

# The Lyons Community Church

## Mid-Week Message

Thursday, January 21, 2016

Ever since I was a child, I can remember getting into trouble at school. It wasn't that I didn't know or understand the rules - it was that I had reasons why I didn't think they necessarily applied to me. For example, I was a high-energy kid (that will come as no shock to those of you who know me!) I knew I needed to listen to my teachers, but I just couldn't keep my rear-end in my seat or my lips shut while they were teaching. When I learned something new, I was excited and wanted to talk about it. When I was bored, I wanted to otherwise engage or distract myself. Sometimes I "got it" quicker than other kids and was eager to move on. Sometimes I felt like I was never going to get it, and would rather give up than keep trying.

Although I have grown and changed, I sometimes still have trouble understanding and embracing rules. I want things to make sense, to be fair and just. I want to debate and discuss and come to a better conclusion. I have trouble with authoritarians and those who comply with rules simply for the sake of obedience. If the rules are wrong or unjust, I want to change or rewrite them. It can be exhausting - always following my heart, often going against the grain. I wish I could just steer my life-raft into the Lazy River and relax back like everyone else.

But the only time I can simply float along is when I imagine a world in which God's laws have become the laws of our lands. Can you imagine a place where laws "revive our souls," "make wise the simple," bring "rejoicing [in] the heart," and "enlighten the eyes" [all quotes from this week's Psalm 19]? God's kingdom on earth - now THERE'S a regime I would be able to get in line with!

As long as our laws are used to strip certain people or groups of their dignity or humanity, as long as they favor the rich and connected and are exercised more harshly on the poor and weak, I can not rest or be lazy - and neither can you. Why not come get energized this Sunday and learn about some laws that are both life-giving and valuable? These are laws that even a natural rebel like me can wrap her arms around!

In rebellion against sin, in line with God - that's my prayer,

*Pastor Emily*



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## Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016

**Sermon:** Psalms of Our Faith #3:  
*What are God's Laws Like?* - Rev.  
Emily Flemming

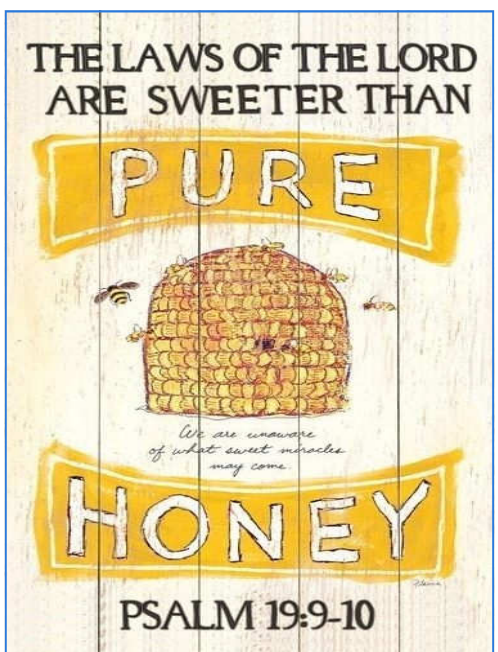
**Scripture:** Psalm 19

**Greeter:** Mark Browning

**Refreshments:** Pam Browning

**Flowers:** The Hunters

**Children:** Tanya or Holly



## Prayers

**Joys:** for birthdays of Karen Schwenn on 1/26, Geneva Thomas on 1/28, Jocelyn Bear on 1/29, Monica McGuckin on 1/30, Jerry Tabor on 1/31; for Mary's ongoing recovery and support, Brian's mother Carol Lee's 84th birthday, successful Senior Meal last Monday, beautiful music and choir last Sunday!

**Concerns:** Debi's friend Johnny McIntosh's ATV accident in KY, Jean's young Brazilian friend Malu trying to remain in the US for college,

Vance's ongoing search for affordable housing, Laurel's pain and ruptured disc, Pete's best friend in hospice, Ruth's sister's friend Joe Braus, deaths of Alan Rickman, David Bowie and others, current politicians and media - that love may be stronger than fear

*Current prayer team members include: Holly & Steve Beck, Mark Boys, Pam Browning, Sandi Fikes, Janet Freeman, Vance French, Alyssa Frideres, Ellen Hine, Jani Little, Steve Mikesell, Jerry & Jean Peila, Carol Pranschke, Richard & Deborah Salmon, Debbie Tabor, and Sandra Willis.*

### LYONS SENIORS COMING TOGETHER TO MAKE LYONS A HAPPENING PLACE TO AGE



Are you interested in the future of our aging community? Do you care what our community has to offer as you age? We are inviting people of all interests in the Lyons community to participate in a Community Conversation. This interactive conversation is an opportunity for you to share your vision of the future, and offer your opinion, concerns and suggestions. Please join us!

What helps you age well?  
What is your biggest struggle?  
We need to hear from YOU!

Join us for a **Community Conversation**, door prizes, music and fun!  
Meet the many interesting, experienced, talented, mature folks in your town.

Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 p.m.  
Lyons Community Church  
(donated space)

**Please RSVP by 1/18/16: 303-441-1585**

\*Transportation may be available\*

\*Light supper will be served\*

Presented by your neighbors and:



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