

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Thursday, May 14, 2014



Building Hope & Promise...starts with a healthy breakfast

Dear brothers and sisters,

Despite the snow, sleet and hail of last week, spring is in the air - the lilacs are blooming fragrantly, the iris are standing proudly, and the birds are singing joyfully. I love springtime because there is an almost palpable sense of hope in the air - you can smell it, feel it, and deeply know that this is a new beginning.

When I'm really busy, though (as I am in the next few weeks trying to wrap up my graduate studies in theology), it's sometimes hard to enjoy the birdsong and flowers without starting my day with a cup of hot coffee. I give Lillian a warm bottle and we sit on the porch watching the day slowly begin (though the heavy construction machinery out back in Meadow Park has been beeping for hours!).

Jesus reminds us, too, that a good breakfast is important. In John 21:1-17, he cooks breakfast on the beach after his resurrection as he watches the disciples unsuccessfully try to fish. There is some debate about this Jesus - was he in a bodily form? Or just a spirit? Why didn't the disciples recognize him? And why did they follow his advice without recognizing him? We'll examine these questions and more in this story together on Sunday with the question "Am I ready?"

We'll also be celebrating the kick-off of our summer renovation project and capital campaign, Building Hope and Promise. Many thanks to those leaders who have already made a pledge or contribution. We need around \$162,000 and will be announcing our progress on Sunday. We are planning to add ADA accessibility to both levels of our church, including new bathrooms and ramps, as well as repairing the sanctuary windows and paying for our A/C and furnace replacement. Any gift will help - \$25, \$100, \$500 or \$1000... or more. Just write BHP or building fund on your checks.



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Sunday, May 18

Sermon: Easter #5: Am I Ready?
- Pastor Emily Flemming

Scripture: John 21:1-17

Reader: Wanda Juzefczyk

Greeter: Annie Sirotniak & Brian Whitehead

Altar Flowers: Pam & Mark Browning

Refreshments: Emily Flemming & Regis Schoedel

Pastor's Message (continued)

So, if you own a hard-hat or 2, please bring them along. We're inviting the whole town to Wesley Hall (our Main St. level) at 11:30 to celebrate this exciting development in the life and ministry of our community church. I even found hard hats for the kids! Come and enjoy a life-giving worship service, a healthy "breakfast" and the kick-off of Building Hope and Promise.

In the midst of construction, physical and spiritual,

Pastor Emily

BYOH! or is that BYOHH?

by Carol Pranschke



Renovations are coming! Grab your hard hat and come over to Lyons Community Church (LCC) this Sunday at 11:30 a.m. You, your family and friends are invited to a celebration of gratitude and anticipation on May 18. Your hard hat is a party hat while we walk through the community meeting space (at the street-level doors at 350 Main St.) known as Wesley Hall, and hear about renovations that are coming this summer! Cake and punch will be served. Fun child-sized hard hats will be available for young ones in the crowd.

Representatives of church and town will be on hand as we share these high priority improvements, which include ADA accessibility enhancements such as an outside ramp, updated bathrooms and doors and easy-to-access parking. Not only do we want functional space, but many of us appreciate beautiful space as well. The plans include repairs to the cracked stained- and colored-glass windows at LCC, enhancing its use not only for worship services, weddings and memorials, but for meetings. Dreams are becoming reality and will help this community meeting space meet the needs of all.

You may want to consider making a donation so as to have a part in making these plans come true, but also feel comfortable coming to simply hear about the plans, which have been in the works for some time. Here's a quick timeline of what's been happening since early 2012: partnership with Montessori school in the parsonage, increase in the excellence of worship and music, creation of a long-range church ministry plan, the rapidly growing Food Pantry and Lyons Emergency Assistance Fund (LEAF) under full steam, new energy-efficient furnace and a/c installed, and over \$100,000 in grants and donations raised towards making Hope and Promise come true in Lyons!

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, 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.

Prayers...

Joys for Debbie and Jerry's daughter honored by the St. Vrain Valley school district, excellent behavior of recent Lyons High School band trip to Grand Junction, Victoria's sister Brenda's visit, Geneva's cousin Gene and friend Bob Cole both out of comas, thanks for mothers, fathers and care-givers of all kinds

Concerns for recent deaths of Jim Thompson and Scott, the Dairy Bar Manager, Carol's brother-in-law Bill's kidney tests, teenagers bullying, Kate's homesickness in Chile, Vance's mom Betty French, and the almost 300 girls abducted from school in Nigeria still missing a month later

Announcements

Wed May 21 at 6:30pm our children's committee will host the committee from the Mormon Church to begin planning Camp Noah. If you are interested in organizing volunteers for staff housing, refreshments, registration, or PR and communications (we need help now getting the word out!), please join us.

End of School Blowout: All church youth and children are invited to the Lyons Dairy Bar on Thursday May 22nd from 3-5pm to celebrate the end of school. The church will offer special treats for our kids. Parents can also register kids K-6 grade for our Camp Noah (July 28-Aug 1) during the party.