

#### THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON RECEIVING Connecting at St. Luke's through giving, caring and sharing By Dennis Becker

Lisa Bryan has a gift of giving and while she is giving away her gift of volunteering she is also receiving over and over again. Lisa is co-chairperson of St. Luke's Caring Connection. Her primary responsibility is coordinating the visits to people who are in the hospital, recovering at home from surgery, driving to and from doctors appointments and visiting nursing home residents. Dawn Branch is the other co-chairperson of Caring Connection and is responsible for arranging meals for those in need.

If you ask Lisa about Caring Connection, be prepared to listen to some remarkable stories from a person excited about using her gifts to serve other people, God and St. Luke's Church. One story is about a member of St. Luke's, Mary Ottley. Mary had fallen and went into a coma. Mary's recovery started at a rest home when Lisa first met her. Lisa visited Mary once a week over a period of several months. During this time Lisa did everything she could to encourage Mary's recovery. Mary was unable to walk and her speech was affected by the coma. Each week Lisa would do her nails, bring snacks, help her get dressed, listen to her, be a friend and advocate for her recovery and return to a home. After three months of recovery Lisa saw Mary slowly learn to sit up, walk and be self-sufficient. Lisa assisted Mary in finding an assisted living facility and visited her at her new place once a week. Mary is at home now and is driving her own car. Lisa and Mary still visit. Or the time Louise Smith was having abdominal pains and called Lisa for help. Louise's family was out of town. Lisa took Louise to the emergency room and stayed with her through an emergency surgery until her family was back in town a few days later.

Lisa spends 10-15 hours a week with Caring Connection making visits at least twice a week, coordinating other volunteer visitors, writing the Caring Connection newsletter and handling other administrative matters. She's even set up a desk in the special Caring Connection corner in her home.

Join us March 30th for Dinner and a Movie!

For all of those who contributed to the Cambodia Mission project with your time, talent, money or prayer, we will be honoring you with a special evening on Friday, March 30. Dinner will be served from 6:00-7:00. There will be a video shown of the mission trip at 7:30.

Please come with your family and friends to enjoy a special meal prepared by Brian Sorsby followed by actual footage of the Cambodia building project produced by Ken Fong. Members of the mission committee will also bring their personal photo albums.

If you have questions about the event, call Laurie Gilbert at 303-791-1328 or Andrea Mezger at 303-791-7350.

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How many of you have ever watched the World Wrestling Federation–WWF? Be honest! Recently Frank DeFord was giving his regular Wednesday sports essay, in which he told a story about John Westerhoff, who teaches at the Duke Divinity School. Westerhoff took his students to a WWF match. In fact, they went several times. (They had to pay for both tuition and tickets for this experience.) Westerhoff asked them to take a look. "Look around. What do you see? What do you notice?"

They saw that people usually sat in the same place week after week. They had food and drinks with them. They had specific ways of speaking... or yelling. These were like rituals they followed, religiously. Like we do. We tend to sit in the same place. We have things we say and do, regularly, as a part of a service.

And there in the center ring, is the biggest ritual of all. There, Westerhoff said, you have acted out, in a dramatic (if contrived) way, the cosmic struggle of good versus evil. Good guy versus bad guy. And it seems like the bad guy is always going to win; then (usually), the good guy will turn the tables, and defeat the bad guy. Good wins. Evil is defeated. And there is hope.

That is the drama we are supposed to see in church, Westerhoff said. Maybe I should shave my head like Jesse Ventura, and wrestle Jim Ramsey, just to reenact the drama! Of course, he would be the good guy.

But we don't have to do that. One drama we rehearse during Lent is the problem in theology known as "theodicy." God is all-powerful. God is good. Bad things happen. You can have any two of those, but not all three. Different religions try to solve the problem in different ways.

Karma: You're just getting what you deserve.

Illusion: It's all in your head.

Christianity doesn't really provide a theoretical answer. It points to the cross, and says that there is no evil so dark and so obscene that God can't turn it something into good.

In Tuesdays with Morrie, the dying teacher says, "Life is a series of pulls back and forth. You want to do one thing, but you are bound to do something else. Something hurt you, yet you know it shouldn't. You take certain things for granted, even when you know you should never take anything for granted... A tension of opposites, like a pull on a rubber band. And most of us live somewhere in the middle." Mitch, a former student, now spending Tuesdays with his dying teacher, says, "Sounds like a wrestling match." "A wrestling match." He laughs. "Yes, you could describe it that way." "So which side wins?" Morrie smiles, crinkled eyes, crooked teeth. "Love wins. Love always wins."

Not in the short run, maybe, but God's love wins. See you in church.

Shalom,

Dick



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

Brad Laurvick's friend, Laurie; Emerson Mallery; David Crouse's mother, Pat Crouse; Sam Eyer; Betsey Keyack; Deb Whitelam; Terry Hertzler; Marilyn Birkey; Terri Beecher; Norma Harris; Ralph Crawford; Sue Townsend's mother, Betsy Jewell; Staff/Parish Relations Committee; Deon Martin, Holly Sparks' father; and Wendy Wallberg's father, Hank Ott.

#### We continue to pray for:

Stewart Brown; Sharon Scholle's cousin, Bill Proctor; Connie Shoemaker's mother, Mildred Johnson; Carol Reif; and Corina Hall's parents, the Alex Alamedas.

#### We extend our prayers and sympathy to:

Amy Cavanaugh and family on the death of her grandmother, Frances Miller;

Bud and Sharon Scholle and family on the deaths of their brother-in-law, Bob Urban; their friend, Bob Whitzel; Sharon's aunt, Virginia Brewer; and Sharon's cousin, Mildred Roe.

Maria and Tom Fox and family on the death of her mother, and

Karen Meade and family on the death of her father, Richard George.



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

A daughter, Sadie Isabel, to Pete and Shamina Fletcher on 2-21-01.

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

### **New Members**



### January & February 2001

Jennifer & Rob Green 17303 Lindon Drive Parker. CO

Linda Hammett 9460 Cove Creek Drive Highlands Ranch, CO

Susan & Doug Johnson (Andrew, Kaitlyn) 185 Willowick Circle Highlands Ranch, CO

Laura Moore (Shannon, TJ) 9616 South Golden Eagle Ave. Highlands Ranch, CO

Rebecca & Randy Poznan (Joshua, Emma) 9876 South Florence Place Littleton, CO

Sharon & John Williams 8374 South Whitecloud Street Highlands Ranch, CO

**Cindy & Mark Shinn** (Joshua, Nicholas, Alexander) 10012 South Royal Eagle Lane Highlands Ranch, CO

Brenda & Bryan Saggau (Madison, Jared) 4695 West Mineral Drive Littleton, CO

Jennifer & Jim Smith 9046 Hunters Way Highlands Ranch, ČO

**Bethany & Steve Vanderink** (Zachary, Madeline) 10408 Panther Trace Littleton. CO

Virginia & Rodger Young (Christi, Vicki, Craig) 3288 W. Oak Leaf Pl. Highlands Ranch, CO

# STA Tammy Bell



Director-Ministries Development Team

Have you met Tammy Bell? She'd like to meet you! She is trying to meet as many St. Luke's members as she can. A living definition of the phrase "a people person," Tammy was actually thrilled when she recently was stationed out in the narthex with a book table through all three services, because it gave her an opportunity to meet more people.

Tammy grew up in Bismarck, North Dakota from the age of one and a half through high school. She attended North Dakota State University in Fargo before earning her degree from the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities. She majored in Business with minors in Marketing and Psychology. Her career in retail management with Target moved her here to Colorado, where she worked at the Glendale Target. She loved the challenge and also working with people, often up to 80 or 90 hours a week. When a co-worker and friend went to work for Tandy-Incredible Universe, Tammy also went to New York to help open that store.

After meeting Wayne, her future husband, Tammy wanted to find a job that didn't require as many hours. She found that opportunity at Colorado Free University. Her position hiring teachers and writing courses was her first experience of a 5 day work week with regular hours. Tammy and Wayne were married back in North Dakota, and Tammy left CFU a few weeks before daughter Rylee was born in April of 1999.

In December of that year, Tammy joined St. Luke's. Her 2000 resolution was to become more involved in the church. In January she began working with the small groups committee. They read and reported on different approaches to small groups, and visited other organizations from Grand Junction to Orlando looking for ideas. By summer, Tammy began to feel that she was ready for something more, and she and Wayne began to pray for an opportunity to open up for her. A few weeks later, Dick and Esther approached her with an offer of a staff position.

Tammy was definitely willing to accept the opportunity to work with the people of St. Luke's on a more official, but still part-time, basis. As she says, "it's my passion to help everybody have a warm, inviting experience at St. Luke's." While she acknowledges that it's challenging trying to get to know everybody, the benefits are great. One thing Tammy especially appreciates is being able to spend three days of the work week at home with Rylee.

Connection Continued from Page 1 Lisa is energized by the opportunity to help others. She finds spiritual growth in doing God's work and giving back to the community. Caring Connection has taught Lisa to be more creative and to develop leadership skills. She is excited about helping other Caring Connection members find their mission and goals through volunteering.

Caring Connection has become a family affair at Lisa's home. Her children, Jesse, age 6, and Billie, age 9, love to visit with her when they can. Through these visits they learn the joy of caring for others, especially the elderly. If you ask Lisa why she volunteers for Caring Connections, she'd tell you she understands the need of companionship when you're ill and because

of the love she has for her grandmother you taught her how to be with older people. She would also tell you she's fulfilling a need to care for others. If you would like to join Lisa and Dawn along with the other 38 amazing volunteers, call the church office or check the church website.

The St. Luke's United Methodist Women will be hosting their "Hats Off To Women" spring brunch and May Basket making event on Saturday, April 28th at 10:00 a.m. Tickets will be available after the church services during April. Look for more details in upcoming bulletins. It will be a fun event, so plan to come and enjoy yourself! 

#### Little School Moving Into Spring Little School has completed

their registration for fall of 2001. Once again we have been truly blessed with a very full enrollment and are unable to accommodate all of the wonderful applications that we received from many new families. Even with the addition of one final new classroom for fall 2001, we still turn away many families. We pray that each and every child will be able to find a suitable preschool. We will continue to maintain a very active waiting list, as many changes DO happen and we will call anyone listed right up until the beginning of school and beyond! Hang in there if you can!

Little School is appreciative and happy about our new furnaces which will keep us warm during this very unpredictable spring. The children are all excited about warmer weather and playing outside with many new opportunities to learn. Can you imagine that we are on the down hill slide of Little School with less than 9 weeks of school left? WOW! What a fun filled year we have had so far.

As April draws closer we are beginning to prepare for our 6th Annual CREATIVE CRITTERS ART SHOW! This year no doubt will be packed with many fanciful artistic creations centered around our favorite literature. IF YOU HAVE NEVER ATTENDED OUR LITTLE SCHOOL ART SHOW - YOU HAVE REALLY BEEN MISSING OUT. MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE EVENING OF APRIL 26TH AND COME DOWN TO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON!!!! If you are unable to attend, the artwork will be on display all of that weekend for your pleasure. Be sure to wander on downstairs!

Big plans in the offing for working on the playground... so watch and pray for details to follow. Also, anyone who has educational experience or would like to work part-time as an assistant teacher or substitute for next fall, please contact Little School and consider joining our team! It is an ideal way to work miracles in small children!

We wish you all a Blessed Spring and a spirit-filled Easter Lovingly, Season. MS Kay"

#### **Remembering Columbine** Bv Tim Richter

Next month marks the two year anniversary of the Columbine massacres, and whether they like it or not, the families involved continue to be in the news. Lawsuits, autopsies, and even the return of victims' clothing have made recent headlines. The school shootings just a few short weeks ago in San Diego, California put some of the painful memories of Columbine back in the news. We at St. Luke's, as well as the general public, must never allow ourselves to forget the lessons learned from the Columbine tragedy, and should continue to keep the victims and their families in our prayers. For many, the nightmare will never end.

We each live in Colorado for a variety of reasons, but most of us live in this beautiful state by choice. Many of us view our state as one of the best places in this country, if not on earth, to live and raise a family. Consequently, in those early months of 1999, we naturally and innocently went about our personal day-to-day lives, and to some extent, focused more on the weaknesses in distant lands than here on our

own turf. And there were certainly many global issues of valid concern, but on April 20th, Columbine grabbed and dragged us back home, forcing us to acknowledge an inconceivable local horror.

Although there were some preceding signs of pending trouble, most were disguised or hidden until Columbine unmasked serious, and overlooked problems in our beloved Rocky Mountain state. Columbine woke us up to the fact that we still have much work to do in teaching our youth right here in Colorado to bury their differences, not each other. Columbine screamed to us to spend more time talking and listening to our children. Columbine taught us that our own children must be our highest priority, and the long-term solution to our social ills in Colorado, America, and worldwide is to arm our children with intelligence, compassion, and sophistication, not guns and hatred.

For those who have been directly touched by the Columbine tragedy, their lives will never be the same. For the rest of us, we must never allow our lives, or our great state, to be the same either.

## The "Lay" test News: Why Me God? A Message from our Lay Leaders - By Heather Harding

Numerous opportunities these last few weeks have found me in conversations with friends in search of answers. They were and are facing trials, and heart aches, and with those moments the "Why's" surface.

"Why me God?"..."Why now?'..."Why aren't you listening Lord?"... it's a painful process. It can cause you to feel distant from God. Yet, God is not distant from us.

Life is not a journey of only happiness and celebrations. Many times the road suddenly can take a sharp turn or veer us off onto an unknown path that seems far from a place of peace and comfort. We begin to question out of fear and frustration God's plan for us.

In faith we are called to trust. To seek God's will, not our own. This is not always an easy journey or one we understand. But we are given a promise... we do not walk the journey alone. It's a powerful gift. God's love for us is not found in moments, but with every breath we take. In the light of our lives and in the darkness. God is there.

#### Psalm 61:1-3

1 Hear my cry, 0 God; listen to my prayer. 2 From the ends of the earth I call to you. I call as my heart grows faint; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. 3 For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against my foe.

62:8

8 Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him for God is our refuge.

In times of "Why's" do as David prayed. Allow God to be your refuge and to lead you to a higher rock. Trust in Him at all times.

#### Children's Ministries Team Update

Join us for the St. Luke's Kids Wednesday Lenten Program now in progress. This program is for the Preschool through Elementary and is a great opportunity for your child to learn more about the events surrounding Easter and why they are so important to our Christian faith. Beginning at 6:30pm children are invited downstairs for a special half-hour Lenten activity while the Adult Lent Worship Service takes place upstairs. An additional hour of activities will be provided for the children whose parents who are partaking in the group Bible study following the Lent Services (please call Tammy Bell at 303-791-0659 if you would like to join the bible study.) The Kids Lenten **Program** will be every Wednesday evening through April 11. Hope to see you there!



That Easter Bunny will be here before you know it! Plan to be a part of all the fun at **St. Luke's Easter Saturday Celebration**, **April 14** from 10:00am to

12:00pm. Come join the fun! There will be games, face-painting and TWO egg hunts (the first at 10:45am, the second at 11:45am.) We are asking for donations of plastic eggs and WRAPPED candy. If you would like to help in the planning of this event please contact Sheri Larsen at 303-791-3153 or Sandy Larson at 303-773-6872.

#### THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR NURSERY ON EASTER SUNDAY.

The **WEDNESDAY KIDS CLUB begins April 18**, 6:30pm to 8:00pm. This is a 7-week curriculum-based program for 1st through 5th grade. The program consists of a half-hour of bible story followed by an hour of small group activity centers. The fee is \$25 per child. Registration will be the first week of April. If you have any questions please contact Jenita Rhodes at 303-791-0659.

#### Starting April 20 is the FRIENDS

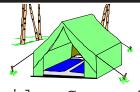
(Fellowship, Relations, Interacting, Embracing, Nurturing, Disciples, Sharing) Program for 1st through 5th graders. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to have fun, learn, grow and reach out to others in our community. They will become Disciples; working and learning together in an atmosphere of fun and fellowship. Through Bible stories, crafts, music, games, and small group activities, children will learn more about themselves, others and God. The FRIENDS program will meet Fridays from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. In order for this program to be a success we will need adults to supervise and direct our new Disciples as they learn to become leaders in our community. For more information please contact Sandi Thompson at 303-791-3407 or Jenita Rhodes at 303-791-0659.

REMEMBER to watch for your family number if your child is in Nursery or Sunday School. The number box is to the right of the altar (above the choir seats.)

Would you like to receive e-mails regarding Childrens Ministries information? Go to St. Luke's website, www.stlukeshr.com, click "Join an E-mail List" and sign up.

Volunteers are needed for the **Children's Dinner Theater on May 18**. If you are interested in helping please contact Danny McIntosh at 303-347-0727.

Vacation Bible School and Seven Summer Fun Days is looking for helpers. If you would be interested in volunteering for Vacation Bible School (June 25-29 from 9:00am to 12:30pm) please contact Jenita Rhodes at 303-791-0659. If you are interested in being a paid staff member for Seven Summer Fun Days (6/12, 6/19, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7 from 9:30am to 12:00pm) please contact Pat Dunnigan at 303-791-0659.



Family Camp 2001 It's that time of year again! Time to start thinking about summer vacation plans. Well, Family Camp 2000 was such a big hit, we've decided to do it again. This year, it will be held August 3rd-12th, 2001 at Alpine Lakes Resort near Divide, CO. The campground offers a full range of campsites including tent sites, hook up sites, cabins and even tepees. And, yes, there are bathrooms and showers! Just like last year, we plan to have lots of activities for all ages, including campfires, pancake breakfasts, crafts and games. We hope to see you there. For more information or to sign up, please call Caroline Merchant (303)791-6251 or Brian & Lynne Sorsby (303)471-9077.



On March 4, 2001, the congregation was invited to get a glimpse of a day at SLY High School to find out "What is Grace?" We were certainly "Graced" by the performance of our youth during Youth Sunday. By the end of the service, everyone was on their feet, dancing and singing. Thanks, SLY, for a spectacular service!



St. Luke's Ensembles Benefit Concert

On Sun., April 22, 3:00 pm, all of the ensembles of our Music Program will be joining together to present an afternoon of spectacular music. If you like the music on Sunday mornings, wait until you hear what these groups sound like on a Sunday afternoon! Mark your calendars now to plan to attend.

## All-Church Variety Show

The Music Program will be hosting an all-church variety show on Saturday, May 5 at 7:30. The show will showcase the amazing and diverse talents of the congregation. If you would like to perform your act for this show, please sign up to audition on Saturday, April 21. For questions and information, please con-

tact Carrie Mallery (303)346-8685.

## Upcoming Music Highlights - mark your calendars!

The Chancel Choir will be performing selections from Handel's Messiah during Lent and Easter. It's not too late to join in singing this season. Simply plan to attend rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:30.

Thirteen members of the Tintinnabulators will be heading to Estes Park for "Ringing the Rockies" Handbell Festival during the last weekend in April. On **April 22**, the bells will perform for all three services.

**Don't miss this:** On **March 25** at the 8:00 and 9:30 services, we will have a special guest. Delgie Jones, gospel singer and pianist, has been rehearsing with singers from St. Luke's and instrumentalists from Sonrise preparing some special gospel tunes. Delgie will be working with the chancel choir in March, providing an opportunity to sing in this unique gospel style. This music will surely inspire you.

Special music is planned for all 4 Easter services on **April 15**. The Choir and Brass Ensemble will join together, performing selections from Handel's Messiah during the 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 services. Carrie Mallery will perform the Toccata by Charles-Marie Widor from his Symphony for Organ No. 5.



On March 11th we celebrated the one year anniversary of St. Luke's new addition with an encore performance of the piece that was commissioned especially for St. Luke's; "Psalm 100" by Timothy Snyder. The Handbell Ensembles, Children's Choir, Brass Ensemble and Chancel Choir all gave stellar performances!



St. Luke's Drama Ministry will present a Chancel Drama **The 12 Other Disciples** in worship services on Sunday, May 13th. Dave Laurvick will direct the drama featuring 12 women of the Bible sharing their stories about following Jesus.

Auditions are March 17th and 18th and rehearsals begin April 7th. Please plan to attend this unique celebration of the role of women in the Church on Mother's Day, May 13th.



James Ramsey, Director of Music Ministries (303) 466-0080 jamesramz@aol.com Carrie Mallery, Associate Director of Music (303) 346-8685 carrie@stlukeshr.com

#### Alpha Ringers - Beginning Handbell Choir

Rehearsal time: Tuesday 6:00-7:00pm Music Team Coordinator and Director: Lisa Lewis (303) 221-6323

#### Big Band

Réhearsal time: Saturday 10:00-11:00am Music Team Coordinator: Carrie Mallery (303) 346-8685

#### Brass Ensemble

Rehearsal time: Saturday 9:00-10:00am Music Team Coordinator: Ed Cooper (303) 850-9413

#### Chancel Choir

Rehearsal time: Thursday 7:30-9:00pm Music Team Leader and Director: James Ramsey (303) 466-0080

#### Cherub's Choir

Rehearsal time: Wednesday 6:30-7:15pm Music Team Coordinator & Director: Janet Harm (303) 683-8248

#### Children's Choir

Rehearsal time: Sunday 8:55-9:25am Music Team Coordinators & Director: Kay & Ed Coryell (303) 741-1748

#### Flute Ensemble

Rehearsal time: Saturday 8:00-9:00am Music Team Coordinator: Ruth Smith (303) 683-0676

#### Senior High Youth Choir

Rehearsal time: Sunday 5:00-6:00pm Music Team Coordinator and Director: Diane Whetson (303) 791-4397

#### Middle School Youth Choir

Rehearsal time: Sunday 5:00-6:00pm Music Team Coordinator and Director: Lisé Takayama (303) 791-2812

#### Sonrise Band

Rehearsal time: Wednesday 7:30-9:00pm Music Team Coordinator: Jim McCurry (303) 470-6198

**Tintinnabulators - Handbell Choir** *Rehearsal time: Tuesday 7:00-8:30pm Music Team Coordinator and Director: Lisa Lewis (303) 221-6323* 

Childcare is provided during Thursday and Saturday rehearsals.

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## March/April SLY Activities

#### Sunday, March 18

9:30 & 11:00	Youth Sunday School Confirmation Class
11:00-12:30	Confirmation Class
12:30-2:00	Confirmation Class will stuff
folders for chu	rch office. Bring \$4 for pizza.
5:00-6:00	Youth Sponsors Meeting
5:00-6:00	Youth Choir – Choir room
6:00-6:30	Supper – Fellowship hall
Parents Invited	!!
6:30-8:00	SLY Parents Meeting
6:30-8:00	SLY – 6th Grade, Middle
School/Sr. Hig	h. Check SLY Line.
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#### Tuesday, March 20

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

#### Sunday, March 25

9:30 & 11:00	Youth Sunday School Confirmation Class
11:00-12:30	Confirmation Class
5:00-6:00	Youth Choir – Choir room
6:00-6:30	Supper – Fellowship hall
6:30-8:00	Supper – Fellowship hall SLY – 6th Grade, Middle
School/Sr. Hig	h. Check SLY Line.

#### Tuesday, March 27

9:30-10:30 Breakfast Club,Einstein's Note Change in time – Spring Break!!

#### Friday, March 30

Up With Youth – Sr. High Conference Retreat in Estes Park. Check SLY Line.

#### Sunday, April 1

9:30 & 11:00	Youth Sunday School
11:00-12:30	Confirmation Class
5:00-6:00	Youth Choir – Choir room
6:00-6:30	Supper – Fellowship hall
6:30-8:00	Supper – Fellowship hall SLY – 6th Grade & Middle
School SLY Fan	nily Night. No Sr. High SLY

Tuesday, April 3

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

Sunday, April 8	<u>3</u>
9:30 & 11:00	Youth Sunday School
11:00-12:30	Confirmation Class
Sr. High SLY	- Stations of the Cross Youth Choir – Choir room
5:00-6:00	Youth Choir – Choir room
6:00-6:30	Supper – Fellowship hall SLY – 6th Grade & Middle
6:30-8:00	SLY – 6th Grade & Middle
School/Sr. Hi	gh. Check SLY Line.

Tuesday, April 10

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

<u>Sunday, April 15</u> Easter Sunday – No Youth Activities

Tuesday, April 17

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

Sunday April 22

<u>Sunuay, April 22</u>	<u>.</u>
9:30 & 11:00	Youth Sunday School
11:00-12:30	Confirmation Class
5:00-6:00	Youth Choir – Choir room
6:00-6:30	Supper – Fellowship hall
6:30-8:00	SLY – 6th Grade & Middle
School/Sr. High	n. Check SLY Line.

Tuesday, April 24

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

#### Sunday, April 29

9:30 & 11:00	Youth Sunday School
11:00-12:30	Confirmation Class
5:00-6:00	Youth Choir – Choir room
6:00-6:30	Supper – Fellowship hall
6:30-8:00	SLY – 6th Grade & Middle
School SLY.	Check SLY Line for details.

**What's happening in March and April?** Looking at the calendar it may not look like much is going on at SLY. What's with all the "Check SLY Line for details"! SLY has lots of great activities in the works, we just don't know which week we will do what. What kind of great things, you may ask? Well, career night for grades 8-12, a flea market, and at least one great Mystery Trip. Watch the bulletin and check the SLY line to see what's going on.

**Parent's meeting March 18** SLY needs all parents of youth at St. Luke's to attend the parent meeting on March 18 to discuss how the youth program will function during the transition period between the time Dottie Mann, our Senior High Youth Director, leaves on March 31 until a new Youth Ministry structure is put into place. We need parents and other adults to work together to keep SLY's many areas of ministry going until a replacement is found. Join us at 6:00 p.m. for dinner with the youth and for a meeting in the Sanctuary from 6:30-8:00. If you would like to serve on the Parent Youth Ministry Team call Deb Juarez at 303-791-0659 or 303-932-0536.

**Up With Youth is Friday, March 30 through Sunday, April 1** Up With Youth is a conference wide gathering of High School youth in Estes Park at the YMCA of the Rockies. You should have already registered by now, but if not, check with Dottie to see if there are any spaces available. It should be a blast!

**Breakfast at St. Paul's UMC** The confirmation class has taken on the job of serving breakfast at St. Paul's the fourth Sunday of each month. Bill Selby spoke of their ministry to those who are homeless or who need a meal when he preached in January. As usual, the youth jumped at the chance to help. Our first Sunday was Feb. 25 and it was a great experience. Other youth from St. Luke's will be serving there once confirmation classes are over. If you would like to serve as an adult sponsor for this ministry, call Deb Juarez.

**Summer Mission Trips** St. Luke's will be sending out three mission teams this summer. Our first ever Middle School trip will be going to the San Diego area June 9-16 and will be working with youth from Mexico doing light construction work in the mornings and Vacation Bible School or sports ministry in the afternoon and evening. July 7-15 the Senior High youth will be traveling to Creel Canyon, Mexico to work along side youth from the Methodist Church in Mexico. Last, Jim Ramsey will take a group of 8th-12th grade youth to work on a Habitat for Humanity site in Colorado. If you are interested in any of these trips check with Deb Juarez for more information. Call soon, since space is limited.

**Youth Specialties Seminar Saturday, April 7 – 8:30-3:30** SLY would like to invite all our adult youth volunteers to a great one day seminar on April 7. Youth Specialties National Seminar for Youth Workers is a great way to learn new ways to relate to youth, find out more about "youth culture" and inspire and renew your own faith journey. Topics Include:

The Scandal of Youth Ministry: When God Pursues the Youth Worker

Kids and Culture: Decoding the Postmodern Teenage World

Kids and God: Nurturing Authentic Adolescent Faith

Great Ideas to Ignite Your Ministry, games, activities, teaching tools, programming ideas, drama ideas The Denver seminar is being held at the Word of Life Christian Center, 8700 E. Park Meadows Dr. If you are interested in attending call Deb ASAP.

**Thank You Dottie** There are not enough words out there to express how much we will miss Dottie and how much she has meant to St. Luke's Youth Ministry. For those who may not know, Dottie Mann, SLY's Senior High Youth Director, is resigning her position effective March 31. Dottie has ministered to SLY kids and their families for almost five years and has instituted many great programs here at St. Luke's. From early morning Breakfast Club meetings (6:15 a.m.!!) to lock-in's and late night talks Dottie has laughed and cried with us. Dottie's been dunked, shaving creamed, and has painted her hair blue all in the line of duty. She's led us in meditations, prayed with us, and done all that other God stuff, too. Youth have traveled with her on mission trips to Cortez, Colorado, West Virginia, and Chicago. While we are saddened by her leaving as youth director, we look forward to her being just another "volunteer". Dottie we love you!!! Thank you for all your time and energy. Thank you for being in our lives.

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