

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Journey Through June

Dear friends and neighbors,

It has been an exciting week in the Flemming/Schoedel household! I finally wrapped up my coursework and final exams to complete my three-year graduate program at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver. Soon, I will receive my Masters of Divinity (such a mysterious and wonderful name for a degree, don't you think?) I also met with the Board of our Lyons Emergency Assistance Fund (LEAF) and our new partners, the OUR Center in Longmont, to help plan spinning off this ministry into a separate non-profit to increase our fundraising and ability to support the flood recovery and ongoing basic needs of our Town. And last but not least, I packed our family for a 3-week vacation to Anderson, SC (my hometown), Munich (Germany) and Manchester (UK). No such thing as packing light with Lillian!

This trip is something that Regis and I have been planning since I began my studies at Iliff in 2011. It's been tough at times to continue saving money and to imagine taking along a one-year old (she wasn't in the original plan!) But we are very excited and blessed to be able to take some time away. We also received financial support from the Ministerial Education Fund of the Rocky Mountain Conference's United Methodist Church, and we are very grateful for that support.

Our physical journey begins this Friday, but while we are away, I know that you all will also be on a journey here in Lyons, and you have some exciting leaders to walk a while on your road with you. Here is what you have to look forward to while we are away:



This **Sunday, June 1st**, Rev. Roger Wolsey from the Wesley Foundation at CU Boulder will be bringing you a challenging and inspiring message, as well as sharing Holy Communion with you. Roger is the author of the book *Kissing Fish: Christianity for People who Don't Like Christianity* (2011). He has been with you before, and I hate to miss his visit. p.s. I heard he also plays trumpet under a bridge in Boulder sometimes - maybe he'll bring it along?

Next Sunday, I've invited Kelsey Hill, a friend and fellow United Methodist in the ordination process from Iliff, to share a Pentecost message with you. It's the "birthday" of the Christian church, *continued* →



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Sunday, June 1

Sermon: *Are We 'Post-sin'?* -
Pastor Roger Wolsey

Scripture: Matthew 5:38-48

Reader: Richard Salmon

Greeter:

Altar Flowers: Hunter Family

Refreshments: Curton Family

Pastor's special request:

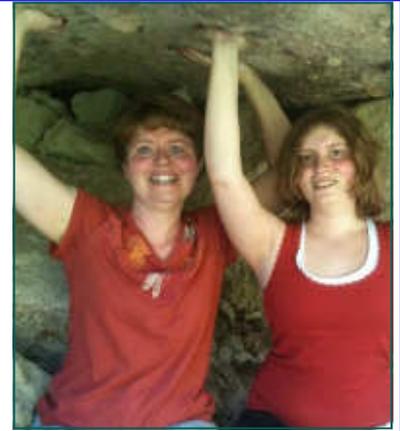
This edition of the Mid-Week Message will be the last electronic newsletter until I return in late June. Please take lots of photos while I'm away and email them to me or Kim so that we can include them in the next big mailing at the end of June. Thank you!



Pastor's Message (continued)

if you will, so dust off your party hats and get ready for a wild ride (for those that don't remember, the Bible sports tongues of fire from the heavens for this holiday!) Here, she's holding up the weight of the world with her daughter...

On Sunday, [June 15th](#) our own Rev. Diana Boulter will be sharing a message, and Rev. Bob Shaw will be leading the service. On the 5th Sunday of the month, [June 29th](#), they will flip-flop and Bob will be preaching, while Diana leads the service. I highly respect both of these seasoned ministers, and I am so grateful that they are both willing to still actively participate in the life and leadership of our church! On the 5th Sunday, we will also be graced by the *Lil White Church String Band* (what do you think, ladies and gents? Wanna jam together? If so, please let Zeke, Pam, or Annie know).



And on the 4th Sunday, [June 22nd](#), you are in for a real treat! Lisa Hunter of the Sacred House in Boulder will be with you to celebrate our interfaith relationships. Sacred House (www.sacredhouse.org) is a community gathering place for "spiritual but not religious" people, and Lisa began her life as a professional singer-songwriter. Her voice alone is an invitation to Divine connection. Read more about Lisa here: www.ceremonieswithlisa.com/about.

So as exciting as this past week has been for me, you all are in for much more excitement while we are away. Take care of one another, and if anyone needs pastoral support, please don't hesitate to call on Diana (303-747-2289 or 303-506-0592), Bob (303-823-6021 or 303-859-0249), or Jani (303-823-9220).

Love and blessings for all our journeys, *Pastor Emily*

Prayers...

Joys Graduations (incl. Zeke's grandson, Jake, from Niwot off to CSU this fall) and new beginnings, summer holidays (and the concern/anxiety that can cause), Janet's son's Lake Superior trip, Carol's gardening, the men and women who fight for our freedom and the Memorial Day holiday to recognize their sacrifices, our ongoing building renovation and capital campaign, Building Hope and Promise,

Concerns Jeanne, Betty French, Mary Hunt, Stu's friend in Texas, CA wildfires, UC Santa Barbara shooting, ongoing Nigerian situation of abducted girls, floods in Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia where 1 million people remain displaced, the ongoing recovery needs of our Town and our Lyons Emergency Assistance Fund (LEAF), which is trying to help meet some of them

While Pastor Emily is away, Kitty Keim (kathkeim@earthlink.net, home: 303-823-6586) will be accepting prayer requests, checking our Prayer Box at church, and organizing the Prayer Team if anyone needs them.

Camp Noah

Online registration is now open for **Camp Noah!** Your K-6th grade kids won't want to miss this exciting summer camp focused on flood recovery and building resiliency. It's free and happening July 28-August 1 from 9am-3pm. We have almost 40 kids already enrolled, so only 15 spots are left. Questions? See Emily or Holly. Or simply go to: www.campnoah.org to register today. See following page for more information.

Holly is coordinating housing for the 20 or so Lutheran volunteers coming to run Camp Noah for us (the Methodists) over at the local Mormon church... I know, it sounds like the beginning of a joke, but this is for real, and really exciting. Please let Holly know if you could host 2 or more adults or teens in your home Sunday, July 27 through Friday, Aug. 1st. They will be at camp all day and often have evening events, so a comfy bed and hot shower are all they'll need. Thanks!



Join us at Camp Noah!

CAMP NOAH is a nationally acclaimed resiliency and preparedness program for children.

CAMP NOAH IS FUN!

Food, games, crafts/projects, skits, music and more food for all!

Bring your FRIENDS!

Any elementary age child (1st-7th, Fall 2014) is welcome to attend one week of camp.

Parent APPROVED!

In recent surveys, 100% of parents said they would recommend Camp Noah to other parents.

Registration is FREE!

Plus—campers receive over \$150 worth of crafts and supplies.

Attend CAMP NOAH in your community



to register for Camp Noah visit us online at
www.campnoah.org



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