

THE LINWOOD BREEZE

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We hope you're staying warm and cozy as the weather gets colder and the sun sets earlier. For those of you who can't be at Linwood this time of year, here are some photos of the Park happenings--and by that we mean the beautiful fall foliage!



Chili Cook-Off Weekend Recap

For those who were unable to attend, we missed you! The 170+ attendees enjoyed a beautiful fall afternoon, 23 chilis to judge, fabulous side dishes and desserts, and a wonderful time. Thanks to Matt for his idea of moving into the Stand to avoid the midgie infestation. We can always count on Matt!

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Updates from Around the Park

There is a new cupola on the top of the bell house, new cement around the bottom, and soon new lights shining on that new shiny bell! Additionally, work continues on the pier, with a projected finish date of January 2026. Finally, there are cottage renovations happening, especially on the East side.



Beach Grass Planting

On behalf of the Beach & Bluff Committee, we would like to thank you all for coming out on Oct. 18 to participate in the Beach Grass Planting! We would like to thank Matt and his crew along with Crystal, Board members, members of the Beach and Bluff Committee, and many of the Cottage Owners and their Family members for helping make this event a success. We were able to plant Beach Grass along the bottom half of the bluff in an area Matt prepared for us. This area was from west of the wooden steps on the east side of the beach between Walnut and Linden streets to the first beach access road located in the picnic grove and play ground. Many hands made light work! A special thanks to Sandy Prentice for providing the donuts and coffee and folks from Linwood's Board of Directors, the LPCOA, the Religious Council, and the B & B committee that helped to organize and promote this event. Please enjoy the photos. I tried to get everyone "in action" that helped, but when I got busy planting, I may have missed capturing some of you. If anyone has pictures that I do not have, please share them with us. Thank you!

- Patti Webb – B&B Committee



More photos on page 5!

Chili Cook-Off Weekend Highlights



The chili champion flag will fly proudly in front of the Royek Cottage this year- congrats to first-place winner Brandon Royek! Second place goes to Bob Dixon, and third place to the Till family.



Then we celebrated Halloween Linwood style - Chiliween! Thanks to Kate Mohr and her group for the party in the Tabernacle.

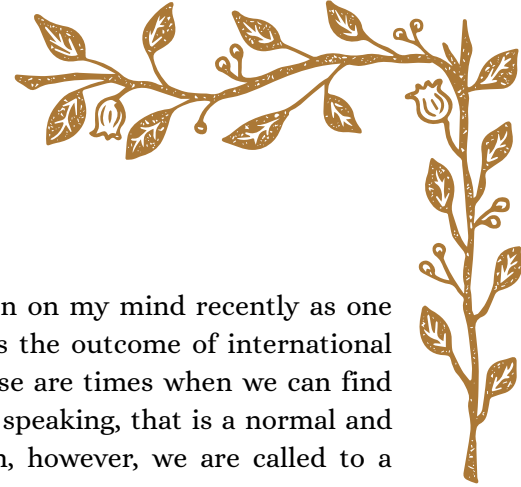
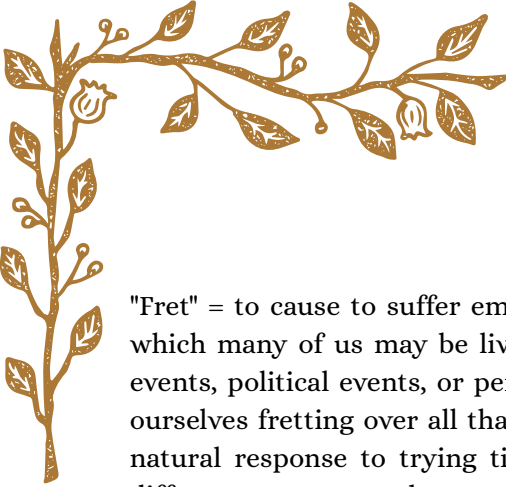


A moment for the first, second, and third place pumpkins... very impressive!



Congratulations to Luke Eberhardt for guessing the correct items in the mystery jar to win the jar, and thank you to the Hetche girls for singing at the worship service to close out a wonderful weekend!





Letter from Pastor Paul

Fret Not!

"Fret" = to cause to suffer emotional strain. (Webster) This word has been on my mind recently as one which many of us may be living with each and every day! Whether it is the outcome of international events, political events, or personal events in each of our daily lives, these are times when we can find ourselves fretting over all that is taking place daily around us. Humanly speaking, that is a normal and natural response to trying times and circumstances. As people of faith, however, we are called to a different response to these types of times in our lives and our world.

Psalm 37 is titled as a Psalm of David. While we don't know the exact circumstances leading David to write these words, we do know he faced trying and difficult circumstances in his life - brothers who belittled him, a giant Philistine who battled against him, Saul who tried to kill him. Yet he begins Psalm 37 with these words: "Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers." (v. 1) A simple exhortation to state, but certainly easier said than done! David goes on in the Psalm to offer solid counsel about how we can, with the help of the Holy Spirit, "fret not" in the face of challenging times:

"Trust in the Lord..." (v. 3) David had an unwavering trust in the Lord to work out God's promises in his life in spite of how things appeared. Our ability to not fret begins with an unwavering trust in our God as the One who is on the throne and working all things together for good to those who love God and are called by him! (Rom. 8:28).

"Delight yourself in the Lord..." (v. 4) Our trust in the Lord leads to worship and adoration! When we exalt God and call to mind God's steadfast love and faithfulness, we can surrender our fretting into God's hands as we exalt and glorify him! He has been, is, and will be faithful to his promises!

"Commit your way to the Lord..." (v. 5) As we trust in the Lord and worship him, we can surrender our ways and the circumstances around us into God's hands and "trust in him and he will act." God sees past, present and future and knows the ultimate outcome of all things. We commit our ways into his hands!

"Be still before the Lord..." (v. 7) Perhaps the hardest mindset to cultivate, we are called to be still and "wait patiently for him". God is working out his purposes in his time and not ours. Waiting on the Lord is a common exhortation in scripture but never an easy one to achieve! But we wait knowing God is faithful!

Psalm 37 goes on to affirm that God will "laugh at the wicked" (v. 13) and "uphold the righteous" (v. 17) in his timing. Of course that doesn't mean in the short term that evildoers will not prosper or the righteous will not suffer. We still live in a broken, sinful world! But "the Lord loves justice and will not forsake his saints" (v. 28). We can trust, delight, commit, and be still, knowing nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord! (Rom, 8:38-39)

So if we find ourselves in fretful times, let us affirm our trust, worship, and patience waiting for God to accomplish his plans and purposes in our lives and our world. Make Psalm 37 a source of comfort and assurance in these challenging times! And have a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season!

Pastor Paul

Additional Photos

Beach Grass Planting



Around the Park

