

# The Lyons Community Church Mid-Week Message

Friday, November 18, 2016

Greetings Friends,

I love this time of year...the season of Thanksgiving that leads us into the season of Christmas. This time of year gives us the distinct opportunity to step back and look at all that we have to be thankful for. Indeed, there is so much each have to be thankful for, both individually and in the life of Lyons Community Church. As I look outside, I am thankful for the much needed moisture we just received and the joy on my children's faces as the play in the snow!

This Sunday we will bring to close our Annual Stewardship Campaign, as well as our sermon series on some of the Unlikely Heroes of the Bible. Over the past few weeks we have looked at these Heroes of the Bible through the lens of stewardship and how each of them are being stewards of all that God has given them. Likewise, we are looking at the different ways that God is calling each of us into a life of stewardship through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. Below is the focus for our final week of this campaign.

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** – *Praying* for the church like Mary, the Mother of Jesus

***Commitment Sunday (commitment cards received)***

This week we will look at a very devoted servant of God, who also knew the power of a faithful prayer life. Mary, the Mother of Jesus certainly did not sign up for all that she had to do, but she trusted in God and offered her whole self to God. While she did not know what her future held, she trusted in God and put her faith in what she was told. Mary truly was a faithful and prayerful follower of God. May we strive to listen to what God has to say to and put our trust in that message, as Mary did those many years ago!

I look forward to gathering on Sunday as we remember this very special Unlikely Hero of the Bible and how her example of prayerful obedience impacts our lives!

Blessings, *Pastor Emily*



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**Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016**

**Message:** Unlikely Heroes of the Bible: *Mary, Mother of Jesus* - Pastor Emily Kintzel

**Scripture:** Psalm 89:1-4 and Luke 1: 26-38 (NRSV)

**Reader:** Deborah Salmon

**Refreshments:** Mark & Christine Boys

**Greeter:** Vance French

**This Sunday Nov. 20, 2106  
is Commitment Sunday.**

Please bring with you your "Estimate of Giving" card to return as an offering to the church. If you are unable to attend on Sunday, please return it at your earliest convenience. We encourage you to actively participate to the fullest extent that you are able and make your personal commitment to Lyons Community Church through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

## Prayers

Joy: Upcoming birthday of Matt Hunter (11/21)

Joy: Geoffrey is out of his sling

Joy: Thankful for visitors who join us in worship, may they feel welcomed here

Prayers for Nancy Thorwardson who is battling cancer (\*see below)

Prayers for the family and friends of Brad, who unexpectedly passed away (friend of Mark & Pam Browning)

Prayers for the Brighton family and baby Michael, who is growing stronger every-day!

Prayers for Geneva Thomas who was away from church with bronchitis

Prayers for the people and nations coming together at Standing Rock

## Prayer Requests

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

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

\* Nancy Thorwardson was admitted to the hospital on November 9 with extreme back pain. On Wednesday, she started hormone therapy for metastasized estrogen-induced breast cancer. Thursday she started radiation, and that will continue for the next 11 days. She is now in BCH but will move to ManorCare Health Services-Boulder once her treatment reactions stabilize and her pain is manageable. She is in good spirits and really appreciates cards and comments posted on her Caringbridge site: [www.caringbridge.org/visit/nancythorwardson](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/nancythorwardson)

## Announcements

Our **Annual Charge Conference** is scheduled for **Sunday, December 11 at 11:30 am**, following worship. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Hanging of the Greens, Sunday, November 27**, right after church. Please plan to stay and help make the church beautiful for the holidays. Also, bring soup or other potluck items to share.

**Parade of Lights Chili Supper, Saturday, Dec 3, 5:30pm.** Bring chili or other fixin's and family and friends.

**Lessons and Carols** in worship on Sunday, December 18th.

**Lyons Community Food Pantry** - Current greatest needs are: empty egg cartons, cereal, interesting pastas (penne, egg noodles, fusilli, linguine, tortellini), canned beans, canned fruit, canned vegetables. Please bring any donations to the church and place them in the tub marked "LEAF Food Donations."

## THANKSGIVING DAY AT OLD CHICAGO

Thursday, November 24 · 10:30am to 2pm



Join us for a complimentary holiday meal  
and a festive family celebration for everyone!

ROAST TURKEY | GRAVY  
STUFFING | GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE  
MASHED POTATOES | PIES  
CRANBERRIES | BEVERAGES

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## Lyons Community Church (UMC)



### Information on our Committees and Structure

Please look over the following list of the various committees of the church and let Pastor Emily know where you are feeling called to serve. Feel free to ask questions if you need some clarification.

#### **Ministry Council:**

- Members: Chair and the Chairs of all other committees
- Meetings: the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm, and is open to anyone interested in attending.
- Purpose: the administrative and decision making body for church issues and finances. New missions and changes to existing ones are envisioned, discussed, planned, and implemented. At the monthly meetings the pastor and committee chairs give reports to bring everyone up to date on church ministries. Major financial and administrative decisions are approved by vote.

#### **Children's Committee:**

- Members: Chair and 4-8 additional people
- Meetings: as needed
- Purpose: "For, with, and by the children... including but not limited to Sunday school, vacation Bible school, nursery ministries, children's choir and music ministries, fellowship groups, support groups, short-term study groups, children's worship experiences, mission education experiences, intergenerational activities, and all weekday programs for children of all ages" ¶256\*

#### **Congregational Care Team:**

- Members: Chair, Pastor, Prayer Team Chair, and 3-6 additional people
- Meetings: Quarterly (Jan, April, July, Oct), on the second Tuesday of the month at 4:00 pm.
- Purpose: to provide support for people in the congregation and the community who are experiencing medical or financial difficulties, loneliness, grief from loss, or limited activities of daily living. This ministry includes prayer, meals, home and hospital visits, phone calls, flowers, cards for birthdays and encouragement, transportation, referral to social service organizations, and, on rare occasions, financial support.

#### **Finance Committee:**

- Members: Chair, and 3-6 additional people
- Meetings: as needed
- Purpose: to "give stewardship of financial resources as their priority throughout the year... [to] plan, strategize and implement ways to generate more resources for mission and ministries of local churches and beyond. It is strongly recommended that the committee of finance, in collaboration with the church council, find creative ways to turn their congregations into tithing congregations with an attitude of generosity." ¶258\*

#### **Nominations and Leadership Development:**

- Members: Pastor, and 3-6 additional people
- Meetings: annually and as needed
- Purpose: "to identify, develop, and evaluate Christian spiritual leaders for the local congregation... work(ing) with the Ministry Council... to determine the diverse ministry tasks and the skills needed for leadership."

### **Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC):**

- Members: Chair, Pastor, and 3-6 additional people
- Meetings: Quarterly (Jan, April, July, Oct), and as needed
- Purpose: to “reflect Biblically and theologically on the role and work of the pastor(s) and staff as they carry out their leadership responsibilities. The committee shall assist [them] in assessing their gifts, maintaining health holistically and work-life balance, and setting priorities for leadership and service.”

### **Trustees:**

- Members: Chair, and 3-6 additional people
- Meetings: Quarterly unless issues come up that need to be taken care of between meetings.
- Purpose: to have supervision and oversight of the buildings and grounds owned by the local church. This committee sees to the care and maintenance of the church buildings and grounds. This group oversees any rental contact for outside groups to use the church facilities and grounds.

### **Worship Team:**

- Members: Chair, and 4-8 additional people
- Meetings: Ever other month
- Purpose: to assist the pastor in creating multi-sensory worship experiences that appeal to all ages and backgrounds, including but not limited to the planning of sermon series and topics, worship music, sanctuary and church decoration, and the organization of fellowship time and hospitality before and after the worship service each week.

### **Other important roles**

- Pastor: Appointed by the Bishop, responsible for general function of church with primary focus on worship, membership, pastoral care/support and Conference relations
- Lay Leader: Ex-officio member of all committees, officially represents congregation
- Lay Member to Annual Conference: Represents our church at The Rocky Mountain Conference's annual business meeting each summer
- Certified Lay Servants: Individuals interested in continuing education offered by the Conference focused on building preaching and church organizational skills

\*2012 Methodist Book of Discipline