

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.

**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.

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All people of St. Luke's.

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Please place them in *The Chronicle* folder at St. Luke's or e-mail to [chronicle@stlukeshr.com](mailto:chronicle@stlukeshr.com)

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# The Chronicle

## Special services get August started strong

The ministry of **Women of Note** is growing! We have begun offering outreach concerts in the community and God has blessed us greatly in the process. We want to thank our St. Luke's family for your gracious encouragement and support. It truly means a lot to all of us.

On Sunday morning, August 10, we will be leading the worship services through songs, scripture and messages. We hope you will be there to celebrate and praise God with us!

**Sunday, August 10**  
**St. Luke's Worship Services**  
**8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.**



**Family camp was terrific!**  
**Read all about it on page 6**  
And check out many more photos on [www.stlukeshr.com](http://www.stlukeshr.com)

## 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration just around the corner

Mark your calendars for the culmination of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary festivities on Sunday Sept. 7. We will have ONE Service to get everyone together at 10:30 a.m. After the special service, the annual Ministry Fair will be held and everyone will join for Bar-B-Que at noon.

So if you normally attend 8 a.m. or 9:30 a.m. services, sleep in and come at 10:30 a.m. If you normally attend the 11 a.m. service, get up a little early for this special celebration.

Don't miss the important information for all **adults** contained in Children's Ministry article on page 7.

## Coffee & Donut Caretakers needed

"I enjoy serving others and with others; I receive far more than I give" Where do you find your passion? If it is in hospitality, your church needs you!

Set up coffee, donuts, tea on Sunday mornings (around 8:30 a.m.) or help clean up around noon. No nightly meetings and flexible schedule!

If this sounds like it fits your passion, please call Lynda 303-791-0659 x20 or at [lynda@stlukeshr.com](mailto:lynda@stlukeshr.com)

**No SUMMER SLUMP HERE!**

SLUMP: noun  
1. A drooping or slouching posture: read defeat in the slump of his shoulders.  
2. A sudden falling off or decline, as in activity, prices, or business: a stock market slump; a slump in farm prices.  
3. An extended period of poor performance, especially in a sport or competitive activity: a slump in a batting average.

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The Chronicle

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## From your interim senior pastor



To all St. Lukies,

I don't know if you've ever been called "Lukies" before, but why not!!

Of course you could be "Lukans," but "Lukies" is less Star Trekish.

It has been an interesting couple of weeks. I ended my first two worship services in ways I would not have imagined in earlier days.

Since many of our "Lukies" were not present, I'd like to summarize what I said. There are several players in the game called "How to get our new senior pastor." There are the players in what's called the "official route." St. Luke's own Staff Parish Relations Committee is our contribution of players to the official route.

Look at the special edition of The Chronicle you got recently for a good presentation of our SPRC. Their first function is to come up with a "profile" of the new minister for which we are looking. (In this instance, "profiling" is okay.)

Next is our District Superintendent, who will be our main contact. And then the Bishop, who is the person with the final word. The Bishop, our Superintendent, and the other conference Superintendents, make up the Cabinet. The entire Cabinet will get involved in our quest. The Cabinet sifts through the Rocky Mountain Conference roster of ministers looking for our "person."

Upon not finding her/him in the RM Conference, the search will go nationwide. When a prospect is found, the Cabinet approves, and our SPRC then gets the resume, and then an interview. If they then say Okay, it's a done deal. If not Okay, back to more searching.

There are only nine Lukies on our SPRC, what about the rest of us? That is where we all come in to form the "unofficial route," I've said "We'll get what we deserve," and I stick by that. All of us form the dynamic, vital church known as St. Luke's, and we, spiritually, will attract our next pastor.

It is a spiritual thing rather than an "official" thing, though it will work through the "official route." We, collectively, using our unity in God's spirit, form a spiritual power which God uses to identify the right person.

How do we do that? We hold in our consciousness the presence of God in our individual lives and in our congregation, we participate fully and actively, and we affirm to God our commitment. And we trust in God's grace.

The "official route" is the *way* it works, our "unofficial route" of spirit is *what* makes it work. This way we are committing ourselves to God's choice for our next pastor, and God's choice is who we really want. So hold that consciousness: God is selecting someone for us.

Happy to be a "Lukie" like you,

Fred

## Prayer Chain

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

prayers:

Marian Leggett's co-worker friend, Alice Safarick;  
Randi Rowley, sister-in-law of Pam Rowley;  
Trudy Turner's friend, Roger Carlyle;  
Kay Swanson's mother, Carol Bryden;  
Leigh Ramsey's mother;  
Bob Abbott;  
Celeste Drinkard's friend, Ron Freeman;  
Kathleen Baker's mother, Sally Irwin;  
Stewart Brown;  
Kathy Swier's brother and sister-in-law, Randy and Adrianna Avenell;  
Marvin Mauck;  
Sandi Thompson's brother, Peter Hertel;  
Vickie Ferguson;  
Kari Wangsness' friend, Sam Connolly;  
Grace McCurdy;  
A.J. Lorenzo;  
Eileen Law's daughter, Jennifer Ladd;  
Jean Ann Duncan's friend, Marie Walsch;  
Maria Foxes' father, Manuel Pena;  
Tom Foxes' father;  
Andrea Money.

### We continue to pray for:

Earl Lawrence's sister, Lee;  
Delia Maher and the Maher family;  
Corina Hall's friend, Freddy Arch Page;  
William Damsgard Cronin.

### We extend our prayers and sympathy to:

Sharon and Bud Scholle  
on the death of their friends, Earl Dedman and Jim Palmer;  
The Timm family on the death of their wife and mother, Kerry Timm;  
Coleen DeGross and family on the death of her grandmother;  
Jim Mitchell and family on the death of his friend, David Tyler;  
Mike Ramsett and family on the death of his mother;  
the family of Louise Smith, upon her death on 6-16-03;  
Bonnie Funk's friends, Rick and Dottie Sungaila, on the death of their daughter, Alice.

**We extend our congratulations and add our prayers of joy to:**  
Dwight and Tammy Kinnes on the birth of their son, Braden Shaw,  
on 5-23-03;

Terri and Brian Ary on the birth of their son, Jack Anthony, on  
6-2-03;

Erika and John Brimberry on the birth of their daughter, Josie  
Colette,  
on 6-10-03;

Jill and Phil Wright on the birth of their son, Luke Philip, on 6-28-  
03.

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

## The key to success is YOU!

Summer is never a time for resting in the shade in Children's Ministries. In June we put a full week of Vacation Bible School and a spirited study of John Wesley in Elementary Sunday School behind us. July has 7 Summer Fun Days keeping Tuesday mornings active and discovering our special gifts through our friends with challenges such as blindness, deafness, dyslexia and autism has kept us challenged in Sunday School.

August will bring a great adventure with the "Lighthouse Kids" discovering how we light up God's world in Sunday School and the most exciting project of all... Recruiting Teachers for Sunday School!!!

This is probably, no it *is* the most challenging duty I have as Director of Children's Ministries. How do I express the importance this little opportunity to share has to our church, the kids and most of all to the person serving? When the Bible said to give and multiples will be returned to you, it had to be talking about volunteering in Sunday School.

**PEAK Adventures** Sunday School starts on September 7<sup>th</sup>. You can participate to be on a workshop team or a grade level Guide. A workshop team consists of 5 to 6 youth or adults who will help plan and present a Bible lesson using Art, Cooking, Games, Cinema, Science, Computers, Drama or Music. **THIS IS A COMMITMENT OF A FEW PLANNING MEETINGS AND ONLY 7 SUNDAYS FROM SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST!**

**Grade level Guides** also work in teams of 6 and will rotate with the class to each workshop to be the joyful face that greets the kids each week, assist the workshop leaders, and provide basic crowd control. **NO planning, NO leading, just getting to know the kids, sending them a birthday postcard and STILL ONLY 7 (SEVEN) SUNDAYS FROM SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST!**

Our preschool program, that we are naming **JOY TREK**, is just as easy. There is a team of 8 lead teachers

for each age level 2 year olds through Kindergarten, who direct the flow of activities in the classroom. The lesson and supplies are all provided for you! Your planning time is only becoming familiar with the lesson before hand. **THIS COMMITMENT INVOLVES, AGAIN, ONLY 7, YES SEVEN, SUNDAYS DURING THE YEAR.**

Parents of our **JOY TREKERS** (who have not volunteered to be on a teaching team) will be asked to volunteer at least two Sundays per child during the year to be the second or third adult helper in the classrooms.

So why is it so important that **YOU (and this is not limited to the adults who currently have children who attend Sunday School!)** participate by volunteering to help on Sunday?

The importance of **YOU** volunteering your time and talents in Sunday School *to our church* is, of course, providing quality educational experiences for our children. They are our future leaders, the force that will take St. Luke's into the next 20 years.

The importance of **YOU** volunteering your time and talents in Sunday School *to our kids* is providing them with a safe loving environment in which to explore and grow in their faith. They will learn more than just a Bible story. They will learn what it means to be invitational, relational and missional by watching you.

The importance of **YOU** volunteering your time and talents in Sunday School *to YOU* is the smiles, the hugs, the challenge of developing a relationship with the incredible children we have in our church. You will see your faith grow and be inspired as you see the wonderful energy contained in our children.

Need more reasons? Have questions? Just can't wait to sign up? Contact Lynne Butler at 303-791-0695 ext. 11 or lynne@stlukeshr.com or Jenita Rhodes at 303-791-0695 ext. 27 or jenita@stlukeshr.com. There



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES AT ST. LUKE'S

BY JENITA RHODES

*The importance of YOU volunteering your time and talents in Sunday School to YOU is the smiles, the hugs, the challenge of developing a relationship with the incredible children we have in our church.*

## Nametags...yes, NAMETAGS!

Does this sound familiar? "Hi!...(What is her name? I see her every week. I see her at the kids' school. Honey, do you know the name of that woman over there with the flowered dress on, next to the man in the gray shirt, next to the children with the cute purple tops on?). OK, let's get RELATIONAL!

In order for us to be a community, to really be St. Luke's, we should put a larger effort on being relational. In the next month, I will be asking everyone to wear your nametag. Not only will it help Fred (!), it will help all of us to become more relational with one another.

Please take a moment prior to the service and search for that nametag. There will be sign-up sheets hanging for you to request one or for a replacement. I will be changing them all to the new logo (St. Luke's IRM) so please let me know if you need one! They will be organized in alphabetical order, so please help to maintain them that way. Some people find it easier to take it with them. That's OK too, but they do not go through the washer very well!

Thank you for participating! And remember that **together** we can become relational.

Lynda Fickling, Director of Care & Assimilation

## Drama Ministry seeks Wesley Players!

The Wesley Players are a dynamic group of youth and adults working together to spread the Gospel message through drama and music. We share our ministry with members and constituents of St. Luke's as well as the greater community. Please consider joining this fun-loving ministry this fall.

Mark your calendars: this fall's Drama Ministry production is scheduled for *Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>* Please be on the lookout for audition announcements in church in the coming weeks. Auditions will be held after Labor Day.

Questions? Contact: Leigh Ramsey, Drama Ministry Chair at 303.904.9951 or

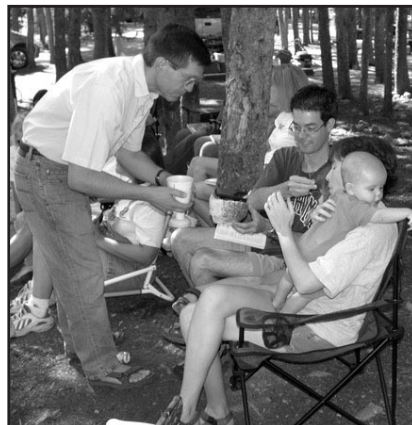
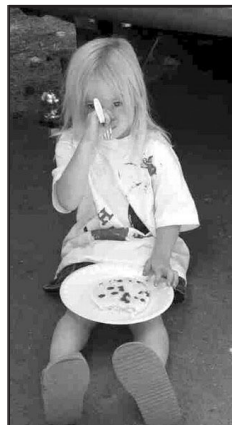




Vacation Bible School



Family Camp 2003



## Camp: It was great fun!

By Betsy Keyack

### A 'fruitful' experience!

By Sharon Oliver

Every year we look forward to all the fun of St. Luke's Vacation Bible School and this year, once again, we were not disappointed. Thanks to the organizational prowess of Lynne Butler and her amazing crew of volunteers, 200 children, ages 3-5th grade, were treated to a fantastic week of fun and fellowship.

The theme this year was Son Harvest County Fair. And like any good county fair, it's all about growing fresh produce. Instead of a prize-winning watermelon, though, we grew fruits of the spirit: Peace, Joy, Love, Patience, and Kindness. Among paint soaked fingers, sweaty foreheads, and food stained clothes were beaming smiles of joy and accomplishment as we put the fruits of the spirit into action.... and those were just the volunteers!

The kids enjoyed playing games, making crafts, watching videos, learning about the fruits of the spirit in their classrooms, eating yummy snacks and singing fun songs. The kids also took great pride in putting

From July 10 through July 14, our family attended St. Luke's 2003 Family Camp at Golden Gate Canyon State Park. It was only our second time camping as a family (the first time was last year's Family Camp). We all had a wonderful time!

The St. Luke's group was located at the Reverend's Ridge Campground on the west side of the Park. The campground is nestled high in a beautiful dense evergreen forest, and comes complete with showers, ice, firewood and laundry facilities! Black-capped chickadees greeted us at our campsite, with their "chick-a-dee-dee-dee" song. On Thursday evening, after setting up our tent, we enjoyed soup, sandwiches, hot chocolate and tea beneath the stars and a bright full moon.

On Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup>, the St. Luke's group participated in a service project for the Park. We built trails to "bear poles," which are special structures used by backcountry campers to elevate their food. To get to the work site, several adults and children. Along with two dogs, hiked a steep, strenuous trail up to Frasier Meadow. Along the way, the land was blooming spectacularly with wildflowers - bluebells and orange paintbrush, along with other flowers of magenta, purple, yellow, white and pink hues. After lunch, we put our hard hats on and used the trail-cutting tools we had carried with us to build the trails. It was an exhausting day, but one that we will remember and talk about for a long time.

The fellowship during the camp was very enjoyable. On Saturday

and Sunday mornings, we had group pancake breakfasts. During the day, there were crafts for the children. In the evenings, we gathered for pot luck dinners and campfires. We were impressed and inspired by some of the fancy entrees (steak wrapped in bacon anyone?). The children loved toasting marshmallows and making S'mores.

On Saturday evening, Jim Ramsey and Aaron Shipman led us in a sing-along, as only they can. Sunday began with coffee and hot chocolate. This was followed by a worship service and Holy Communion, led by Rev. Dave Money and Aaron. During the service, we talked about what we are thankful for and what makes us feel close to God.

On Saturday during camp, our family drove up to Brainard Lake and relaxed by the water, enjoying the spectacular view of the rugged peaks with snow on them. On Sunday, we hiked up the Burro Trail and I proceeded to Forgotten Valley, a beautiful, green meadow with an old homestead and a pond. Later, the whole family relaxed by one of the other ponds in the Park. We also went to Nederland for lunch and ice cream. On our last day, we drove a short way from the campground to Panorama Point, with an amazing view of the Continental Divide.

Our second experience with St. Luke's Family Camp (and camping) was a fun and memorable one. We extend our thanks to John and Caroline Merchant, and Glenn and Janet Harm for organizing this event and cooking all the pancakes.

We look forward to next year's camp!



Rick & Kathleen Baker

Adult Children - Kristina & Mark Rick is President of Superior Wall & Ceiling and Kathleen is a homemaker.

Rick is a member of the Wall & Ceiling Industries Association. Kathleen is a member of the American Assn. of Univ. Women and the Embroiders' Guild. Rick is transferring his membership from Littleton UMC. Reason for joining: "Convenience, demographics of the congregation"



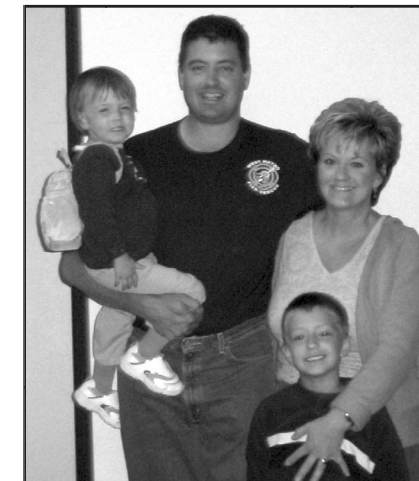
Mark & Laura Levorsen

Mark is a Hydrogeologist with ERM-Rocky Mountain. Laura is a Petroleum Geologist with Westport Resources. He enjoys skiing, hiking and woodworking. Jerry is transferring his membership from the UMC of St. Louis, Michigan. Reason for joining: "To renew my belief in God. To have the opportunity to associate and participate in activities with people who care. I would like to get my children involved in the church and church activities."



Jerry Starry

Jerry is a Software Engineer for The Tri Zetto Group, Inc. He enjoys outdoor activities, camping, fishing, hiking and woodworking. Jerry is transferring his membership from the UMC of St. Louis, Michigan. Reason for joining: "To renew my belief in God. To have the opportunity to associate and participate in activities with people who care. I would like to get my children involved in the church and church activities."



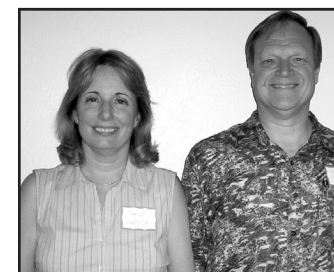
Paul & Sheri Shea  
Samuel and Lily

Paul is an Apprentice Firefighter with West Metro Fire. Sheri is in Sales for Great Source Ed. Group. He enjoys running, hiking, bikes and sleeping(!). She enjoys reading, cooking, entertaining and exercising. Both are transferring their membership from University Park UMC. Reason for joining: "We were happy with UPUMC, but there were no children. So we tried St. Luke's and loved the atmosphere with Dick and the congregation. We have found a new home. We are sad that Dick is leaving, but we are staying!"



Steve & Liz Grow

Steve is the General Manager of Equity Residential. Liz is a Legal Secretary with Brownstein, Hyatt & Farber. Both enjoy skiing and hiking. Steve is also a golfer. Liz is transferring her membership from Trinity Christian Reformed in Iowa City. Steve is transferring from 1<sup>st</sup> UMC of Boone, Iowa. Reason for joining: "We've not been actively involved in church for several years, and have not joined a church in Denver since moving here from Iowa. We also want to have religion



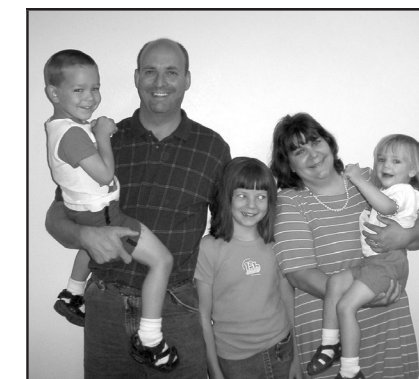
John & Marge Harper

Adult Children - Allison, Eve, Laurel & Eliza John is a Sales Engineer for GE Fanuc. Marge is a Product Designer for Hunter Douglas. Both John & Marge are members of our Chancel Choir. He also enjoys recording and boating. She enjoys sewing, boating and golfing. They are both transferring their memberships from Columbine United Church. Reason for joining: "This is even more than what we were looking for!"



Kate Duncan

Kate is a student at New Jersey Institute of Technology. She is Captain of NJIT's Women's basketball team, goalkeeper for women's soccer team and an Information Technology Major. Kate is transferring her membership from Grace UMC. Reason for joining: "I have been attending St. Luke's while home on school breaks, and I enjoy its family atmosphere and unique style."



Daniel & Laura Kuhl

Daniel is employed with Alliance and with Englewood UMC as Maintenance/Custodial. Laura is an Administrative Asst. with National Jewish Med. & Research Center. She has already joined the Chancel Choir and also enjoys reading, organizing, communications/mass media, religious studies and her children. He is also a musician and enjoys boxing, landscaping, sports, racing and his children. Both are transferring their membership from Englewood UMC. Reason for joining: "We not only want, but also need a church community that will help us and our children grow in a variety of well-established and high quality

Please welcome back the following members:  
**Peter Reif**

**Mark & Patti Speedy**  
(Kristin and Daniel)

No photograph available  
**MaryAnne Eagleston**  
Michael  
Lauren and Sarah

MaryAnne is employed with Kaiser Permanente as a nurse practitioner. She enjoys the UMW Quilt Circle as the leader, teaching Sunday School, teaching Teen Disciple, and "driving her kids where they need to be." MaryAnne is transferring her membership from Christ Methodist of Portland, Oregon. Reason for joining: "It is about time! I've been busy on Sundays teaching kids & teens from two weeks after we moved to Highlands Ranch (4/00). And my Disciple II class challenged me to join!"

### OPPORTUNITY ALERT!

This would be for a team of 5 or 6 youth or adults who would like to oversee the Faith Harder Memorial Children's Library downstairs in the Goliath area. Currently it is being used and appreciated by many and abused by a few. (Below is a e-mail from Terri Beecher who has done a great job transforming the library into what it is today.)

The job would include manning the library table on Sundays before and after the 9:30 service and Wednesday evening when Wed. Night Live begins. The duties would consist of checking in and shelving books, replacing cards, displaying seasonal material, reorganizing the shelves and the library desk and input on future expansion options. It could include purchasing new materials, computer input for new books, and a newsletter or book reviews.

No experience is necessary, just a love of books and appreciation of learning.

Contact Jenita Rhodes 303-791-0695 ext. 27 or jenita@stlukeshr.com for more information or to volunteer.