

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Friday, September 12, 2014



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One down, many more to go

Dear friends and neighbors,

It's been a tough week - everywhere I've gone, people have pulled me aside to weep, complain, ask for help, and share their feelings. Many are feeling raw and unready for this weekend: "It's too soon, I just can't take part in it." Others fear wallowing in pain: "Let's just move on already, we survived, keep on truckin'!" The rainy weather hasn't helped much, and the anxiety levels around town are almost palpable at times.

One year ago I was doing this: (see pictures).

This year, I am being interviewed by the media, trying to meet the increased requests for help through the Lyons Emergency Assistance Fund (LEAF), get the word out about LEAF to potential donors, care for



my family and friends, minister to many of you having a tough time with this anniversary.... oh yeah, and plan a service for Sunday and write this (not-so) Mid-week Message. Thanks for your grace that I've never (? or hardly ever) managed to get it to you by Wednesday!

Anyway, it can be overwhelming, all of it: the grief, the loss, those still displaced, the work still to do, those barely getting by, remembering how far we've come, celebrating our successes, rebuilding and volunteering, giving thanks for lives and homes not lost, memories preserved and new life sprouting up all over town. But in the thickest of times, I truly believe we can know, sense and feel that we are not alone.

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Sunday, Sept. 14

Homily: *Remembering One Year of Loss and Strength - Our Resurrection from the September 2013 Flood* - Pastor Emily Flemming

All-Age Story: Children singing, led by Zeke & Jani Little

Scripture: Revelation 22:1-5

Reader: Pam Browning

Refreshments: The Keims

Flowers: Amy Matthews, in honor of Snow's 10th birthday

Greeter: Lia Malito & the Salmons

Guest Musicians: Danny Shafer and Homeward Bound

Pastor's Message (continued)

We are resurrection people. We've tasted the pain of death and grief and loss, and we've seen the light of Easter morning, suns rising and new life beginning. Just as many failed to recognize Jesus after his resurrection, so many of us may not recognize the Lyons that springs from the receded waters. No one can ever go backwards in time, recreate something lost, truly go home again. But we can build new homes, make new memories, and honor our roots.

And that's exactly what we'll do this Sunday. Some of our members have moved away, some are fighting to stay in town, and some are back home but realizing that nothing exactly as it was before. We'll give everyone the space to grieve, the silence to be present in whatever reality they find themselves, and - with God's guidance - a look towards the light and hope of a resurrection morning.

It will certainly be a delight and blessing to us all to have musical guest and Lyons local Danny Shafer with us! He and his family (Amanda An-

derson, children and pets) lost their home in Riverbend, along with Carmel, Steve and so many others. But Danny's a professional musician - he graced the stage at Sandstone Park this summer during the concert series, and the Daily Camera said this about him:

"Shafer is like the characters about whom he sings - people in search of something... There may be no harder working musician." Danny plays over 200 concerts a year, so it was a God-thing that he is even available to join us this Sunday. You can find more info on his website: <http://www.dannyshafer.com/>. But I can assure you - this is one Sunday you won't want to miss.



May God be with you, every moment,

Pastor Emily

Announcements

LEAF is hosting a table at the **Cyclists2Lyons** event in Bohn Park this Saturday from 11am-4pm. Please stop by and see Pastor Emily, Emily Dusel, Chuck, Pam, Ellen and many others as we spread the word about the Lyons Emergency Assistance Fund and how



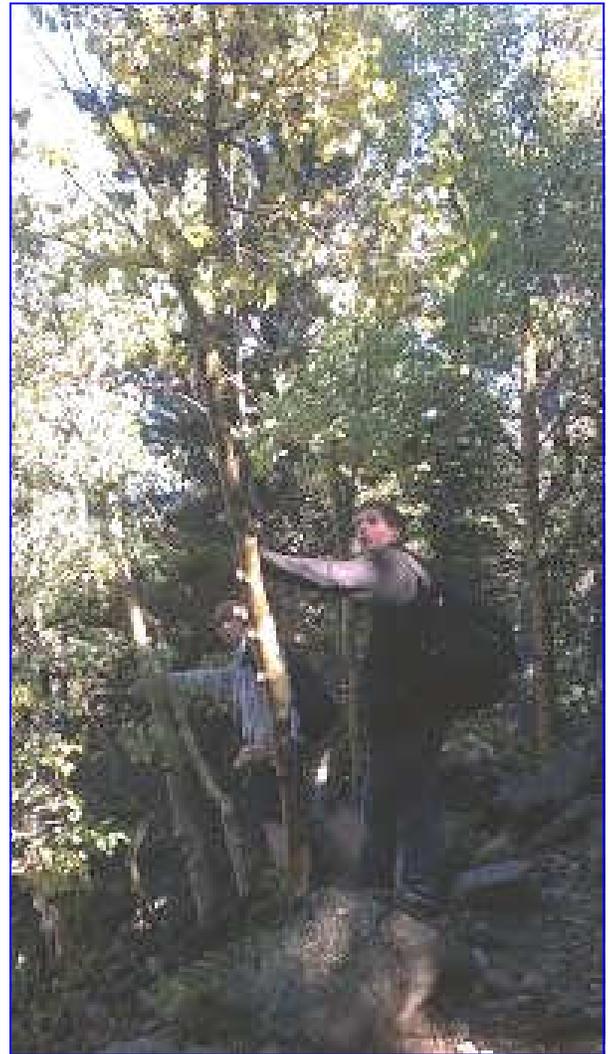
we plan to "keep our neighbors warm this winter." There will be homemade lap quilts for a donation, as well as a drawing to win a full-sized homemade quilt, made for us with love by a Christian couple from Denver in their 70's. Hope to see you there!

NOTE: Pastor Emily will be at a required retreat for her ordination preparation next week from Tuesday - Thursday with limited cell and email contact. Please contact another church leader if you need assistance during those days.

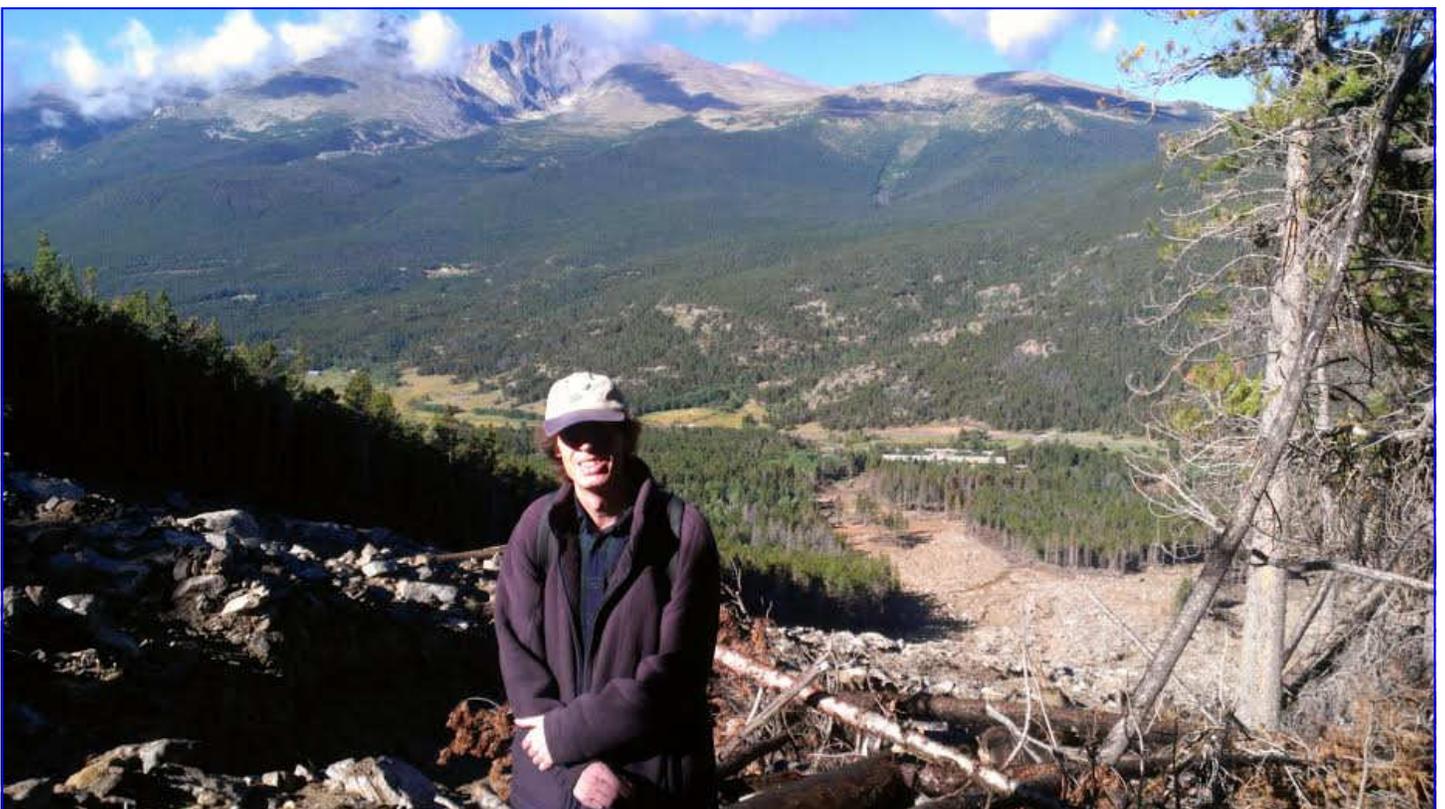
Prayers...

Joy for the return of Ruth's son from British Columbia, Thea's healing leg (no more cast!), wedding anniversary of the parents of Mark Browning (65th) and Annie (52nd), growing friendship with the local LDS church, Sounds of Lyons concert series, upcoming Project: Kids on Sat, Sept. 27th.

Concern for Jeanne, Jim Redy, Matt Fowler, Steve Mikesell, Geneva, Ray Sr. and Alice, Marty Hine, Vance, Mark Boy's brother Russell, Regis's grandmother, the almost 200 people still displaced from our flood, all those working hard and caring for those working hard in the recovery and rebuilding marathon



Regis, Mark Boys, and teens Gareth, Brennan and Abel hiked **Twin Sisters** last Saturday in record time. The weather was perfect for 7.2 mile round-trip adventure - and I've asked him to consider a shorter, easier, all-age hike for next spring. This time it was all guys - so we'd love to get some ladies and girls out next time, too. Many thanks to Regis for planning and coordinating!



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. 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

**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)*

*The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter Day Saints*

*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.

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

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Phone: Phone in credit card orders by calling 303-772-5529

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ART on the RIVER at River Bend

Sunday, Sept. 21 2PM-7PM

501 West Main Street Lyons



Betsy Hubner



**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

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