

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

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Arise and Shine - it's Easter Time!

Dear brothers and sisters,

Despite the snow still lingering about town, the Easter season is upon us. We celebrated a beautiful **Palm and Passion Sunday** this past weekend, with a record turn-out crowd and all-age worship (the kids stayed in church). The wet, heavy snow and cold temps couldn't keep folks away from the enchanting melodies of the **Blue Canyon Boys**, who urged us to "get down on our knees and pray" and lean into the breast of Jesus as they wished us a "good night." Thanks to Gary, Jason, Drew



and Chris, who called themselves our "House Band" for Palm Sunday - we hope you'll pencil us in for next year!

We also enjoyed a wonderful **All-Age drama**, "Rejoice, O Daughters of Zion," written by Carol, with production assistance by Jani and Kitty. Matt played a believable and profound Jesus, and King Steve and Queen Jani are characters that will live on in our memory. Special thanks to Vance for his haunting and original ukulele solo, which kicked off the story. And kudos to the rest of our cast: Debbie, Emma, Mollie, Maddie, Hannah, Haley, Keith, and Pam. If you are interested in our next production, please let Carol, Kitty, or Jani know.

So... this is a FULL and Holy Week. Why not join us for a moment of quiet reflection in the chaos? **Friday night at 7pm** we'll walk from the Last Supper to the Garden where Jesus was betrayed, into the Courts where he was sentenced, on to the Cross, where he died, and into the Tomb, where he was laid to rest. There will be no sermon, but many special readings and music. The service is all-age (no childcare will be provided). All are welcome to experience the mystery of the Passion story, and to encounter Jesus in his final days on earth.



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Easter Sunday, April 20

Sermon: *Arise and Live
Like Easter People*

Pastor Emily Flemming

Scripture: John 20:1-10

Reader: Vance French

Musicians: The Railsplitters

Greeter: Mark Browning

Altar Flowers: The Shaws

Refreshments: All are invited to go downstairs after worship for the Potluck Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring food to share.

Prayers...

Joy for the new beginnings of Resurrection, comfort for Jeanne, Maureen's transplant, death of Naomi (Geneva's cousin), Darwin's cancer (Ray's brother), Laurel's successful surgery, Bob's respiratory infection, the families with Duane's RVs (Schey, Leonard/Bishop, and Conigliero), and those overwhelmed by community commitments

Pastor's Message (continued)

We hope to see a big crowd of teens at the church on **Saturday night** to dye, stuff and hide Easter eggs for the children. Dinner will be served (**so please RSVP**) and we'll watch an Easter movie. We'll start at 5pm, and should be done between 7-8pm. Parents, friends, and anyone else from the church is welcome to join us!



Then pull out your Easter dresses and bonnets (or your most comfy jeans and tees) for next Sunday - it will be an Easter Celebration and we are excited that **The Railsplitters** will be with us to lead the worship music. Come on out to hear the inspiring, award-winning music of Lauren, Peter, Dusty and Leslie - and you may wanna come a bit early since we expect a large crowd. Stick around afterwards for a **potluck brunch** and Easter egg hunt.



Better get down on my knees - there's a LOT to cover in prayer this week! Won't you join me?

Pastor Emily

The Railsplitters are Riding into Town!

by Carol Pranschke

Easter Sunday, always a special time at churches, arrives on Sunday April 20 this year. Lyons Community Church has cooked up something wonderful for its celebration that day. This little church with a hankering for fine bluegrass music is honored to feature The Railsplitters at its 10:00 a.m. worship service. The 2013 winners at RockyGrass, The Railsplitters (<http://www.therailsplitters.com/>) are ready to let it rip! (Make that riff!) Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, and hearing The Railsplitters, you will feel that you too are renewed! (Hope that's not too blasphemous for you non-music-loving types) This group has it all: female vocals, male vocals, innovative bass player Leslie Ziegler, the haunting, enchanting voice of lead singer Lauren Stovall, and masterful pickers Dusty Rider on banjo and Peter Sharpe on mandolin. They excel at ballads, instrumentals and dance tunes; they put their hearts and their fast fingers into a wide range of music! They are no strangers to original music either, writing many tunes themselves, working individually and as a group.

Growing up Catholic in Chicago, I did not hear music like this at old St. Hilary's. All are invited to hear the high-energy Railsplitters at Lyons Community Church and to enjoy their blend of music like you may never have heard it before! You may find yourself dancing in the aisles, and that's all good; we will be dancing too!

Bonus Tip - Did you know that Lyons Community Church has great acoustics, and the musicians who grace the dais often express a wish to come back because the sound is so good? Come on by and let the music, and the celebration of the day, help your heart soar!

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**Lyons Community
Foundation
Annual Easter Blood Drive**

Sunday, April 20, 2014, 10am-2pm

Sandstone Park near Walt Self Senior Center

To sign up in advance and for more information: www.bonfils.org, [303 363-2300](tel:3033632300)

Eat a full meal and drink plenty of water before donating blood. Allow about an hour to complete the donation process.



Lyons 9Health Fair

Mark your calendars: the **Lyons 9Health Fair** will be Saturday, May 3rd from 7am-12noon at the Lyons Middle/High School. Over 20 free health screenings are offered and volunteers are needed. Ask Pam Browning for more details.



Caregiving Symposium

If you provide part-or full-time care for an older family member or friend, or if you are interested in learning more about local resources for caregiver support, you are invited to the **Caregiving Symposium**, a free event sponsored by Boulder County Area Agency on Aging, on **Thurs. May 22nd 10am-5pm** at the Plaza Convention Center, 1850 Industrial Circle in Longmont. The Symposium features a large resource fair, workshops on caregiving issues, lunch and more. For details and (free) registration, visit www.caregivingsymposium2014.eventbrite.com, call 303-441-1685, or stop by that day. Free on-site elder care is available by reservation: 303-441-1543.



Photo: Morgane Daty, daughter of Tanya and Gabriel, placed 4th along with her team in the national ice skating competition of the 2014 ISI (Ice Skating Institute) Synchronized Championship in Wisconsin last weekend. Congratulations!

The Renaissance Project

Join The Renaissance Project and celebrate one of the most masterful and prolific composers of the Renaissance, William Byrd of England. The Boulder-based *a cappella* choir has paired Byrd's complex and sonorous music with sacred and secular works by 16th-century composers of the Continent as well as 21st-century works by Javier Busto of Spain and Emilyn Inglis of Lyons, Colorado.

May 3, 2014 / 7:30pm
Lyons Community Church, 350 Main Street, Lyons

May 4, 2014 / 4:00pm
Pine Street Church, 1237 Pine Street, Boulder

Ticket Prices: \$10 or \$8 for Seniors/Students

Palm Sunday

April 13,
2014



Photos: Richard Salmon, Debi Salmon, and Gareth Boys, all readers from Palm Sunday, Pastor Emily Flemming, and cookies prepared for Easter.