



The Chronicle

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MAY 2000

"I'd say hello, but I just can't remember her name..."

By Lynda Fickling

There's a sure fire way to get ourselves out of this awkward situation....NAMETAGS! My name is Lynda Fickling...also known to some of you as the "Nametag Nut." Okay, things are getting back to normal and I can now get down to the business (once again) of encouraging you to put those NAMETAGS ON!!



Mr. Gene Eliassen put a lot of time and effort in designing those nametag boards. We meant for them to be a place to store them...not to collect dust and display a "sea of names".

As some of you have noticed, we've become a bit larger. Wouldn't it be nice to say "Good Morning Dick" not

"ehhhh good morning ...ehhhh...Chuck?" Or one might just stick with the safe quiet smile and "hi". Come on now folks...we can do better than that!!

Please let me know if you need a nametag by signing the sheet on the bulletin near the new member board (and by the way...take a minute to look at those new faces and names!) or by calling me here at the church (303-791-0659). ALL are welcome (and encouraged) to have one. And beware...I WILL be checking!...



New Summer Schedule
 Worship Services
9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School available during both services
 June 4 – September 3
 See You There!

WOW! Easter Service Attendance:
 This Easter: 2,089
 Last Year: 1,780

****Friendly Reminder****
 Please no food or drinks in the new sanctuary. Thanks!

SLY Flea Market - May 13

Sell your "fleas", find a great deal!

On Saturday, May 13th, the St. Luke's Youth will hold a Flea Market in the St. Luke's parking lot from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

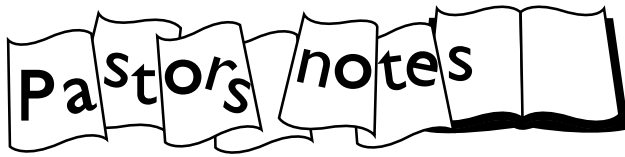
Time to clean out that garage and those closets!

You can rent a space of your own or drop your "fleas" off Thursday, May 11 or Friday, May 12 for SLY to raise money for their mission trip.

Spaces also open to Youth who want to raise money or to church members and other adults in the community for \$12 each. Forms are on the SLY bulletin board or you can call Marta Dowell at 303-932-0560 or e-mail her at mndowell@aol.com.



Welcome to the staff Bonnie! Bonnie Funk is our new church secretary as of April 10th. Be sure to stop by the church during the week and give her a big hello! *Special thanks* to those who helped out in this position until Bonnie came on board: Sharon Stonecipher, Mary Langley, Erica Eliassen, Julie Ramsett, Nita Dunn, Jody Anderson, Amy Luallen, Nancy Carroll, Rhonda Richter and Valerie Duvall.



What has two thousand legs; lives in fifty states, Africa, Europe and the Philippines; and for ten days will stay in Cleveland, Ohio? Give up? The delegates to the United Methodist General Conference.

These delegates, half clergy, half laity, represent almost ten million members and over forty thousand churches. They are elected by representatives to Annual Conferences (typically, part of a state, or in our case, three states.) Annual Conferences meet every year (annually!), and General Conferences meet every four years. In 1996 the conference met in Denver. This year they will meet in Cleveland, from May 2-12. The General Conference is the legislative body of The United Methodist Church, and is the only body that can speak "officially" for our denomination. Both conferences reflect our version of participatory democracy. Esther will be there for part of the sessions, to present a report on Korean-American ministries.

The General Conference revises The Book of Discipline (a book which outlines church law, doctrine, administration, organization, etc.) and "Social Principles" and adopts resolutions on various current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs for the next four years. The delegates can propose amendments to the church's Constitution but those must be ratified later in the annual conferences. (Any member may petition the General Conference through a process outlined in our Discipline.) General Conference also elects members of the Judicial Council, the church's "supreme court," and some members of church-wide agencies.

There will be, as always, some hot topics, and some boring topics. As a United Methodist, you are not obliged to agree necessarily with the outcome of any particular vote. I don't. But the votes, however divided, represent our collective struggle with who we are, and where we are going, at this time.

All General Conference petitions, proposals and news will be on their website: <http://www.gc2000.umc.org>. There is also a Rocky Mountain Conference site with information about our delegates: <http://rmcmmc.org>.

Shalom,

Richard Evans



Prayer Chain

Please keep these members and friends of St. Luke's in your prayers:

- Ginny Proulx's friend, Denise Hull;*
- Leigh Ramsey's father;*
- Robin Cranston;*
- Mike Stephens;*
- Maria Parkin's mother, Katrina;*
- Gwen Crumplar's daughter, Sammie Daily;*
- Stuart Beecher's father, Richard Beecher;*
- Jenny Hanna;*
- Sharon Scholle's uncle, Paul Brewer;*
- Tammy Bell's nephew, Jake Graff and sister,*
- Samantha Ketterling;*
- Erin Whetson's friends,*
- Jen Broomfield and Alicia;*
- Bob and Vickie Ferguson's daughter-in-law,*
- Fran Ferguson;*
- Norma Harris' husband, Floyd;*
- Sherry Lang;*
- Derek Swanson;*
- Meg Mara's father, David Pennington; and*
- Marvin Mauch, brother of Marilyn Ayers.*

We continue to pray for:

- Don Bowen;*
- Joy Damsgard's niece's fiance, Shawn Kovac;*
- Diane Whetson's friend, Mary Summitt;*
- Marshall Kuhn;*
- Margaret Payne;*
- Lauryn Updegrove;*
- Josh Silberhorn;*
- Mary Oettli; and*
- Laura Griffith's mother, Carol Pifer.*

We extend our prayers and sympathy to:

- Linda Babcock and family on the death of her mother;*
- Nancyanna Vandover and family on the death of her mother, Sally Crosthwaite; and*
- Angie Guevara and family on the death of her mother.*

If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office or Dianne Johnson (303-791-3477).



Please join us in prayers of joy and thankfulness on the following births:

*A daughter, Madison Leigh Bowen,
to Don and Barb Bowen on 4-6-00;*

*A son, Calhan,
to John and Michelle Norman on 3-23-00.*

New Members



Welcome!

April 2000

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Lou & Michele Italiano
(Natalie)
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Englewood, CO 80112
Italiano@Gateway.net

Jim Matsey (wife Kathy)
(J.J. & Grace)
1054 E. Fieldstone Pl.
Highlands Ranch, CO 80126
jmatsey@jato.nst

Greg & Sue Quirk
(Drew & Jenna)
1738 Mountain Maple Ave.
Highlands Ranch, CO

Bob & Wilma Sala
8883 Pochard St.
Littleton, CO 80126

Shawn & Amy Slade
9812 S. Gatesbury Cr.
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Saying Goodbye to Old Members

Ron, Carol, Jesse, Samuel and Laura
Anderson-Lehman
Houston, Texas

Dan, Cheryl and Nicolas Kubat
Houston, Texas

Prayers and best wishes to them!

MEET THE STAFF



Kay Swanson

Director of Little School

Kay Swanson, was born and raised and educated in Casper, Wyoming. She moved to Billings, Montana and met her husband Jim on a blind date and has been married for 24 years. Her husband is the Director of Financial Aid at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. (Kay won't move down there because she loves her job so much at St. Luke's!) Kay and her family moved here ten years ago from Stone Mountain, Georgia and love living in Littleton, much closer to family in Wyoming and Montana. They have two sons, Dain, a Sophomore (almost a Jr.!) at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, majoring in religion and philosophy. He has plans to continue on to a Lutheran seminary and enter the ministry. Their second son, Derek, is a Junior (almost a Sr.!) at Arapahoe High School in Littleton and is very involved in soccer, music, drama, student council, and his church youth group.

Along with her job as Director of St. Luke's Little School for the past five years, Kay is very active with her own church, Our Father Lutheran, as a choir member, wedding coordinator, decorations chairperson for festival Sundays, and head of their Pre-school board. Kay also is active at Arapahoe High School serving on their School Accountability Committee and PTO. She and her husband are very involved with their family and church and enjoy outdoor activities together. Kay finds her peace of mind bumming through junk shops and garage sales and really loves a great bargain!

Beside her family, St. Luke's Little School is Kay's love. She enjoys all of her students, their smiles and hugs, and tries to get to know each of the families that attend our school. She feels that providing a high quality program with an outstanding, highly professional, caring and loving staff is of utmost importance. She is pleased that she can be a part of such a successful program and is able to help influence young lives in a very Christian manner. Kay is active in a Christian Director's Association, holds a seat on the Douglas County Pre-school Board and continues her education whenever possible. Because she feels that early childhood education is critical to a child's development, she is always excited to see the wonder and amazement when children learn something new. She knows that St. Luke's Little School is providing a very solid, Christian beginning to many wonderful school years. Kay is preparing for new goals and changes with the addition of some new classes, and looking forward to continuing to keep our program one of the most sought after pre-schools in Highlands Ranch.



CPR Certification Class

Would you like the peace of mind of being trained to perform CPR on

infants, children and adults? As part of nursery caregiver training, we will be offering a one day American Red Cross CPR course at St. Luke's.

We would like to extend an invitation to anyone in the congregation to participate.

The class will be held on Saturday, June 10, and also on Saturday, June 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a half hour break for lunch. You only need to attend one session to be certified.

The cost is \$60 per person, payable to St. Luke's on the day of instruction.

If you are interested, please contact Stacey Baird at (303) 470-5270 by June 1.

The "Lay" test News: June is Wesleyan Month at St. Luke's

A Message from our Lay Leaders - By Monty Hoffman

One of the things that I have enjoyed at St. Luke's is hearing the Wesleyan message preached. Our ministers do a great job of taking John Wesley's vision and applying it to our lives today. God's love for all people, meeting people where they are, using scripture, experience, reason and tradition to shape our beliefs, and the tolerance for differences in our beliefs all come from John Wesley's words and vision.

In an effort to help people understand the roots of this message, St. Luke's started a Wesleyan month in June last year and we are going to repeat that experience this June. We will have four people, two lay members and two clergy, preach during the month of June. You will hear the words of John Wesley that form the basis of our beliefs and hear what they mean to us today.

Please make a special effort to join us each Sunday during the month of June.

The Sermon

By Tim Richter

Early last month, a sermon was delivered that bothered me a bit. Actually, it bothered me a lot. Part of the message was in direct conflict with one of my deepest and strongest beliefs. I left the church feeling slightly offended. Throughout the remainder of the day, as I continued to think about it, I managed to get myself more and more worked up. I quickly went from being slightly offended, to perturbed, and moved right into being torked off. At that point, I vowed to write about the injustice. Throughout the next week, I did my research. I was bent on supporting my opinion with all the latest information available through private and governmental studies. I pulled facts from *Newsweek* magazine, the local newspapers, and the Internet. I was hot. Venom was running through my veins. Never had I worked so hard and agonized so much over an article. It was going to be nothing short of a masterpiece. I would have my day! Then, about a week before the press date, it hit me like a freight train. I had been tricked! It was a con! The sermon that had gotten me so worked up had actually accomplished the desired results. It stimulated additional thought and deliberation, forcing me to think through the issue and thoroughly analyze my attitudes and feelings.

I remembered reading about some of the harshly critical and judgmental letters an agitated Abraham Lincoln occasionally wrote to his generals, most of which were never sent. After releasing his anger, he would typically come to his good senses and set the letter aside, acknowledging the existence of more than one valid view or perspective. It was then I realized I needed to set my article aside.

In our church where diversity is embraced with love, acceptance, and justice, it would be easily justifiable for our leadership to avoid controversial issues. I applaud Dr. Evans and Esther Miyahara-Cho for having the courage to toe the line and deliver energetic, thought-provoking sermons and sometimes even getting the followers worked up, although it'll be okay with me if they pick someone else next time. I hope and trust they will continue down this path.

Do you have Type 2 (adult onset) diabetes? If so, you may qualify for a study to evaluate exercise performance. Major qualifications: Male or female (any age), not taking insulin or oral diabetes medicines. OR male or female 30-55 years old, taking oral diabetes medications, non-smoking. You will receive: physical exam, blood test, EKG, body composition evaluation, fitness test, glucose tolerance test, study medication.

For information call Kathy at 303-372-9287. Financial compensation for qualified participants. Principal Investigator: Judith G. Regensteiner, Ph.D. University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

Little School : The Party is Almost Over



Everyone is amazed that another year of Little School is over and we are celebrating our 5th birthday! This has been an incredible

year with many wonderful days of learning and growing. Little School is registered almost to capacity, and is already moving forward to fall.

Little School will have a jam packed final four weeks, with many fun activities. We will be focusing on spring and summer activities as well as celebrating our mother's and father's. We will have a field trip the end of April to the Natural History museum for our four year olds to "What Makes Music?." Little School will also be offering Language and Hearing screening to our two and three year old students, a service to our parents. The week of May 8th is Teacher Appreciation week and we are looking forward to honoring our teachers for doing such an outstanding job!

We hope that no one missed our fabulous Little School Creative Critter's Art Show, a good time was had by all. Lots of picnics and parties will be the culmination of another very successful year and graduation for our oldest children will be held on May 18th and 19th, with our last official day of school on May 19th for all children.

Our teachers will be taking a very well-deserved break over the summer and we will begin school the first part of September. We would like to thank everyone for their tireless support, especially the entire St. Luke's staff, Diane Tolleson from Trustees, Laura Griffith from SPRC, and members of the Little School board, Sandy Thompson, Carole Sue Woodrich, Cindy Hagen, Pat Dunnigan, Gwyn Crumplar, Dick Evans and Tami Clement. Without these caring individuals, Little School would not be what it is today.

Have a SAFE summer and enjoy your family time together! See you in the FALL!

Lovingly,
Ms. Kay ☺



Summer Barbeque!

Mark your calendars for our Churchwide Summer Barbeque - SUNDAY, JUNE 11, from 12:00 - 3:00. We'll have a barbeque/pot luck followed by entertainment, games, fun and fellowship. Watch the bulletin for more details as they unfold! Look for a pot luck sign up poster on the bulletin board in the narthex- that will give us an estimate of how many people to plan for. There will also be a list to sign up on if you want to help out. And if you'd like to attend our next Churchwide Ministries meeting, we'd love to see you there on Monday, May 8, at 7:00 pm!

Women's Fellowship

If you're a woman who enjoys fellowship in a small group, string along with us. We're COMMON THREAD, a circle meeting the first Thursday of each month. We are varied in background, age, and experience but we share fellowship, fun, and food as we meet. Our programs have included a diverse mix from viewing an iris farm, tips on working with the elderly, to "remembering Mama" in photos and recipes. Our next meeting is May 4 at Vickie Ferguson's, 9672 Brook Hill Lane. Call 790-9498 or look on the UMW Board for directions. Visitors are always welcome.

The Woman & The Fork

There was a woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live.

So as she was getting her things in order, she contacted her pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. The woman also requested to be buried with her favorite Bible. Everything was in order and the pastor was preparing to leave when the woman suddenly remembered something very important to her.

"There's one more thing," she said excitedly. "What's that?" came the pastor's reply. "This is very important," the woman continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand."

The pastor stood looking at the woman, puzzled by the request. The woman explained. "In all my years of attending church socials and potluck dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming...like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance! So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder, 'What's with the fork?' Then I want you to tell them: Keep your fork...the best is yet to come." The pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the woman goodbye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She KNEW something better was coming.



So the next time you reach down for your fork, let it remind you oh so gently, that the best is yet to come.

Q: How did the books of the Bible come together and what other books might be considered sacred writings?

A: The sacred writings for Jesus, John the Baptist, Paul, the Disciples, and all the Early Christians were the Jewish Scriptures. The word "Scriptures" in the New Testament refers only to this body of literature. Christians now call this the "Old Testament" of the Christian Bible. The canon of the "Old Testament", that is, the books considered "Scripture" in the Jewish community, was already established by the time of Jesus' life, through a long history of collection and editing.

The earliest Christian texts (Paul's letters) were written 20 years after Jesus' life, the Gospels at least 40 years, and other books in the New Testament about 60 to 80 years after Jesus' resurrection. From the mid-first to mid-second century A.D., many varieties of writings about Jesus circulated among different Christian communities, reflecting a diversity of theological opinion.

The early church in the second and third centuries made decisions about which writings should be considered authoritative, first in local councils of elders, and later, after Constantine adopted Christianity as the state religion of the Roman Empire in 313 A.D, through institutional councils of Bishops. Criteria used for the selection of texts included "orthodoxy" ("right opinion" according to doctrine determined by councils of Bishops), "apostolic origin" (source of teaching going back to an Apostle), general acceptance by churches, and whether they had been cited by bishops. By 400 A.D., the 27 books in our New Testament today were generally accepted as Christian Scripture.

Works that were not in line with these criteria were discarded or destroyed. Archaeological discoveries in the last 50 years have produced some of these writings previously lost to us. The most significant discovery is a collection of writings called the Nag Hammadi Texts, found buried in Egypt in 1948. Among such recent finds are The Gospel of Mary, The Gospel of Thomas, and the Gospel of Peter.

Even Christians today differ about what exactly is included in its canon. For example, in addition to the 27 books in our New Testament, a collection of books known as the Apocrypha is included in some Christian Bibles (including the Roman Catholic Bible), and another collection, called the Pseudepigrapha, while never considered canonical in any tradition, has long been considered worth reading by many, though not necessary for salvation.

If you are interested in exploring this question further, you might consider joining an adult education class studying these topics at St. Luke's!

Do you have a question about the Bible, a spiritual matter, St. Luke's or religion? Our brave Associate Minister, Esther Miyahara-Cho, is willing to take a stab at the answer. E-mail your questions to The Chronicle at oliver210@aol.com or put them in our folder outside the church office. Thanks!



Summer Music: What's New!

On June 18th, the intergenerational choir (short for come one, come all) will begin for the first time. The Summer choir will start at 9:30 every Sunday morning and rehearse for approximately 45 minutes to an hour in the Asbury room. We will rehearse one to two pieces for the late service, which begins at 10:30, throughout the summer. The music choices will range from easy to medium difficulty allowing us to be ready in a short period of time. All are invited to participate no matter what age, one Sunday or every Sunday. Questions? Contact Jim Ramsey at 303-466-0080 or jamesramz@aol.com.



Sonrise Band

April was a busy month for Sonrise with special music being provided for the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services. Songs from the Christian rock band Jars of Clay and the musical "Godspell" were presented on Palm Sunday. Sonrise accompanied two of the four Easter services with congregational praise songs from our "Green Book" and the ballad "He's Alive!" by Don Francisco. Sonrise also presented a song ("Jesus") written in 1972 by a high school friend of Jim McCurry's, who went on to become a Baptist minister. Consistent with several suggestions that Sonrise received late last year from the congregation, we continue to search out contemporary Christian songs that can be presented before God's altar on Sundays.



Over 60 youth took part in Youth Sunday services on April 9, 2000. SLY put on a great show and gave us all a new way to look at our lives as Christians through the SLY channel: KSLY.....and that is our final answer.

CALLING ALL KIDS!

Join us for Vacation Bible School!

Sign up now!

Who: All kids 2 years old through 5th grade

When: June 26 – 30

Time: 9:30 am – 12:00 noon

Kid's will enjoy music, crafts, stories, snacks and games.

Contact Gwyn Crumplar for more information at 303-791-0659.

If you would be interested in volunteering all week being a lead teacher, craft coordinator, music director, snack provider or puppet coordinator, please contact Gwyn.



Rehearsal Times & Contacts:

Chancel Choir

Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Contact: Jim Ramsey 303-466-0080

Tintinnabulators Handbell Choir

Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Contact: Lisa Lewis 303-221-6323

Cherub Choir

Wednesdays 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Contacts: Leisje Johnson 303-791-0875

Children's Choir

Sundays 8:55 - 9:25 a.m.

Contact: Kay & Ed Coryell 303-741-1748

Youth Choir

Sundays 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Contact: Diane Whetson 303-791-4397

Sonrise Band

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Jim McCurry 303-470-6198

Flute Ensemble

Saturdays, 8:00 a.m.

Contact: Ruth Smith 303-683-0676

Brass Ensemble

Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.

Contact: Glenn Harm 303-683-8248

Big Band

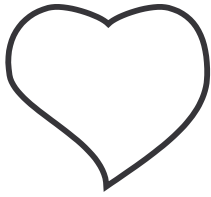
Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.

Contacts: Carrie Mallery 303-346-8685

Bob Whetson 303-791-4397

Childcare is provided for Chancel Choir and Tintinnabulators.

Special kudos to Andrea Money. After a recent hair "trim" she donated 10" of her hair to Loving Locks, an organization that makes wigs for those who have lost their hair to medical treatments.



April 10, 2000
Dear friends and loved ones at St. Luke's,

On March 8, our lives were turned upside down. As most of you know, Don was rushed into emergency open heart surgery for an aortic dissection. The days that followed seem somewhat of a blur, but we were dealing with emotions and events that I'd thought we'd never have to face. On March 24, Don was released from the hospital but continues to be under many doctors' care. He is improving each day. We were not only overwhelmed with this scary situation, but in another sense, overwhelmed with the outpouring of support and prayer chains from around the country. Our church families have been and continue to be so very special to us. Thank you all for the prayers and cards you have sent our way. The power of prayer is a marvelous thing. So many of you have also provided food for us, and have taken Derrick and Mark under your wings. A special thank you to Dr. Evans and Rev. Esther for their visits in the hospital and special prayers. Also thanks to Dr. Jeff Johnson and Dr. Doug Hagen for helping us to understand all this a little better. To Liesje Johnson...if ever there are examples of angels on earth, you're it. Thank you for everything.

On April 6, we were blessed with yet another miracle. Her name is Madison Leigh and she weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz.; 19 1/2 in. long. Mom and baby are doing fine, and Derrick and Mark are thrilled to have a sister. Don was able to drive me to the hospital, and I wish you could've seen the smile on his face when she was born. Life is precious. May God's blessings also be yours. Thank you, again, from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely and with love,

Don, Barb, Derrick, Mark and Madison Bowen



Recycled Eyeglasses Drive

You may have something priceless tucked away in a drawer. Something useless to you, but able to make a "blind" person see. The mission's committee will be collecting your old eyeglasses, cases and frames for Medical Ministry International. MMI washes, sorts, repairs, and enters prescriptions into a database. Prepared glasses are then taken to eye projects in developing countries where MMI volunteers examine eyes and search through the collection for the right pair. Over 85% of those people needing glasses are able to receive a good fit. So, no matter what the condition of your old eyeglasses, sunglasses, cases, or safety glasses consider donating them to MMI. There is a collection box set up on the Mission Table. Call Andrea Mezger at 303-791-7350 if you have questions.

Cambodia: Far Away and Close to Home

By Marla Vasten

You can be part of a unique outreach opportunity to Cambodia—whether you stay right here in the U.S., or choose to take a challenging and rewarding trip to the Far East. Over the next nine months, the St. Luke's community will have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people from a rural village in Cambodia.

As a nation, the Cambodian people have suffered tremendous social, political and humanitarian injustices in the very recent past. In fact, organized religion was officially outlawed by the government until the early 1990's. However, now that restrictions regarding religion have been loosened, St. Luke's has an opportunity to support mission work that will strengthen the community of Siam Reap and help provide a brighter, more promising future for the children of the region.

Our work as a church will really consist of two phases. In the first phase, Dalay Dy, a Cambodian woman from the village of Siam Reap will be "adopted" by our

church family for a period of 2-3 weeks between July 22 and August 20. During her stay she will live with Esther Miyahara-Cho and Dick Evans. Dalay is interested in learning what it means to be part of a Methodist church in the United States, and hopes to learn more about pursuing a career in ministry. While the details of her stay are not yet final, she will become a familiar presence around the church during her visit, and hopefully many people will take the time to get to know her and include her in activities that make her feel welcome in our church community.

The second phase of our church's involvement will be a mission work trip to the village of Siam Reap in January 2001. A group from St. Luke's will work and live among Dalay's friends and family for two weeks, and will offer whatever assistance is most needed at the time. The current expectation is that the mission group will help build a community center as part of the village's larger efforts to improve opportunities for education, healthcare, agricultural development, etc. Approximately 20-30 adults will be able to join the trip, and there is still space available if you are interested.

What Can You Do?

Everyone at St. Luke's can play a part in enriching Dalay's visit to Colorado and making the work trip to Cambodia a reality. To help raise money and support for both, several events are planned. To begin, the project has already received some of the proceeds from the April benefit concert, which featured CU's Golden Buffalo Men's Chorus. Additionally, plans are underway for a booth at the May flea market, and a Taste of Cambodia Silent Auction sometime during Dalay's visit.

If you have any time you can give, goods and services you can donate, experiences you can share about Cambodian culture, ideas you want to contribute, or if you want to take the journey to Cambodia, please get involved! We can all benefit tremendously from the opportunity to better understand another culture and give something of ourselves to improve the lives and futures of the children of Siam Reap.

Cambodian Mission Committee:

Contact: Dale Balu at (303) 971-1726
OR Laurie Gilbert at (303) 791-1328

Taste of Cambodia Silent Auction:

Contact: Jan Stull at (303) 470-8046

Our High School Graduates



Jeremy Balu is graduating with the Highlands Ranch High School class of 2000 on May 27. Jeremy will be working two jobs this summer, at Lockheed

Martin in the Lofting Department and at one of the swimming pools. For fun he plans to drive to San Diego for vacation. In the fall he'll attend CU Boulder.

After graduation from Thunder Ridge High School, **Jennifer**

Boles will enjoy a cruise around Alaska. Following this great trip (a gift from her parents)

Jennifer will continue to work in the St. Luke's nursery before heading off to UNC in September. She will study Therapeutic Recreation which, she explains, is similar to Physical Therapy.



Heather Bomberger will graduate with the first class of seniors at Thunder Ridge High School on May 27.

After graduation she plans on playing, rafting, traveling with her family and working with her dad at Public Service Company. Heather will major in Elementary Education at Western State College.

After graduating from Abilene High School, **Sammy**

Daily will be working as a nanny for the summer. She plans to attend Culinary Arts School this fall in Denver.



David Evans will graduate from Highlands Ranch High School. He is currently looking for a summer job and his plans for the fall are up in the air.

Following his graduation from Thunder Ridge High School,

Jason Gilbert will spend the summer training new recruits with Arapahoe Search and Rescue. He will be preparing for the Emergency Medical Technician intermediate course he will take at Arapahoe Community College this fall. Jason will fill his extra summer hours hiking, camping and 4-wheeling.



Zach Howell, another from the first graduating class at Thunder Ridge High School, will spend his summer working at Boston's. Zach will attend UNC in Greeley.

Brad Laurvick will graduate from Chatfield High School on May 18.

This summer he will be a counselor at Temple Hills Camp and Retreat Center. Following a short break in August, he'll move to Boulder to start life as a CU student. He will major in English which he plans to use as background for seminary. Brad hopes to enter the ordained ministry.



Chris Meints, another in the first graduating class of Thunder Ridge, plans on hanging out with friends this summer and making

a trip to Iowa for a family reunion. He's really hoping to make a trip to New York City with friends. In between vacations he'll be working at the Great Indoors. In the fall you'll find Chris at CSU studying for a degree in Computer Science with a minor in Art.

Jodi Olorenshaw

will be one of the graduates from Highlands Ranch High School on May 27. She will be touring Europe with her family this summer and she will spend a month in Germany revisiting old friends she met while living there for a year. In the fall Jodi will attend UNC at Greeley and major in Music Education.



*Congratulations to all of our High School Graduates!
We wish you well and pray that God's blessings will be with you as you continue to grow, learn and live.*



May SLY Activities

Tuesday, May 2

6:15-7:00 a.m. Breakfast Club, Einstein's

Wednesday, May 3

6:30- 8:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Thursday, May 4

6:30-9:00 p.m. Youth Disciple II

Sunday, May 7

11:00-12:30 Youth Disciple I

12:30-2:30 Youth Council

Bring a sack lunch.

3:00-4:00 Chicago Mission Trip Meeting

4:00-5:00 Alamosa Mission Trip Meeting

5:00-6:00 Youth Choir

6:00-6:30 Youth Supper

6:30-8:00 S L Y

All Youth Grades 6-12

Tuesday, May 9

6:15-7:00 a.m. Breakfast Club, Einstein's

Thursday, May 11

6:30-9:00 p.m. Youth Disciple II

Friday, May 12

6:00-10:00 p.m. Confirmation Celebration

4:00-7:00 p.m. Flea Market Pricing

Saturday, May 13

7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Youth Flea Market

Sunday, May 14

11:00-12:30 Youth Disciple I

Mother's Day

No Evening Youth Activities

Tuesday, May 16

6:15-7:00 a.m. Breakfast Club, Einstein's

Thursday, May 18

6:30-9:00 p.m. Youth Disciple II

Saturday, May 20

8:00-12:00 a.m. Church Clean-up day

Youth who need service hours should plan to help out.

Saturday, May 20

6:00-8:00 p.m. Confirmation Dinner

Sunday, May 21

11:00 Confirmation Sunday

Youth Choir Sings

11:00-12:30 Youth Disciple I

6:30-8:00 S L Y

All Youth Grades 6-12

Tuesday, May 23

6:15-7:00 a.m. Breakfast Club, Einstein's

Thursday, May 25

6:30-9:00 p.m. Youth Disciple II

Sunday, May 28

11:00-12:30 Youth Disciple I

Memorial Day Weekend

No Evening Youth Activities

Tuesday, May 30

6:15-7:00 a.m. Breakfast Club, Einstein's

Middle School Sunday School To get us ready for the new and exciting Summer Sunday School program we are having some different classes for May. On April 30 Kerry Timm will be administering the "True Colors" personality assessment. On Sunday, May 7, we will go over the results and talk about what it all means. It should be lots of fun, so come find out the scoop on who you really are (or at least who the test says you really are) On May 14 and 21 Esther will be speaking to Middle School Sunday School about her experiences in Cambodia and how youth might be involved in our mission to Cambodia. Her trip was a true life-changing event and we are excited to hear more about it.

Summer Sunday School is changing to a whole new format. There will be two sessions. Session 1 begins June 4 and ends July 16. Session 2 starts on July 23 and ends September 3. There will be three classes each session. Youth will have a choice of which Sunday School class they would like to attend. Classes are:

Session I June 4 - July 13

Go For It! Want to get up and move around? Active participation is required in this class that promises a variety of interesting activities for 6th-12th graders. Even better, the actions have a point! Taught by Tom Pauldine and Joe Pedley.

Veggie Videos Learn Bible stories in a unique and fun way with Veggie Tales. This class for 6th-8th graders promises to be funny and interesting at the same time. Meet Rack, Shack, Benny, Bob, Larry and a huge cast of very different characters who bring Bible stories to life. You may even get to write your own Veggie Tale. Taught by Kathy Balu, Deb Juarez, and a mystery teacher.

Make A Joyful Noise! This class is devoted to exploring our faith through music of all kinds and is for 9th-12th graders. Absolutely no musical talent is required, just the enjoyment of music. Taught by Chris Richards and Leigh Ramsey.

Session II July 21- Sept. 3

Faith in Action This class provides 6th-12th graders the chance to show their faith through works. Limited to 14 youth (to fit in the van) so that the class can reach out and serve in the metro area. Activities might include serving lunch at a soup kitchen, collecting and distributing items for local and international shelters and more. Lynda Drake will be leading this class.

Make A Joyful Noise! This class is devoted to exploring our faith through music of all kinds and is for 6th-8th graders. Absolutely no musical talent is required, just the enjoyment of music. Teachers to be announced later.

Great Moments in Sports What makes a moment great for eternity, not just for the moment? Sure to appeal to both the athletes and spectators in grades 9-12, the actions are bound to provide great theological and faith-in-life discussions. Taught by John Mann and Hal Timm.

Youth should sign-up on the SLY Bulletin Board for the class they plan to take. Some classes will be repeated during the school year. Now, let's get ready for some summertime fun!

Youth Council Just a reminder that applications for Youth Council are due by noon on Sunday May 14. Forms are located on the SLY bulletin board. Any youth who has completed grades six through eleven are invited to apply. Interviews will be scheduled some time in May. If you have any questions, call Dottie or Deb.

Flea Market SLY's youth flea market will be on Saturday, May 13. Any youth grade 6-12 is invited join in the work. All youth who are going on either mission trip this summer are expected to work. Sign-up for a shift on the youth bulletin board. If you did not work the pumpkin patch you should plan to work all day at the Flea Market. We will also be organizing and pricing donated items on Friday, May 12 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Questions, call Dottie or Marta Dowell at 303-972-0560.

Confirmation Sunday Twenty-five youth have been meeting twice a month since November in preparation for Confirmation Sunday on May 21. For youth who have been baptized, confirmation is the opportunity for them to say yes to the promises made for them at their baptism. Those who have not been baptized will be making those promises for themselves when they are baptized as part of the confirmation service. Confirmation is a major step in a young person's faith journey. The youth will be confirmed at the 11:00 service and we invite the entire St. Luke's family to join the youth and their families and mentors for this special service.

Confirmation Dinner is Saturday, May 20 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and reservations should be made as soon as possible. All confirmation youth, their immediate families and their mentors are invited to share in the celebration of the commitments the youth will make on Sunday. The meal will be followed by a short rehearsal. Please RSVP to Kerry Timm at 303-471-1340.

Confirmation Parents If your youth will be baptized on Confirmation Sunday, please call Bonnie Funk in the church office with information for the Certificate of Baptism. If you have any questions about the baptism, please call Deb Juarez.

Sunday Worship Services

8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes

9:30 a.m. - Adult, Youth & Children's Classes

11:00 a.m. - Adult & Children's Classes

Nursery available for all services.

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