

Responses to Discover Week 2 Question:

I have experienced being in the "sweet spot" of the Kingdom of God at St Luke's when...

Traditional 8AM

1. *John Murphy (20 years)* visioning and creating the vision for the Child Development Center
2. *Beth (13 years)* Sound tech at Sea World and visited for the first time on Christmas Eve. Was uncomfortable with the large crowd so they let me sit in the tech booth. Playing handbells on Palm Sunday.
3. *Penny (15 years of being baptized to the day)* being a prayer partner in the sanctuary during a prayer time. Someone offered their confession and God gave me the words to be able to hear her and pray for her.
4. *Paula Calhoun (20 years)* Plays handbells, Bryan Fitzgerald; her sweet spot has been with the handbells and the friends and devotion and grace she has found in this group.
5. *Ron Goodin (10 years)* Came because of the Children's ministries; sweet spot is teaching Sunday school to the children and what they have to teach us.
6. *Joline Krolicki* When the shepherds team called every family in St. Luke's last year and asking how can we pray for you and hearing the connection made with the people and then praying for them specifically throughout the month of August.
7. *Obie Young* I come back because of the prayers, the people and the programs. Sweet spot is making the coffee early on Sunday's mornings and seeing all the people who set up for the service to make sure everything runs smooth on Sunday morning. The Lord touches me every week. working with the scouts to make pancakes and help them get their badges.
8. *Jim* Not a member but have been coming for 16 years. Came on Christmas Eve for 6 years and said "duh" I should start coming every Sunday. Sweet Spot is being able to call Pastor Barnes his pastor, he gets many messages from Bill and wants everyone to pray of our pastor.
9. *Oscar Welch (10 years)*. I wanted a reason to come back to church – found Habitat and felt he needed to join a small group and there found the men to be Christians and examples of how to live. Sweet spot of volunteering at Mollie Ray Elementary and it's the best things I've ever done and we should be there. The Kids fill me up.
10. *Tom Spellhousen (15 years)*. Habitat for Humanity is my sweet spot. I'm the Paint contractor. Love to see people pray and come together for the common good. We have built nine houses.
11. *Marsha Dawson (10 years)*. In the choir, we were handed a piece of music entitled "It is well with my soul" and we called a sick member, Peggy cusamano, and we sang to her over the phone. She passed away the next morning. We had done what was right.

9:30 Traditional

12. *Marci Taylor Choir Member*. Sweet spot: Canine Crusaders for 5 years. Visiting the nursing homes and watching hope and joy being brought to their lives. One person said "You and Fuzz have made me think differently about poodles."
13. *Sue UMW bazaar for 3 years*. Friendships and sister hood are a blessing. Was called back by God to lead bazaar again after 3 years off. Gift from God to work with the group and raise money for missions.
14. *Royal (5 years)*. Coaching in the St. Luke's sports ministries. Coached a team where skills were not strong but was able to build skills and watch children develop a positive self and be proud of themselves no matter what the score was at the end of the game.
15. *Mike D (since 1990's)*. Sweet spot is being a UM Children's Home Volunteer

16. *Carin Anderson (10-15 years)*. IHN/Family Promise Volunteer and now on the Board of Directors. Being able to work with houseless families
17. *Wendy Lamereoux*. Belfast Mission volunteer. One tie a Young man “ordered” to one of the lasses stated that “I don’t need to be here, my probation officer said I had to be here.” By 5th of 11 weeks he was still negative. By the time I was about to leave, “Sam” gave me a hug and by the end he was in featured in a video saying “This was the best thing I ever did. It did so much for me.”
18. *Dena O Malley (10 years)*. MOPS member and leader. Watched a woman go from “being to busy” to becoming a church member and MOPS leader.
19. *Cindy Schneider*. Being in the choir. The joy from participating, from supporting each other and praying for each other.
20. *Brian*. First attended Holy Family and doubted that Methodist could compare but came to St. Luke’s and found he was very engaged and intellectually stimulated.

9:30 Contemporary

21. *Shelley Huber*. Facilitating small groups. People sign up for the group for the first time and then people call and say “this is amazing and I never knew I could experience something like this.” Sweet spot is leading people in a relationship with God through small groups.
22. *Sherr Ferrantelli*. Been here 2 years and as a disabled person I was praying about what I can do to help. I was approached to be involved in prison ministry and now my sweet spot is to write letters to people in prison. I got in it to help them but I’m finding it helps me.
23. *Trina Day*. Went to prison to do prison ministry worship. Apprehensive at first but when we started singing and they joined in “I didn’t see color or differences – it just touched my heart.”
24. *Sue Stauffer* – Sweet spot moments happen a lot in here. When St. Luke’s offered the Global Leadership Summit. I thought “if I sign up then they’ll see I want to be a leader and end up teaching SS ...” But I decided to go – and I looked at the line up and it was people from all walks of life speaking to things that were going on in my life. I heard this voice saying “you have been called out now and you need to get on the field.” This is the sweet spot and you only need to step up and accept it and it rocks!
25. *Grace Stiles Williams*. Youth Spring retreat and working on the service projects in Leesburg. We cleaned orange groves and the people in the community were allowed to have the 1st pick of fruit. After eating a lot of oranges and getting sticking and muddy, we left kneeling we were doing something good for the community
26. *Katie*. Keep coming back because of the sweet spot moments. Joined sacred dancers because it takes the feelings inside and bring it to the surface. Warms my heart each week and my greatest sweet spot – seeing the youth group every week. I didn’t have a youth group and was never connected. But I see the youth hanging out here and being in worship together and I see the love these kids have for each other and how they are growing up together in God
27. *Patrick Manney*. Feel the sweet spot so many times but the best moment is when I took the family to Coalition for the Homeless to serve. Felt it important for my children to experience this and learning to help others. Beth Ely asked who would like to lead a prayer and I volunteered. The words I spoke made me realize that we are here for one purpose and it’s not about us. We are here to serve on this earth. The homeless were the reason he was there – to be able to serve them.
28. *Scott (new since January)*. Family not able to join me they are still in Kansas City. The music ministry is my sweet spot because I can call my family every week and they can here the music of the praise team with me while I’m worshipping.

29. *Kim Lawrence*. Sweet spot is having my kids here with me. They love to worship and go to Sunday School and I'm happy to have a family place to be.
30. *Laura*. Daughter was born 8 years ago and was asked to be Mary, Joseph and Jesus in the Christmas Concert. As time came to walk down the aisle, it was an amazing experience to be able to witness and be a part of the moment, portraying the holy family.
31. *Gracen Day*. Sweet Spot was participating in the One Homeless Night – we came together and slept under I4 and we had an amazing experience learning to understand what the Homeless dealt with in life, we sang and prayed.
32. *Christy*. Helping with Vacation Bible School was life changing. Working with the children and had fun with the children. The smiles and the love of the children changed me to realize you can make a difference in someone's life with the little things you offer.
33. *Julie*. Worked with Upward and backpacks – but the real sweet spot was when a dear friend was having a difficult time finding a church home (had a different lifestyle, adopted a child of another race). I approached several people (Jenn and the praise team) and they assured me that this family would be welcome and accepted. The family came and they love it because they aren't judged and they haven't missed a week. That's the sweet spot is that we are a church that welcomes everyone.
34. *Mark Adelhelm*. Serve with the middle school youth and just got back from confirmation retreat. Sweet spot was hearing testimonies of 35 confirmands last night. Bill Barnes challenged the kids to think of what God was calling them to do with their lives, and were any being called to be in ministry. 15 kids raised their hands and said they felt the calling. Amazing and largely thanks to you all as a congregation showing them what Christ is like and how to live and serve Christ with your lives.
35. *John Baum (since October)*. His children brought him here. Ryan started in Middle school and now a junior, playing drums on Sunday morning. Carlin in Powerhouse with Power surge. We started coming to hear our kids, but we haven't missed a week since October. We belong to a different church, but feel so loved and welcomed here that this is now our church home. Now my in laws come with us and I find myself inviting friends – I've never invited friends to church before.
36. *JJ*. Sweet spot is when my dad plays guitar for all the people and God.
37. *Ricky (6 years)*. Church shopped. Sweet spot is every week that we come. We are all leaders and God is encouraging us to stop out of our comfort zone and set up. Every day I am here I feel the spirit from the music and worship, but also from volunteering. What can I do to bring leadership to the Name of the Lord?

5:30 Contemporary

38. *Mark (1 year)*. Strong gay and lesbian accepting congregation. Sweet spot is a welcoming congregation for the gay and lesbian community. I was so proud when Pastor Bill spoke about how we are welcoming and loving.
39. *Caroline Stiles Williams*. Helping with VBS through Power Surge. Last year friends and everyone didn't know I was in PS and so when I came forward to sing at the end of VBS they came forward with me and were all along the front. Looking out and seeing everyone singing and dancing with us was my sweet spot.
40. *Doug Justice*. Moved back recently and attended a non-denom in Phoenix. But when we came back to St. Luke's we just felt warmth and hospitality. Our kids love it and we love the youth and the staff here. Just a welcoming place to be.
41. *Debra*. Came on Ash Wednesday (usually go to another church) started coming here and went to a meeting with the design team and felt awe at what the church does.
42. *John Stiles Williams*. Sweet spot was being a part of the children's Ministry Building Design when we redesigned the children's area and used my creative communication gifts and we

came up with the idea of God-O-Sea. Turning drab beige walls into a beautiful creative space for children and families.

43. *Bobby Cox (10 years)*. Sweet spot is when we get outside the walls and do ministry in the community like Habitat.
44. *Asha (7 years)*. Moved here from Sri Lanka and Pastor Barnes helped us find this place. Collectiveness of being here and having a source of strength from this church. This is a shelter for my soul and for my family.
45. *Doris Toms*. Right now is a sweet spot. Have been at St. Luke's before it was officially St. Luke's. Remember walking around this land and praying that anyone setting foot here would be so "zapped" by the Holy Spirit that they would be pulled into a relationship with God. The love that they felt would draw them in. I love that we are all going out to change the world and that the prayers are being answered all these years later. "You are all my sweet spots.
46. *Christopher Kindred*. Felt when he first got here "wow I'm at home." Lived with depression and wanted to die. He realized he needed help, called Bill and Bill connected him with the counseling center. Began work with the Healing ministry. Sweet spot: hands laid on him in prayer which allowed him to perform healing prayer and find words to help others.
47. *Jennifer Justice*: Sweet spot moment was the first service here. Had attended Powerhouse but got injured and couldn't find strength to get through. Was dealing with a very rough time and struggling again with my eating disorder. One Sunday morning I had an overwhelming feeling I had to come to church. Came alone to CW and hearing Jenn's words and music – gave me unbelievable strength. Since then I've taken control of my health and doing better – we haven't missed. Sweet spot is that the church saved me and now we are 6 weeks pregnant.
48. *Linnea Maloney (3 years)*. Sweet spot; helping people find their way –plugging people in to the church and helping them find help. There are so many of those sweet spots moments.

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49. Every time I attend St. Luke's is a sweet spot. However, having 3 small children at the time (4,3,1) and having the opportunities to drop them off in good care and to enjoy service has been totally a true blessing. Thank you for allowing mom's this "golden time" to come closer to God in worship.
50. *Anabel Zimmerman (8 years)*. I am an acolyte and when I come and stand on the stage and see all of those smiling faces – that is my sweet spot.
51. *N. Polston*. Boy Scout Troop 6. It has served my family and the community for several years.
52. *Oneita Porter*. A couple of years ago my mother and aunt from Iowa were with us. We joined all at the altar for payer. They hadn't done that since they were young. They both said it was the most wonderful experience they had had in a long time – the three of us at the altar together. Thanks.
53. Praying the prayer chapel on Sunday morning there were over 50 petition slips and I took each one and made an individual prayer. I felt part of something so much bigger than me, like a channel between here and heaven to God's ears.
54. *Brenda lonnsberry (sp)*. Scrumptious donuts! Truly it has been all of love and families that we see at St. Luke's services. We enjoy the poignant sermons too, however there is a lot of love in the room and that is what we love too!!
55. *Susan Weed*. I feel the calm assurance of God's love, acceptance, presence as I was asked to play violin in the Christmas/Easter orchestra or when I chose to come to morning worship on the December service of grief. The sweet spot for a musician is twofold. 1) playing sometimes you can feel the presence of God using your talent for HIS purpose and secondly

- as a teacher, I inwardly rejoice that I am helping to prepare young musicians who may eventually feel HIS presence in a like manner.
56. helping with vacation bible School. It is so wonderful to see the children loving God and motivated to come to church.
 57. *Nick Shannin (since 1886 west Orange Habitat)*. Serving as the “voice” for Habitat for Humanity. In several west orange/St. Luke’s builds. I was present at St. Luke’s for the “50K in a day” The goal was to raise the 50 K – instead we raised nearly 120K, enough for 2 houses and the start of a third. God’s presence was palpable then and still is today every time I get to wield the only tool I am good with – a microphone- and get to announce proudly that this is the 6th, 7th, 8th new home. Thanks to Bill and the whole St. Luke’s outreach for making this sweet spot possible.
 58. *Tina Lovelace*. Coming to St. Luke’s on Sunday mornings. I don’t often have a Sunday off from work and when I do. I love coming to St. Luke’s and hearing God’s word through Pastor Bill. I get filled up again.
 59. I’ve participated in VBS. Watching children enjoy all the activities of SWEAT camp and Kingdom Camp. Sharing God’s love with the children at Sunday School.
 60. Watching families at Powerhouse. Smiles, Dancing, praising God.
 61. Seeing our children “get it” as we have been discovering creative ways to pray at Thrive on Thursday. They are having so much fun that they don’t want to leave at the end of the night.
 62. *Helen Liddle (since 1993)*. The choir was in Washington DC. We had done our concert in the National Cathedral and Bryan had booked us to do one at the Retirement Home for all branches of the service. I was a joy for us to be there but the audience, with veterans on walkers, canes, wheelchair’s, stood up for US and thanks us for coming. This was after we had sang the anthems for each branch and they stood up. Some said they had not hear it sung for ears. It was a sweet spot to be welcomed and appreciated.
 63. Our Christmas pre-eve. Appreciating that we have all shifted our tradition to accommodate many non-members. I hope they will be so touched by the beautiful service on Dec. 24, that they will be invited to make God (and religion) a bigger part of their life. They may come to St. Luke’s or any other church. But we ensured they had a seat on the 1 day of the year they may have been open to coming to church.
 64. I am in the Choir. The music we sing speaks in very deep ways to my spirit. Worship services are so well woven together that the music is relevant to the message and scripture. The spirit and ministry between choir members is deep and meaningful. Besides the music I know that I’m in the right church when Bill reaffirms that this is a Methodist Church (many mainline churches will not do that these days.) I also know I’m in the right church for me when outreach and missions is emphasized. I also value the inclusiveness that is important to St. Luke’s DNA. We travel one hour each way 4 times a week to be here.
 65. *Nancy Connus (sp)*. I found my sweet spot in Canine Crusaders. It is so rewarding to bring your favorite dog to the nursing home and see the smiles on the faces of the patients. The outreach program at St. Luke’s is one reason I continue to come.
 66. *Betsy*. I joined a bible study, small group. I decided I needed to learn about the bible and I though I had signed up for a brief overview and it turned out to be Disciple 1, a bit more intensive than I had planned. Ten years later, we are still (mostly) together learning, supporting, encouraging and loving one another throughout our lives journeys and detours.
 67. *There are so many things I love about St. Luke’s*. these are ALL my sweet spots: Canine Crusaders, VBS, School of the Arts, IMPACT, Angel Tree, Family Promise, Spirit Sports, Youth Activities, confirmation, SS, Riding Bikes, Women’s Tea. Whatever you love, you can join in and be a part of it. Everyone is so kind, warm and welcoming. It starts with Pastor Bill and his team and the love just pours on down. I love coming to church each week with my

family. ST. Luke's is my sweet spot. My next adventures will be Jamaica, Ireland or the DR – God willing.

68. My father brought me into the church at an early age. My mother was not an active part of my spiritual life. She moved to Orlando and I asked her to come with me one Sunday. After service, she turned to me and said "I could see coming here." We have rarely missed a Sunday together here in the last 5 years.
69. We sing in the choir. When we look out into the sanctuary and see the faces of the congregation and know that the music has touched their lives in some way – it's our sweet spot. Also when Bryan reads notes that have been sent expressing a person's appreciation for the song – ie: singing in Swahili to someone in the audience – it makes them feel like they are home-even for a moment.
70. *Christine Rhyne*. I have been attending this church since it started and have been involved in so many different groups and every group I've been in has had such a great opportunity to help the community. That is my sweet spot.
71. *Devin Kennedy*. Attending Golden Pond's Alzheimer's event with my dog. We belong to Canine Crusaders and it's so wonderful to know that we made an impact in those people lives that they find a little joy speaking with us and petting our pets.
72. *The Guernsey Family*. Lord, we want to share things we love with many wonderful people. Please provide for us with such abundance that we can afford to be generous with our time, energy and resources. At St. Luke's we get to live this out In teaching fiber arts through the SOA I get the opportunity to love and encourage my students while sharing the joy of working with our hands in community. This past Thursday, I stepped into the SOA office and Peggy said, "Rachelle, you are making so many people happy right now." With all the challenges people are facing right now it is wonderful to know that God is using me to deliver His Joy. I can't wait to see what is next.
73. Baptisms: The first time I heard a child singing welcome to the family was a definite sweet spot. Over the years seeing this welcome coming through in action and in so many ways tells me over and over that the Holy Spirit is at work in this place and in these people. The day of 9/11: it was such a sad day and I needed my church family. To know that a special service was pulled together, including the choir was exactly what I needed most. Immediately on the opening of the service, and seeing so many people, I felt comforted. I felt God's hands, his heart, and his healing. St. Luke's is truly blessed is so wonderful when it comes to holding people, loving people and the response of those blessed by this is evident in so many. We see and hear it in many testimonies over the years. I am thankful for this place, and for the preaching, music, dramas that feed me each week and give me strength to service, in turn, through the week.
74. *Rev. Sandy Rogers*. God's call in my life involves connecting people with god, nurturing that relationship, growing disciples, bringing healing and empowerment for missions and ministry. St. Luke's gives me many opportunities to be "useful" to God. My spirit is nurtured here and I have many "Sweet spots" where I am blessed and sent forth. Thank you Jesus! Thank you St. Luke's!
75. One morning, this winter as I sat in the sanctuary and the organ played, the sun shown on me and I felt a warm, loving feeling. When I turned to "pass the peace", the woman I saw said, "Beautiful." Knowing it was not a description of me I pondered that during the service. After the service, after we left, she said to me, "When you turned to me, I saw God's love in your face." What a sweet spot. God's love is all through St. Luke's.
76. *Henry cooper*. Josie and I came almost every Sunday. I also proclaim proudly "there's my Pastor" when we hear Pastor Bill Barnes. His stewardship of this church has been a blessing as the many testimonies witness how they have been blessed and touched by their

experiences with St. Luke's. St. Luke's has continued the Methodist experience I have had over the years with respect to treating the least amongst us to be greatest. Bill story of Angela when he was preaching years ago in Georgia was one of my favorite sweet spot stories of acceptance of what some seem the least of us. However, sweet spot refers to golf and I've have had so many sweet spots over the 18 years we have been members here and fifty years as a Methodist. He said you must first enter the Kingdom of God as a child. Growing up Methodist I have always felt welcome as a child as we welcome children to the altar every Sunday. It has always made me feel that St. Luke's have made children feel God loves them and not fearful of him, and that is the most important of all.

77. I like that St. Luke's welcomes everyone, not matter where we are on our journey. I have had that sweet spot moment when I have been in classes, having a range of "aha" moments. I experienced it when I see people coming together to work toward helping others. But my biggest Sweet spot is when I can "feel" the faith of people asking for prayer people who are willing to request that others pray for them or pray for their ministry. Often in prayer Circle, we get prayers asking for strength for their faith, prayers for their growth, prayers that basically reveal that they have that "space" in their very being that years for Christ to dwell in them. They are trusting in their brothers and sisters in Christ to pray on their behalf. We can see that no matter where they are on the journey, God is already at work. What a blessing it is to be a part of this. And when the prayer praises come in!
78. One of the reasons for my original choice to attend St. Luke's was the music program. I have been involved in "church music" all of my life, so it was a natural pull. Since being here at St. Luke's I have come to appreciate and participate in many of the service programs provided by our church. As a result there have been many "sweet spots." I will share my first one. Easter service of 2004 was my first Easter Service here. I had been rehearsing for the music to be presented for the service for several weeks, but did not truly appreciate the program until witnessing the effect of the presentation on the many people attending the services that day. The entire program (of which the music was a major contributor) provided a truly profound demonstration of the presence of the LIFE of Jesus Christ within each of our lives. That LIFE was evident on the faces of each person in the congregation. You could see Him living in each of us. To be a part of a program that provides that vision of his life to so many in our community is truly "Sweet"
79. *Chris Bonnette*. I look into the faces of the children and their parents at the Homeless Shelter each December when after Christmas dinner we provide presents/clothes to the children and gift cards to the parents. I realize this may be the only gifts they receive; and the thanks we receive, the gratitude they express are truly blessing to me. God has blessed me and my family with much, but his true blessings are when He allows me and my wife to do His work in our community. I feel the Holy Spirit working through us as we reach out to others. I have also had the honor and pleasure to work with the Habitat mission and have felt the Holy Spirit in me each weekend when we all work together to provide a beautiful home for a family in need. To work along with the family members and friends each Saturday as they pour their sweat and energy into building their home. At the end, the look in their eyes as they enter their finished home is one of love, gratitude and happiness! What a Sweet spot! That is what we do as a church: We reach out to our community and provide help, support, and love to those in need. What a beautiful experience.
80. Groups from St. Luke's prayed for our yet -two-year-old- granddaughter Madison after she was diagnosed with cancer, and throughout the twenty weeks of chemotherapy treatments she endured. The treatments at Shands when well; she lost but then regained her gorgeous curly hair; watched Nemo many times during the treatments; and was declared cancer-free shortly after the final treatment. It has been a year since that happy day, so we have now

celebrated one full year of Madison's being cancer-free. Throughout those scary days we all sensed how very concerned St. Luke's people were for Madison, her parents and all our family. It was a lovely gift and certainly a memorable sweet spot.

- 81.** Engaging worship, community involvement – we live outside the church walls.
- 82.** It helps me grow in Christ
- 83.** People and programs
- 84.** The handbell choir
- 85.** As a new resident, I started attending St. Luke's on Palm Sunday 2010. After a few weeks, Pastor Bill was giving the Children's Sermon and his prop was a child's car seat. He said he didn't have car seats when he was a boy. Our famous pianist Kenny yelled out "They didn't have CARS when you were a little boy!" That moment of levity and humor told me that this was the place for me. In spite of the huge physical size and the size of the congregation this church makes the services cozy, fun – yet meaningful and useful. Humor gets me through the day and is a very useful tool when making a point, pulling people together, teaching...whatever. I call what St. Luke's services are – Casual Elegance.
- 86.** I was coming out of building C and a choir member was right behind me. (robin Norell) She said to me that I probably didn't remember, but a long time ago we went on a St. Luke's couples weekend retreat together and she remembered my husband and me. She said she was so sorry about my husband passing away. I thanked her and said it's been 10 ½ years. We talked about how much fun the retreat was and named several others that was there too. I asked her what was her name and she said Robin. I said "I'm Mimi" and she said, "yes, I know." Before we got to the choir entrance another lady came up to talk with Robin so I continued on to my car. Just that few minutes made me feel so good that someone was aware of Ken and me from long ago and took time to mention that they cared. I brought to mind good memories of all the times Ken and I had together. I thought there is just another reason why I come to St. Luke's – the people are caring and we are like a family.
- 87.** Most of the pastors do not teach and preach about sin and the wrath of God or God's judgment. I have been coming here for years and listened to everyone on staff and rarely is the sin word mentioned other than in the prayers read off the screen or in a song or hymn. The sermons are mostly about personal experiences and not about things in the Old Testament. A person is a gay or lesbian feels welcomed here and can serve like anyone else. St. Luke's is a wonderful place for all to come and not have to listen to all that stuff about God's wrath and judgment day. I think everyone walks away feeling good after attending St. Luke's. Only the love of God is taught and not all that other stuff.
- 88.** Two very special ones. The first is when I called Karen Brown. Asking her if she knew of anyone that needed a caregiver for their child. She said God must have made this happen as she just talked to Karen Stokes who had asked her if she knew of anyone that could care for their baby boy. I cared for Matthew until he went to school and in the summers. He is now a Jr. at Dr. Phillips. Karen and I are still very close and Matthew has been like a grandchild to me. My second SS is when my dog Noelle and I joined Canine Crusaders taught by Val Almos, A true St. Luke's Saint. Noelle and I love going to Madison House and Ivy place. We visited for four years receiving much more than we gave.
- 89.** My name is Sue Overcash. I've been involved with St. Luke's since the early to mid '80'S AND HAVE SEEN A GREAT DEAL OF CHANGE OCCUR SINCE THEN. When I first started worshipping here, there was no main sanctuary. I believe that our members have grown in body and spirit, along with the additional buildings. The exercise classes held at St. Luke's are very important. Many members attend, as well as many non-members who live in the Orlando area. There are also a number of snow birds who have become involved with this ministry. There are many friendships formed as a result of these classes. And much support

(emotional, spiritual, etc) is given all the participants. I know 1st hand that one of the snow birds who attends the classes became very involved in one of the groups doing knitting and crocheting for the Heart to Hands groups. She took her experience back with her to the New York area and has started a group doing the same type of ministry there. I also am a great lover of animals and although I do not own a dog. I would certainly be involved with the Canine Crusaders Ministry if I did. I know that animals are very important to my mental health and I love the fact that we have the blessing of the animals. They are God's creatures just as much as we are. I think it's wonderful that our church reaches out to our neighbors in the community – all ages and colors and nationalities. I am proud to be affiliated with St. Luke's and hope to be with them for many more years.

90. I see children in Foster care blossom and gain self-confidence through the arts. Seven years ago I started ArtWorks with support from St. Luke's. Lynette Fields has been a guiding force since the beginning She has been instrumental in allowing me to reach my SS with Artworks. Artworks has touched the lives of over 240 foster children and 85 children living in poverty or troubled situations over 40 artists in the community have volunteered. One unexpected but additional SS has been a matching child in the Artworks program to artists who have volunteered for Artwork's. To date 3 artists have become mentors and have maintained an ongoing positive relationship with their child for over 2 years now. 2 mentors have even taken the extra step to have overnight visits and include the children in family and holiday activities.

91. For many years I kept praying to God for a real purpose in my life after I retired. Being involved with St. Luke's since 1993, I have attended groups, classes and dinners. Finally in the summer of 2009 I heard God speaking to me through the voice of my deceased sister. "What are you doing with your life? Why don't you care for seniors as my family cared for me?" I actually heard her speaking to me in her voice! Three months later I made the decision to open my own business for the purpose of caring for seniors in their own homes, to provide respite care for their loved ones, to care for seniors before or after nursing home or rehabilitation time. It is now 1 ½ years later and I truly feel I am part of the hands and feet of Jesus doing God's work in Orlando today. God is taking care of me and giving me the strength and health to work 8-12 hours, 6 days a week. And on Sunday I praise the Lord.