



The Chronicle

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2017

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Hanging of the Greens

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

Please join us on Saturday, Nov. 25 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!



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

Saturday Nov. 25 8:00am-noon: Hanging of the Greens/Service Saturday

Sunday Nov. 26 Advent 1 Preparing for Connection (Rev. Jessica Rooks & Rev. Ryan Canada) Matthew 3:1-12; Isaiah 40:1-10

6:30pm: Tree Lighting Service with Children's Impromptu Pageant

Wednesdays Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, & 20

6:00pm: Family Advent Devotionals

Fridays Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22 12:00-1:00pm: Exploring Religious Birth Narratives with Rev. Jessica Rooks

Saturday Dec. 2 9:30am: Charge Conference

3:00 & 7:00pm: Christmas on Broadway

Sunday Dec. 3 Advent 2 Holy Communion Do Not Be Afraid (Rev. Ryan Canada) Luke 1:5-20

Tuesday Dec. 5 6:00pm: UMW Candlelight Dinner

Friday/Saturday Dec. 8 & 9 9:00am-1:00pm: Holiday Shop

Friday Dec. 8 6:00pm: Holiday Shop, **6:45pm:** Family Movie Night "Polar Express"

Sunday Dec. 10 Advent 3 Christmas Cantata **9:00 & 11:00am:** Connecting in Joy Luke 2:10 (no 8:00am service)

6:00pm: A Service of Remembrance

Sunday Dec. 17 Advent 4 Candy Cane Sunday Moments of Awareness (Rev. Jessica Rooks) Luke 1:39-56

Friday Dec. 22 9:00 & 11:00am: Little School Christmas Program

Sunday Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services
Morning - 9:30am (Questions with Revs.)
Children's - 1:00 & 3:00pm
Traditional - 5:00 & 7:00pm
Communion - 10:00pm

Monday Dec. 25 Christmas Day (Office Closed)

Sunday Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Services (Rev. Ryan Canada)

Monday Jan. 1, 2018 New Year's Day (Office Closed)

Sunday Jan. 7, 2018 Epiphany Sunday
Celebration of the Kings & Holy Communion (Rev. Jessica Rooks) Matthew 2:1-12

ST. LUKE'S WESLEY PLAYERS PRESENTS

Christmas on BROADWAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 3:00 & 7:00PM

Christmas cookies and hot beverages will be served

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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

Mon.-Fri. Office Hours

9:00am-12:30pm & 1:00-3:30pm

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or email the Church Office.



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



Becoming a Lifeline

Mental Health First Aid Workshop

On a Saturday in early November, we filled the Chapel with people who held a deep hope and commitment to become a lifeline to people in their families, neighborhoods, places of work, and community. The shared desire of all in attendance was to make a difference and to respond in an informed and compassionate way to the needs of those who struggle with mental health concerns.



Thanks to the leadership of our Stephen Ministers and a partnership with Centura Health and Littleton Adventist Hospital, over 30 people completed the Mental Health First Aid Certification workshop. And, due to much interest within our community, we intend to offer additional training opportunities in early 2018 for youth and for adults. If you would like me

to add your name to our list for upcoming workshops, please let me know! (Sallie@stlukeshr.com).

Our professional facilitators encouraged everyone to remember the following Mental Health First Aid Action Plan when responding to a person struggling with a mental health challenge:

1. **Assess for risk of suicide or harm.**
2. **Listen nonjudgementally.**
3. **Give reassurance and information.**
4. **Encourage appropriate professional help.**
5. **Encourage self-help and other support strategies.**

An immediate support is Colorado Crisis Services. They provide confidential help for any mental health, substance use, or emotional crisis 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

The number is 1-844-493-8255. You may also text "talk" to 38255 or go online to coloradocrisiservices.org. Professional counselors are available to assist individuals dealing with a crisis or friends/family members who are supporting a someone experiencing a mental health, substance use or emotional crisis. Crisis can take many forms - depression, family crisis, anxiety, substance abuse, relationship problems, bullying, etc.

Thank you for reaching out to each other and offering compassion, hope, and support strategies.

With gratitude, *Rev. Dr. Sallie*



Exploring Religious Birth Narratives

with Rev. Jessica Rooks

As Christmas approaches each year, conversation and debate around Jesus' conception takes center stage.

The idea of a virgin birth has created controversy within Christianity for generations, and led some to leave the faith tradition all together.

Jesus' birth story, as told in pageants and manger scenes, is a compilation of the stories from Matthew and Luke's Gospels. But was Jesus' birth narrative unique? Was the idea of virgin birth unfamiliar to first century Christians? What did Jesus' birth story mean to first century Christians, and what does it mean to us now?

We'll explore Jesus' birth narrative, as well as other religious birth narratives during this four week Bible study. Join Rev. Jessica on Fridays at noon in December, and bring your own lunch.

Fridays, December 1, 8, 15 & 22 from 12:00-1:00pm in Room 206 (Conference Room). Sign up in the Fellowship Hall, or email Rev. Jessica, jessica@stlukeshr.com.



Rev. Ryan Canaday
Lead Minister of
Worship &
Missional Life

Welcome Advent: Moments of Connection

Here's a brief word on our upcoming Advent and Christmas worship series.

Advent is the season, the time in the Church calendar, that invites us to wait in anticipation for more hope, peace, joy, and love. It's about longing, desire, that which is yet to come. Advent is about being led to a manger. We are waiting. We are expecting. We are journeying together toward deeper connection. Along the journey we encounter manger moments happening all around us—those unscripted moments that leave us feeling more connected.

In a world full of anxiety, isolation, and disconnection, we need manger moments don't we? We want to hear God's voice amidst the chaos and the fast-pace culture. We want to experience deeper relationships with one another as we journey together. We want to be surprised along the way—surprised by hope, peace, joy, and love.

Are you open to these moments? Do you have an openness when it comes to the idea of going deeper in your relationships with other people, deeper in your relationship with God? Are you open to the manger moments—the moments that leave you feeling more connected to everything that matters.

Grace & Peace, *Rev. Ryan*



Poinsettias

\$25 on Sale Nov. 26, Dec. 3 & 10

Please help us decorate our Altar for the Christmas Season – In Honor Of, In Memory Of, or In Celebration Of. Names will be listed in the Christmas

Bulletin. Take home your Poinsettia after the Sunday, Dec. 24, worship service.



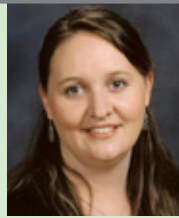
Seasoned Voyagers Holiday Fun!

November 16 - 9:15am - a trip to the Museum of Nature and Science.

December 12 - *Join our Christmas Celebration!*

Tuesday, December 12th in Fellowship Hall. Arrive at 11:15 with a Potluck dish. Meal at 11:30am. Entertainment and Carol Singing. Contact Caroline Butler (carolinebutler09@gmail.com)

Check out at the Seasoned Voyagers table in Fellowship Hall on Sundays, pick up a brochure or contact Rich Krening, rkrening@msn.com.



Rev. Jessica Rooks
Lead Minister of
Community Life

A Live Church

A few weeks ago I shared the following illustration in a sermon about what it means to be a thriving church versus dying church. That illustration is here:



- *A live church has parking problems; a dead church does not.*
- *A live church has lots of "noisy" children, even in worship; a dead church is fairly quiet.*
- *A live church often changes the way it does things; a dead church does not change anything.*
- *A live church dreams great dreams for God's kingdom; a dead church has nightmares.*
- *A live church grows too fast to remember everyone's name. In a dead church, everyone has known everyone else's name for years.*
- *A live church forgives and seeks forgiveness; a dead church never makes any mistakes.*
- *A live church supports its budget; a dead church supports pet projects.*
- *A live church sees challenges and opportunities; a dead church sees problems and obstacles.*
- *A live church worships; a dead church worries.*

A few days after using this illustration, I came across an article titled, "Does Your Faith Community Live out of Memory or Imagination?" by Bill Wilson, writing for the Lewis Center for Church Development. As you might guess from the title, the article addressed the common practice among churches to function as they always have. There is a phrase we call the seven last words of a church – "we've never done it that way before."

Churches, like individuals and families, form routines and comfort zones. We remember back to when a certain program was the most successful, and attempt to re-create that environment. We get comfortable with what is familiar, and we hesitate to venture into new territory. It is hard to let go of traditions, even when those traditions no longer bring life to a community.

And yet, sometimes it is those traditions that bring us life. Sometimes, it is an old hymn that sustains and enlivens us. Or the tradition of lighting candles at Christmas Eve which connects us with each other. Or joining in the Lord's Prayer together, knowing that this same prayer has been spoken for generations, which opens our hearts and minds.

The article by Bill Wilson encourages churches to find the balance between memory and imagination, to balance tradition and new ideas. He invites churches to be open to the work of the Spirit, whether the Spirit works through memory or imagination.

How are we living out of memory and imagination, and how can we more fully connect with God and each other through both? An interesting question as venture into the holiday seasons.

Grace & Blessings, *Rev. Jessica*



by Rev. Les Ludlam
(retired)

More from Les: *Changes in Life's Direction (Part 1 of 3)*

Our lives can be changed; not necessarily by the things that happen to us, but by how we respond. Let me give you an example from the early 1980's.

I served as Manager of Colony Development Operation from 1976 to 1980. My job objective was to keep our corporation's suspended commercial oil shale project in a state of readiness to reactivate readily if my employer, Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO), and the other owner companies decided to do so.

My small group in Denver had been reasonably successful, and with rising world oil prices at that time, ARCO's management had decided to start preparing to reactivate commercial construction activities. The project commercialization staff was assembled, I was assigned an operations management function, and we began updating our contractor agreements and finishing the permitting process. It was an exciting time!

ARCO needed additional partners to share in the risk of this first-of-a-kind commercial venture and began making contacts. We quickly discovered that one possible partner, Exxon U.S.A. wanted not just to participate in the project, but to take it over entirely!

The sale to Exxon closed in October 1980. When the transition was nearly complete and Company division management decided to have a project going-away party as the project staff disbanded. We wanted to celebrate what had been accomplished even though another company would enjoy these fruits of our labor.

We reserved a private dining area at a local restaurant and invited all the ARCO Colony project employees and spouses/guests to the dinner. Jim, the newly named General Manager of the project would say something to congratulate those who had worked with Colony for the work done for the project; I agreed to reflect upon the history of ARCO's involvement in Colony. Our Division President, Ki Bond, was there since he had directed the company's joining Colony in 1969, as operator, and served as the first Manager of Colony Development Operation.

After dinner, the speeches began, but not as intended and there were several. Each one displayed a little more cynicism and bitter humor than the previous one. As I listened, I thought, "we are here to celebrate something that represents the best efforts and intentions by a small group of engineers, miners, environmentalists, and accountants over a twelve year period. We are not here to pick on Exxon!" We were grieving without admitting it. We all shared a sense of deep loss of something valuable but were not able to put words to that sense.

So, when I got up to speak, I began to thank people.

"Thanks to Ernie and Ki for the new mining techniques, thanks to Rich for the design of a retort sealing system, thanks to Jim for the air quality model, to our lawyers for following through on the EIS, and thanks to Walt for the Battlement Mesa community plan. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to making the Colony project as prepared as it is. You should feel good about what you have done.

After all, who else in today's industry can claim to have made a profit in Oil Shale; more importantly who else has netted over \$300 million from this business?

I join you in grieving about the loss of something, into which we all have put our hearts. But remember, this is not the last project we may take on, this is not an end, but a change in priorities. ARCO has more projects planned or going on going on than I have time to list and they are projects that require our expertise. So don't look back or think of what might have been with Colony, look forward and what can be in our future."

The room was quiet, then Jim started applauding, then everyone in the room stood up and continued clapping. I glanced toward Mr. Bond and think I saw tears in his eyes.

He leaned toward me and said quietly, "Thanks, Les, you said what I couldn't."

Little did I know then just how much was to come.

God bless my former co-workers and friends.

God bless us all. -Les (To Be Continued)

Trustees Corner

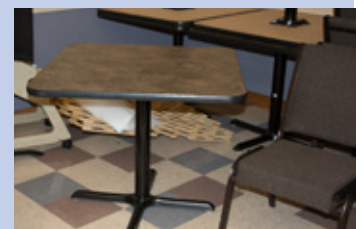
We appreciate the support from St. Luke's Trustees and their families, and from several Little School families and teachers, as we worked together on Saturday morning, October 7th to prep our playground for renovation work scheduled for completion during Fall Break. Our focus was to weed landscaping areas along the front and north sides, install new heavy duty weed barrier, and move woodchips from the western most playground to the front yard to try to prevent weeds. On the north side, we installed cobbles over new weed barrier. In the playground, we also moved sand out of both large sandboxes in preparation for the installation of new landscaping borders. In the backyard, volunteers painted the wood framing of our Playhouse. Our thanks to everyone who made time on a Saturday morning to come out and help with these projects, our grounds look so much better and we successfully reused materials otherwise destined for the landfill! We are most grateful!

The following week, our contractor renovated the three playgrounds. The old railroad tie borders were splintering, and they were replaced with composite ties that will last much longer. New mulch was added and now provides much more cushion when little ones fall. Gaps between the ties and fencing were also repaired. Check it out: they look like new playgrounds!

As we near the end of each year, teams begin the process of recruiting volunteers to serve for the upcoming years, working through the Equipping Ministries Team. Trustees encourage members and constituents of St. Luke's UMC who have knowledge/interest in building and asset management to consider serving on our team. To learn more, please connect with Renae Para at renae@stlukeshr.com or 303-791-0659 x 117. If you have questions, please connect with Sandi Miyaki at 303-913-9993 or sandi.miyaki@realtor.com or Ken Fong at ken@stlukeshr.com directly.

Our Excess Furniture Found a Home

You may have noticed the changes in Room 213. The Performing Arts Academy has put in a dance floor so that they can teach dancing classes. They need to move chairs in and out



easily, so we purchased new black plastic chairs that can easily stack and be moved in and out on a small rack. We also replaced the old cafe-style tables (which were heavy and hard to move around) with new plastic tables. We had two racks of old metal folding chairs that were only used for Christmas Eve services. The new plastic chairs can now be used at Christmas, so we no longer have use (or more importantly, storage space) for the old chairs. The excess furniture has been stored in Fellowship Hall -- have you wondered how long it would be there?

Finding someone to make use of our old tables and chairs turned out to be a difficult task. After several weeks, we eventually posted our excess furniture inventory on Facebook. And we quickly got an answer and a family from New Mexico just picked all of the furniture up! They will be making good use of it for their growing church, Springvalley Fellowship. Good to help out a fellow congregation.

Meet the Newest Ministry Team at St. Luke's

The call to live faithfully, seek justice, and pursue peace has been part of the United Methodist Church for generations, with the understanding that local churches and individual members live this out in many different ways.

The call to live faithfully, seek justice and pursue peace motivated a number of St. Luke's members to form the Faith and Justice Team this summer. The goal of the Faith and Justice Team is to create space for learning, dialogue, and discernment about how our faith and love for God calls us to being involved in our world.

Justice is a word that is used in a variety of ways in our society – from the criminal justice system to the idea of God's justice. As a Faith and Justice Team, our goal is to explore how we as individuals and a community live into God's justice, based on Biblical principles of love, compassion, and forgiveness. How does our faith motivate our daily living? How does our faith call us to serve others? How does our faith encourage us to recognize the places in our community and our world where we can speak against the injustice? How do we fully embody that familiar text of Micah 6:8 – "God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Jesus is our example of how we live into God's justice grounded in our faith. Jesus reminds us to love God, love neighbor and love self. Jesus teaches us to recognize his presence in all people. Jesus call us to compassion, forgiveness, and hope. Our Faith and Justice Team is excited to explore how we as individuals and as a community can live more fully into Jesus' teachings and work towards a new reality of God's justice in our world.

Our work is connected to the global work of the United Methodist Church through one of the General Board of Church and Society. "Church and Society is the agency within the Church that educates, advocates and connects in an effort to implement the Social Principles and other policy statements of The United Methodist Church. Continually advocating with policy makers, organizing the grassroots, and educating future leaders, Church and Society works to live faithfully, seek justice, and pursue peace." The board "works to fulfill the mandate of 1) relating the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Church, communities, and the world in which they live; 2) bringing the whole of human life into conformity with the will of God, and 3) showing that reconciliation involves personal, social and civic righteousness."

For more information about upcoming events and programs, or if you would like to join our team, please contact our Team Chair, Kristin Ryan at kkr4kids@gmail.com, or Rev. Jessica at jessica@stlukeshr.com.

NEW! Monthly Potluck Following the 11:00am Service

Join us for Potluck Fellowship. All are Welcome! Last Sunday of the month in the Fellowship Hall after 11:00am worship service. Bring a side dish or dessert and a few dollars towards main dish. Questions? Rev. Pat Shaffer or Renae



Renae Parra
Director of
Servant Ministry



Get Connected at St. Luke's. To learn more about opportunities for you to get involved, contact Renae at renae@stlukeshr.com or 303-791-0659 x117

Hospitality!

St. Luke's is known for our radical welcome and genuine hospitality. We aim to make our church a welcoming space each and every day, but especially on Sundays when we have many guests visiting our church. Do you have the gift of Hospitality and would you like to share it with our community? Here are some ways you can help extend hospitality on Sundays.



- **Bread Bakers** - bake three mini loaves of bread one Sunday per month to share with newcomers in our purple bags
- **Greeter Team** - currently needs substitutes; we will add you to our email list and you will receive notification when a greeter needs a sub
- **Usher Team** - serve one Sunday per month welcoming people into the Sanctuary and assisting with administrative tasks during the worship service

Contact me if you would like to serve on any of these teams: renae@stlukeshr.com (303-791-0659 x117)

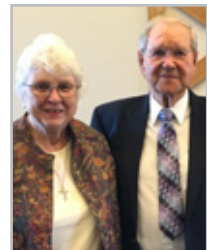
Welcoming our newest members

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



Shawn and Jessica Gentry - "We felt it was the right community to raise our family."

Bruce and Dorothy Lindahl



Ryan and Nichole Rairigh - We want to join the church family and give back. We want our children to know Jesus!"

Roger and Donna Stork - "After our search, St. Luke's felt right: the Music program, sermon series, Seasoned Voyagers activities and a healthy youth program attracted us."



If you are interested in making a deeper commitment by joining St. Luke's, please contact Renae Parra x120 renae@stlukeshr.com or visit www.stlukeshr.com

Service of Remembrance

A Service of Remembrance will be held in the Chapel on December 10 at 6:00pm. This worship service is designed to facilitate a meaningful way to honor and remember those loved ones who have died. It does not matter if the death occurred a few days ago or decades ago, remembering those we have loved is an important part of the grieving process as well as a way of honoring the memories of them that we hold in our minds and spirits.

Children's Ministry News

Praise, Play & Prayers

CHILDREN'S CALENDAR:

(check our website for full calendar)



- Nov. 12 (SUN) - **JOY TREK 9:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins 2-week lesson "Wandering in the Wilderness."
- Nov. 12 (SUN) - **PEAK (K-4th grade) 9:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins 5-week lesson "Christmas Messengers."
- Nov. 15 (WED) - **STORY TIME** 9:00am
- Nov. 15 (WED) - **BIBLE STUDY for KIDS** (3rd-6th grade) 6:00-6:30pm
- Nov. 19 (SUN) - 12noon-3:00pm: **SLY, Jr.** (5th & 6th grade) Trip to Highlands UMC to make **Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes**
- Nov. 25 (SAT) - 9:00am: **Hanging of the Greens** (decorate church for Christmas)
- Nov. 26 (SUN) - **JOY TREK 9:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins 3-week lesson "Advent."
- Nov. 26 (SUN) - 6:30pm: **TREE LIGHTING** service with **Impromptu CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** (costumes 5:45pm)
- Nov. 29 (WED) - 6:00pm: **Family Advent Devotional**
- Dec. 2 (SAT) - **Parent's Time Away** 9:00am. Contact Sam for more info and to RSVP.
- Dec. 3 (SUN) - **SLY, Jr.** (5th & 6th grade) **CHRISTMAS PARTY!** 5:30-7:30pm
- Dec. 6 (WED) - **STORY TIME** 9:00am
- Dec. 6 (WED) - 6:00pm: **Family Advent Devotional**
- Dec. 8 & 9 (FRI & SAT) - 9:00am - 1:00pm: **Children's Holiday Shop**
- Dec. 8 (FRI) - 6:00pm: Children's Holiday Shop & 6:45pm: **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** "Polar Express"
- Dec. 10 (SUN) - **CHRISTMAS CANTATA** 9:00 & 11:00am - No Sunday School
- Dec. 13 (WED) - 6:00pm: **Family Advent Devotional**

SAVE THE DATE: Family Camp

Friday July 20 to
Friday July 27, 2018

St. Luke's Family Camp, an event your whole family will be thankful for attending. Sign-ups start January 2018, more information to come soon.

Holiday Shop

The Annual Children's Holiday Shop is Friday & Saturday

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

This is an opportunity for children up to age 12 to independently shop for inexpensive gifts for their family and friends. Prices for the gifts range from \$1-\$10 and proceeds from the shop support volunteer lunches for Vacation Bible School.



Special Family Movie Night

& Holiday

Shop Friday Dec. 8

Come shop at 6:00pm and stay for "Polar Express" at 6:45pm. Wear your pajamas and bring a pillow. We'll provide the popcorn!



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Stephanie Kirk
Children's & Family
Ministries Coordinator

St. Luke's Kids
Growing with God

Tree Lighting Service

with **Children's Christmas Pageant**

Sunday Nov. 26 at 6:30pm

(come at 5:45pm to pick out a costume!)

Kick off the Christmas season at this special family service of stories and carols and our impromptu Christmas Pageant! Children may come early and pick out a costume and participate in the service (no-preparation required) by bringing to life the characters of the Christmas story! Children age 2 through grade 6 are encouraged to participate. Cherubs, Tone Chimes and our Youth Choir & Bells will perform. Enjoy SLYJO and hot cider after. **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 a plate of COOKIES to share & new children's SOCKS to donate to Warren Village!



Family Advent Devotionals

Join us **Wednesdays**

Nov. 29-Dec. 20 at 6:00pm

for family time mid-week to help celebrate the meaning of Christmas.

Mondays in the Park

Thank you to our Seasoned Voyagers for your donation to Monday Park Lunches. With your generous monetary donation last month we were able to purchase 150 new pairs of warm socks to distribute to those who are hungry and homeless. Our Monday Park team delivers more than 100 nutritious lunches each week to Civic Center Park.

Right after Thanksgiving we will be collecting cold weather items (hats, scarves, gloves & hand warmers) to bring Christmas early to those with less each Monday in December. To support please bring your items and place in the bin in the mission closet labeled Monday Park. Winter is the hardest time for our homeless neighbors lets bring warmth to ensure they have what they need to survive. Questions please contact sam@stlukeshr.com

SLY, Jr. Christmas Party

Sunday Dec. 3 - 5:30-7:30pm

One of our FAVORITE EVENTS to connect during Advent. 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 SLY, Jr. Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes trip on Nov. 19 at noon rsvp to Sharon. (complete list of food needs on page 11) THANKS!!!



Kelly Amadeo
Director of
Little School



Little School News:

Our Remodeled Playground!

Have you stepped out back lately? If not, I highly encourage you to discover our remodeled playground. In a joint venture with the trustees, we gave the playground a facelift it desperately needed. We contracted a company called GoPlay, whose workers consist of certified playground inspectors and installers. While the snow made the first day a bit difficult, GoPlay was amazing, and

their work did not stop. They replaced all of the wood railroad ties with composite wood that will last long and not splinter. They moved the fences to better align with the sandboxes. They put in the required amount of wood chips according to state regulations for playgrounds. They replaced the sand in the sandboxes as needed. Our playground looks amazing! In the next year, we will be working on fundraising to replace the largest play structure on the playground. It is showing natural wear and tear, and it is time for it to be replaced. Play structures typically cost ~\$25,000. Keep an eye out for Little School fundraisers coming soon to help us update a space that the children who attend Sunday School and Little School all adore. Our playground is one of the happiest places at the church for our young ones. We would like to thank the Little School families who came to volunteer, trustees families, Sandi Thompson, Ken Fong, Sandi Miyaki,



Little School Dads working to remove the sand from the sandboxes:



and James Bacon for their dedication and time to the project. It takes a village to raise children, and boy, did our village show up to help!

Be sure to go see the finished product for yourself. The fresh woodchips smell amazing!

Grace & Love, Ms. Kelly
Director, St. Luke's Little School

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning."

~Mr. Rogers

Remember Hurricane Harvey? It has only been 2 months and Harvey is far from most people's minds unless you live in Texas. The bad news is that progress has been slow in rebuilding people's homes and lives. The good news is that faith based organizations are leading the effort to fix that. You can make a difference in someone's life that has lost his or her home and after only 2 months may be losing hope. Lee Seaman from St. Luke's UMC will be leading a team of 30 people to Houston to help. We will be working directly with UMCOR and the Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. The trip is open to anyone who feels the call to serve others. That's it. No skills required, no age restrictions, only a willingness to help. Housing will be dormitory style and we will cook our meals at Fair Haven UMC in Houston. We will depart from Denver flying into Houston on 1/28/18 and return 2/3/18. The trip cost will be around \$425 depending on airline rates at the time. Team members will need to be finalized in early December so call Lee Seaman at 720-237-3856 or email me at Leemanseaman1492@gmail.com if you are interested in participating. **There will also be an informational meeting on Thursday Nov. 30 at St. Luke's at 7:00pm.** Hope to see you there.

Brittany's Books for Africa Book Drive (Nov 1-22)

Life without books, who would think that with all of the technology of the world that this is even possible? Unfortunately, there are children in Africa that attend schools that do not have a functioning library or even textbooks for the children. Literacy is the foundation for learning and sustained development, what is a better way to develop literacy than through reading?

Our daughter, Brittany Grosse, was taken from us due to a senseless act of violence on Nov 30, 2012. Brittany was an avid reader; during her "down time", she was normally found with a book in her hand (or on her Nook). Brittany had a desire to help children, she was attending McNeese State University in Lake Charles LA to specialize in childhood psychology. Reading and helping children is a perfect way to honor Brittany's memory, and establishing a library in rural Africa is a great opportunity to keep her aspirations alive. This will be the First Annual Brittany's Book Drive for African Literacy, please help us in making this a success.

Brittany's Voice will be working with the African Library Project and Project Humanity to provide books to eager readers; we will be establishing a library for the Obolo Mixed Secondary School in Muhuru Bay, Kenya, Africa. Please help us by collecting and delivering new or gently used books or by raising money to help pay for shipping to Africa. It takes only 1000 books and \$500 to start a single library and make a huge difference in children's lives.

We are collecting preschool to 8th grade books in the following categories:

- **Paperback children's picture books, Baby board books, Paperback easy readers, Paperback juvenile literature, K-8 textbooks (English, math, science, geography), Encyclopedias & atlases (less than 15 years old), Paperback dictionaries, Chapter books.** Please do not include books that pertain to American History or holidays or religious context.

Books can be donated by:

1. Drop off at St Luke's United Methodist Church, 8817 S. Broadway, Highlands Ranch CO 80129 (there will be designated containers for the books).
2. Drop off at 13812 E Stanford Place, Aurora CO 80015 (leave on front porch)
3. Mail books to Brittany's Voice, Attn: Dianna Slade, 13812 E Stanford Place, Aurora CO 80015 (use media mail for cheapest rate).

Please contact David or Dianna Slade for more information:

David Slade: David.r.slade@hotmail.com, 720-324-9554

Dianna Slade: Dslade0701@hotmail.com, 720-324-9921

Follow Brittany's Voice on Facebook for updates on our progress.

Thank You and God Bless, *-David and Dianna Slade*



UMW Candlelight Dinner "A Holy Night" - Dec. 5

As you fill in your holiday calendar, please be sure to include the annual UMW Candlelight Dinner on Dec. 5 at 6:00pm. This year the mission being sponsored is Prison Fellowship Ministry. The organization works to ensure the children of the incarcerated are remembered at Christmas

by their parents and Santa. We will be serving children in Colorado by purchasing gift cards at Walmart, Target or Kohl's. These cards will be used to purchase their gifts. Tickets for the dinner will be on sale each Sunday before and after services beginning Nov. 12 thru Dec. 3 in the Narthex for \$15. Once again the UMW looks forward to having you join us for an enjoyable evening of fellowship, good food served by the men of the church, an inspirational mission message and wonderful seasonal music by members of St. Luke's Brass Ensemble. What a way to start the Christmas season! Please join us for "A Holy Night."

With Gratitude The UMW express our thanks to the congregation for graciously supporting our UMW Pumpkin Fest ~ A Pumpkin Treat, Good to Eat Bake Sale. Your generous donations allow us to continue our mission work of supporting Women, Children and Youth and also assisting our St. Luke's Youth with their mission trips.

Please Help The UMW of St. Luke's invite you to join our Executive Team for 2018. NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. We learn from each other and are open to new ideas. We need you to help fulfill our mission of helping women, children and youth. We provide various mission services, we grow spiritually, form lasting friendships, and we have fun along the way.

Save the Dates:

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING AND GIVING OF OUR TIME:

Dec. 5 - Candlelight Dinner "A Holy Night"

Dec. 9 - Assisting at our St. Luke's Holiday Shop

Jan. 20 - UMW District Mission, Mentoring & Celebrations

March 20 - 2018 Spiritual Day

United Methodist Women enhances your Spiritual Journey, supports you in Friendship and Fellowship, keeps you in Prayer, satisfies Mission Needs, and supplies you with Renewal. Let us be a part of your journey. If you would like to join us at any of these events, please contact umwinfo@stlukeshr.com

World Thank Offering



The World Thank Offering is one of United Methodist Women's five channels of Mission Giving. Traditionally we collect this offering throughout the year and also at our Candlelight Dinner.

This channel of Mission Giving is an opportunity for Women in our community of faith to respond to God's abundance

and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude ~ a few coins, or a dollar or two. The funds collected are used for mission and advocacy in the United States and around the world assisting Women, Children, and Youth. The World Thank Offering, giving freely and abundantly in response to God's goodness has been the way of life for United Methodist Women for over 130 years.



"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."

Interest Groups of UMW

Join an Interest Group at any time. Want something different, let us help. Email us umwinfo@stlukeshr.com.

Book Club ~ Fiction/Non-fiction/Informative/Fun. Fourth Monday, Room 206, 7:00pm (potluck 6:15pm)

Contact: Renae Parra (renaeparra@aol.com)

- November 27 – "A Memory of Violets" by Hazel Gaynor
**Books for 2018 will be selected in November
- December – No Meeting

Common Thread ~

Friendship/Fellowship/ Caring/ Sharing. First Thursday of each month, 10:00am. Meets at the church. Contact: Caroline Butler carolinebutler@q.com or Betty Smith 303-797-3225

Itch to Stitch ~

Projects of Crochet, Knitting, Sewing, Quilting donated to Charities. All skill levels welcome. Focusing on lap blankets for Veteran's Hospital and Nursing Homes. Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday, 10:30am-1:00pm in downstairs Youth Room. (No meetings in December, June or August) All skill levels welcome. Contact: Fran West ~ 303-797-7107. Check out Our Facebook page !!! - "St. Luke's UMC Itch to Stitch Guild"



Church Community Garden

Successful 2017 Harvest!!!

We produced at least 77 pounds of produce that we shared with DenUM and Fresh Harvest Food Banks. Twenty two gardeners made this possible! We started in April with cleaning out the garden area, trimming the tree, putting in a sprinkler system and a bunny fence and finally planting. Thanks to all the Weekly Weeders! We want to give a special thanks to Grow Local Colorado for furnishing all the seeds and bedding plants. Along with the joy of the produce, our garden was included in the butterfly migration trail!



We're looking forward to the 2018 garden. Watch for notices in the Spring and come join us. Contact Fran West (mfranwest@gmail.com) for more info.

THANK YOU to the whole congregation for helping us fill our handmade Christmas stockings for Warren Village! Look for opportunities to help now through Dec. 1 in the Narthex on Sundays or contact sharon@stlukeshr.com.





Wellbeing & Gratitude

I love the month of November. Maybe it's because this season feels more reflective and I sometimes need to be reminded to slow my pace a bit and pay attention. November invites us inward and encourages us to pause, even if for just a while, to take inventory and to think and feel a little more deeply. I welcome the opportunity to go inward – to consider all that is good in my life. When I slow down a bit, I often find myself feeling grateful. And, as many know, gratitude can actually be transformative.

Giving thanks is one of the most powerful ways we experience restorative wellbeing and health of mind, body and spirit. Gratitude benefits us and it benefits others in our lives. Yes, I know. It seems so simple! Yet by reflecting on what we are grateful for, our lives become more meaningful, we begin to focus on wanting what we have rather than on having what we want and appreciation generates a whole cycle of kindness.

Robert Emmons, a professor of psychology at the University of California, Davis, is a pioneer in gratitude research. One of his research findings was that gratitude speaks to a deep human need to give and receive thanks. This interdependence of giving and receiving gratitude builds community and allows people to thrive. "There is a magnetic appeal to gratitude" (Emmons, 2013, *Gratitude Works!*). It benefits both the person who offers gratitude and the person who receives the expression of gratitude.

Further research indicates that our concerted practice of appreciating the good things in our lives may increase vitality, improve overall health and help us experience greater resilience. According to *Time's* Special Edition on Mindfulness (2017), researchers believe these things happen partially because gratitude can rewire our brains so that we become more attuned to the good things in our lives (Carter, Greater Good Science Center, University of California, Berkeley). One way to connect with our experiences of gratitude is by writing in a gratitude journal. Simply write freely about the people and things for which you are grateful. This practice helps us more fully embrace the importance of people and experiences in our lives. Once we have more awareness, sharing our appreciation with others is powerful.

Wellbeing and Gratitude

Thank you, St. Luke's, –Rev. Sallie

CSE Mission: Our purpose is to foster healing and wholeness of mind, body and spirit through experiences that inspire wellbeing. We invite all to join us!

Visit stlukescse.org



Glow! A Women's Wellbeing

Experience, October 27 & 28: Sallie Suby-Long and Renae Parra led a fabulous retreat weekend for women in Vail called Glow. This group spent the weekend finding their inner glow. Melinda Davidson opened the morning by sharing her

story and how gratitude is at the root of what makes her glow. She prepared a delicious, healthy lunch for all of us and shared food and nutrition tips with us. Later in the day Suzanne Rainey led a meditative yoga class where we truly relaxed and visualized glowing energy radiating from us to each other and all beings. Other highlights included brisk walks outdoors, delicious meals, making beautiful Glow jars (thanks Michelle Lamoreaux for your creativity and leadership on this project!) meditations, poems and discussions to tap into our inner glow. The beautiful setting of the Sonnenalp Hotel allowed for much comfort and space for all of us to enjoy time to rejuvenate.



Spirituality and Wellness

Speaker Series Event, Tuesday evening, October 17:

What a joy to welcome Rev. Janet Forbes as our speaker! An audience of over 170 gathered to hear Rev. Janet's inspirational message on "The Spirituality of Pilgrimage", her journey to walk the Camino de Santiago in Spain. As we enjoyed the photos, embraced the personal stories, shared in the thought provoking and humorous moments of Rev. Janet's journey, we were also given the opportunity to look more deeply at our own pilgrimage. She warmly invited us to recognize the diversity of pilgrimage, not just as the experience of actual travel, but also "a metaphorical journey into one's own spiritual life", to welcome both the intentional and unintentional events of life and the blessing of unexpected companions along the way. Rev. Janet left us with a resounding pilgrimage greeting "Buen Camino!" (good path) as we moved from the sanctuary to the narthex to enjoy food, drink and community in a lovely café setting. (If you were unable to attend this event a DVD is available for viewing. Contact Renae Parra – renae@stlukeshr.com)



SAVE THE DATE: February 20, 2018 is our next Speaker Series Event - "Building Spiritual Muscle" with Chris Wilterdink:

Many of you will remember Chris as a former Youth Director at St. Luke's. He is now Director of Young People's Ministries Program Development in the U.S. for Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church. Join us to explore stories of spiritual transformation and come away with tactics you can use to challenge yourself to grow!

Castlewood Canyon Hike, - Saturday, October 14: On a crisp and colorful October morning we hiked a 5-mile loop around Castlewood Canyon. We enjoyed beautiful vistas from the Rimrock Trail, canyon views along the Creekside Trail, and lovely birdsong through the woodlands of the Cherry Creek Trail. The steep climbs up and down the canyon walls were challenging, but we all completed this beautiful hike. Sharing a potluck tailgate snack at the end of our hikes has become an Outdoor Adventures tradition.

Morning Yoga with Gargi on Thursday mornings!
9:00-10:15am in St. Luke's Chapel. \$12/suggested donation per class. Join us!

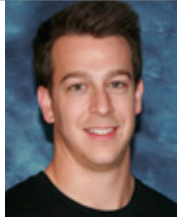




Dave Laurvick
Director of
Youth Ministry



Amy McMullen
Assistant Dir. of
Youth Ministry



Jake Smith
Assistant Dir. of
Youth Ministry

ON THE SLY:

Holiday Fun While Giving Back!

There were princesses and monsters, super heroes and wizards, a few lions and one totally adorable monkey. No, we're not talking about a circus, we're talking about our annual Warren Village Halloween Party!!! Over 80 children and their parents came to get costumes, play games, decorate pumpkins, and eat pizza. Joyous giggles and candy wrappers could be seen at every turn. The Warren Village Halloween Party is one of the favorite events the youth put on every year. Warren Village is an organization that works to end the cycle of homelessness for single parent families. Getting to put on a party and give these kids a night of normalcy and fun is as much a blessing to us as it is to the clients of Warren Village!

The Warren Village Party only happens once a year (obviously, because Halloween only happens once a year!) but we always have projects going on in SLY! About once a month we give up a Sunday evening to make lunches for our homeless friends downtown. We are also right now collecting tons of Thanksgiving food because the Sunday before Thanksgiving we will be headed downtown to package up hundreds of boxes of food to give to families in need around Denver! It's hard to believe the number of families who would otherwise not have means to eat on Thanksgiving... how cool is it that we can do something about that!!

Yours in Christ, Amy, Dave & Jake



Upcoming Events!

✧ **Every Wednesday:**
Homework Hour - 5:30-6:30pm
Holy Grounds - 6:30-8:00pm

✧ **November 19:**
9:30-10:30am SLY AM - Life Lessons from the New Testament
12:00-4:00pm SLY PM - Thanksgiving boxes downtown, parents invited/family event
5:30pm SLY DINNER \$2
6:00pm SLY PM - College Boxes

✧ **November 26:**
5:30pm SLY DINNER \$2
6:30pm SLY PM - Tree Lighting Service

✧ **December 1-3:**
SLY Retreat! Spots limited, RSVP ASAP!

✧ **December 3:**
5:30pm SLY DINNER \$2
6:30pm SLY PM - Make lunches for homeless

✧ **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!**



Living FULL!

The Young Adults group is gearing up for an adventurous fall season. Tuesday Trivia is going well for team Victorious Secret, including many first place wins and a fun night of costumes for a Halloween themed night! Bible Study has also started up again with a new focus and a new name! "LIVING FULL" is a bible study geared just for young adults that helps us look at the all aspects of our life and how we can live it to its full potential. We meet in Amy's home the 2nd Friday of every month as well as electronic check-ins throughout the month. The YA has once again been given the opportunity to volunteer at the Denver Parade of Lights as balloon holders. If you



bring the family down make sure wave at us in our safari hats as we maneuver the giant tiger balloon! We also have some fun events coming up including going to zoo lights and a Christmas Party! If you are or know a young adult who would like to get involved, reach out to Jake or Amy for more info!

Congrats Dave!

Dave Laurvick, Director of Youth Ministry, was awarded the Pure Life Award on Oct. 20 at the Pura Vida Benefit Dinner for his leadership and partnership in Guatemala!

Dave has led multiple trips since 2013 and has taken a total of 124 youth on these trips...so much good work has been done with construction of homes, sponsoring of Guatemala students, and water filters. Good work Dave...and St. Luke's youth!



Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes



With DenUM closing its doors in September, a long time St Luke's tradition, the Thanksgiving Dinner Food Drive competition between SLY, Children's Ministry and

the Little School, was in jeopardy. Thanks to Highlands UMC for stepping up to continue this event! Working off an ingredient list to make a complete family dinner, St. Luke's has committed to bring enough for 100 boxes in the past years. Families are invited to head downtown to Highlands on Sunday Nov. 19th to put the boxes together with families from all over the Denver area. The overall goal is to beat the 600 Thanksgiving boxes that were made last year. Over 2000 families requested a box last year, families that were food insecure and relying on agencies to help them bridge the gap between the end of a paycheck and a hunger. Most agencies are closed so their staff may enjoy the holiday with their families. This Thanksgiving Dinner is something they are truly thankful to receive. If you would like more information or would like to donate, contact Dave at davel@stlukeshr.com.

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

Please bring your donations to the Youth Room by Nov. 19 11:00am. **Thank You!**



James Ramsey
Director of Music
& Arts Ministries



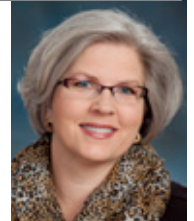
Kenrick Mervine
Associate Dir. of
Music Ministry/
Organist



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



Chris Rigolini
Director of
Instrumental Music



Kristi Pawley
Music & Arts
Admin. Assistant/
Accounting Clerk

Christmas on Broadway - Dec. 2

Kick off the Christmas season and celebrate the holidays with the Wesley Players as they present the musical, CHRISTMAS ON BROADWAY! Join us on Saturday, December 2 at 3:00 & 7:00pm! The Wesley Players will perform Christmas songs from Broadway shows such as *Meet Me in St. Louis*, *Elf the Musical*, *White Christmas*, *A Christmas Carol* and many others.

- Admission is free!
- Christmas cookies and hot beverages served.
- Donations for UMCOR Hurricane Relief are kindly encouraged.

For more information, please contact Melanie Kirkpatrick at melanie.kirkpatrick@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PAA The Addams Family
Friday & Saturday,
Nov. 17-18 @ 6:30pm

DYAO Messiah Concert
Sunday, Nov. 19 @ 2:00pm

Hanging of the Greens
Saturday, Nov. 25
8:00am-12:00pm

Tree Lighting
Sunday, Nov. 26 @ 6:30pm

Christmas on Broadway
Saturday, Dec. 2
3:00pm & 7:00pm

Cantata
Sunday, Dec. 10
9:00 & 11:00am

Christmas Cantata - Dec. 10 at 9:00 & 11:00am



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, December 10 at the 9:00 or 11:00am service for our Christmas Cantata (no 8:00am service) - a joyous tradition at St. Luke's and a gift you get to open early!

Christmas Eve Services: *O Come, All Ye Faithful! O Come, Let Us Adore Him!*

On Sunday, December 24, gather together at St. Luke's as we celebrate the beauty and wonder of Christmas – the birth of Jesus Christ. Enjoy a variety of services from lively to mellow with carols, puppets, bells, and candles. ***Come and Behold Him, Born the King of Angels!***

- **9:30am – Worship service** (no 8:00 or 11:00am service).
- **1:00 and 3:00pm – Children's service** featuring Puppet Ministry, Cherub's Choir, Primary and Junior Prayz Choirs, Soul Purpose Youth Choir, and Joyful Noise Youth Handbells. Suitable for all and delightful for young children.
- **5:00 and 7:00pm – Traditional service** with carols featuring the Chancel Choir, Organ, Brass Ensemble and Tintinnabulators Handbell Ensemble. A peaceful and inspiring time to welcome the holy Christ.
- **10:00pm – Communion service** featuring Soloists and Organ; a more reflective, contemplative service.





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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 Gathering - **Jan. 7, 2018 2:00-4:00pm** **Would you like to learn more** **about St. Luke's UMC?** **Come to The Gathering.**

- Welcoming ALL to a deeper connection with our community
- Gather to meet new friends and staff
- Enjoy great conversation
- With an option to Celebrate Membership

RSVP office@stlukeshr.com 303-791-0659 x110

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Kim DeVries
Office Administrator

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

LATEST ENTRIES TO PRAYER LIST:

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| <i>Claudine Bader</i> | <i>Cecy Gilbert</i> | <i>Kay Mervine</i> | <i>Suzanne and</i> |
| <i>Tom Balu</i> | <i>Nathaniel Gould</i> | <i>Marilyn Miller</i> | <i>George Ward</i> |
| <i>Jean Bennett</i> | <i>Arleta Hollyman</i> | <i>Roxanne Morris</i> | <i>and family</i> |
| <i>Donald Boon</i> | <i>Pam Lyons</i> | <i>Jordan Obertier</i> | <i>Tonya Whaley</i> |
| <i>Grayson Corcoran</i> | <i>Bob Mainger</i> | <i>Jean and Walter</i> | |
| <i>Joyce Eyer</i> | <i>Bob and Pat Mason</i> | <i>Tinsley</i> | |

SYMPATHIES:

Birdie Hohlt (great-aunt of Sheri Henry) passed away on Sept. 25.
Erin Walberg (Wendy Walberg's daughter, Rachel Walwood's and Stefan Walberg's sister, and Hank and Marilyn Walberg's granddaughter) passed away on Sept. 27.
Delores "Dolly" Larson (Randy Larson's mother, Sandy Larson's mother-in-law, and Blaire Larson's and Grant Larson's grandmother) passed away on Oct. 2.
Roy Reiva (close friend of Ann Newton and brother of Tom Reiva) passed away in early October.
Rev. Dr. Wolfgang Stahlberg (friend of Joretta and Ed Gustafson and Sidi and Lili Gustafson's grandfather) passed away on October 13.
James Dodds (father of Jason Dodds) passed away on October 13.
Connor Adcock (Jesse and Kristen Adcock's son, Donovan's and Aidan's brother, Roger and Emily Adcock's grandson, and Dean and Isabel Kittel's great-grandson) passed away on October 17.
Leonilo Malabed (father of MaryAnne Eagleston) passed away on October 17.
Savannah McNeely (daughter of Ed and Carrie McNeely, sister of Kate) passed away in October.
Jackie Durban (wife of Irv Durban) passed away on October 23.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Kristine Fong (daughter of Ken Fong and Betsy Keyack) and Ethan Sokol on their October marriage.
Joyce Mirenzi and Robert O'Dell on their October wedding.
Lisa Coryell and Zach Kramer on their October 7 wedding.

Weather Closures

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

During the week:

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

On weekends and holidays:

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

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

