

The Lyons Community Church Mid-Week Message

Friday, June 10, 2016

It is official!

Dear friends and neighbors,

Today, there was a formal vote of the clergy session of the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church. I am honored to say that in 2 days, while you all worship together, I will be ordained as an Elder in full connection by our Bishop, Rev. Elaine Stanovsky. My mother, husband, daughter, family and friends are excited to celebrate this milestone.

Germans say, "Mit einer lachenden und einer weinenden Auge" - with one eye laughing and one crying. As I celebrate, I am also acutely aware of how much I will miss you, how much you have blessed my life, our family, and our ministry. One eye is indeed crying - tears of joy, and tears of Abschied (saying goodbye). You have been our home, but now God and the Holy Spirit are calling us to move yet again - this time to Utah.

We've been talking about the concept of home for the last few weeks, and I am honored that Dave Emerson, Executive Director of the St. Vrain Habitat for Humanity, will conclude our series this Sunday. He'll bring you a theology of the hammer. When I built with the Habitat Interfaith Alliance in Denver, I laughed with the Rabbi and Imam working beside me. It didn't matter what we believed - theological differences were irrelevant - anyone could pick up a hammer and build a home.



I pray that as you continue to build this church home, you will look more at your commonalities and God's grace, than at your differences, fears or challenges. I pray God fills you with laughter, excitement and joy. The Spirit is alive and well among us, drawing us all home.

Until June 19th, when we will worship together again,

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Sunday, June 12, 2016

Sermon: (Re)-Defining Home #5:
Theology of the Hammer— David Emerson, Executive Director of the St. Vrain Habitat for Humanity

Scripture: Isaiah 11:6 (NIV)

Reader: Pam Browning

Refreshments: Deb Tabor and Nancy Reckling

Flowers: The Brownings, in celebration of their anniversary

Announcements

Jim Olinger's memorial service will be held at our church, along with the Masonic and military rites this morning, June 11th, at 10:00am. There will be a reception immediately following the service.

Steve & Holly Beck will host a potluck luncheon after church on Sunday, June 26, which will be Pastor Emily's last Sunday. Please contact Holly for more information.

Worship time will revert back to 10:00am starting Sunday, July 3.