

The Lyons Community Church Mid-Week Message

Thursday, August 11, 2016

Dear People of God,

We are in the midst of a worship series on the Parables of Jesus. These parables were meant to offer instruction and to answer questions. What amazes me is that these parables are just as relevant to you and me today as they were over two thousand years ago! So far we have looked at the Parable of the Sower, the Parable of the Good Samaritan, the Parable of the Rich Fool and last week the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

This coming Sunday we will take a look at a couple of other parables that are dedicated to that which is lost. We will look at the Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin (Luke 15:4-10). As I read over these parables again I was humbled by the value placed on each individual. There is nothing insignificant or unworthy of finding and keeping track of. Each of us are valuable and precious in the sight of God. Like the sheep and the coin, joy comes in the finding and in the return of that which was lost. Have you ever scoured a room or a field looking for something that is important to you and is lost? Have you ever had that sinking feeling in your gut when you lose sight of your child in a crowded area? On both counts, I can say yes. But, likewise, I can also say that there was much joy and relief that came in the finding of the item, and in the reuniting with my child. Join us this Sunday as we seek to understand the unconditional pursuit and dedication by God to the lost, as well as to the joy felt by God with each found soul.

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

Blessings,

Pastor Emily



Sunday, August 14, 2016

Message: *Parables of Jesus: The Lost Sheep, Lost Coin* - Pastor Emily Kintzel

Scripture: Psalm 14 & Luke 15:4-10 (NRSV)

Reader: Steve Beck

Refreshments: The Becks

Greeter: Sandi Fikes

Flowers: Given by the Becks

Prayers

Joys: Pam's parents visiting for a couple of weeks; safe travels for all in our church family; the safe return of those who have been gone on vacation; for good health

Concerns: Geneva's step-mother, Alice Thomas, who is back in the hospital for tests; Holly's cousin's husband suffers from advanced Alzheimers - prayers for peace, comfort and rest for her cousin

Announcements

Backpack Blessing is Sunday. You are invited to bring your backpack or notebook or whatever represents school to you to church as we celebrate and bless the start of your new school year!

Ministry Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 23, 6:30-8pm.

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