

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Dear friends and neighbors,

Thank you for your prayers - my dizzy spells have decreased in frequency and intensity. Prayer is such a powerful thing - from the time I was a small child, I was taught to pray aloud for whatever I needed, whatever was on my mind. Sometimes, the prayers seem silly or selfish (help me with a test, or with a job interview) but sometimes they don't seem big enough (help my cousin who will have a double mastectomy this Tues, and her husband and 3 kids). But no matter how insignificant or important the prayers may feel, I can attest to the fact that prayer WORKS! I mean, I don't always get what I want, but I do sense God moving in situations big and small, and miracles do still happen.



Prayer is one of the 5 things that new members of the United Methodist Church promise to offer when they join a congregation. The others are: presence (showing up), gifts (financial and others), service (using your talents for others), and witness (sharing what God is doing in your life). During the next 5 weeks, we'll be talking about these promises during our annual stewardship season.

But don't plan to skip church just yet! Stewardship is not only about money - heck, it is not even mostly about money. Stewardship is about how you use the gifts and graces, talents and blessings that you have received to help others in need. It's about your time, your passions, your commitment - it's finding what makes you come alive within the church, and offering to follow-through.

We won't start by asking for anything more than your opinion, though - we've created an annual evaluation form and would love your feedback on many different areas of church and community life. The sermon series will be called "I Love to Tell the Story" and each week we'll examine a passage *continued* →



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Sunday, October 19

Sermon: I Love to Tell the Story
#1: *Serving and Giving of Our Talents* - Pastor Emily Flemming

Scripture: Act 3:1-10

Reader: Vance French

Flowers: Vikki Flemming

Children's Time: Jeff Appleby and
Jani Little

Greeters: Ruth Wilson

Guest pianist: Marilyn Penn

Prayers...

Jeff S. (in hospital in Boulder),
Steve M. (Parkinson's is progressing),
Bob S. (hand is recovering),
Jerry P. (that he'll be able to go off oxygen soon),
Geneva's cousin Marty's surgery,
Kim and Jay M.'s 14th anniversary,
Holly B.'s birthday,
Jim R., Matt F., Vance F.,
and the new clients of LEAF and the food pantry who need financial and other forms of support



Pastor's Message (continued)

from the Acts of the Apostles to bear witness to how God uses what we offer. We'll start with a healing story from Acts 3 and we'll conclude with a special guest musician and comedian on Nov. 16th.

If you have a story you'd like to share about your service, gifts, prayers or presence, please let me know. We hope that someone will witness each week to why they joined Lyons Community Church, why they've stayed, or why they give what they do (in visible or behind-the-scenes ways). I'm not the only one with something to say each Sunday - I'd love to hear you tell YOUR stories, too!

Pastor Emily

Announcements

Building Hope and Promise Committee meeting this Wednesday, October 15, at 5:30, followed by **Ministry Council** meeting at 6:30pm.

We congratulate our Lay Leader Mark Boys and his fiancée Christine Kincaid on their upcoming marriage this weekend, and wish them a wonderful new life together.

Pastor Emily and family will be in Breckenridge for the annual Clergy Orders retreat from Tues-Thurs Oct. 21-23. If you need pastoral support during that time, please call Jani, Bob or Mark.

The youth are invited to a **Pizza and Bowling Party** on **October 26**, 11:30-5:00. Cost is \$5. Contact Holly Beck or Chuck or Kitty Keim.



Local children give back to Confluence neighborhood residents at first-ever Project:KIDS

By Robin Lyons, Colorado Spirit, and Rev. Emily Flemming, Lyons Community Church

Our first **Project: KIDS** on Saturday, October 11th was a great success! The turnout was excellent – Rogers Hall was filled with 5 adults, a handful of parents, and around 20 kids from ages 3½ to 12. The day began with a song and game, followed by multiple craft stations. Some kids baked cookies, while others decorated gift bags, painted miniature wooden birdhouses, or made snacks and lunch for the group. There were several times throughout the day dedicated to stations, so that each child could try each activity.

The kids (with the help of a few adults) prepared their own lunch, and we all enjoyed spaghetti and meatballs with Frankenstein yogurt dessert together.

The day concluded with the children walking down to the Confluence neighborhood, one of the areas most impacted by last year's flood. Volunteers, parents and kids hand-delivered the birdhouses in home-decorated bags which each carried a note: "The kids of Lyons, CO are happy to be your neighbors, and wish you all the best as you return home!" Many of the recipients were touched by the thoughtfulness and creativity demonstrated by our young volunteers.

Our next **Project: KIDS** will be held on Saturday, November 15th at Rogers Hall (9 a.m. to noon),

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Project: KIDS (continued)

with the theme "Grounded in Gratitude." The children will paint Lyons Rocks! to thank local people who helped them during the disaster and recovery, as well as in their everyday lives. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the kids of Lyons to give back to those who have helped us all so much, and just in time for Thanksgiving.

Parents, please register your kids online (Eventbrite link to follow), call 720-226-8709, or email Robin at Colorado Spirit (robin.l.lyons@gmail.com).



Also, to make these projects a success, more adult and teenaged volunteers are needed. If we hope to continue and grow **Project:KIDS** in 2015 (when we will no longer have volunteers on hand from Colorado Spirit), we need both volunteers on site and financial support. All local individuals, groups and organizations are invited to our next planning meeting to discuss how they might help. Please email or call if you have any interest or questions – we need YOU!

