

# The Beacon

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## Moderators' Reflections

Springtime is such a glorious time of year! Hopefully the back-breaking snow shoveling is behind us and we can turn our attention to tending our yards and gardens. It is a real joy to see the first daffodils and tulips make their appearance as well as the first buds on the trees. It is time to think about aerating, fertilizing and getting those sprinklers tuned up! Any good gardener, which I am not, knows that proper planning and preparation will yield tremendous rewards in the coming days and months.

I can't help but compare this Spring season to our blossoming number of youth. There is such excitement and energy around us! Our master gardener, Jen, is busy planning and preparing lessons and activities for our youth. As a congregation, we should all be concerned about the care and tending of our younger ones. We must pay attention to ensure our young ones get the proper exposure, the right amount of water and nutrients and that their foundations are strong. Little weeds here or there may not be much of a problem, but we don't want the weeds to take over!

This season is one of beauty and growth.....I can't wait to see how our little seedlings turn out!

Co-Moderator  
Susan Rumley



**PROGRESSIVE DINNER!!!!** On Saturday, May 14, the Fellowship Committee will be sponsoring a Progressive Dinner. The Progressive dinner will work with members starting at one house for the appetizer, then we travel to another house for the main course, and finally we all meet back at the church for the grand finale-dessert! At this time we have several houses offered by members but are in need of more. If your house is small, that is okay, as we will be dividing up the list of names based on the size of the house. The more houses we have to work with, the easier will be the job of dividing up the party-goers. If you have questions or would like to sign your house up for the Progressive Dinner, please see Mary Ann Rothenburger or a member of the Fellowship Committee. Mark your calendars for May 14. We will be assigning houses by May 10, so be sure your name is on the list before that date. This will be a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship!

### CAMP LA FORET SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

La Foret is the Rocky Mountain Conference UCC's retreat center near Colorado Springs. Here is the list of offerings for this summer. For more information on these camps go to [www.rmucc.org](http://www.rmucc.org) and click the "Camps and Retreats" tab at the top.

Pioneer Age Camp (entering grades 2-4): June 26 – 30

Explorer Camp (entering grades 4-6): July 10 – 16

Arts Camp (entering grades 3-6): July 31 – August 6

Voyager Camp (entering grades 7-8): July 31 – August 6

MADD (Music, Art, Drama, Dance) Camp (entering grades 9-12): July 10 – 16

Contemplative Life Camp (adults): July 17-23

Grandparent & Me Camp (children up to 5th grade): June 30 – July 2

## Janet Wise Retires



The Intermountain Region Natural Resources Program announced the recent retirement of Janet Wise, IMR Climate Change Coordinator.

Janet's 20 year career with the National Park Service began with the Geologic Resources Division of WASO in 1991. In the ensuing years, she was the Physical Science Program Manager and the Natural Resources Program Lead for the Colorado Plateau Support Office. She served as the Natural Resources Division Chief, the Deputy Associate Regional Director for Natural Resources and most recently as the Climate Change Coordinator.

Janet earned her BS in Natural Resources at Cornell University and her MS in Natural Resources Policy at the University of Michigan. Her accomplishments are many, among them recipient of the DOI Superior Service Award. We are so proud to have Janet, her husband Paul, and son Max at LUCC!



## MEN'S MINISTRY

Our Men's Ministry typically meets on the 4th Saturday of the month. Plans are under way for a springtime service opportunity; details will be forthcoming. If you would like to be on the Men's Ministry email or phone list, please let Curt know so we can keep you informed about future events and activities.

## Christian Education Calendar Reminders



- ◆ June 20 - 24, 2011- M- F- **VBS**  
(Vacation Bible School) - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
- ◆ July 15, 2011 - Friday - Parents Night Out - 5:00- 9:00 p.m.
- ◆ August 12, 2011 - Friday - Family Fun Night  
(Games and Pizza)- 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

## LUCC News

Here is a brief synopsis of our financial picture as of March 31, 2011:

Pledged income (\$54,156) was 93% of expectations (\$58,214) for this time of year.

Unpledged income (\$3,635) was 111% of expectations (\$3,288) for this time of year.

Total income (\$64,043) was 93% of expectations (\$68,546) for this time of year.

Total expenses (\$69,740) were 101% of expectations (\$69,059) for this time of year.

As of March 31, 2011, expenses exceeded income by (\$5,697).

Net income was budgeted at (\$513). The actual was a net loss of (\$5,697). The difference of (\$5,184) was due to pledged income being 7% lower than budget.

Board of Church Operations

## TIDINGS

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As Lucc prepares for its annual meeting, including the election and appointment of officers and committee members, we hope everyone is thinking, "How can I help? What is my role in the life of my church?" For some it means teaching or helping to plan educational programs for adults and children, for others it involves keeping the building and grounds in good shape. Some help extend the church's reach into the community. Others provide support for worshipers in their shepherding groups, facilitate fellowship among visitors and members, or work closely with the pastor to provide direction for the programs and people of the church.

There is a need and a place for everyone at Lucc, whether your contribution is weekly, as happens with the choir, or occasionally, such as for a property clean-up day. The Nominating Committee is seeking worshipers for church committees and boards and wants to hear from you. Please contact Tabby Bernardo, Gwen Rush or Priscilla Ingebrigtsen to offer your help.

**Let's get acquainted** with a very busy Luccer who admits she has "a great fear of being bored." Well, there was never really any chance of that happening to Diane Rhodes. After earning a bachelor's degree at Adam's State College, she was a teacher and a librarian before finding her niche at the National Park Service. While there, she earned her graduate degree in anthropology from the University of Colorado and, with the help of her husband, Bob, raised four children. Between working at the Park Service 26 years and then at Parsons, a multinational corporation where she later worked for 10 years and is still on call for special projects, Diane has criss-crossed the country working on a variety of intriguing issues.

Fortunately, Bob, a budget officer for the Forest Service until his retirement, encouraged her far-flung adventures. Because the Denver office did much of the planning for the Park Service, from this point she was able to travel to Hawaii, Alaska and all across the country monitoring construction and environmental concerns. For

example, she traveled to Mississippi bayou country to study battlefield sites; she worked on projects with Native American tribes, and while working on the restoration of heiaus (ancient burial grounds) in Hawaii, she had to first research the archives at Harvard and Yale for ethnic concerns, history, anthropology and original configurations. Diane also did border travel, looking for unexplored ordnance in the desert. Her work at Parsons involves archeology, compliance, and environmental documents.



Because she no longer works full-time, Diane can now continue doing what she's always loved. Every Saturday for the past five years she's been converting hand drawn sketches of archeological sites in Ken Caryl into a database for eventual publication. Next month, the Rhodes will take their fifth wheeler to Manhattan, Kansas, where she was born, to work on an archeological dig. They also will cut wood and check fences on their family ranch.

Both enjoy traveling. They recently completed a 5,000-mile trip of the Western States, visiting family they hadn't seen for a long time. They also enjoy gardening. That is, she plants and because she's been out of town so often, he gets to water what he calls "her jungle" of herbs, fruits and vegetables.

*Bob and Diane were married in 1953 and joined Lucc in 1974. For the past 15 years, when she hasn't been on the road, she has been in the church choir. He serves as an usher. As an indication of their mobile early life, the Rhodes' four daughters were born in different states: Karen, Kansas; Jan, Arizona; Cheri, Wyoming; and Mary, Colorado. In what Diane ironically calls a "payback in aces," they have eight grandchildren, seven of them boys, and four great-grandsons.*

*By Tabby Bernardo  
Photo by Jenny Merriman*

## Christian Education

### *Lakewood UCC - Christian Education (CE) (Children, Youth and Adults)*

#### **1. Building Blocks of Faith (BBF) – Children’s Sunday School**

##### **BBF Student May Curriculum:**

*Teaching Series – The Book of Ruth / Esther*

The Books of Ruth and Esther

May 1, 2011 – Following On Faith

May 8, 2010 - Finding Favor

May 15, 2011 - Facing Responsibility

May 22, 2011 - Fulfilling God’s Plan

May 29, 2011– Memorial Weekend -One Room School House- Standing Up for What is Right!

##### **BBF Teachers Needed!**

May Teaching Needs: (Please contact Jen Keyes if you are able to help.)

May 15 – 2 teachers needed

May 22 – 2 teachers needed

##### **BBF Thank You’s**

A special thank you to all the teachers that helped in the April BBF program. Blessings to you all!

Many thanks to *Susan Rudy and Judi Baxter for their generous help.*

##### **Teacher Appreciation**

May 22, 2011 - During worship, Paul Michalec of the CE Board will share a tribute to all of our teachers.

#### **2. Youth At Church- (YAC) - Youth Group**

5/1/11 - 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - Church

5/15/11 - 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - Church

YAC Schedule for May- 2011

5/8/11 - No YAC – Mother’s Day

5/22/11 - Year End -YAC Family Cook Out  
(More Information Coming)

##### **Adult Education**

*We’re hoping to have adult education this summer; please look for information in the bulletin.*

#### **4. Summer Programming 2011**

June – August 2011 *Nursery (Sundays- 10:00 – 11:15a.m.)*

June – August 2011- **Summer Outreach Sundays-Sunday School** (Sundays 10:25- 11:15 a.m.) *Students will start in Worship and move to student activities during Worship service.*

June – **VBS (Vacation Bible School)** (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon -June 20-24, 2011)

*July-Parents’ Night Out (Friday - 5:30 –9:00 p.m. - July 15, 2011)*

*August- Family Fun Night (Friday 6-8 p.m. – August 5, 2011)*

##### **VBS- Vacation Bible School**

**The Edge (Experience & Discover God Everywhere)** this VBS focus is a powerful concept that will allow our students to know that God is with them at all times. These key concepts will be taught highlighting various physical fitness and sporting activities:

God is with me (I will stay close to God)    God guides me (I will follow)    God teaches me (I will learn)

God loves me (I will love God and others)    God sends me (I will go)

VBS Program ages: (Preschool 3-4 years old), (Early Primary K- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade), (Middle Primary 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade), (Older Students 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade as Student Teachers)

**Volunteers Needed – [jenkeyes@qwestoffice.net](mailto:jenkeyes@qwestoffice.net) Contact Jen**

## LUCC News



### MISSION, OUTREACH, AND EVANGELISM

Please join us for the third biennial Blessing of the Animals service at 10:30 a.m. on May 21. Bring all your pets for this most moving ceremony. We will sing songs, share stories, and give thanks for all the joy these creatures bring to our lives.



On June 18 and 19, LUCC will join other open-and-affirming UCC congregations in the metro area for the annual Denver PrideFest. We will need volunteers to man the booth for 2-hour periods, and we'll also march in the parade on Sunday morning. Organizers are looking for convertibles and a truck to drive in the parade, as well as a 10' X 10' tent, balloons, and helium for the booth. We need to coordinate our volunteers with the other participating churches, so please contact Molly Hughes as soon as possible if you'd like to volunteer or provide supplies.



We currently have 13 members and friends preparing for a mission service trip to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and we have a few spots still available. This week-long adventure is an opportunity to serve others, learn about a different culture, and learn about oneself. If you're interested in joining these travelers, please contact Pat Hayes or Curt Preston for more information.

If you cannot attend but would like to help support those who do have both the time and energy, you may make contributions in any amount to the mission trip fund. Please make checks payable to LUCC, and note "Mission Trip Fund" on the memo line. All donations are much appreciated and will help others take part in this very meaningful experience.



### Are You Able?

**LUCC Work Day:  
May 21, 2011  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
Hey everyone!  
It's that time of the year again to get out and freshen up the look of our church and church grounds after the winter months. A lot of things need to be touched up, and we need your energies to accomplish this feat. Many items ranging from picking up trash and debris, raking the landscape beds, trimming, weeding, planting some greenery, window washing, sign repairs, parking lot repairs, to swapping out the storm windows at the parsonage need to be done. Also, we're looking for help in putting together a grand lunch for all to enjoy after some diligent work. Please save this date on your calendar now so that we can count on you to provide the camaraderie as we make our special place look its best.



### Fellowship Committee

#### FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR FUN PEOPLE!

Come join a fun committee dedicated to parties and fellowship! More hands make light work. We are looking for people to join us. Please call Brenda Zserdin to get your spot today!



Bill & Glenda Bobby	In memory of Bill Bobby Sr. & Glenn & Margaret McCamish and in honor of Minna Bobby
Don & Colette Collins	In memory of Charlene Collins, her parents & Kenneth Seder
Marcia Forney	In memory of Frank Forney
Brian & Sherry Good family	In memory of Dave Kendregan, Sherry's father
Lowell & LaNelle Haxton	In memory of the lives lost in Japan during the earthquake & tsunami
Pat & Les Hayes	In memory of our fathers
Susan Hodin	In memory of John V. Hodin
Molly & Ken Hughes	In celebration of Janie's 5 <sup>th</sup> birthday
Carmen Jaeger	In memory of Kenneth Jaeger
Ellen Lowe	In memory of the lives lost in Japan during the earthquake and tsunami
Dan & Sue Preston	In memory of loved ones
Ransdell family	In memory of Charles & Mary Lou Ransdell
Susan Rudy	In memory of Joanne Rudy
Susan Rumley & Don Collins	In memory of their parents, and the Rumley & Collins families
Ila Schellpfeffer	In memory of my parents and husband
Steven Segura & Alan Myers	In memory of Don & Margie Myers and The Montez/Segura loved ones
Brian Weishaar	In memory of Edwin & Marie Weishaar

### **Eagle Scout Court of Honor!**

Please join in the celebration of **Patrick Jorgenson's** accomplishments in Scouting as he receives the highest award in the Boy Scouts of America, the Eagle Scout! So many church members helped make this dream possible and the Jorgenson family is so grateful to all of you!

Friday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Lakewood United Church of Christ, 100 Carr St. Lakewood, CO

Dinner will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony. Please RSVP to Nancy or Craig at 303-763-7382 or [ncojorg@aol.com](mailto:ncojorg@aol.com) by May 6.



## SERVICES

Please join us at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays for Worship.

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

LUCC office hours are 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday. Feel free to contact the office manager if you will need assistance outside of regular office hours.

## From Our Shepherds

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

- Joan Wagner
- Janet Wise
- Mary Wise
- Margaret and Henry Wiese
- Connie Jaeger and Brian Becker


### Sunday Schedule

**9:30 a.m.** Nursery Care Available  
**10:15 a.m.** Worship Service  
 (Children begin in worship and transition to Sunday school)  
**11:15 a.m.** Fellowship hour


Large print bulletins and hearing assists are available at each worship service. If you need one, ask the greeter for one as you enter the Sanctuary.

### Child Care Available

Child care is available in the nursery from 9:30 a.m. until the end of the service. Sara Ulricksen and Marissa Maestas are our childcare providers. We also have youth assistants in the nursery. Childcare is available for children age 3 and younger. Visiting children are welcome. The nursery is located at the far north end of the upper level.



### OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH



Good Grief "Out to Lunch Bunch" will meet on May 15, at 12:00 noon at PF Chang's in Belmar. Every one is welcome to join us.



## ATTENDANCE


6865Date	Attendance	To Date	This Was...
3/27/2011	120	6865	Third Sunday in Lent
4/3/2011	120	6985	Fourth Sunday in Lent
4/10/2011	95	7080	Fifth Sunday in Lent
4/17/2011	165	7245	Palm Sunday
4/21/2011	50		Maundy Thursday
4/22/2011	25		Good Friday
4/24/2011	229	7474	Easter Sunday

**OUR APPRECIATION FOR THOSE THAT HAVE SERVED US**

<p><b><u>Greeters for April</u></b>                  April 3: Brian and Sherry Good                  April 10: Alice and Jim Mascenik                  April 17: Jerry and Carolyn Eslinger                  April 24: Noel and Annette Darby</p>	<p><b><u>Fellowship Hosts for April</u></b>                  April 3 Dorothy and Ernie Miller                  April 10 Mary and Bruce Menin                  April 17 Palm Sunday Brunch                  April 24 Annette and Noel Darby</p>
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**HOUSE SHARING** Clean, quiet, organized, working, mature female looking to move into a house sharing situation. Own room and bath preferred. If you are possibly interested, or know someone who is, please contact me. Thank You!!  
 Barb Piatak  
 303-829-8213

**Welcomers for April**  
 April 3 Sheila Weise  
 April 10 Katie & Marilyn Ransdell  
 April 17 Susan Rumley



Congratulations to **Patrick Jorgenson** who will be awarded the Rank of Eagle Scout on Friday May 13, 2011.



*Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards and all the love shown to me during my surgery and recovery.*  
**Bea Auch**

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*Thank you to all who made this Lenten Season a fun and meaningful time together. So many people were involved we couldn't possibly name you all, but we very much appreciate your efforts.*



**CAMPING TRIP JUNE 3-5**  
 The camping trip to Golden Gate Canyon SP is just around the corner, June 3-5!

Although the campground is fully booked, we do have one cabin still unclaimed, running \$150 for both nights. Not able to come up for the whole weekend but still need a dose of mountain air and campfire smoke? Join us for a Potluck Dinner and Campfire Saturday night, June 4 at 5 p.m. at Site 28 in Loop C at Reverend's Ridge Campground. Bring a side dish to share and your grilling item (our favorite is shrimp in foil!, but hot dogs are traditional!) - we'll have the s'more fixings there and the fire going! Do remember that Golden Gate is a State Park - you will need a day pass (\$7) if you don't have an annual pass. Please let Brenda or David Zserdin know if you are thinking about joining us for dinner so we know to expect you!

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**[lakewoodbeacon@qwestoffice.net](mailto:lakewoodbeacon@qwestoffice.net)**

You may also place your articles in the *Beacon* folder in the church office.  
 Email submissions are accepted either in the body of the email or as an attached Word document.

**The monthly deadline is the third FRIDAY of the previous month!**

The mission of the Lakewood United Church of Christ is to develop our faith in God, enabling us to know the abundant life Christ promised by nourishing our spiritual journey, fostering community, inviting others to join on the journey, and going forth into the world through service to do justice, love others, and promote peace. We are an Open and Affirming church, respecting all God's children regardless of race, color, ethnicity, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, age, or disability. We adopt and embrace the Policy to Protect against Sexual Abuse and Harassment.

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