

# The Lyons Community Church

## Mid-Week Message

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Dear neighbors,

We've been having some funny weather this week in Lyons! It was hot and sunny on Sunday afternoon, and I asked Regis if we could take Lillian out for an evening walk to cool off. By the time we were ready to go, the sunlight had been replaced by dark clouds, and thick, heavy raindrops were filling the sky. So we waited... a half hour later, we set off with a few lingering drips, but to cool temps and overcast grayness that cuddled us in like a fuzzy blanket. It was a lovely evening for a walk.

But the way that darkness moved in so quickly and then stuck around for a while, reminded me of my own moods at different times in my life. Things can be going so well, sunny and bright, successes all around, and then suddenly - always unexpectedly - I get a phone call or an email, and the sunlight is shattered by a darkness I can almost reach out and touch. It's a natural part of life, sure - but that never makes it any easier to accept or possible to see coming my way.

We're moving onto our 3rd week of the 4-week Psalm series this coming Sunday. We've talked through the 23rd (MPP, the most popular psalm), and the 100th (an orientation psalm of praise). This week, we're diving deep into lament - the disorientation of grief and suffering that we experience when that phone rings or that email pops into our inbox. Darkness is a part of life, and even in our darkness, God longs for us to cry out, to reach out - not to suffer alone.

So join us this Sunday - you don't have to wear your Sunday best. Heck - you don't even have to shower and shave if you don't want. Just come as you are - successes and failures, lightness and dark - and find a way through your pain in a community of those who have all experienced grief and loss.

We'll even talk about a dirty little word that no one likes to mention... so don't miss the scandal!

*Pastor Emily*



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## Sunday, July 20

**Sermon:** *The Disorientation of Grief* - Pastor Emily Flemming

**Scripture:** Psalm 51

**Refreshments:** Ruth Wilson

**Flowers:** John & Sarah Hunter and family

**Greeter:** Matt Fowler

**Musicians:** Marilyn Penn, Bonnie Richards, Jani Little

## Prayers...

**JOYS:** sunshine, Geneva's family's new home, LEAF, Jeanne's arrival from France, Carol's driving trip to Illinois

**CONCERNS:** Jeanne S., Steve M., Huebner family, passing of Geneva's cousin Gene in TX, passing of Jim Redy's grandchild, Carol's niece Elizabeth's pregnancy, Annie's nephew Jude's possible surgery, International UMC in Milan flooded

## Announcements

The Food Pantry is moving (ok, temporarily relocating), and we need your help! We are breaking ground on our lower-level renovations the week of July 21st, so **this Saturday** we are meeting at the church at 8am to pack up the food, shelves, fridge and freezer, and move over to the LDS Church (on 2nd Ave, near the Middle/High School). If you have a strong back, dolly, or truck and could come by for a bit to give us a hand, we'd be very grateful! Please let Nancy know if you plan to attend, or just show up Saturday morning. And if you can't help with the physical move, please be in prayer for the Pantry leaders and volunteers, as well as all of the clients we serve, during the 2-3 month renovation/relocation.



**LEAF** will continue meeting at the church every Wed. from 10am to 3pm, even during our lower-level renovations. Please use the front stairs or the back entrance from the parking lot. And please help us spread the word - we are here for all our neighbors in need. Emily is happy to answer any questions you might have.

There are no meetings scheduled for next week - but have a great time at the 42nd Annual Rockygrass Festival, Friday, July 25th through Sunday, July 27th.

Volunteers needed! Our summer camp for kids, CAMP NOAH, will be Monday-Friday, July 28th - August 1st. We need food team volunteers (2 each day for breakfast, 2 for lunch), as well as teens (preferably age 16+) and adults to give a helping hand with crafts, recreation and puppet shows. Please let Jani know if you can help with food, and Emily know if you can help with activities. Thank you! (See page 3 for press release from July 2, 2014)

Under the Stars at Riverbend, August 5 (see page 4 for more details). Note from Holly: *There is a special offer now for anyone who buys 4 or more tickets - you will receive a 10% discount. So perhaps we could get a group together from the church?*

Arvada UMC Youth Choir in worship on July 13, 2014





### Camp Noah

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## MEDIA ADVISORY: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 2, 2014

### Camp Noah Provides Resiliency and Preparedness Skills, Helps Children Heal After the Storm

September 2013 saw torrential rain and flash flooding in 24 Colorado counties. In the small community of Lyons, 211 homes were destroyed—20% of the town's housing. Many families were displaced for weeks or even months, and the community suffered extensive damage to property and infrastructure, including roads and utilities.

But there is good news! Camp Noah is a special, week-long day camp program for elementary-age children whose communities have been impacted by disaster. Camp Noah is honored to come to Lyons in summer 2014, in partnership with many local organizations, to serve the community's children.

Camp Noah was developed in 1997 to teach important resiliency skills to children whose lives have been forever changed by disaster. Camp Noah provides a safe, caring and fun environment where children build preparedness and resiliency skills within the familiarity of their own communities, using a proven curriculum of creative activities and play. Throughout this week, campers will have the opportunity to share their stories, grieve their losses, celebrate their gifts and talents, and learn that even in the midst of the worst storms in life, there is hope and a brighter day ahead.

Of the nearly 600 children who attended Camp Noah in 2013, 91% said they learned new ways to stay safe during stormy weather, 90% said they learned about their own unique gifts and talents and 96% said they had fun! Camp Noah is owned and operated on a national basis by Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota.

In Lyons, Camp Noah will be held July 28-August 1, 2014, at the LDS (Mormon) Church. For more information about this Camp Noah, contact Emily Flemming, Site Coordinator, at 720.445.1905 or [emily@lyonscommunitychurch.org](mailto:emily@lyonscommunitychurch.org).

Approximately fifty campers will participate in this week-long day camp; at this time registration is full, but a waiting list is available at [www.campnoah.org](http://www.campnoah.org). Throughout the week, campers will receive 30+ hours of resiliency training, meals and snacks, preparedness backpacks, comforting fleece blankets, and much more. Many volunteers will work alongside the campers as they learn, process their disaster experience, and have a blast! Funding for these Camp Noah events has been generously provided by the Lyons Community Foundation, UMCOR, the American Red Cross, and the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Camp Noah is working with multiple local organizations, including the Lyons Community Church, with support from the Town of Lyons Human Services Working Group, and the LDS Church, to host this great opportunity for children in Lyons so that they might be able to say, as one of the campers last summer shared, "I'm not scared of the storms anymore."

For more information about Camp Noah, please contact the national office at 800.987.0061 or [campnoah@lssmn.org](mailto:campnoah@lssmn.org).

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014 | 6 TO 9  
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IN CONCERT  
*Rebecca Folsom*

FINE DINING

*Farm to Table small  
plates & craft cocktails*

ALSO FEATURING

*Enion & David Pella-Tiller  
and Special Guest Speakers*

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