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*Join us in growing toward full humanity through living the teachings of Christ: Love, Acceptance, Justice and Hope.*

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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.**Ministers**

All people of St. Luke's.

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# The Chronicle

A NEWS &amp; INFORMATION EXCHANGE FORUM

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## Who are we?

Have you ever driven past St. Luke's United Methodist Church on Broadway and wondered what kind of church it is? Simply put, we are a contemporary church that is firmly rooted in the 300 year old Wesleyan Tradition. That may sound like a contradiction, but it is not if you understand the Wesleyan Tradition.

As a young priest in the Church of England, John Wesley struggled with his relationship with God. Finally, during an experience of God's presence in his life during a prayer meeting, Wesley felt the assurance of God's love for him and the presence of God's grace in his life. While many of his contemporaries had felt the same thing and felt that God had chosen them as part of the elect, Wesley felt that if God loved him, God loved all people.

Wesley took this call literally and went out into the streets and fields of England and preached the good news to all of God's children. He preached the gospel thousands of times to people that the established church considered unworthy of God's love and Christ's redemption. His fellow churchmen suggested that he tend to his own parish, to which he replied, "The world is my parish."

At St. Luke's, the world is our parish, and we are actively engaged in it, not separated from it. In our worship, our programs, and our missions we reach out to the world and all of God's children in it. During the course of a month, the music that you will hear in worship will range from a three hundred year old hymn to current praise music. While we have a traditional chancel choir, we also have a praise band, a brass band, and a bell choir.

Our programs are varied and for the most part designed, implemented, and run by our lay members. If there isn't something that meets your needs or your sense of call to do something that needs to be done, you are invited to start a new program.

Our missions are designed to reach out to God's children everywhere. In addition to the connectional mission programs of the United Methodist Church, St. Luke's is active in our own mission program. We seek to help our neighbors across the street, across town, and on the other side of the world.

We are a contemporary church, engaged in the world, and rooted in a tradition, a tradition that guides us into the future instead of binding us to the past.

*Monty Hoffman, for the Evangelism Committee**Rev. Janet Forbes officially begins in May*

## New senior pastor named

St. Luke's Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to announce its unanimous decision to invite Rev. Janet Forbes to St. Luke's as our new Senior Pastor. Rev. Forbes has been serving as Sr. Pastor at First United Methodist Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming since 1997. She served as the Council on Ministries Director for the Rocky Mountain Conference from 1992 to 1997. She was ordained as an Elder in the Rocky Mountain Conference in 1989 and has also served in Grand Junction, Nashville, and Colorado Springs.

Rev. Forbes and her husband, Bob, are both very excited about coming to St. Luke's. Because of her current commitments at First Church in Cheyenne, the planned start date is May 16.

Rev. Forbes will be making an earlier visit with us on Sunday, March 21. She will preach the sermon at all three services that day. Of course, you'll be in worship that day anyway, but this might be an added incentive. This will be a good time to get to know her before the appointment date. So put a special marking on your calendar: Sunday, March 21 – the Reverend Janet Forbes with us for an advance visit.

SPRC thanks everyone for their continuing support, prayers, and input into the selection process. God has faithfully answered our prayers!

The St. Luke's Wesley Players Present  
**Steel Magnolias**  
**Friday, March 12 and**  
**Saturday, March 13**

*Y'all Come!*Enjoy a Southern-style Pre-Show Dinner  
at 6:30 p.m.

Show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Dessert and Coffee served during Intermission.

Dinner reservations requested, please sign up in the Narthex between services on Feb. 29 or March 7.

Limited childcare is available; please make nursery reservations by calling the church office, ext. 11.

**Join the UMW on Saturday,  
March 13**

Meet at the church at 7:15 on Saturday, March 13.  
The show starts at 7:30 and we will be enjoying dessert at the intermission.

Come and show your support for our cast and enjoy an evening with the ladies of St. Luke's.

## Lenten Meditation and Lunch

You are invited to join the staff of St. Luke's every Wednesday in March at 12:00 noon for prayer, meditation and lunch as we prepare ourselves for the joy of Easter.

No reservations are needed. Lunch will be hot soup, bread and dessert. We hope that you will come and join us in this time of fellowship.

If you can not join us, we ask that you take time at noon to stop for a moment of prayer.

## From your senior pastor



As of last Wednesday we are now into the season of Lent. In the Methodist Church in Alabama, at the time I was growing up, Christian seasons did not mean much. We did acknowledge and celebrate Easter, but acknowledgment of seasons did not go much beyond that. I really didn't get into the "seasons of the Christian year" until I got to seminary, and then not deeply. And since then I have not been a strict observer of the seasons, but have at least tried not to create any blunders. For instance, it has always seemed to me that if one should "give up" something for Lent, one should also give it up for all seasons. In my first church I had not noticed that our Catholic next door neighbors had given up alcohol for Lent, but I could not help but notice that they reverted back to their normal habit the minute Lent was over. Their return to routine was rather noisy.

I'm for observing Lent, not necessarily in the sense of "giving up a questionable something," but perhaps in the sense of "taking on a positive something." Rather than giving up something, which would be healthy to give up anyway, how about taking on something which would prove beneficial? . . . and then making it permanent?

I was cleaning out some old files the other day, and ran across something I titled "8 year goals: (at age 70)." I had written this at age 62, so that was 16 years ago. I cannot now possibly give myself more than a 50% achievement of those goals. Was there some present unknown spiritual impulse that got me to simultaneous look at those old goals, while anticipating taking on something for Lent? Should I look at those again with the intention that I could raise my success level from 50% to 70%, or more? One of the issues was health, and I'm doing fairly well in that department. But – the goal said "weigh no more than – a number 17 pounds less than what I now weigh." By most standards I am not overweight, but certainly not at my best "fighting weight." Would it help my spiritual growth to do something about that — "take that on" for Lent? I am sure it would not hurt one bit. And physical health does seem to have some connection to spiritual health. (Please do not standby for a report.)

What I do think is important is that we keep spiritual progress (and that encompasses health) as an ever-present program before our minds and intentions. When I first came into the Christian experience at age 21 I soon began to think that by the age of 50 I would be commonly recognized as Saint Fred. Didn't happen. Still hasn't happened. And I am sure that is not now my goal, but my goal should be, and I hope is, to keep progressing and growing along those lines. Getting into the groove of Lent, could very well be a stimulus that I need. I might even suggest it for you. Even now is not too late.

Fred Venable, pastor

## Prayer Chain Update

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

Deb Whitelam;  
Dick Evans;  
Sharon Scholle's mother, Edith Brewer;  
Michele Italiano's sister, Diana Carlat;  
Olivia Murrow;  
Sharon William's dad, Ken Bruce;  
Pat Dunnigan's mother-in-law, Peggy Dunnigan;  
Sam Eyer;  
Jackie Durban;  
Angela Chaplin;  
Claire Flater;  
Arthur Adams;  
Steve Milerowski;  
Mandy Fortier;  
Nelle Ferguson, mother of Bob Ferguson;  
Jan Rufein;  
Shelley Selover;  
Julie Ramsett;  
Mike Hanson; and  
Mark and Eric Stahlman.

*We continue to pray for:*  
Kay Swanson;  
William Cronin;  
Vickie Ferguson; and  
Corina Hall's friend, Freddy Arch Page.

*We extend our prayers and sympathy to:*  
Jon Streaty and family on the death of his brother-in-law, Ed Towell;  
Jim Hemphill and family on the death of his sister, Ruthie Hemphill;  
Amiel Smith and family on the death of his sister, Rosetta Lindsey; and  
Monty and Raina Hoffman on the death of their friend, Ned Walson.

Please join with us in prayers of joy and thankfulness on the birth of:  
A daughter, Alisha Marie, to Kory and Kim Nelson on 1-18-04;  
A daughter, Sidney Paula, to Mark and Amy Johnson on 12-13-03; and  
A daughter, Rachel, to Mark and Gwyn Baker on 11-3-03.

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

## Trustees' Corner

Mark your calendars now - our Spring (well almost) Work Day is planned for Saturday, March 6, 8:00 a.m. - noon. Please plan to join us for this unique experience of fellowship through volunteering your time and talent. This time, we're mostly cleaning inside, so there's something for everyone. And for those of you who are planners — our Summer Work day is going to be on June 5 — 8-12 as well.

While we're on the topic of volunteering, the Trustees would like to recognize our Boy Scout Troop 633 for their dedication to our spirit of making St. Luke's more invitational. Sunday the 8th troop members turned out in full dress and supported our worship services. Most recently their addition to the garage has really allowed us to clean up our back yard — take a close look — you can't even tell where the old building ends and the new one begins! In addition, Mary Godsey lead a fall bulb planting troop activity we're all going to have the chance to enjoy in just a couple of months! Thank you Mary and everyone who helped!

This spring they're planning more landscape projects — we genuinely appreciate the way these future leaders and their sponsors have stepped up to the task of making St. Luke's more Invitational, Missional and Relational through these important programs.

Thank You, Troop 633!

## Saying good-bye

February 14, 2004

### Dear Youth, Families, and Friends:

I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the people who have supported me with their prayers, kind words, cards, and phone calls. Reaching out with such love and concern is one of those characteristics of St. Luke's that I will cherish in my heart.

For many of you, my resigning as the Dir. Of Youth Ministries came as a shock and surprise, especially the abruptness by which it occurred. I know this has left many questions for many people, and instead of leaving those questions for speculation, I hope to give you some clarification.

First, I would like to reiterate what I told the youth. I am honored that I have had the last two and half years to work with the youth, the families, and all those who have come to St. Luke's during my time with you. I did not leave because of anything the youth did. The youth with their enthusiasm, hope, joy, struggles, and faith is what brought me to St. Luke's and is the reason that I have stayed for as long as I did. I enjoyed the many relationships that were formed, and I count you as among my friends. I will miss you dearly, and my continued hope and prayer is for your success as a faith community.

I originally planned to announce my resignation in June, work through the summer as a transitional period, and have moved on by September with the hope of having a new youth minister in place. As so often happens in life, plans change. My reason for leaving now is the same as why I planned to leave in June. I need time and space for myself. I have unresolved issues from past experiences that I cannot address while working for the church. Regardless of how personal the issues are, in the church, every aspect of one's life as a minister becomes open for public discussion and debate. No matter how hard one tries to separate the personal from the professional, as a minister, those lines are blurred.

I have been a minister since the fall of 1991 in one capacity or another. For over the past twelve years, I have known nothing other than the life of a minister. When I first entered ministry, I knew, as all those who choose this life do, that the life of ministry was lived in a fishbowl. When I was a peer minister in college, this did not matter so much. As time went on, the space between being myself and being a minister grew further apart. This did not matter as much when my life was following a well-ordered pattern. As that pattern dissolved, I did not have the space and separation I needed for myself. The demands of the church, and the nature of the work, did not allow me to be human and grieve. Now I will use this time to say good-bye to the past, ask where it is I wish to be, and find a direction in life where I feel called and fulfilled.

Though good-bye is always difficult, it is an inevitable part of life. I believe in the youth and the congregation of St. Luke's to make the best of this situation. I believe leadership will arise that will carry the youth ministry at St. Luke's to whole new levels. I believe in God, and I believe that God will provide.

Until we meet again, "May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace."

Grace and Peace,  
Aaron

## SLY, Jr. Lock In

Forty-eight fifth and sixth graders of St. Luke (Sly, Jr.) had a fantastic overnight at the church in February. The purpose was to help them think about their personal faith journeys toward a relationship with God. Three attendees had the following comments.

**Jenna Barrack:** At the lock in we had a lot of fun, but most of it was still related to church. We had dinner and then we started our activities. We went on a treasure hunt (to learn more about our church), watched Holes, played cards games and talked. After each activity we wrote in our journal (about how the activity might strengthen our relationship with God.)

**Caitlin Bauer:** The lock in was awesome! We had so much fun. We had an in the dark scavenger hunt that was scary! The labyrinth was the perfect end to a great night! Sly, Jr. Rocks!

**Presley Schwisow:** At the lock in we learned how the help God by helping others. (Each child donated items to fill over 15 book bag for UNCOR) We got to make new friends and see old friends. We all agreed that everyone had a great time!

Sly, Jr. meets on the first Sunday of each month from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. We begin with dinner (pizza!) have a fun high energy activity that helps us learn about the teachings of Jesus and strength our relationship with God while we get to know each other.

If you are (or have) a 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grader who is not currently receiving out informational flyers, please contact Jenita Rhodes at the church office.

## Get involved

Here are some opportunities for you to get involved with your church. Remember... Invitational, Relational and Missional!

**Altar Committee:** This team has two main focuses. We host communion and beautify the altar area. Contact Pam Eliasson 303-791-7408

**Ministry Development Team:** Are you creative, a visionary and/or good at motivating others?! We need you for this exciting team that implements new small groups! Contact Martha Boon 303-694-3604.

**Ushers:** Assists in the weekly worship service. Ushers typically serve on a quarterly basis. If you would enjoy serving, please contact Lynda@stlukeshr.com or Lynda 303-791-0659x20.

## March birthdays

1-Mar	Mike Mara
1-Mar	Shawn Funk
2-Mar	Norve Hew
2-Mar	John Fuller
2-Mar	Steve Beekhuizen
2-Mar	Terri Church
2-Mar	Carol Rod
2-Mar	Steven McCasland
2-Mar	Christine Archer
2-Mar	Karen Meade
3-Mar	Julie Monroe
4-Mar	Jim Wolff
4-Mar	Kathleen Brown
4-Mar	Juli Schuett
6-Mar	Diane Tolleson
7-Mar	Deola Luallen
7-Mar	Jim Matsey
7-Mar	Mark Birkholz
7-Mar	Scott Ludwig
8-Mar	Linda Babcock
8-Mar	Mike Stephens
8-Mar	Jason Koenig
9-Mar	Brad Chase
9-Mar	Marge Harper
9-Mar	Janet Maxwell
9-Mar	Liesje Johnson
10-Mar	Mary C. Harper
10-Mar	Frank Rod
10-Mar	Susan Hardy
11-Mar	Terry Montagne
12-Mar	Carole-Sue Woodrich
14-Mar	Hal "Timm, Jr."
14-Mar	Lynda Drake
14-Mar	Celeste Drinkard
14-Mar	Maria Lawson
14-Mar	Christa Hall
16-Mar	Deliah Dykes
17-Mar	Pat Keleher
18-Mar	Courtney Bumpas
19-Mar	Rebecca Givens
20-Mar	Betty Halderman
20-Mar	Jim McCurry
20-Mar	Bruce Pawley
20-Mar	Doug Luallen
21-Mar	Marta Dowell
21-Mar	Melissa Wester
22-Mar	Mel Scott
22-Mar	Eric Johnson
22-Mar	Kate Duncan
23-Mar	Robert Sala
24-Mar	Shirley Thompson
24-Mar	Tom Van Denover
24-Mar	Kim Joseph
24-Mar	Kiflam Hurlbut
25-Mar	Brett Vasten
26-Mar	Francine Ferguson
26-Mar	Denise Allen
27-Mar	Marilyn Ayers
27-Mar	Rick Dryer
28-Mar	Steve Bennett
28-Mar	Gretchen Samuels
28-Mar	Sheri Henry
28-Mar	Georgie Washington
29-Mar	Charles Rovetta
29-Mar	Bill Blalock
30-Mar	Jennifer Jensen
31-Mar	Geoff Bumpas
31-Mar	Laura Zgoda

## Membership amnesty overwhelms, gladdens

### Our new members

Bob & Nancy Abbott	Anne Latham
Arthur Adams	Betty McIntyre
Steven & Janice Ashby	Steve & Robin Milerowski
Manijeh Badiozamani	Jordan & Nancy Obertier
Mark & Gwyn Baker	Ron & Sheri O'Herron
Michele Banza	Mitchell & Karin Parker
Jeanette Barth	Jeff Patefield
Phillip & Cathi Buckley	John & Kristin Perry
Chad & Karlene Butler	James & Leigh Ramsey
Maxine Campbell	Susan Richards
Jean Carpenter	Jen Rodgers
Troy & Mona Daniels	Max & Christie Ruddy
David Dy & Bopha Sun	Ernie & Linda Shafer
Scott Fickling	Amy Scholes
Mandy Fortier	Mel Scott
Jim & Henri Freeman	Russell & Denise Shroyer
David & Cyndi Fyke	Kay Lauree Siegel
Jamie Gibson	Greg & Kim Smith
Larry Gustafson	Mike & Susan Stanley
Susy Halloran	Holly Thomas
Mike Hanson	Donna Trunz
Steve & Barbara Harwell	Nancy VanDyke
Tammy Heister	Jeff & Lisa Williams
Mark & Amy Johnson	John & Brenda Williams
Terri Korpal	Chris & Tina Wiksten

Lynda Fickling

## Music at St. Luke's

### James Ramsey

As I reported at the charge conference in January, "life is good" in the music program at St. Luke's. We've definitely had some great musical adventures during 2003 whether in worship, in prisons, in concerts or even in rehearsals. It's been very cool, and now I'm excited to announce several upcoming musical events that are happening at St. Luke's. Mark your calendars!

Saturday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. - **Women of Note Concert**

Sunday, April 4 at 4:00 p.m. - **Kidz Prayz Musical and Cherubs Choir Concert**

Friday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. - **Good Friday service/ Requiem by John Rutter**

Saturday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. - **All Church Variety and Big Band Show**

Saturday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m. - **Jesus Christ Superstar Auditions (more to come later)**

### Assistant Director of Music hired:

After two months of searching, the choice became very clear. I'm proud to announce that Kay Coryell is our new part-time Assistant

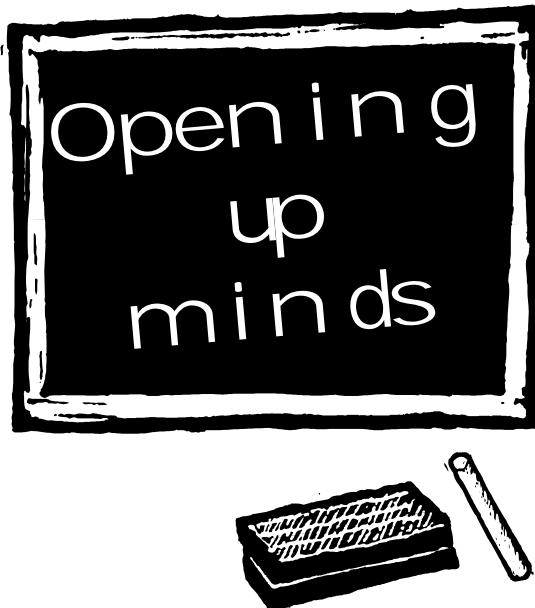
Director of Music at St. Luke's. In addition to Kay's current responsibilities with the Children's Choir, she will direct Tintinnabulators (adult handbell choir), create and direct a youth handbell choir, and create and direct a youth jazz band.

As Director of Music Ministries, I'm also grateful for the enthusiasm and support from the members of the SPRC in creating this position. Many thanks! Please join me in welcoming the wonderfully talented Kay Coryell to the staff Music Team.

### Youth Jazz Band interest session:

Attention all youth who would love to play their instrument in a jazz band!! St. Luke's will be forming their first ever Youth Jazz Band in March. Look for signs and posters advertising the event.

If you have any questions, please call Jim Ramsey at 303-791-0659 x23 or email at [jim@stlukehsr.com](mailto:jim@stlukehsr.com) or you can call Kay Coryell.



## Easter Fun Day

Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
10:00 until 12:00

Look forward to beginning your **Easter Celebration** on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 to 12:00. The fun includes the Easter Egg Hunts, Carnival games, a petting zoo and, of course, the Easter Bunny.

**Volunteers are needed** to help plan, organize and run the various activities. Please contact Lynne Butler or any member of the Children's Ministry Team for more information.

The **Faith Harder Memorial Library** is always open! CHECK IT OUT in Goliath (the Elementary/Youth open area downstairs). Books and videos may be checked out for a three-week time period. We are currently trying to expand our Parenting section. If you have any current book that you may have "out grown", we would love to add it to our collection for others to benefit from. Parents, please look around your homes for items that might be over due and return them as soon as possible.

## Sunday Morning Programs for Children

**St. Luke's Children's Sunday School Programs** are a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn about God's Love. They includes classes during the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services for nursery through 6<sup>th</sup> grade year around. Classes are held in the classrooms on the lower level. A superintendent is on duty during both services to answer any questions and provide directions to classrooms. Our programs are designed and use materials that lead children to apply biblical teachings to their everyday lives. Our teachers are all dedicated volunteers who are eager to share their love for Christ with our children. We encourage parents to time their own Sunday School classes with their children's and as a family.

### Joy Trek – Sunday School 9:30 and 11:00 for children 2 years old through Kindergarten.

Children begin developing a strong faith foundation by learning a Bible story, singing songs, doing a craft or playing a game each week. Lessons are lead by a teaching team and parents are asked to assist at least 3 Sundays during the year. What an easy way to renew your own faith journey and grow with your children.

### PEAK Adventures – Sunday School at 9:30 for our 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

Children explore a biblical lesson through a different workshop each week. The workshops include Art, Computer, Cooking, Games, Science Drama and Video. Workshops are lead by teaching teams and grade level Guides greet the children, take attendance and assist as needed. All adults are welcomed to join one of our workshops or guide teams and join in the fun of learning and growing in our faith.

### Summit Seekers – Sunday School at 11:00 for our 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

We begin with a high energy music and praise service presented by a group of St. Luke's Youth, followed by a lesson and activity where we learn about the Bible and how to apply its teaching to our everyday lives.

For more info about any Children's program or to volunteer, please contact Jenita Rhodes or Lynne Butler.

## The St. Luke's Puppet Ministry

is in its infancy. We will begin with our Summer Sunday school program at 9:30. Each lesson will open with a short presentation by Gouda the goat and Bartholomule the mule. Get involved now in this exciting new program in Children's Ministry.

We need adults who enjoy puppeteering and working with kids. A fantastic opportunity for training will be available at an upcoming regional puppeteering workshop in April. We'll also need help making props and sets. What a great way to get involved and grow in your faith. Call Jenita Rhodes to join in the fun!

This year's **Vacation Bible School** crew is now coming together. We may be on a tropical island or part of the Olympic Games in either case the planning will be fun and exciting!

This year VBS will be June 21 to 25 from 9:00 until 12:00. We need teachers, decorators, lunch preparers, game leaders, crafters, and helpers. Call Lynne Butler to get involved.

## Acolyte Ministry:

Attention all children in grades 3-6. Acolytes light the candles on the altar during the 9:30 am and 11:00 am services. If you have not been an acolyte before, we could still use you! Contact Jenita 303-791-0659x27.

## WON Benefit Concert

The Women of Note will be performing a benefit concert on March 6, 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's. Proceeds from the concert will be contributed to the Women's Crisis Center in Douglas County. Through direct service programs and community outreach, the Women's Crisis Center provides safety and empowerment for women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

This will be the second annual concert performance by the Women of Note who began singing together two years ago. In addition to singing for worship services at