

EASTER FUN DAY An annual morning of fun, games, crafts and more, on the Saturday before Palm Sunday.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES Throughout the year we have workshops and seminars to help enhance parenting and teaching skills and provide a forum to discuss interesting topics related to our children and our faith.

FAMILY CAMP is offered every summer. In the past years, thirty or more families have enjoyed this annual event by getting together in an informal and recreational setting.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT Four times a year, families gather at the church for a family friendly movie, popcorn and time together. Wear your pj's and bring your pillow and blankets!

GOD & COUNTRY PROGRAM offers children the opportunity to become closer to God while learning more about their faith. The God & Country program is open to Girl and Boy Scouts and those who are not in a Scouting program. You do not need to be a member of St. Luke's to participate in our classes. We will offer this program in every other year.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT Parents with kids age 0-12 who would like a night out once a month. If this sounds like you we would like to hear from you. This is how it works: 2-3 times a year you work with other couples in the Church Nursery watching the children. The other 9-10 months you have a night out.

TREE LIGHTING A Sunday evening family-friendly service that takes place the Sunday after Thanksgiving each year to welcome the Advent season with carols, cookies and the lighting of the Christmas trees.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL The highlight of our summer is Vacation Bible School! We offer a morning session the last week of June and an evening session in mid-July. Both sessions are for children age 3-grade 5. Registration opens in April.

WACKY WEDNESDAYS Summer fun for children ages 3 through 3rd grade takes place on six Wednesday mornings. This program provides the break kids are looking for with loads of Biblical based stories, games, crafts, music and snacks! Registration is required for one or all six of the sessions.

ST. LUKE'S LITTLE SCHOOL (PRESCHOOL)



St. Luke's Preschool programs are designed to provide a developmentally appropriate Christian curriculum and to affirm each child through group and one-on-one interaction in a safe and loving environment. The children will find a world of toys, educational materials, caring, friendly adults, and other children who are exploring the world beyond their own homes under the guidance of a highly educated staff. The program provides social and academic preparation for kindergarten through art, music, cooking, science and educational play. We offer unique curricula; Letterland and Handwriting Without Tears, which support the children's preparation for their future learning with a balance of creative play and social interaction. In addition we offer an extended year of Kindergarten preparation through our Explorers program which supports social, physical, academic, emotional and spiritual growth. Children age three through five are welcome at Little School!



Kay Swanson
Director of Little School

Meeting Time/Place: Classes offered Monday-Friday from September through May.

Contact: Kay Swanson, Director 303-791-1982
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ARTS MINISTRY

Also, see the following opportunities for children and families under MUSIC & ARTS MINISTRIES:

- Wesley Players
- Performing Arts Academy

and more!



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Children's Ministry

In caring for the children of St. Luke's and their families, we seek to nurture and develop faithful loving lives, modeled after the Love, Acceptance, Justice, and Hope of Jesus, through relationship and learning.

Welcome to St. Luke's Kids, a ministry to children birth through grade 6 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. We offer a wide variety of programs and events for children and their families to grow with God!

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Growing with God

Music Programs for Children:

CHERUB'S CHOIR (3YRS-K) is a music and movement program for children 3 years through Kindergarten. The children learn about Christian values through song in a nurturing environment and develop motor skills through movement and playing instruments. They perform for a few Sunday worship preludes throughout the year. Parents are encouraged to attend rehearsals with their children on Weds. 6:30-7:15pm in the David open area. Music Team Director: Dyani Galligan dyani.galligan@qwest.com

PRIMARY PRAYZ AND JUNIOR PRAYZ for children grades 1-3 (Primary Prayz) and grades 4-6 (Junior Prayz) to participate in learning to sing, play instruments and learn Christian principles through song. This program is designed to develop cognitive skills by engaging children in a variety of musical and movement activities. Children will sing the prelude in Sunday services 5-6 times a year. Rehearsals: Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30-7:20pm Music Team Directors: Kay Coryell and Angela Alderson

TONE CHIMES Children grades 4-6 are invited to participate in this fun and musical program. No experience needed. We will explore music by playing tone chimes. Weds. 7:25-8:00pm Music Director: Kay Coryell

Sunday School & Fellowship:

9:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL: JOY TREK (age 2-PreK) Joy Trek is the 9:30am Sunday School program for children 2 years old through PreK. Using the Rock Solid curriculum from Cokesbury, the children will learn about a new Bible story or concept each week. They will receive a Bible story booklet with activities to enjoy in class and take home to share. They will also create a craft, play a game and participate in music time.

9:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL: PEAK ADVENTURES (K-4th grade)
The PEAK Adventures Sunday School workshop rotation model concentrates on one major Bible story for 5 weeks. Our children K-grade 4 will explore Bible stories in a different way each week through kid-friendly multimedia workshops including Art, Cooking, Storytelling, Cinema, Games and Science.

9:30am SUNDAY SCHOOL: TWEENS R.O.C.K. (Reaching Out Caring Kids) 9:30am Sunday School for 5th and 6th graders. Tweens have the opportunity to learn more about God and the Bible and address issues and questions that they want to explore with others.

11:00am SUNDAY SCHOOL: GODLY PLAY
Our 11:00am Sunday School for children age 4-grade 6 is Godly Play based on the Montessori learning format. Children sign in with the Superintendent upstairs outside the Sanctuary and head to worship with their parents. After Children's Time they will be lead to the Chapel for Godly Play. Each week children are presented a Bible story and then have an opportunity to explore the story at a variety of stations. Children enjoy this unique approach to learning about God's love!

SLY, JR. — 5TH & 6TH GRADE FELLOWSHIP
SLY, Jr. (St. Luke's Youth Junior) is St. Luke's 5th and 6th grade fellowship program. It runs September through June and usually meets 2 Sundays per month from 5:30-7:30pm. Come, bring a friend and join in the fun! We take part in the Community Meal (\$2) with SLY (St. Luke's Youth) and then move downstairs for an evening of faith development activities, games and FUN! We also participate in service projects, lock-ins, partnering with SLY and fun outings throughout the year. The complete schedule is available online.



Childcare:

NURSERY/CHILDCARE Supports Sunday morning worship and the small groups of St. Luke's with trained adult and youth caretakers. Parents can participate in church activities knowing their children are cared for in a secure, nurturing environment. For reservations call x47 or access the Nursery reservation form at www.stlukeshr.com or contact Sam Leahy x40. No reservation needed for Sunday mornings.



Samantha Leahy
Director of Childcare

Other Programs & Events:

ACOLYTES An opportunity for children 3rd-6th grade to participate as acolytes in the worship service.

CHILDREN & CHATTIN' is our St. Luke's playgroup. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30am in the Nursery or, weather permitting, on the Playground. Your kids will have a blast playing and you can enjoy the conversations with other parents!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE Services offered at two times the afternoon of Dec. 24 for children and families.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY Come browse the collection of books and videos in the Faith Harder Children's Library downstairs in the Goliath area. A wide variety of items are available to check out.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM consists of termed lay members as well as anyone interested in helping to plan and vision the St. Luke's Kids ministry.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT is a musical presentation of the Christmas story by our Sunday School children.

CHILDREN'S DINNER THEATER Our annual spring performance by children in grades 1-6. This fellowship, mission and performance opportunity lines up each year with one of the themes of the United Methodist Global Board of Discipleship's Christian Home: Love, Peace, Justice and Hope.

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY SHOP Provides a Christmas shopping experience for children up to age 12.

