

# The Lyons Community Church

## Mid-Week Message

Friday, September 25, 2015

### Unexpected Gifts

Hi ladies and gents,

Sorry we're coming to you late this week - it has been a week full of unexpected surprises, and it's taken me a while to settle down and put it onto paper. I hear you enjoyed your time with Rev. Tom English last week, and he told me how much he enjoyed being with you. Spending time with others, getting to know someone new, rekindling an old friendship, or deepening an acquaintance - all of these are unexpected gifts, and they all take time.

I took some time yesterday to attend a Resilience Summit at Planet Bluegrass hosted by BoCo Strong, the group formed post-flood in Boulder County to help us reflect long-term on our own ability to rebound after disaster, as well as to help us prepare ourselves for whatever comes next in life. It was an honor to share the platform with Dr. Liz Erley and Christy Cope from the Lyons Community Foundation, as we talked about how we created the \$1 million dollar campaign "Rebuild Lyons, One Life at a Time" in the first 3 months after the flood. During the Q&A, it was tough not to respond theologically, as people questioned



how we could be more proactive and prepared, and how to keep awareness and volunteerism raised. I spoke about recognizing our interdependence and resources, about truly connecting in our communities, knowing and caring about our neighbors, and being flexible and trusting enough to try new things and to let them go. I shared our church's example of spinning-off our food pantry and financial assistance program into LEAF, the Lyons Emergency Assistance Fund, so that it could become larger and more professional than ever before.

Sometimes letting go is the most healthy, most difficult, but absolute best unexpected gift of all. I spoke to a national emergency preparedness trainer from our sister LDS church yesterday who said it's time to let go of

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### Sunday, Sept. 27

**Sermon:** *Living God's Call* -  
Rev. Diana Boulter

**Worship Leader:** Kitty Keim

**Scripture:** Ephesians 4:1-6, 11  
(NRSV)

**Reader:** Mark Browning

**Greeter:** Sandra Willis

**Flowers:** The Brownings in honor  
of Gus and Jackie Browning

**Refreshments:** Kitty Keim &  
Geneva Thomas

**Children's Ministry:** Debbie S.

*Sometimes what  
you're looking for,  
comes when you're  
not looking at all.*

## *Pastor's Message* (continued)

the flood. We should not pretend it never happened, or stop caring about our displaced neighbors, or stop working towards better solutions to affordable housing and rebuilding permits. But in order for a wound to heal, you have to let it close; let it end. These were wise (and deeply theological) words - and I think they are prophetic for our church, both here in Lyons and across the globe. And, quite likely, they pose a challenge for us as individuals. What "old wounds" are we holding onto that we must release? And if our hands became empty, what wonders might God fill them with?

I'm leaving today for a weekend conference in Littleton that is required for my pastoral ordination next summer (God-willing!) But this will give you a chance to spend some time with Rev. Diana Boulter. Diana is going to introduce the topic of unity in diversity through our own very personal spiritual gifts, which God blesses us with in order to accomplish God's goals in this world. And on Sunday evening, Diana and I invite you to a special Bible study and inventory, where you will have a chance to discover and learn about using your gifts. I will miss you during worship, but I hope to see you Sunday evening!

Blessings for letting go and letting God move,

*Pastor Emily*

LCC's visitor last week  
Photo: Deb Tabor

## Announcements

Would you like to try zumba downstairs on Tuesdays from 8:30-10am? Your first class is FREE, see Holly Beck for details.

The LCC Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday morning, October 11, at 10am. We'll meet most Sundays, to over hymns to help lead worship, and present an anthem every few weeks. We'll have to start Christmas music soon (!), so please, join us if you'd like to sing in the church choir. Ages 12 and up.



Mark Your Calendars:  
Oct. 1st-3rd Rummage Sale. Speak with Jani about details.



Trenton Burton's Eagle Scout Project

# U.S. Flag Retirement



Please donate any flags that have been worn out in the service of their country. The Scouts of LDS Troop 360 will retire them in an honorable and respectful manner



Ceremony will be on Sept 30th is open to the public.

7pm at the LDS church in Lyons.

The event will include a 21 gun salute by the Longmont American Legion, "Taps" played on Bugles and Patriotic commentaries.

Questions or comments: Trenton Burton 303-823-6045

Drop boxes @ the Library, Walt Self Community Center & LDS Church

*Join us for this fall's best party!*



# **Rock & Soul**

**A benefit for the OUR Center**



**Saturday, October 3, 2015, 5-10 p.m.**

The Plaza Conference Center, Longmont

*Enjoy the high-energy, full-band sounds of Wash Park Band!*

*Event includes appetizers, full dinner, live and silent auctions.*

The mission of the OUR Center is: "We help people move toward self-sufficiency by unifying community resources".

*Will you support the OUR Center's work to help those in need?*

**Ways You Can Help:**

**Individual Ticket \$60** (\$70 at the door if available)

**Table of Eight \$400** (save \$10 per ticket)

**Ain't Too Proud to Beg Sponsor \$1,000** - Name recognition, 4 tickets

**Don't Stop Believing Sponsor \$2,500** - Logo recognition, 8 tickets

**Walking on Sunshine Sponsor \$5,000** - Logo recognition, 16 tickets

**Title Sponsor \$15,000** - Title Sponsor Recognition on materials, 24 tickets

Sponsorships and tickets may be purchased at [www.ourcenter.org](http://www.ourcenter.org) under "Events", at OUR Center Intake Office, 303 Atwood St., weekdays 8-4, or by calling 303-772-5529.

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