

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

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Dear brothers and sisters,

Sometimes it takes an invitation for us to get involved, and sometimes it takes an offer of help and support to make us feel comfortable enough to strike out on our own.

For years I had heard about the physical and spiritual health benefits of yoga, and I was intrigued by photos of people's bodies contorted into strange shapes. But I had never dragged myself to a class - until a woman I had just met invited me to join her. "Come with me," she said. "I'll show you how." Those are the same words (ok, an English version of the likely Aramaic same words!) that Jesus spoke to his first disciples when he invited them to drop their fishing nets and follow him in ministry.

Last week, in the Mid-Week Message and during our Sunday worship service, I also invited you to come with me and join in some new opportunities: Sunday greeting, a Prayer Chain, and even a congregational Care Group to provide a better welcome and support to our community. Many of you responded - if you haven't yet (but are still considering it), please let me know. We'll be kicking the groups off soon and looking for people to lead each new area.

Thanks to the many other new ideas for organization, hospitality, renovation, worship and music that have been discussed in the past few weeks - many people are on the move among us, and it is nice to see that not everyone is hibernating in the snowy winter. May God bless you with good health and strength despite the cold!

Invitingly yours,

Pastor Emily

Prayers for the week....

Ray Sr.'s successful eye surgery this week (still in some pain)
Geneva's knee surgery coming up Feb 4th in Rock Creek, Lafayette
Donna Lee's ongoing recovery from her hospitalization for pneumonia
Jeanne and Ray in his cancer treatments
Emily Dusel's brother
Joy for Martin's new home in Lyons

Sunday, Feb. 2

Sermon: *And So it Begins*

Scripture: Matthew 4:18-25

Reader: Mark Browning

Flowers: Amy & Molly Mathews

Refreshments: Janet Freeman

Future Sign-Ups

February 9

Scripture- Matt Fowler
Refreshments- Matt Fowler
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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Let's start filling up March. You can add your name to the notebook on Sunday or contact Pam at [pmountaingirl@gmail.com](mailto:pmountaingirl@gmail.com).