

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

Friday, November 14, 2014

Dear friends and neighbors,

Trudging through the snow each day, sliding around in my vehicle, praying that I won't hit anyone else (and they won't hit me), I glance into my rear-view mirror (to see what Lillian is singing/yelling about now)... and it hits me: I need a makeover!

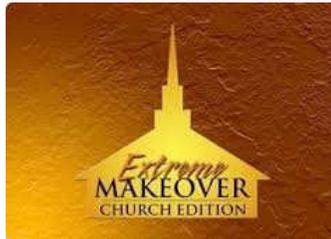
Not just hair and make-up (though that would surely help) - but an overhaul of a lot of things, letting go of many stresses and to-dos, clearing out some space for what's really important, as I gear up for the holidays. 'Tis the season, right?

Well, our church has been under a pretty extreme makeover for the last few months, too, and we are now ready to begin celebrating those new beginnings! Join us this Sunday for fellowship time downstairs in Wesleyan Hall to reveal the After to our Before. Phase 1 is almost complete - and we'll be moving upstairs from here, tackling window repair and replacement, new ADA restrooms, and a revamp of the back parking lot next year/spring. But until then, we want to celebrate how far we've come.

This Sunday is also the 5th and final stewardship Sunday, so if you haven't turned in your pledge cards yet, please remember to bring them along (or drop them off during the week with a friend who can bring them for you). We want your input into the mission and ministries of the church as we seek leadership in many traditional and newly developing areas. As Steve Beck reminded us all 2 weeks ago, this Little White Church belongs to us all - and let's have some fun in the way we use it to witness to our community about God's love.

Our topic will be prayer this Sunday - the power of prayer, how we can do it, where, when, and why... we'll look at some different examples or suggestions, and I challenge you to think about how much you actually pray (and what you consider prayer) before church on Sunday. Can we reclaim, redefine or reframe this awesome tradition in a way more relevant and real in our own lives?

Last week, Richard and Deborah Salmon used her painting of an aspen grove to remind us about the power of presence in a community of faith. She paints the colors



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Sunday, Nov. 16

Sermon: I Love to Tell the Story
#5: *The Power of Prayer(s)* - Pastor Emily Flemming

Scripture: Acts 12:1-16

Reader: Vance French

Flowers: Ellen Hine

Greeter: Vance French

Refreshments: Ruth Wilson and Pam Browning

Children's Time: Pam Browning

Mission Moment: Kitty Keim

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around the white aspen trees, and she said, "The negative that I paint around becomes a positive." Prayer is the root of our community, just as the entire aspen grove shares one root system - and we'll have the chance to get connected this week.

You won't wanna miss it - the prayer, the party, the power - none of it! Trust me...

Pastor Emily

Announcements



Calling all trucks! If you'd like to help us relocate the food pantry, please meet at the LDS Church on 2nd Ave this Saturday, Nov. 15th at 9am. Thank you!

This Saturday, Nov. 15th, from 9am-12noon is our next Project:KIDS, an opportunity for children aged 3/4 to 12 to meet, eat, experience volunteerism and community service, and have fun together. This month's theme is Grounded in Gratitude, and the kids will be creating a Lyons Rocks! garden in Sandstone Park to give thanks to all who have helped in the disaster recovery, and to remind us all what we love most about our town. Please come by Rogers Hall at 8:30 if you would like to help, or join us near the Visitor's Center around noon (weather permitting) to create the garden together. Thanks for your prayers and support!

Join Mark and Christine Boys Sunday from 2-6pm for an open house to celebrate their recent marriage and new shared home.

Ministry Council will meet on Wed, Nov. 19th at 6:30pm downstairs (Stone Canyon HOA is meeting at the same time upstairs).

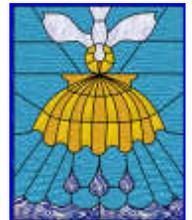
The memorial service and celebration of the life of Jeff Schwenn will be held at the church on Friday, Nov. 21st at 2:00pm, followed by a reception in the newly renovated Wesleyan Hall downstairs.

Prayers...

Traveling mercies for Kate's return, Vance's mother and sister's sacrifices to care for her, healing for Annie's 86-year old aunt and godmother Anna May, Art and Nancy Dudley in the deaths of many in Nancy's family, Linda England's mother Arden's hip replacement, the Schwenn family, the Sims family, Steve M., Wade T., Mary C.'s father, Twila, Bob S., Jerry P., Vance F., Geneva T., Matt F., Mark H., Stevie L., those who are considering returning to or joining our church.

Baptism & New Members

We will be having a Baptism and New Member Reception on Sunday, Nov. 30th (the first Sunday in Advent). If you've been considering joining the church or planning a baptism, Emily would love to speak with you about the opportunity. What an excellent way to begin the holiday season of celebration!



All-Age Story, Nov. 9, 2014

