

# The Lyons Community Church

## Mid-Week Message

Thursday March 19, 2015

### Wooohooo!!

I usually focus these newsletters on future events more than reporting the past, but for those of you who missed last Sunday, you truly missed a special blessing! Our Lil White Church (String) Band led the worship music, and you could feel the Holy Spirit dancing through the church.

I say "(String)" because last week's normal band of stringed musicians and singers (Pam, Zeke, Annie, Vance, Jani, Sam and guest Don Jenkins, Emily Dusel's father - minus a few regulars who couldn't join) was expanded by one flutist. New member Ian Brighton did a lovely duet *His Eye is on the Sparrow* with Marilyn on the piano, and added an amazing flute part to our closing song, *Keep on the Sunnyside*. These photos can't do justice to the worship experience, but I know how gifted all of these musicians are, and I wanted to take a moment to truly thank them/you all for generously sharing your time (individual practice, group rehearsals and performance), talent, and passion with us all.



Wow...on the heels of a high like last Sunday, it is tough to be away from you again this coming Sunday - the last in the Lenten season. But Regis and I planned a Marriage Encounter (Christian marriage retreat) in Colorado Springs for this weekend, and we are looking forward to a few days alone together.

But have no fear - we have one of your favorite preachers, our very own Rev. Bob Shaw, who will bring you a message that I wish I could hear myself: "My mind is made up - Don't confuse me with the facts!" And the following Sunday - we'll be celebrating Palm Sunday and the Passion all rolled into one. From All-Age dramas to 6 Scripture readers and special music (please let me know if you'd like to read), it will be an unforgettable day.

So wishing you a "lucky" and lovely week - and until soon,

*Pastor Emily*



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### Sunday, March 22

**Sermon:** *My Mind Is Made Up - Don't Confuse Me with Facts* —  
Rev. Bob Shaw

**Scripture:** John 11:38-53

**Reader:** Debbie Tabor

**Flowers:** The Salmons

**Greeter:**

**Refreshments:** The Tabors

**Children's Time:** Kitty Keim and  
Carol Pranschke



You can check out any sermons you missed, or share other updates, info and announcements with the church on our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/  
LyonsCommunityChurch](http://www.facebook.com/LyonsCommunityChurch)

## Prayers...

**JOY** for the coming of spring, beautiful flowers, singing birds, and the healing and renewal represented in new beginnings, for the Lil White Church (String) Band and the gorgeous worship music last week, Tabor's return from AZ, our church and town community

**CONCERN** for Brian W's open-heart surgery on March 20th and recovery, Jerry's sister Cheryl's biopsy, Rick's recovery (now out of ICU), Dawn's mother Lorraine, Sandi and Jerry Fikes, Donna Lee, Alice's hospitalization, Steve M. in assisted living in Greeley, Mark's brother Russell, Terry Ross, Kendra, Debbie's sister and brother-in-law Richard, Mary C's dad, Nancy's uncle, the affordable housing vote.

You may make prayer requests or join the Prayer Team anytime by contacting Pastor Emily or Chair Kitty Keim ([kathkeim@earthlink.net](mailto:kathkeim@earthlink.net)).



**Birthday Joys: Richard Salmon, celebrating on March 26.**

## Announcements

Our Lenten Bible study will conclude this Tues from 6-7pm in Wesleyan Hall. We had a large, vibrant group last week - won't you join us?

The Worship Committee will meet Tues, 3/24 from 1-3pm in Wesleyan Hall to plan worship through July. All are welcome to attend or send input to members Pam, Sam, Deborah, Ruth, Monica and Karen.

Next Sunday is Palm and Passion Sunday - be ready for a rousing All-Age Drama to reenact Jesus's triumphal entry to Jerusalem, followed by a more somber reading of the Passion story, Jesus's road to the cross. We need 6 Scripture readers - please let Emily know if you are interested!

We are delighted to welcome new church members through baptism, profession of faith or membership transfer on Sunday, April 26th. Please see Pastor Emily if you have questions or would like to join us.

We will be creating a church directory with photos this spring. Please correct your contact information with Karen Schwenn), and email your photos (not larger than 4MB) to [LCCOffice@lyonscommunitychurch.org](mailto:LCCOffice@lyonscommunitychurch.org), or ask Regis to snap your photo on a Sunday morning. Many thanks - we can't wait to get the new directory in your hands!



## Mark your calendars

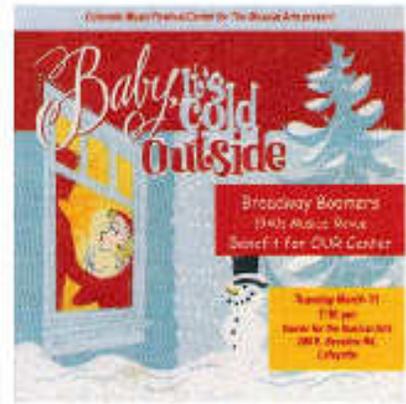
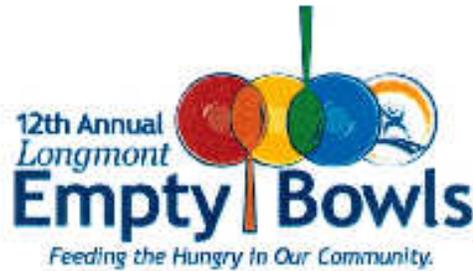
- Good Friday service - 7pm **April 3rd**, special music and unloading burdens
- Saturday **April 4th** - fundraiser for Rick England at Oskar's
- Easter Sunday Celebration - 10am **April 5th** worship service, followed by brunch and annual egg hunt in Wesleyan Hall
- 9Health Fair - Saturday, **April 18th**, 7am-12 noon, Middle/High School

United Methodist History and Beliefs class - Sunday **4/19 and 4/26** from 8:30-9:30am in Wesleyan Hall



ANNOUNCING...

Benefits for



Dear Faith Community Partners:

Would you please share the enclosed information with your congregation?

As one of our long-standing supporters, we invite your congregation to take part in two fun events in March to benefit OUR Center:

- Our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Bowls event is on Saturday, March 28 at Longmont High School. Doors open at 10:30 for bowl selection and auction bidding. The meal is served 11:00 to 1:00. It is a great deal of fun for the whole community and raises money specifically for our food program, the largest service we provide. Sponsorships are available, which include tickets and recognition. Individual tickets are \$20 pre-event (\$25 at the door if available).
  - *See enclosed flyer for more ways to participate!*
- The first ever "Broadway Boomers Benefit" for OUR Center is on Tuesday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Center for the Performing Arts in Louisville, CO. Join us for a Broadway-style musical extravaganza! Tickets are \$20.

Tickets for both events can be purchased as follows:

- Visit [www.ourcenter.org](http://www.ourcenter.org) "Events" to order via VISA or MasterCard.
- Come to the OUR Center Intake Office, 303 Atwood St., Longmont, weekdays 8 am – 4 pm.
- Call 303-772-5529 to place your debit or credit card order.
- In addition, Empty Bowls tickets can be purchased at Crackpots, 505 Main St., Longmont. Call 303-776-2211 or visit [www.ecrackpots.com](http://www.ecrackpots.com) for hours and information.

Please let us know if you have questions, would like more information, or would like the flyers via email (and please provide the appropriate email address). Details on both events are included on the enclosed flyers. We hope to see you there!

Elaine Klotz, OUR Center Development Director

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# Spring Lay Servant Classes

April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 2015

Berthoud United Methodist Church

820 9th Street

Berthoud, CO



**"Basic Course"** – Led by Judy Stout

The basic course for Lay Servant Ministries guides you to discover & employ your gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship.

**"Opening Ourselves to Grace"** – Led by Forrest Barclay

This course explores the basic practices of Christian faith and life from a Wesleyan perspective, including a presentation of Wesley's understanding of spiritual practice, Bible study and other helpful resources.

**"Planning Worship"** – Led by Pastor Dave Lillie

This course builds on the course *Leading Worship*, and is grounded in the principles and practices of worship planning.

**"Bible Study Skills for Leaders"** – Written & Led by Bob Dexter

This course will offer tools and concepts to assist leaders of Bible Studies. Bob is a retired Elder from the Indiana Conference who now resides in Colorado.

*\* Additional courses for Certified Lay Speaker can be found on line at [BeADisciple.com](http://BeADisciple.com).*

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Spring Lay Servant Classes - April 11<sup>th</sup> 8 am - 5pm, April 12<sup>th</sup> 2-4 pm

**\*Enrollment Form – Please fill out ALL information\***

Indicate Course Choice     "Basic Course"                       "Opening Ourselves to Grace"  
    "Planning Worship"                       "Bible Study Skills for Leaders"

Early Bird Tuition (March 28st) for all courses is \$35, which includes course materials and lunch on Saturday. After March 28st, tuition will be \$40. [Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions before the class](#)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church \_\_\_\_\_ District/Subdistrict \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_ .00

Note: For Basic Course only – Pastor's recommendation required: [  ] Attached [  ] Will follow

Pre-register by email and/or mail this enrollment form and tuition fee by March 28<sup>th</sup> 2015

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