

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

Stress. Anxiety. Fear. These words capture well the state of mind of many of us in America today. We are witnessing mass shootings and a global refugee crisis. Closer to home, we have witnessed dramatic market losses, the housing market bubble burst, the collapse of insurance and banking companies, and many bankruptcies and mergers. Every day seems to bring another piece of economic uncertainty.

A recent survey found that over three in four Americans are stressed about the economy and their personal finances. Half were worried about providing for their family's basic needs. Over half of respondents reported feeling angry and irritable, and reported lying awake at night worried about this. The report concludes that, "The declining state of the nation's economy is taking a physical and emotional toll on people nationwide."¹

Join us in worship the next 5 weeks for a sermon series entitled *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*, based on a study by Adam Hamilton, Pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, KS. Our nation is experiencing what many have described as the "American Nightmare." Increasing consumer debt, declines in savings, lower income growth, and a volatile stock market are all a part of our economic insecurity. We have lived in a society that tells us "you deserve it now," whether or not we can afford it or really even need it.

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, over the next few weeks, we will be having a church-wide study and worship emphasis about how much is really *Enough*. During this time we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management. We'll hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial

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Sunday, Oct. 11

Sermon: Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity & Generosity #1 - Faith in the Midst of Financial Crisis - Pastor Emily Flemming

Scripture: Mark 8:34-37 (MSG)

Reader: Nancy Reckling

Greeter:

Flowers:

Refreshments: Nancy Reckling

Children's Ministry: Tanya & Holly

LCC Choir

The LCC Choir will begin rehearsals this Sunday morning, **October 11, at 10am**. Please join us if you'd like to sing in the church choir. Ages 12+.



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situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

During this study, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our time, talents and offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in the worship service on Sunday, November 1st, 2015, and share our ministry and financial plans for next year at our Annual Charge Conference on Sunday, Nov. 22nd at 1pm (preceded by a potluck at 12pm). Please see the full schedule below.

I hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy together.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Emily

Schedule of Events:

Sunday, Oct. 11th

Faith in the Midst of Financial Crisis, Mark 8:34-37

Sunday, Oct. 18th

When Dreams Become Nightmares, 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Sunday, Oct. 25th

Wisdom and Finance, Proverbs. 20:5-6, 20-21

Sunday, Nov. 1st

Cultivating Contentment, Hebrews 13:5-6

Commitment Sunday (commitment cards received)

Sunday, Nov. 8th

Defined by Generosity, 1 Timothy 6:11-12, 17-19

Sunday, Nov. 22nd

Harvest Festival Grounded in Gratitude, Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Annual Charge Conference, 1pm, potluck at 12pm

¹ "Eight Out of Ten Americans Stressed Because of Economy," by Madison Park, from CNN.com, October 7, 2008; <http://www.cnn.com/2008/HEALTH/conditions/10/07/economic.stress/index.html>

Prayers

Joys: Theresa Brighton's birthday (10/17); Geneva's stepmother Alice's ongoing recovery and rehab; Vance's mother Betty back in hospital but preparing for end of life surrounded by love; the way our church ministers to those in need in times of trouble.; Tanya's brother Dale's new job with Costco as sole provider for family of 4; Janet's joy in discovering her spiritual gifts and encouraging everyone else to do the same

Concerns: Sandi, the Fikes family and all in our church and town who continue to grieve and mourn the loss of Jerry's life; Donna Lee's recent shingles diagnosis; Laurel's ongoing recovery and rehab; Ruth Tilson; Cheryl; families grieving miscarriage; the global refugee crisis; flooding in SC (federally declared disaster) and Bahamas and all affected by Hurricane Joaquin; mass shooting victims, perpetrators and all families affected, especially those in Oregon this week

Announcements

We will celebrate a baptism and new member reception on **Sunday, Oct. 18th**. Please see Pastor Emily if you would like to join our church family.

Join a **zumba class** taught by local Susanne Ducker here in Wesleyan Hall every Tuesday from 8:30-9:30am. First class is FREE.

On **Wed, Oct. 14th** from 6-9pm. Heart of Longmont UMC (350 11th Avenue, Longmont) will host a Homeless Symposium with local Police Officers, staff representatives from OUR Center, HOPE, Safe Shelter, Agape Family Services, and the Homeless Education Liaison from the SVVSD. Event concludes with preparing sandwiches and building Health and Hygiene Bags for our needy friends. Please consider bringing along: poncho, small flashlight w/batteries, hand warmers, lip balm, or reading glasses.

A very important **Trustee Meeting** will be held on Saturday, October 24 at 9:00 am at the church basement. We need to look over the bids for the roof and the siding and get the ball rolling on these repairs. Of course this also means we have to take a hard look at the budget and prioritize not only the roof and siding, but also the back drive and parking area. Please make every effort to be at this important meeting. Deb Tabor, Trustee Chair



LEAF's first fundraiser event, a Rave to the Grave, will be held Friday, **October 30th** from 7pm at Wildflower Pavilion at Planet Bluegrass. Admission is FREE.

THE CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PRESENTS AN INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 7, 2015 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
St. Bartholomew's Church, 880 MacGregor Ave.

An introduction to an ancient discipline. Learn about the prayer of silence, from the Christian tradition. The opening of mind and heart to God, listening to the voice of the Spirit and living in the Present Moment.

If possible, register by Nov 5, 2015, however walk-ins are welcome.
Call St. Bart's at 970-586-4504 to reserve your place.
For information call Cynthia Johnson at 303-747-2557



Wednesday, October 14, 2015

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Heart of Longmont Church

350 11th Avenue

Childcare & Nursery available

Guest panel includes

Longmont Police Officers

Staff representatives from OUR Center, HOPE

**Safe Shelter of St Vrain Valley, Agape Family Services, and
the Homeless Education Liaison from St Vrain Valley School District**

6:00 – 8:30 we will hear from each of our guests with a Q&A session to follow

8:30 – 9:00 join us in service preparing sandwiches
and building Health and Hygiene Bags for our needy friends.

Please consider bringing one of the following to the event
Poncho, Small flashlight w/batteries, Hand warmers, Lip balm, Reading glasses

Questions ~ please contact Catherine Murphy

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