

# The Lyons Community Church

## Mid-Week Message

Thursday, August 13, 2015

**"Let's talk about sex" - Salt N Pepper (rappers)**  
**"Love covers all offenses" - Proverbs 10:12**

I hope no one was too shocked last Sunday by our discussion of sexuality, marriage, family and who comprises our nurturing community. It was the most I have ever voiced the word "sexuality" from the pulpit, and if you couldn't tell - I was a little nervous about it. Honestly, though, if we aren't talking about the tough topics in church, where are we and our kids going to receive the kind of thought leadership we pray about? How are we going to learn new things? And if we stop learning and growing, then isn't it true that we also stop truly living?

It is wonderful to consider our blessings of family, sexuality, and community - and it is certainly a joy to continue to grow in community with you here in Lyons! There are plenty of opportunities for growth this week, as we host 25 local children for Vacation Bible School. There have been laughs and snuggles, animal squeals and quiet story times. The team from Sacred Stones Ministries in Denver (Rev. Denise, Rev. Nani, and teens Jade, Adrien, Morgan and Cameron) has been such a blessing to the kids and volunteers.

As a naturally social person, I love learning about similarities and differences in people, and I enjoy being challenged by their stories and beliefs. Seminary made me acutely aware of how I treat others. Sometimes we can offend one another without even trying! I hate walking on pins and needles, though, so I struggle to cultivate a deep sense of respect for differences that flows organically into hospitality and neighborly love (without a hint of judgement or pride/ego). Humility is the key, but so is making amends with those whom I've hurt - whether intentionally or out of ignorance.

This Sunday we'll be talking about our Social Community and how to embrace our rights and the rights of others - no matter how alike or different we may be, and no matter how much we may like or dislike one another. I pray the Proverb above is correct, and that love will cover our offenses, our ignorance, and our brokenness. May God blanket us with mercy and grace like the big, warm blanket I was blessed to deliver to Diana and Stu



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## Sunday, August 16

### VBS Sunday

**Sermon:** What We Believe? #3 - from our *Social Principles: **Social Community - Where Our Rights Begin and End*** - Rev. Emily Flemming

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:19-26 (from *The Message*)

**Reader:** Richard Salmon

**Greeter:** Janet Freeman

**Refreshments:** Karen Schwenn  
(upstairs at 10:30)

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

the night before his heart surgery this week. Your prayers are important and received with gratitude!

See you Sunday at 11am!

*Pastor Emily*

You can check out any sermons you missed, or share other updates, info and announcements with the church on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)

## Prayers

**Joys:** the wonderful VBS - kids, volunteers and team! , birthday of Makayla Appleby (8/22) and anniversary of Annie and Brian, Marie (with us Sunday) and Ken Baker doing better, Kim and Katie's trip to KY, Larry Shaw's successful relocation and new job, Marilyn's music, Phyllis Casey's good doctor's report from cancer, Shaw's oldest son and family here soon from Botswana (grandkids to attend school here), Beck's exchange student Alessandra's arrival

**Concerns:** Stu's recovery from heart surgery, Annie's niece Katherine's knee surgery, Debbie's granddaughter Hannah's injured knee (during volleyball try-outs) and death of son-in-law's stepfather Bill, Richard Bennet's recovery and dog passing away, Rachel's dog Bruno's death, Vikki's return to SC and Lillian's transition, Vance's mother Betty, Kathy Ralston, Carrie, Adams family, Cheryl's radiation, Liz's aunt Sally, Steve Mikesell, the Fikes, the Self family.

You may make prayer requests by contacting Pastor Emily [Emily@lyonscommunitychurch.org](mailto:Emily@lyonscommunitychurch.org) or Prayer Team

## Announcements

Are you curious about how the church is run - its ministries, finances, organization or programs? Then why not join us this Tuesday, Aug. 18th, at 6:30pm for Ministry Council? Dinner is offered beforehand, and you'll hear reports of all our committees as well as be asked your opinion on future plans. More input yields better results, so please join us!

Lyons schools are back in session this Thursday - please pray for all kids, parents, teachers, administrators and support staff during the transition.

Pastor Emily now has office hours on Tuesdays from 10am-4pm. Come by to catch up!



**Below: Vance, Geneva, and Marilyn on August 9.**



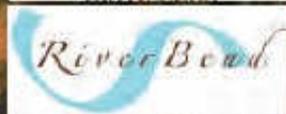
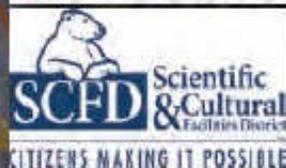
Local Arts Benefit & Food Trucks & Libations  
Live Music & Rain or Shine & Riverside Setting

# 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*

