

# The Lyons Community Church Mid-Week Message

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Greetings Friends,

We are in the midst of a four-week sermon and worship series on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. This sermon, in its entirety, can be found in Chapters 5 through 7 of the Gospel of Matthew. We began with a look at the Beatitudes. The following week we looked at the section on Salt and Light. This week our focus will be on prayerfulness, specifically the ways in which Jesus instructs the disciples, and all who love the Lord, to pray.

Jesus reminds us that when we pray, it is not something we do for show or do to be noticed, but rather when we pray our prayers can serve as a direct connection between us and God. Our prayers are a way for us to be in conversation with God, both about those things in our lives that are joy-filled as well as those things in our life that are sorrow-filled.

Throughout our lives we find ourselves in a variety of occasions where we are called upon to pray. As young children we are often taught sing-songy, rhyming prayers to use before meals and before we go to bed. These prayers are intended to help young children get into the routine of offering thanks and praise to God. As youth and young adults we learn about the value of prayer in our lives and that we can use prayer to seek guidance as well as to let go of things that hold us back. These lessons of young adulthood likely continue on throughout our adult lives.

One of the first BIG prayers we learn as young people or young Christians is the Lord's Prayer. This is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, and in turn is the prayer that preachers and teachers teach to modern day disciples as well. This prayer is one that is universal, translated in a number of different languages, and spoken by people of all ages, races, and creeds.

I look forward to gathering together on Sunday as we continue to delve into Jesus' Sermon on the Mount!

Blessings,

*Pastor Emily*



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**Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016**

**Message:** *Sermon on the Mount: Prayerfulness* - Pastor Emily Kintzel

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 29:10-14 & Matthew 6:5-15 (NRSV)

**Reader:** Geoffrey Nicosia

**Flowers:** Jeanne Schwenn

**Refreshments:** The Keims

**Greeter:** Jeanne Schwenn

**Children:**

**Pizza & Game Night**

We will have a **Family Pizza and Game Night** on Thursday, **September 22nd** from 6-7:30 pm. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite game, your family, and your friends! All are invited and welcome to come!



## Prayers

Joys for the upcoming birthdays of Tanya Daty (9/20), Carol Pranscke (9/22), Laurel Shaw (9/24)

Joy: New (to us) hymnals as legacy for Wellington

Joy: Ruth Wilson is grateful to be back at church and grateful for the meal train

Geoffrey Nicosia - Prayers for his heart condition and that the doctors will find some answers

Thankful for Mark Boys taking care of the grounds around him

Joy: for the AMAZING LaVern Johnson Park

Theresa Brighton - Thankful for the prayers, support and thoughtful baby shower

Concern: Vance's caregiver Terry's heart surgery on September 13th

Diana Boulter - Continued prayers for daughter, Anna

Prayers for Karen Schwenn and family as she is healing from a recent surgery

## Prayer Requests

Contact Kitty Keim, [kathkeim@earthlink.net](mailto:kathkeim@earthlink.net),  
303-823-6586

Prayer team: Pastor Emily, Holly & Steve Beck, Mark Boys, Pam Browning, Sandi Fikes, Janet Freeman, Vance French, Alyssa Frideres, Ellen Hine, Jani Little, Steve Mikesell, Jerry & Jean Peila, Carol Pranscke, Richard & Deborah Salmon, Debbie Tabor, and Sandra Willis.

## Announcements

**Ministry Council Meeting**, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 6:30-8pm.

### **Peaks Sub District 2016 Fall Lay Servant Ministry**

Classes October 15th & November 5th -  
8:30 Registration, Classes 9am – 2pm

Fort Collins First United Methodist Church  
1005 Stover Street, Fort Collins CO

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