

August 15, 2020



SAVE THE DATE

the
Linwood Breeze

Sunday, Aug. 16 **Outdoor Morning
Worship Service**
11:00 a.m.
Bluff West of
Playground

Wed., Aug. 19 **Adult Bible Study**
10:00 a.m.
Area West of
The Pavilion

Sun., Sept. 6 **PIONEER VESPERS**
7:00 p.m.



**BIBLE
STUDY**

**Wednesday, August 19 – 10:00
a.m.**

**The Grassy Area
West of The Pavilion**

Join us at 10:00 a.m. as Pastor Chris leads us as we look at another text in the book of Luke. What a delight to sit under the trees and just talk with one another, sharing our lives and our understanding of Scripture. The setting is lovely and the time together is encouraging. All are welcome! *Please wear a mask and bring a chair!*

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, August 16 - 11:00 a.m.
The Bluff West of the Playground

Sunday Worship Service, August 16, will again take place outdoors on the bluff west of the playground. Look for a new format and new worship music.

In this Covid-saturated atmosphere, aren't we all hungry for communication with one another? The good news is that there is One who is always present and ready to communicate with us: the God who loves us. On Sunday Pastor Chris will speak from Luke 18 on the *Joy of Prayer*.

Picnic tables will NOT be set up, so be sure to bring a chair. There's plenty of room for space between us.

Bring your phone along, as you can find the words to the songs we will sing at linwoodchristianlife.org.

The service will also be live streamed at Linwoodchristianlife.org or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LinwoodCCL/>

If rain threatens, check one of these sites; last-minute decisions to live stream will be made by 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

PLEASE wear a mask, to protect yourself as well as others.



A Word From Our Park Pastor Chris Scruggs



The Dog Days of Summer

This week, our lives at Linwood Park will begin to slow down. Soon, families with children will be leaving to go back to work and school. Last week, our time at Linwood was hitting its peak! There was some kind of activity almost every day. Saturday, we had the opportunity to share with a group of people a program Kathy and I call “Salt & Light.” It’s a way of sharing the Good News of God’s love with others in a non-threatening manner and preparing yourself to answer legitimate questions unbelievers and new believers may have.

Each week has a theme. Sunday, I spoke on the sending of the 72 from Luke’s gospel. In *Luke*, Jesus sends out seventy-two of his followers on a short-term mission trip that will prepare them for the day in which he will ascend into heaven and the disciples will be sent to share the gospel to the ends of the Earth. The theme this week is preparing ourselves for the future!

It is always sad to go home after a vacation in a lovely spot like Linwood. On the other hand, a vacation would not be a vacation unless we had a work-life to which we return! Our return home brings us back into contact with friends, other family members, business associates, fellow-retirees, members of committees, neighborhood associations, sports and hobby friends, church friends, and many other people. It is to these people that God is sending us. We are part of God’s mission of love to the world.

We are being sent to be a loving friend and ambassador for Christ. In other words, we are

going into the world to love people no matter what else we do; however, it’s just possible that God would have us share our faith with at least some of them.

It’s just possible that God would have us share the love and forgiveness we received in Jesus Christ. It’s just possible that God would have us share with them the joy of a living relationship with the Living God. When the opportunity arises, we want to be ready to share God’s love.

This Wednesday night we said goodbye to Josiah and Katelyn who have worked hard so that our children and grandchildren could have a wonderful and also spiritual time at Linwood. If you see them around The Park before they leave, please tell them how much we appreciate all they have done.

Worship this week will be in the same spot as last week, unless weather does not permit. In that case, we will be having an abbreviated online worship service.

Next week, we will send out a note about what to expect for the final three services this summer. In addition, we are already planning the Pioneer Service. Keith Sffles spoke about this last week. Please respond to his request and that of Carolyn Reed in the *Breeze* last week for information we need for that service. The evening of September 6 is going to be a special time.

God bless you all,

Chris



SAYING GOODBYE TO JOSIAH AND KATELYN

In spite of difficult circumstances caused by Covid-19, youth directors Josiah Molter and Katelyn Bleisath planned and carried out a well-received program for our kids and teens. Good times were had, good interactions happened, and relationships were built.

Now Josiah and Katelyn have headed back to college, but they are hoping (and so are we!) that they will be able to return to Linwood next summer to lead a full youth and family program.

Many thanks to them!



PIONEER VESPERS

Labor Day Weekend
Sunday, September 6 – 7:00 p.m.

While the evening will look much different this year because of the Covid-19 restrictions, we will try to retain as many of our annual traditions as possible.

We will remember those of our Linwood community who have passed away during this past year, and we will celebrate the arrival of babies who have been born since last September.

Please send names and photos of those who have died, as well as the names and photos of all the new babies and the names of their parents to: president@linwoodchristianlife.org.

Because we will be outside and will not have access to hymnals, we need a new way to let you pick favorite hymns to be sung at this service. So, you are invited to send the title of your choice to president@linwoodchristianlife.org. Or you can go to linwoodchristianlife.org/pioneer-sunday, where you can register for the service as well as upload information about births, deaths, and request a hymn.



LOOKING AHEAD

Linwood Christian Life is looking forward to a summer of togetherness and the end of social distancing in 2021! As we all anticipate this most welcome return to normalcy, we are looking for ways to not only hold on to tradition, but to embrace the new.

This is your chance to let us know how your needs could be better met and what you want preserved and what you would like to see changed. Let your voice be heard!

Please go to www.linwoodsurvey.com to take a survey the results of which will be used to begin making plans for the future.

The Stand Is CLOSED

It has been a very different summer for The Stand.

So, we want to especially thank everyone who helped staff and run one of Linwood's favorite spots, despite the restrictions and challenges.

We hopefully look forward to a more "normal" 2021 season.
Happy End of Summer, everyone!

The Linwood Store

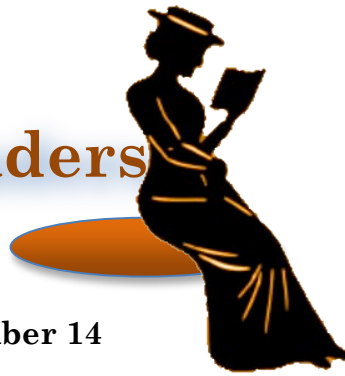
As most of you know, The Linwood Store and Museum has been closed because of the pandemic.

However, there have been occasional Pop-Up sales throughout the summer. They have been fun, but as the summer winds down, there will be **no more Pop-Up stores this summer.**

Thanks to all the artists and staff who participated, and to those who came to browse and buy!

Next year we have high hopes for The Store/Museum being open and filled with beautiful artwork and happy customers.

Calling All Readers



Monday, September 14
10:00 a.m.
The Stand Patio

The **Linwood Book Club** invites any and all to join the discussion of our latest book selection.

We will meet on The Stand patio to talk about *Survival in the Shadows*, by Barbara Lovenheim.

Please bring your mask!
We will maintain social distance.



Linwood Radio

Music, Stories, Sermons!

Tune in to Linwood Radio, and you will be surprised at what you hear. This site is evolving into the best place to connect with what Linwood has been, what Linwood is now, and what Linwood is becoming!

Go to Linwoodradio.com, or while in The Park, tune in to 97.3 FM. You might be surprised!

How to Help LINWOOD CHRISTIAN LIFE

Even though Linwood Christian Life has been forced to curtail some activities and services during the pandemic, there is still a need for your support in order to meet the budget.

If you would like to help, go to: linwoodchristianlife.org and click on the "give online" button. Or write a check to LCCL and mail to LCCL, 444 Ash St., Vermilion, OH 44089. Many thanks for your faithful support.

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Linwood Council of Christian Life

Policies for Outdoor Activities During Covid-19 Emergency

GUIDING VALUES

First, the Linwood Council of Christian life (Council) conducts worship services along with youth and family programs that are authentic to the witness of Scripture and consistent with the values and culture of Linwood Park. We love and respect each other caring for the least, the ill, and the infirm as best we can.

Second, as a form of loving our neighbor and honoring our authorities, we adhere to applicable Ohio COVID-19 guidelines and regulations.

Third, due to the diverse array of ages, health conditions, and levels of risk tolerance, we acknowledge with sadness, that the Council may not be able to accommodate every individual or family. **If you are elderly, have current health issues, are running a fever, or have any debilitating illness which might complicate Covid-19, we ask that you worship at home through Linwood Radio or our Website: www.linwoodchristianlife.org. Also please do not attend youth or family activities if you or the attendee in question is at risk.**

Fourth, we want everyone to know that, while the Council has adopted these policies, they cannot be effective unless people abide by them. It is up to individuals and families to attempt to abide by these policies. Each family should decide for themselves whether to attend any worship, family, youth, or children's activity.

Finally, we continue to monitor the various guidelines promulgated by the State of Ohio and information gathered from other sources. Council and its leadership are empowered to change these guidelines based upon any new information or guidance they receive. With the above in mind, the following policies have been adopted for the safety of our activities at Linwood:

POLICIES

ATTENDANCE

You should not attend worship, youth, or family activities if:

- Any members of your household have experienced any the following symptoms in the past ten days:
 - Fever
 - cough
 - loss of taste or smell
 - shortness of breath
 - sore throat
 - Additionally, for children under the age of 12: new onset rash, body aches, or diarrhea/vomiting
- You have had direct contact with anyone known to have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past fourteen days.
- You have any disease that would increase their risk of contracting COVID-19 or having a serious or fatal reaction to exposure to the disease.
- Worshipers should not attend services if they are under any quarantine order or suggestion by the State of Ohio

BEFORE ATTENDING ANY COUNCIL ACTIVITY

- We ask that everyone please wash your hands for at least one minute, using an appropriate soap.
- Please check your temperature and the temperature of the members of your household before attending, and if you have a fever do not attend outdoor worship or other activities. Watch online and pick up activities for your children at the appropriate spot.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKING DURING COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

- The Pastor and Youth & Family leaders will always practice social distancing, and have a mask ready to use if social distancing is not possible.
- Masks and hand sanitizer will be available at all activities.
- Households may stand/sit together, distanced at least six feet or more apart from the nearest separate household, or Council staff member. Masks are encouraged but not required to be used by household members, so long as 6 feet of separation is maintained.
- Participants at worship services should bring their own seating (golf carts, chairs, blankets, etc.). There are a limited number of picnic tables available, which are sanitized prior to service by the Park Company.
- If you are visiting with individuals outside of your family, please wear a mask.
- State of Ohio COVID-19 guidelines do not require children under the age of ten to wear a mask.

WORSHIP SERVICE AND ACTIVITY ACCOMMODATIONS

- The State of Ohio recognizes outdoor religious services are preferred, and all worship services, youth, and family activities will be held outdoors.
- If it is raining, Sunday in-person worship services will be cancelled and streamed as mentioned above, while Vespers along with youth, and family activities will be cancelled
- Bulletins for Sunday worship are available online at: <https://www.linwoodchristianlife.org>. Individuals can print their own at home prior to the service or download on site.

Nature Note



Our annual visitors, the purple martins, have deserted their houses, gathering to begin their journey to South America.

Purple martins, the largest of U.S. swallows, are agile and swift in the air, able to fly up to 40 miles per hour.

Nearly all purple martins in the eastern United States are dependent on human-supplied housing.

They eat mostly insects on the wing, and even drink in midair, flying over a pond, lake, or stream and scooping water into their bills while on the move.

This summer, as the lake action created “cliffs” along the beach, another type of swallow dug nesting caves into the sand. They, too, seem to have headed south.

To see a slice of life in a purple martin nest, visit:

[youtube.com/watch?v=m3GLYvxV3pU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3GLYvxV3pU)

How to Help...cont.

GRACE'S KITCHEN

This is a difficult time for many, and our local Grace's Kitchen is serving more and more people in need of meals. If you would like to make a contribution, please send it to: Grace's Kitchen, 5505 Liberty Avenue, Vermilion, Ohio, 44089. Please put MSV on the memo line. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Do you have a prayer request? We would love to pray for you. Please send your prayer needs to: Linwoodprayers@gmail.com. We pray for our Linwood community throughout the year, so be sure to contact us with your prayer requests even in the “off season!”



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