

St. Luke's United Methodist Church invites you to find new life through Jesus Christ. Engage your heart and mind within a community of faith that seeks to integrate scripture, tradition, reason and experience. Wherever you are in your life, you will be accepted and encouraged to grow spiritually, live relationally and walk in mission, as you relate your daily life and your faith. Join us in growing together toward full humanity through living the teachings of Christ: Love, Acceptance, Justice and Hope.

Sunday Worship Services

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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The Chronicle

A NEWS & INFORMATION EXCHANGE FORUM

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Fall Kick Off 2002: A Weekend to Remember

From Work Day to Promotion Sunday to our Annual Fall Kick-Off and Ministry Fair, the weekend of September 7th and 8th was jam-packed with fun and fellowship. Our church has never looked better thanks to those who came out in abundance on Work Day to paint, weed, fix and clean. Our children began their PEAK adventure by moving to their new classrooms on Promotion Sunday. And, the Ministry Fair and Kick-Off event provided good food, ministry opportunities and an amazing puppet stage show. Thanks to all who made this weekend so special! Fall is starting off strong!



Not Your Parent's Stewardship Team

Get ready for something different! The Stewardship team wants you to know that we see ourselves as something more than just your annual beggars!! This change came about as a result of our own discovery of what it means to be a steward; and it's not just about your money! It's about your time, your gifts, your service... and yes, your money too!!

Let's face it... from a "world view" we probably aren't as well off as we were a year ago. We live with the reality of a shrinking bottom line, loss of job security and threats to our safety. But what about our well-being from a "spiritual journey" viewpoint? How does our acceptance of God's Grace fit with our definition of success in life? What are we "called" to do? What is that "passion" that drives us? Our answers to these questions help define our participation as "stewards" of God's blessings and resources.

We invite you to join with us throughout November as we examine life's journey and how it relates to stewardship. We will provide opportunities to explore your questions, and find out how we can all be response-able and feel joyful about it!

Blessings! *The Stewardship Team:*
Dee Duncan, Bill Lee, Rhonda Livingston,
Jerry McLeland, Sherry Merrill,
Steve Riley and Rev. Fred Venable.

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ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastors notes

from Reverend Richard Evans

Nearly every morning I try to solve the "Wuzzle" puzzle in the paper. Doing puzzles is supposed to keep the brain sharp, and I need all the help I can get. See if you can find the names of 25 books of the Bible in this paragraph. (No fair if you've seen this before.) Let me know if you get them, and we'll give you a free donut on Sunday. We'll give you a free Bible if you don't have one!

This, a most remarkable puzzle. Someone found it in the seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping himself occupied for hours. One man in Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Roy Clark studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Vics mentioned it in her column once. Once a woman judges the job to be so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help calm her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot—that's a fact. Some people will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. The truth is, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have. Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation may help. Books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. A punctuation or spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete. Remember, there are 25 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph.

Shalom, Dick

Insights from Dalai Dy

Dear church families,
How has summer been for you? I hope you're enjoying your summer. Summer has been a good one for me, but I'm so ready to start school again.

I want to let you know that it's been a year for my being here. I just can't believe how time really flies. IT'S BEEN A YEAR! But I still feel like it was just yesterday when I came to start this totally new phase in my life.

My first year at the Iliff School of Theology was a wonderful experience. I'm amazed and thrilled with the unlimited educational resources that are available for students in learning how to share, teach, and communicate effectively in both Christian education and ministry.

Last year I took 34 credit hours. I got an A- for my final grade. My GPA was at 3.5 at the end of the school year. This coming fall, I'm registered for 14 credit hours. I'm so excited about all my classes. Also I'll have more opportunity to serve at St. Luke's in a larger capacity involving my Advanced Field Education.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for accepting me into St. Luke's community. The past year has been a wonderful one because St. Luke's is a big part of my life. I'm told from time to time, "You can call on us any time." You are always here for me to support me, to pray for me, to cry with me, and to just love me. I just can't find a word strong enough to describe how blessed I am that you have chosen to share your lives with me.

I pray for God's blessings on our church and you and your families.
With a grateful heart,

Dalai



Prayer Chain

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

- Sharon Scholle's friend, Mark Pollett;
- Sharon Scholle's godchild's new baby, Benjamin Coleman;
- Adele Given's brother, Delbert Merritt;
- Sharon Scholle's daughter-in-law's father, Earl Dedman;
- Nancy Obertier;
- Pam Zajak's father, Gene Wlazik;
- Ralph Lawrence;
- Maria Fox's dad, Manuel Pena;
- Carol Crawford;
- Norma Harris;
- LuAnn Bearden;
- Grace McCurdy;
- Rachel Nolder's friend, Larry Nelson;
- Bill Necker's father;
- Andrea Mezger's friend, Jack Shaddock;
- Anastasia Parkin;
- Sandy Miyaki's cousin, Greg Jebb; and
- Chris Richard's mother, Alvis Denny.

We continue to pray for:

- Corina Hall's friend, Freddy Arch Page;
- Tammy Clement's mother, Betty Nelson;
- Earl Lawrence's sister, Lee;
- Paul Zavacki's dad, Stan Zavacki;
- Olivia Murrow; and
- Brittan Griffith.

We extend our prayers and sympathy to:

- Raina Powell and family on the death of their mother, Lorene Powell; and
- Scott Adams and family on the death of his father, Charles Adams.



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

- Tim and Stacy Markham on the birth of their daughter, Lindsey Kate, on 6-3-02;
- Dan and Angie Rotner on the birth of their son, Jacob Daniel, on 7-6-02;
- Sean and Jane Cronin on the birth of their son, Andrew James, on 7-29-02;
- David and Maria Parkin on the birth of their daughter, Nina Maria, on 8-8-02; and
- Jim and Cindy Holmstoen on the birth of their daughter, Abby Jane, on 8-9-02.

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

Wednesday Night Live

Sign up now - Wednesday Night Live starts September 18!

St. Luke's is continuing the Wednesday Night Live programs! WNL is designed to nourish our spirits as well as spark our sense of community. If you and your family would like to gather in the nurturing, Christian environment of St. Luke's for a mid-week spiritual lift, WNL is for you!

Every Wednesday evening St. Luke's will provide adults, youth and children opportunities for learning, faith building, renewing old friendships, and creating new relationships. "The World's Most Dangerous Bible Study" for youth, WNL Kidz Club, and Cherub's Choir and Kidz Prayz are proven to be very educational and enjoyable for 3 to 18.

New Christian education programs are also stirring! Adults are encouraged to fill out the survey on the WNL registration form below. We want to meet your needs and look forward to hearing what WNL small groups you would like to participate in!

Oh, don't forget, WNL offers you and your family a night out of your own kitchen too! Yes, we will continue to offer WNL Community Dinners starting Sept. 18th! Many of you (nearly 200 people every week) shared in this time of fun and fellowship during the last few months! Dinners are provided by members and constituents of St. Luke's. Sign up in the Narthex to participate!

WNL Fall programs begin Wed., Sept. 18th. To ensure success and adequate preparation for the Wednesday evening programs, we ask that you register you, your family and friends

as soon as possible. (Sign up sheets will also be available at each of the classes offered.)

Please consider joining us for WNL! We invite you to celebrate God's presence in our lives and support one another through our life journeys. Register NOW and experience the spirit of St. Luke's!

Please complete and return the WNL registration form into the church office or WNL box in the Narthex. You may also mail it to: St. Luke's WNL, 8817 South Broadway, Highlands Ranch, Colorado 80129 - Or register online at www.stlukeshr.com.

For more information on WNL or to take part in its development, contact Kristi Frush at 303-791-0659 or kristi@stlukeshr.com.

WNL "Registration Form

WNL Small Groups for Adults: 6:15-7:15pm

WNL for Adults wants you to have the opportunity to get a mid-week uplift or time just to spend with members of your church family. We want to know what small groups you would like to see being offered during WNL. So take this opportunity to tell us what it is that you need from your church. There are some interests that have already been expressed for WNL for Adults! Please use this survey to express your interest in either one of those groups or to share another idea of your own! As we gather interests and form new groups, you will be personally invited to participate. Thank you!

United Methodist Women's Bible Study Circle

Yes - # of Participants _____
I could help Lead _____

Active Parenting Study Group

Yes - # of Participants _____
I could help Lead _____

Other Needs? _____

Home Improvements: 6:15-7:15pm

Natalie & Dennis Rodriguez
The Home Improvements small group is open to all couples for fellowship and support. Discussions range from family, parenting, relationships to faith development issues. Social gatherings are created from time to time outside of the WNL program.

Yes - # of Participants _____

Community Dinner: 5:30-6:30pm

Join your church family for WNL Community Dinners. St. Luke's members provide good meals and service with a smile as people gather together for fellowship. Allow yourself a night out of your own kitchen and join your St. Luke's family for dinner every Wednesday. Menus will be provided in the Narthex and in the church office. Suggested donation for dinner: \$4/person; \$2/child under 12?

Yes, I/We will attend dinners on a regular basis.

Cherubs Choir: 6:15-7:15pm

Stacey Baird, Sharon Oliver, Nancy Betts
Musical and movement experience for 3 yrs to Kindergarten.

Yes - # of children _____

Kidz Prayz I and II: 6:15-7:15pm

James Ramsey, Carrie Mallery & Janet Harm
Last year was a HUGE success for the Kidz Prayz programs. Kidz Prayz allows kids a chance to sing a variety of Christian songs and play several different kinds of instruments while praising God. The program will enhance your child's musical learning while opening new opportunities of learning for others. All children are encouraged to join and participate. Please know, consistent attendance is key for the quality of Kidz Prayz programs.

Yes Kidz Prayz I (children 1st-3rd grades) # of children _____

Yes Kidz Prayz II (children 4th-6th grades) # of children _____

WNL Kidz Club: 6:15-7:15pm

Jenita Rhodes
Kidz Club is a great opportunity for kids to discover what it is to be a Christian, grow in their faith and build deeper, closer relationships with each other, their mentor leaders and God. Kidz Club mentors and children alike enjoy lively discussion and at times games and crafts.

Yes - # of children _____
Ages of children: _____

WNL for Youth: 6:15-7:15pm

Aaron Shipman, Beth Debonis
"The World's Most Dangerous Bible Study" is still on! A blending of the secular and the sacred as Jr. and Sr. High explore the emotions of pop music and the personalities of the bible.

Yes - # of participants _____

St. Luke's Basics: 6:15-7:30pm

Fred Venable
A foundational study discovering what it means to be a St. Luke's-style Christian.

Yes - # of participants _____

Nursery is provided from 6:15-8:00pm.
Call Lynne Butler for more information or for reservations at 303-791-0659 ext.47.



Music Notes:

St. Luke's Benefit Concert Series – Too Good to Miss!

“Prism” Concert

Saturday, October 5 • 7pm

The prism concert will showcase the exceptional talents of the congregation of St. Luke's. The program will feature music from the Brass Ensemble, Flute Ensemble and Ministers of Swing (Big Band) in addition to several solo and duo performances. All proceeds will benefit St. Luke's Music Ministry.

Colorado Consort

Saturday, October 19 • 7pm

The Colorado Consort is one of the finest vocal ensembles in the Denver area performing music from the Renaissance to the Twentieth Century. All proceeds will benefit St. Luke's Music Ministry.

Chancel Choir Gets Set for the Fall Season of Singing at the Weekend Choir Retreat

...with a little help from our favorite music fan, Jack Ramsey, September 13 & 14.



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Friday and Saturday, November 15 and 16, 2002

Dinner at 6:00pm, Show at 7:30pm

The Biblical saga of Joseph and his coat of many colors comes to vibrant life in this delightful musical parable. Set to an engaging cornucopia of musical styles, from country-western and calypso to bubble-gum pop and rock 'n' roll, this Old Testament tale emerges both timely and timeless. This performance involves many of the children, youth and adults of St. Luke's. All proceeds from this dinner and show will benefit the Cambodia Mission Project.

St. Luke's Music Ministry

Music Team Coordinators & Directors:

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Carrie Mallery, Associate Director of Music
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Tinntinabulators

James Ramsey, interim director

Flute Ensemble

Ruth Smith

Brass Ensemble

Erik Wangsnes

Ministers of Swing

James Ramsey

Cherub's Choir

Stacey Baird

Children's Choir

Kay Coryell

Joy-full Noyz Youth Choir

James Ramsey

Chancel Choir

James Ramsey

Kidz Prayz I and II

James Ramsey/Carrie Mallery/Janet Harm

Sonrise

James McCurry

Women of Note

Sallie Suby-Long

Rehearsals Week at a Glance

Sunday

Children's Choir 8:45-9:30am
Joy-Full Noyz Youth Choir
5:00-7:00pm

Tuesday

Tinntinabulators Handbell Choir
7:00-8:30 pm

Wednesday

Cherub's Choir 6:15-7:00pm
Kidz Prayz I 6:15-7:15pm
Kidz Prayz II 6:15-7:15pm
Sonrise Band 7:30-9:00pm

Thursday

Women of Note 6:30-7:30pm
Chancel Choir 7:30-9:00pm

Saturday

Flute Ensemble 8:00-9:00am
Brass Ensemble 9:00-10:00am
Ministers of Swing 10:00-11:15am

“St. Luke's 101” How St. Luke's Thinks, Theologically

Sounds heavy, I know, but let's get real. How we think theologically (that is, about God, and such) is fundamental to life. Everyone does it, but many (most?) do it poorly. The new class I'm developing, and will lead, is “St. Luke's, 101.” It'll be about how we at St. Luke's think about God, Jesus, salvation, the Bible, heaven/hell, morality/ethics, the whole foundation of our faith, hence, “101.” It's a foundational course, for beginners, for middlers, but especially for our leadership people. If you fit anywhere in our church leadership, as a chairperson, an advocate, a Sunday School teacher, a committee member, a choir member, an usher, whatever, Dick Evans wants you in this class. I'm even scheduling three different sessions:

- Sundays at 11:00
- Sundays at 6:30, or
- Wednesdays at 6:15.

I gotcha covered. These will be dynamic sessions, certainly not “business-as-usual.” Your freedom of thought will remain intact, although you will be challenged. Dick Evans wants us to be a body of core people who don't necessarily think the same, but have a common understanding of the faith, along with some theological sophistication. If you don't have any of that, or if you don't know what that means, this class is for YOU. And if you think you have theological sophistication, it is especially for YOU. Shucks, it is for EVERYBODY.

Oh, it will last for only thirteen weeks.
- Fred Venable, associate minister, ext. 12

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St. Luke's Annual Hayride
Sunday, Oct. 13 • 5:15pm

Stockton's Plum Creek Stables
Fellowship, Fun, Hot Dogs
and S'mores

Keep your eyes open for
sign-up after services on
9/29 and 10/6!



Pam Rowley, Lay Leader

By Bob Oliver

The newest addition to our Lay Leader's team is Colorado native, Pam Rowley. Pam grew up in Pueblo where she was raised Mennonite and later joined the Presbyterian Church. If you find yourself learning a lot while spending time with Pam, it could be because of her teaching background. She has taught at the University of Southern Colorado. She later took the position as the Music Director at the First Presbyterian Church in Pueblo. While there

she felt the calling and began taking seminary classes. She attends the Fuller Seminary of Pasadena, California through the extension in Colorado Springs. She is working on her Master's of Theology and plans to finish next summer.

She has been married for eight years to her husband Doug, an OBGYN physician. She is the mother of Sean, 14, and Lindsey, 11. A few years ago, she moved with her family to Ft. Worth, Texas when an opportunity arose for Doug's practice. She stayed two years before returning to Colorado in November of 2000. She planned to find a Presbyterian Church in the area, but Doug returned a month earlier and gave St. Luke's a try. When Pam arrived in Highlands Ranch, he took her to a service. “At the first service I attended there was a baptism and I was so moved by the way the whole congregation gathered together to surround and support the child. And I loved the music program!” The family began attending St. Luke's and Pam started getting very active in the church, especially in the music program. She shares her talents with the handbells in the Tinntinabulators, her voice in the Women of Note singing group, and she sings and fills in as music director in the Chancel Choir.

Pam was approached by Tammy Bell about becoming a Lay Leader and accepted the position in January of this year. As a Lay Leader she meets with Monty Hoffman and Dave Cupp regularly to discuss how they can be of assistance. “I feel my role as a Lay Leader is to be available wherever there is a need.” Next, she plans to work with the UMW, United Methodist Women, in an official capacity. “I am interested in working in the area of small group fellowship, helping to coordinate Bible studies in the home for women, couples or other groups.”

Pam is contributing in another way this month by writing The “Lay” test News, our Lay Leader's column, on page 8.

PAM ROWLEY – TIDBITS

- Joined St Luke's in: April 2002
- Favorite Color: Purple
- Hobbies: Reading, Cooking, Baking, Scrap-booking, Children's Books
- Pet Peeves: Little white lies, Discourteous drivers
- If you could have dinner with anyone, who would it be? “My father. He passed away 26 years ago and I would like to ask him the questions I was too young to ask then. I would like to learn from his wisdom.”



The St. Luke's Coed Softball team had a very successful season this year. The team won first place in the league and were the tournament champions. Members of the team included Candy Keller, Chris Goldsberry, Kim and Jeff Betschart, Bill Maddox, Steve and Lindy Howard, Bill Dearasaugh, Geoff and Scott Kellar, Kate and Dee Duncan, Katie and Courtney and Jay Hjellum, Ross Bernard, Kevin and Gene May, and Marla Schroeder. Their hardware is on display in the church office.

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON RECEIVING

Baking a First Impression

By Dennis Becker



About two dozen people, almost two baker's dozen, work behind the scenes to help make an inviting first impression for St. Luke's. They are the bread bakers, laboring in the kitchens of their homes to provide that loaf of fresh, homemade bread for first time visitors to St. Luke's.

Bread bakers in the past have certainly made a positive first impression. *The Chronicle* talked to several bread bakers (certainly not all of them) in preparing this article. Every one commented on receiving their first loaf of bread when they visited St. Luke's for the first time. Jackie Durban said, "This is a wonderful way of making people feel welcome. It's so inclusive." Vickie Lauer, whose mother always had fresh, home made bread when she came home from school, said, "No other church gave us a loaf of bread when we were searching for a church."

That first loaf of bread was also the catalyst for many current bread bakers to keep alive this St. Luke's tradition. When the call went out for volunteers to bake bread, Vicki said, "I can do that. That first loaf of bread made me feel welcome. I'd like to pass that feeling on." Rachael Nolder remembers her first loaf of bread and how she felt welcome. She's in her second year of bread baking. Karen Wesson, in her first year of baking for St. Luke's, says, "That first loaf of bread made me feel welcome. That is very important."

Being welcomed by a loaf of bread to welcoming others with a loaf of bread, St. Luke's unseen bread bakers, are important in the invitational, relational and missional activities of St. Luke's. They each see their work as a mission of and a service to the church. They find personal fulfillment in this activity. Barbara Mowder, a grandmother in her first year of baking for St. Luke's, "wanted to do something for the church. Why not bake bread? I'm fulfilled in doing my tiny bit. I can contribute in some way." Rachael says, "Bread baking is an easy way to make new people feel welcome. I find satisfaction in knowing I'm helping others feel welcome." Jackie says bread baking is something she "can fit into her schedule. It shows my family the importance of church involvement." Her children help her bake. She enjoys seeing people get a loaf of bread and then seeing them come back in the following weeks.

Peggy Fretzs, the leader of the bread baking team, says that bread baking is "a very good ministry. You have only one time to make a first impression. It's a very friendly way of welcoming people." Some of Peggy's co-workers have taken the tradition to their own churches. If you would like to be part of the bread baking team, contact Peggy.

Besides being very welcoming, the loaf of bread is very symbolic. Nancy Becker, who has been baking with her mother since she was a small child, said "Sharing a loaf of bread as a symbol of the bread of life is an appropriate way to welcome new people." The label on each loaf of bread says, "Welcome to St. Luke's United Methodist Church. We are pleased that we were able to worship together today. May this loaf of bread symbolize God's sustaining and nurturing love. We look forward to worshipping together again soon."

So, whether it's butter top, banana, egg, almond poppy seed, nut, sweet, or cinnamon bread, each loaf of fresh, home made bread says, "Welcome to St. Luke's." Thank you, St. Luke's bread bakers.

Little School is Off and Running!



Little School is beginning their 8th year of preschool with a packed house! We are very excited about our new year. All of our wonderful staff is back with the addition of three new teachers, Ms. Carol assisting M/W/F, Ms. Lisa assisting M/W and Ms. Jill teaching the 3 yr. olds M/W/F. Ms. Molly, Ms. Laurie and Ms. Susan are taking a year off from teaching.

Little School will begin exploring who we are and talking about how God created us. We will have fun learning about our families and the world around us. This year at Little School we will be adding a chapel time and we are thrilled to be working with the church staff.

Fall is always fun with the beginning of cooler weather and talking about harvest time. We always enjoy the pumpkin patch and our own pumpkin decorating contest. Be sure to stop down and see them the end of October!

From time to time we have openings in our classes due to children moving. If you are on our waiting list, please keep in touch with us, so that we may find an available spot.

Visitors to Little School are always welcome, please come and see our wonderful program. Please check in at the main office of the school (in the nursery quad). Thank you for all of your support and keep us in your prayers!

Lovingly,
Ms. Kay ☺

Don't forget to purchase your grocery certificates on Sunday mornings between services. Thanks!



nursery news

Our Nursery Caregiver of the Month for September is Stephanie Jewett. Stephanie is a youth who has been working for us since last fall. She is a fun and cheerful person and a pleasure to be around!

If you are in need of childcare for any small group or program you are involved in please remember to make a Nursery reservation. It is very important that our staff to children ratio be maintained for the safety of the children. You may make reservations from the link on the St. Luke's website or by calling our Nursery hotline number at 303-791-0659 ext. 47.

The LITTLE PEAK Program: Sunday school for 2 yrs - K



Promotion Sunday was September 8th and was a huge success! We had great attendance and all of the children age 2-

Kindergarten have now moved up to their new classrooms and the transition went very smoothly. We are so blessed to have such wonderful and committed Sunday School teachers. Our program could not be what it is without them.

We are in desperate need of teachers at 11:00! For 11:00 Little PEAK, we combine 2's and 3's in one class and 4's and Kindergarten in another class. We may occasionally have to cancel a Sunday School class because there are so few teachers. Let's not get to that point. Please consider helping to make a difference in the lives of our littlest children and volunteer to teach. Contact Lynne at ext. 11 or email at lynne@stlukeshr.com.



Children's Ministries Update

It's never too late to be a part of the PEAK adventure!!! Now registering Nursery through 6th grade for PEAK Sunday school. Cards are outside your child's classrooms or at the table in the Narthex.

PEAK Adventure Rotation Curriculum 2002-2003

- 1st Rotation:** Sept. 8-Oct. 13
Joseph Living in a Land of Many Colors:
Joseph Remains Faithful
Oct. 20 - Celebration Sunday
- 2nd Rotation:** Oct. 27-Nov. 17
Double or Nothing:
The Parable of the Talents
Nov. 24 - Celebration Sunday
- 3rd Rotation:** Dec. 1-22
Advent - Out of the House of David:
Jesus' Birth
Dec. 29 - Celebration Sunday
Jan. 5 - Epiphany:
Children participate in worship
- 4th Rotation:** Jan. 12-Feb. 16
The Miracle Worker: Miracles of Jesus
Feb. 23 - Celebration Sunday
- 5th Rotation:** Mar. 2-April 13
The Good News Scrapbook:
Easter from Mary's Point-of-View
Apr. 20 - Celebration Sunday
- 6th Rotation:** Apr. 27-May 18
Are You My Neighbor?
The Good Samaritan
May 25 - Celebration Sunday
- 7th & 8th Rotations:** Summer

Mark Your Calendars:

- Sept. 18 Wednesday Night Live Kidz Club Begins
- Sept. 29 Acolyte Training 3rd-6th grade 12:15 in Fellowship Hall
- Oct. 20 Third Grade Bible Presentation
- Oct. 20 Fall Festival in the Pumpkin Patch 12-4pm



The "Lay"test News: Be Still and Know that I am God

A Message from our Lay Leaders

- By Pam Rowley

As the lazy days of summer come to an end, it is important to remain "restful" and "still" before God waiting for the calmness that the Holy Spirit can provide in our daily spiritual journey. "Be still and know that I am God," Psalm 46:10, calls us to be still before God, exalting and honoring Him for His goodness and majesty. God's response is to provide us solace, peace, refuge, and strength.

To be still and rest before God restores our souls. To be restful and silent in God's presence provides an opportunity for praise and worship. It restores our relationship with God. According to the American College Dictionary, "Rest" is "the refreshing quiet or repose of sleep; the refreshing ease or inactivity after exertion or labor; relief or freedom from anything that wearies, troubles, or disturbs; and mental or spiritual calm and tranquillity." "Restoration" follows as "renewal, revival, reestablishment, and a bringing back to a former, original, unimpaired condition." If through the days of summer we have been busy and discontent, NOW is the time to rest and be restored in our spiritual walk and most importantly in our relationship with God. God is yearning for a renewal with us and we should also be yearning for God.

To "be still and know that I am God" requires a practice of silence before God. "Silence is that place just before the voice of God. It is the void in which God and I meet in the center of my soul. It is the cave through which the soul must travel, clearing out the dissonance of life as we go, so that the God who is waiting there for us to notice can fill us." (Joan Chittister, *Illuminated Life*) "To be silent and restful before God" means that we put aside the cacophony of our world to know God more intimately. Being still with God requires that we make a conscious effort to get away from distractions that claim our attention. We provide a space and place in our souls to wait for Him. Restoration for our souls comes as we are silent before God.

At times, even when we seek solitude and silence with God, our worries and anxieties seem to follow and refuse to leave us alone. Or, we find our schedules demanding and going to God in silence seems more like a chore than a time of rest. Take heart, all that is required of us is a willingness to commune with God. To draw near to God merely requires a willingness to be silent before Him. When our cups are overflowing that is when we really need to be alone with God. He will supply the rest and peace that our souls need and silence will come as a gift God gives to us. "My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him." (Psalm 130:5). "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength." (Isaiah 30:15). "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28).



Apple Pies!!!

The women of St. Luke's (UMW) are gearing up for their annual Apple Pie Sale

to held on October 13th and October 20th.

Last year we had over 40 women participate in the fun of gathering apples and supplies, and assembling over 250 pies! We would like to do even more this year but we need your help.

Anyone interested in peeling apples, assembling pies and most of all, making new friends with other women of St. Luke's may sign up for the apple pie making event to be held on October 12th from 8-2 pm. You may sign up for either the 8-11 am shift or the 11-2 pm shift. Daycare will be available and so will lots of refreshments. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be at the UMW table between each Sunday worship service beginning on September 22nd or you may contact Chris Goldsberry at 303-791-6099.

Other UMW events under way are the annual Candlelight Dinner to be held on Thursday, December 5th from 6-10 pm. and the Holiday Shop on December 14th with store hours of 9-2 pm.

Anyone interested in helping with the planning and set up of the Candlelight Dinner should call Laurie Lorenzo at 303-683-1539. And, applications are also being taken for anyone interested in a job at the Holiday Shop (salary given in terms of hugs and kisses from the shoppers). Please contact Chris Goldsberry at 303-791-6099.

The UMW "playgroup circle" is looking for a new coordinator. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Linda Walker at 303-470-6145.

UMW (United Methodist Women) is always looking for new members that like to work on planning church events, meeting new women in the church and helping in missions. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Laurie Belmear at 303-471-9575 or any of the other members of UMW.



SLY Activity Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 17..... HR Breakfast Club 6:30-7am, Einstein's Bagels
- 18..... See You at the Pole. Pray with other students across the country and world before school at the flag pole. The Christian clubs on campus will have the exact times. Arapahoe Breakfast Club will participate at AHS. WNL and The World's Most Dangerous Bible Study resumes 5:30-7:15pm
- 20-22..... SLY Fall Retreat. Sign-ups available at Kick-Off and from the Youth Office
- 22..... Regular SLY am Schedule and Youth Choir at 5pm
- 24..... HR Breakfast Club 6:30-7am, Einstein's Bagels
- 25..... Arapahoe Breakfast Club 7-7:15am, Einstein's Bagels across from AHS. WNL and The World's Most Dangerous Bible Study 5:30-7:15pm
- 29..... Regular am SLY Schedule; Special Guest Presentation for evening SLY, end time is 8:30pm.

OCTOBER

- 1..... HR Breakfast Club 6:30-7am, Einstein's Bagels
- 2..... Arapahoe Breakfast Club 7-7:15am, Einstein's Bagels across from AHS. WNL and The World's Most Dangerous Bible Study 5:30-7:15pm
- 4..... Pumpkin Patch begins. Pumpkins arrive at 4pm and we need everyone here to help unload and decorate
- 6..... Regular SLY am Schedule; District Youth Worship at Grace UMC 7-9pm; Youth Choir at 5pm and Dinner at 6pm
- 8..... HR Breakfast Club 6:30-7am, Einstein's Bagels
- 9..... Arapahoe Breakfast Club 7-7:15am, Einstein's Bagels across from AHS. WNL and The World's Most Dangerous Bible Study 5:30-7:15pm
- 13..... Regular SLY Morning Schedule; Hay Ride from 4:30-8pm
- 15..... HR Breakfast Club Fall Break 10-11am, Einstein's Bagels
- 16..... Arapahoe Breakfast Club 7-7:15am, Einstein's Bagels across from AHS. WNL and The World's Most Dangerous Bible Study 5:30-7:15pm
- 19..... Pumpkin Shipment #2 arrives at 9am; come on out and help unload
- 20..... Regular SLY am Schedule; Fall Festival from noon to 4pm. Fitz Family Jugglers at Parker UMC, 6pm
- 22..... HR Breakfast Club 6:30-7am, Einstein's Bagels
- 23..... Arapahoe Breakfast Club 7-7:15am, Einstein's Bagels across from AHS. WNL and The World's Most Dangerous Bible Study 5:30-7:15pm
- 27..... Youth Choir Sings, No Youth Sunday School; SLY 6-8pm Orange Gourd Manipulations
- 29..... HR Breakfast Club 6:30-7am, Einstein's Bagels
- 30..... Arapahoe Breakfast Club 7-7:15am, Einstein's Bagels across from AHS. WNL and The World's Most Dangerous Bible Study 5:30pm-7:15pm

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

Dear Youth:

Well, Fall is upon us, and that means football, Homecoming dances, Pumpkins , Breakfast Clubs, World's Most Dangerous Bible Study, Fall Retreat, and so much more. We celebrated kick off on September 8th, and I can only say that it was awesome and spirit filled. We have a great year planned for fun, faith, and stuff.

News to you: Beth DeBonis has joined the Youth Ministry staff as the Associate Director of Youth Ministries. Swing Dance lessons for youth and adults will be on Tuesday evenings, no partner necessary. This year is Youth 2003, July 23-27, and we are taking sign-ups now! Pumpkins will be here on October 4th, so start recruiting people to help set-up and unload.

For updates on SLY events, please check the SLYline, 303-791-0659 x45, and make sure you sign-up for the SLY list serve at the St. Luke's website, www.stlukeshr.com.

Come join us at any of our youth events and catch the Spirit!

Grace and Peace,

Aaron Shipman
Dir. Of Youth Ministries



Regular SLY Sunday Schedule

- 9:30am Sunday School
- 11:00am Friends in Faith Class with Linda
- 5pm Joy-Full Noyz Youth Choir
- 6pm Youth Dinner
- 6:30-8pm SLY Evening Fellowship

SLY-Line: 303-791-0659 x45
Youth@stlukeshr.com
Aaron Shipman: 303-791-0659 x14
aaron@stlukeshr.com
Beth DeBonis: 303-791-0659 x19
beth@stlukeshr.com

The Water Restrictions of a Land-locked State Didn't Have Any Effect on our Splishing and Splashing!

By Stephanie Babcock

"Splish Splash it's a Bible bash! Gonna have fun in the Son! GOD'S SON!! The words of our Father are flowing like water, so we oughta dive in! SPLISH SPLASH!!!" If you've walked downstairs, had a kid in Sunday school this summer, or passed any of the youth and adults who helped out with summer Sunday school, you know this song and it's catchy tune! If not, then you should have been there to experience it all for yourself (or approach Jenita Rhodes or me to sing it! I don't think we'll ever get it out of our heads!)

The summer Bible bash—that was a great time had by all—happened every Sunday morning over the summer, in Goliath. You couldn't miss it; there was a giant sandcastle stage with a beach backdrop! At the beach, kids were introduced to two wonderful friends who helped us learn about the lesson each week. The honestly curious snail, Seymour, and the ever out-spoken, knowledgeable octopus, Julia, visited us weekly. The sand castle stage was perfect for our lessons, as each of them revolved around a different story of water in the Bible. We visited water stories, from Noah and his ark, to Moses parting the Red Sea, to baptism, and a lot in between. I personally, never realized that there are 13 different stories about water in the Bible, and I'm sure there are more!

So, if you're wandering around St. Luke's and hear kids, adults, or youth who were involved in summer Sunday school singing about "having fun in the Son," you will realize just how much fun was had, how nice the beach was, and how much fun the music of the summer was! And while our summer bash may be over, we're just beginning our ascent to the PEAK! Join us for the next adventure as we climb to the top of our mountain through learning, living, laughing, and loving the stories, and teachings of the Bible!



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

Marriage Encounter is designed for married couples that desire to enrich and deepen their relationship. The focus of a Marriage Encounter weekend is on couple communications. Presentations focus on the positive strengths couples hold in their marriage relationship. The purpose of a Marriage Encounter weekend is to strengthen the couple's relationship with each other, their relationship with God and thereby strengthening Christ's church.

Upcoming Marriage Encounter weekends:

Colorado Springs, CO: Oct 18-20, Durango, CO: Nov 8-10, Loveland, CO: February.

Other dates and locations available. For more information contact

Ann & Bill Roadarmel at (303) 792-5110, email aroadarm@ix.netcom.com



Update: Cambodia Mission Possible II

By David Fornof

We would like to take this moment to update you on the status of the Cambodian Mission Team activities and fundraisers. We wanted to ensure that each member and friend of St. Luke's understands how the monies raised and donated by the people of St. Luke's will be used.

The Cambodian Team is proud to offer multiple opportunities for our community to support this mission project. Those going on the trip use none of the monies raised. Team members pay for all of our own expenses including airfare, accommodations and meals. We reimburse Joseph Chen, our host, for any expenses incurred by our presence in Cambodia. All money raised goes directly to the project itself. The monies provide for building supplies, land purchases, equipment, school materials etc. For our last mission trip, \$30,000 was raised for the Cambodian mission. It was used to purchase land, buy building materials for both the boy's dormitory, to roof the education and maintenance center, and for various needs at the Siem Reap Methodist Church.

To date, we have raised slightly over \$17,000 for the Community Center. As this is less than the projected cost of the next phase of building at the center, we still have several fund raisers left and ask for your continued support. The project for this trip is the building of a girl's dormitory and to provide needed supplies for the center. We recently concluded a project of selling flower bulbs on September 13th due to the deadline required by Dutch Gardens. We thank all of you who supported the sales of the bulbs. Look for their arrival in October in time for your fall planting.

Currently, we are selling bricks for the memorial garden in conjunction with the landscaping committee. Our portion of these funds is 25% of the net receipts generated by the sale. The remaining 75% is for the landscaping project at St. Luke's. This project will continue into the fall with no deadline date as of yet.

In November, we have our final two fundraisers scheduled. The first one will take place on Saturday, November 2nd. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THIS IS A DAY TO SHOP!** There will be a craft bazaar at the church sponsored by the Cambodian Mission Team. There will be several tables full of excellent crafts and holiday gift ideas. We invite all crafters to rent a table for selling their crafts or to consider making a tax-deductible donation of your crafts to the team. Please contact Marie Fornof at 303-683-8825 if you would like to rent a table or donate crafts. If you know of someone who is not a member of St. Luke's, please give Marie's number to them and let them know about the limited numbers of tables available to rent on a first come, first serve basis. Look for more information concerning the bazaar on the information table in the Fellowship Hall starting in mid-September.



And, we have saved the best for last—The St. Luke's Annual Dinner Playhouse! This year, the production will be "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". Performances will be Friday and Saturday, November 15th and 16th. Our team is

planning a very special dinner this year for your enjoyment. (Sorry, it's not spaghetti this time.) Mark your calendar and invite family and friends to accompany you to one of the dinners and performances. All net proceeds go to the Cambodians and the Community Training Center. More information will be available closer to the event.

The mission team is very excited about the upcoming events as we prepare for our mission trip. We very much appreciate your donations, purchases, and prayers. Please, do not hesitate to stop one of us to ask any questions you might have. The group is very appreciative of your support. Look for more information concerning the mission and the project itself in an upcoming issue of *The Chronicle*.

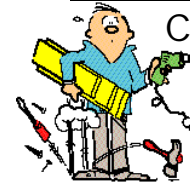
AIDS Walk Results

Eleven people from St. Luke's walked in the 15th annual AIDS walk on August 25, 2002. We enjoyed the warm weather, the fellowship, and the impressive number of walkers. As a team, we raised over \$935!

This year, St. Luke's team was triple the size of last year's! Jon Streaty and Danny McIntosh get kudos for the most money raised (way to go guys!). I'm also quite proud of Bennett and Emerson—our youngest walkers. They alternated riding in a wagon and walking, so between the two of them, they walked the whole 10K!

With proper education and public health information, the number of people with AIDS could be dramatically reduced. However, AIDS doesn't get a lot of publicity anymore, so the budgets for non-profits organizations like the Colorado AIDS Project and Project AngelHeart are also diminished. The additional money raised in the AIDS Walk through St. Luke's will be put to good use, educating those at risk of acquiring AIDS, and providing counseling, medical information, and nourishing meals to those with the disease.

If you are still interested in contributing, please contact Susan McIntosh (303)347-0727 or email susanrmcintosh@yahoo.com



Corner What's a Trustee?

Trustees

Our SLY members spent a recent Sunday on a scavenger hunt at the zoo looking for some of us and asking... just who are these trustees? Now they know, and you should, too. We're janitors, electricians, plumbers, contractors, lawyers, parents, planners, project managers, designers, and sometimes even detectives. We answer questions with help from each other and you, like: what's that smell?; isn't it too hot or too cold?; do we have woodpeckers at the 8:00 service?; how can we complete construction of a new addition, a parking lot, re-keying the building, landscaping, fixing the little school entry?; cleaning and changing light bulbs and ballasts way up high in the ceiling?; and recently, where's all that water coming from, isn't there a drought in Colorado?

Well, we're having a bit of tough luck at our church home as evidenced by the port-a-potties, and parking lot excavation. We experienced a water main break in the feed between the sidewalk and the church. At a cost of \$12,000 and 3 days without water, we're back in business. We're working to get the holes in the stucco sealed, as yes there are woodpeckers who want to make our church home theirs as well. It's with much gratitude that we recognize John Fitzgibbons who faithfully attends to our sprinkler system problems even as we work to complete our back yard, and the challenge grows.

As you consider contributions of your time and talents to St. Luke's, and discover you really like solving a good mystery or working on somebody else's home, give our lead trustee, Ken Fong, a call at (303)346-7057 or kfong@att.net; you can bet we've got a place for you!



Mother Nature did not Dampen Spirits at St. Luke's Family Camp

By Jennifer Jiang

Family Camp was held at the Winding River Resort on the western side of Rocky Mountain National Park and began on Friday August 2. It was not just for the experts; some families had never been camping before. Betsy Keyack tells us that it was a great idea and a terrific way to introduce children to camping! One of our younger members, Colby Butler (7), says that his favorite thing about family camp was seeing all his friends and climbing trees.



That first night Mother Nature did not cooperate! It was pouring rain, so members braved the downpour, some reading tent instructions by lantern

and flashlight, to fast and furiously set up camp. Finally there was a break in the weather before bedtime, so campers were able to enjoy some hot chocolate

before going to sleep to the sound of raindrops once again.

Betsy explains that the next morning, their sleeping pads were wet, despite the fact that they had 3 plastic ground cloths under the tent. Nevertheless, breakfast on Saturday morning was a St. Luke's community affair. Delicious pancakes were served and members got to know their fellow campers. Next, the campers decorated and hung family camp flags and decorated T-shirts with their handprints. In the afternoon Betsy's family went to Grand Lake. There they enjoyed a terrific lakeshore view, stopped downtown for some ice cream and some fun at a playground, enjoyed beautiful hikes to some waterfalls and beside a gently flowing stream in the shade of the pine forest, and the kids had fun climbing on the huge boulders along the trail.

Saturday evening, the campers enjoyed a potluck community dinner at Aaron Shipman's roomy campsite. Meats were grilled and served with salads, baked

beans, and a birthday cake for dessert. For entertainment, campers participated in a sing-a-long, accompanied by Aaron on the guitar. Each family also talked to the group about the making of their camp flag.

Sunday morning was cold, but dry! Worship service was held at Aaron's campsite. Members sang, talked about how we are all family, and served communion to one another. Worship service was followed by another great pancake breakfast and more crafts. Betsy's family went horseback riding at the Winding River Stables in the early afternoon.

Despite Mother Nature's attempts to damper the campers fun, all had a great time and are looking forward to next year's family camp - will you join them?

