

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

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Sunday, Feb. 23

Sermon: *Loving When It Hurts*

Scripture: Matthew 5:43-48

Reader: Richard Salmon

Flowers: Pam & Mark Browning

Refreshments: Carol Pranschke

Healing prayers for...

Donna Lee is in rehab at Longmont United Hospital with bleeding complications;

Steve's outpatient procedures;

Brian's father's angioplasty;

Ray in hospice (and Jeanne and family caring for him and one another).

Traveling mercies for...

Vance as he returns from visiting his mother

Rejoice over our joys:

Carol's niece Catherine's new baby, William Thomas

Winning our own medals?

Dear brothers and sisters,

As the Olympic drama continues to unfold in Sochi, Russia, Regis is closely watching the medals race, giving me the daily tally and which country is on top. So of course, the following question from The Message caught my eye as I prepared for this Sunday's worship service:

"If you simply say hello to those who greet you, do you expect a medal?" (Matt. 5:47)



Jesus is talking to his closest disciples on a mountaintop (just after his famous Beatitudes speech), and he again challenges the status quo and encourages us to widen our circle of thinking around how we treat our friends and enemies. But he also gives us an idea of how we can be Olympic champions, with medals hanging around our necks. And it doesn't involve ice skates, skis, or luges. (maybe another little pic here?)

We can earn a medal when we treat our enemies well, pray for them, and let them bring out the best (rather than the worst) in us. This is a TALL order, and no simple feat to complete, so if we succeed, we're sure to deserve the Gold. How can we be more generous and gracious with ourselves and others? We'll consider a few secrets to Medal-success this Sunday...

It's our 6th and final Sunday of the Life of Jesus (What God is Like) series, and we look forward to moving into the Lenten season together soon with a deeper and wider understanding of this God-glue that holds our community together.

So dust off your game face and get ready to rumble - see you Sunday!

Pastor Emily

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

Lenten Services:

There will be an Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm on March 5;

The Lenten series is a 5-week exploration on Encounters with Jesus. We'll be studying some unlikely characters who spent time with the Rabbi (March 9-April 6), and hopefully encounter him ourselves in new ways;

The Blue Canyon Boys are leading worship music on Palm Sunday, April 13;

Good Friday service at 7pm on April 18;

The Railsplitters are leading worship music on Easter, April 20, with our Annual Easter Brunch following worship.