

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Thursday, April 2, 2015

Spring has sprung... well, almost...

Dear Neighbors,

What a beautiful few weeks of spring-like weather we have been enjoying—gorgeous flowers, beaming sunshine, kids dancing on Main Street. It's funny, then, as I sit down to send you this message, I am watching snow pour out of the sky like my grandmother's flour was poured into her mouth-watering pound cakes. It only takes an instant to change everything.



Tomorrow night we will celebrate one such instant. Good Friday is the commemoration of Jesus' walk to Calvary, of his death on a cross, and of his burial in a borrowed tomb. It will be a brief and meditative service, filled with haunting music and 3 symbols of our faith: the foot-washing basin, the cup of blessing, and the crown of thorns. Consider joining us at 7pm.

Just a few days later, though, another important instant occurs. Some women discover an empty tomb when they go to prepare the body of Jesus for burial. They are in shock and disbelief, much like many of us have been in the past few weeks. You have shared your grief and sorrow with me over the past 2 weeks. You expected to be able to invite our 200 displaced residents home with an affordable housing development. But instead, you discovered something unexpected.

Easter is a season of miracles. Even when all hope is lost, when Jesus hangs on that horrible cross and whispers, "Father, forgive them. They know not what they do" ... it is not over. Our lives, our journeys, our choices remain—and now we must make them in an environment totally different than we expected. As we wade through the uncertainty, the doubt from others, and our own shock, perhaps we can follow in his example, whispering through our disappointment, "Lord, forgive them (or forgive us) - we know not what we do."

Easter is a season of forgiveness, after all—a season of letting go of what was and moving into the light of what is and what will be. Jesus forgave even the one who betrayed him most brutally. Surely we can

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Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday: The Uprising Begins — Rev. Emily Flemming

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12 (MSG),
read by John Hunter

Greeters: Ruth Wilson, Matt and
Lauren Hunter

Sunday's **Easter** worship service will be an All-Age Celebration (nursery care will be provided, but children will stay in service). If kids need a break, parents can take them downstairs, but we look forward to extra noise and excitement!

Bluegrass Easter

We will be blessed again this year by the "high octane Colorado bluegrass" of the Blue Canyon Boys! Welcome back to Gary, Jason, Drew and Chris—we can't wait to worship with you.



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forgive those who hurt us. The disciples were forced to let go of their teacher and friend. What might God be asking you to let go of in this season, to make room for something new and beautiful to grow? It's worth a thought, as I slip on my snow boots, maybe for the last time this season, and go out to take a walk in the silent snowfall. Not quite the spring day I expected, but still full of wonder, mystery, and possibilities.

Pastor Emily

You can check out any sermons you missed, or share other updates, info and announcements with the church on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/LyonsCommunityChurch

Easter Lilies

Given in memory of:

- Cora & Hugh Twiggs, and Karen Sue Breland by Sandra Willis
- All My Family & Friends by Ruth Wilson
- Joseph John Hallgring by Dawn & David Henley
- Walter Juzefczyk by Holly Beck
- Jeff Schwenn by the Schwenn Family
- Bud Schwenn by the Schwenn Family
- Jeremy Garrett and Jim & Laura Penn by Marilyn Penn
- Beverly Boguslawski by Karen Schwenn
- Tony Wilkins

Given in honor of:

- Brian's successful surgery by Annie Sirotniak & Brian Whitehead
- Ken & Marie Baker by Deb & Jerry Tabor

Prayers...

JOYS for the Shaw's 49th anniversary (4/2), Brian's and Rick's ongoing recoveries from open-heart surgery, Debbie's brother-in-law Richard's improving health, Pam's grandmother's 99th birthday, those considering joining the church on April 26th, and the hope and promise of springtime—beautiful flowers and new beginnings.

CONCERNS Mary's father's pneumonia and delay of chemo, Carol's brother Joe's complications, Jerry's sister Cheryl, Jerry and Sandi Fikes, Dawn's mother Lorraine, Russell, Donna, Alice, Steve M., Terry R., Kendra, Kathy R., and Nancy's uncle.

You may make prayer requests or join the Prayer Team anytime by contacting Pastor Emily or Chair Kitty Keim (kathkeim@earthlink.net).

Announcements



We are delighted to welcome new church members through baptism or transfer on Sunday, **April 26th**. Please see Pastor Emily if you have questions or would like to join us.

We will be creating a directory with photos this spring. Please correct your contact information with Karen Schwenn, and email your photos (not larger than 4MB) to LCCOffice@lyonscommunitychurch.org. Or ask Regis to snap your photo on a Sunday morning.



A one-day all-age class on United Methodist History and Beliefs is offered on Sunday **4/19 and 4/26** from 8:30-9:30am in Wesleyan Hall. Choose whichever date works best!

