

# The Lyons Community Church

## Mid-Week Message

Friday, May 1, 2015

Dear church community,

Thank you for your prayers and presence at last Sunday's baptism and new member reception celebration! We were 80 strong, with almost 20 children, and were blessed to receive 5 adults (with 9 kids among them) into membership. It felt like Easter Sunday all over again - flowers, food, fellowship and fun...

But suddenly we are whipped back into the present - it's a few weeks after Easter, and we vaguely know that Jesus is risen, but our daily lives are filled with hardships. Our fishing nets are empty, our eyes are bloodshot from sleepless nights tossing and turning, and we can hardly see what's on the horizon just ahead of us. We are blinded by physical or emotional pain, cut down by betrayal, left reeling in the wake of greed and malice, or contemplating the heavy weight of our own guilty conscience.

In these darkest moments, we hear a voice calling out our names and sharing some sound advice, "Drop your nets on the other side of the boat. Listen to me and follow what I say. There is still hope for you. I am the way which leads to life and joy."

Even after his death, Jesus is our teacher. And no matter how many times we fail or disappoint him, he still welcomes us as his disciples. He even spreads his arms wide to welcome in Simon Peter, the "Rock" upon whom he planned to build his revolution of love. Peter denied their relationship 3 times around a smoldering fire, but Jesus shows up on the shores of Peter's life, in a moment of darkness, perhaps interrupting a colossal pity party, to cook him a warm breakfast. Even though Peter betrayed him, Jesus stretched out the hand of Christian fellowship (as we discussed last week), offering acceptance and belonging.

Jesus chooses showing up for a relationship over his bruised ego, offering discipleship despite his own broken heart - and in doing so, he models a way for us to move forward in life when we are broken and grieving. He blazes a path to forgiveness and well-being. And he fills our bellies along the way, so that we may be strengthened to continue the difficult journey that leads to life and joy.



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### Sunday, May 3

**Sermon:** *The Uprising of Discipleship - Following to Lead* - Pastor Emily Flemming (3rd in a 5-week series on Post-Easter Uprisings)

**Scripture:** John 21:12-15 (MSG)

**Reader:** Deb Tabor

**Refreshments:** The Boys Family

**Greeters:** Janet Freeman

**Flowers:** Given by The Mailto Family to celebrate Lia's 12th birthday

**Children's Time:** Sarah Hunter

### *Pastor's Message* (continued)

It's been a rough few weeks for me - how about you? I could use a hot breakfast on the lakeshore with Jesus right about now...

*Pastor Emily*

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...

**Joys for** baptism of Blake and Hailey, new members Jocelyn, Blake, Sandra, Tanya and Emily, Kim's return and health, beautiful worship and music last Sunday, upcoming birthdays of Tristan Dady (5/5), Jeff Appleby (5/6), Sally King (5/8), Zeke Little (5/8), Mary Beckstrom (5/9), and Jani's daughter Kate's 25th in Chile, Beck's Italian exchange student Alessandra arriving in August, the official adoption of James Paxton Liquori to Robin and Nancy, along with Nana Aggie, sisters Abby and Joni, and little brothers (for now) Sammy and Benny

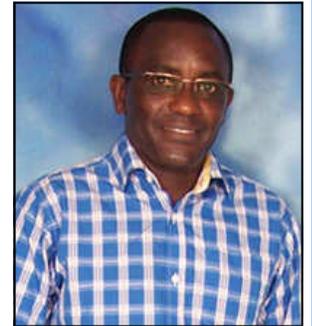
**Concerns for** victims of volcano in Chile, earthquake in Nepal, riots in Baltimore, Vance and dying cat, Pam's grandmother's and Deb O'Connor's recovery, Marie and Ken Baker, Mary's friend Lori who lost husband and best friend, Mary at the pharmacy, Robinson family, baby Alex's recovery from pneumonia and sepsis, Mary Chase and family, the Fikes, Steve M., Kathy R., 218 missing Nigerian girls abducted by Boko Haram

*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).*

## Announcements

There is a Trustees Meeting, **Saturday, 5/2** at 9:00am; breakfast will be served.

Special offering **Sunday, 5/3**, we will be taking up a collection during Communion Sunday for United Methodist missionary Ken Koome (pictured to the right), who needs a new truck. Ken serves Angola (Africa), a country that suffered 40 years of warfare and is trying to piece their lives back together. Please come prepared to support this special, one-time offering.



Teaching Our Children the Stories of Our Faith workshop by Sacred Stones Ministries is this Sat. **May 9th** 9am-4pm, \$5 incl. lunch (this will be our VBS team for August's week-long summer camp).

Youth Group will meet Sunday, **May 17th** in Christine and Mark Boys' home 12:30-3:30 with pizza. Adult volunteers also welcome!

A new group for non-meeting-lovers is being formed: **e-comm.** will be taking a look at overhauling/streamlining our church's website, Facebook page, directory and welcome packet/info. If you are tech-saavy, enjoy social media, or have a gift for hospitality, and are looking for a way to get involved, please let Emily know.

Sandra Willis is seeking a home health care position for three days a week. Her phone number is 678-882-9391.

Please have Regis snap a photo of your family **after church Sunday** - we are making a new Directory with photos and would love to include you.

## URGENT REQUEST FOR OUR CENTER VOLUNTEERS -

The arrival of spring brings new opportunities to help the community by volunteering at the OUR Center. Our long-term volunteers who have been gleaning produce from the Boulder County Farmers Market are no longer able to do so. Therefore, we have an IMMEDIATE need for volunteers to go the Farmers Market at the Boulder County Fairgrounds on Saturdays from now through the end of October to gather produce that farmers are willing to donate for our food program, the largest service we provide in helping families become self-sufficient. We are looking for a team of people that can take turns so the time commitment is not great on any one family or individual. Volunteers are responsible for getting boxes to the booths of donor farmers, collecting the food at the end of the market (1:00), and bringing the food to OUR Hospitality Center. Adequate transportation is required; training is provided.

This gleaned food equals thousands of pounds of nutritious fresh fruits and vegetables that are made available to people in need.

Please contact Jennifer McNeill, Volunteer Coordinator, at [jennifer@ourcenter.org](mailto:jennifer@ourcenter.org), or 303-772-5529 ext. 235 or for more information.

# **Sacred Stones Ministries, Inc.**

## **Teaching the Stories of Our Faith** ***A Workshop for Those in Ministry with Children***

### **Topics include:**

Small Group Dynamics and Community Building for Families

Special Needs Ministry – Visible and Unseen Challenges

Safe Sanctuaries

Developmental Theories and Learning Styles

Helping Children Reach a Deeper Spiritual Level

Liturgical and Special Seasons

*Please indicate which workshop you will attend:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Gillette UMC, Gillette, Wyoming on Saturday, April 25

\_\_\_\_\_ Lyons UMC, Lyons, Colorado on Saturday, May 9

Each workshop is from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The cost is \$5.00 per person, to be collected at the event.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies/Special health concerns/needs:

### **Photo Release**

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail completed registration form to:*

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