

# The Lyons Community Church

## Mid-Week Message

Thursday, July 24, 2014

Dear neighbors,

A great mentor once told me, "Always preach to yourself - then at least one person gets the message they need!" This week's message is shaping up just that way... Regis has been working all week at Dinosaur National Monument, and I am planning to preach about gratitude on Sunday. But I've felt more frazzled and exhausted than grateful this week.

It's been an emotional week, with many ups and downs. With LEAF growing and new clients coming in for help, we are making a bigger impact in our community, but I am also hearing more stories of pain and suffering each week. We certainly have a long road to recovery ahead of us!



Temper that with an incredible concert on Wednesday evening to benefit the Lyons Chamber of Commerce (I'd never heard the enchanting melodies of Bela, Uncle Earl, the Watergirls and so many other talented local musicians!) The music was mesmerizing and Lillian danced around all evening - but I couldn't help remember my last trip to Riverbend, when I was helping a friend recover family pictures and heirlooms from her destroyed mobile home. Back then, we were surrounded by rocks, splintered wood, piles of dirt and broken dreams, but Wednesday night we were surrounded by new grass, twinkling lights, community singing and great new friends. What a stark, beautiful and complicated experience!

The bottom line is - we each have so much to be thankful for, regardless of where we are in life, what we have lost, or where we hope and dream to be. This Sunday we'll conclude our month-long Psalm series with Psalm 30, a song of thanksgiving that will help reorient us towards God after tough times.

LORD MY GOD,  
I CALLED TO  
YOU FOR HELP,  
AND YOU  
HEALED ME.  
PSALM 30:2



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## Sunday, July 27

**Sermon:** *Grounded in Gratitude*  
- Pastor Emily Flemming

**Scripture:** Psalm 30

**Reader:** Janet Freeman

**Refreshments:** The Littles

**Flowers:** Emily & Regis in honor  
of Camp Noah

**Musicians:** Bluegrass Trio  
(Aaron McCloskey, Alex Johnstone & Carl Meinecke)

### *Pastor's Message* (continued)

We all have them, even your pastor, and so I give thanks this week for the friends, calls and prayers that helped me through the turbulent ups and downs. And even more, I give thanks that Regis will be back home soon ;-)

Hope to see you Sunday - with 3 special guest bluegrass musicians leading worship!

*Pastor Emily*

## Prayers...

**JOYS:** joyful returns from summer vacations, Jean's sister's 80th birthday, gratitude for Hover Assisted Living (a original United Methodist endeavor), return of Diana's grandson from Israel, growth of LEAF and the neighbors we are helping, return of RockyGrass

**CONCERNS:** Geneva's auto accident and family grappling with Gene's death, Marty's next round of brain surgeries, Emily's brother's divorce and custody case, Marilyn's grandson Cody looking for work, Bob's son's family who recently moved to Botswana, Steve's health, Jeanne S., Pat Huebner and family, Annie's nephew Jude, death of 23-year-old Longmont skateboarder, flooding at United Methodist Church in Milan, abduction of Nigerian girls, explosion of Ukrainian airplane, ongoing war and death of children in Palestine/Israel, our Town's ongoing recovery

## Announcements

We are hosting Lutheran Family Services of Minnesota (13 volunteers) and 55 kids at Camp Noah this week. Everyone is invited to attend the closing ceremony at the LDS Church, 200 2nd Ave, at 2pm on Friday.



We will also celebrate the kids and their resiliency next Sunday in a special All-Age worship service. And if you are out at Sandstone Park on Thursday evening for the concert series, we'll have a table set up with dinner for the Camp Noah team. Come and meet this special group of adults and young people!



LEAF continues to grow and may need additional volunteers to welcome our local neighbors who come in for support. If you would like to help Pastor Emily on Wednesdays from 10am-3pm (making coffee, scheduling appointments, greeting clients when they arrive), please let her know.

### Psalm 30:5

**5 For his anger lasts only a moment,  
but his favor lasts a lifetime;  
weeping may stay for the night,  
but rejoicing comes in the morning.**

