

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Friday, September 5, 2014

It's a rap... wrap... uh, RAPT?

Dear brothers and sisters,

This Sunday wraps up our Keep Church Weird five-week sermon series on some of the incredibly strange traditions that we as Christians practice (or don't... or could/should, or not... you see where we've been headed with this one!) I've started this (not-so) Midweek Message to you many times this past week, but something always prevented me from writing it (and I'm not usually prone to procrastination). So last night, when something really weird happened, I knew what I had been unintentionally waiting for.



Regis took my mom and I to get tattooed last night! OK, this is not what you're thinking. The Estes Park Scottish Irish Highlands Festival hosts a Tattoo each year, a military parade honoring those traditions alongside the American military. We went in 2011 when I first moved to Colorado, but last night's 2.5 hour event was different. In the middle of the drumming, bugling, marching, singing, rifle twirling pouring rain, there was a moment when the joint musical forces played Amazing Grace and the audience began to hum and then sing loudly together.

Now, I expect the Star-Spangled Banner at these types of events, and even the occasional America the Beautiful, our unofficially favorite national ditty. But hearing Amazing Grace juxtaposed with all that military regalia, seeing war images on the big screen as we belted "twas grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home" ... it was very moving, and somewhat disturbing. Mom leaned over to jokingly ask if I could talk to the Big Woman Upstairs about stopping the rain, and I joked back that "she doesn't like war."

And that's when I realized why I was feeling so uncomfortable - setting my spiritual and religious beliefs in the backdrop of American exceptionalism and our war machine

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Sunday, Sept. 7

Sermon: Keep Church Weird #4: *Sacraments #2 of 2: Communion, What's With All the Body and Blood Talk?* - Pastor Emily Flemming

Scripture: John 6:47-58

Reader: Deb Tabor

Refreshments: Deb Tabor

Flowers: Michele & Greg Schwenn, to honor the life of Ray Reidhammer

Greeter: Lia Malito

Children's Time: Jani & Zeke Little

God loves everyone,
but probably prefers
"fruits of the spirit"
over "religious nuts!"

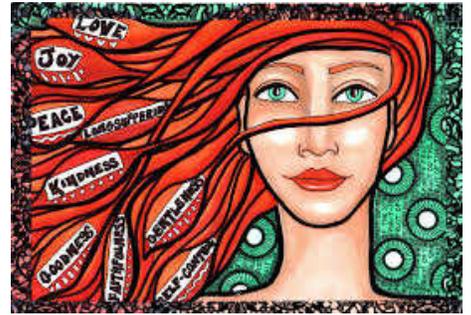
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simply does not work. The two are like oil and water; they just don't mix. So why bring God and grace and religion into the military parade? It's like all people, but especially people in crisis, those afraid for their lives or safety, need something deeper, something more ancient and mysterious to hold on to. They (we) seek rituals to connect us to a power outside ourselves.

I read an article in the *Christian Century* magazine this week by a self-proclaimed atheist that modern atheism is a total failure. He wrote that even those who assert that there is no God, do admit that they believe in some form of higher power. That longing for ritual, connection, and something beyond our daily reality also plays a role in this Sunday's topic - the Eucharist, Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, whatever one calls it. Join us as we dive into a question that has bugged me for years: What's With All This Blood and Body Talk? But don't worry - we won't just talk about it, we'll actually have a chance to

see and taste and experience our Christian faith through new (and ancient) rituals.

And if the past few weeks have simply been too weird for you - hang on to your hats. After a commemoration of surviving our first year of flood recovery next week (with special local guest musician Danny Shafer), we'll begin a new series



about **Fruitful Living** and how to get more bang out of your buck, I mean, life. And there's nothing weird about that!

Yours in the uncomfortably thin "liminal" spaces, wedged between heaven and earth,

Pastor Emily

Prayers...

for those baptized on Sunday - John Hunter with Matt and Lauren, Jason



and Byron Curton - and their families, upcoming one-year commemoration of the flood and how it affects everyone differently, Jeanne S., Jim Redy, Matt F.

Prayers for the health...

of Steve M., Geneva (kidney surgery scheduled for Sept. 25), Marty H., Wally, Vance (who broke 2 vertebrae this week), Regis's grandmother, Mark Boys' brother Russell, and Ray Sr. and Alice (her heart attack)

Announcements

This coming Sunday is the Buffalo Bicycle Classic beginning at 7am. Affected highways include 119, 7, 72 and 66 (incl. a section of downtown Lyons). Plan accordingly for your commute into church!

Children's Committee will meet Thurs, Sept. 11th at 6:30pm at the Beck's home.

LEAF, the Lyons Emergency Assistance Fund, is open at the church every Wed. from 10am-3pm. If you or your neighbors need assistance, stop by and see Emily in the mornings, or Debbie Tabor in the afternoons. Call 720-864-4309, email info@leaflyons.org, or visit www.leaflyons.org for more info.

Next weekend is the One Year Commemoration of last September's flooding - there are many events to remember how far we have come in 12 months, and how much further we still have to go (10% of our residents are still not home). Pastor Emily will be leading a community prayer at the 6pm Sunday Community Potluck at Planet Bluegrass (immediately following the Parade of Islands). She'd love to see you there!

The Sounds of Lyons Festival



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 (see *below**). For more information, click on: <http://jemmoore.com/sol/?p=295>

Friday 9/12 Crazy About You 8 pm Rogers Hall

A stunning tapestry of Classical, Flamenco, Jazz, Folk, and Original music with guitarist Alfredo Muro, flutist Emma Shubin, singer Shannon Johnson, dancers, and the Sage Ensemble.

Saturday 9/13 Life True 8 pm Rogers Hall

Four short documentary films by Jem Moore, a coffee grower, a Buddhist calligrapher chef, an activist singer-songwriter and an immigrant massage therapist, all interconnected by the sublime Late Beethoven String Quartets opus 130 & 132.

Sunday 9/14 Celebrating Lyons II 3 pm Sandstone Park

Local musicians with a national presence Taarka, The Songbirds and Granas come together to commemorate the Great Flood and share a sense of new hope with their friends and neighbors.

Sunday 9/14 Goldberg Variations & 32 Sleepless Nights 8 pm Lyons Community Church

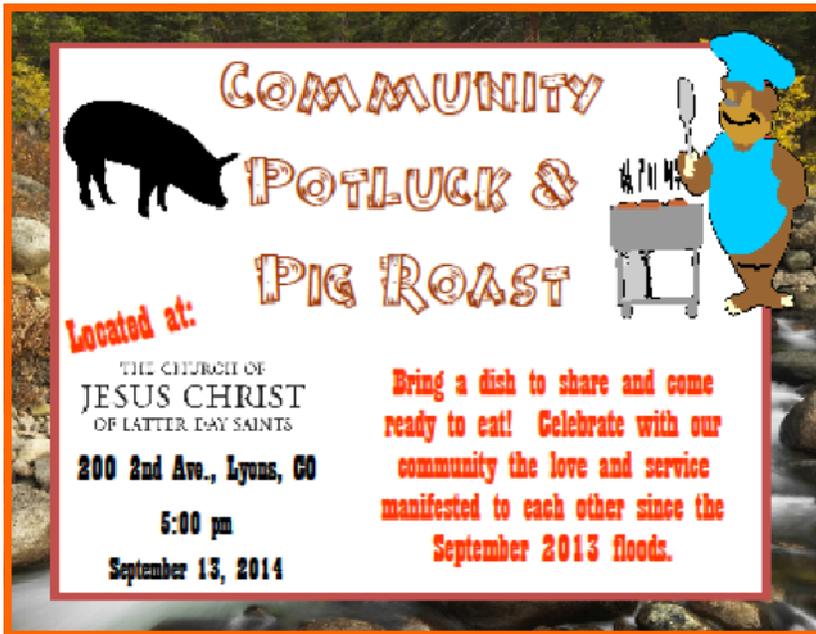
Bach's Goldberg Variation, legendarily associated with the insomniac Count Kaiserling, presented with thoughts/essays on experiencing sleepless nights. Performed by guest authors and musicians of the Sage Trio, MinTze Wu, Michael Graham, and ChiehFan Yiu

Children's Three-Day Workshop - *B.A.M.M

I'm thrilled to announce the first SOL MAP, Sounds of Lyons Musical Arts Programs, during this year's Sounds of Lyons festival. The program is called *B.A.M.M.*, and yes, just like how it sounds, it's going to be so much fun for the children to explore **Biology, Art, Movement, and Music** in the three-day workshop. The dates are Friday through Sunday, 9/12-14, from 9:30 am-12:30 pm, at Rogers Hall. Through an original story "*Adventures of Reddy Freddy*", children will learn to express with different artistic element and work collectively on creating songs, movements, and props to perform at the final production with live musicians from Sounds of Lyons at ***Celebrating Lyons II, Sunday, 9/14, at 3 pm, Sandstone Park.***

Registration is now open, and the registration is limited to 15.

A great opportunity to immerse your children in the collaborative process of creating music, art, and movement together! Proudly partnering with Integral Steps in bringing the 3-day workshop for children 4-10, this program will bring about an experience for your children that is educational, enriching, and at the same time fun and entertaining. Learning while exploring, creating while brainstorming. To sign up, please go to <http://www.integralsteps.org/bamm-registration.html>.



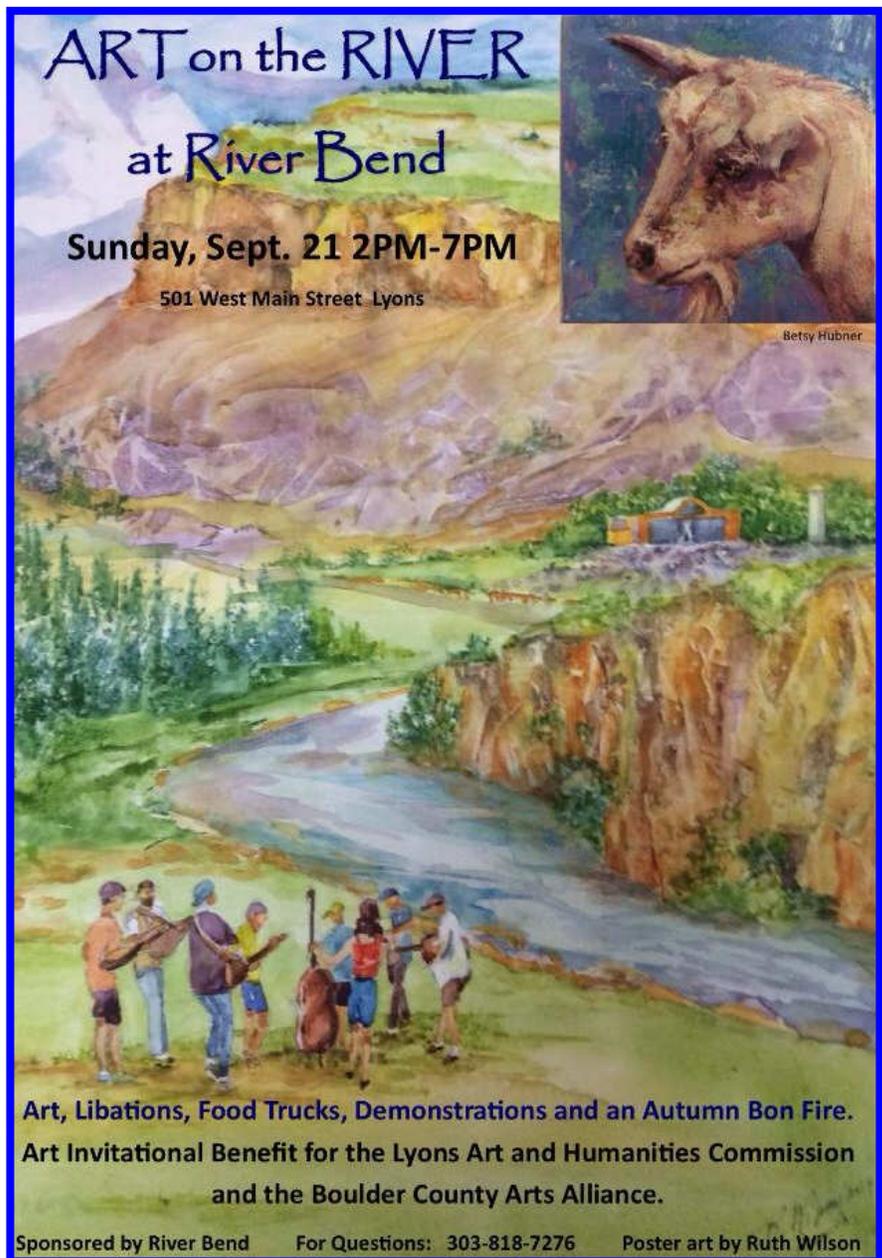
**COMMUNITY
POTLUCK &
PIG ROAST**

Located at:
THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
200 2nd Ave., Lyons, CO
5:00 pm
September 13, 2014

Bring a dish to share and come ready to eat! Celebrate with our community the love and service manifested to each other since the September 2013 floods.

You are invited to a **Flood Commemoration Party** (Potluck and Pig Roast) at The Church of Latter Day Saints on September 13th at 5:00pm.

There will be a small slide presentation of pictures of service with the opportunity for a few people to express their gratitude for service, kindness and hope. There is no cost. People are asked to bring a side dish to share.



ART on the RIVER
at River Bend
Sunday, Sept. 21 2PM-7PM
501 West Main Street Lyons

Betsy Hübner

Art, Libations, Food Trucks, Demonstrations and an Autumn Bon Fire.
Art Invitational Benefit for the Lyons Art and Humanities Commission and the Boulder County Arts Alliance.

Sponsored by River Bend For Questions: 303-818-7276 Poster art by Ruth Wilson

Join us! On Sunday, September 21 from 2-7pm, the Lyons Art and Humanities Commission and the Boulder County Arts Alliance will be hosting **Art on the River** at River Bend to benefit local art organizations.

OUR Center

Thanks to you and your members for your ongoing and faithful support of our mission to help those in need in our community. Last year alone, we served more than 18,000 households, and the need continues to grow.

This month, we are holding a very special event to raise funds to help us continue to meet those growing needs. We are writing today to ask that you will plan to join us, and share this information in your church bulletins, websites, social media, and other communications channels.

September 20, 2014 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.: 3rd Annual Rock & Soul Benefit Presented by Amgen, OUR Annual Fall Benefit, will be at the future home of the OUR Center (220 Collyer Street in Longmont). This wonderful indoor/outdoor event features international cuisine from area restaurants and caterers, live and silent auctions, and dancing – outside, under the stars – to One-on-One & the MilesApart Band, a top local Motown band! We've created a relaxed, festival-style event, and casual attire is encouraged.

Purchase tickets by September 7 and save! Individual tickets are \$40 through Sept. 7, then \$45 including any remaining tickets at the door. Each ticket includes entry into the event, three small plates or tapas, dessert, one drink from the wine or beer bar, non-alcoholic drinks, and entertainment. Additional food and drinks are available for purchase.

Tickets or sponsorships may be purchased as follows:

- Visit www.ourcenter.org, click on the Events Tab and select OUR Center Fall Benefit. Purchases can be made via our secure website.
- Place a credit card order by calling 303-772-5529, or
- Mail (or bring in) cash or check to OUR Center 303 Atwood Street Longmont, Colorado 80501.

Thank you again for taking the time to share this information with your congregation. We look forward to an exciting September event. Please contact Elaine at 303.772.5529 ext. 224 or elaine@ourcenter.org for more information.

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Jump, Jive & Join Us! Amgen presents **09.20.14**

Rock & Soul

A benefit for the OUR Center

Be a part of this wonderful benefit event featuring international cuisine from area restaurants and caterers, live and silent auctions, and grooving to the tunes of one of Colorado's top dance bands – *One on One & The MilesApart Band!*

Casual attire is encouraged for this relaxed, indoor festival-style event.

Tickets \$40 through Sept 7 **\$45** after Sept 7 & at the door

Your ticket includes entry into the event, three mini entrees or tapas, one drink from the bar, one dessert and entertainment. Additional food and drinks available for purchase. (Water and soda are complimentary.)

When: September 20, 2014
5:00pm – 10:00pm

Location: The future home of the OUR Center
(220 Collyer Street, Longmont)

Contact: Elaine Klotz
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How to Become a Sponsor or Purchase Tickets

Online: Visit www.ourcenter.org/content/events/our-center-fall-benefit

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