

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Thursday, February 6, 2014



Dear brothers and sisters,

After a crushing defeat in the Super Bowl on Sunday, it was a *challenge* to be cordial and eloquent in my responses to friends and family about the loss.

After the flood last summer, there were so many people with such overwhelming need, that it was a *challenge* to figure out who to help and how to help in the best ways possible (and sometimes, it still is!).

After Lillian began sleeping through the night at 6 weeks old, it was a *challenge* to Regis and me just to function when she got her first teeth and was up all night for weeks on end, crying with pain.

Challenges are what
make life interesting.
Overcoming them is
what makes it
meaningful.

Our lives are filled with challenges - they are inescapable. Challenges do not only have to carry a negative impulse, though (as in a challenging or difficult task). They can also spur us on to create something better than what we have already. God challenges us to grow and change, to examine the status quo, "the way we've always done things" and to determine if that's still working for us or not.

In this week's text, which I challenge you to read and examine before this coming Sunday, Jesus is making his closest friends and followers think twice about how they see the world. It's a familiar text - The Beatitudes - but we'll approach it from a few new angles to try to uncover deeper meanings to us today.

As the snow falls and piles up around us, I know that sometimes just getting out of bed is a challenge. But I believe that challenges can



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Sermon: *Making Us Think Twice*

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

Reader: Matt Fowler

Flowers: Deborah Salmon

Refreshments: Matt Fowler

Pastor's Message (continued)

produce rewards and growth in our lives. Are you curious to see how joining us at church this week might make you think twice and stretch in new directions?

Still mulling it over, and inviting you to do the same,

Pastor Emily

Healing prayers for...

Jeanne Schwenn and Ray's cancer treatments

Ray Thomas Sr.'s eyes

Geneva Thomas's knee

Donna Lee's pneumonia

Chuck and Kitty Keim fighting colds/flu

Steve Beck's biopsies

Pat Clemens' surgery

Traveling mercies...

for Jani and Zeke Little (returning from Hawaii) and Diana and Stu Boulter (heading to Arizona), also thanks that Pete Wennermark made it home safely from Africa

Gratitude...

for all those considering their participation in new and ongoing ministries, and guidance as we all consider how we can support our current building campaign and needed renovations