

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

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Dear brothers and sisters,

You're walking through a neighborhood you don't know that well, when all of a sudden, you hear footsteps behind you. You keep walking, carefully, perhaps a bit quicker, listening to those footsteps. You realize there are two sets besides your own - two people are following you. What can you do... but turn around and say, "What are you looking for?"

That's exactly how this week's Scripture begins... if you don't believe me, check it out for yourself. We're going to talk about seeking and being sought this coming Sunday - and how what we are looking for greatly depends on what we find in life.

Speaking of seeking and finding, many of us have been seeking a way to welcome new people to our church, and to make those who do come feel better cared for as they experience ups and downs in life. So we've developed 3 new ideas, and we'd love for you to think and pray about them... and let us know if the Spirit is urging you to be involved in any way:

1) **Sunday Greeters** standing at the door each morning would be a warm and personal way to meet new people who come through those doors. We were all first-timers at some time, and it might have been someone that you met that day that encouraged you come back for a second time. Not everyone who walks in wants to be greeted or to get to know someone personally, but for those who might, we'd love to offer that hospitality, someone to share a mug, introduce visitors who'd like that, and generally help new people find the restrooms, coffee, etc.



2) We are not just another community organization - we are a church. And along with fellowship, worship and service, one part of the glue that binds us is prayer. We pray every Sunday in worship together, but we'd love to start a **Prayer Chain** or Group for those who'd like to receive (public or confidential) prayers from the congregation each week. We're also considering printing the public prayer requests in this Mid-Week Message and the bulletin each week. Would you like to see that? Or join a prayer circle?



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Sunday, Jan. 26

Sermon: *A Few Take Notice*

Scripture: John 1:35-42

Reader: Annie Sirotniak

Flowers: Brian Whitehead

Refreshments: Monica McGuckin

Future Sign-Ups

February 2

Scripture- Mark Browning

Refreshments- Janet Freeman

Flowers- Amy and Molly Mathews

February 9

Scripture- Matt Fowler

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Flowers- Deborah Salmon

February 16

Scripture- Alyssa Frideres

Refreshments- the Brownings

Flowers- Sue and Reed Farr

February 23

Scripture- Richard Salmon

Refreshments- Carol Pranschke

Flowers- Pam and Mark Browning

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3) Last but definitely not least, the needs in our community are greater now post-flood than ever before. Some need prayers, others calls and visits, cards or flowers. We want to be the church - connected, in touch, taking care of one another. That cannot be the Pastor's role alone - we are all ministers together in this world. So we'd love to form a **Care Group** of people who'd like to make hospital visits, write birthday, get-well or just praying for you cards, help when people are in tough situations or crises, or simply be more present with one another in our daily lives.



As I prayed about these new ministry opportunities, I wondered at first if I should be asking for help in these areas - are these not all pastoral responsibilities? The more prayed, the more God's answer became clear: OF COURSE these are pastoral responsibilities... but you're not the only pastor in our church, Emily! How true the Spirit speaks... and how I long to minister to you and with you in deeper and more meaningful ways.

Watch for announcements introducing these new opportunities, and if you'd like more information (or if you'd like to help plan, lead, or craft these new ministries, or any other new ministry ideas that you may have), please don't ever hesitate to pick up the phone, shoot me an email, or grab me at the church or the local coffee shop to let me know how the Spirit is speaking and urging in your own life. We're all in this together, after all - all pastors trying to love and serve one another. Thanks for choosing to share your gifts and talents with us!

With deep gratitude for seeking and finding,

Pastor Emily

LCC Choir Schedule

If you're interested in singing in the Choir, our next scheduled Sunday is February 9. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays, Jan. 29 and Feb. 5, 6-7pm. You are more than welcome to join us! You can contact Kim for more information at Kim2014@live.com.