

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Thursday, November 12, 2015

Hope and Our Future

Last week was a mission's whirlwind in Columbia, SC as I met with 110 flood-affected families in 2 days who needed assistance (food, clothes, financial support) from the Salvation Army. I wore a vest like this one and told my Lyons flood story (and our stories) many times. I also prayed with each family, often sharing words from Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



It was an honor to work alongside the Salvation Army as they embodied their slogan: "We combat natural disasters with acts of God." The work that I did there, the work that you enabled and encouraged me to do, will continue to ripple in many lives. Thank you for your prayers and support.

It was also a blessing to be back home and share some of my stories with you in church last Sunday. I loved how the kids helped to tell the story of the Good Samaritan (in the modernized, loose translation from the original Greek, as Bob pointed out!) Look at the joy on these faces:

I will miss that joy and all of you this coming Sunday. While you worship with our Lay Leader Mark Boys (he's been preparing his sermon for some time - you won't want to miss it!), I will be in Sacramento, CA at a conference called "Making the Leap." I found the invitation ironic, considering all the leaps I've made in the past few months (helping to spin-off LEAF, accepting a 2nd church in Erie, even serving in SC, etc.) But I was asked to represent the Rocky Mountain Conference at this forum to discuss the future of the church, and how we prepare leaders for complex ministry settings. I'll be back in the middle of next week.

And on Sunday, Nov. 22nd, we are planning a Harvest Festi-



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Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.

John Wesley

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Sunday, Nov. 15

Sermon: *How Do They Know?* - Lay Leader, Mark Boys

Scripture: Mark 10:13-16 and Luke 2:46 (ESV)

Reader:

Greeter:

Flowers:

Refreshments: Deborah & John Scott

Children's Ministry:

Pastor's Message (continued)

val! We will host a potluck meal directly following our worship service from 12:00-1:00. At 1:00pm, Rev. Pam Everhart from Niwot UMC will join us to host our annual Charge Conference. Please consider bringing a dish and joining us to commemorate our 2015 ministries, and to look ahead to plans for 2016.

Lyons Community Church continues to grow, even as other mainline Protestant churches are in decline. This year we've added 8 new members, with 12 kids among them. What a blessing! We've grown our congregational care team, supported the community food pantry, and even begun further renovations on our facilities. There is much to share and celebrate in our small church with a BIG heart. So please continue to be well, come worship with us, and take good care of one another out there...

Until soon,

Pastor Emily

Prayers

Joys: birthdays of Terry Mayes (11/16) and Matt Hunter (11/16), Sally's NC trip; rain in CA to answer prayers; Veteran's Day last week with thanks to all who serve, have served, or paid the ultimate price; with Ruth, Debora and Betsey in the new Town Hall art show on Harvest and Hope

Concerns: Steve's separated shoulder and death of his friend Greg (leaving behind family with 3 children); Vance's mother Betty and family, coordinated efforts to find him a new home in Lyons; loss of Chuck's friend Dave Moran; Marcia's aunt Shirley with COPD in CA; Liz Masterson; Hayleigh's stroke recovery; Liz's friends with cancer; Cheryl's spirits and hip recovery; Donna Lee's heart; Jennifer; Geneva's uncle Darwin, cousin Norman and Alice; the Fikes and Baker families; ongoing global refugee crisis, esp. in Germany and Europe; disaster recovery

Announcements

Ministry Council meets this Tues, Nov. 17th at 6:30pm. All are welcome!

Our Care Team will meet this Thurs, Nov. 19th at 4pm in Wesleyan Hall (downstairs). All are invited to come and help care for our community.

The LCF's annual Gala is this Friday, Nov. 20th, at Lionscrest Manor. Holly, Pam and team have been busy planning for months, and Pastor Emily will emcee. The LCF has helped the church, food pantry, and LEAF so much over the years - why not come and toast their legacy of doing good in our community?

Next Sunday will be a special Harvest Festival - our 11am service will be followed by a potluck lunch and our annual Charge

Conference at 1pm. Please plan to bring a dish and stay on for the celebration of our 2015 ministries and a glimpse ahead at plans for 2016.

Emily and Regis would like to warmly invite everyone to their annual Christmas drop-in on Sunday, Dec. 6th from 3-5pm at their new home in Longmont.



All-Age Story Nov. 8 -
The Good Samaritan

from Kutela Katembo, our new covenant missionary in Angola



Dear brothers and sisters (Lyons Community Church)

Thank you for your kindness and support of my Agriculture ministry, Your gift will allow us to resume agricultural activities for the benefit of the entire community. We are committed to sharing with you stories and progress up - dates about our project that will include the entire community ,women, children, students and local farmers. We would like to keep you updated and invite you to build a relationship with us.

We pray for you and look forward to the blessed days ahead.

Sincerely,

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NEW – Volunteer Signup Sheet

Beginning in December you will notice a change in the Sunday worship volunteers' signup sheet. Refreshments will be separated into three categories:

Coffee prep/Sweets (i.e., donuts, cookies, sweet bread, etc)

Savory item (i.e., cheese & crackers, chips & dip, bagels & cream cheese, etc)

Fruit or Veggie



You can sign up for all three categories or just one or two. The hope is this will lessen the obligation for any one individual/family and help us to continue to provide refreshments during fellowship time.

Resonance Women's Chorus at Heart of Longmont

Resonance Women's Chorus will perform at Heart of Longmont at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 14. The concert is free and open to all. The concert is sponsored by the Justice Seekers, a social justice action group at Heart of Longmont, as part of the church's two-year anniversary celebration as a member of the United Methodist Reconciling Ministry Network. The term "reconciling" speaks to the congregation's intention to be welcoming of all, including LGBTQ individuals. The church is located at 350 11th Ave. in Longmont. The concert will run one hour with no intermission; doors open at 6:30.