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8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am

Sunday School Classes

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

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All people of St. Luke's

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Caring For the Family of St. Luke's

By Kristi Frush

A Story: The birth of a couple's first baby is an amazing event, but for Shelly and Glen Selover, the day their son was born almost ended in an unthinkable tragedy. Shelly and Glen joined St. Luke's in March, anxiously preparing for the community they would soon share as a new family. On April 23rd, Glen's Birthday, Shelly went into labor. The birth of Wesley Paul went

smoothly and Shelly said, "I felt so thrilled to have given birth to this beautiful baby boy!" Unfortunately, the baby had the cord wrapped around his neck during the last part of delivery, so Shelly wasn't able to hold him and Glen couldn't cut the cord. About 15 minutes after the birth, Shelly began to fade, as her blood volume rapidly decreased. The physician acted quickly, it was serious. Shelly was air-lifted by Flight For Life away from her newborn son to another hospital, where they attempted to save her life. Shelly, at the worst point, only had retained 30% of her blood volume. She had to receive 7 units of blood! As the specialists focused on saving Shelly, Glen experienced the emotions of the joy of birth and the fear of losing his wife simultaneously. The hospital chaplain, Dana Christensen, contacted Bonnie, the St. Luke's Church Secretary. Bonnie called Reverend Fred Venable and told him of the situation. Fred rushed down to the hospital to see what Pastoral Care he could offer Shelly and Glen.



Shelly, thankfully, recovered and will be able to have more children, something that wouldn't have been possible had this happened a few years earlier. When Shelly stabilized, just like any new mother, she wanted to be taken back to hold her baby. The hospital now had no space for Shelly to return to her baby. Rev. Venable arrived at the hospital to find a very upset new mom. He spent some time with Glen and Shelly and while he was visiting, they received the news that Shelly would be moved back to be with her son. Shelly said, "I felt relief when I heard Fred's name, I knew he was affiliated with St. Luke's. It was sweet of him to come!" When Shelly held her son for the first time the emotions of joy overwhelmed her, the relief overwhelmed Glen. Shelly said, "Poor Glen, he endured a lot that day so all of my love goes out to him. The idea that I could have died and left him to father this child alone breaks my heart."

Shelly and I talked about her experience. I knew that she and Glen had no local family, as I had spent time with them in the Next Steps class. I contacted the Caring Connection and the Prayer Chain, to see what we could do for them. The Caring Connection provided the Selover family with meals and cards. The Prayer Chain added the Selover's to the prayers for the family of St. Luke's. Reverend Richard Evans spoke with Shelly and Glen, when he returned from vacation and offered additional Pastoral Care. Shelly said, "We are very blessed to be part of a church that cares so much and to know that we are not alone!"

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St. John's UMC from Albuquerque, New Mexico will be performing their original musical

Make Us Your Candle written by one of their youth, James Davalos,

at 7:30pm, Wed., June 12th. There will be a dinner at 6pm. Admission is FREE, and there will be a free will offering.

The youth are looking for housing with families for the evening of the 12th. If you would be able to host 2 or more youth or a family of three, please contact either Emily Bauer at (303) 683-5247 or Aaron Shipman at (303) 791-0659 x14.

Join the St. Luke's AIDS Walk Team!

The 15th Annual Colorado AIDS Walk "Take the Step," will be the morning of Sunday, August 25, 2002, and St. Luke's will have a team walking. We will meet at the church and carpool to Denver for the walk. If you are interested in walking, or in sponsoring the walkers, please contact Susan McIntosh (303-347-0727 or susanrmcintosh@yahoo.com), or you can register online at www.capwalk.org. The St. Luke's Team number is 1184.

Join the fun, and "Take the Step" to help those with HIV/AIDS.

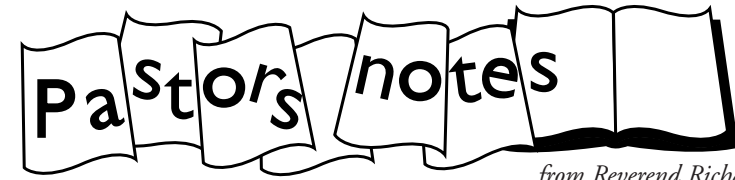
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from Reverend Richard Evans

Rhythm of Faith

What are you doing this summer? Having some fun, I hope, though I hope that isn't just something for the summer. I also hope that you will include worship on a weekly basis. Just as there are cycles of seasons, there is rhythm to our lives; rhythm to the life of faith. And while worship is more a way of life than an act on Sunday morning, gathering on Sunday is important to the rhythm of faith. The life of faith requires returning to God's presence and the presence of each other as signs and symbols of God to each other. Christian spirituality is not individualistic or private. Jesus taught only one prayer. It uses "our" and "us," never "my" or "me."

"Spirituality" seems to be making a resurgence these days. I'm a little ambivalent about that, because everything from the meaningful to the inane is considered "spiritual." But gathering to renew our spirits, so we can scatter to be God's people in the world requires regular attention.

We'll be doing some interesting things this summer – "St. Luke's goes to the movies," John Wesley returns, "stump the chumps," etc. But most of all, I hope to see you on Sunday, because we need that as individuals and as a community – that's how God made us.

Shalom,

Dick

This is for YOU!!!

How about a quick look at "How Good, or Bad, Are We? and what difference does it make?" Some of us were taught we're really bad – Hell-bound in a go-cart. What did happen when Eve made that first "apple pie," and served it to Adam? Can you still taste it? The "Remedial Christianity" group is open to newcomers for a six-week "look" beginning Sunday, June 9, at 11:00, in the Conference Room, main floor. Come on in for six lively sessions beginning June 9. It's a kind of "whatever happened to sin?" Or, "Sin meets Darwin."

COMMUNION STEWARDS WANTED!

Through the Lord's Supper we remember and celebrate our relationship with Christ. If you would be interested in occasionally helping the ministers to serve Communion during worship services, please let Dave Money know.



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

A son, Wesley Selover, to Glen and Shelly Selover on 4-23-02;

A daughter, Anna Grace Vasten, to Brett and Marla Vasten on 4-26-02;

A daughter, Thea Grace Wangness, to Erik and Kari Wangness on 5-7-02; and

A son, Samuel Maddux, to Steve and Joely Maddux on 5-9-02.



Prayer Chain

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

Stuart Beecher's dad, Richard Beecher;

Dorothy Day;

Norma Harris;

Matthew King;

Dave Rhodes' dad, Frank Rhodes;

Olivia Murrow;

Larry Sanek;

Tammy Clement's mother, Betty Nelson;

Delores Gardner;

Stacy Noble;

Deb Whitelam;

Bob McBride's daughter, Nancy Severns;

Bob Bennett;

Earl Laurence's sister, Lee;

Meri Bennett;

Cindy Markham's friend, Michelle Prazzo;

Sharon and Bud Scholle's granddaughter,

Sara Stellke;

Sharon and Bud Scholle's daughter, Lana

Corbin;

Bobbi King's niece, Molly Starhawk;

Dave Laurvick's dad, Richard Laurvick;

Louise Smith; and

Chris Mudron's sister, Jan Withrow.

We continue to pray for:

Stewart Brown;

Renie Sanek's brother, Don Palidwar;

Corina Hall's friend, Freddy Arck Page;

Paul Zavacki's dad, Stan Zavacki;

Brittan Griffith; and

Jan Standly, Joy Damsgard's sister-in-law.

We extend our prayers and sympathy to:

Sharon Scholle and family on the death of her friend, Margo Kindvater;

Dottie Braun and family on the death of her father, Eugene Hamory;

Caroline Butler and family on the death of her aunt, Mary May;

Amy Holton and family on the death of her grandmother, Eileen Burton; and

Nick Frush and family on the death of his grandfather, Jack Groth.

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

SLY Activity Calendar

JUNE

- 11..... Volleyball 6:30pm
- 12..... Summer Breakfast Club and World's Most Dangerous Bible Study at 10am at Krispy Kreme for ALL youth. "Make Us Your Candle" 7:30pm
- 16..... FATHER'S DAY. Worship and Sunday School in the morning; NO EVENING SLY ACTIVITIES
- 18..... Volleyball 6:30pm
- 19..... Summer Breakfast Club and World's Most Dangerous Bible Study at 10am at Krispy Kreme for ALL youth.
- 23..... "SLY at the Rockies" - afternoon baseball game
- 25..... Volleyball 6:30pm
- 26..... Summer Breakfast Club and World's Most Dangerous Bible Study at 10am at Krispy Kreme for ALL youth.
- 28/29.... LazerTag LOCK-IN with Hope UMC and Smoky Hill UMC at LazerQuest
- 30..... Regular SLY Schedule

JULY

- 2..... Volleyball 6:30pm
- 3..... Breakfast Club at EINSTEIN'S BAGELS and World's Most Dangerous Bible Study 10am-noon
- 7..... SLY 6-8pm
- 9..... Volleyball 6:30pm
- 10..... Breakfast Club at EINSTEIN'S BAGELS and World's Most Dangerous Bible Study 10am-noon
- 12-21... Summer Mission Tour: Albuquerque, NM; Tucson, AZ; Salt Lake City, UT and rafting in Glenwood Springs. Sign up now!
- 14..... SLY 6-8pm
- 16..... Volleyball 6:30pm
- 17..... Breakfast Club at EINSTEIN'S BAGELS and World's Most Dangerous Bible Study 10am-noon
- 21..... SLY 6-8pm
- 23..... Volleyball 6:30pm
- 24..... Breakfast Club at EINSTEIN'S BAGELS and World's Most Dangerous Bible Study 10am-noon
- 28..... SLY 6-8pm
- 30..... Volleyball 6:30pm
- 31..... Breakfast Club at EINSTEIN'S BAGELS and World's Most Dangerous Bible Study 10am-noon

SLY times can change, so please make sure you check the SLYline for the most up-to-date information.

SLY-Line: 303-791-0659 x45

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* SLY - a place to grow, love, pray and laugh *

Dear Youth:

Summer time is here! Freedom!!! But as the apostle Paul wrote in Galatians, "For you were called to freedom brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." And this will be the SLY Summer of Love.

First, you will have opportunities to show your love by participating in one of the many mission events for the Summer. First, there will be **Mid-week Missions on Thursdays** where we will pick a different local outreach organization to serve. Second, there is an **all age mission trip to Muscatine, Iowa** June 16-23 where we will help with a Spanish language vacation Bible school (call Betsy Keyack for details, 303-346-7057). Next, we have our **Youth Summer Mission Tour** July 12-21 for all youth entering 7th grade in the fall to graduated seniors. We will serve at three different mission sites in the desert southwest and conclude our trip with a day of river rafting. Finally, there is a **Senior High Colorado Mission Trip** scheduled for the end of July being organized by Stephanie Babcock. Serving through mission is one of the most tangible ways to demonstrate God's love for all his children.

Breakfast Club and the World's Most Dangerous Bible Study will be meeting on Wednesday mornings at 10am beginning June 5 at Krispy Kreme. We will move to Einstein's Bagels for the months of July and August. We will have fellowship and devotions until noon. Hope to see you there!

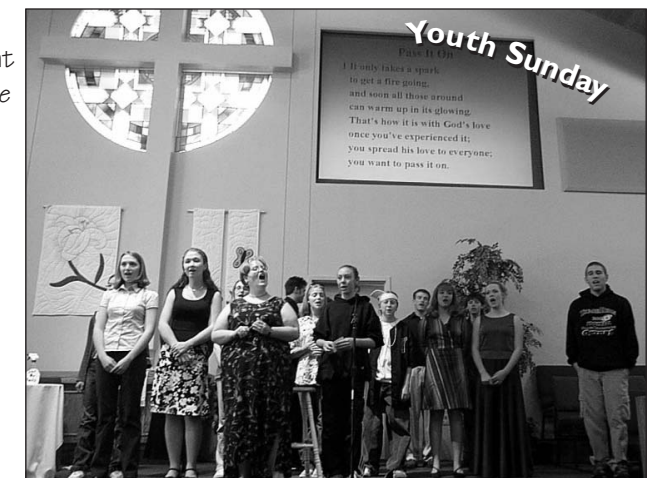
Summer Volleyball is back on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm until 9pm beginning June 11th. We will be hosting on June 25th. If you would like to be one of our active hosts (helping with snacks, sports equipment, etc.) please give me a call at the church.

SLY activities for the summer will be filled with fellowship opportunities from pool parties to Water World, Elitch's to day hikes and bike rides, game nights to movie nights. **Summer Sunday School** will be at 9:30 each Sunday, and each Sunday there will be a stand alone topic, so you don't have to feel like you can't be there just because you missed the Sunday before or won't be able to make the next Sunday. In addition, Lynda Drake will be leading **Friends in Faith** at 11am for all youth 7th-9th grade. Youth Choir does not meet during the summer, so we will have a light snack at 6pm with our activities beginning at 6:30. Make sure you **check the SLYline for updates and details (303-791-0659 x45)** for many of our activities will be in the afternoon, like the Rockies game on June 23rd and LoDo Scavenger Hunt.

We have many exciting events for you this summer, and I hope you take advantage of them. By you living and acting on the teachings of Jesus and walking in the light of God, you can make this be the best Summer of Love, not just for you, but for the whole family of God.

In Christ's Love,

Aaron Shipman
Director of Youth Ministries



Music Notes: Summer Choir Retreat June 15th!

The summer choir is singing once a month this summer! The dates are June 16th (Father's Day), July 21 and August 18. If you can make any or all of these dates, you're strongly encouraged to come to a mini retreat on June 15th from 9:00-11:30am in the choir room to rehearse all the music we'll be doing over the summer. The goal will be to practice enough so when we meet on the designated Sunday mornings, we can sing through it to refresh our memories for the morning services. If you've ever wanted to join the choir but couldn't make the weekly commitment, this schedule is made for you. If you were ever curious about the choir, this opportunity is made for you. Everyone is invited!

St. Luke's United Methodist Church Wesley Players Present:
Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
 By Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice
 November 15 and 16, 2002

The cast is coming together nicely. We are still in need of some basses and tenors for the chorus. Please contact Jim Ramsey for more information.
 Mark your calendars now to see a great performance. This one is gonna be FUN!



It made some laugh, some cry, some groan, and everyone applaud... **The All-Church Variety Show** had it all! On May 4th our diversely talented congregation put on a fantastic show. Many thanks to all of those who participated and made this show a big success.

St. Luke's Music Ministry

Please contact James Ramsey at the church 303-791-0659 ext. 23 with any questions.

Wednesday Night Live Music:
Summer Schedule -
 3rd Wednesday of every month:
 Rehearsal time: 6:15-7:15pm
Kidz Prayz I: 1st & 2nd grade
 Carrie Mallery
Kidz Prayz II: 3rd-6th grade
 James Ramsey

Be a Part of the Music of St. Luke's!
 Musical groups will start up again on regular schedules after Labor Day

- Alpha Ringers Handbell Choir
- Ministers of Swing (Big Band)
- Brass Ensemble
- Chancel Choir
- Children's Choir
- Flute Ensemble
- Youth Choir - Joy-full Noyz
- Sonrise Band
- Tintinnabulators Handbell Choir

Experience the Music of St. Luke's this Summer

If anyone would like to participate musically during worship this summer, please let Jim or Carrie know and we'll do our best to schedule you in.

Sunday Music Ministry 8:00 am

- June 9 - Sonrise
- June 23 - Sonrise
- July 7 - Sonrise
- July 21 - Sonrise
- Aug. 4 - Sonrise
- Aug. 18 - Sonrise
- Aug. 25 - Old Time Religion-Jim Ramsey & Dave Money/Women of Note

Sunday Music Ministry 9:30 & 11:00 am

- June 2 - Youth
- June 9 - Sallie Suby-Long, soprano
- June 16 - Summer Choir
- June 23 - Carrie Mallery, piano
- June 30 - Women of Note
- July 7 - Women of Note
- July 14 - Flute Ensemble
- July 21 - Summer Choir
- July 28 - Brass Ensemble
- Aug. 4 - Amiel Smith, harmonica
- Aug. 11 - Marge Harper, soprano
- Aug. 18 - Summer Choir
- Aug. 25 - Old Time Religion-Jim Ramsey & Dave Money

Corner Hey! What's Going On Around Here?

So you're asking yourselves, what's the deal with the new elevator? Well we can unravel the mystery here... turns out the inspection process has its own ups and downs, so watch for signs as we're confident this ride will be a short one too! Dave Rhodes continues with pushing the buttons on this one... the Force be with you, Dave!

Then on to the front lawn... new posts, concrete, electrical work? Here we go, being invitational! We're putting in a new sign so we can share details about upcoming events with our community. If you want to see the movie version (we're not kidding here) Dennis Rodriguez can show you A LOT on this topic. Thank you Dennis, it will be great... now to the rest of you, start thinking of clever signs!

Our latest big project has to do with the landscaping project underway for our back yard. Be sure to take a look back there soon if you haven't yet. We're getting terrific help from lots of people on this one. It begins with the Sunday school and Jenita's perseverance... Thank you Jenita and all of our Sunday School angels! Please continue to look for signs around the church for more information on this important project.

And again, we thank all of you who committed your time to our spring clean up day. Many hands really do make light work!

Welcome! New Members: May 2002

Carol & Frank Rod
 10313 South Fairgate Way
 Highlands Ranch, CO

Jennifer Rod
 6034 Blue Ridge Drive #G
 Highlands Ranch, CO

Natalie & Ross Barnard
 3758 West Bucknell Circle
 Littleton, CO

June Milnor
 10313 South Fairgate Way
 Highlands Ranch, CO



MEET THE STAFF Kristi Frush, Dir. of Ministry Development

by Yvonne Amrine

Kristi Frush took on the position of Ministry Development Director for St. Luke's in February of 2002. Kristi is also an Educational Consultant (very part-time) teaching courses and conducting community workshops for parents and teachers. In addition, this spring, Kristi completed a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies in Adult Education, Training and Development. And just in case you didn't think she had enough going on in her life, I'll add that she is married with two children. Kristi and her husband Nick have been members of St. Luke's for three years. (Nick, who works in the commercial audio-visual industry, helped to put the video screen in the sanctuary.) Kristi tells me that she feels fortunate to have found a job that is both meaningful and flexible, allowing her irreplaceable family time, a creative work environment, and the ability to help others. As we talked I began to wonder... how does she do it all?

You see, the position that Kristi holds, Director of Ministry Development, is essentially broken into two parts: Ministry Development and Care and Assimilation. In Care and Assimilation, she helps members, visitors and constituents make connections with small groups, missions and ministries. She serves as a resource to help us discover how our gifts and passions can flourish at St. Luke's. (FYI - we no longer have "time and talent cards.") Kristi also works closely with the Prayer Chain and Caring Connection, making calls and sending letters of support to those who may be experiencing difficulties in life.

"The Care and Assimilation side of my position is being developed into a team approach to better serve our congregation," said Kristi. "We are looking to design a team that is able to help in caring for the family of St. Luke's and assist people in becoming involved in the areas they are passionate about."

In Ministry Development Kristi is responsible for new program development and current program enhancement. "This part of my job was very well developed when I arrived," said Kristi. "I am a part of several teams, in which staff and volunteers work closely together. Without this relationship of lay volunteers, who carry out a tremendous amount of the responsibility, St. Luke's would not be able to offer so many varying programs. At any given time, we have 15-20 projects in development or re-development. An example of a current small group that needs to be re-developed is the Kitchen Team," she said. Currently, Kristi and the Ministry Development Teams are working on the following programs (Kristi wants us to know that she does not lead all of these, but touches each of them in some way and - of course, attends as many meetings as she can!):

- Bulletin Board Re-design
- Career Networking Service/Support
- Hospitality Team
- Life Cycle Ministry Support
- Parents of Tweens (8-12)
- Single Parenting Support Group
- Support For Parents of Twins
- Vision Team
- Care & Assimilation Team
- Caring For the Elderly
- Leadership Development Team
- Self Defense Awareness
- Spirituality and Writing
- Swing Dance Lessons

So by now I'm sure you're wondering too, how does she do it? Well, as Kristi would say, with a lot of support from you, the members and constituents of St. Luke's! So if you want to make the time you spend more meaningful - or if want to figure out where your passions lie, just give Kristi a call. I'm sure she can help.

KRISTI FRUSH - TIDBITS

- Born in Denver, CO
- Married to Nick 9 years
- Children: Karina, 8 and Mitchell, 5
- Favorite Color: Green
- Pet Peeves: Selfishness
- Hobbies: Writing, Reading, the "Arts" and family time in Steamboat
- Places she's lived: Colorado, Arizona
- If you could have dinner with anyone who would it be? Maya Angelou. "I have always had a love of poetry. I believe it is because I process through writing and the words hold immense meaning for me. I respect that Maya Angelou's work reaches a diverse audience."

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON RECEIVING

Finding a Niche in Life

By Dennis Becker

Everyone at St. Luke's knows that Leigh Ramsey sings beautifully and is great at drama. After all, she's the music minister's wife. But Leigh shares these gifts of music, drama and others with St. Luke's on her own. They are her gifts. They form her niche in ministry.



Leigh gives Rev. Evans a smile during Godspell.

Leigh is active in several areas of ministry at St. Luke's. She sings in the Chancel Choir, Women of Note and is a vocalist with the big band, Ministers of Swing.

Leigh performed in, directed or produced various drama productions including "Godspell," "The Other Twelve Disciples," "Mary and Joe Forever" and is looking forward to "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" this fall. Taking an already existing St. Luke's drama ministry to another level has been an exciting adventure. Leigh says, "Drama is one of my favorite ministries. It brings folks of all ages with gifts both musical and non-musical, as well as a variety of interests and abilities together. Drama is a place where people make new friends, discover new talents and explore gifts in a safe, forgiving place."

While members of St. Luke's have seen Leigh perform in the public ministries of music and drama, she also has a more behind the scenes function in ministry development. To understand Leigh's interest in ministry development, you have to know and understand her more than as a singer or actress.

Leigh was raised in an American Baptist Church and has sung in choirs and performed in drama productions since childhood. Her paternal grandfather was an American Baptist Church minister. She is a descendant of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, author of The Women's Bible in 1895. So her interest in theology and ministry comes quite naturally.

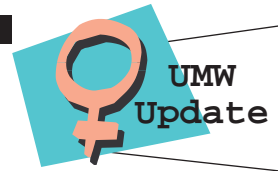
Early in life, Leigh felt a call to ministry. This call was clarified at Colgate Rochester Divinity School where she received a Master of Arts in Theology. During this time Leigh discovered that her gifts for ministry were better suited to the laity than ordained clergy. Leigh also discovered an interest in discernment—helping other people find their niche at St. Luke's. She worked with the former Ministry Development Director, Tammy Bell, to develop and present workshops designed to help new members and small group leaders discern their abilities, talents and gifts. Leigh believes "It's really important that people choose to participate in ministries that give them energy so they don't burn out. Choose ministries that are life affirming rather than life denying." She enjoys helping people choose ministries that energize them and give them an opportunity to help others. Leigh also strongly believes that, as Frederick Buechner says, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

While Leigh lives much of her life in public, she also has a private life with Jim and Robert Ramsey III, more commonly known as Jack.

Both Leigh and Jim are multi-talented and it is these many talents that brought them together. In the summer of 1990 Jim was performing vaudeville at dinner theater in Colorado when Leigh visited. The magic of vaudeville must have worked, for Leigh and Jim were married in 1991. (There's more to the story than that, but you'll have to ask them.) Leigh and Jim longed to come back to Colorado and when the opportunity to come to St. Luke's and for Jim to study at CU came in 1999, their wish became reality.

Now for the question that every inquiring mind wants to know, but is afraid to ask. Well, *The Chronicle* asked. "What's it like to live with Jim?" Leigh answered, "He's much the same person at home as he is in church. He's very energetic and fun to live with. But, he also has times of quiet introspection. And he's really enjoying his role as part-time Mr. Mom."

Leigh has found her niche at least for this stage in her life. And she delights in helping other people find their niche.



Spring Fling

St. Luke's annual Spring Fling event hosted by UMW on May 11th was

quite a success! Dozens of women from St. Luke's attended. St. Luke's "Women of Note" provided the special music for the event which was wonderful. We heard moving presentations and videos from representatives of The Women's Crisis Center and Warren Village. We assembled several May baskets full of cleaning supplies, diapers, blankets, etc. that were donated to Warren Village. We also donated big baskets each of perfume, finger nail polish, beanie babies and blockbuster gift certificates to The Women's Crisis Center. Our beautiful floral centerpieces (made by Carolyn Becker) were given to The Caring Connection.

Also, did you know that UMW has at least 10 different circles of special interest groups? Representatives were on hand to answer questions about these circle groups and listen to ideas of some possible new groups. Under the direction of Mandy Fortier, the women of St. Luke's were able to make new friends and find ways to stay connected (through the various circles) and also make a difference in so many lives by their generous donations to three different missions that UMW supports. The next UMW event is October 12th when we have our Apple Pie making day. Last year we had over 40 women participate in the fun of gathering apples and supplies, and assembling over 250 pies! The proceeds from this fundraising event last year went to three different missions; The Douglas County Crisis Center, Warren Village and St. Luke's playground project. Thanks to all of you who bought pies last year! We hope to see you again this year. Look for more information on this upcoming event in early September. UMW has two more events in December. The Candlelight Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 5th and the Children's Holiday Shop on Saturday, December 14th. Anyone is welcome to attend these events, so mark your calendars and watch for more information. UMW would love to thank everyone at St. Luke's that has supported us and all of our events over the last few years. We would not have been able to assist as many missions as we have without your help and support. Thank you very much!



Lessons from the Lighthouse... On May 10th, The Little School Players treated us to the Children's Dinner Theater to benefit the Backyard project. It was "Fun in the Sun!"

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Care & Assimilation: St. Luke's was able to embrace Shelly and Glen during their time of need because both volunteers and staff members were able to reach out. Caring for the family of St. Luke's takes the members and constituents ministering to each other. We are moving from having just a few people checking on the well being of the congregation, to a team of several people in Care & Assimilation. This team will be designed by and have on-going representation from Stewardship (Passions & Gifts), The Caring Connection, The Prayer Chain, Ministry Development, and Pastoral Care. On the team will also be additional people, who care for and minister to the family of St. Luke's, through mail, e-mail, phone calls, and visits.



Marriage Encounter

Marriage Encounter is designed for married

couples that desire to enrich and deepen their relationship with each other and with God. Upcoming Marriage Encounter weekends:

Grand Junction: June 21-23
Denver: July 26-28

Other dates and locations available. For more information contact Ann & Bill Roadarmel at (303) 792-5110, or email aroadarm@ix.netcom.com

Thoughts on Youth Sunday

by Ben Miyaki

In Youth Sunday, we were trying to convey an exaggeration of temptation. We weren't trying to make people think that the way we were acting was what most teens act like. The message that we tried to get across was that with God you can conquer any temptation just by having faith. And with that faith, you can ensure that you never cross over to the "dark side." At some points in your life, you start to think that in order to make your problems go away, you should just kill off the brain cells that are helping you remember them. If your parents are on your back to make sure that you do your chores, do them in small doses instead of waiting until the last minute to finish. That way the work is minimal. It's obvious that we weren't trying to make people think that all teenagers have the behaviors we had in the show, but that the ones who do can have enough faith in order to give them up.



Children's Ministries Update

Summer Sunday school is off to a great start. The kids and teachers have really enjoyed our new format. Come join us the fun – "Splish Splash Bible Bash!"

Vacation Bible School: We have around 150 kids registered so far! We have room for a few more in grades 1-5. Anyone wanting to help contact Lynne Butler at 303-791-0659 ext. 47. We are going to have a lot of fun on our "Son Canyon River Adventure" June 24th through 28th right here at St. Luke's.

Seven Summer Fun Days is starting June 11th! A different Bible story will be featured during each one of these fun filled days through music, stories and games. Contact Pat Dunnigan at 303-471-9372 for more information.

The **Wednesday Night Kidz Club** will meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the second grade room downstairs during the summer months. Dinner and Kidz Prayz (music) will be available on the third Wednesday only.

For more information on summer fun and fellowship for our children contact Jenita Rhodes at ext. 27.



nursery news

Our "Caregiver of the Month" for June is Tiffany Clement. She has grown up at St. Luke's and now she is helping to take care of our children.

She is a very warm and caring person who has a lot of fun playing with the children.

Congratulations to our Graduates! Good Luck and God Be With You!

Shawn Funk graduated from Arapahoe High School. This summer he will be working at Camp Hope with the handicapped and will participate in the Youth Mission Trip. In the fall he will be attending Western State College in Gunnison where he will be studying music education.



Erin Hoffman graduated from Columbine High School. She will be attending Colorado University in Boulder this fall.



Greg Hottman graduated from Heritage High School. This summer he will be working at Circuit City. In the fall he will be attending Colorado State University where he will be studying computer science.



Ben Smith graduated from Columbine High School. This summer he will be umpiring baseball, coaching youth baseball and taking some trips including one to New York. In the fall he will be attending Colorado State University.

Kara Gilbert Graduated from Thunder Ridge High School. She will be working for her dad this summer. In the fall she will attend the University of Northern Colorado where she will study elementary education. One of her life goals is to play Snow White at Disneyland.

Lindsay Lennek graduated from Arapahoe High School. She will be working this summer and will be attending Ft. Lewis University this fall.



Erin Whetson graduated from Highlands Ranch High School. This summer she will be working and taking a trip to Texas. In the fall she will be attending Arapahoe Community College where she will be majoring in music education.



Stephanie Gilman graduated from Thunder Ridge High School. This summer she will be working, spending 3 weeks in Montana with family and starting school at the University of Montana. She will be studying elementary education.

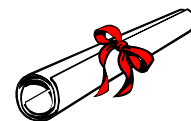


Chris Lee graduated from George Washington High School. This summer he will be working and training for hockey. In the fall he will be attending the University of Massachusetts where he will be playing hockey. He will be studying political science and pre-law.

Ryan Simms graduated from Thunder Ridge High School. This summer he will be working to save money for college. He will also be participating in the Youth Mission Trip. In the fall he will be attending Kansas State University where he will be studying architecture.



College Graduates



Jamie Fitzgibbons graduated from Arapahoe Community College with a degree in nursing. We wish her good luck in her nursing career.

Kevin Harris graduated from Colorado State University with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. Best wishes to Kevin!



Karly Haugen graduated from Thunder Ridge High School. She will be working two serving jobs this summer and will be attending Metro State College in the fall. She will also be coaching basketball.

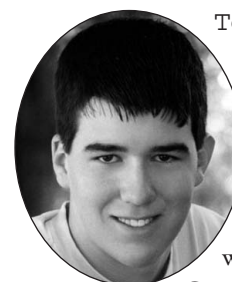
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Mike Babcock graduated from Douglas County High School in Castle Rock. This summer he will be spending his time working and rock climbing. In the fall he will be attending Purdue University in Indiana. He will be studying aeronautical engineering.



Jessica Bourassa graduated from Colorado's Finest. She is moving to Las Vegas to attend UNLV where she will be studying hotel management and hospitality.

Tony Boles graduated from Thunder Ridge High School. He will be working at REI this summer and saving to buy a car. In the fall he will be attending Aims Community College in Greeley studying computer design.



Jordan Benshoof graduated from Thunder Ridge High School. He will be attending Pepperdine University.

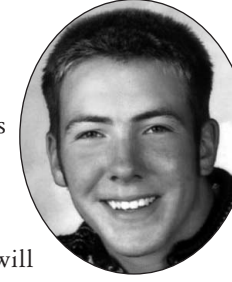


Lucas Barreto graduated from Thunder Ridge High School. He is taking a trip to Brazil this summer. In the fall he will be in San Antonio where he has qualified for the Air Force and will leave with an Associate of Arts Degree.

Allison Beecher graduated from Thunder Ridge High School. This summer she will be going on trips to Maine and California and will end up in Greeley at the University of Northern Colorado. She will be studying business there in the fall.



Jeff Brown graduated from Thunder Ridge High School. This summer he will be working at Highlands Ranch Golf Course. He will be attending the University of Utah in the fall where he is considering majoring in communications or pre-law. He would like to join the Navy or another branch of the military.



Rob Eagle graduated from Kent Denver. This summer he will be working in the Summer Bridge Program with inner city youth. In the fall he will be attending the University of St. Andrews in St. Andrews, Scotland where he will be studying social anthropology.



Amanda Edwards graduated from Arapahoe High School. She will be working at Blockbuster this summer. In the fall she will be attending the University of Northern Colorado where she will be studying art.

Lauren Blakely graduated from Heritage High School. She will be working this summer at the Cross-Disability Coalition and helping out with Vacation Bible School at St. Luke's. She will attend Arapahoe Community College in the fall where she will study social work.



Mark Carnes graduated from Thunder Ridge High School. This summer he will work at Health South Physical Therapy and will umpire for the Highlands Ranch Metro Districts. He will be attending the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley in the fall. He will be majoring in athletic training.



Bethany Elliott graduated from Highlands Ranch High School. She will be working as a lifeguard at Westridge. In the fall she will attend Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She will be studying theater and political science.

