

# The Lyons Community Church

## Mid-Week Message

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### *Am I crazy or what?*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Usually people try to hide their crazy, but this week we're going to follow Jesus's example and let it all hang out. Have you ever heard voices? What about the Voice of God? Any idea what we're listening for when we pray and ask questions?

These are just some of the things we'll think about on Sunday as we read about the Transfiguration (the day Jesus turned himself into a 1000-watt human light bulb in front of 3 of his closest friends)... and swore them to secrecy about it. It's a magical, mountain-top experience, and we'll be thinking about our own highlights in life as we walk through the story.

One highlight will happen right after church - Regis and I are hosting all of the youth (4th-12th grade) at our home for pizza and games (11:30-1:30). We'll walk over to the RiverCliff Townhomes together, and parents can pick up their tweens and teens after 1:30pm. I'd like to invite each of you, regardless of whether or not you have kids, to please be in prayer for our youth, who have a lot to deal with in school and life these days, especially in this crazy year of flooding, school relocation, etc. We want to offer them a fun and safe place to be together and get to know one another better.



Well, it's not a Midweek Message this week (it was barely a message at all, actually, since Regis and I took a few days off earlier in the

### Sunday, March 2

**Sermon:** *Mountain-Top Experiences (and Hearing Voices)*

**Scripture:** Matthew 17:1-9

**Reader:** Vance French

**Greeter:** Mark Browning

**Flowers:** The Brownings

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

week to rest in Grand Lake!). So, thanks for your patience, and I promise to do better (and be a little less crazy?!?... nah...) next week.

*Pastor Emily*

## Announcements

You are invited to a special **Ash Wednesday** service this week at 7pm at the church. We will be anointing with ashes from last year's Palm Sunday branches (with thanks to Karen!)

**Thanks to all** who were present on last Wednesday's new ministry kick-off dinner and meeting (and thanks to Debbie for a wonderful meal!) We had 15-20 present, with another 20-25 signed up for the ministries. If you are interested in Sunday greeting, prayer team, or a Christian care-giving group, please let Emily know. Each group is looking for leaders and new ideas/input.

The **new care group** is trying to find a date in the near future to meet and make further decisions about their name, scope and organization. Please let Emily know if Wed, March 12th, 5:30-7pm, might work for you.

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

Ray with hospice care at home and Jeanne and the family caring for him, Steve's 15-year old nephew Levi diagnosed with Krohn's disease, Donna West (Monica's neighbor) and her daughter Connie, Robyn's grandmother Marge (Marguerite) who is nearing death in CT and the family supporting her

### ***Rejoice over our joys...***

Geneva walking without walker, Ray Sr. able to see, Vance's mother's birthday party in TX despite her long-term hospice care, Steve's biopsies a success, Donna home from the hospital, Debi Salmon's niece Rachel driving out from KY to visit, new ministry kick-offs this week, the youth planning to spend this Sunday afternoon with Emily, Regis & Lillian

### ***Concerns...***

Leadership transitions in Lyons (new Mayor and Trustees), teenagers bullying others and missing God in their lives, Victoria's stress and health, Nancy & Robyn's baby son Paxton - continued healing and a long-term placement with their family, new Ukrainian government, justice in Kansas and Arizona as they consider new laws that advocate discrimination, the United Methodist Church as it wrestles to include all people (and stop the trials surrounding marriage equality)