

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

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If you thought last week was weird...

Wait 'til you see what's going on this Sunday!

Yes, brothers and sisters, it's just going to keep getting weirder throughout the month of August as we move through a sermon series called Keep Church Weird!

We talked about group singing last week, and this week we'll be talking about What (not?) To Wear... why priests and pastors dress the way we do, and why it matters (or doesn't). How does the exterior shell influence the interior life? This is not just about clergy - it's about what we show on the outside being a reflection of what we feel on the inside (or what we're trying to project outwardly to hide what we're feeling inwardly).



We're in mining expedition this month - mining our own Christian traditions to find meaning for our lives today. Just like an excavation, we never know what we're going to dig up! This week we'll dig through Exodus, the second book of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) to find the roots for priestly garb. Next week, we'll take a closer look at how churches are set up and why we use candles, incense, altars, etc.

Hope to see you Sunday at 10am - all weirdness welcome!

Pastor Emily

Sunday, August 17

Sermon: *What (not?) to Wear* -
Pastor Emily Flemming

Scripture: Exodus 40:12-15

Reader: Carol Pranschke

Refreshments: Ellen Hine &
Pam Browning, in honor of An-
nie & Brian's upcoming wedding

Flowers: Sarah & John Hunter

Greeter: Deborah & Richard
Salmon

Children's Time: Holly Beck

Blessing of the backpacks
during the All-Age Story!

Prayers...

Rejoice with Martin S. in his new home and passing the extensive appraiser's exam! Also with Sarah & John H. on their 11th wedding anniversary.

Remember Carol's new job opportunities, Jeanne S., Matt F., health of Steve M., Steve B., Brian W., Geneva, Marty H., and Sarah H.'s father and cousin in ICU; those who are alone, the ongoing war in Iraq and the children at our borders.

The Sounds of Lyons Festival

is in its 6th year and happening Sept. 12-14. Continuing with its genuine exploration of ways to make music accessible, available, and attainable for all, the 2014 season will feature three evening concerts, one outdoor free event, and a three-day workshop for children. More information can be found on:

<http://jemmoore.com/sol/?p=295>



MinTze Wu, Founder/Director

A Thank You Reception for Bernie Bliss

*Administrative Assistant
Peaks and Plains District*

Sunday August 17, 2014

3:00 - 5:00 pm

**Longs Peak United Methodist Church
1421 Elmhurst Drive, Longmont**

The reception will include an opportunity to remember, thank and offer blessings to Bernie for her diligent work in the Peaks and Plains district office over the past 12 1/2 years. We will all miss her inviting notices, friendly reminders, record keeping and caring over the phone when we needed help.

-Skip Strickland, District Superintendent



Lia Malito's 10U Softball Team finished 4th place out of 36 Indian Peaks Girls Softball Association 10U teams!

Announcements

Request from Amy Mathews: The girls and I are working a Girl Scout project for Project H.O.P.E. We are crocheting plastic mats by using recycled plastic grocery bags; making "plarn" (plastic yarn) from plastic grocery bags. So, we need plastic grocery bags for the next month and will pick them up each Sunday.

Blessing of the Backpacks - this Sunday All children, young people and adult learners are invited to bring their backpacks or school bags to church this Sunday for a special blessing. School resumes next Monday, Aug. 18th, so join us in prayer for all students, teachers and administrators!

Ever considered joining? I know some of you do not consider yourselves "joiners" but others have asked about being more involved in our community or becoming official members of our church. We'd love to invite anyone who is interested to a special New Member Reception on Sunday, August 31st. We'll begin with a class at 9am (attendance optional, and not restricted to those considering joining!) to talk about the history of United Methodism, your beliefs and questions. Then at 10am, we'll have a special ceremony during the worship service to welcome New Members. There are certificates and presents involved, but more than that - there is a commitment from us to you that we will pray for and care for you and your family, as you also commit to support the church with your time, talents, and resources.

It's a wonderful day, which will be accompanied by the music of our own Lil White Church String Band. Baptisms may also occur during the ceremony, as we ask the entire community to renew its commitment to one another. Questions? Emily would love to talk more with you... please let her know if you are considering joining.

Food for thought

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COMMUNITY
FOOD
SHARE

FACT:

Community Food Share provides 70% of the food that the Lyons Community Food Pantry distributes. After the September flood, through our generous financial donors, we provided the Lyons community with \$5,000 in gift cards for the two Lyons grocery stores. We also distributed \$25,000 in King Soopers gift cards to families with children in the Lyons schools, and set up a food pantry during school events. (The Lyons schools were temporarily relocated to Longmont.)

The Face of Need

Community Food Share and the Lyons Community Pantry have partnered for more than five years to serve those who are food insecure in the greater Lyons area.

Wholly volunteer run, the pantry distributes over 30,000 meals annually (1 pound of food = 1 meal). Being a mainstay in the community, the Lyons Community Pantry was poised to respond to the surge of community needs throughout the last year. Although a reminder is not needed, the community of Lyons had a tumultuous fall season. Immediately following the September flood, the pantry turned into something much greater than a pantry — a ground level, all-around community resource center, providing clothing, food buckets, food, and gift cards, among other essential items. The pantry collected and distributed food and supplies six days a week. Though displaced, many Lyons residents returned to the Lyons Community Pantry for its familiarity.

When visiting the Lyons Community Pantry earlier this summer, we had the opportunity to hear firsthand about the pantry's impact on those affected by the flood. One client, Anita, had been using the pantry for over four years. The flood impacted Anita's home with pervasive mold, ruining keepsakes, including a Baptism blanket, and home furnishings. As the mold was originally undetected, the

opportunity to receive FEMA funds was lost. Local resources, including the Lyons Community Pantry, Oscar Blues Brewery, and the Lyons Community Foundation helped Anita get back on her feet. Expressing how they saved her life she says, "Thank God for them."

Another client, Brad, also received much-needed individual attention, due to his particular needs stemming from kidney disease. Understanding his specific dietary constraints, the pantry volunteers made an effort to provide food that met Brad's needs. This service was sorely needed after he lived in three different shelters within two months, during which time he visited the ER because he was undernourished. Brad expressed, "The pantry makes me feel extra special, and I am really blessed to know these people."

The pantry volunteers provide for their community in the midst of navigating their own struggles from the flood. Challenges are still very much present in the community; homes are still gone and residents are still displaced. Fortunately, the Lyons Community Pantry continues to make an impact. We are grateful for the partnership and the opportunity for Community Food Share to be a part of their community.