

# The Lyons Community Church

## Mid-Week Message

Thursday, April 24, 2014

### *Easter: it ain't over til it rains* *"tongues of fire"*

Dear brothers and sisters,

This edition of our newsletter is filled with photos and enough information to tide you over for the next two weeks (we wish Kim a wonderful break next week!).

I'll begin by saying that my first Easter Season kick-off with you was a BLAST! From a Holy Week jump-started by an action-packed Palm Sunday with around 75 people, filled with meetings (Youth Council, Children's Committee, and Ministry Council) where exciting plans were made for the future of our ministries, to the quiet but powerful conclusion of Holy Week with a reflective Good Friday service, where over 20 people prayed, meditated and shared the Last Supper.

We were ready to let the resurrection celebrations begin, so the youth event on Saturday night was the perfect answer: 16 t(w)eens and 10 adults gathered in Wesley Hall downstairs (yes - with a Catholic Easter Mass going on above us in the sanctuary!) to dye and stuff Easter eggs, as well as cut out paper lilies for the Sunday bulletins and make the bags to entertain the kids during Sunday worship. It was a great evening, with delicious food and a fun movie (Hop) - and the youth are looking forward to a few monthly events this summer before starting up a more regular program this coming fall.

Before a bunny could wiggle his whiskers, it was bright and early on Easter Sunday morning, and God blessed us with a magnificent sunrise (or should I say Son-rise) to usher in the celebration! The Railsplitters blessed us with beautiful music, and nearly 20 kids joined in the All-Age Story (which included learning a song and dance... but hey, if you can't dance on Easter to celebrate the new life found in Jesus Christ, when can you dance?!?). The church and adjoining fellowship hall were filled to capacity with around 160 people, and a few Easter bonnets and fancy digs were spotted in the crowd. I preached an analogy of the resurrection of our Town from September's flood - you can check out the link on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/LyonsCommunityChurch](http://www.facebook.com/LyonsCommunityChurch)) or directly on our YouTube site ([www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com), then search for

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### Sunday, April 27

**Sermon:** *Easter Season 2:*  
*Mary Magdalene : What Do I*  
*Need to Let Go Of?*

Pastor Emily Flemming

**Scripture:** John 20:11-18

**Reader:** Deb Tabor

**Greeter:**

**Altar Flowers:** Sam Miller and  
Bonnie Richards

**Refreshments:** Tanya Daty

### Church Conference

An All-Church Conference has been set for Thursday, May 15 at 6:30pm to discuss and vote on the upcoming church renovation. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Walter "Skip" Strickland, will officiate the meeting. All members of Lyons Community Church are encouraged to attend.

### Prayers...

Gratitude to all who attended Easter Sunday, Debi and Ruth, and all who made the events of Holy Week a delight. Comfort and healing for Jeanne, Bob and Laurel, Alice, Ray Sr. and Geneva, and all the unspoken requests.

## *Pastor's Message* (continued)

Lyons Community Church) if you'd like to catch the message.

But in case you didn't know - Easter is no one-day or one-week celebration. In fact, it's a **50-day** celebration that doesn't end until tongues of fire come raining down from the heavens (and we celebrate the birthday of the church on Pentecost). It's an exciting Easter Season, so I've planned a special sermon series focused on the visits that Jesus makes after he is raised from the dead, and before he ascends into heaven. No zombie apocalypse stories, though - I promise!



We'll kick off this week where we left off last Sunday - with Mary Magdalene's return visit to the no-longer-so-empty tomb. She just wants to hold on to Jesus for a little while. Next week, we'll meet (doubting) Thomas, who needs to not only see to believe, but also to touch. On May 11th, we'll take a break to celebrate how we all care for our children as we redefine Mother's Day. On May 18th, we'll join Peter and the fisherman at the seashore (as well as celebrate Lillian's first birthday), and on May 25th, we'll walk a road to Emmaus (nowhere) together.

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**April 27:** "What do I need to let go of?" Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18)

**May 4:** "What's it going to take for me to believe?" Thomas (John 20:19-29)

**May 11:** Redefine Mother's Day - Loving and Equipping Young People is Everyone's Work

**May 18:** "Am I ready to add hands to my heart?" Peter and the fishermen (John 21:1-17)

**May 25:** "Where (and why) am I headed?" Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)

I hope you'll consider joining us for this Easter Season journey. For where paths cross and pilgrims gather, there is much to share and celebrate!

*Pastor Emily*

## **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 care-giving issues, lunch and more. [www.caregivingsymposium2014.eventbrite.com](http://www.caregivingsymposium2014.eventbrite.com), will provide you with details and registration, or call 303-441-1685, or stop by that day. Free on-site elder care is available by (free) reservation: 303-441-1543.

## **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.

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

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

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

The mission of *The Renaissance Project* is to create opportunities for people to sing, learn about, and perform great choral music of the Renaissance and other periods in a small choir setting. For more information, please visit us at [www.renaissanceprojectboulder.org](http://www.renaissanceprojectboulder.org)



Above left: Some of the artwork provided by Ruth Wilson and Deborah Salmon.

Above right: The Railsplitters on Easter morning.  
Below: Easter Eve Party for the youth.





# Easter, 2014

**Left:** Baby Dominick attending his first church service with his family (Jeff and Marina Appleby and big sister Makayla)

**Above:** Lillian with Tanya & Morgane Daty at the Easter brunch

**Below:** 20 children gather for the All-Age Story on Easter Sunday, learning about how eggs symbolize new life just like the empty tomb of Jesus"

