

The Lyons Community Church Mid-Week Message

Thursday, August 4, 2016

Dear People of God,

We are in the midst of a worship series on the Parables of Jesus.

These parables are some of the many stories that Jesus told to

the disciples, as well as to all the people who gathered around. Parables have always served as a great way for me to understand the message of Jesus and how that message can apply to my life. So far we have looked at the Parable of the Sower, the Parable of the Good Samaritan, and last week the Parable of the Rich Fool.

This coming Sunday we will be taking a deeper look into one of my all-time favorite parables, the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). This is a parable that offers us an amazing example of the unending love, grace, and forgiveness that is extended to us by God. Much like the father in this story, God is waiting with open arms and ready to welcome everybody home no matter the time or distance we have been separated. No mistake is too great, no bad choice is too damaging, and there is no wrong turn that cannot be made right. We can always come home to God. I don't know about you, but that is quite reassuring and encouraging to me! Join us this Sunday as we seek to understand what this unconditional grace, love, and acceptance can mean for each of us.

I look forward to continuing on our journey together through the Parables of Jesus in the coming weeks!

Blessings,

Pastor Emily



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Sunday, August 7, 2016

Message: *Parables of Jesus: The Parable of the Prodigal Son* - Pastor Emily Kintzel

Scripture: Psalm 32 and Luke 15:11-32 (NRSV)

Reader: John Hunter

Refreshments: Nancy Reckling

Greeter: Christine Boys

Flowers: Given by Janet Freeman in memory of her husband, Bob Freeman



BRING YOUR BACKPACKS!



You are invited to bring your backpack or notebook or whatever represents school to you to church!
Sunday, August 14th at 10:00 am
During worship we will have a time to celebrate and bless the start of your new school year!

Prayers

Joys: Birthdays of Ellen Hine (8/10) and Bonnie Richards (8/11); Mark Browning's daughter Celia visiting from Austin, Texas; the Tabor's grand kids' success at the Weld County Fair; Mark Boys' extended family members are doing well and receiving the help they need; Vance's golf cart was repaired by an anonymous good Samaritan; thankful for the wonderful music in our church and throughout the community

Concerns: Ruth Wilson recently suffered a stroke and is now home resting; safe travels for all in our church family who are on vacation

Requests? Contact Kitty Keim, kathkeim@earthlink.net, 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

Meal Train - Monica will be setting up a "meal train" for the Curton's. Anyone interested should send her their email addresses and she will send you the Meal Train invitation where you can schedule your meal. Monica_mcguckin@yahoo.com

Friday night, August 5, 6-9 at the new "Sweet Spot" restaurant in Louisville, CO (Coal Creek Golf Course, 585 W Dillon Rd, (303)-335-4857) Katie (the piano lady) Hughes will be providing live music! Join us for dinner, drinks and entertainment. Free—no cover charge.