

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

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Trees of Life, heavy with fruits....

Dear friends and neighbors,

What a beautiful, difficult, special and exhausting weekend we just had! If you are anything like me, you are ready for a big mug of coffee or cocoa and a LONG nap this week. There were so many emo-



tions as we commemorated one year after our flood, and celebrated the vibrancy, resiliency and stamina that we have developed as a community since the disaster. There were parades, outdoor free concerts, gorgeous classical music concerts, speeches, programs, dedications, football games, BBQs and so much more...



But when the dust settles, and you drive around town in the early morning light on your way to work or daycare or just to the local coffee shop to fuel up, you see the festival signs being taken down, and the piles of rock and debris still calling for our attention. US 36 is looking better, but a drive up US 34 reminds you that there is still so much work to do. Hearing Danny, Terri and Martin share their stories last Sunday morning, we are reminded how difficult it is to "come home" and how none of them was able to return to where they were before.

Disaster changes landscapes, but it also changes people. I know this first year of pastoral ministry with you in Lyons has changed me, and it's more than just the disaster. It's a reminder of the importance of both roots and wings, the need to stay flexible even while deeply grounded. The passage from Rev. 22:1-5 that we shared on Sunday spoke about Trees of Life on either side of the flowing River of Life, heavy-laden with fruit, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations. That image has stuck with me, and I'd like to share more about it with you in the coming month.

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Sunday, Sept. 21

Sermon: *Fruits of the Spirit #1- Love and Peace* - Pastor Emily Flemming

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23 and Romans 13:8-14

Reader: Mary Chase

Refreshments: Mary Chase and John and Sarah Hunter

Flowers: Bob & Laurel Shaw in honor of Laurel's birthday on 9/23

Children's Time: Holly Beck

Greeter: Lia Malito and Janet Freeman

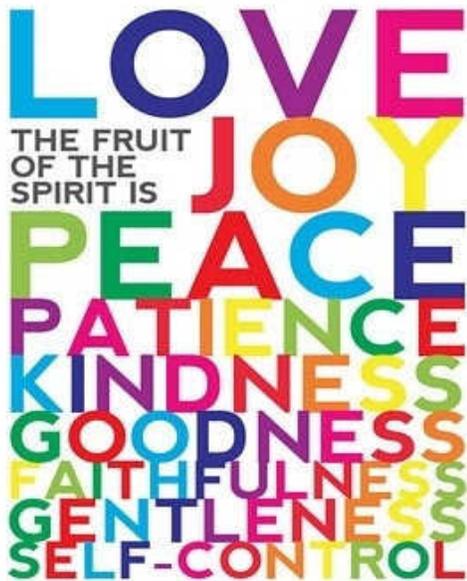


Pastor's Message (continued)

So, we're diving into the river head-long this week, and looking up at those trees as we float on our backs, noticing the Fruits of the Spirit that God wants to produce in us. We'll kick off this week with love and peace, and float on from there. I hope you can join us this week - just to stop for a moment and rest, remember how far we've come in a year, remember ourselves to God and our church community, and just take a moment to "stick our landings" and shine with the Spirit.

Ever hungry for more fruit, especially love and peace,

Pastor Emily



Prayers...

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 people still displaced from our flood, all those working hard and caring for those working hard in the recovery and rebuilding marathon

Announcements

We are looking to background-check and **hire someone** to care for our babies and toddlers on Sunday mornings from 9:45-11:15am, as soon as the downstairs renovations are complete. If you know anyone 18 years or older who might be interested, please have them contact Pastor Emily. We'll put an ad in the paper soon if we can't find the right people (2 would be great!)

There has been more interest in **baptisms and new member reception** following our exciting Sunday a few weeks ago. If you've ever considered joining our church or having your children baptized, please speak with Emily. We're planning another special Sunday this fall.

LEAF made over \$800 at our booth last Saturday during the Viva Lyons fundraiser! Thanks to Emily and Clay Dusel and family (daughter Maddie pictured below) for set-up, (wo)-manning the booth, and clean-up. And thanks to all Board members who worked, all of you who stopped by, and Vance for letting us use his photo from the Times Call for our fall campaign, "Help us keep our neighbors warm this winter!"

LEAF Board meeting **Tues, Sept. 23rd at 7pm** in conference room above the Barking Dog Cafe.

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



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.

Tickets are \$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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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.**

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For Questions: 303-818-7276

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