



The Chronicle



Easter Bunny WOWs kids: *On the Saturday before Easter, the Children's Ministry team held their annual Easter Celebration. Over 200 happy kids enjoyed the petting zoo, balloon tying, crafting, face painting, story telling by Esther, bean bag toss, tic-tac-toe, egg relays and of course the Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to Sheri Larsen and Sandy Larson and their massive team of volunteers for making this such a wonderful event.*



All-Church Variety Show Saturday May 5th!
 The Music Program will be hosting an All-Church Variety Show on Saturday, May 5 at 7:30. The program will showcase the amazing and diverse talents of the congregation. Homemade desserts and coffee will be offered during intermission. For questions and information, please call Carrie Mallery (303)346-8685.

REMEMBER MOM

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...AND MUCH MORE!



I have received some excellent questions for *The Chronicle* this month. Questions about the Apostles' Creed from the Confirmation class, questions about salvation for those who have never heard the Gospel from the Disciple class. I have appreciated all your questions, and will have responses available for you. But, since this is my last Chronicle issue at St. Luke's, I thought I would revise the rules for the "Ask Esther" column and answer my own question.

I have been asking myself, "What have you learned in your three years here?"

Everyone remembers the first day of kindergarten. I do. The children might remember my story from Children's Time some time back. Having just emigrated from Korea, I walked into a strange place, looking different, embarrassed, not speaking the same language. Feeling like I would never belong. Then, someone put her hand in mine and said, "come sit with me". With one invitation, the strange place became home, and this little girl, Elizabeth, my best friend.

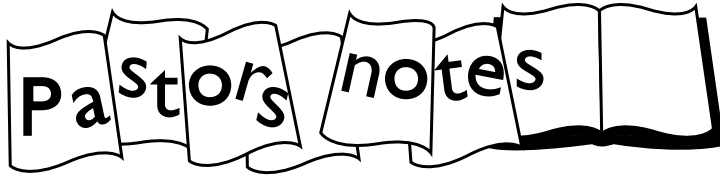
You were my first church appointment. Here, I learned to become a minister. Or rather, being a minister became a part of me. I learned that church is a place for the disconsolate. *Columbine*. I learned that church is a place of becoming. *IRM*. (*Invitational. Relational. Missional*.) I learned that church is where life is shared with all of the family of God. *Cambodia*. I will remember my "first church" like my first day in kindergarten. How with your invitations a strange place became home, how through an unfamiliar role I discovered myself. And how you became my family.

I will remember my last day at St. Luke's like my last night at my mom and dad's house before my wedding. As I was packing up my bedroom, getting ready to move out of their house and into my own the next morning, my mom knocked on the door. As usual, she poked her head in to tell me it was time to go to bed (until the day I got married I had a strict 10:30 curfew!). We both knew that this would be the last time there would be an occasion for her say these familiar (and previously annoying) words to me. I hesitated a second, and wished there were some way to say, "Thank you for everything. And good-bye." But, we found no way of ritualizing that significant moment. I continued to pack, and could only say, "O.K. mom. Good night."

I don't know what ritual would suffice, but I need to say to you, "Thank you for everything. And good-bye."

Esther

(I will be keeping my email address. EstherECho@aol.com. I continue to invite your questions, and will continue to take a stab at whatever you send my way! You can also write me at: Esther Cho, Harvard University, 45 Francis Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138)



LIFE. It is full of hellos and goodbyes. This "Pastor's Notes" column says "Goodbye" to two staff members, Dottie Mann and Esther Cho. Dottie has stepped down as paid staff, and Esther is returning to Harvard, to work on another advanced degree.

Dottie.

Several years ago, Dottie was volunteering with the senior high youth, in a program that was just beginning to expand. We had hired a part-time youth director, who was doing a good job, but who just over a year later decided to be a college chaplain. Because of her love for our youth, Dottie (and Deb; more on Deb in the next issue) stepped in, October 1996, and took a staff position as Director of Senior high youth. No one has ever brought more enthusiasm or more care to that position. Dottie has slept on floors; driven the van through snow; gone on bike rides; stayed up all night; and counseled them through the angst of adolescence. One of the youth said to me, "She was always there to listen as a caring but non-parental person." Dottie taught by example what it means to be a Christian. She nurtured the youth through the Columbine experience. She has taken them on mission trips to rural Appalachia, Native American Arizona, and inner-city Chicago, expanding their worlds. She has directed youth worship; encouraged their creativity; and deepened their faith. She has loved them all, even in those moments when they were (momentarily) "unlovable."

Dottie gave of her gifts not only to the youth, but to the whole church. Seeing that she has developed the program to a point which requires even more time, she has stepped down as paid staff, but will continue, we are thankful, as a volunteer, still loving, nurturing and guiding our youth. Thank you, Dottie.

Esther.

"*Serendipity.*" Three years ago we were in the process of looking for a new associate minister. I was having lunch with someone, who invited Esther to come along. About five minutes into the conversation, I invited Esther to join our staff. At that point, her plans were to return to Harvard, but she changed her plans and joined us on April 15, 1998.

"*Providence.*" It was more than just serendipity that Esther came to St. Luke's. "Providence" is a better description. In the book of Esther, Mordecai says to her, "Who knows? Perhaps you have come to [this place, this situation] for just such a time as this." (Esther 4:14) In the last three years, Esther has helped take us to "the next level" as a community of faith.

"*Gifts and Graces.*" This is church talk for what a person brings to ministry. Few people bring as much as Esther. Leading worship; delving into a Biblical text; translating that text to our lives; helping shape a vision for our future; developing various ministries; planning worship; sharing with children; critical, creative thinking; compassionate caring; connecting us with Cambodia; thoughtful prayers; and playful enthusiasm (en theos; having God within). She has made me work harder. ("You misunderstood the scripture.") And better. ("What if we...") She was willing to laugh at herself. On the hay ride: "Is that a cow or a bull?" "It's a horse!" (O.K, she didn't have her contacts in.) But it is not the individual or constellation of gifts that matter the most. It was her authentic self. "Thanks" is always the proper response to receiving a gift. Thank you, Esther, for sharing yours with us.

"*Goodbye.*" "Goodbye" is a contraction of "God be with you." As we thank you for all you have shared with us, as you take your next Providential steps in growing "toward full humanity," however you choose to do that with the Family of God, that is my/our prayer: God be with you. Pyong Ahn.

Dick

Dick



Prayer Chain

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

*Yvonne Amrine's father, Paul Butler;
Ceil Holmes, Lisa Bryan's mother;
Jim Lavelle;
Sandy Murray;
Greg Duncan,
son of F. Dee and Jean Anne Duncan;
Amy and Barry Curtis;
Anna Gereban, grandmother of Kathy Gross; and
Melissa Cooper, grandmother of Diana Stephens.*

We continue to pray for:

*Stewart Brown;
Norma Harris;
Sharon Scholle's cousin, Bill Proctor;
Carol Reif;
Corina Hall's parents, the Alex Alamedas;
Staff/Parish Relations Committee;
Wendy Wallberg's father, Hank Ott;
Terri Beecher; and
Deon Martin, Holli Sparks' father.*

We extend our prayers and sympathy to:

*Gordon Johnson and family
on the death of his sister, Maxine;
Tammy Bell and family
on the death of her grandmother;
Sharon and Bud Scholle and family
on the death of their friend, Charles Gardner;
Manijeh Badiozamani and family
on the death of her father; and
Brian Saggau and family
on the death of his father.*



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

*A son, Carter, to Carrie and Chris Deel
on January 18, 2001;
A son, Quinn Matthew, to Nicole and Matt Pesce
on March 7, 2001;
A son, Daniel, to Beth and Jonathan DeBonais
on March 10, 2001;
A daughter, Phoebe Flowers, to Cynthia (Redd)
and Ron Geurts on March 15, 2001; and
A son, Nicholas Dhiraj, to Lexie and Mike
Senior on April 1, 2001.*

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

New Members



Welcome!

March 2001

Lisa and Gordon Heaton
8970 South Winrock Street
Highlands Ranch, CO 80126
303-791-8938

Arianne, Luke and Caleb

Rhonda and Bob Livingston
688 East Huntington Place
Highlands Ranch, CO 80126
303-683-1447
Taylor

Julie & Mike Rael
9626 South Sun Meadow Street
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129
303-346-1693
Addison

MEET THE STAFF

Carole Sue Woodrich

Treasurer



A few issues back, we met Cindy Holmstoen, who counts up our financial contributions, makes our deposits, and prepares our Statements of Giving. This issue, we are meeting Carole Sue Woodrich. She tracks where the money goes. She pays the bills for St. Luke's, booking each expenditure to the correct account and comparing spending to the budget, and prepares the monthly and annual financial reports that go to Ad Council and the

Finance Committee. Staff members are nice to Carole Sue - not only does she check that their spending is on budget, but she's also in charge of payroll! Carole Sue also performs these same financial duties for Little School.

This financial wonder woman was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. So how did she end up in Highlands Ranch? At the age of 18 she felt ready for a change and went to Boston to attend college, where she saw her first snow. She also spent some time in Colorado before completing her degree in Accounting and Psychology back home in Hawaii. She met her husband of 26 years in Hawaii, and they moved to Colorado shortly after their marriage. They lived in the Washington Park area for many years, where they enjoyed the community and renovating an old house. Carole Sue had worked in a CPA firm and then in the oil and gas industry before she decided to stay home with her kids, now 18 and 21. She was active in the PTA and scouting with her kids. The family moved to Highlands Ranch in the fall of 1990 as the kids got closer to middle school. Carole Sue's son is now a computer programmer in Highlands Ranch, and her daughter is a senior at Denver Christian. She describes her husband as a computer programmer who remains a musician at heart.

Accounting continued to interest her, and Carole Sue returned to work part-time as her kids became older. She now works as an accountant for the Public Employees Retirement Association, where she oversees benefit accounting. With all of the different roles Carole Sue has played in her life, you may wonder what she has found the most rewarding. No question there - she counts being a parent as the most rewarding thing she has done in her life.

Carole Sue began working as treasurer for St. Luke's in 1991, when St. Luke's was in one small building and all of the finances were kept manually. She can hardly believe that all of the bookkeeping and check-writing was done by hand at that time. She got everything on the computer and has kept the finances running smoothly as we have evolved from a very small church with very little money through amazing periods of growth and expansion. While the budget is larger, needs are also greater and careful control of our financial situation is always important to our continued progress.

Carole Sue still gets back to Hawaii a couple of times a year to visit her mother and brother. When asked about her hobbies, she first said jokingly that "St. Luke's is my hobby!" because of the time she spends there. She also tries to find time for cooking, reading, hiking, and camping. St. Luke's is more than just a hobby for Carole Sue, it's a home.

Note from the Editor:

We'd like to extend a warm THANK YOU to Elizabeth Bauer for writing the "Meet the Staff" articles for the past 2 years. Elizabeth is taking a break from writing to concentrate on the new addition to her family.

We really appreciate your contribution and will miss you! **If there is someone out there who likes to write and would love the opportunity to ask those probing questions we know you've been dying to ask our staff members, please contact us at *The Chronicle*:**
Bob Oliver 303-791-7302 or
chronicle@stlukeshr.com

SPRC Update: The St. Luke's Staff... Opportunities exist to be part of this dynamic team!

St. Luke's Staff Parish Relations Committee is seeking candidates for 3 staff opportunities. If you would like to share your ideas or want more information, contact Steve Riley, Steve@stlukeshr.com.

Be sure to send resume and cover letter. Your referrals are also appreciated.

Associate Pastor: Stimulate & cultivate the Church vision daily. Need excellent interpersonal, intellectual, creative & spiritual qualities; strong organizational skills, ability to lead worship, adult education, & ministry development.

Executive Administrator: Implement the Church vision through day-to-day mgmt. of non-ministerial staff, volunteers, programs, administration and finance. Need experience in organizational development & office/business practices.

Youth Director/Pastor: Provide spiritual leadership & counseling of our youth. Create fellowship time, mission projects, small groups, help lead the Youth Council. Need creativity & organization; love & respect youth; serve as role model & mentor. Also work cooperatively with adult sponsors, volunteers, community, teachers, parents, staff.

Happy Spring and Summer from Little School



Well, another spectacular year at Little School! We have so many fond memories of all that has happened this year. Our fun fall activities with our harvest parties, and a huge Thanksgiving feast with a canned food drive for the homeless. Christmas brought us the birthday celebration for Baby Jesus and our wonderful Christmas Program. January and February held lots of winter fun and Valentine Parties.

March was overflowing with green activities and looking forward to Spring. April of course was a busy month, topping it off with our EXCELLENT Creative Critter's 6th Annual Art Show. If you missed seeing this event, you missed an amazing display by our very talented young artists!!! May is a fun month preparing for our final days, including our Field Day activities and a family picnic box lunch celebration. Graduation is always a day filled with emotion; happiness to see our beloved children off to a great start for their education and much sadness to see our special friends and families moving on. None of this would be possible without the dedication of my exceptional staff, and my Assistant, Tami Clement. Parents also play an important part and we genuinely thank all of our party moms, room helpers, and of course our Book Mom Claire Lily who provided us with three outstanding book fairs and many bonus books for Little School. We also thank Lisa Hut and Karla Olson, who organized our teacher appreciation lunch and breakfast...Yumm!

We thank the church for it's continued support, especially Trustees that gave us three new furnaces to keep us warm and the approval to expand our playground for fall. We are SO EXCITED!

All in all, we had a memorable year and we are looking forward to summer break and next fall already! REMEMBER WE STILL HAVE OPENINGS IN OUR GREAT AFTERNOON FOUR'S CLASSES! SO TELL YOUR FRIENDS! ALSO, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TEACH OR ASSIST IN ONE OF OUR CLASSES FOR NEXT YEAR PLEASE CONTACT MS. KAY (303-791-1982) FOR A PERFECT PART-TIME JOB!

Have a fun-filled terrific family summer and we'll see you in the fall.

Lovingly,
Ms. Kay ☺

The "Lay" test News: The Ties That Bind

A Message from our Lay Leaders - By Monty Hoffman

Highlands Ranch is a very mobile community. Our membership is constantly changing as people move in and out of the area. The Bradleys have moved back from California. The Speedys have moved to Kansas City. The Armijos have returned from Boston and Esther is headed to Boston. How do we remain a community in the midst of this movement?

I think that everyone who enters our doors and worships with us brings a piece of who God wants us to be and what God wants us to do with them. We need to be open to these new visions and ideas. We also need to help those who come discover what piece they have to contribute to the community. The opportunities to contribute are numerous at St. Luke's, and helping people discover their passion is rewarding work.

It is also important to help people discover what they need from the community. Connection is a major reason why most of us are here. Helping people strengthen their relationship with God and each other is a major reason for our existence as a church.

When I walk through the church on a Sunday morning, I constantly see things that remind me of people who have moved away. A part of the church, some furniture, a class that someone helped organize, an activity that children are enjoying. These are all pieces that someone brought with them and left for those of us who are still here to enjoy. They also remind me that even though these people have moved, they are still a part of our community of faith.

I hope that you felt a part of St. Luke's the first day that you joined us and I hope that you remember that no matter where you go you will be a part of us. Blessed be the tie that binds.



Corner —Mysteries of the Kitchen Revealed!—

Do you remember, oh so long ago when we had our open house? When you wanted a glimpse of our new kitchen but we weren't quite ready? Maybe when your group needed to share a snack or a meal, it wasn't quite open. Then when locks were removed a few of you got a look, maybe even found the courage to tiptoe inside to use the sink, 'wave some goodies, or store something in the fridge, how different things were from our old spot? Well, at long last we're ready to reveal the secrets of our great new kitchen!

Trustees

RELATIONAL! At your home, do you often find your self with your family or your friends in your kitchen? St. Luke's is blessed with terrific small groups just itching to get together, break a little bread, and take some time to share. Our well-configured kitchen can really help you to get your group together anytime of the day or night.

MISSIONAL! Our fantastic kitchen team has been working to get things ready for you and your group. So, after a bit of planning we're ready to reveal the mysteries of the kitchen! Here you'll learn about the miracles that happen in the dishwasher, where the good stuff is stored, even how to keep your feet dry when using the sink, and more!

INVITATIONAL! In order to keep you AND your dinner guests safe and healthy (and your feet dry!) there's a bit we'd like to teach you and your small groups about this great spot in our new church home. *Please select a couple of volunteers from each of your groups, or if curiosity has the best of you, then go ahead and sign up on the sheet in the Narthex bulletin board for our Kitchen Class before Memorial Day.*

Then, someone from our terrific kitchen team will contact you in June and let you know when we're holding this amazing class. From that time forward you'll be on your way to terrific tea times, lovely light lunches, simply souper suppers, and delightfully decadent desserts! And with your help we'll all work together to keep those mysteries out of the freezer and the fridge! Thank you for doing this quickly, we just know you'll be the toast of your team! And if you haven't found one to join, you can always join ours!



Children's Ministries Team Update The **Friday FRIENDS** (Fellowship, Relations, Interacting, Embracing, Nurturing, Disciples, Sharing) program for 1st through 5th graders began April 20th, but we still have plenty of space for your child to join in. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to have fun, learn, grow and reach out to others in our community. Through Bible stories, crafts, music, games, and small group activities, children will learn more about themselves, others and God. The Friday FRIENDS program meets every Friday (every other Friday for the summer beginning in June) from 6:30 to 8:00pm. For more information please contact Sandi Thompson at 303-791-3407 or Jenita Rhodes at 303-791-0659.

Children's Ministry and the St. Luke's Drama Team proudly present **The 1st Annual Children's Dinner Theater** on May 18. Children and their parents will enjoy dinner from 5:30 to 6:30pm followed by the Theatre program from 6:45 to 7:00pm. Free tickets are available at the tables outside Sunday School classes, in the narthex on Sundays or at the church office during the week. Please pick up a ticket so that we will have a more accurate count for the meal. Free-will donations from the Dinner Theater program will go to support Children's Ministries. Hope to see you all there!



THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON RECEIVING

Giving Our Best to Children: Teaching Sunday School

By Dennis Becker

The St. Luke's basement is abuzz with activity on any Sunday morning. With over 600 children sixth grade and under on the Sunday School roll at St. Luke's, a host of people keep the Sunday school going. People like Danny and Susan McIntosh. Danny and Susan McIntosh have two sons; Emerson, age 3, and Bennett, age 6. But Emerson and Bennett are not the primary reasons Danny and Susan teach the first grade Sunday School class roughly once a month. Sure, they do feel some responsibility to teach since they have children in the Sunday School. However, their reasons for teaching are much deeper. Teaching is not an obligation for the McIntoshes. Teaching is a way of life and a way to be involved in the ministry at St. Luke's. Danny and Susan have been teaching off and on beginning in college. They have taught many ages from pre-school to adult. Recently, *The Chronicle* interviewed Susan and Danny just after they'd finished teaching 17 bubbly first graders on a Sunday morning.

The Chronicle: Why do you teach Sunday school?

Danny: Teaching Sunday School is fun. It's fun to be with the kids. It's enjoyable to put the lessons together and to think about what you really want the students to learn. Teaching is also a learning experience for me as I get insights from the children.

Susan: Teaching is also a wonderful way to get involved in the church. We get to work with the students in Sunday School and to some degree with their parents. We also get to work with other teachers and get to know a lot of neat people. Each class has three adults teaching and interacting with the children on a given Sunday.

Danny: Teaching is also a way for us to use our gifts of teaching and to be involved in what we feel passionate about.

The Chronicle: What do you hope to give by teaching?

Danny: We have the opportunity to teach children about things that are most important such as our beliefs about God's love and loving people. It's great to see their eyes light up and their faces break into a smile. You know then that they got the idea.

The Chronicle: What do you receive from teaching?

Susan: We really learn a lot from the kids. We learn what they think is important to them. We learn about life from their perspective. We also get to watch other teachers and to sharpen our skills from seeing how they teach or handle a particular situation.

Danny: Surprisingly, teaching Sunday School energizes us. It's fun and we're involved in something important.

The Chronicle: Do you have a favorite teaching experience you'd share with the people of St. Luke's?

Susan: A few weeks ago we focused in our worship service on people who are physically challenged. In Sunday school the students went from room to room and experienced in a small way various physical challenges. The children learned from that experience what it feels like to be different and that it is ok to be physically different. Or the time a boy said to me, "I'm not having a good day." I was able to help him see that he was not having a good morning, but that the day could get better.

The Chronicle: With many teachers at St. Luke's like Danny and Susan McIntosh, many children will learn what is important and their day's and lives will get better.

The next **workshop** for Sunday School Teachers/Superintendents is May 19 from 9:00 to 11:00am. We will review this past Sunday School year and generate ideas to make next year even better.

Registration forms are available for **Seven Summer Fun Days**. They can be picked up at the tables outside the Sunday School classes or in the narthex. This program is for children 3 yrs old-5th grade and is \$12.00 per child per day. Seven Summer Fun Days will be the following Tuesdays: June 12, 19, July 10, 17, 24, 31, and Aug. 7 from 9:30 to noon. Space is limited, please register early.



Vacation Bible School enrollment is now being accepted through

June 10. Our VBS will take place in the fictional town of SonCreek Junction, a gold mining town in the Old West. All the fun will take place the week of June 25-29, from 9:30am to 12:00pm. The craft and snack fee will be \$20 per child. Children 3 years old through 5th grade are welcome to participate. Registration forms are available at the tables outside Sunday School classes and in the narthex. Volunteers for Vacation Bible School are still needed. If interested please contact 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 Children's Ministry information? Go to the St. Luke's website, www.stlukeshr.com, click "Join an E-mail List" and sign up.

Thanks to all for an Inspired Music Season!

As the music season winds down this month, we would like to share a very heartfelt thank you to the volunteer music team coordinators, directors and accompanists that make our wonderful program possible. You guys are fantastic!

There will be several opportunities to participate in summer music ensembles beginning in June. Details will be available in next month's Chronicle.



On April 22nd we were treated to a “knock out” Benefit Concert featuring all of our ensemble groups: Ministers of Swing, Cherubs Choir, Sunrise Band, Flute Ensemble, Senior and Middle High Youth Choirs, Brass Ensemble, Children's Choir, Chancel Choir, Tintinnabulators and Alpha Ringers. Donations will go directly towards the purchase of instruments for the children's music ministry/music education program at St. Luke's. So far, \$2000 has been raised. Donations are still being accepted. Mark your checks “Children's Music Education.” Thanks to all who were involved. It was truly a spectacular afternoon of music!



May SLY Activities

Tuesday, May 1

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

Saturday, May 5

Variety Show – All Church

Sunday, May 6

9:30 & 11:00 Youth Sunday School
 11:00-12:30 Confirmation Class
 5:00-6:00 Youth Choir
 6:00-6:30 Youth Supper
 6:30-8:00 6th Grade & Middle School
 SLY – game night
 6:30-8:00 8th Grade & Sr. High SLY
 – Career Night

Tuesday, May 8

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

Friday, May 11

Confirmation Celebration Gathering for youth and their mentors. Check SLY Line for details.

Sunday, May 13

Mother's Day – No SLY

Tuesday, May 15

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

Saturday, May 19

6:00-8:00 Confirmation Dinner

Sunday, May 20

9:30 & 11:00 Youth Sunday School
 11:00 Confirmation Sunday
 6th Grade, Middle School, and Sr. High SLY
 Bike Ride & Barbecue - Time and Place to be determined

Tuesday, May 22

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

Sunday, May 27

No SLY – Memorial Day Weekend

Tuesday, May 29

9:30-10:30 Breakfast Club – Note new summer time!!!

The 11:00 Youth Sunday School Class is inviting youth and adults with developmental delays to join us once a month beginning Sunday, May 6th. We will be exploring the Bible and our faith through drama, art, music and service. If you would like more information or if you would like to help please call either Lynda Drake at 303-683-1247 or Deb Juarez at 303-791-0659.

☀ SLY – a place to grow, love, pray and laugh ☀

Bike Ride/Barbecue Sunday, May 20 is our last regular Sunday evening youth time for the school year. We will be biking to a nearby park and where we will feast on burgers and hot dogs. Watch the bulletin for details.

Career Night St. Luke's United Methodist Men are sponsoring the third annual Career Night for youth on Sunday, May 6. Members and others will be there to share information about their careers, the education required and what they love about their work. If you have a career interest, call Deb ASAP so we can make sure we have someone for you to talk with. In the past we have had engineers, architects, attorneys and many others. Plan on joining us for an great evening.

Confirmation Sunday is May 20. Twenty-five youth have spent the last five months learning about Christianity and United Methodism. On this May 20, at the 11:00 service, they will formally commit their lives to God and Christ. The Youth Choir will sing and we will all celebrate their journey with them. Their Statements of Faith will be displayed in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. Take a few minutes to read them as they share their faith with St. Luke's. Please join us for this special time of worship.

Rockies Game Tuesday, June 26 is United Methodist Youth Day at the Rockies. Join youth from all over the area for an evening of hot dogs, fly balls and great fun watching the Rockies play the San Diego Padres. Opening pitch is 7:05 and we will probably want to leave St. Luke's by 5:30 or 6:00. Tickets are \$11 and must be ordered in advance. There is also a permission slip for parents to sign (required by the Conference Office). Checks should be made payable to RMC-UMC and may be given to Deb Juarez. There will be no volleyball that night. Parents, we will need help with transportation. Call Deb for more information.

Summer Volleyball begins in June. We will play on Tuesday evenings throughout the summer at various United Methodist Churches in the area. This is not a league but more of a drop-in, fun, kind of game. It is a great opportunity meet youth from other churches and have a good time. St. Luke's will be hosting the games on June 19. We usually meet at the St. Luke's at 6:30 p.m. and return around 9:00. Watch for more information. Adults, we will need drivers. Please look for the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.

Summer Breakfast Club I know that most of you really enjoy getting up at dawn for breakfast club, but for the sake of us older folk we are moving Breakfast Club to 9:30 for the summer. We still plan to meet at Einstein's so sleep a little later and join us for a bagel from 9:30-10:30 each Tuesday morning beginning May 29.

SLY-Line: 303-654-7315
 Youth@stlukeshr.com

Deb Juarez: 303-932-0536
 Deb@stlukeshr.com

Are you missing a casserole dish? A Christmas tray? A crockpot? The kitchen committee has been arranging the various utensils and dishes in the kitchen. Please pick up any of your forgotten items and notify us through the church office by May 15th. Otherwise, we say "Blessings and thanks for the donation."

Dinner for 6/8! Here's a great way to have fun. Meet together in a totally relaxed environment, get to know people in the church better, make new friends, engage in lively conversation, and show off your favorite dishes. Participants are divided into groups of three or four couples (your choice) and each couple hosts one informal dinner, cookout, or whatever you like – during a four month period. The hosts provide the entree and the others bring the rest of the vittles. This program has been successful for years because it's so enjoyable. So, if you haven't tried it yet, sign up now – you'll be pleasantly surprised! Groups are being formed now for June through September. Sign up sheets will be on the bulletin board May 6 through 27, or just pick up the phone and call Dottie or Carl Braun at (303) 471-4185. All those who sign up will receive a letter at the end of May with the names of their group and instructions. (Note: whenever possible, new participants will not host the first dinner during the period). Sign up now and join the fun!

Sunday Worship Services

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

Sunday School Classes

9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Adult, Youth & Children's Classes
Nursery available for all services.

Ministers

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