

# The Lyons Community Church

## Mid-Week Message

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### *Be careful what you wish for... you might get it!*

Brothers and sisters,

I quoted my grandmother during last Sunday's sermon, and her quote has proven even more true this week than last; I was very challenged by the Beatitudes last week as I prayed about introducing us all to a challenging God. And this week I am planning a sermon on forgiveness... so guess what?

Yup... I've been an organizational wreck this week (and quite a bear to live with, as Regis will attest). I've forgotten papers and deadlines. I've spaced out on appointments and missed meetings I had on the calendar. I've gotten sidetracked by phone calls, emails, and even the Olympics on TV.

Why am I confessing this to you all now? And in an electronic form that can never be taken back? ;-) Well, I guess I want you to know that I'm human, too - that I have rough days, get angry, makes mistakes, and need forgiveness. Sometimes, I also just need to lie down and take a deep breath, or enjoy a quick-paced walk outside alone. It's on these tough days that I turn even more to God and ask for new strength, a better attitude, a new way of seeing certain situations.

We'll be talking about new perspectives on Sunday as Alyssa and Regis share a dramatic reading of the Samaritan woman, or the Woman at the Well. This is an unnamed lady from an "enemy" tribe of the Jews. And yet, Jesus asks her for a drink of water and shares the living water of his forgiveness and identity with her. Some scholars mistakenly paint the woman as having low morals, but she is the first person in the Gospel of John to engage Jesus about theological issues... and he takes her questions seriously and shares deep truths with her. She becomes a witness to his life-changing message across her entire region.

What a difference we can make if we can give testimony to how and when we met Jesus! Or how and when we met someone who changed our lives by helping us see things in a new way.

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## Sunday, Feb. 16

**Sermon:** *Widening the Circle*

**Scripture:** John 4:5-30, 39-42

**Reader:** Alyssa Frideres, Regis Schoedel

**Flowers:** Sue & Reed Farr

**Refreshments:** The Brownings

## Future Sign-Ups

February 23

Scripture- Richard Salmon

Refreshments- Carol Pranschke

Flowers- Pam and Mark Browning

### *Pastor's Message* (continued)

With her, Jesus widened the circle of faith - and we are all constantly being stretched and widened ourselves by our encounters at the well (or the pub, coffee shop, grocery store, etc.) this week....

See you Sunday at the well,

*Pastor Emily*

## ***Healing prayers for...***

Donna's pneumonia, recent fall, and hospitalization; Steve's outpatient procedures; Brian's father's angioplasty; Ray in hospice (and Jeanne and family caring for him and one another).

## ***Rejoice over our joys:***

Carol's niece Catherine's new baby (due any moment), Ruth's stunning art show at Town Hall, Geneva's successful knee surgery, Ray Sr's successful eye surgery, Pat's successful operation, the athletes and their families and friends gracing us with Olympic pageantry

## **Announcements**

Hey **YOUTH** (grades 4th-12th), come have lunch with Emily, Regis and Lillian at their house on **Sunday, March 2nd** right after church (about 11:30am-1:30pm). We'll talk about what you and your friends might like to do together: social events, Bible studies, trips or special projects. Please let Emily know if you can come (so we'll have enough DIY pizza) and do bring along any of your friends!

On Wednesday, Feb. 26th we'll celebrate our **New Ministry Kick-offs with Dinner and Meetings**. There have been over 15 people to sign up for each of our new opportunities - thank you!!! All are still welcome - with or without advanced sign-up. If you can let us know, though, we'd appreciate it. Please bring along your calendars for planning. We'll eat downstairs in Wesley Hall, and meet upstairs in the Fellowship room:

- 6:00 - 8:00 Dinner downstairs
- 6:00 - 6:30 Sunday greeters
- 6:30 - 7:15 Prayer Chain/Group
- 7:15 - 8:15 Congregational Care Group

We're turning over a new LEAF. The **Lyons Community Basic Needs and Emergency Fund** (the church and community cooperative which fiscally sponsored the \$1 million "Rebuild Lyons, One Life at a Time" campaign) has a new name. To clarify some confusion, and to separate us from the Lyons Community Foundation (who is still using the name Rebuild Lyons) name, we **will now be called LEAF (the Lyons Emergency Assistance Fund)**. If you or anyone you know needs help (with flood-related or other expenses), please email [LyonsEAFund@gmail.com](mailto:LyonsEAFund@gmail.com) or call 720-864-4309. Also, please join us in welcoming Pam Browning, Ellen Hine, Jani Little, and Karen Schwenn to our Board!

Flood recovery assistance: The **American Red Cross** is still offering assistance. Pick up a form in the Fellowship room, or call [1-888-635-6381](tel:1-888-635-6381) from 9am-5pm Monday-Friday for more details. **Mental Health Partners** is offering free, walk-in support for anxiety, sadness, depression, fear, sleeplessness, guilt, anger and other emotional distress. Stop by the Walt Self Center, 335 Railroad Ave (lower level entrance around at the back of the building) from Monday-Friday 12 noon-7pm, or call [720-415-9740](tel:720-415-9740) for details.

There will be no **Ministry Council Meeting** in February; the next meeting scheduled is for March 19, at 6:30pm.