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

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9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Adult, Youth & Children's Classes

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So many opportunities to join together with your church community!

SLY Xmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange

6-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship Services

3, 5, 7 and 10 p.m.

"Christmas at St. Luke's" Rev. Fred Venable (Luke 2:1-20)

Sunday, January 4, 2004

Epiphany Services

8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Join us as our community embraces the St. Luke's tradition of "The Festival of the Epiphany." This is a Family Worship Sunday. The entire family is encouraged to worship together as we watch our 15 foot high Magi journey through the sanctuary to present their gifts to the Christ child. (Elementary PEAK Sunday School not in session.)

Friday, December 19

Caroling

The choir and Caring Connection will be going caroling. All are welcome! From 6 p.m. to ?????

Sunday, December 21

Worship Services at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

"The Prince of Peace? Yes!" Rev. Fred Venable (Micah 5:2-5a)

Sunday, December 21



Don't Kick the Turkeys played to big houses

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The Chronicle

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From your senior pastor



Christmas has just got to be the favorite event of the American year, for we Christians who “invented” it, and for anyone else who celebrates it. And that includes my next door neighbor who is Jewish. (She also celebrates Hanukkah.) And it is not just the presents, Wal-Mart and Nordstrom notwithstanding. There is something in the essential message that “grabs” us, and even those who do not include themselves in the rest of the Christian message. For me it is that I want the “feel good” of the message, the music, and the sights and sounds. Joan and I start playing our Christmas albums and CDs about the first Sunday of Advent, and then continue on through the season.

My understanding of the person and meaning of Jesus has changed, for the better, throughout the years, but the music, the hymns, the carols, have pretty much stayed the same. I’ve done a lot of study about Jesus, which has increased and improved my theology, but I still love “O Little Town of Bethlehem” and “Silent Night” as I have always experienced them. In a sense, how my years have been, have been pretty much determined by how my Christmases have been. I want another year of life for several reasons, and wanting another Christmas is one of the major reasons.

How about you? We on the staff want to make “Christmas at St. Luke’s” a special one for you. One thing is necessary for that to happen: you must “show up” for what is presented. First would be the Christmas Cantata on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Note the times: 9:00 and 11:00. “Christmas in Other Lands” will be presented by our Missions Team with missionary speakers on the 14<sup>th</sup>. And “Christmas” Sunday on the 21<sup>st</sup>. And the “not to be missed” Christmas Eve services on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, and 10:00. This is the one service to which you should invite friends who otherwise would not be in Church. They will be expecting your invitation.

I wish for all of us a blessed Christmas season.

*Fred Venable, Pastor*

If you are planning a Baptism, please call Bonnie at 303-791-0659, ext. 10 in the church office to schedule a date.

King Soopers has agreed to accept Cub Food grocery certificates at all their stores! Please help us get rid of our stock of Cub Foods certificates by using them in place of King Soopers certificates for now. Certificates are sold between services on Sunday mornings and can be purchased during the week in the church office.

Music News

KIDZ PRAYZ Starts Again:

On January 7th, Kidz Prayz and Cherubs will begin their spring programs at 6:30 and go to 7:15. The spring will be a little different because we will be doing a small musical with Kidz Prayz I and II. The Final Concert for both Kidz Prayz and Cherubs will be on Friday, April 2 at 7:00pm.

If you have questions about the program or want to make reservations for Kidz Prayz, please contact Jim or Carrie at the church at 303-791-0659 or via email at [jim@stlukeshr.com](mailto:jim@stlukeshr.com) or [carrie@stlukeshr.com](mailto:carrie@stlukeshr.com)

Dinner Dance

On Saturday, February 14 at 6:30, the annual St. Luke’s Dinner Dance will take place featuring the Ministers of Swing Big Band. Come and enjoy a wonderful catered meal and dance the night away with some of your favorite tunes of Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington and many, many more classics. Tickets will go on sale in the Narthex in January.

If you’re not sure how to really dance, there will be a very brief lesson right after dinner for everyone. Ticket prices are \$15 for the dinner and dance and \$10 for the dance only. Last year we nearly had a sold out dinner so get your tickets early and practice your fox trot! Proceeds will benefit the music program.

Chancel Choir 2003 Tour CD Available Beginning December 7

The Chancel Choir of St. Luke’s made their European tour debut in the summer of 2003 to recognize and celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> year of John Wesley’s birth. Members of the Chancel Choir embarked on a journey across the Atlantic Ocean to tour Great Britain; learn about John Wesley and our Methodist heritage, perform great American sacred music for various audiences across England and simply have a great time.

Throughout our remarkable journey, music was the “heart” of this tour and it couldn’t have been a more fulfilling experience. We achieved so many great musical moments and I often found myself emotionally captivated and uplifted in the presence of the beautiful music created by a gifted choir.

The concert venues included the historic rectory at Epworth currently known as St. Andrew’s Parish Church where John Wesley was baptized, Christ Church Cathedral where John and Charles preached and sang while attending Oxford University, Redland Park United Reformed Church in Bristol where Charles Wesley lived for many years and finally St. Paul’s Church Covent Garden and Wesley Chapel in London. The 2003 Chancel Choir Tour CD features selected recordings from these concerts in England presented in concert order.

This CD would not have been possible without the ingenuity and talent of our very own member and bass, John Harper. My sincere thanks to John for the many hours he spent bringing this project to life. It not only captures the heart of our American sacred music performances in England but also provides a musical memory that will last a lifetime for many to enjoy. As you listen to these songs, I hope you enjoy feeling the spirit as much as we enjoyed singing in the spirit.

In between services at 9:00 and 11:00 on December 7, the CD recording of our first European tour to Great Britain will

For those with infants...

Anyone interested in joining a play group for infants, ages birth to approximately 18 months, to meet twice a month in member’s homes, please contact Erika Brimberry at (303) 470-5752.

The purposes of this new group are to support parents, provide an opportunity to socialize, and form relationships between both mothers and infants.

SLY News

Dear Youth:

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!!! “It’s the most wonderful time of the year!” It is the most wonderful time of the year for this is the time of the year where we expectantly await the coming of the Christ child. This is the time where we remember the birth of Christ, a birth of hope. This is a time we reaffirm the goodness of life.

As a youth fellowship, we will celebrate life and the season with several activities:

- District Worship on the 7th
- Winter Ski Retreat in Winter Park the 12th - 14th
- Christmas Video Scavenger Hunt on the 14th
- Christmas Party and Gifts for the youth at Urban Peak on the 21st

Don’t forget all church events like the Tree Lighting on November 30th, the UMW Candle Light Dinner on the 9th, and Brad Laurvick, preaching on the 28th.

Coming up in the New Year... SLY Winter Kick-Off is on January 11th, Littleton UMC hosts its annual Winter Dance on the 18th, and our Annual Souperbowl Party is on the 25th.

For the most up to date information, check the SLYline or the youth webpage.

Have a safe and fun holiday season.

*Grace and Peace,  
Aaron*

Sunday School Reminders

Joy Trek - Sunday School 9:30 and 11 a.m. for children 2 years old through kindergarten.

PEAK Adventures - Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for our 1st through 6th graders.

Summit Seekers - Sunday School at 11 a.m. for our 1st through 6th graders.

A calendar with monthly activities is available on the Information Table in the Narthex or downstairs outside each classroom.

LITTLE SCHOOL NEWS



BLESSINGS TO EVERYONE THIS JOYOUS SEASON! We are busy anticipating the birth of Baby Jesus and reaching out to others through some fun service projects! All our little singers have been practicing for our Christmas Programs on December 17th and 18th, which fills the school with merriment and song! Something all of our families truly enjoy! A couple of our classes will be singing on KEWZ radio on Dec. 20th, entertaining some Seniors, we are very excited and hope that you will listen!

Little School is humming with excitement and that joy is reflected in our children’s eyes. They are filled with lots of energy and so our Christmas break (Dec. 20th to Jan. 4th) will be welcomed by all our hard working staff!

January has snowed so early and cold, we have had snowmen, because we live in Colorado! It is fun to learn about our animal friends and how they make it through the winter and chilly months. January gives us time to celebrate people in history and our winter wonderland around us! Four year old teachers will be having parent/teacher conferences to help our families make important decisions about kindergarten! It is always rewarding to see how well our students are doing!!! 2004 FALL REGISTRATION FOR LITTLE SCHOOL FAMILIES AND CHURCH MEMBERS WILL BE HELD IN JANUARY! PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR INFORMATION OR CALL LITTLE SCHOOL 303-791-1982! PLEASE DO NOT FORGET! SPACE IS LIMITED!

Ms. Kay would like to thank everyone for their support, love, prayers and care during this time dealing with cancer! She is doing well and beginning her treatment and she finds enjoyment and strength from being at Little School with her amazing children and awesome staff! Thank you to all who have been such a blessing in her life!!!

Christmas cheer to everyone at St. Luke’s from all of us at Little School. God’s Blessings for a bright and shining holiday season filled with cherished family times!

*Lovingly, Ms. Kay*

SLY CALENDAR – DECEMBER

- 10 WNL: WORLD’S MOST DANGEROUS BIBLE STUDY. 6:00-7:00PM AT HIGHER GROUNDS COFFEE SHOP, UNIVERSITY AND HR PARKWAY
- 11 THE DOUGHNUT WHOLE AT MT.VISTA HS. 6:40AM IN UPPER 506.
- 12-14 SLY SKI RETREAT AT WINTER PARK MOUNTAIN LODGE. LOOK FOR REGISTRATIONS AT SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SLY ACTIVITIES.
- 14 REGULAR SLY AM SCHEDULE SLY PROGRAM: XMAS VIDEO SCAVENGER HUNT. 6PM-9PM. PARENTS!!! WE NEED YOUR HELP DRIVING AND PROVIDING VIDEO CAMERAS. CALL AARON.
- 17 WNL: WORLD’S MOST DANGEROUS BIBLE STUDY. 6:00-7:00PM AT HIGHER GROUNDS COFFEE SHOP, UNIVERSITY AND HR PARKWAY
- 18 THE DOUGHNUT WHOLE AT MT.VISTA HS. 6:40AM IN UPPER 506.
- 21 REGULAR SLY AM SCHEDULE SLY PROGRAM: XMAS PARTY AND WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE. 6PM - 8:30PM
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 3, 5, 7, 10PM
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
- 28 REGULAR SLY AM SCHEDULE NO EVENING SLY PROGRAMS
- 31 AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

FOR UP TO THE MINUTE SLY SCHEDULE CHANGES, DON’T FORGET TO VISIT THE SLY WEBPAGE AT [WWW.STLUKESH.R.COM](http://WWW.STLUKESH.R.COM) AND CLICK ON THE “ST. LUKE’S YOUTH LINK” OR CALL THE SLYLINE AT (303) 791-0659 X45.

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# Senior Pastor selection process continues in hope

As Chair of SPRC, I have been periodically contacting our District Superintendent to get an update on the progress being made by the Conference. Rev. John Thompson has been traveling extensively, and involved in a week-long conference himself, so it took some time for him to respond, but he has just spoken with me, and we had a good discussion.

One of his trips was to Washington, D.C., to meet with one or two "very talented" potential candidates for St. Luke's Senior Pastor position. That did not prove fruitful, however. Rev. Thompson also informed me that he is responding almost daily to requests for meetings from clergy who wish to be considered for St. Luke's Senior Pastor position, so the interest is very high. However, he told me that none of these inquiries have been from individuals that they believe would work for St. Luke's. He told me that the Conference is working hard to eliminate candidates that would not be the right fit, and find the best qualified candidate, so we can have confidence that they are looking to find for us a candidate of the highest caliber.

## Search outside the Conference

I discussed with Rev. Thompson again the interest expressed from the congregation for the Conference to search beyond just our Conference.

He affirmed that they are doing so, but want us to understand that there

are some impediments that make it not quite as easy as we may expect, such as: salary disparity between conferences, and negotiation and accommodation aspects of working with other Bishops to obtain permission to release any potential candidate in which they might be interested, and the fact that many potential candidates simply would not wish to move "off cycle."

However, he indicated that they indeed are looking outside of our Conference to the extent feasible; in fact, that is one reason he was in Washington, D.C.

## Search by St. Luke's

I raised the issue of St. Luke's seeking resumes on our own, or directly contacting individuals whose names have been submitted from the congregation. Rev. Thompson stated that it would be "improper" for the Church to receive a resume directly because it sends a signal which is hard to contain and can affect serious negotiations with one or more of the Conference's potential candidates with whom they are then currently trying to work.

Rev. Thompson suggested that we go ahead and submit to him any names of interest, through the SPRC, and the Conference will give us feedback on whether he/she is interested and whether the Conference believes he/she is a good fit and qualified. He emphasized that our opinions are highly valued, as evidenced by the placement of Rev. Venable as our

interim Senior Pastor at our request, which required permission from Fred's Bishop and required the Conference to resolve many details regarding retirement plans and such.

He said we must go through the Conference and not contact potential candidates directly, as only the Conference will know if a particular clergy has pending charges against him/her, for example. He said they explore all those issues, and they cannot always tell us about it, but may just tell us that the suggested individual is "rejected by the Conference".

## Interview process

We discussed at some length the "interview process." He said that the "interview process as SPRC envisions it, is ALL possible, but certain constraints usually determine what actually happens".

He explained that much depends on the particular candidate, whether he/she is from out of town, has a spouse, has small children, and whether they all wish to come to Colorado for the interview. The candidate may have some things he/she wishes to do as well, such as visiting potential schools for his/her children.

What happens is that we first have to receive the name of a candidate, and then we negotiate all of these interview issues. The clergy candidate will be in touch with the SPRC Chair to negotiate the parameters initially, after the Conference makes the

It is important to get a feel for the candidate's strengths and weaknesses, his/her particular positions on ministries, etc., and for the candidate to also get a feel for the Church. It goes both ways. He informed me that the clergy candidate will come prepared; he/she will have reviewed our web page, our pastor profile, and talked with many people who know us and about us.

He informed me that during the "formal interview", we can have other leaders besides SPRC members in the room, but only as observers; the interview questioning must be done by SPRC members. However, this does not mean that we can't have the questions prepared in advance by everyone, and then just have SPRC members ask the questions.

After the questioning, then the clergy would leave the room and everyone can discuss the issues together. Then at some point the SPRC must meet alone for discussions and voting. A final decision must come from the SPRC. The SPRC Chair will tell only Rev. Thompson the decision, and Rev. Thompson would decide whether or not to bring the candidate back into the room. Rev. Thompson would then communicate expeditiously the result to the Conference, usually by e-mail, and SPRC can discuss the results with the congregation and other leadership.

Time frame for placement of new Senior Pastor if outside the Conference Even if the result is to accept the

candidate, if he/she if from another Conference, then it may still take some time for that candidate to be "released" by the other Conference, as the other Conference may have a different date for their annual conference, when those decisions are finalized.

## Continuing updates

I told Rev. Thompson that we want regular status updates from the Conference. He told me that he would provide regular updates. He said at their last monthly meeting earlier this month, the Conference "floated another name", but that person declined.

He reiterated that it is difficult to obtain willing candidates of the highest caliber when we are "off cycle," due to him/her usually not wishing to remove children from school midterm. He believes the current plan to have a new Senior Pastor in place by June or July 2004, ON-CYCLE, will yield a new Senior Pastor of the very highest quality.

SPRC still expects to have a candidate's name in January or February 2004. Rev. Thompson informed me that the next monthly meeting of the Conference is the week of December 15th - 19th. There are only a few days after that before Christmas, but if he is able then he will provide a status update to me then (which I will pass on to all of you); if not, then it would be shortly after the

## QUICK READS

### New support for Small Groups Ministry

St. Luke's Ministry Development Team is pleased to offer a grant program targeted to new and on-going small group ministries. These funds can be used to broaden the reach of the group, meet specific needs, help the group to grow and learn, expand the group's influence and touch more people.

By emphasizing activities that involve members of St. Luke's and residents of the surrounding communities, the program is designed to be Invitational, Relational and Missional.

The team would like to distribute its \$5,000 in grant funds to as many small groups as possible, so grant requests should be reasonable. Matching funds from other sources, including group members themselves, are strongly encouraged.

Want to learn more about this program? Brochures with an application form are available in the church office and you can contact Peg Long, grant coordinator, for more information at: [peg.long@comcast.com](mailto:peg.long@comcast.com).

We hope to have the grant brochure and application on-line in a download form very soon.

### Are you moving? End of year cleaning? Or just want to help?

St. Luke's is sponsoring a refugee family from Liberia. They will be arriving soon, and may have arrived by the time you read this! The family is a mother, Sharon, age 32; a girl, Comfort, age 10; two boys, Roland and Darlington, ages 8 and 7; and a baby girl, Grace, age 10 months (birthday January 1).

As of this writing, they are waiting in a refugee camp in the Ivory Coast. They have had to leave their country in order to survive.

So if you are moving or cleaning or not, we are still collecting donations of household items and furniture for the family. The sign-up list is in the Fellowship Hall. When the family arrives, we will get more info about winter clothing sizes.

In addition, we would like to make a financial contribution of \$500 from St. Luke's for the first month's apartment rent, so monetary donations are welcome, too. To donate, please sign up or call Betsy Keyack at 303-346-7057.

After the family arrives, we hope to have a special event to welcome them to the US!

## STEEL MAGNOLIAS

**What:** Auditions for Steel Magnolias

**Where:** St. Luke's Sanctuary

**When:** Wednesday, January 7 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, January 11 at 12:30 p.m.

## Drama News

### Don't Kick the Turkeys Postlude:

Thanks again to all who not only participated in the production but to everyone who supported this wonderful comedy. After it was all over, we raised nearly \$2,000 for the drama ministry program. It was a huge success in so many ways!

Lastly, many thanks to Sharon Oliver for an amazing debut as director. Kudos and blessings.

### Steel Magnolias is coming:

*Steel Magnolias* is a touching

story set in the deep south about 6 women and how their relationships grow through the many experiences of life. Whether the joy of marriage or even the sadness of death, this play will be one you won't want to miss.

In addition to the characters, there are many roles in a production of this magnitude. If you're interested in auditioning or behind the scenes, please contact Leigh Ramsey at your earliest convenience. Performance dates are Friday and Saturday, March 12-13.

Leigh Ramsey—Drama Chair  
[lramz7@msn.com](mailto:lramz7@msn.com)

## Mission Trips - 2004

Are you thinking about taking a Mission trip? Are you wondering where St. Luke's is sending missionaries in 2004?

There are many opportunities in Poland for individuals and families to do construction work, teach English and help at Bible camps. Pastor Janusz Daszuta from the Kielce Methodist Church will be here on Sunday, December 14, to tell us about the Polish Methodist Church and the opportunities to share life with the people in Poland. It would be

wonderful to send a group from St. Luke's!

A variety of other Mission trips in the US and throughout the world are offered by the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM). They are described at the Web site [www.gbgm-umc.org/rmcvim](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/rmcvim). We have been especially invited to participate in a UMVIM trip to Costa Rica with First United Methodist Church in Loveland.

If you would like help getting set up on a mission trip or just want more



### Trustees Corner

In the season of miracles, and light and renewed spirit for showing our appreciation, the next time you see Dennis Rodriguez or Brian Sorsby, tell them thank you for all of us, would you please? You see we owe a debt of gratitude to these gentlemen for the delivery of our new sign out front. They made it look easy, but kind of like some home improvement project, this one was complicated with challenges they never expected when they quickly volunteered for the assignment.

The story behind the sign is one of incredible dedication in the face of more obstacles any of us could have imagined. The process started from a simple idea — improving community awareness of our offerings here at St. Luke's. From there the research started — and one company who sent us — you got it — the Movie version!

Trustees are grateful for Dennis who watched the entire ninety minutes, then gave us the 15 min version one night! He navigated tirelessly through revisions in plans with board approvals, securing utility approvals, then making adjustments when our location was impossible because of those services, and back to the board for more approvals. We're grateful for Brian who, along with Dennis, personally did work and mustered trades people for digging the trenches, creating the foundation and support structure presented sprinkler issues to be resolved.

The electrical challenges became apparent when our church family members notified us that only half of the lights were operable. The good news is LOTS of you are paying attention! Oh, did I mention the rewiring for the front parking lot to accommodate the sign? Finally bricklayers were summoned and we were finally there.

Thank you, Dennis and Brian.

## Happy Birthday!

### December

1-Dec Nathalee Porter  
 1-Dec Robin Kessel  
 2-Dec Julie Barrette  
 2-Dec John Greene  
 3-Dec Caroline Butler  
 3-Dec Mike Camelio  
 4-Dec Joni Ross  
 4-Dec Sheri Shea  
 5-Dec John Williams  
 5-Dec Lynne Sorsby  
 5-Dec Karen Blalock  
 6-Dec Kathy Gross  
 7-Dec Linda Streaty  
 7-Dec Linda Walker  
 7-Dec Leigh Ramsey  
 8-Dec Joyce Rovetta  
 8-Dec Jan Lindquist  
 9-Dec Karena Ballas  
 9-Dec Liz Grow  
 10-Dec Frank Scholle  
 10-Dec Laura Levorsen  
 10-Dec Brian Sorsby  
 11-Dec Kerry Lucero  
 12-Dec Marcia Hannan  
 12-Dec Tammy Dunlap  
 12-Dec Larry Andriunas  
 13-Dec Phil Luccock  
 13-Dec Bill Van Horne  
 13-Dec Elizabeth Bauer  
 14-Dec Kathleen Kennedy  
 14-Dec Bob Hardaway  
 14-Dec Pam Crawford  
 14-Dec Brett Romke  
 17-Dec Angela Holbrook  
 17-Dec Samantha Leahy  
 18-Dec Steven Belmear  
 18-Dec Kelly Goering  
 19-Dec Bob Oliver  
 19-Dec Matt Pesce  
 19-Dec Devin Brown

19-Dec Brian Cleveland  
 20-Dec Jean Layton  
 20-Dec Debra Kirk Nadolsky  
 20-Dec Kim Lamee  
 21-Dec Nancy Wood  
 21-Dec Sue Datson  
 21-Dec Pat Reinhardt  
 21-Dec Jay Graham IV  
 22-Dec Rob Ross  
 22-Dec Dawn Branch  
 24-Dec Meg Mara  
 24-Dec Steve Baird  
 25-Dec Robert Christensen  
 25-Dec Glen Graf  
 25-Dec Holly Mais  
 26-Dec Bonnie Funk  
 27-Dec Lisa Myers  
 27-Dec Lindsey Lennek  
 28-Dec Sallie Suby-Long  
 28-Dec Darcy Hanson  
 28-Dec Blair Goering  
 29-Dec Rod Gottula  
 29-Dec Roger Bowden  
 29-Dec Tim Leahy  
 30-Dec Gregory Plamp  
 31-Dec Nancy Plamp  
 31-Dec Gene Eliassen  
 31-Dec Melissa Leggett

### January

1-Jan Mark Ebel  
 1-Jan Brittany Vervalin  
 1-Jan Heather Bomberger  
 1-Jan Laura Marchelya  
 2-Jan Janice Hensen  
 2-Jan Julie Ott  
 2-Jan Dalai Dy  
 3-Jan Renee Schwisow  
 4-Jan Suzanne Swick  
 4-Jan Tammy Schugel  
 4-Jan Kim White

7-Jan Sharon Williams  
 8-Jan Ralph Crawford  
 8-Jan Deborah Miller  
 8-Jan Stacy Sax  
 8-Jan Nathan Clements  
 9-Jan Charlotte Tiernan  
 9-Jan Jeff Barlow  
 9-Jan Phil Cavanaugh  
 9-Jan Shawn Slade  
 9-Jan Michele Hurlbut  
 10-Jan Roger Barr  
 13-Jan John Church  
 13-Jan Tony Palizzi  
 13-Jan Dan Raap  
 13-Jan Greg Funk  
 14-Jan Amy Slade  
 15-Jan Floyd Shoemaker  
 15-Jan Doug Rowley  
 15-Jan MaryAnne Egelston  
 15-Jan Gina Lowrey  
 16-Jan Crystal Arndt  
 16-Jan Allison Beecher  
 17-Jan Cindy North  
 17-Jan Michelle Mallory  
 18-Jan Jana Money  
 18-Jan Sandy Hutchinson  
 18-Jan Guy Britt  
 18-Jan Kara Gilbert  
 21-Jan Bradley Laurvick  
 22-Jan Betty Smith  
 22-Jan Kathy Walters  
 22-Jan Brian Folkerts  
 23-Jan Mark Speedy  
 24-Jan Sharon Christensen  
 24-Jan Lori Graf  
 25-Jan Lou Italiano  
 29-Jan Sharon Williams  
 29-Jan Christy Wohlleber  
 31-Jan Dan Holton

### Heartfelt thanks

I've always loved words. Probably why I became a writer. But some words are scarier than others: diagnosis metastatic.

Other words are so loving: Hugs. Prayers. Church. Because my summer, from July on, passed in a haze of words like treatment, rest, prescription, I may not have expressed even part of what I felt and still feel. It's true that it's not over yet but that brings up another

word: Ongoing.

Yet for the food, the warm cards and notes, the many thoughtful gestures, all I can say is an inadequate "Thank you". Other warmth-generating words which come to mind: St. Luke's I-R-M and most of all, Thanksgiving. And, of course, God bless us every one.

*Vickie Ferguson (and Bob too)*