

The Lyons Community Church Mid-Week Message

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Dear friends and neighbors,

Thank you for helping make last Sunday's celebration of Pentecost a holy-rolling success! All of the red clothing, excited children, beautiful music from our Little White Church Band, and your sharing about how the Holy Spirit is moving in your lives inspired me. I agree with Ron and Steve - a resurrection revival is in the works!

This week, I am taking a little time out for some spiritual nourishment and renewal myself. I have long been interested in Celtic Spirituality and have the opportunity to spend 3 days with a Scottish scholar in Estes Park. It looks like the weather may be cold and snowy- but I hope that the impulses I receive there will keep me warm and energized for a long time to come.

Don't worry – I'll be back in plenty of time to join you on Sunday (though I hate to miss the burrito breakfast and yard clean-up day!) The 11:00am worship service will be casual (feel free to wear your gloves and grubs!), all-age and kid-friendly (no Sunday School, but nursery will be available). We will be honoring all of the volunteers who make our children's education programs possible (so please join us to be recognized) *Spoiler alert: there will be an impromptu Scripture drama, so please consider whether or not you'd like an acting role in the story of the Prodigal Son.*

We are all "lost children" in some ways – choosing to make the journey of life on our own, failing to connect with others around us, without the encouragement and support that we need. Sometimes we pursue our own goals, and find ourselves at a dead end. What amazing love that our God shows us, to always welcome us back home with arms (and heart and doors) flung wide open! There is nothing we can do to separate ourselves from God's love, try as we might. So we'll honor the wandering soul within us this week, as we rejoice in our own child-like natures and celebrate a special kind of homecoming. Hope you'll join us.

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All-Age Worship Sunday, May 22, 2016

Sermon: (Re)-Defining Home #2:
Always Welcome - Pastor Emily Flemming

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32 (MSG)

Reader: Nancy Reckling

Refreshments: At 8:30 (see below)

Greeter: Sandra Willis

Clean-Up Sunday

Sunday May 22nd from 9:00-11:00am we are planning to clean up around the church yard. There will be a delicious breakfast (with burritos, coffee and other goodies) at 8:30am, thanks to Deb Tabor and friends. We will celebrate a worship service in our work clothes. Bring your garden tools, work gloves, and water bottles.



Prayers

Joys: birthdays of James Brighton, Maddie Dusel, Susanna Moore and Ray Thomas, Sr. (his 91st) all on 5/22; Geneva's puppy Mickey's health; traveling mercies for Annie and the young adults heading to Nicaragua with Global Brigades – for their safety, open hearts, and transformational experience

Concerns: Foreman family from Pinewood in the loss of their sons; Vance's mother Betty; those suffering illness (Sonny, Geoffrey, Geoffrey's mom Jackie, Chuck); Steve's nephews Joel Walter and Harrison; Janet and LaVern both traveling; Carrie's young family in the wake of her passing; Dr. Mike Allen's recovery; Linda Hubbard; ongoing renovations at the church

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.

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 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).

Sunday May 22nd we will celebrate **Children's Ministry**. Consider this an invitation to all kids and adults who have volunteered with our children in the past year (for you will be recognized!).

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

Please join us next Sunday for Memorial Day weekend, as we recognize all who have paid the ultimate price for our freedoms.



St. Vrain Valley UMC Youth Ministry Gathering

Sunday, June 5
5:00 – 7:00 PM



All Area UMC Youth Who Have
Completed Grades 5-12 are Invited!

Come play games, eat delicious food, and enjoy the fellowship
of other Methodist youth from the St. Vrain Valley!

FREE!

Willow Farm Park
901 S Fordham Street
Longmont, CO 80503

Your friends are also welcome! For questions or to
RSVP by May 25th, please see your Pastor TODAY!

