

The Lyons Community Church Mid-Week Message

Friday, November 25, 2016

Greetings Friends,

Happy Thanksgiving to each of you! I pray that you all have special friends or family to spend the day with and that is a day of great joy and thankfulness. What I love about Thanksgiving is that it is more than just about the turkey and all the fixings (which are all great). It is about stopping and taking time to be with those people in our lives who are important to us. It is about voicing our thanks and remembering how important it is to be thankful for the people in our lives and to our God who loves us unconditionally. Thanks to each of you for all that you do for this church, the community, and the world!

This Sunday is the first Sunday of the Advent season. During this season I will be preaching a series based on the book *The Redemption of Scrooge* by Matt Rawle. This book asks the question, "Is redemption possible for Ebenezer Scrooge?" The answer for him and for us can be found through the teachings of Jesus and in the words of the classic novella *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. Along with getting to know Scrooge, each week we will also meet the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Christmas Present, and Christmas Future. Through these encounters we will be reminded of what it means to live our lives for Jesus and the importance of being in relationship with others.

I look forward to gathering on Sunday as we begin our Advent series. Throughout the season we will focus on how living in God's grace can lead us into renewed life, joy, passion, generosity, humility and love!

Blessings,

Pastor Emily



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Sunday, Nov. 27, 2016

Message: "Bah Humbug! Making Change" - Pastor Emily Kintzel

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7 (CEB) and Luke 1: 46-47, 52-55 (CEB)

Reader: Vance French

Refreshments: Cindy Fisher and Steve Good

Greeter:

**Last Sunday Nov. 20, 2106
was Commitment Sunday**

If you have not returned your "Estimate of Giving" card to the church, please do so at your earliest convenience. These pledges make it possible to plan for the upcoming 2017 year. 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 Molly Mathews (12/1).

Joy: Family members visiting for Thanksgiving.

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Continued prayers for Nancy Thorwardson who continues to have high spirits and has been moved to Manor Care.

Prayers for the Brighton family and baby Michael who is growing stronger everyday! His surgery is scheduled for December 12th.

Prayers as we remember our friends and family members who are no longer with us.

Continued prayers for the people and nations coming together at Standing Rock.

Prayer Requests

Contact Kitty Keim, 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.

Announcements

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.

Ministry Council Meeting, Tuesday, November 29, 6:30 pm.

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

Nominations Committee Mtg., Monday, December 5, 1:30 pm.

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



Advent 2016

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Sunday, November 27, 10:00 am—1st Sunday of Advent

Sermon: "Bah Humbug! Making Change"

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7 & Luke 1:46-47, 52-55

Sunday, December 4, 10:00 am—2nd Sunday of Advent

Sermon: "The Remembrance of Christmas Past: Hope from Heartbreak"

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2, 6 & Luke 2: 8-14

Sunday, December 11, 10:00 am—3rd Sunday of Advent

Sermon: "The Life of Christmas Present: Look Upon Me"

Scripture: Deuteronomy 15:7-11 & Matthew 2: 1-18

(Annual all Church Charge Conference following Worship)

Sunday, December 18, 10:00 am—4th Sunday of Advent

A Service of Lessons and Carols and Children's Pageant

Sermon: The Joy of Christmas Future: Death-Defying Acts

Scripture: Luke 4:18-19 & Revelation 1:4b

Saturday, December 24, 7:00 pm—Christmas Eve

Sermon: "The Redemption of Scrooge: Keeping Christmas Well"

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20 & Matthew 2:1-14

Sunday, December 25, 10:00 am—Christmas

Come in PJs, Potluck Brunch, Hymn Sing/Storytime

Sermon: "God Bless Us - Every One!"

Scripture: John 1:1-17



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