

The Lyons Community Church Mid-Week Message

Thursday, June 23, 2016

Madzi Ndi Moyo!

Hi friends and neighbors,

The title above is no typo; it is taken from Nyanja, also called Chewa, a Bantu language spoken by over 15 million people in southern Africa, mostly in Malawi and Zambia, but also in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and South Africa. I found the phrase on my friend Heidi Rickels' non-profit website (freshwaterintl.org). It is perfect for our final service together this coming Sunday - it means:

"Water is Life!"

In the past 3 years, we have experienced together the devastating effects that flood-water can have: physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually. We have seen water destroy homes and health, wash away keepsakes and memories, and leave people uprooted and searching. It has truly been the worst of times... but also the best of times.

The water has reminded many of us what is really important - community, family and friends, having a clean and safe place to live, good schools for our children, warm (or cool, this week!) places to gather, inspiring music and landscapes to remind us of the Creator's love of nature, beauty and US! Even in tragedy, God has been with us - and will continue to be with us on the next steps of our journey.

As our time together draws to an end this week, I want to close our worship by celebrating the waters of life - and specifically the water of everlasting life that Jesus offered to a dusty woman at a first-century well. God continues to offer us that same living water in our own long and sometimes dusty journeys. So from here to the Utah desert, I will carry you in my heart. And I



Women and girls gathering water from the well at the Madzimyanga Primary School in Central Malawi, built in 2013 by the Colorado non-profit Freshwater International Project



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Sunday, June 26, 2016

Sermon: – *Words from a Woman Truly Seen by Jesus* - Rev. Emily Flemming

Scripture: John 4:1-30

Refreshments: Potluck Luncheon at the Beck's home—see next page

Flowers:

Greeters:

Pastor's Message (continued)

pray that the water (and worship and Communion bread and Cup of Blessing) that we have shared together will give us all strength for a good transition, trusting in God's providence and plan, and expecting great things from the Holy Spirit, which continues to pour out on us the Water that is Life and Love and Divine.

Splashing around in God's grace,

Pastor Emily

Prayers

Joys: Ron's joy for last Sunday's Father's Day, a 37-year marriage and all of life's beautiful blessings; Sandi's father's improving health; Terry's first granddaughter due any day (and parents Erin and Andy)

Concerns: traveling mercies for Ruth, the Littles, the Daty family, the Keims, and all others on the road or in the air; for the child killed by an alligator; local gunshots and sirens in the middle of the night; Vance's mother Betty; Sonny's health; Linda Hubbard; those grieving the losses in Orlando and all other violent acts

Requests? Contact Deborah Salmon at richardskybeam@hotmail.com

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

Don't forget - next Sunday (July 3) we will begin worshipping at 10:00am! We will be blessed to receive a message from our Lay Leader Mark Boys.

This Sunday, June 26th, Holly and Steve Beck will host a going-away celebration and potluck dinner for Pastor Emily in their home (137 Eagle Valley Drive) beginning around 12:30pm. All are welcome! Contact Holly (holly@beck15.com)

There will be a Catholic Mass at the Chapel on the Rock, Allenspark, followed by potluck picnic in the park at St. Malo Retreat Center on Saturday, July 9th from 5:30-8pm. This is hosted by our own Lyons Catholic community.

Live music at Sweet Spot

**Friday night, June 24
6:00-9:00pm**

**Join us for dinner, drinks,
and entertainment!**

FREE

Music will include:

Piano/vocal covers of works by artists such as Norah Jones, Sara Bareilles, and Ingrid Michaelson, and piano arrangements by Katie (the piano lady) Hughes.



**Sweet Spot Café
585 W Dillon Rd
Louisville, CO
(303)-335-4857**





**Be a superhero for
a child.
Become a CASA!**



Join us!

CASA 101

Learn more about how CASA volunteers change the odds for children in our community and what it takes to become a CASA.

Open to the public.

When

**First Thursday of the Month
5:30 – 6:30p**

Where

**Check website for date and
location nearest you!**

Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs)

CASAs are community volunteers who are passionate about children! They are trained to work directly with children who have been abused or neglected in Boulder County and advocate for the needs and best interests of the children.

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