

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Friday, November 29, 2019

Greetings Friends,

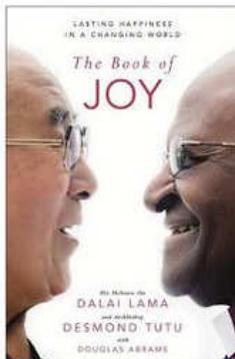
This Sunday marks the start of the Advent season, which is the season of preparation for Christmas, the season of preparation for the birth of Jesus. For Advent this year, we will be following a Worship Design Studio worship series called “Heaven and Nature Sing – 300 Years of Joy to the World.”

This year marks the 300th anniversary of the beloved Christmas classic, “Joy to the World.” Through his interpretation of Psalm 98, Composer Isaac Watt’s invites us to sing a “new song,” a song about freedom and a song about renewal. Through this song we are reminded that joy is not simply another word for happiness, but rather that joy can be found in the midst of suffering, in the work of justice, and in the presence of compassion, all of which is a part of the coming of Jesus and his message that is still so important for us to hear still today!

During the first Sunday of Advent, we will look at the hope that can be found in joy and in joyful living. ***The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*** chronicles a conversation between Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama. In this book they identify “perspective” as one of the pillars of joy. When we open ourselves up to different perspectives, we can experience a sense of genuine hope in the midst of challenges. Looking at the world from a different perspective can shift our fear to compassion. This Sunday, let us take some time exploring how new hope and joy can arise in our lives as we prepare for the coming of the Christ child, the coming of this new Light into the world.

I pray that you are all having a blessed week. I look forward to gathering for worship on Sunday, when we will also share in Holy Communion!

Blessings,
Pastor Emily



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First Advent

Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019

Communion Sunday

Message: “Disciples...Are Thankful”
- Pastor Emily Kintzel

Scripture Readings: Psalm 98 &
Romans 13:11-14 (NRSV)

Greeter: Sandra Willis

Reader: Diana Boulter

Flowers:

Refreshments: The Salmons, Diana
Boulter, Karen Schwenn

Children’s Ministry: Children will
stay in worship this morning

Advent Worship Series

Heaven and Nature Sing – 300 Years of Joy to the World

Sunday, Dec. 1st – “Hopeful Joy” –
Psalm 98 & Romans 13:11-14

Sunday Dec. 8th – “Loving Joy” –
Isaiah 11:1-10 & Matthew 3:1-12

Sunday, Dec. 15th – “Unabashed
Joy” – Children’s Pageant

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Prayers

Joy: Birthday celebrations for Molly Mathews (12/1) and Brian Whitehead (12/8)

Joy: The care and compassion and support of this congregation

Joy: Family visiting for Thanksgiving

Prayers: Jeanne Schwenn is recovering at home after recent hospitalization

Prayers: Janet Freeman is recovering after her recent tooth extractions and heart ailment

Prayers: Lavern Johnson who is experiencing bursitis pain

Prayers: Richard Salmon's brother, Doug Salmon, has some health concerns

Prayers: Friends and family members who are traveling

Prayers: Friends and family members who are struggling

Prayers: Friends and family members who are sick and not feeling well

Prayers for The United Methodist Church

Prayers for our nation, our leaders, and for peace in the world

Advent Worship Series

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Saturday, Dec. 21st – “Elusive Joy” – Blue Christmas Service @ 7:15 pm

Sunday, Dec. 22nd – “Peaceful Joy” – Isaiah 7:10-16 & Matthew 1:18-25

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 6:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 24th – “Incarnate Joy” – Psalm 96 & Luke 2:1-20

Announcements

Chili Supper, Saturday, December 7, contact Jani Little to help

LEAF: This year the congregation will once again be collecting 5# bags of potatoes and apples and oranges for the LEAF Holiday boxes. We need 40 of each by Sunday, Dec. 15th.

Circuit-Wide Charge Conference is December 15th, 2pm @ Heart of Longmont UMC

Did you know... if you miss worship, you can listen to a recorded version of Pastor Emily's sermon from the comfort of your own home? Sermon recordings are available on YouTube.

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Advent Bible Study

Advent Bible Study at the home of Mark and Christine Boys (529 Goranson Court, Lyons)
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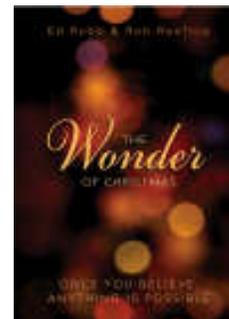
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Meeting on Wednesdays De-

cember 4, 11, & 18, at

6:30pm. Participant books

are available from Pastor Emily for \$10 (there is scholarship money for the book, if you need it). This study is open to all and we would love to have join us!





LONGMONT



GIFT OF HOME TOUR

This self-guided tour, a benefit for Longmont Meals on Wheels, features 3 homes professionally adorned for the holidays with decorations available for sale. Thursday evening is Opening Night with dinner at 1 of 4 restaurants. Tickets also includes a luncheon at The Gift of Home Cafe on Friday or Saturday.

Opening Night tickets are \$45. General Admission tickets are \$20/\$25 at the door. Volunteer tickets are \$10.

Tour Dates and Times

- Thursday, December 5, Opening Night, 5-9pm
- Friday, December 6, 10am-7pm
- Saturday, December 7, 9am-3pm



For tickets and more information go to www.thegiftofhome.org or call 303-772-0540.

Poinsettias: If you would like to contribute a poinsettia during Advent and Christmas Eve, please fill out the form below and put in the offering plate with payment. Cost is \$10/each.

_____ In memory of.... OR _____ In honor of....

By: _____

