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Linwood Breeze

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Your Calendar**

Blessing of the Park

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The Tabernacle

First Worship Service

Sunday, May 29 – 11 a.m.
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Adult Bible Study

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The Chapel

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Sunday, June 5 – 8 p.m.
Lakefront

Official Park Opening Stand Opening

Friday, June 10

Linwood Store Opening

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Kids' Sunday School Begins

Sunday, June 12

Youth Programming Begins

June 13

Welcome to Worship

Our first worship service of the season is long anticipated! How joyful it is to see faces we have missed, and how good to worship together!

We welcome Chris and Kathy Scruggs back for the first few weeks of the season. Chris will preach—see his letter below for details about his sermon focus. Leading worship music this summer will be Kate Lane and David Csepe.

All are welcome to this interdenominational gathering. If you are unable to join us in person, the service will be live-streamed, or you can view the service anytime later in the week, just go to: facebook.com/Linwoodccl

A SPECIAL “BLESSING OF THE PARK”

TONIGHT, MAY 28

Join us in The Tabernacle at 7 p.m. **this evening** to welcome the season. Pastor Chris will lead us as we sing, delight in being together, and ask for God's blessing over this place and its people. **Plus...there is ice cream afterward !!!**

BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday, June 1, 10 a.m.

All adults are warmly invited to come to Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. in The Chapel, beginning on June 1. Bring your Bible, your questions, and your curiosity. Pastor Chris will lead us.

SUNSET GATHERING - Sunday, June 5, 8:00 PM – Lakefront

Join the Scruggs in a casual time of worship and reflection out on the lakefront, in the grassy area west of the playground. Come and get refreshed. Bring a chair. In case of inclement weather, we will move to The Chapel.

A Message from Pastor Chris Scruggs

It is finally here. Summer 2022 is about to arrive and Linwood Park is about to open for another summer of fun, fellowship, rest, recreation, and renewal. For some, it is a return to the joy of memories of many summers past. For some, this will be the first summer at Linwood. One hope we have is that everyone who comes, whether for the 50th time or the first time, will leave renewed and refreshed in body, soul and spirit.

For many, this summer will begin with a bit of “fear and trembling.” The economy is fragile. Our nation continues to be divided, and harsh voices and violent tempers seem to dominate the landscape of our nation. Therefore, perhaps the most important thing we can seek together this summer is the kind of perspective that leads to peace. In John, Jesus says that he will give us “peace” (or “shalom” in Hebrew), but it will be a kind of peace that the world cannot give. It will be a peace that exists in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, in poverty and in wealth, in success and in failure, a peace that the “powers and principalities” that dominate our world cannot defeat or take away.

This year our theme is the Kingdom of God. I am going to begin the summer with three sermons on the themes, “The Kingdom God Intended,” “Human Kingdoms Created by Sin,” and “God’s Kingdom Renewed by Faith.” We will begin with the creation of the world, and end this little group of sermons with the Call of Abraham, who will bless the entire world.

In our little community, we daily see the beauty of God’s creation and the peace we can enjoy when we live in harmony with God and nature. That is what Linwood was formed to be and what it continues to exhibit. Of course, Linwood is not perfect. We participate in the brokenness of the Fall. We have our conflicts, our power plays, our failures of faith, hope and love. Every human community has these faults and failures.

Finally, we participate in the promises of God that when individuals and families join together in faith, hope, and love, God works in their lives not just to renew them and their families, but to renew the world as well.

Linwood is a place where each year families and individuals gather to be renewed, restored, and empowered to share the love of God and the Peace of God in a broken and needy world. Most of us cannot and do not stay in Linwood forever. We come. We are blessed to be a blessing. Then, we leave to share the wisdom and love of God and to tend the garden God has given each of us to tend.

Let us have a blessed 2022!!!

Chris



Chris and Kay Scruggs

Coming Soon

Youth & Family Program

Summer 2022

We are delighted to announce that beginning on June 13, Harrison Leslie and Alii Bivins will lead this program. Details are forthcoming. Meanwhile, here is a greeting and introduction from Harrison and Alii.



Hi, I'm Harrison - My family used to own a cottage in the Park and I have many fond memories of Linwood. You might still see me working around the Park on projects with "Hey Les." I'm the middle child of five, and I enjoy playing instruments, all types of sports, and spending time with friends. I just graduated from high school and I'm looking forward to a

future that includes ministry. I hope this summer brings our youth together as we meet each week. Whether we're getting ice cream at The Stand, walking on the beach, or playing games, we'll be developing relationships that last!

Hi, I'm Alii - I have lived in Vermilion my entire life, but I've only been around Linwood for the past few years with Harrison. I'm about to enter my sophomore year of college for my degree in Business Administration. In my free time, I enjoy playing the bass guitar, spending quality time with the people I love, and practicing the Martial Art of Tang Soo Do. I will primarily be working with the younger kids and the pre-teens, as I have the most experience in ministering to that age group, but I imagine I will assist in all areas. Speaking of which, if anybody needs babysitting services this summer, feel free to reach out! I look forward to a great summer getting to know the families of Linwood and being able to minister to the kids and the youth.



Message

from the

Pastor Search Committee

The Linwood Christian Life Pastor Support Committee is glad to present the pastors for 2022. We eagerly anticipate their presence with us this summer.

We welcome Pastor Chris and Kathy Scruggs' return for a third season. Chris will open the Sunday services starting May 29th. Chris walked with us through the challenging summer of 2020 and less restrictive 2021, so we are joyfully awaiting Chris and Kathy's return for several weeks at the beginning and end of summer 2021.

The following pastors will take up residence this summer at the Auburn cottage. They will fill the remaining Sunday morning services and share daily life with us at Linwood:

Pastor Paul and Jan Thwaite – residents of Pittsburgh, PA - recently retired pastor of the Presbyterian Church

Pastor Doug and Nancy Stevens - residents of Austin, TX - retired pastor of the Covenant Church

Pastor John and Kristen Meaux - residents of Bay Village, OH - former pastor at Bay Presbyterian Church

Summer 2022 - Pastors preaching at The Linwood Tabernacle:

May 29 - Jun 12 - Chris Scruggs
 June 19 - Jun 26 - Paul Thwaite
 July 3 - Aug 7 - Doug Stevens
 August 14 - Aug 21 - John Meaux
 August 28 - Sep 4 - Chris Scruggs

We will be sharing more details about each of these couples in *Breeze* articles the week before they arrive.

Good News from Linwood Christian Life

In the past we have been plagued with multiple technical problems in The Tabernacle. Here is a message from Jason Hetche, who chairs the LCL tech committee:

To better serve the community, the LCL has made improvements to the sound and video system in The Tabernacle. The new system is equipped with more channels and wiring capable of connecting a more extensive network of microphones and instruments.

New speakers have been added for clear sound and better coverage. Larger televisions have also been installed with a new HDMI distribution system for better audience viewing. Come join us this summer for weekly Sunday church services in The Tabernacle.

If you cannot be present, we will again be streaming on Facebook. With the new system, there will be a new sound board and a 4 channel HD video switcher with streaming. The direct feed from the sound board to the camera should eliminate background noise.

*Wishing you a restful,
healthy, and safe
Memorial Day weekend.*

Linwood Book Club

Come read with us! Our first meeting of the summer season will be Monday, June 6 at 10 a.m.. We will discuss *Ordinary Grace*, by William Kent Krueger. All are welcome to join us at the tables outside The Stand.



Flowers for Worship Service



Would you like to provide flowers for a Sunday morning worship service? If so, contact Linda Stocker at:
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