

# The Lyons Community Church

## Mid-Week Message

Wednesday, April 2, 2014



### *Bible Zombies?!?*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Our culture is obsessed with the idea of the Living Dead, zombies walking among us, eager to eat the life out of anything human that still lives and breathes. There are movies and bands, TV shows and paraphernalia about zombies. When I tried to find some images online for this week's Bible story (John 11:1-45), my laptop screen was filled with horror story images.



Now I am not telling you what to watch, but I personally can't stand zombie movies or horror movies! They make me nervous, biting my nails and gripping Regis's arm during the show, dreaming terrible and vivid nightmares after we flip them off. So I simply don't do it - I can't. I'm just not made for horror stories.

However, in the story we're focusing on this week, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead after he's been in the grave 4 days. He's "stinking dead," as some scholars say, which is a reminder that each of us also carries around stinking dead parts of our own souls – parts which don't nourish us or spur us on towards growth and being better people.

So on Sunday, we'll ponder the presence of our own zombies, as we look forward to the Eastertide season, when Jesus will triumphantly enter Jerusalem on a donkey (sorry - spoiler alert for April 13th's Palm Sunday celebration), be captured, tried and crucified (during our special Good Friday service on Friday, April 18th at 7pm) and ultimately be raised from the dead (on Easter Sunday morning, April 20th). It's quite a busy season - and I hope you'll consider joining us this coming Sunday at 10am.

Mark your calendars: the Blue Canyon Boys will be with us April 13th, and the Railsplitters will join us April 20th. After the beautiful music of The Little White Church String Band

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### Sunday, April 6

**Sermon:** *Raising Lazarus from the Dead* - Pastor Emily Flemming

**Scripture:** John 11:1-45

**Readers:** Pam Browning

**Flowers:** The Beck Family

**Refreshments:** The Brownings

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

this past Sunday (see pictures on next page), we can't wait to continue this special season of Lent with such special music. Many thanks to all of our musicians for sharing their talent - and we look forward to some of our visual artists gracing us with their work soon!

Love and peace to you, this week from Pittsburgh where we are having a ball introducing Lillian to Regis's extended family,

*Pastor Emily*

## **Joys...**

Michele Leonard, Thom Bishop and their daughter Simone who received the 2nd RV from us when Aggie received a spot in a retirement community in Longmont (blessings for your new homes!), Pam's grandmother Ruth who is doing much better after our prayers for her health, Scott's successful heart surgery and recovery, Victoria and Keith's family appreciate our prayers and support, and Debi gives thanks for spring!

## **Concerns...**

Continued prayers and support for Jeanne in the loss of Ray, Jodi's family in the loss of her grandmother Marcia in Ohio last week, Maureen's liver transplant, the family of Donna West who recently passed away, Ray's wife Alice having knee surgery in Texas, traveling mercies for Tanya in New Mexico, and the lost little boy Alex in Longmont - Lord, have mercy!



**Members of The Little White Church String Band.**

