

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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Trustee's Corner

Can you believe how quickly the summer days have passed? It's almost time for our fall opening – and we're going to need your help to get this right.

In case you've missed our reminders, 2003 marks our 20th Anniversary Celebration!

So as a follow on to this important milestone, we're planning our quarterly work day on Saturday, September 13th from 8:00 a.m.-noon. Please bring your grubbies as we're focused on inside and outside cleaning chores. And bring friends and family for this special kind of fellowship as we work to welcome everyone home from their own special summer journeys.

Incidentally, our welcome mat is always open to new volunteers to join the Trustees team. We meet every second Monday of the month at 7:00 in the 7/8 Grade Classroom downstairs.

Call our dedicated and special leader Ken Fong for details – 303.346.7057. Hope to see you here for either or BOTH events! Thank You!



20th anniversary celebration just around the

Mark your calendars for the culmination of the 20th Anniversary festivities on Sunday, Sept. 7. We will have ONE Service to get everyone together at 10:30 a.m. Childcare will be available during the service for children 2 years and under. There will be no Sunday school this morning, so bring your older kids along to the service. Because we want to celebrate as a family, no childcare will be available after the service.

After the service, the annual Ministry Fair will be held and everyone will join for Bar-B-Q at noon. Both events will be held outside, so bring your family picnic blanket. Some seating will be available for those who need it. If you have a shade tent, please

consider bringing it. Look for details on coming early to drop it before the service.

If you are concerned about parking or having to walk, fear no more! First, we proved at Easter that there is enough parking. However, if you have a special need we will have additional handicap spaces available and you may get a special sticker from the church office prior to the event. Alternatively, you may call the office if you prefer to have someone provide a ride to and from the service and event.

So adjust your schedule for the new service time (10:30 a.m.) on Sept. 7, pack up your family, and join the festivities. Hope to see all of you there!

Senior pastor interviews begin this month

On August 4, the St. Luke's Church Profile was presented to Rev. John Thompson, District Superintendent for the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church. The presentation was made by David Necker, Sean McCurdy, and Dave Bebell of our Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). As a part of the Profile, all of the ideas from St. Luke's congregation and constituency were included, in their entirety.

The Search Committee believed that including all comments received would give a stronger picture of St. Luke's to the conference Cabinet and to prospective Senior Ministers. For those of you interested in reading the input, a copy of the Profile is available in the church office.

Next steps: In early September, Rev. Thompson will meet with the Conference Cabinet to consider candidates to recommend for St. Luke's opening. We expect to be interviewing the first of these candidates

around the end of September. Our interview team will include all of our SPRC, plus representatives of our key committees and staff. After consideration, SPRC will vote to accept the candidate presented, or to ask for another. The United Methodist process is to present us with one person at a time, and we make the decision as to whether or not that person is right for us.

We recognize the importance of our new Senior Pastor to our congregation, and we will do our best with the help of the other members of the interview team to select the person who is the best fit for us.

Please continue to send us your thoughts, and any suggestions you may have for pastors we might recommend to the Conference. You may e-mail us at: sprc@stlukeshr.com, or mail or drop by a note for us to the church office.

In Christ,

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From your interim senior pastor



TWENTIETH BIRTHDAY

I can't remember my twentieth birthday. I know it happened on 17 November 1945, but I don't remember it as an event. My best guess is nothing happened, except that I went into the radio room in the hanger at our little airport in Nome, Alaska, and I pulled my shift as a radio operator. In the U. S. Army Air Corps we didn't make much of birthdays.

It could be that many of us now don't do much with birthdays. But this Twentieth birthday of St. Luke's UMC should be celebrated with some dignity and style. We're past the actual date, but the day for our big celebration is Sunday, 7 September, and it's coming up real soon.

The easy part for you, unless you're one of many who are helping create this bash, is to just show up for worship on the 7th. There'll only be one BIG service at 10:30. Then stick around for the catered barbecue lunch, and the Ministry Fair. And there's lots more for everyone.

Why is this birthday important? Reassessment, taking stock, celebrating where we've been, visioning where we're going, re-committing to our highest ideals and dreams. Remember, it can't happen for you unless you are present. So nail down the time and date now: 10:30 a.m., 7 September.

Twenty years is not very old for a church, but most all churches in Highlands Ranch are young. Those older than twenty are transfer churches from somewhere in the Denver area. One of the good things about our age is that we don't have a contingent that objects to anything new by saying, "Well, hurrumph, we have never done it that way before." Or, "We tried that about 30 years ago, and it didn't work." It is encouraging to have an open future, with a congregation willing to experiment, to try and perhaps fail, and then try again and succeed.

And it is encouraging to have members with varying backgrounds. We have members with practically no church background, some with backgrounds such as Methodist, and quite a few, what I called in a previous church, "recovering Catholics." In these post-modern times the old traditional patterns of church are being rewritten. And this to me is a good sign.

One man whose writings I appreciate, retired Bishop Spong of the Episcopal Church, has a book called, "Why Christianity Must Change or Die." I think St. Luke's is on the cutting edge of what churches will need to become in the future. It indeed is a challenge and privilege to be associated with St. Luke's. See you on the Seventh.

Fred Venable, Interim pastor

Prayer Chain

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

- Eileen Law's daughter, Jennifer Ladd;
Marvin Mauck;
Bob Abbott;
- Deb Payne's mother, Louise Holder;
Vickie Ferguson;
- Kari Wangness' father, Craig Nelson;
Andrea Money;
Grace McCurdy;
- Kari Wangness' friend, Sam Connolly;
Monty Hoffman;
- Susie Halloran's dad, Hank Windsor;
Mary Harper;
Tammy Heister;
Michael Beecher;
Tom Foxes' dad;
Jerry Ellzey;
Danny McIntosh;
Bob Leggett;
- and Corina Hall's mother, Rasario Almeida.

We continue to pray for:

- Stuart Brown;
- Corina Hall's friend, Freddy Arch Page;
William Damsgard Cronin;
Earl Lawrence's sister, Lee;
- Kay Swanson's mother, Carol Bryden;
Celeste Drinkard's friend, Ron Freeman;
- Randi Rowley, sister-in-law of Pam Rowley; and
Sandi Thompson's brother, Peter Hertel.

We extend our prayers and sympathy to:

- Carolyn McIntosh and family on the death of her brother,
Steve Sorem;
- Jim Ramsey and family on the death of his grandmother, Marie Wolf;
- Raina Powell and family on the death of her aunt, Margie Powell;
Maria Fox and family on the death of her father, Manuel Pena; and
Eric Ransick and family on the death of his father, Clarence Ransick.

We extend our congratulations and add our prayers of joy to:

- Steve and Pam Crawford on the birth of their daughter,
Aspen Nicole, on 7-10-03.
- Bill and Jennifer Mell on the birth of their daughter,
Lauren Marie Mell, on 7-17-03;
- and Mark and Patti Speedy on the birth of their daughter,
Juliana Leigh Speedy on 7-31-03.

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

Finance Update

The finances of St. Luke's UMC are off to a good start. Giving is above estimate for the first half of the year, and spending has come in under budget. The Ministry Council is now allowing all ministry groups to spend up to budget for the remainder of the year. Thank you all for your conscientious stewardship of St. Luke's resources.

Financial Statement – Six Months End, 2003

	<u>06/30/03</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
INCOME				
General Pledges	\$472,236.37	\$888,600.00	\$(416,363.63)	53.14%
Loose Plate	15,356.03	32,000.00	(16,643.97)	47.99%
Grocery Coupons	8,219.52	8,000.00	219.52	102.74%
Interest Income	624.84	2,200.00	(1,575.16)	28.40%
Total Income	\$ 496,436.76	\$930,800.00	\$(434,363.24)	53.33%
MINISTRY GROUP FUNDING				
Coffee & Donut Donations	\$ 2,310.30	\$5,200.00	\$(2,889.70)	44.43%
Rental Income	13,502.18	29,400.00	(15,897.82)	45.93%
Total Other Funding	\$15,812.48	\$34,600.00	\$(18,787.52)	45.70%
EXPENSES				
Children's Ministries	• (5,343.51)	15,700.00	(21,043.51)	34.04%
Communications	2,233.02	14,000.00	(11,766.98)	15.95%
Fellowship	2,564.45	1,000.00	1,564.45	256.45%
Ministry Development	221.83	5,000.00	(4,778.17)	4.44%
Apportionments	30,000.00	60,000.00	(30,000.00)	50.00%
Missions	783.55	17,000.00	(16,216.45)	4.61%
Mortgage	113,810.11	228,000.00	(114,189.89)	49.92%
Music & Drama	5,495.43	13,000.00	(7,504.57)	42.27%
Office	17,633.89	32,300.00	(14,666.11)	54.59%
SPRC	221,686.79	468,900.00	(247,213.21)	47.28%
Stewardship	1,575.93	1,000.00	575.93	157.59%
Trustees and Utilities	56,266.89	104,000.00	(47,733.11)	54.10%
Youth	4,403.50	9,000.00	(4,596.50)	48.93%
Other Expenses	3,880.53	100.00	3,780.53	
Total Expenses	\$455,212.41	\$969,000.00	\$(517,568.12)	46.98%
Net Income	\$57,036.83	\$(3,600.00)	\$64,417.36	

Notes: • Reflects pre-pay for summer programs that have not occurred

What's holding you back?

After a long day and even longer night, I was finally at the best time of the day, saying goodnight prayers and cuddling with my daughter. Then off to spending some quality time (and lots of laughs) with my son. Now it was time for peace and rest. As I read my nightly devotion—WHAM—was it ever talking to me. Have you ever had that happen to you? Days later it was still pulling at my heart. So finally, I listened to God's presence, got up out of bed, grabbed a paper, pen and cup of tea and began to write:

Devotion Scripture: *"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another."* Hebrews 10:25

I have been working at St. Luke's now for two months and the word "Relational" is my passion, my focus. And here it was, telling me how we need each other. I am blessed to be able to talk with all kinds of people on all different levels of their spiritual journey.

My biggest question to all of you is "Have you found your small group yet? A place where you are connecting?" Often when asked, many have never stopped to really think about this. I hear many unique responses and many long pauses. I can hear them saying to themselves "Oh no, they want me to commit to another "thing" in my life. That's not it folks! (Read the scripture

again!)

What's holding you back?

I challenge you. Take a minute and ask yourself "Where is my relationship with God going?" You are the only one accountable for your spiritual growth. Listen to that again. YOU are the only one accountable for your spiritual growth. Take no action; choose to do nothing and your relationship will be exactly where you left it. Or choose to grow with God, choose to be in a deeper relationship with God and your neighbors.

I am inviting you to make a commitment to yourself in this over-committed world we live in. Seek to be relational. Join others in your journey. Share your story and watch yourself soar. Personally, I am still searching and will continue to do so. I take risks, talk with people I don't know, ask questions, review my commitments. It isn't always easy but it is always rewarding. And I thank you for the chance I have everyday to be relational. God's grace can and does make one weep with joy. I pray each one of you may share in this joy.

I am being invitational, now is the real work... your work. Being relational... *What's holding you back?*

If you need help connecting contact Lynda@stlukeshr.com or 303-791-0659x20. Don't forget to visit

Methodist Church in Kielce, Poland makes urgent request

By Betsy Keyack

One of the things I learned this summer while working with the Methodist Church in Kielce, Poland, was that Pastor Janusz Daszuta very much wants to renovate his church. The following are Pastor Daszuta's own words:

"After a long time the city officials finally gave our small Methodist Church in Kielce (40 members), the official permission to enlarge our chapel, so it can be now twice as big as it is now. Right now its size is only 15 feet wide and 30 feet long. As you see, it's not a large place. On Sundays we have up to 60 people attending and it is quite crowded and hot. We do not have much space for Sunday school with children.

Therefore, we are looking for some ways to enlarge our existing chapel. Our people have taxed themselves and regularly give to the church for this purpose. Thus we were able to pay, with the help of friends, for the big part, which is the blue prints, permission, electricity connections. The project will include building on the existing foundation onto the first floor about two yards upwards to create the second floor which is just an attic now. What is more, we have just found out that part of the chimney on the attic has collapsed, so as you see the project is becoming even more urgent....

"However, the whole project will cost \$60,000. We can do this project in different stages, however in order to change the main structure of this building we will need to raise about \$35,000-\$40,000. The rest of this renovation we can do with the help of construction teams, room by room with much less money. Due to our difficult financial situation, quite a few people have no jobs in our church, we have to look for some help outside of Poland. When I watch the plans I am so excited about that possible future place of our worship and ministry in our city.

"You should know, that many people in Poland, as they look at our present chapel, they seem to be very suspicious, because they think that in the house-like facility only some kind of religious sect holds its meetings. It seems to me that this kind of situation was OK during the communist system. However, now we live in a new time, and I wish we could have a place which in its structure is inviting and ready to welcome all of our visitors. Now it is very difficult to do that."

Pastor Daszuta requested financial help from the Methodist Church headquarters in Poland, but the money they have has been allocated to other projects. My goal is to work through the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries to set up a Methodist-wide fund in the U.S. for this project and

Reflections on mission trip to Poland

By Betsy Keyack

Overview

I recently returned from a mission trip to Poland, along with Lisa Lehnus of St. Luke's and Terri Lowe from St. Andrew's UMC. Our mission project was to help at a Christian Family Camp sponsored by the Methodist Church in Kielce. The camp was in the mountains about 2 hours from Krakow. We had a great trip! These are some reflections on my experience in Poland.

Friendships

The most rewarding part of the trip for me was making friends with many wonderful Polish adults and children. I have great memories of interesting conversations, shared experiences and gestures of love and kindness. While we were able to communicate with many people in English, the common language was Love. Since returning home, I have written to some of my new friends and have received letters as well.

Religion

Poland is about 95% Catholic, with about 75% practicing. Pastor Janusz Daszuta of the Kielce Methodist Church said people who choose to be Protestants are not comfortable in Poland. He would like to see more respect and fellowship across the faiths. His philosophy is to "share our faith through works of love to the community." One way he tries to do this is inviting people of all faiths to camps such as the one we attended.

The Poland Connection

We want to have a continuing relationship between St. Luke's, St. Andrew's and the Kielce Methodist Church. We would like to have pen pals and a prayer connection. We could share English-language resources for ministry to children and parents. Pastor Daszuta also invites us to come and help with their future camps and/or Vacation Bible Schools!

Another opportunity for a connection is the orphanage next door to Pastor Daszuta's church; it is possible that the church and orphanage could work together on children's ministry. In addition, there are no Protestant social services in Kielce. Pastor Daszuta would like to sponsor a free meal to people in need, once or twice a week. We may want to help the church financially with its expenses and ministry programs.

To symbolize our connection, Pastor Janusz gave St. Luke's a candle, which will be dedicated on September 14. We plan to send them a candle for their church, too.

Economic conditions in Poland

Several people have asked me about the economic conditions in Poland. Poland is still struggling after the end of Communist rule. The unemployment rate is high – 25% in some places. Young people go to school and then look for jobs in other countries. Many people have little sense of hope. There is a need for entrepreneurs



with capital to come to Poland and help the people start their own small businesses.

Concentration Camps

A significant part of Poland's troubled and violent history are the concentration camps at Auschwitz and Birkenau. During our trip we visited these places. Here approximately one million Jews and others were tortured and exterminated. I have many images of the horrors that these people endured – hair being shaved off; standing naked in the cold; true stories of ordinary families being torn apart; deception before being gassed to death; piles of shoes, personal belongings and suitcases with names on them; smelly stable-like living quarters. It reminded me again of the horrors that the people of Cambodia endured under Pol Pot in the 1970's.

Positive notes from a beautiful country

- During the camp, we went to a short stretch of road in southern Poland on which cars, water bottles and other objects roll uphill. Some say it's a mystery, some say it's an optical illusion. I haven't figured it out!
- The Polish people make terrific candy and chocolate, along with fantastic pierogies and bigosu (a cabbage dish).
- Poland has some truly spectacular mountain scenery, in addition to green rolling farmland as far as the eye can see.

If you would like to see the pictures or video of our mission trip to Poland, please contact me (303-346-7057, bkeyack@att.net).

Calling all Wesley Players!

Auditions for this fall's production will be held in the Sanctuary:

Wednesday, September 10 from 7-8 p.m.

OR Sunday, September 14 from 12:30 to 1:30

"Don't Kick the Turkeys" is a full-length (non-musical) comedy with roles for 4 men and 4 women. It's all about a church with a new pastor and the accompanying joys and concerns of transition, acceptance and community. The production dates are Friday, November 7 and Saturday, November 8. Rehearsal times TBD.

If you are a high school student or an adult and you would like to audition, please come to one of the audition dates. No preparation necessary. If you have questions or would like to volunteer for a "behind-the-scenes" role, please call Leigh Ramsey, Drama Chair, at 303.904.9951 or Sharon Oliver, Director, 303.791.7302, or visit the Drama Table at the Ministry Fair September 7. We look forward to seeing you at auditions!

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES!

ATTENTION WOMEN OF ST. LUKE'S

Come join the UMW of St. Luke's for the monthly UMW social gathering, Tuesday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. Every second Tuesday of the month UMW will be hosting a get together to reconnect with old friends, and meet new faces. If you are not able to join us in September please mark your calendars for October and we will keep you posted!

Thinking ahead so you can mark your calendars here's what is happening...
 Sunday, September 7 – St. Luke's Mission Fair. Come check out what UMW has for YOU!
 Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. – UMW Social Gathering

October will begin the UMW Pie event. Pie orders will be taken throughout October and be delivered just in time to kick off the holiday season. This year we also have cookie dough available to make your holiday baking easier! With the money raised the women of St. Luke's will begin to make improvements in our Fellowship Hall and bridal room.
 Tuesday, October 14th at 7:00 – UMW Social Gathering
 Any questions, please call Amy Holton 303-683-5407 or Linda Walker 303-470-6145.

UMW – where the fun begins and the

A Women's Spiritual Retreat
"Fill My Cup, Lord"

Sponsored by UMW
Led by Pam Rowley
 Friday, Sept. 26:
 6:30-9 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 27:
 8:30 a.m. – noon

Dinner will be served on Friday evening and breakfast on Saturday morning.

This Spiritual Retreat will "fill you cup" with fun, fellowship and spiritual experiences. It will be a time of personal spiritual renewal as we pursue a closer and more intimate relationship with God.

Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship with other Christian women and to discover our spiritual selves as we explore how we can "fill our cup" with the presence of God.

Please register by contacting Pam

Birthdays this month!

09/01	Phillip Hardy	09/15	Vicki Lauer
09/01	Lisa Lehnus	09/15	Erin Whetson
09/01	Steve Ross	09/16	Lu Kroeger
09/01	Tom Haensel	09/16	A.K. Hottman
09/02	Fred Bennett	09/17	Dave Pavy
09/02	Cindy Gothard	09/17	Ken Fong
09/02	Rake Jiang	09/17	Leah Meier
09/02	Lindy Howard	09/17	Amy Cavanaugh
09/03	Virginia Young		
09/03	Steven Pyles	09/17	Ashley Hause
09/03	Alan Babcock	09/18	Jody Anderson
09/04	Charles Williams	09/18	Gene Branch
09/04	Tim Richter	09/18	Heather Cogswell
09/04	Caitlynn Allen	09/19	Sandi Lindahl
09/04	Keven Allen	09/19	Suzanne May
09/05	Bill Lee	09/20	Charlie Rufien
09/05	Sue Quirk	09/20	Wendy Walberg
09/05	Jay Cogswell		
09/06	Bill Dearasaugh	09/20	Ann Arnot
		09/20	Stacie Markham
09/06	Scott Kohrs		
09/06	Shelley Bonjean	09/20	John Turner
		09/20	Peter Fox
09/07	James Allen	09/21	Anita Gilman
09/07	Dana Strasheim	09/21	David Crouse
		09/21	Glenn Harm
09/07	Amy Antinoro	09/21	Laurrie Lorenzo
09/08	Kendra Lee		
09/08	Beth Richards	09/21	Hillary Vervalin
09/13	Carl Cleveland	09/22	Wayne Barrette
09/13	Bob Monroe		
09/13	Roger Harned	09/22	Paul Dunlap
09/13	Bobby Chaplin	09/23	Bruce Kirchhoff
09/13	Jennifer Green		
09/14	Michele Italiano	09/24	Amiel Smith
		09/24	Andrea Kirchhoff
09/14	Rhonda Richter	09/25	Walt Havens
		09/26	Bonnie Williams
09/15	Dale Reinhardt		
09/15	Jeff Johnston		

Special message for St. Luke Seniors!

Do you like to dine out occasionally? Would you like to do so once very two or three months with a delightful group of six to eight people? Are you in our elite group of people sixty or over? Then join the St. Luke's Dining Out Together club.

We put together groups of six to eight every four months and those groups decide where (at what local restaurant) they would like to meet for dinner two to four times during the four-month period. We organize new groups every four months so that you can meet new people.

If you are interested in being part of one of the October to January groups, call Bob McBride at 303-791-1511 before the end of September. I he's not home, please leave a message with his friendly answering machine.

And if you have friends who would like to participate, that's fine—our club is not limited to members of S. Luke's.

St. Luke's Benefit Concerts coming up!!!

The Colorado Consort is coming to perform at St. Luke's again. Save the date for a wonderful a cappella concert of 9 voices (Jim Ramsey being one of them). If you like classic choral literature, then this is the concert for you. Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Hope to see you there.

The annual St. Luke's Prism concert is coming in November. The Prism concert displays a wide variety of talent from St. Luke's. Members will perform classical, contemporary or even jazz-like music, either individually or as an ensemble. Support the music program at St. Luke's on Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the

Descriptions of Instrumental and Choral ensembles

You can inquire about all music programs by e-mailing or calling James Ramsey or Carrie Mallery. James Ramsey, Director of Music Ministries jim@stlukeshr.com 303-791-0659 x23

Carrie Mallery, Associate Director of Music carrie@stlukeshr.com 303 - 791-0659 x48

Brass Ensemble

The Brass Ensemble is active in Sunday morning worship services throughout the year either performing brass music or accompanying choirs.

Ages high school and above are encourage to join in the fun.

Rehearsals: Saturdays at 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in Asbury

Music Team Coordinator: Erik Wangsness (303) 470-8579

Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir rehearses for and participates in Sunday morning worship services regularly during the year. The choir sings a wide variety of music ranging in diversity from traditional to contemporary sacred. All are encouraged to join whether you've had a lot of singing experience or you've had a little and would like to learn more.

Rehearsals: Thursday at 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in Asbury.

Music Team Leader and Director: James Ramsey

Cherub's Choir (Age 2 - K)

The Cherub's Choir includes children 2 – Kindergarten who rehearse to sing the prelude for a Sunday morning worship service but more importantly learn about Christian values through song in a nurturing environment as well as developing motor skills through movement and playing instruments.

Rehearsals: Wednesday at 6:15 – 7:00 p.m. in David

Music Team Coordinator & Director: Stacey Baird (303) 470-5270 and Nancy Betts (303) 713-9293

Children's Choir (First - Sixth Grade)

The Children's Choir includes children First through Sixth grade. They rehearse Sunday mornings to sing the prelude for Sunday morning worship four to five times a year and learn Christian principles through song.

Rehearsals: Sunday at 8:45-9:25 a.m. in Asbury

Music Team Coordinators & Director: Kay & Ed Coryell (303) 741-1748

Flute Ensemble

The Flute Ensemble participates in Sunday morning worship services approximately once every month. If you want to dust off the old flute or other woodwind instrument and get back to playing again, now is your chance.

Ages high school and above are encouraged to join.

Rehearsals: Saturday at 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. in Asbury

Music Team Coordinator: Ruth Smith (303) 683-0676

Kidz Prayz I and II

Kidz Prayz is an opportunity for Children ages First Grade through Sixth Grade to participate in learning to sing and play instruments as well as have fun. Kidz Prayz I is for kids First and Second Grade and Kidz Prayz II is for kids Third through Sixth Grade. The Kidz Prayz program is designed to develop cognitive skills by engaging your child in a variety of musical and movement activities.

Rehearsals: Wednesday at 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. in Asbury and Goliath

Directors: James Ramsey and Carrie Mallery

Ministers of Swing

The Ministers of Swing or formerly know as the St. Luke's Big Band rehearse to play benefit concerts and dances throughout the year at St. Luke's or in the community. The band is currently a full compliment Big Band however, you are invited to participate and have fun making music a la swing.

Rehearsals: Selected Saturdays from 10:00 - 11:15 a.m. in Asbury

Music Team Coordinator and Director: James Ramsey

Sonrise Band

The Sonrise band rehearses for Sunday morning worship at 8:00 a.m. throughout the year. The music ranges from contemporary to gospel. All are encouraged to participate who wish to play or sing.
Rehearsals: Wednesday at 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
 Music Team Coordinator: Jim McCurry (303) 470-6198

Tintinabulators Handbell Choir

The Tintinabulators handbell choir rehearses every Tuesday to prepare for morning worship services once a month. All are encouraged to participate who have the desire to get ringing again.
Rehearsals: Tuesday at 7: 00 - 8:30 p.m. in Asbury
 Music Team Coordinator and Interim Director: James Ramsey

Women of Note

Women of Note is an auditioned group of seven women who perform contemporary music for worship services and concerts. They have a very active and fulfilling prison ministry in the Denver area.

Rehearsals: Thursday at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Asbury

Music Team Coordinator: Sallie Suby-Long (303) 470-9578

Kidz Prayz I and II

The Kidz Prayz program will be a little different this year. For the fall, we're doing a concert on Nov. 23 at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary instead of the Christmas musical. This concert will have a variety of songs performed by both groups in addition to some Christmas tunes.

In the spring, there will be a fun musical that everyone will have a great time performing. See you

Music Ensembles begin practicing

Flute Ensemble

- Saturday, Sept. 6 at 8:00 a.m.

Tintinabulators Handbell Choir

- Tuesday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Brass Ensemble -

Saturday, August 23 at 9:00 a.m.

Ministers of Swing

- Saturday Sept. 6 at 10:00 a.m.

Chancel Choir -

Thursday, Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Children's Choir -

Sunday, Sept. 7 at 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. (Special time due to one service)

Cherubs Choir -

Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 6:15 p.m.

Kidz Prayz I -

Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 6:15 p.m.

Kidz Prayz II -

Dinner for 6/7/8

Here's a great way to have fun. Meet together in a totally relaxed environment, get to know people in the church better, make new friends, engage in lively conversation, and show off your favorite dishes.

Participants are divided into group of three or four couples (your choice) and each couple hosts one informal dinner, cookout, or whatever you like, during a four-month period. The hosts provide the entrée and the others bring the rest of the victuals. This program has been successful for years because it's so enjoyable. So if you haven't tried it yet, sign up now—you'll be pleasantly surprised!

Groups are being formed now for October through January. Sign up sheets will be on the bulletin board Sept. 7-28, or just pick up the phone and call Dottie or Carl Braun at 303-471-4185. All those who sign up will receive a letter at the beginning of October with the names in their groups and instructions. Whenever possible, new participants will not host the first dinner during the period. Sign up now, and join the fun!

Greeters needed

Remember the days when you walked through the front door to church and maybe you were running a little late, or the kids were fighting on the way there, or for some reason you really wished you were still in bed?

Then you saw a greeter with a smile on his or her face and a hand held out to welcome you and things just seemed to be a little better now that you were at St. Luke's.

Greeting on Sunday morning gives you a chance to change someone's whole day, or at least their morning. We are the hosts of the church, offering guidance, answering questions, and maybe just making our guests smile and feel comfortable and glad they came to church today.

Being INVITATIONAL begins with a greeting. If you have the ability to smile and shake a hand, you can be a greeter. I guarantee it will make your day feel better.

Call KRISTI DALE at 303-470-0903 or email maildale@worldnet.att.net."

Like to play cards?

Join the St. Luke's Bridge Group

When: First Saturday of each month at 7 p.m.

Where: St. Luke's Church
Or kickoff meeting for the new year is Sept. 6.

Who we are: A social gathering for those of us who enjoy playing the game of bridge.

Please call:

John and Andrea Mezger at 303-791-7350

Harvey Eastman at 303-791-1519 (e-mail at heastman@denver.komex.com)

Be sure to bring a dish of your favorite snack or dessert!
Our bridge games can bring out an appetite.

OPPORTUNITY ALERTS

St. Luke's Orchestra needs you

We're looking for instrumental players for the St. Luke's Orchestra during the Christmas Cantata. We need woodwind players, especially Oboe, clarinets and bassoon and also looking for one or two more French Horn players.

If you would like to join the fun of making music during the Christmas Cantata this year, please contact Jim Ramsey ASAP at 303-791-0659 x23 or jim@stlukeshr.com .

Keeping us posted

St. Luke's needs a member or constituent who is interested in helping keep the sign in front of our church updated with the latest events.

The words posted on the sign are changed every one or two weeks, usually some time on Monday, and this only takes a few minutes. Please contact Ken Fong at (303) 346-7057 (kfong@att.net).

An opportunity to serve

In an effort to explore ways members at St. Luke's can get involved with local organizations, the missions committee members will be reviewing nearby programs that are making a difference for people in Colorado.

This month a representative visited us from Work Options for Women (WOW). Their mission statement is to help low-income women gain the skills and confidence they need to work their way out of the cycle of poverty and into self-sufficiency.

WOW runs a food service training program that prepares students for employment in all aspects of food service production on a large scale. Training includes food preparation, safety, sanitation and utensil handling skills. The venue for this training is definitely "hands on". They prepare food from scratch five days a week for 300 at the Denver Department of Human Services employee cafeteria.

In addition, the women attend classes to learn interaction skills, job readiness, and the attitudes needed to compete for and keep employment in a competitive job market. Case management allows students to find housing, daycare, transportation and how to budget to pay for these services.

By the time they near graduation, 95% of WOW students secure employment, and 90% of graduates remain employed after graduation.

WOW has a need for volunteers to help in the cafeteria working the cash register, help in the classes teaching job and life skills. They also need financial assistance to help with uniforms, bus tokens, and job placement services.

To find out more about WOW, check out their website at www.workoptions.org, or visit them at 1200 Federal Blvd, Denver, CO 80204.

Andrea Mezger, Missions Committee

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



Opportunities for Youth and Adults

Children's Ministry is only as good the individuals who volunteer to help. It is though the commitment of our volunteers that we can offer the quantity and quality of programs that the children of our St. Luke's deserve. Please consider becoming a part of Children's Ministry by participating in one of the following ways.

Joy Trek – *Lead Teacher Team* for each class 9:30 or 11:00.

Classroom volunteers.

PEAK Adventures – Grade level Guides Teams or

Workshop Leaders Teams.

Summit Seekers – Teaching Teams.

Wednesday's Kid'z Club – Activity Coordinators and Mentors.

God and Country Program – Individual Child Sponsors.

Sixth Grade Fellowship Group – Activity Coordinators and Supervision.

Children's Ministry Team – Planning and organizing events sponsored by Children's Ministry. Meets monthly on the first Tuesday at 7:00.

Children's Education Team – Planning and organization of the educational programs sponsored by Children's Ministry.

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 7:00.

Library Ministry Team – Manages and organizes the books and videos in the Faith Harder Children's Library.

Look for a complete list of programs and events sponsored by Children's Ministries at the Ministry Fair Sunday, September 7, at the information table or by contacting Jenita Rhodes, Director of Children's Ministry at 303-791-0659 ext. 27, jenita@stlukeshr.com or Lynne Butler, pre-school

Dear Youth:

"School days, school daze, lazy, crazy school days." I know, I know; I didn't want summer to end either, but here we are. And... we have many exciting events coming up for the 03/04 school year. First, let's revisit some highlights from the summer:

- Summer District Volleyball on Tuesday Nights
- Midweek Missions every Wednesday (THANK YOU BETSY KEYACK)
- SLY at the Rockies
- Sock Hop with the Cool Cats, Black Top Drifters, and of course, the Bronco Cheerleaders, to benefit the Cameron Ebel Teens Against Violence Foundation
- SLY at Elitches
- SLY at Water World
- SLY at the Drive-In Theatre
- Jr. High Mission Trip to the Wind River Indian Reservation
- Sr. High Mission Trip to West Virginia through the Appalachian Service Project
- Youth 2003
- Endless Summer Beach Party

This year promises to be as exciting as we look forward to the fall. You will see in this issue of the Chronicle, as well as, receive in the mail, the September calendar of events. Come out to join us for **Kick-Off September 7**, "*Sex, Drugs, and Rock n' Roll: A True Story*" (bring your parents) on Sept. 21, and putt putt your way to heaven with us on Sept. 28th in **Golfing for God**.

Pumpkin Patch is coming up with the **first pumpkins arriving Oct. 3** at 4 p.m. Plan on coming out and helping unload. More importantly, *plan on signing up to help sell pumpkins* through the month of October. If you (anyone 6th through 12th grade) work *selling pumpkins for at least 15 hours*, you will receive **\$100 off** either the Summer 04 Jr. High Mission Trip or the Summer 04 Sr. High Mission Trip. If you **work 30 hours selling pumpkins**, you will receive a **full scholarship** to either the Jr. High Mission Trip or the Sr. High Mission trip up to \$250. *Whoever works the most hours* (must total over 40 hours) *selling pumpkins will receive a \$50 gift certificate* to Park Meadows Mall, in addition to the full mission trip scholarship. And to answer your questions, no the hours you spend unloading pumpkins DOES NOT count, nor do the hours your parents work at the Pumpkin Patch. (Do I even have to explain why *you* have to work for *your* mission trip?).

Something new for this academic year: **The Doughnut Whole!!!** Instead of doing the Breakfast Club twice a week in the same locations week after week, why not have everyone get together, regardless of what school you go to, for 30 minutes from 6:45



SLY September Calendar of Events

DateActivity

August

31 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.; NO EVENING SLY Activities, Labor Day Weekend

September

- 7 20th Anniversary and Celebration. One worship service at 10:30 a.m. followed by All Church Picnic. SLY Kick-Off from 1 p.m.-- 3:30 p.m. Parents of Teens meet from 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
- 10 The Doughnut Whole begins. Gather with friends before school to be in fellowship and share stories of faith. Every Wed. from 6:45 a.m.-7:15 a.m. Call SLYline for location. Wednesday Night Live resumes. World's Most Dangerous Bible Study for Jr. and Sr. High from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- 13 ASP and Youth 2003 Stockholders Dinner from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
- 14 Regular SLY Schedule. SLY = "Improvised Faith"
- 17 The Doughnut Whole 6:45 a.m.-7:15 a.m. Call SLYline for location. Wednesday Night Live World's Most Dangerous Bible Study from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- 21 Regular SLY schedule. SLY = "Sex, Drugs and Rock n' Roll: A True Story" Bring your parents. (No, really).
- 24 The Doughnut Whole 6:45 a.m.-7:15 a.m. Call SLYline for location. Wednesday Night Live World's Most Dangerous Bible Study from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- 28 Regular SLY Schedule. SLY = "Golfing for God"

- 7:15 a.m. to fellowship, pray, and of course, share doughnuts while we share faith. Each week I will go to a different campus and bring FREE doughnuts and coffee. Every other campus, you will bring your own beverage and two doughnuts (one for you, one for a guest).

The purpose is to fellowship with other young people of faith at your school once a week, to grow to know God and one another better, and learn from the diversity of faith experiences. "But," you might ask, "out of what do I drink my hot and tasty beverage?" I am glad you asked. On Kick-Off Sunday, every youth present will receive a **Doughnut Whole Travel Mug**, replete with a kick donkey logo and witty inspiring quotes.

I look forward to seeing you at worship, at SLY activities, at school, and in service. Let's make this the best year ever for youth ministry at St. Luke's. It can happen with you!

Grace and Peace,

Don't forget to **check the SLYline**, 303-791-0659 x45, **and the webpage**, www.stlukeshr.com/youth, for the latest and most up-to-date information about youth ministries at St. Luke's.

Children's Ministries at St. Luke's

Children's Ministries will begin a new year of program and special events on Sunday, September 7th with our 20th Birthday Celebration by joining the adult congregation in a special worship service at 10:30. There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL but we will have a special Children's Time and activity book with crayons. Nursery will be open for children 1 years old and younger.

On Sunday, September 14 our Sunday morning programs will begin for the fall.

Nursery

Our nursery is available at both the 9:30 and 11:00 services for infants and 1 year olds. We are staffed with fully trained, paid caregivers. They provide a safe, clean, loving, nurturing environment in which to leave our most precious children. If for any reason we need to contact parents a paging system is available.

Joy Trek

A new name for a improved program. Joy Trek is for our children 2 years old to through Kindergarten. At 9:30 each age level has their own class including a Pre-Kindergarten class for older 4's and 5's not attending Kindergarten this year. At 11:00 the 2's and 3's will combine into one class as will the 4's pre-K and Kindies.

This year our Joy Trek Hikers will be using the Exploring Faith curriculum by Cokesbury Publishing. Each week they will receive a Bible Story Book with a story, Bible verse and activities to enjoy in class and take home to share. They will also have a craft or game and music time with the whole group in the open area.

PEAK Adventures

At 9:30 for children in 1st through 6th grades we are excited to begin our second year of the Workshop Rotation experience. Using the Power Express curriculum, also from Cokesbury Publications, our PEAK Climbers will explore one Bible story or concept through several workshop experiences. Our Workshops might include Art, Computers, Creative Cooking, Games, Science, Drama or Video.

Each workshop look at the story from a different perspective so that when the rotational unit is finished they not only know the story backwards and forwards they understand how to apply it to their daily lives.

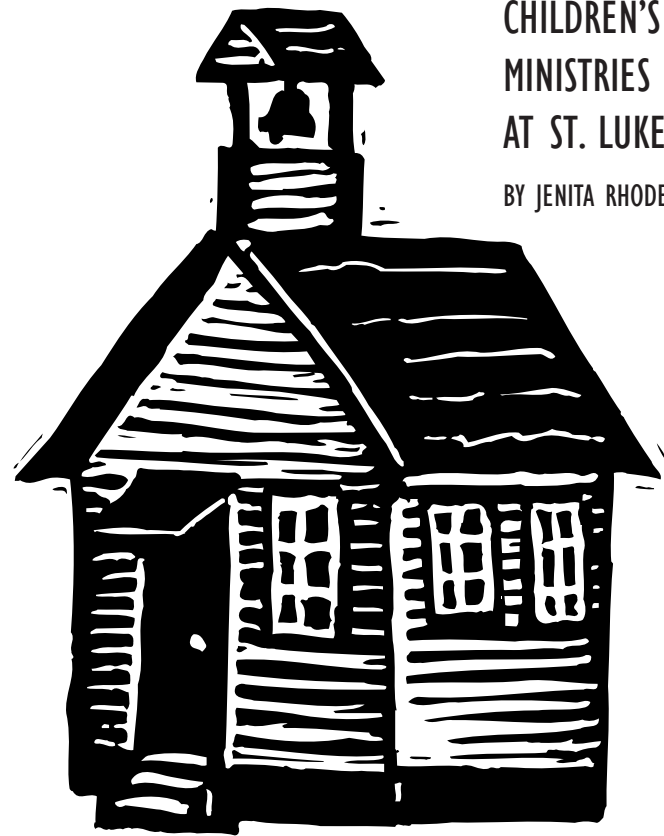
Summit Seekers

This is another new name and high energy program for what we hope will attract children in 1st through 6th grades to Sunday School at 11:00. Our 11:00 Summit Seekers will begin the fall using the One Room Sunday School curriculum and everyone in one class room.

As we grow we in numbers and find adults and youth interested in helping, we will add an opening of fun-filled, joyful praise worship service with music, story and prayer. An exciting reason to come and get involved with our 11:00 Sunday School.

Wednesday Night Live Kid's Club

This year we will continue the outreach opportunities we began last year for kids in 1st through 6th grades. Our Bingo Buddies at the Littleton Life Care Center have missed us over the summer and are ready to welcome us back. We will also continue to grow in our faith by hearing a devotion, playing games with a purpose, enjoying



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videos with a lesson and supporting with each other in friendship.

Additional events to look for:

Acolyte Training – Sunday, September 21st

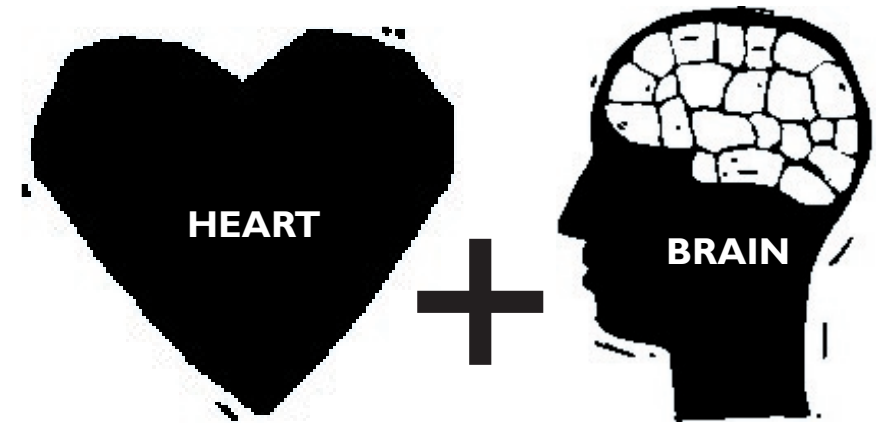
Children in 3rd through 6th grade can sign up to be an acolyte. An acolyte is the person who lights the alter candles before the 9:30 or 11:00 worship service and puts them out at the end. Training and schedule sign-up will begin after the 11:00 service and a quick pizza lunch.

Sixth Grade Fellowship – TBA

All 6th graders and their parents are invited to participate in a monthly event designed to build fellowship and growth in personal faith. A organizational meeting will be held in October to set a schedule and plan events. Contact Jenita Rhodes if you are interested in attending.

God and Country Program - Sunday, October 12

This is an award program designed for boys or girls in 1st through 12th grades to grow stronger in faith and service. Each participant will work with a sponsor of their choosing to complete age appropriate study and projects. They will meet once a month with one of St. Luke's pastors to monitor and sign off on their progress. Participants do not have to be a member of or currently attending St. Luke's or a member of a scouting organization. Contact Jenita Rhodes if you or your troop is interested in participating in the God and Country program.



Wednesday Night Live

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! WNL is designed to nourish our spiritual growth as well as the relational side of IRM.

Every Wednesday evening beginning Sept. 10th, St. Luke's will provide adults and children opportunities for learning, faith building, renewing old friendships, and creating new relationships.

Start the evening by bringing your dinner here! Take a break, pick up your dinner at your favorite "fast food shop" and gather together for fellowship. Then head off to one of our many classes!

We invite you to celebrate God's presence in our lives and support one another through our life journeys. Please consider joining us on Wednesday evenings this fall!

***Classes start at 6:30 unless noted**
Kidz Club (1st - 6th grade) Mark Room #114

A fellowship and mission group where we have fun with devotions, games, videos and Bingo Buddies at the Littleton Life Care Center.
Team Leader: Jenita Rhodes

Kidz Praz I (1st - 2nd grade) & II (3rd - 6th grade) Asbury, David or Goliath Rooms

Kidz Prayz is an opportunity for children to participate in learning to sing and play instruments as well as have fun. The program is designed to develop cognitive skills by engaging your child in a variety of musical and movement activities.
Team Leaders: James Ramsey and Carrie Mallery

Cherub's Choir (Age 2 - K) David or Goliath Room

The Cherub's Choir includes children who rehearse to sing the prelude for a Sunday morning worship service but more importantly to learn about Christian values through song in a nurturing environment as well as developing motor skills through movement

and playing instruments.

Team Leaders: Stacey Baird, Nancy Betts and Suzanne Sharpe

The World's Most Dangerous Bible Study! (7th - 12th grade) Jr. High/Sr. High Room
Meeting of the secular and the sacred, finding God in pop culture that **YOU** bring to church.
Leader: Aaron Shipman

Home Improvements (Adults) Matthew Room #118

This group is open to couples for fellowship, support and discussion on varied topics relating to family, parenting, enhancing relationships and exploring our faith journeys. We will be doing missional work both within the church and the community. Social gatherings outside of the WNL program will be planned throughout the year.
Team Leaders: Shawn & Amy Slade

Adult Education:

St. Luke's 201 (Senior Pastor's Office)
201 is the second level presentation of what makes St. Luke's unique in its attitudes and spirit, and especially how we think, theologically. 201 is mostly reserved for those who have been through "Remedial Christianity" or St. Luke's 101 (offered on Sunday mornings or Sunday evenings).
Leader: Fred Venable

DISCIPLE I-III (I-#103, II-Classroom A, III-Classroom C)

A series of classes for students who are ready to take an in-depth look at the Bible and find more meaning in the Word. New Classes start First week of September.

Team Leader: Carl Cleveland

**Interested in starting a new class? Please contact the office@stlukeshr.com or 303-791-0659

LITTLE SCHOOL CALENDAR

Parent Open House
(No children)

Thursday, Aug. 28

Mon/Wed/Fri AM & PM and
M/W Parents
7 - 7:30 upstairs with Ms.
Kay (Downstairs with teachers
7:30 - 8 p.m.)

T/TH & Fri Bunch
Parents downstairs with
teachers (Upstairs with Ms.
Kay 7:30 - 8 p.m.)

EXCEPTIONALLY IMPORTANT
TO HAVE ONE PARENT PER
FAMILY AND ESPECIALLY NEW
PARENTS!!! SEE YOU THERE!

Tuesday, Sept. 2
Open House for Students

MWF/ AM & PM - M/W
CHILDREN 9:30 - 10:30 AM

T/TH - FB 11:00-12:00
DROP IN FOR A BRIEF VISIT
TO MEET YOUR TEACHER!

**School begins on
Wednesday, Sept. 3!**

Introducing your Stewardship Team

*Bill Lee
Debbie Britt
Lynda Fickling
Marge Harper
Michele Hurlbut
John Merchant
Jenita Rhodes
Jan Rufien
Charlie Rufien
Mark Speedy
Fred Venable

We welcome new members,
volunteers for short term projects,
ideas/suggestions, and your
prayers! Contact stewardship@stlukeshr.com