

# The Lyons Community Church

## Mid-Week Message

Wednesday, March 26, 2014



### *From sticks and stones to mud pies and healing spit*



Dear brothers and sisters,

What a transition we're experiencing during this Lenten season together - from sticks and stones last week to mud pies and healing spit this week! Many thanks to Rev. Diana Boulter for sharing the message with us on Sunday - I was very grateful to have a Spring Break rest with my mother in town. But she is back in SC now, and I have begun my last semester of religious studies at the Iliff School of Theology this week. In 10 weeks, God willing, I'll graduate and have LOTS more free time!!!

In that spirit of joyous anticipation, I am looking forward to being back in the pulpit this Sunday and to sharing a story with you about how Jesus healed a blind man by making mud pies out of his own spit. It sounds a bit graphic, I know, but considering the Why and How in this story poses some deep questions to ponder. So it's a perfect way to celebrate the Fourth Lenten Feast Day (and we are over halfway there to Easter Sunday already!)

We will also have another special musical treat this weekend - **The Little White Church String Band** (or whatever they have chosen to call themselves as the ad hoc group evolves) will be gracing us with another of their 5th Sunday of the month jams. We can't wait to see who will join the band this time around - since they always seem to make beautiful music together. If you've been thinking about playing or joining them, the next 5th Sunday of the month is June 29th - mark your calendars and please let Jani know.

Last but not least, we had wonderful Ministry Council and Building Hope and Promise (our building committee) meetings last week. There are many exciting things being planned for this spring and summer, including some physical changes to our place of worship and the addition and continuation of many new programs.

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## Sunday, March 30

**Sermon:** *Jesus's Mud Pies and Healing Intimacy* - Pastor Emily

**Scripture:** John 9:1-11, 35-41

**Reader:** Jani Little

**Greeters:** The Salmons

**Flowers:** Jani & Zeke Little

**Refreshments:** Jani & Zeke Little

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

The Spirit is moving in our town and in our church, and I'd love to personally invite you to be a part of the excitement. If you're curious but not sure how to get involved, please reach out to me. I'd love to discuss some options over coffee and pray with you about how the Spirit is leading you. We are all unique and have special gifts and talents to share - what a blessed community in which to grow together!

Honored and humbled to be your pastor,

*Pastor Emily*

## Joys...

Marty's 2 successful brain surgeries and amazingly speedy recovery, Aggie Brown (Nancy Liquori's mother) and Brian Schey who received the 2 RVs loaned to the church from Bless You. Inc.

## Concerns...

Jean's great-great nephew Hansley's kidney problems and surgery, Carol's older brother Joe's Parkinson's diagnosis, Pam's grandmother (Ruth) who is still not doing well, the protection of Wanda's sons and her wish to be reunited with them, Jeanne who has been in and out of the hospital dealing with the stress of losing Ray, Jodi's grandmother who is not well, Scott Thomas' recovery from double-valve heart surgery on Wednesday



## LCC Choir

If you are interested in singing in the Choir, our next scheduled Sunday is April 6, Rehearsal will be tonight, March 26 and April 5, 6-7pm. All ages and abilities are welcome to join us! Contact Kim for more information at [Kim2014@live.com](mailto:Kim2014@live.com).

## Quiet Disciple

Debbie Tabor has been an active member of our church and community for over 40 years, serving in various official and unofficial capacities. She is newly retired and continues to work for the community food pantry. Debbie is a wonderful example of quiet discipleship. She brings communion elements each month and helps with decoration of the altar and fellowship area. Each month she organizes a meal for the seniors in the community, and sees cooking as part of her ministry. She is always preparing food for special church events and meetings. Debbie has a

very loving heart and makes many pastoral care visits to homes and hospitals of our church members. She has recently volunteered to help lead a newly-forming congregational care group. Her commitment to our church is outstanding and we are proud to award her as this year's *Quiet Disciple*.



Mark Boys, our Lay Leader, presenting Debbie Tabor with our church's Quiet Disciple Award.