

The Lyons Community Church Mid-Week Message

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Greetings Friends,

As I type on this snowy day, I am reminded of the beauty that we are all surrounded by here in Colorado. I love the crispness of new fallen snow as well as the trampled through snow after the kids have been playing it! The snow also helps me prepare for and get into the Christmas spirit, which is really what Advent is also all about!

This Sunday we will continue our sermon series based on the book *The Redemption of Scrooge* by Matt Rawle. This week marks the third Sunday of the Advent season and the theme for this week is love! As children of God and followers of Jesus, we are called to love. It is the basis for our faith and for the way we are to live our lives. When we show love to others, we often receive love back at an even greater rate than we give. This is a lesson that Ebenezer Scrooge has ignored and shied away from for much of his adult life. However, through his visit from the Ghost of Christmas Present, he begins to see the value of showing love to himself and to others.

I look forward to gathering on Sunday as we continue through our Advent series. Throughout this season may we be reminded to live our lives in in the everlasting light and love of God! Yes! The miracle has begun in each of us! God Bless us Every One!

Blessings,

Pastor Emily

Poinsettias: If you would like to contribute a poinsettia during Advent and Christmas Day, please fill out the form below and put in the offering plate with payment. Cost is \$10/each.

_____ In memory of.... OR _____ In honor of....

By: _____



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Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016

Message: "The Life of Christmas Present: Look Upon Me" - Pastor Emily Kintzel

Scripture: Deuteronomy 15:7-11 (CEB) and Matthew 2:1-12 (CEB)

Reader: Steve Good

Refreshments: Potluck - please bring a dish to share and stay for the Charge Conference at 11:30am

Greeter: Vance French

Flowers: Deborah Salmon, in memory of James Campbell's (her father's) birthday on 12/26

Children: Kitty Keim

Charge Conference

Our **Annual Church Charge Conference** is scheduled for **THIS Sunday, December 11 at 11:30 am**, following worship. Between worship and the charge conference we will share in a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share. All are invited and encouraged to attend this wonderful gathering where we celebrate our past look to our future!

Prayers

Joys: Birthdays of John Scott on 12/12 and Clay Dusel on 12/13.

Joy: Sonny is grateful for all who helped over the Thanksgiving holiday

Joy: from Ruth Wilson that Ziggy the cat is doing well

Prayers for Geoffrey Nicossa who is suffering from knee pain

Continued prayers for Nancy Thorwardson.

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

Deb Tabor remembering and missing her mother

Prayers for Phyllis Casey whose Melanoma has returned

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.



Advent 2016

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

A Service of Lessons and Carols and Children's Pageant—See below*

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, Carol Sing/Storytime

Sermon: "God Bless Us - Every One!"

Scripture: John 1:1-17

Announcements

Christmas Pageant: Sunday Dec 18, 10am
Lyons Community Church invites you to come and be a star in the Spontaneous Christmas Pageant. No age, no size, no shape, and, best of all, no talent requirements! Yep, this is an opportunity you do not want to miss. From the tiniest tots to the terrific teens, all children are invited to participate. Family and friends welcome too, but bring your spirit of adventure. You may be called to the stage. Have you always wanted to make a donkey of yourself? We will be donning donkey hats or a sheep shawls to become friendly beasts OR accepting angel tiaras or shepherd staffs. Maybe a role as Mary or

Joseph or Baby Jesus is what you've always wanted. Now is your chance! Get ready for this impromptu version of the most beautiful story of all time, and have no doubt, it will be musical.

Christmas Holiday Ceilidh, Sunday, Dec. 18, 7:30pm at Roger's hall

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is at 7:00 pm

Christmas Morning Service is at 10 am. Please come in your pajamas and bring a brunch item to share.