

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

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Dear friends and neighbors,

When I looked at the forecast on my phone earlier this week, I didn't believe it. But if there is one thing that living in Colorado for the past 4 years has taught me, it is that the weather is often (for me as a native Southerner) simply unbelievable! I have learned it can change up to 40 degrees or more in one day, bringing beaming sunshine and wet, heavy snow all at once.



But sometimes I still have to see the weather to believe it. The snow piling up on my daffodils and tulips this morning is both gorgeous and heart-breaking at the same time. And it makes me feel like Thomas; I'd heard everyone else say the snow is coming, I'd even seen Regis's picture of snow in Estes Park this morning, but until the flakes started falling in Lyons, I was in a stubborn state of disbelief.

I just wasn't ready. I was enjoying the springtime weather, putting away my thickest sweaters and unpacking summer dresses, trying to move slowly out of the winter hibernation mode and into a new season. It's not always easy - I love the snow and great books beside warm fireplaces. But I was slowly beginning to adjust, when Mother Nature dropped one last winter bomb.

Maybe Thomas felt like this after Jesus' crucifixion? He had suffered the loss of his friend and teacher, but he was slowly beginning to get used to the idea of a life without him. Then suddenly everyone starts reporting that Jesus has risen! This is nonsense, he must have thought (as I did staring out the window this morning) - what am I supposed to do now?!? But Jesus never leaves us immobilized, never alone in a state of shock and stillness. He comes again and again, back from the grave (literally, metaphorically or metaphysically) to invite us to allow belief to rise up in ourselves.

Easter morning has come and gone, but each new day is a new Easter resurrection opportunity. The Easter season echoes on in our lives, and will continue to echo in our worship

Sunday, April 19

Sermon: *The Uprising of Belief—More than Meets the Eye* - Pastor Emily Flemming

Scripture: John 20:24-29 (MSG)

Reader: Nancy Reckling

Refreshments: ???

Greeters: Richard & Debi Salmon

Flowers: Given by Pastor Emily in celebration of Regis' birthday

Children's Time:

Pastor's Message (continued)

in the next 5 weeks during our Post-Easter Uprisings sermon series. I hope you'll join us this week - 10am Sunday morning.

Snowy blessings on you all,

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

Prayers...

Gratitude for birthday celebrations: Regis Schoedel on April 22 and Katie Hughes on April 10, Maya West's graduation, Brian's and Rick's ongoing recoveries, Pam's grandmother, those joining the church next Sunday, and the hope and promise of springtime.

Concern for Mary Chase in the death of her father, Kim's (hopefully last) procedure on Friday - may she be with us next Sunday!, Carol's brother Joe, Christine's arm, Jerry's sister Cheryl, Jerry and Sandi, Dawn's mother Lorraine, Russell, Alice, Steve M., 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

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 for learning more about our Christian roots.

Ministry Council meets this Tuesday, **April 21st, 6:30-8:00pm** in Wesleyan Hall. All are encouraged to attend, food will be provided at 6:00pm.

Please don't miss the celebration **Sunday, April 26** - we will be welcoming New Members through baptism, special music, and a (re-)commitment service for the whole church.



Lyons 9 Health Fair

Our annual Lyons 9 Health Fair is scheduled for **Saturday, April 18th from 7 am-12 pm at the Lyons Middle/Senior High School.**

New this year are changes to the fasting requirements. This year you no longer have to fast before you have your blood drawn, as the only levels that will be affected are glucose and triglycerides. Most physicians today like to see what your blood levels are on a daily basis, not how they are due to fasting. This allows you to sleep in, eat breakfast, have some coffee or tea and drink some water, then come to the Health Fair at a time that best works for you.

We also have a limited number of complimentary vouchers for a free basic blood screening for those local residents who would like to participate.

This year we estimate that we may have nearly 500 participants. Thanks to all of our committed volunteers, sponsors, and suppliers, our local health fair has continued to be an annual success.