

LINWOOD BREEZE

Winter 2024 edition

Here comes a mini-Breeze to fill you in on the latest and to give you a heads up in terms of what to expect for summer 2024. It will be only a couple months before many of us will enter the gates for the first time this year, looking forward to time in this Place in our Hearts.

Around and about the Park:

- A new, more attractive fence has been installed around the front of the park.
- The beach looks great! All are hoping that the spring storms don't wash away the sand.
- A few cottages are being renovated and/or additions are being made to accommodate growing families.
- Excitement is rising as we near April 8, when Vermilion will be in the path of the total solar eclipse. Plans are being made to welcome people who come to the area to view the event.

You will note that this Breeze is sadly lacking in visual appeal. Kate Breeze is our talented formatter; she and Andy are caring for their son Cris, who is very ill. Please pray for them.

Here's a message from our Park Pastor:

Hello Linwood Friends! I'm writing this on a chilly February Saturday morning with snowflakes floating down outside...a weather condition which, while beautiful in its own right, makes

one look forward to warmer days and the joys of a summer at the lakeside!

Wherever you may be as you read this, I hope you are finding this winter season is one where you are experiencing the Lord's presence wherever you are and in whatever you may be doing.

Early meetings are being held looking ahead to Summer 2024 at Linwood. Jan and I felt so welcomed and blessed in sharing our first summer with you last year! We are truly looking forward to returning this summer to continue to build on friendships we started last year as we also make new friends and acquaintances. Now a word about our 2024 summer worship plans. After spending last summer focusing on the Holy Spirit as God's personal trainer for believers, we will be shifting our focus in 2024 to "Summerin' With Jesus" as we look at different aspects of Jesus' life and ministry on our behalf. In Acts 4 we read of Peter and John being arrested and interrogated by the Jewish Council as a result of their healing and teaching ministry at the Temple in Jerusalem. After Peter speaks boldly about what they were doing and why, the account tells us, "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized they had been with Jesus." (Acts 4:13)

They recognized they had been with Jesus! Ponder that for a moment! This assessment has always impressed me...and challenged me...to think "I wonder if people recognize that I have been with Jesus?" Is there something about us as believers - how we speak and act and live and serve - that makes others recognize we are followers of Jesus? Or are we no different from anyone else? Do we carry within us and about us a spirit

and approach to life which flows from our faith commitment and our desire to be more and more shaped into the likeness of Jesus Christ in all we say and do?

So this summer we will spend time “Summerin’ With Jesus” in worship and hopefully in our times with family and friends sharing the special place known as Linwood Park. We’ll look into scripture and journey with Jesus as he is out on the lake, holding a family reunion, going fishing, sharing a picnic meal, taking a hike, gazing at the stars, weathering a storm, along with other similar activities. And we will share it together in seeking to “walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.” (Colossians 1:10)

One final closing word - please join me and members of the Linwood Council of Christian Life in beginning to lift up Summer 2024 at Linwood in your prayers. Pray for the presence of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit to move among us in ways which will deepen our individual and corporate journeys of faith. Pray for individuals and families to be renewed in faith and life as they sojourn in Linwood. Pray for those not yet following Jesus to have Linwood be the place where they are drawn into a relationship with him. Pray for the Lord to do above and beyond what we would think is possible! And pray for those struggling in body, mind, or spirit to be touched with renewed wholeness through the presence and power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Blessings,
Pastor Paul

A MEMO FROM THE LINWOOD WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

We would love to know about those of you who have musical skills and gifts that you would be willing to share with our community on Sunday mornings. Do you sing? Play an instrument? If yes, please contact Kim Csepe at vicepresident@linwoodchristianlife.com

A NOTE FROM A LINWOOD FAMILY

A note of thanks has been received from a Linwood family whom many of us helped at Christmas time. They are grateful for the financial support and the prayers of our community.