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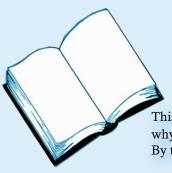
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SAVE THE DATE Linwood Breeze

- Sunday, Aug. 30 Outdoor Morning 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Bluff West of Playground
 - Wed., Sept 2 Adult Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Area East of The Pavilion
- Sun., Sept. 6 **PIONEER VESPERS** 7:00 p.m.

Mon., Sept. 14 Linwood Book Club 10:00 a.m. The Stand





SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP Sunday, August 30 - 11:00 a.m. The Bluff West of the Playground

On these recent Sunday mornings, as we have sat on the bluff overlooking the beauty of the lake, we have been filled with thanks for the glory of God's creation. It seems so right to be sitting here as we worship. We hope you will join us this week.

This Sunday morning, Pastor Chris will preach on loving God and one another. You can also look forward to worship music and another Linwood Legacy reflection.

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 on Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/LinwoodCCL/</u> or <u>linwoodchristianlife.org</u>. (When you get to the home page, the picture of the beach, just scroll down.)

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.

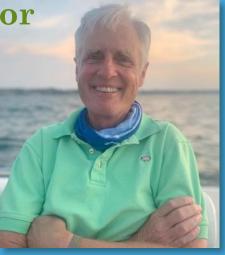
BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, September 2 – 10:00 a.m. The Grassy Area East of The Pavilion

This time together has become a favorite midweek interlude. If "Bible Study" sounds boring, why not give it a try—you might be surprised! Pastor Chris leads as we share with one another. By the way, Bible Study will continue through September 9.

Please wear a mask and bring a chair!

AUGUST 29, 2020

A Word From Our Park Pastor Chris Scruggs Returning to Wisdom in Daily Life



This week, our theme is balance and wholeness in day-to-day life. Last year, one of my daughters gave me a book entitled, *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* by Peter Scazzero. I recommend it to all Christians. Recently, I gave to a couple of folks here in the Park a follow up book entitled, *The Emotionally Healthy Leader*. (Scazzero has written several books on the theme.)

The theme of all these books is that many Christians are emotionally unhealthy. and therefore, they cannot experience the full joy of the Christian life. In the books, but especially in Emotionally Healthy Spirituality, Scazerro describes his personal journey to greater emotional wholeness as а Christian and pastor. Fundamentally. the book recommends understanding our past, our families, and the emotions that drive us, and then developing spiritual disciplines that will help us achieve and maintain emotional and spiritual maturity.

Last Sunday, one of our texts was the Parable of the Rich Fool. In the sermon, I mentioned that the Rich Fool had a problem with priorities. He spent all of his time, all of his energy, all of his thought, on gathering wealth. Never taking time for rest, the Rich Fool restlessly worked and gathered wealth. Then, when he was ready to retire, the day of his death had arrived. Jesus concludes the parable with the warning, "This is how it will be for all those who are not rich towards God." In other words, we all have the capacity to be the Rich Fool in one way or another.

For all his talent and abilities, the Rich Fool never learned to manage his priorities, keeping God first and letting other things fall into place. In my case, a desire for success more than wealth made me a workaholic for most of my life (a condition I still fight). Deep in the dark recesses of my emotional closet, the fear of failure looms large. Also, hidden in my emotional closet, among the moldy old overcoats of life, is the fear of not being able to work and having little or nothing to live on. Perhaps some of the fears of the Depression Generation managed to attach itself to my psyche. All of this is a recipe for my version of the parable.

God, however, by the power of the Holy Spirit, is able to help us manage our priorities. We can learn to be generous. We can learn to take a day off every week. We can learn to lay down the problems of life and allow God to work. We can learn to trust God for the future. We can learn to take times daily for prayer, Bible study, and service to others. We can learn to control whatever character weaknesses we have developed over the years.

Our theme this year is "Joy." We will never experience the joy God intends for us until we clean out our emotional closet, air out the old overcoats of our character, and learn to live the balanced *Christian life---*a Way of Life empowered by Grace, and filled with Wisdom, emotional Balance, and Agape Love.

A few last words: We are getting ready for the Pioneer Service at 7:00 on September 6. If you have lost a loved one or had an addition to your family, please let Keith Saffles or Carolyn Reed know this week.

See you Sunday! Our theme is *Loving God and* Others.

God bless you all,

Chris

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

Linwood Christian Life is conducting a survey to collect your ideas and suggestions about this year's LCL programming, and to help with planning for next year.

To fill out this brief survey, go to our website: www.linwoodsurvey.com.

We value your input!





PIONEER VESPERS

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



Please read the important information below!

You will not want to miss this celebration! While the evening will look much different this year because of Covid-19 restrictions, we will retain many of our annual traditions and create some new ones.

We will be outside rain or shine; tents will be set up in the area near the Pavilion. If you have a beach canopy, it would be great if you could bring it along and set it up. Also, please bring along your own chair, and of course, a mask!

To make this a real celebration, you might want to begin with a picnic! Show up around 5:30 or 6:00, and bring food for your family group.

In order to provide our team the information need for planning purposes, please go to linwoodchristianlife.org/pioneer-sunday. There you will find a registration form, as well as opportunity to report names of Linwoodites who have passed away during the year and names of babies who have been born. You may also request your favorite hymns. An alternate way to report names and send pictures of those who have died and names and pictures of new babies send email is to an to president@linwoodchristianlife.org. Or, if all this technology is driving you crazy, talk to Pastor Chris or someone on the Christian Life Council.



FALL FRUIT & VEGGIES

Surely there is no time when you can find such a grand amount of fresh fruit and vegetables as August. Here are some farmstands where you can purchase just-picked produce:

- Miller's Orchards peaches and more. Vermilion Road
- Schlechter's corn, tomatoes, and more. Take Vermilion Road, turn right on Rte. 113. The farm is just past Baird Road on the left.
- And while you are out at Vermilion Road and 113, stop at **Miller's Apple Hill**, which specializes in a huge array of bulk items, from baking supplies to candy.

THE STAND & THE LINWOOD STORE/MUSEUM

CLOSED For the Season

As most of you know, the pandemic affected the operations of both the Linwood Stand and The Linwood Store/Museum.

The Stand is now closed for the season and there will be no more Pop-Ups for the Store/Museum this summer.

Thanks to all of you who have enjoyed the limited openings and offerings of both of these great Linwood institutions.

We are hoping for next season to be far more "normal."



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: <u>www.linwoodchristianlife.org</u>. 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.

THE OSCAR MAYER WIENERMOBILE IS NOT IN TOWN!



Dog-Gone

Some disappointed Linwoodites drove out to Apple Hill to see the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile, as was advertised in last week's *Breeze*.

But no Wienermobile was in sight.

It turns out that one of the drivers got Covid, so the tour destinations had to be scratched.

We wish them a speedy recovery!

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: <u>Linwoodprayers@gmail.com</u>. 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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