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the **Linwood Breeze**

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, July 26 - 11:00 a.m.

The Pavilion

As the ongoing pandemic continues to produce bad news, don't we all need reasons to rejoice? Pastor Chris is preaching each Sunday morning about JOY—what it is (and isn't) and how to experience joy, even when circumstances are less than perfect. So join us this Sunday, as Chris preaches from Luke 24:50-53 on the joy of worship. Worship music and the next in the installment of Linwood Legacy stories also await.

Bring a chair to sit under the trees. 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. If rain is a threat, we will live stream from the Tabernacle. Last-minute changes to live stream only will be sent out on Linwood and Linwood Cottage Owners Facebook pages by 9 a.m. on Sunday.

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

VESPERS

Sunday, July 26 – 7:00 p.m.

Playground Bluff

We were rained out last week, but hope for better weather Sunday. Vespers offers another opportunity to be together, enjoying spiritual closeness though we're distanced. Come to the area west of the playground. Pastor Chris will again lead us through a short time of worship and reflection. This is a sweet way to close the day. **Bring a chair, and please wear a mask!**

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, July 29– 10:00 a.m.

The Pavilion

Join us in the Pavilion as Pastor Chris leads us as we look at another text in the book of Luke. You will be energized and encouraged.

Please wear a mask!

SAVE THE DATE

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The Pavilion**

**Outdoor Morning
Worship Service**

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The Bluff West of
the Playground**

Vespers

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The Pavilion**

Adult Bible Study

*Community cannot be
cancelled!*



A Message From Our Park Pastor

Life at Half-Time

It's hard to imagine that summer is a bit more than half over. In just a few weeks, it will be Labor Day weekend. It's always amazing to me how quickly Kathy and I bond with new people. We come to a place and know no one. We feel like strangers. We have no friends. Everything seems different. We wonder, "What in the world are we doing in this strange place?" Then, the process begins of making new friends, seeing new sites, having new experiences, taking on new responsibilities, and growing as a person and family. Every person and situation we encounter expands our understanding of people and places. Pretty soon, we feel perfectly at home.

We have made new friends here at Linwood Park and can already feel the growth that comes with new relationships and experiences. (It doesn't hurt that it has been over 100 degrees in San Antonio the past few weeks and Covid-19 is a bigger problem there than here!) We already feel the sadness at leaving new friends.

Many years ago, I read a book called *Half Time*, by Bob Buford. I was in my forties and about halfway through life. The book was written by a successful business person who, at his 'Halftime' of life, sold his family business and began a new adventure, which included mentoring and empowering Christian leaders. At the time, I had a good friend in Brownsville, Tennessee who was experiencing his own "Half Time." I gave the book to him, and we read it together and talked about it many times. It helped him through a hard decision and then retirement, and it helped me think through the difference between being *successful* and being *significant*.

We Americans spend a lot of time trying to be successful. In the process, we often forget what it means to be significant. The kinds of things we do at a place like Linwood can be and are significant. Time spent with family and friends, time spent staring at the beach and pondering the next step in life, time spent asking the question, "Is what I am doing or planning to do really significant?" is important time.

At least once a week or so, I stand on a tee box on the 17th hole of a golf course and remind myself that, at 69+, I am playing somewhere pretty deep in the Back Nine of Life. This thought helps keep me focused on

what I really think I ought to do and accomplish in life before I leave Planet Earth. I have only so much time, energy, and strength left to give, and these limits require that I think carefully about what to do and not do next.

One of my favorite verses in Scripture reads: *So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.* (Psalm 90:12) I am always glad to read this verse in my quiet time, for it reminds me to center myself on what is really important, God, family, friends, community, the service of others, *etc.* There are a lot of folks out there who would profit by thinking carefully about this wisdom from Scripture.

Summer will soon be over, and it would be wise of all of us to carefully number our days at Linwood. Is there someone you should visit or invite over and share a cup of coffee or a meal? Is there an old sin or grudge you should let go of before it is too late? Is there something you should do to help another person or situation? Is there some act of love that could be done for another human being before fall? In other words, is there something *significant* you should do before you leave Linwood for the winter?

For all of us, there is a first summer and a last summer at Linwood. God would not have us waste even one minute of the blessing he has given us that we are here today.

God bless,

Chris



The Stand Is Open

3:00 - 9:00 p.m. daily

Because of Covid-19, The Stand is operating on a limited basis.

Orders will be take-out only.

No inside store purchases.

The menu is posted outside. Options include: ice cream, milk shakes etc., beverages, popcorn, nachos, candy treats bags, and snacks.

All sanitary precautions will be taken including: outside hand sanitizers, required social distancing in line. Employee will wear masks and gloves. The Store will be sanitized on a daily basis.

Payment is via credit card or cottage accounts only.

Cash is not accepted!

The Linwood Store

The Museum/Store will remain closed, but The Park Board has approved outdoor sales.

The Pop-Up store will be Mondays from 6 - 8 p.m. weather permitting. If it is not a nice day, they will set up later in the week.

Items for sale will depend on which artists are in The Park during that week. Tables will be set up to the west of the store.

Artists will wear masks and we ask that you respect their health and wear a mask too. Hand sanitizer will be provided.



Linwood Radio A Sound in the Air

Have you turned in to Linwood Radio? Go to linwoodradio.com, or while you're in The Park, tune in to 97.3 FM.

Your spirits will be lifted!



An Invitation

This summer we are following up on a wonderful suggestion from former Park Pastor Hu Auburn.

Before he retired last summer, he urged us to keep telling and listening to the stories of Linwood. So--each Sunday during the worship service we are broadcasting these stories in a segment we call *Linwood Legacy*. These stories are also replayed on linwoodradio.com.

This is an invitation to anyone who would like to offer their story to get in touch with Anne Humphries. She will arrange a time to video you telling your story in a 2-4 minute segment and then use your video during the church service or use the audio on the radio. Anne's email address: vicepresident@linwoodchristianlife.org or stop her if you see her.

Youth and Family Activities

TUESDAY TEEN NIGHT

Youth Director Josiah Molter

Ages 13 – 19
Tuesday - 7 p.m.
Meet at The Stand Patio
Bring a Mask!

Bring your mask and get ready for some fun hang out time and conversations! Woot woot!

FAMILY NIGHT

Youth Director Katelyn Bleisath

All Ages
Wednesday – 8:45 p.m.
The Pavilion - Please Bring a Mask

We will have another MOVIE NIGHT on Wednesday, June 29, by the Pavilion behind The Stand! Please bring your own blankets or chairs to sit in.

Plan to arrive by **8:45 p.m.** if you would like your photo taken once you and your family are settled in! The kids will be getting a frame to decorate to go with it as a keepsake.

We hope to see you there! **Please wear a mask to the event;** you may take them off once you are socially distanced in your group.

KIDS CRAFT

For **Kids Craft**, make sure you check out the red box by The Chapel! For more info and updates like or follow our Facebook page: Linwood Park Youth Activities and Family Fellowship OR at

[Facebook.com/LinwoodParkYouth](https://www.facebook.com/LinwoodParkYouth)

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Linwood Christian Life has a powerful ministry of prayer warriors! If you would like to be a part of this program, or if you have a prayer request, contact Bronlynn Eberhardt or email: Linwoodprayers@gmail.com.

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!

Calling All Readers



Monday, August 10 - 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 discuss *Virgil Wander*, a novel by Leif Enger. The Minneapolis Star-Tribune describes it as “...peopled with pretty regular folks but with room for romance and redemption, the drama of the everyman and the everyday...”

Please bring your mask; we will maintain social distance.

Castles in the Sand

On the evening of Wednesday, July 15, the Linwood beach was alive with groups of people creating imaginative and ingenious sand castles. Organized by youth directors Josiah and Katelyn, this event resulted in some impressive edifices. Winners of the contest were rewarded with coupons to spend at the Stand. First place went to the Demmings with the castle titled "Pompei;" second place: "Mario Circuit," created by the Csepe and Eberhardt kids; third place: "Spatula Villa," done by Matthew Phillips, Alex Slife, Brady Heim, and Maddux Revennaugh.

Thanks to Josiah and Katelyn for organizing exciting evening, and thanks to all the kids and families who participated.



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