

The Lyons Community Church Mid-Week Message

Thursday, August 25, 2016

Dear People of God,

This Sunday we will close out our worship series on the Parables of Jesus. The parables we looked at only scratch the surface of the many parables Jesus used to teach his disciples, the pharisees and all who gathered to listen. We have looked at parables that addressed the lost and the lonely. We have looked at parables that addressed where and how we should spend our time, energy and finances. We have looked at parables that addressed what it means to truly love and care for our neighbors. Some have been easy to understand, others have left us questioning and pondering what else Jesus was trying to tell us in that parable.

This coming Sunday we will take a look at the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14). This is a parable that reminds us that we do not know where others are coming from or what is in their heart. These two very different men, one perceived as righteous and one perceived as a sinner, went to the Temple, the Holy Place, to pray to God. They prayed differently, both in posture and in word. However, God heard both of their prayers, just as God hears each of our prayers. We all come to God with our own baggage, yet God is ready, with open arms and ears to receive each of us.

As a parent of school-aged children I am reminded everyday how each of them act and do things in different ways. They learn differently, they play differently, they focus differently, and they show love differently. This is all especially obvious to me as we settle into a new school year. I love their uniqueness and encourage their individuality. I am thankful they have a school and a church that welcomes their unique selves. But, even more than that, I am thankful for a God who loves them and listens to their sweet hearts and desires, no matter what!

I look forward to joining together again Sunday, as we journey through one more Parables of Jesus!

Blessings,

Pastor Emily



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Sunday, August 28, 2016

Message: *Parables of Jesus: The Parable of the Pharisee & the Tax Collector* - Pastor Emily Kintzel

Scripture: Psalm 84:1-7 & Luke 18:9-14 (NRSV)

Reader: Geoffrey Nicosia

Refreshments: Steve Good and Karen Schwenn

Greeter: Sandra Willis

Children: Debbie Scott

We are having a baby shower for the new Brighton baby on Sept. 11 after church. They do not know the sex.



Theresa suggested these ideas:

- Changing pad
- Decorative mobile
- Reusable baby food pouches
- Diaper cream
- Musical wind up stuffed animal

If someone decides which of these they will get, they can let me know and I will check it off the list. *Jani*

Prayers

Joy for the birthdays of Stu Boulter (8/31) & Donna Lee (9/3)

Joy for Snow's upcoming 12th Birthday

Joy for the microphone system

Joy for Pastor Emily Flemming and their growing family

Prayers for all of the young adults starting and/or going back to college

Theresa Brighton - Prayers to stay healthy and strong during the final weeks of pregnancy

Prayers for the bombings in Syria and for the children who live surrounded by war and violence

Prayers for the people impacted by the flooding in Louisiana

Prayers for the people impacted by the fires in California

Amy Mathews - Prayers for her father upon the recent sudden death of her mother; Prayers for safe travels for her husband;

Diana Boulter - Prayers for daughter Anna, who was diagnosed with Breast Cancer, and has started chemotherapy

Holly Beck - Laurie Labulge whose mother passed away unexpectedly

Prayer Requests

Contact Kitty Keim,
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Prayer team: Pastor Emily, Holly & Steve Beck, Mark Boys, Pam Browning, Sandi Fikes, Janet Freeman, Vance French, Alyssa Frideres, Ellen Hine, Jani Little, Steve Mikesell, Jerry & Jean Peila, Carol Pranschke, Richard & Deborah Salmon, Debbie Tabor, and Sandra Willis.

Announcements

4th Thursday Art Stroll is Thursday, 8/25.

Children's Committee meeting on Sunday August 28 at 11:15am.

Music, Pop-Up Boutiques, Art(s) Shows & Offerings, Menu Specials, & MORE!

Around 4:30PM - the **Last Thursday** of each summer month. costumed characters will stroll around town handing out **FREE MONEY & MAPS** (rain or shine) to be used to help celebrate the arts-centricness of Lyons, CO.

The event will end as crowds thin.

Look for smiling faces, large ART banners & door signs for participating business...

One venue is Lyons Community Church

Come Linger Longer in Lyons!
Then come back again!



Totally

80's

OUR CENTER BENEFIT

Saturday, October 1st
5pm - 10pm

OUR Center's annual fall benefit is expected to attract more than 300 attendees from the Longmont area. Help support our community's largest basic needs agency and sponsor our efforts in creating a more self-sufficient community.

You can support our efforts by purchasing individual tickets, sponsorships which includes tickets, or auction items for our live & silent auctions.

You will receive an in-kind gift receipt for your donation.

Auction Item

Retail Value

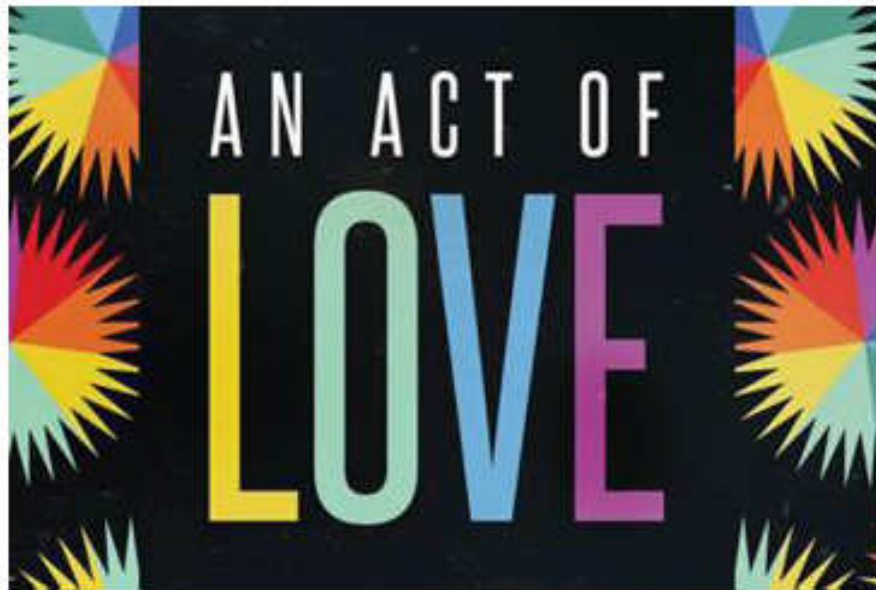
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OUR CENTER

Tax ID Number
74-2448346

Mail or deliver to:
OUR Center, 220 Collyer St. Longmont CO 80501
Purchase tickets online at www.ourcenter.org
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The United Methodist Church of Estes Park will present the award-winning documentary "An Act of Love" on Wednesday, September 14th at 7 p.m. at the church, 1509 Fish Hatchery Road. This recent gripping documentary has been selected and shown by many prestigious independent film festivals around the country, including the Sedona, Florida, Denver, St. Louis, and Newport Beach Film Festivals.

From the San Francisco Chronicle: "Emotionally powerful and ultimately uplifting, this film follows the travails of Pennsylvania minister Frank Schaefer, who gets into trouble with the United Methodist Church when he officiates the wedding of his gay son. Director Scott Sheppard presents a lovely portrait of a family and sensitively explores the concerns of a mainstream church struggling to deal with cultural shifts. It's compelling from beginning to end."

The producers of the film commented, "Conversation about LGBTQ rights within religious communities has often caused pain and division. With this film we hope to bring all sides together to see the human side of this debate through the stories of those who have had to deal with the real consequences of their community's stance on this issue."

The community is invited to this showing and admission is free.

**Special Showing.
Free to the Public.
Wed. Sept. 14th
7pm**

AN ACT OF LOVE



A documentary about the trial that rocked the United Methodist Church and the minister who risked it all for his son.

Wed. Sept. 14, 7pm United Methodist Church of Estes Park, 1509 Fish Hatchery

We now have marriage equality in all 50 States, but the U.S.'s 2nd largest protestant denomination is still sharply divided on this issue.

A Father. A Church. A Movement.

Like many other Christian denominations around the world, the United Methodist Church is at a crossroads. The debate over same-sex marriage has reached a point where it threatens to irreparably divide the Church.

An Act of Love tells the story of an unwitting advocate in the fight for equal rights within the Church, Rev. Frank Schaefer, who had his ministerial credentials revoked in December 2013 after officiating his son's same-sex wedding. Will Rev. Schaefer's trial be the final breaking point for the Church? Or will his story be the final

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More movie info.: www.anactoflovefilm.com