

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Thursday, May 5, 2016

What Will They Write on Your Tombstone?



When I was graduating from high school back in Anderson, SC in 1997, I was asked to write a Last Will and Testament. What did I have at that age to bequeath, and who did I want to leave anything to anyway? It got me thinking about my legacy, though, and that is something I still consider today, almost 20 years later. I used to love to visit antebellum cemeteries and do rubbings of the old graves. I wondered what they'd put on mine someday.

This week, as we study the final chapter of John Wesley's life and a brief Scripture from the Gospel of Matthew, it seems like we ought not to be aiming for "Loving Wife. Mother. Pastor." on our tombstones, but rather something more like: "Troublemaker. Feather-ruffler. Truth-teller." As Wesley aged and gained money, power, and reputation, he used what he had to help improve the lives of others with less privilege and prestige. In the end, he donated 99% of his financial estate to the church. But before he kissed this world goodbye, he made lots of waves.

So whether you're a rule-follower, or a rule-breaker, there will be a message for you this Sunday. We will also recognize the secular holiday of Mother's Day, and honor all of the women, men and friends who have helped to "mother" us all along the way. One of Wesley's quotes rings true for me on this day: "Gain all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can." I know I wouldn't be where I am today without men and women who gave all they could to help me along in my life... and I hope those people are proud of my rule-bending, feather-ruffling, trouble-making, truth-telling legacy! Not an easy road, but definitely the one I'm traveling...

Blessing on your road and journey,

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Sunday, May 8, 2016

Sermon: What Will They Write on Your Tombstone? - Pastor Emily Flemming

Scripture: James 5:10-12 (MSG)

Reader: Vance French

Flowers: Karen Schwenn in honor of Mother's Day

Refreshments: Geneva Thomas and the Keims

Children: Debbie Scott

Children's Church

Children's Church this Sunday, May 8, will be led by Debbie Scott with a special craft project

There will be no Children's Church May 15 as the Little White Church Band will be playing.

Also no Children's Church on May 22 as the children and children's helpers will be honored that morning.

We will not offer VBS or Children's Church (unless a special need arises) this summer, but we'll have new activity bags and we look forward to all worshipping together!

Prayers

Joys: birthdays of Sally King and Zeke Little (5/8), Mary Beckstrom (5/9), Blake Curton (5/13) and Jerry Johnson (5/14); last week's celebration of Mrs. LaVern Johnson and re-naming of Meadow Park in her honor; the Ralstons' induction to Boulder County Hall of Fame; Liz's recognition as a top Female Entrepreneur in Boulder; LES PTO Fundraiser; Dana and Theresa's pregnancies; River Bend open house May 15th after church; Ruth's clean bill of health (but ongoing prayers, please)

Concerns: Linda Hubbard as she seeks to rebuild her home in the Confluence; Pam's niece Olivia; Mary's search for new kittens; church construction (and Trustees overseeing the work); United Methodist General Conference (global meeting which occurs every 4 years) in Portland from May 10th-20th; ongoing "civil" war in Syria, especially Aleppo; our society's steps backwards in terms of welcoming ALL and loving ALL as Jesus did

Requests? Kitty Keim, Chair: kathkeim@earthlink.net, tel. 303-823-6586 **Prayer team:** Pastor Emily, Holly and Steve Beck, Mark Boys, Pam Browning, Sandi Fikes, Janet Freeman, Vance French, Alyssa Frideres, Ellen Hine, Jani Little, Steve Mikesell, Jerry & Jean Peila, Carol Pranschke, Richard and Deborah Salmon, Debbie Tabor and Sandra Willis.

Announcements

There will be a meeting Monday, **May 9th** at 5:30pm, to discuss next steps in renovating and replacing our sanctuary and fellowship hall windows. Please see Holly Beck for details or questions.

Bible study will meet for two more sessions (looking at the history of the gospels of Luke and John) on May 10th and 24th (skipping the 17th for Ministry council meeting). We will then take a break over the summer and resume with a new bible study in the fall.

Sunday, May 15th is Pentecost, the literal birth day of the church. Please consider wearing red to celebrate the fire of the Holy Spirit which helped to create us.

Mark your calendars! We are planning to clean up around the church yard on **Sunday May 22nd** from 9:00-11:00am.

We will then celebrate a worship service in our work clothes (maybe even outside if the weather and yard are nice?). Bring your garden tools, work gloves, and water bottles.



Christine and Steve (dec'd) **Ralston** were inducted in the Boulder County Hall of Fame last in late April. This is a special honor - only 3 others from Lyons have been included: Reino and Leonard Loukonen of Loukonen Quarries, Marguerite Peoples of The Pie Place, Dale Katechis of Oskar Blues, and now Christine and Steve for 40 years of operating the Ralston Bros Antiques in Lyons.

Zumba has moved to 8:15am on Tuesdays, and 9am on Fridays in Wesleyan Hall downstairs (first class is always FREE!) See Holly for details.

Friday, May 6, 7:30 at Nissi's in Lafayette:
THE RAILSPLITTERS

Below is from Long's Peak UMC in Longmont:

LPUMC SUMMER
MUSIC & DRAMA CAMP
Mark Your Calendar:
June 13-17, 2016

Performances 8:30 AM-3:00 PM Daily at LPUMC
Friday June 17 7:00 PM Off-site Day of Fun on June 15!
Sunday June 19 During Both Services
Open to All Students Finishing Grades 1-8
Audition & Registration Info Available by May 8
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