



# The Grapevine

February 2009

*“The night is far spent, the day is at hand, let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light.”*

**-Romans 13:12**

*See you at the  
Dinner and  
Talent Show on  
SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 22  
@ 5:00 P.M.*

## **Two Opportunities For Worship Every Sunday**

- 8:00 a.m. Casual Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School (1 hr)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship service w/ short Sunday school
- Holy Communion 1st Sunday of each month

## **“The Season Of Lent Begins On Ash Wednesday, Feb 25”**

As we approach the season of Lent we focus on the life and ministry of Jesus. After twenty centuries, he remains an object of wonder. What chance did he have to be remembered in the history books? A Jew, living in a small and remote province of the Roman Empire; an obscure Jew belonging to the peasant class; a man of whom the vast majority of his contemporaries never heard, and who left no written record of anything that he had said or done or dreamed; a man rejected and repudiated by the political and religious leaders of his nation, and deserted at the last even by his disciples. Out of obscurity he came, and when he was put to death on a cross as an object of hatred and derision, he might well have gone into oblivion as far as history goes.

Yet we cannot tell the story of music or literature or art, and leave Jesus out. No one has made such a significant contribution to the cultural heritage of humankind over the past twenty centuries. The greatest intellects of the past would be forgotten if memorials, palaces, tombs, and written testimonies had not preserved their memory. Jesus survives in the conscience of those who have dedicated their lives to following him by putting into practice his teachings in their own time and place. We know that the principles Jesus stood for are the only things that will eventually lead to a lasting peace and justice in our world.

The truly amazing thing is that Christ comes to us as a Living Spirit today as well as a historic person who lived 2000 years ago. He gives us an ideal to live by—a pattern for a truly abundant, fruitful and happy life. He assures us of forgiveness when we fail and helps us to try again and do better. He is a living presence in our daily lives. He helps us as we make choices in life to know right from wrong and to choose the best of the many good things life has to offer. He gives us courage and hope in the darkest hours of life and in the midst of the enormous economic, political and environmental challenges that we must face immediately. Jesus calls us to work with him building his kingdom and causes us to be dissatisfied with anything in the world around us that is not in accord with his principles and spirit. He calls us into a universal fellowship that transcends all human barriers of race and creed, of space and time.

Lent means many things to many people. This period of grace offers a privilege, available as in no other season, for the heightening of our spiritual awareness and the deepening of the spiritual life. Come join me on this journey of faith as we seek to deepen our understanding of who Jesus was and to learn how we can carry forth his spirit into our world today. We invite you to attend our Ash Wednesday service on February 25 at 7:00 p.m. The Lafayette and Erie United Methodist Churches will be joining us.

We are also having ecumenical Maundy Thursday, Seder Meal and Service, Good Friday and Easter Sunrise services this year. The details are in this newsletter in the Lenten- Easter Schedule of Events. We hope you can attend as many as your schedule will allow. They will all be meaningful services that will deepen your understanding of this holy season.

May your life be touched in a special way during Lent,

**Pastor Bob**

## *Education Corner*

Epiphany is the season of light! We continue to welcome new babies, toddlers, school age toddlers, school age children and Youth to LUMC! Our January Live B.I.G. program for ages 3-11 has brought us close to Jesus, the Son of God, as a growing person. He was visited by the Magi and talked with the Priests in Jerusalem at the Temple. After a long time, he was baptized by John in the Jordan River and those who were there that day heard a voice from Heaven saying, "You are my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." After that, Jesus began his ministry by reading from Isaiah 61:1-2 at the Temple. But he had to travel to other towns in Galilee after he experienced bullying at home in Nazareth.

During February, we'll hear the stories Jesus told as presented in Matthew and Luke -- parables including The Talents, The Good Samaritan, The Lost Coin, and The Rich Fool. These lessons help show us how to live. We'll understand who our neighbor is, why giving to God is important, and the feeling of fulfillment which comes from caring more about people than about possessions. These lessons will lead us naturally into the Season of Lent during March.

As always, mark your calendar for February 15 (3rd Sunday) for Children's singing during the 10:30 Worship service. Parents can also find art projects completed by children in the folders for both classrooms. Ask a teacher for guidance. Support the efforts of our wonderful volunteer teachers by helping your children be on time for 9:30 Sunday School. And definitely try out a few sessions of Pastor Bob's adult class. Exploring our faith is a life-long journey!

Look elsewhere in this newsletter for details on our current adult class offerings, "Survey of the Old Testament" with Vanderbilt University Prof. of Religion, Amy-Jill Levine on Sunday mornings. Our Wednesday night "Spiritual Growth and Meditation" class continues during February co-led by Debbie Feyh and Pastor Bob. In March and early April, Pastor Bob is planning a Lenten discussion series in which we will explore several faith questions and themes presented in three popular movies. It will be preceded by a soup supper.

Education Committee will meet on Tuesday evening, February 17 at 7:00 pm to plan children's Easter activities and review possible programs for Vacation Bible School. Join us!

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## *Worship Committee Survey*

The New Worship Committee is in the process of prioritizing the goals of Rev. Bob and the congregation. Will you please take a few moments to fill out the enclosed survey and either put in the "Suggestion" box in the front foyer or mail to LUMC by February 27, 2009. We hope to have the results of the survey by mid March. Thank you.

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## *Monday Night Women's Bible Study*

The Monday Night Womens Bible Study will continue their study of the book The Jesus Priorities. This is an 8 week study, but you are welcome to join at any time. Please contact Sue Peverley or Janeen Hill for information.

## FAMILY NIGHT AT LUMC

RAISING FUNDS TO ASSIST THE OPENING OF THE JEFFERSON STREET PRESCHOOL

**COME ONE AND ALL. BRING FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS**

A DELICIOUS DINNER AND ENTERTAINING TALENT SHOW PERFORMED BY OUR VERY OWN  
LUMC FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

**A NIGHT OUT YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS -----FEBRUARY 22, 2009 SUNDAY 5:00 P.M.**

**ADMISSION: DONATION**

The Montessori School now using our Learning House and Fellowship Hall will be moving to their new facility at the end of summer.

LUMC wants to continue to use our excellent facility - The Learning House.

The Jefferson Street Preschool mission is dedicated to providing a loving and nurturing environment where children can use their natural curiosity and creativity to grow through a play based curriculum. Our program offers children ages 3 to 5 the opportunity to develop a balanced foundation of emotional, physical and social skills. With the guidance of our teachers and staff we will assist each child in developing respect for him/herself, others and their environment.

**Come support this endeavor with your attendance.**

**Also spread the word of this new program to all you know with pre-school age children.**

For the benefit of the host committee, **please sign up in advance** so that we can plan food, seating and performance space accordingly.

Thank you,

The Family Life Committee

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## *Wine Into Water Extravaganza*

The "*Wine Into Water Extravaganza*" is a **Silent Auction, Wine-tasting, & Choir-Fest event** which will be held on **Saturday, Feb. 21** from **2-5 PM** at **St. Ambrose Church in Boulder** (7520 S. Boulder Rd. Boulder, CO). Live music, wine tasting education, and lots of items to bid on!!

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## *LUMC LENTEN SCHEDULE 2009*

### **Wednesday, February 25:**

7:00 p.m.: Joint Ash Wednesday Service with the Lafayette, Erie & Niwot Methodist Churches. This meaningful service will be at our church (Louisville UMC) and includes the imposition of ashes and special choral music with our combined choirs.

### **Sundays, March 1 – March 29:**

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.: Lenten Worship Services

9:15 a.m.: Adult Sunday School; 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

### **Tuesdays, March 17 - March 31:**

6:30 p.m.: Lenten Movie Series and discussion. Each week there will be a light supper at 6:30 p.m., one of the inspirational movies listed below at 7:00, followed by discussion.

March 17—"Pay it Forward" with Kevin Spacey, Helen Hunt & Haley Joel Osment

March 24—"Miracle" with Kurt Russell

March 31—"The Great Debaters" with Denzel Washington

### **Thursday, April 2:**

6:30 p.m.: Traditional Passover Meal and Seder Service led by Rabbi Marc Soloway from Synagogue Bonai Shalom in Boulder. (Complete with a delicious kosher meal with lamb stew). This is a joint service and will be held at the First UMC Church in Lafayette.

### **Palm Sunday, April 5:**

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.: Special Palm Sunday Services with the Choir singing the Easter Cantata "Come, Touch the Robe" and procession of children with Palms.

9:15 a.m.: Adult Sunday School; 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

### **Maundy Thursday, April 9:**

7:00 p.m.: Maundy Thursday service with Communion. This is a joint service and will be held at the Erie United Methodist Church.

### **Good Friday, April 10:**

7:00 p.m.: Good Friday Service with dramatic presentation. This is a joint service and will be held at the Niwot United Methodist Church.

### **Easter Sunday, April 12:**

6:00 a.m.: Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service, location TBD.

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.: Special Easter Services with special music from the choir, and a



# Youth News

We are very excited that JEN, SUZANNE and MAUREEN Malcom have accepted the position to lead our Youth Group! The girls grew up in our church, attending Sunday School and actively participating in the Youth Group in their teen years. Jen, 28, is a CU graduate with an Economics degree, currently working at The Huckleberry. Suzanne, 25, also has an Economics degree from CU, and is a tutor and actress (she's been in a every Channel special, reen, 23, has an account- working at a doctor's fuel company. We feel team at the helm, lead- important youth.



few movies and in a Discov- among other things!). Mau- ing degree and is currently office and interning at a bio- so fortunate to have this ing and inspiring our all-

The youth group's 19th Annual Chili Cook-Off is coming! Sunday, March 8th at 6pm! Bring your best chili and compete for the Critic's Choice or the People's Choice awards. Or, just come with your wallet ready to vote for your favorite chili!

The youth will be attending a Valentine's dance hosted by the Longmont United Methodist Church youth group on February 15th at 5pm. Youth groups from all around the conference will be there.

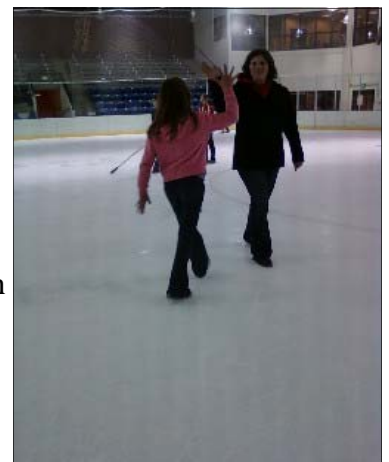
Also, the annual Youth Leadership Conference is coming up, February 27th through March 1st. The event, held at Snow Mountain Ranch in Winter Park, invites youth from Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah to come together for the long weekend to sing, worship, and learn about becoming leaders in their church communities.



He Did Bring Gloves, But...  
(It's A Guy Thing)

## **Broom Ball (aka 100 kids in sneakers on ice, some armed with sticks)...**

Andrew, Lilly, Caroline, and Courtney traveled to Greeley's new Ice Haus to play Broom Ball, a game with seemingly no real rules. A good time was had by all, and no injuries were reported, though there were assorted complaints about sore muscles, cold hands, and the need for softer ice.



There's no "I" in  
TEAM

# Church Celebrations

On January 25th, the Louisville United Methodist Church congregation was presented with two candidates for Confirmation. The two, Andrew Spangler and Grant Hill, completed the six month confirmation class and were awarded Certificates of Confirmation by Rev. Bob Toll during the Sunday service.



## Confirmation

## Quiet Disciples

Claire and Ray Van Meter were presented with this year's Quiet Disciple award for their extraordinary contributions to the church for years.



## New Members



On February 1st, the Louisville United Methodist Church welcomed three new members into it's fold. Violet Warshauer, Kelly Webb, and Antje Heideroth became new members.

## Jefferson Street Preschool Update

WOW!!!! You are all so wonderful. So many people have taken the initiative to help with the new preschool that it is a little overwhelming. Several have called or contacted us with things to donate, some have volunteered to build shelves and cabinets etc., others have inquired about possible jobs at the school and others have offered themselves in various volunteer positions. This really is a church that reaches out and lends a hand!

First, let us just say thank you to all these people for their most generous offers. We are in the process of hopefully getting a loan from the bank. All paperwork has been submitted and we are just waiting to hear the verdict. While this process continues we have been putting together a parent handbook and various application forms. We have interviewed for the director position and have a person that we think is the ideal candidate and will make her an offer as soon as we get funding. The director will probably start full time in June or July but will consult with us on almost everything up until that point. Interviewing and filling the other positions will not be done until the director is on board and can help with the hiring process.

So many of you have things to donate that we have decided to have a “Donation Day” so that everyone can bring their items at one time. That will enable us to look at each item individually to see if it is something that will work in the preschool. We will then store these items until the opening of the school. The remainder of the donations will be taken to a second hand store or you can choose to pick them up yourselves at the end of the day. A date has not been set but we are thinking either May or June, so please keep all things you wish to donate to the school until then.

We will have a fundraising campaign, Building Blocks For Learning, that kicks off the night of the Talent Show. Please see the article of that title for more information. At that time we will announce the winner of the LOGO contest that began on February 1.

In an effort to be a little more organized and efficient we have assigned areas for some committee members to be in charge of. If you have questions about these things please contact the appropriate member. Nancy Holloway – Personnel/Staff, - Reyenne Guerrero – Marketing, Claire VanMeter- Donations, Sheila Newton- Furnishings/Improvements, Sandy Gormley-Legal/Financial.

It is a very exciting time for us all and we need a lot of support from you. Please keep us in mind if you have extras to donate- money, toys, play structures, etc..., and please, please keep us in your prayers.

Your Preschool Committee

Claire VanMeter, Sheila Newton, Nancy Holloway, Sandy Gormley, Reyenne Guerrero, Alan Hill, Eric Guerrero, Jay Holloway and Tom Gormley.

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## Building Blocks For Learning

Remember how, as a child, you could build anything from blocks? You could construct an entire city, farm, school.... the possibilities were endless. You now have the opportunity to join with Jefferson Street Preschool and play with blocks again. Instead of building something to drive your trucks and cars around or put your farm animals in, we will be using the blocks to help furnish the new preschool with shelves, books, paper, markers, toys, play-ground equipment etc. Blocks will be available for purchase at denominations from \$5 -\$5000. Simply pick out the appropriate block, attach the purchase price –check or cash- with the provided paper clip and place it in the large building block located in the fellowship hall (during the week the campaign info will be located in the north entry-way). At the end of each week, the blocks will be used to help build something. Can you guess what it will be? I bet not! The only way to find out is to buy a block or two.

Building Blocks For Learning will kick off on February 22 at the Talent Show. The preschool committee is very excited about this campaign and hope that you can help support the new school. See you there!!!

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## **Come Join Us for the 2009 Lenten Movie Series!**

Lenten Light Suppers (soup/salad/sandwich) and Inspirational Movie Nights will be held on **Tuesdays, March 17th, 24th, and 31st, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The films will begin at 7:00 p.m.** The three films selected are very inspirational and have strong moral/spiritual messages that highlight some of the major themes of Lent.

**March 17—“Pay it Forward”** Based on a novel about an 12-year-old schoolboy in Las Vegas, Nevada, named Trevor McKinney (played by Haley Joel Osment). He was asked to complete a social studies project given to him by Eugene Simonet (Kevin Spacey), a man with terrible burn scars on his face and neck. His task is to come up with a plan that will change the world through direct action. Trevor comes up with the plan to “pay it forward” by doing a good deed for three people who must in turn each do good deeds for three other people. Also stars Helen Hunt as Arlene McKinney. Osment won the 2000 Blockbuster Award for Favorite Supporting Actor-Drama/Romance.

**March 24—“Miracle”** This is an American biographical sports film about the United States men’s hockey team, led by head coach, Herb Brooks, (played by Kurt Russell) that won the gold medal in the 1980 Winter Olympics. The U.S. team was considered to be an overwhelming underdog to the Soviets. 2004 ESPY Award for “Best Sports Movie.”

**March 31—“The Great Debaters”** This is a 2007 film directed by and starring Denzel Washington. It is based on a true story about the Wiley College (a Methodist institution of higher learning for Black students) debate team. In the movie the Wiley team eventually succeeds to the point where they are able to debate Harvard University. Nominated for a 2008 Golden Globe, the film won four Image Awards including Outstanding Motion Picture, Outstanding Actor, Denzel Washington, Outstanding Actress, Jurnee Smollett, and Outstanding Supporting Actor, Denzel Whitaker (real-life son of Forest Whitaker, also in the film).