags • Square gift boxes (not shirt boxes) *Donations may be dropped off in the Children's Ministry Office.*

Sign up to volunteer at stlukeshr.com or contact Amy Antinoro at rkymtnrph@hotmail.com or 303-916-0278 if you are interested in serving or if you have any questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: (check our website for full calendar)

- Nov. 8 (SUN) - 11:00am "Goliath Gathering" SERVANT TRAINING
- Nov. 8 (SUN) - 5:30-7:30pm - SLY, Jr. "Life Skills" & GAME NIGHT
- Nov. 13 (FRI) - PNO Parent's Night Out 5:45pm Contact Ms. Sam for more info
- Nov. 15 (SUN) - 9:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL: Joy Trek (PreK: 2-4 yrs.) begins 3-week lesson: "David" Sign up to serve!
- Nov. 15 (SUN) - 9:30am PEAK K-4th Grade SUNDAY SCHOOL begins 4-week lesson "Christmas Around the World" Sign up to serve!
- Nov. 20 (FRI) - PLAYGROUP 9:00am - All are welcome!
- Nov. 22 (SUN) - noon-4:00pm - SLY, Jr. Trip to DenUM FOOD FOR ALL to make Thanksgiving Boxes RSVP with Ms. Sharon
- Nov. 29 (SUN) - TREE LIGHTING SERVICE & CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 5:00pm - new earlier time! - All children welcome to participate in this fun 'impromptu' service. A wonderful St. Luke's tradition - We'll sing Christmas carols and act out the Christmas story. (Costumes provided!)
- Dec. 5 (SAT) - 9:00am-noon PARENT'S TIME AWAY
- Dec. 13 (SUN) - CANTATA - No Sunday School (Nursery available)

Blessings and Furry Snuggles,



Sharon Oliver
Director of
Children's Ministry



Samantha Leahy
Director of Early
Childhood Ministry



Stephanie Kirk
Children's Ministry
Coordinator

St. Luke's Kids
Growing with God

Tree Lighting Service with Children's Christmas Pageant Sunday Nov. 29 at 5:00pm

(come at 4:30pm 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**

Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23 6:00-6:30pm
for family time mid-week to help
celebrate the meaning
of Christmas.

SLY, Jr. Christmas Party

Sunday Dec. 6

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!!!

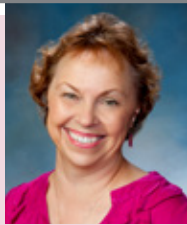


Thanksgiving Prayer:

Thank you, God, for each new day you give to me,
For earth and sky and sand and sea, For rainbows
after springtime showers, Autumn leaves and
summer flowers, Winter snowscapes so serene,

Harvest fields of gold and green, Beauty shining all around,
Lilac scent and robin sound, Stars that twinkle high above,
And all the people that I love. Amen.

(Anonymous)



Kay Swanson
Director of
Little School



Little School News:

Newsworthy November at Little School

We are so amazed that we are already beginning November and planning Thanksgiving activities and "EEK" Christmas will be right around the corner!

I think because everyone is so happy and busy that the days just fly by. We are so impressed how the children have settled into

their daily schedule and have already bonded with their teachers! Now sometimes they cry because they

don't want to go home! Always a nice feeling to have them love Little School so much.

We are blessed to have had such a beautiful fall and lots of time to play outside in the leaves. We have had

bunnies and a tiny snake visit our playground and all the children loved the Pumpkin Patch.



In November we will be helping the St. Luke's youth collect food for their Thanksgiving boxes by having a competition between our classes to see who can bring the most food. It is always fun to see if the green beans will beat the canned corn! Our school will be closed for a Thanksgiving break Nov. 23-27 to spend time with our families over the holiday.

Remember that we are collecting leftover Halloween Candy and will take any donations. We also continue to contribute to our park lunches for the homeless with Ms. Sam and her great crew.

Ms. Kay will be attending the Children's Ministry conference with the church's Children's Ministry team in Little Rock, AK the week of Nov. 16th. She is looking forward to learning with these amazing people and taking some enriching classes. It should be a great conference!

Please come and visit Little School any time - we love to show off our school and have visitors. We wish you all a bountiful November and Happy Thanksgiving!

Blessings from Ms. Kay and Staff

"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

United Methodist Women

Remember to **SAVE THIS VERY SPECIAL DATE: DEC. 1, 2015 ~ 6:00pm**



**Candlelight Dinner
"25 Days of Giving"**



"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."

Begin Your Advent Season in the Candlelight Ambience and Soft Lights of Christmas, Enjoying a Delicious Dinner, Catered by our Fantastic FET, Elegantly Served by our St. Luke's Men, Surrounded by your Friends in our Wonderful Community of St. Luke's Women. Enjoy the sounds of the Season, Learn about our Mission Recipient ~ Women's Bean



Project, and Purchase one of their delicious products for yourself and/or as a gift. We Invite you to Join in A Beautiful and Delicious Beginning to the Advent Season. Tickets on sale Nov. 8, Nov. 15, and Nov. 22. \$15.00

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

This wonderful Autumn season has begun with a flurry of activity! Women are welcome to attend an Interest Group of UMW anytime during the year!

Book Group: Fiction, Non-fiction, Informative, Fun. Fourth Monday, Room 206, 7:00pm (6:15pm Potluck) Contact: Renae Parra (renaeparra@aol.com)

- **Nov. 23** "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd
- **December:** NO MEETING. Enjoy your holiday season.
- **January:** Monday, January 25, 2016 (Currently selecting books for 2016 - email Renae to receive the 2016 book list.)

Common Thread: Friendship, Fellowship, Caring, Sharing, Fun. First Thursday of each month, 10:00am. Meets at the church. Contact: Caroline Butler (carolinebutler@q.com) or Betty Smith 303-797-3225. *"We are really pleased with our first two meetings. We had*

15 at each meeting. Rev Ryan shared a very meaningful devotion at our last meeting of which we all appreciated. We are keeping several of our members in prayer."



Itch to Stitch: Mission: Crochet, Knit, Sew, Fun. Meets 2nd Saturday in church basement. All skill levels welcome! Contact: Fran West (mfranwest@gmail.com) or 303-746-1117. **Check out our exciting endeavor: Our own Facebook page !!! - "St. Luke's UMC Itch to Stitch Guild".**

- **Nov. 14:** Join us in "Putting the Pieces Together" - cutting quilt pieces and preparing kits for baby blankets and quilts. Need to Bring: good scissors, rotary cutters, cutting mats and quilt stencils/patterns. Bonus: children safety-approved cotton and flannel fabric.
- **December:** No meeting. Enjoy the Advent Season with your family and friends.
- **January 9, 2016:** "Hook em" Saturday - connecting our care squares into lap-robies and shawls. (Tentative presenter - having a Knitted Peace instructor joining us)

As you can see, our interest groups ~ **Support** you thru friendship and fellowship ~ **Keep** you in Prayer ~ **Give** you a new insight into books ~ **Enhance** your handiwork skills ~ **Satisfy** mission needs ~ And... they supply you with **Renewal**.

For further information about UMW, look for UMW on the St. Luke's website www.stlukeshr.com or email us umwinfo@stlukeshr.com.

Seasoned Voyagers



A 55+ MINISTRY

On Oct. 22, Seasoned Voyagers visited (1st time for most) the renovated Denver Union Station and we enjoyed a super seafood lunch at "Stoic & Genuine" eatery.

After lunch was our mission highlight visit to Women's Bean Project (WBP), visit them online at womensbeanproject.com, where we had very informative presentation & tour of their renovated old firehouse. A highlight, was hearing one of their young women speak of her experience there at WBP. It was indeed very moving and WBP is well worth our SV mission support! We highly recommend spending a few minutes at their site and support their most worthwhile efforts!



Upcoming Opportunities with Seasoned Voyagers:

November SV activity is a sold out trip to enjoy popular "Hot Tomatoes" group at LTAC.

December will be our annual SV kickoff cultural luncheon in Fellowship Hall on December 10. Rev. Les is working with a local vendor to provide authentic Japanese Bento Box lunches for our Japanese themed luncheon. Please sign up soon at SV table on Sundays in Fellowship Hall so you don't miss out on this enlightening and fun voyage as many did with November Voyage. More details in further announcements and blasts from SVCOMM.

More from Les by Rev. Les Ludlam: Kind of Geeky



Jenny leaned back and thought for a moment as she put down the phone. "So he wants to take me out! He's kind of cute, but he's pretty geeky and likes science and cars, but not sports; he isn't on the football or basketball teams. What would my friends say if went on a date with him?"

Bill put the phone back the hook and took a deep breath, "Well, I did it and she didn't say "no," only that she had to check with her parents. His hopes were high when he called Jenny back the next day; they were raised even more when she said "yes."

Jenny shook her head as she thought, "He's certainly not like Bruce!" Bruce was big, muscular and played Center for the High School football team. They had dated before. She liked the attention they received when the two of them went out.



Bill enthusiastically made the preparations for the date. They'd go to a movie, and then have a snack at Dairy Queen before he took her home. "I want her to have fun," he thought, "So we can go out together again." To further seal the deal, he asked his father to let him drive the new Skyhawk sport coupe on the date. Somewhat to his surprise, Dad said "yes!"

The date started smoothly. Jenny was happy when some of her friends saw her get out of

the Skyhawk in the theater parking lot and ran over to see her (and the new car). She loved the movie; Bill was really nice and she was looking forward to going to Dairy Queen as they walked toward Bill's car. Then disaster! Bill took the ignition key out of his pocket and found that it wouldn't work in the car door! He tried the passenger door and the rear hatch with the same results! They were locked out!

"I'll call Dad, maybe he can help," said Bill. The call was made and an answer came quickly. The Skyhawk had two keys, one for the ignition and another for the doors! Bill had taken just the ignition key and when he locked the doors without the door key, he was locked out. "I'll be there in a few minutes," said his father.

"Hi Jenny," said a friend as they walked by, "See you at Dairy Queen."

"Probably not." replied Jenny; "The friend laughed and Jenny's face clouded.

Bill's dad arrived in about thirty minutes but to Bill it seemed like hours. He opened the passenger door and gave Bill the door key. "Sorry that happened." "Me too!" said Bill with a chagrined look on his face. He turned to Jenny, "Still want to go to Dairy Queen?" "I don't think so, it's getting a little late," she replied with a forced smile, "Maybe next time." But the "next time" wouldn't come, for a long time.

Jenny was deep in thought as she brushed her hair. Tonight was the kickoff reception for the 10-year reunion for her High School class. So much had happened since graduation; her marriage to Bruce had fallen apart after she lost the baby. She had taken a new job at the local school district office and had been able to keep up with one or two of her classmates, but she had lost touch with many of her old clique. But that was OK, for somehow, over the years, the things that seemed to be important to them were not so for Jenny now. "Who will come to the reunion?" she wondered, "What will I say to them?" With feelings of both anticipation and a little fear of the unknown, she left for the reunion reception.

Bill had decided to attend the reunion a few months before. He had lost contact with many of his classmates after spending four years at Cal Tech. He hadn't dated much in college; the workload was too heavy for lot of "extracurricular" endeavors. His dad had given him the Skyhawk when he started college; he kept the car in fairly good shape, but recent repair bills had started him thinking about selling it sometime soon. For old times sake, he had the Skyhawk detailed and tuned up so he could drive it to the reunion. "Still looks pretty cool," he thought.

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continued from previous page The reunion reception was being held at the town meeting hall, not far from the new high school building. Bill parked the Skyhawk near the entrance and walked in, looking for someone familiar. Norma, at the registration desk exclaimed, "Bill! Glad to see you! Here get your nametag with your high school picture on it! There's Dale, Martha, Herman and Julie over there. The cash bar is back in the far corner." "Thanks, glad to be here," said Bill as he pinned on the badge and started toward the cash bar.

Jenny wasn't sure why she was so nervous as she arrived at meeting hall. "Well I've some this far, I might as well go on in." She parked her car and as she walked toward the entrance, she noticed the Skyhawk. Memories of the ill-fated date years ago flooded back. "Is that Bill's car, she wondered? She smiled, shook her head and went in. After getting her nametag and not seeing anyone immediately familiar, Jenny went to the cash bar. "I'll have a Chardonnay." "Here, let me get that for you," came a familiar voice next to her. Jenny spun around. It was Bill! She didn't know why, but her face became flushed. She gathered herself and asked, "Is that your Skyhawk outside?" "Yup, that's the one we were locked out of years ago. Been trying to keep it in good condition."

Bill felt some of his old feelings of affection for Jenny. He remembered how much he had enjoyed her company.

Jenny remembered too, but thought, "He's really changed or my taste in men has evolved." They talked for several minutes, "Yes, I'm still pretty geeky," said Bill with a laugh, "College reinforced that! What's with you?" "I'm working at the school district," Jenny replied, the job's OK," as she smiled back. The longer they talked, the less important the reunion became. "Say, you want to take a ride in the Skyhawk, it still runs pretty good." "Sure, so long as you have both keys!" They both laughed and walked to the Skyhawk, remembering and beginning to rekindle a romance of years before.

God bless Bill and Jenny and us all. -Les



Trustees Corner

As we close in on the end of another year, and enter the holiday season we often get questions about possible gifts for St Luke's. Our Trustees team along with our Facilities Manager, Barry Curtis work together to keep our building and grounds well maintained, but sometimes our best course of action is to replace things that are no longer cost effective to repair, provide enhancements that will make programs and worship events more successful, or people more comfortable. Some targeted projects improve safety, enhance value, and/or deliver energy efficiency.

If you're interested in making a donation to St. Luke's, we actively maintain a Benefactor's List and keep it on file with Sheri, our Director of Finance. Stop by the office, give her a call, or reach out by email to learn more: Sheri@stlukeshr.com. Whether you're counting your blessings, looking at tax benefits, remembering a loved one, or just reaching out to lend a hand, we thank you in advance for considering St. Luke's in your charitable giving this Christmas season!

Please use your reload-able grocery cards often. Remember you can use them for gas also at King Soopers and Safeway.

Grocery certificates desk will be able to accommodate the Thanksgiving Boxes project with the \$10 cards. Visit us any Sunday in November.

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 2nd ANNUAL
Thanksgiving Community Meal

Where will you be eating Thanksgiving? Don't eat alone. Join us in Fellowship Hall at 11:00am on Thanksgiving Day

We will make 100 lunches for those less fortunate to serve in Civic Center Park the next day. Stay and enjoy dinner at noon and bring a dish to share. We will also collect socks to hand out with lunches.

Questions and reservations contact sam@stlukeshr.com



Upcoming Events!

- ✦ **November 6-8: Ignite Retreat!**
- ✦ **November 8: 9:30-10:30am SLY AM- With Ms. Amy**
5:30-6:00pm SLY Dinner- \$2
6:00-7:30pm SLY PM- National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) is coming to do a presentation
- ✦ **November 11: 5:30-6:30pm Homework Hour**
6:30-8:00pm Wed. SLY- Make Urban Peak Dinner
- ✦ **November 15: 9:30-10:30am SLY AM- With Mr. Dave**
5:30-6:00pm SLY Dinner- \$2
6:00-7:30pm SLY PM- TBD
- ✦ **November 18: 5:30-6:30pm Homework Hour**
6:30-8:00pm Wed. SLY- Steak and Shake (bring \$)
- ✦ **November 22: 9:30-10:30am SLY AM- With Mr. Dave**
Afternoon - Go to DenUM and put together Thanksgiving Boxes
5:30-6:00pm SLY Dinner- \$2
6:00-7:30pm SLY PM - College Care Boxes
- ✦ **November 25: NO WED SLY (Happy Thanksgiving!)**
- ✦ **Sign up to receive our emails and Check www.stlukeshr.com and click on "Youth" or "SLY" for up-to-date info on programs, activities, opportunities and more!**



Sundays:

- **9:30-10:30am – SLY AM**
Exploring life issues and the bible
- **5:30-6:00pm – Community Dinner** - \$2 per person.
- **6:00-7:30pm – SLY PM**
All sorts of fellowship and fun activities are happening Sunday nights in the youth room!
Check out our website for details.

Wednesdays:

- **5:30-6:30pm: Homework Hour**
- **6:30-8:00pm - Wednesday SLY Activities**

ON THE SLY: Doin' Good This Fall

Thanks to a good crop and our generous community, the pumpkin patch was a HUGE success this year! The money raised will go towards our summer mission trips, specifically next summer's Jr. High trip to South Dakota and the Sr. High's trip to Louisiana! Thanks to all who came out to work the patch or stopped by to buy a pumpkin!

As we do every year, the weekend before Halloween a bunch of the youth went up to Warren Village to throw a Halloween party. Warren Village is an organization that works to end the cycle of homelessness for single-parent families. They offer housing, classes and childcare to those who qualify to help them get back on their feet. We went down to give the children a night of fun and the parents a night to forget their troubles. There was games, coloring, pumpkin decorating, pizza, and lots of candy! As a part of our party, we also provide costume for the children to help ease the financial burden on the parents. It was so much fun seeing the little monsters, princesses, and pirates running around, but I must say... Nothing could beat the cupcake costume!!

With our Halloween volunteer opportunity coming to an end, it's time to look forward towards our thanksgiving mission... to feed 100 families!! Nearly 2,000 families have applied to DenUM for food help at Thanksgiving this year, many of which may not get anything to eat at all without help. Unfortunately, only around 500 of these families will actually receive a box of food. We have pledged, with the help of SLY, Jr. and Little School, to fill 100 boxes this year! We are in process of collecting food but need some help! ***We need cans of green beans, boxes of jello, cans of cream of mushroom soup, can of cranberries and \$10 grocery gift cards. See complete list at right.*** We will be going down town to help fill these boxes on November 22nd and need everything by then!

Also, don't forget we have our college care boxes coming up! Each year around finals we put together care packages for our friends in college to wish them luck and let them know we are thinking of them! We'll need lots of goodies to send them like hot chocolate, granola bars, gum, snacks, and candy! Also, if you are or have a college student, make sure to get us the address to send it to!!

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



Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes



Our Youth and Children's Ministries have

committed to provide 100 Thanksgiving Dinner boxes for DenUM for those that will be without this year. You can help us out by donating any of the following items by November 22:

- **\$10 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!**



Sheri Henry
Director of Finance

Investing in Communitas: The Threshold of Possibility

On CONSECRATION SUNDAY, October 25, we celebrated COMMUNITAS with an invitation to the entire St. Luke's family to invest in the next 30 years. The results are encouraging!



St. Luke's is seeking to support the people and ministries that we value with a hope to increase our resources by 15% from 2013 to 2015. We are just over half-way to our goal!

People of all ages are touched by the programs, services, and staffing which you and I make possible through the faithful return of our offerings.

- We are responding to the TREMENDOUS GROWTH in our children, youth, and young adult ministries undergirding the new staff teams, especially as our young people respond to holy listening, safe sanctuary, and mission in the world.
- We are deepening our experience of the presence of God in worship. Our MUSIC STAFF TEAM is re-aligning its leadership to expand the Performing Arts Academy and the capacities of our musicians to lead in worship.
- We are building a team model of leadership among OUR CLERGY, sharing spirituality, vision, and oversight in ways that use giftedness.
- We are complying with the Affordable Healthcare Act as our INSURANCE PREMIUMS rise by about a challenging 30%.

You may return your personal card or notify Sheri Henry, our Director of Finance, of your wishes. Sheri can also help you with the ease of EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer).

If you have made your commitment, thank you. If you have not already made your decision, I encourage your response. It is so helpful to our leaders when we have a strong sense of our resources for 2016 and beyond. You have full flexibility should your needs change during the year.

Thank you for your generosity.

Mike Hollyman, Stewardship Lead,
and Rev. Janet Forbes, Senior Minister



James Ramsey
Director of Music
& Arts Ministries



Kenrick Mervine
Associate Dir. of
Music Ministry/
Organist



Kay Coryell
Dir. of Handbells
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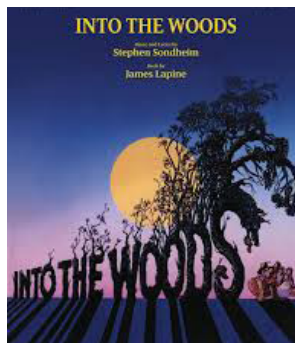


Kristi Pawley
Music & Arts
Admin. Assistant/
Accounting Clerk

The Wesley Players Celebrate 15 years of Drama Ministry!

The Wesley Players would not be where we are today without the unwavering support of the St. Luke's UMC clergy, staff, members, and constituents. Our passion has always been to work hard, have fun, deliver great performances, and raise money for St. Luke's Mission Teams as well as domestic and international missions and charities. We have been blessed with extraordinary and generous audiences over the years and are delighted to share this ministry has raised approximately \$250,000.

More than 580 Wesley Players have participated on-stage or behind the scenes in our productions over the last 15 years. If you have participated in a Wesley Players production in the last 15 years, we want to celebrate with you! **Following the Friday, Nov. 13 performance of "Broadway on Broadway 2015" join us for a 15-year Cast Party in Fellowship Hall.**



Into the Woods Auditions

Don't miss auditions for Into the Woods, Saturday, Dec 5 at 10:00am in the sanctuary, with callbacks on Tuesday, Dec 8 at 6:00 pm. Sign-ups are not necessary.

Into the Woods by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine is a musical that blends together plots from a number of the Brothers Grimm fairy tales. Included are characters from "Jack and the Beanstalk", "Cinderella", "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Rapunzel". The show explores the consequences of wishing by following the story of a baker and his wife and their desire for a family.

We plan to cast 15-20 men and women over the age of 18, with the opportunity for one boy (Jack) and one girl (Little Red Riding Hood) between the ages of 12 and 17. Rehearsals begin Saturday, Jan 3 and will be held on Saturday mornings, Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings through tech week, which begins Saturday, Feb 27. Performances are March 4-6, 2016.

Look for more information in the weeks to come. If you have questions, please contact Melanie Kirkpatrick at melanie.kirkpatrick@gmail.com.

Christmas Cantata - Dec. 13

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. 13 at the 9:30 or 11:00 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.*

For the most up-to-date calendar of events check www.stlukeshr.com

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Brenda Schafer
Office Administrator

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

*I will strengthen
you....* —Isaiah 41:10

PRAYER CONCERNS

Contact Rev. Sallie Suby-Long or Brenda Schafer if you have any additions/removals. 303-791-0659 x32, leave a note on the front desk, or email sallie@stlukeshr.com or brenda@stlukeshr.com

LATEST ENTRIES TO PRAYER LIST:

Debi Sheppard

Jane Riegle

Natalie Murrow

Grant Larson

Havana Gilbert – Gary &

Laurie Gilbert's granddaughter

Jan Rufien

Dan Keyack

Nicolette Vega

Maureen Hoffman –

Monty Hoffman's mother

Charlie Williams

Linda Daigler – Sam Leahy's

former mother-in-law

Bernie Battaglin

Dana Grant –

Little School Mom

Jan Roorda

Dan Swier

Janet Sisk – Don Enger's sister

Mattie – Sharon Oliver's niece

Maverick –

Dave Laurvick's nephew

Tina

Angela Burke –

Jim Burke's mother

Janet Farrell –

Marcia Enger's niece

Maryellen Davis

Cathy Collins

Mason James – Tennie

Christman's grandson

Tina – Elizabeth Billups' friend

LeVawn McLeland

Minnie Mortimer

Nancy Obertier

Blair Strickland

Steen & Marina Jorgensen –

Kay Swanson's family

Sue Butner –

Kay Swanson's friend

Arnie Van Hoosen –

Jay Van Hoosen's father

Gracie Billups

Carol Carnahan

Dale Lumpka –

Angela Alderson's colleague

Terry Wright –

Ann Packer's family

Peter Waldheim

Jeannette Sullivan –

Ann Packer's family

Joe Stanley

SYMPATHIES TO:

Kent & Linda Osborn on the passing of Linda's uncle, Carlyle Jensen

Jensen & Cassy Meier on the passing of their infant daughter, Ellie

Jill Lundberg on the passing of her mother, Ethel Prowell Arnold

Peter Jonnard & Melanie Kirkpatrick on the passing of Peter's father,

Aimison Ashton Jonnard

John & Tami Clement on the passing of Tami's mother, Bettie Nelson

Victoria Mason, Anthony & Ransom Tyson on the passing of

husband/father, Dave Tyson

Brenda Schafer on the passing of her uncle, Ron Cooper

Kay Swanson on the passing of her god-mother, Lois Pahl

Jerry & Maryellen Davis on the passing of Jerry's grandmother,

Victoria Aldridge

Jim & Cheryl Wolff on the passing of Jim's mother, Kathleen Wolff