

# The Lyons Community Church Mid-Week Message

Thursday, December 15, 2016

Greetings Friends,

This week marks the Fourth Sunday of the Advent season and the theme for this week is joy! And, I imagine this Sunday will be a day filled with great joy! In addition to it being the Fourth Sunday of Advent, it is also the Sunday for our long awaited, much anticipated Spontaneous Christmas Pageant! Many of the children have been practicing the songs and several of the older children have been practicing their lines. However, there is time and space for all to get involved both in the singing of carols and wearing of fun costumes! We hope that you will all join in the fun, both the young and the young at heart!

This Sunday we will continue our sermon series based on the book *The Redemption of Scrooge* by Matt Rawle. This week we will look at Ebenezer Scrooge's visit from the Ghost of Christmas Future. This is the visit that I believe Scrooge feared the most, as he feared for how his life would end. As you can imagine, he does not like what he sees. In fact, when faced with his grave, Scrooge asks the Ghost of Christmas Future, "Are these the shadows of the things that *Will Be*, or are they shadows of the things that *May Be*, only?" These words pose an interesting question and show that Scrooge is once again feeling a change of heart. He indeed would like for his story to end differently. Scrooge learns that while we cannot change our past, we can change how we live our lives, so that our future can be different. On Christmas morning Scrooge is overjoyed and ready to make the change. This week, we will take a look at the joy in our lives, as well as the places where we can make a change to allow for even greater joy in our lives and in the lives of those around us!

I look forward to joyfully gathering together on Sunday as we continue through our Advent series, ever mindful 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*



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**Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016**

**Message:** "The Joy of Christmas Future: Death –Defying Acts" - Pastor Emily Kintzel

**Scripture:** Luke 4:18-19 (NRSV) and Revelation 1:4b (NRSV)

**Reader:**

**Refreshments:** please bring cookies and snack to share in celebration of the Children's Pageant

**Greeter:**



**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!"

## Prayers

Joy: The anniversary of Bonnie Richards and Sam Miller (12/22)

Joy: Geoffrey Nicosia's knee is feeling much better

Joy: Pastor Emily was able to officiate the marriage of two special friends

Joy: Geoffrey Nicosia the Holiday Cèilidh this coming Sunday evening

Joy: Vance for the gift of socks, hats and scarves from LEAF

Joy: For the new Lion Sculpture at Lyons Elementary School (a gift commissioned by last year's 5th graders)

Joy: for the visitors with us throughout the year, especially during this Advent season

Continued prayers for Nancy Thorwardson.

Prayers for the Brighton family and baby Michael who's surgery for his heart was on December 12th

From Steve Beck: Prayers for the family and friends of Gianni Terna who lost his battle with Pancreatic Cancer

From Steve Beck: Prayers for the family and friends of Rashaan Salaam who died by suicide

Prayers for the families of Bill and Mary who recently passed away

Prayers for those who have lost their lives while serving our country in active duty

## 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.

## 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, 7:00-8:30pm 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.

**Lions Club** is collecting used glasses.

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

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