

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Thursday, October 15, 2015

What is God's Dream for You and for Us? Are we Alive?



After 3.5 weeks of this allergy/sinus mess, I am sick and tired of being sick and tired. So I'm ready to come alive this Sunday! I hope you are, too...

In this 2nd week of Rev. Adam Hamilton's 5-week study from the book *Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity*, we'll build on our discussion last week about how much is enough, and begin to talk about when our dreams become nightmares. Hamilton is focused on how the American Dream has shifted in the last 50 years - from hope and promise to financial ruin, fear and despair. We'll consider his perspective, but I also want us to take the conversation a step further. How are we as individuals and as a church living into God's dream for us?

We are going to do something a bit different this Sunday - dreaming big for ourselves and our church about who we are and who God wants us to be. We'll let the children kick us off! We'll also have our annual letters and pledge cards ready for pick-up. This is your chance to tell us how you feel God calling you and your family to respond to our church's invitation with your gifts of time, talents/service, prayers, witness and financial giving. If you are not with us Sunday, you'll receive your letter in the mail next week.

I hope you will pray about your response - what are your passions? Do we currently have a way for you to ignite them in our community? If not, could we create a new vision/dream/way of doing that together? One of my favorite theologians, Howard Thurman once said: "Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive and then go do that. Because what the world needs is more people who have come alive."

Spiritually, I am feeling more alive these days

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Sunday, Oct. 18

Sermon: Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity & Generosity #2 - *Dreams and Nightmares* - Pastor Emily Flemming

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:6-10
(NSRV)

Reader: Vance French

Greeter: Ruth Wilson

Flowers:

Refreshments:

Children's Ministry: Kitty Keim

LCC Choir

The LCC Choir meets every Sunday morning at **10am**. Please join us if you'd like to sing in the church choir. Ages 12+.



Pastor's Message (continued)

than ever before. But physically, I'm not feeling too alive at all. So I guess it's time to go put another pot of chicken soup on the stove, and to dream of getting well SOON! Hope you and yours are healthy and happy.

Blessings,

Pastor Emily

Prayers

Joys: Mark & Christine Boy's anniversary; that Laurel was with us last week - ongoing healing and recovery!, Martin's son's 13th birthday last Sunday, for the choir reuniting and preparing special music with director Kim, for Bennett Anderson and his new job in Chicago (prayers for him and mom Debbie and dad Wayne as he adjusts to big city life)

Concerns: Pam's sister Kristen Vardy and family during hectic move, Laurel's rehab roommate Pat Haggerty's broken wrist, Donna Lee, for Geneva's health and the health of her family (Alice and cousins), the Fikes family, Cheryl, those in crisis in Lyons, across the US, and around the world

Announcements

This Sunday, **Oct. 18th**, we are pleased to baptize and welcome into church membership our very own bag-piping teenager extraordinaire, Geoffrey Nicosia. Geoff and his parents Jackie and Robert lived in Lyons pre-flood, but have since moved to Longmont, where Geoff is home-schooled. There will be a special time of remembering our baptisms and celebrating this exciting step together.

Our monthly Ministry Council meeting will be **Tuesday, Oct. 20th at 6:30pm**. Anyone interested in new or existing ministries, events, programs, finance, etc. is welcome to attend!

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

The Town of Lyons Halloween event is **Sat., Oct. 24th** in Sandstone Park from 4pm-6pm. Garden Club's chili cook-off is at 4:30 (at the Stone Cup) and the annual parade is at 6pm. Downtown trick-or-treating is from 6:30-7pm. Would you like to donate candy or dress up (optional) and give it out at the church?

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.

MUSIC OF 17th Century Venice

Featuring the Seicento Soloists

DENVER

Friday, October 23

7:30 pm

MONTEVERDI'S VESPERS OF 1610

BOULDER

Saturday, October 24

7:30 pm

DENVER

Sunday, October 25

2:30 pm

CONCERT DETAILS AND TICKET INFORMATION AT

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EVANNE BROWNE, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

TICKETS

\$15 - \$20 - \$25 - \$35

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(Fri/Sat or Fri/Sun)

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