

The Lyons Community Church

Mid-Week Message

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What a week!

Dear friends and neighbors,

This has been one whirlwind of a week: from the food pantry moving back "home" last Saturday, to receiving our first commercial refrigerator on Monday (and having to figure out how to get that monster into the building!); from a spirited and beautiful worship service on Sunday with 72 in attendance, to the celebration fellowship afterwards in our newly renovated Wesleyan Hall; from welcoming a new case manager Todd from the OUR Center to LEAF today, to serving 30 households at the food pantry in the new space this afternoon... I am thrilled and exhausted as I sit downstairs, listening to the choir reactivate themselves upstairs. It is a beautiful, grace-filled exhaustion (and my, what joyful noise they are making).



It's been an exciting week to meet with Nominations Committee and remember how much the church has grown and changed in the past 12 months, and to dream about and plan for all the ways that we will continue to grow and change in the future. Please prayerfully consider any requests you may receive for leadership opportunities... and if you've been itching to get involved but haven't let anyone know, I'd love to hear from you. Now is the time!

We wrapped up our annual stewardship season last Sunday, and MANY THANKS to those of you who sent in your pledge cards for the coming year. I will be contacting you after Thanksgiving if you indicated an interest in an area of ministry. And if you still have your little card and envelope at home on your "to-do" pile, please consider sending it in this week, so that we can finalize our budget and plans for the coming year.

With all the joy and excitement, I am looking forward to a week-end away to rest and spend time with our family in Laramie, WY and Estes Park. We'll be celebrating Thanksgiving this Sunday together, since I'll be officiating for a wedding in Denver on the actual Thanksgiving holiday. But have no fear - Rev. Bob Shaw has prepared a special message for you this

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Sunday, Nov. 23

Sermon: *What Just Happened?* - Rev. Bob Shaw

Scripture: Acts 9:1-6

Reader: Keith Kuretich

Flowers: The Littles

Greeter: Victoria Simonson and Keith Kuretich

Refreshments: The Littles

Children's Time: Pam Browning

Special Music by: The Little White Church String Band

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!



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week, and the Little White Church String Band will be gracing you with their musical talents. It's a Sunday you won't want to miss...

And the very next week (Nov. 30th) is already First Advent... that's right, folks, Christmas is just around the corner. So we'll be Hanging the Greens, celebrating the Parade of Lights, and many other holiday joys in the near future. We'll also be baptizing a little boy James on Sunday, Nov. 30th.. so I hope to see you again then to kick-off the Christmas season of dreams!

Love and light,

Pastor Emily

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OF GRACE EVERYDAY

Prayers...

Joys for Kate home from Chile, Maddie's migraine recovery and ongoing health, glory of a beautiful snowy autumn, Steve M's health improving (and looking for a home in Lyons), Vance's mother and sister, upcoming baptism and new member reception (11/30), Lyons High Cross-country team and the teen who said he ran for his town, his community and his Lord (amen!)

Concerns for Schwenn family, Geneva's step-mother Alice in TX, Dick and Shirley (Jean's cousin) in Dick's aggressive cancer diagnosis and treatment, Deb O'Connor in hospital for unknown causes, Wade's continuing back treatments (hopefully no surgery), Bill and Opal Jackson in the loss of her son, Kelly West (recent auto accident) and her sons Mischa (seizure) and Alex (baby) as life overwhelms at times, Anna May, Dudley family, Arden, Sims family, Mary C's father, Twila, Bob. S., Vance, Geneva, Stevie L.

You may make prayer requests or join the Prayer Team anytime by contacting Pastor Emily or Chair Kitty Keim (kathkeim@earthlink.net).

Announcements

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.

Mark your calendars: **Charge Conference**, our annual church-wide business meeting, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13th at 2pm at First UMC Loveland. We'd love to see as many of you attend as possible - the Weld County Ramblers will be gracing us with their music.

On the 4th Advent, Sunday Dec. 21st, we will hold our annual **Christmas Pageant**. If you'd like to participate, please let Kitty or Carol know asap.

You are **invited to join the LCC Choir** during Advent and Christmas Eve. We will be meeting Sunday, November 30 at 9am and Wednesday, December 3 at 5:30 for rehearsals and will sing Sunday morning, December 7. We will sing that same anthem at an Interfaith Christmas Concert, held at the LDS Church (17th & Alpine in Longmont) Sunday evening, December 14th. We will continue rehearsals each Wednesday (Dec. 10 and 17) at 5:30 to prepare music for our Christmas Eve Service. Feel free let me know you're interested! (Kim2014@live.com)

