

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Friday, July 24, 2015

Dear friends of Lyons,

This week's message is overflowing with info, so I hope you'll take a moment to read through it all. Sorry it's not so much a Midweek Message, but better late than never, eh? ;-)

Last Sunday was a beautiful homecoming for Regis, Lillian and I. We enjoyed our sabbatical this summer, and we are very grateful to you for making it possible. But there is nothing sweeter than coming home, shaking hands, hugging necks, catching up on all the news and sharing big smiles. The brunch downstairs was a wonderful kick-off to our new service time. And though I know some of you are still surprised or miffed about the change, I appreciate you giving it a chance. Also, a HUGE THANK YOU to those who helped Regis move into our new home while Lillian and I were away. It is a peaceful, exciting place - and I love thinking of your fingerprints all over our home and our hearts.

We'll be getting to the heart of things this weekend, too - in celebration of RockyGrass, we'll host a stellar band of young ladies called the Cody Sisters on Sunday. If their angelic voices can't help bring you into God's presence, I don't know what can. I'll be preaching on the importance of music and singing this week, before kicking off my Hottest Days of Summer series next week on the United Methodist Social Principles.

WAIT! Don't yawn yet... the church has written and agreed to some profound things about our natural world, our nurturing community (family, marriage, sexuality), politics, economics, and the sacred worth of every individual (embracing our differences). We may not globally always practice what we preach, but it's good to know about a general set of shared beliefs (or not shared, depending on your perspective - we shall see).

Hope to see you all this Sunday and next at 11:00am, our new worship time. There will be food and fellowship upstairs in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30, and you are welcome to stay on after for a cup of joe or a chat. We look forward to catching up and coming home again and again...

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Sunday, July 26

Sermon: *Why We (Should) Sing*
- Pastor Emily Flemming

Scripture Reading: Colossians
3:1-2, 12-17 (NSRV)

Reader: Vance French

Greeters: Sandra Willis

Refreshments upstairs at 10:30
Jeanne & Karen Schwenn

We will be having food and fellowship every Sunday before our 11am service at 10:30 upstairs in the Fellowship Hall. If people want to stick around after the service for a cup of coffee or chat with the pastor, they are welcome to do that, too.

Flowers: Karen Schwenn

Guest Musicians:
The Cody Sisters

Sunday is RockyGrass and we are excited to welcome the **Cody Sisters** as our special musical guests. Bring your friends and neighbors to hear the angelic voices of these two young sisters.

Prayers

Joys: birthday of Brennan Boys (7/30), Jerry Fikes back in church looking much better, Jani's brother Joe and wife Lana's retiring to Iowa from CA

Concerns: Holly's cousin Jim whose wife died (leaving 4 children) in CA, Annie's teenage niece Katherine's ACL-tear, Jerry's sister Cheryl's radiation, Liz's aunt Sally's brain cancer, the Shaws' son Larry moving to Seattle and looking for new job, Steve Mikesell, Carol's neighbor Lindsey, mental illness and victims of gun violence: the 9 black Christians in Charleston, the 4 Marines and 1 Sailor in Chattanooga, and countless others

Announcements

Pastor Emily will have **office hours** (in the parsonage office next door) on Tuesdays 10am-4pm, and Wednesdays at Food Pantry 3-5pm. Please call or email to set up other appointments as needed.

You are warmly invited to meet at the church at 4:30pm today to ride to Rocky Mountain National Park for our **5:30pm Vespers** at the Moraine Park Amphitheater. Use the restroom before you arrive, as none are close or open. It will be a simple, campfire-style service with music, Scripture readings and personal stories/testimonies.



If you know anyone who could **mow and weed-eat** the church lawn twice a month for pay, please see Debbie or Holly.

Next **Wed, July 29th**, Emily is attending a meeting at Limon UMC from 10am-2pm. The purpose is to discuss aligning District boundaries to support ministry needs in our region. Rev. Deb Olenyik, new Special Projects Coordinator for the Mountain Sky Area, will lead the conversation. Lunch is provided, RSVPs are due July 27th. Would you like to join or ride along?

A reminder (from our beloved Catholic community) that this Saturday evening they are holding Mass and have elderly who need the back parking lot. They will put up a sign, but **NO FESTIVAL PARKING** (at least not on Saturday evening) despite RockyGrass this weekend.

Mark Your Calendars

- Monday, Aug. 3rd - Lyons Lions Club golf tournament - see Jerry Tabor or bulletin board for details
- Sunday, Aug. 23rd - Boulder County Arts on the River at Riverbend - see Holly Beck (exhibiting her handbags) for details

Local Arts Benefit & Food Trucks & Libations
Live Music & Rain or Shine & Riverside Setting

ARTS ON THE RIVER

Sunday August 23rd, 2015
From 12-7 @ River Bend in Lyons
Boulder County Artists' Group Show
FREE ADMISSION

Music by Artist,
Rebecca Folsom

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BOULDER COUNTY arts alliance
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Spirits Making Us Prodigal
River Bend
Garnish