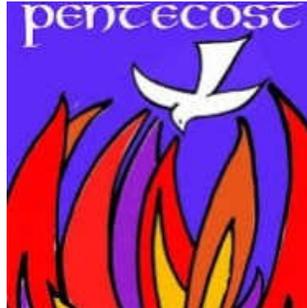


The Lyons Community Church Mid-Week Message

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Dear friends and neighbors,

Where I grew up, using the adjective "Pentecostal" was dangerous - it invoked images of spontaneous language outbursts in a worship service, or pastors dancing and hopping down the center aisle. There were "faith healings" where people got knocked upside the head (sometimes for the TV cameras), and there was always a long, drawn-out altar call (and plea for financial support). But all of those (for me,) negatively-charged elements are modern distortions of a very important, Biblically-grounded celebration - The Feast of Pentecost.



In the early Christian church, Pentecost was a religious holiday celebrated 50 days after the Jewish Passover, when Jesus Christ was crucified. Now, we celebrate on the 7th Sunday after Easter (my, how time flies!) If you join us this Sunday (wear red clothes if you'd like), we'll read how the third element of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, was given to us as Christians. It wasn't a gentle, pleasant gift from God; rather there were foundation-rocking winds, blazing hot tongues of fire, lots of noise, confusion, and drama. (Not your typical Sunday - but many elements you recognize!)

Today, we recognize Pentecost as the birthday of the church - the day when people from many nations were made one in Christ through the Holy Spirit. Done well, it is a celebration of unity, an invitation into a sense of revival, and the recognition of an actual, physical, God-presence among and within us. There is much to share and delight in - and we hope you'll join us for the festivities.

Until then, red-hot Spirit blessings to you and yours,

Pastor Emily



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Sunday, May 15, 2016

Sermon: (Re)-Defining Home #1:
Keep the Home Fires Burning -
Pastor Emily Flemming

Scripture: Acts 2:1-12 (TLB)

Reader:

Musicians: The Little White Church
Band

Flowers: Regis and Emily, in honor
of Lillian's 3rd birthday

Refreshments: The McGuckins

Greeter: Vance French



Prayers

Joys: birthdays of Lillian Schoedel (5/18), Raphaelle Daty and Natalie Bear (5/20), and Jerry Peila (5/21); last Sunday's paper flowers to celebrate mothering (thanks, kids!); Tanya and Holly's joy that the LES PTO fundraiser was a \$23k+ success; LaVern's honor in having Meadow Park renamed after her; Lyons Seniors ongoing monthly meetings; Ron is helping Trustees oversee new subcontractor to finish the roof, siding and window repairs (THANK YOU!); new babies on the way

Concerns: for Geneva and her sick dog Mickey; traveling mercies for Janet (first trip in long while, to WI) and LaVern (to Raleigh, NC for grandson's college graduation from Duke - and his new job in Washington D.C.); death of Beck's neighbor Carrie (leaving 2 children behind); Dr. Mike Allen's back surgery and healing; 100th birthday and death soon thereafter of Steve's godmother Millie; Linda Hubbard, the 2 young Foreman brothers who drowned last Sunday in Pinewood

Requests? Kitty Keim, Chair: kathkeim@earthlink.net, tel. 303-823-6586 **Prayer team:** Pastor Emily, Holly and 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 and Deborah Salmon, Debbie Tabor and Sandra Willis.

Below is from Long's Peak UMC in Longmont:



**LPUMC SUMMER
MUSIC & DRAMA CAMP**

**Mark Your Calendar:
June 13-17, 2016**

Performances 9:30 AM-3:00 PM Daily at LPUMC
(off-site Day of Fun on June 15)
Friday June 17 7:00 PM Open to All Students Finishing Grades 1-8
Sunday June 19 During Both Services
Audition & Registration Info Available by May 8
More Info: Kay Lloyd
303-776-0399 music@lpumc.org

Announcements

The United Methodist General Conference (global meeting every 4 years) is meeting in Portland from **May 10-20th**. Please pray for our delegates and the Church as we wrestle with difficult and divisive issues.

Pastor Emily will attend a School of Celtic Consciousness with scholar John Philip Newell next Tuesday through Thursday (**May 17-19**) in Estes Park. She will not keep office hours this week but is available via phone and email (limited access).

May 16th is the Senior Meal at the Walt Self Center.

May 17th is Ministry Council Meeting, at 6:30pm.

Sunday May 22nd from 9:00-11:00am we are planning to clean up around the church yard. We will then celebrate a worship service in our work clothes. Bring your garden tools, work gloves, and water bottles. That week we will also celebrate Children's Ministry.



Bible study will meet **May 24th**. We will then take a break over the summer and resume in the fall.

Poetry

Shoveling.... A metaphor for life

Versatile
Multi-dimensional
Skillful manual labor tool
Spade shovel, post shovel, flat shovel,
Pitch fork?
Grading, turning, digging, smoothing, tilling, sifting
Fun creative jobs, back breaking sweaty jobs
Busy work jobs
An always ready lean post
Restful trusty friend
Sowing wisely,
You reap
Bountiful harvests
Enriched with organic non-GMO fertilizer
Spreading endless ground cover
to stem the relentless tide of weeds
Marching to choke off the careful work of the shovel
"You can't stop 'em, you can only hope to contain 'em"
Nurturing, growing, building, or burying
Repetitive thought technical application
Mind and body synchronicity
Obtaining the desired outcome result

By: Martin Soosloff

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