

the Winter 2022

Linwood Breeze

Winter at Linwood Park

Most of us picture Linwood as we know it in the summertime – warm, full of kids on bikes and sun worshippers on the beach, green everywhere – the trees, the grass. The images of Linwood in the winter offer a stark contrast – cold, quiet, white. But this season has its own beauty and its own pluses. Here are a few comments from hardy year-round Linwoodites:

Ann & Dan Humphries

- There's a serenity to Linwood in the winter--a peacefulness. God's presence is tangible. It's a beautiful respite from the busy world.
- When frozen, the lake is silent and very peaceful, not at all like summer when it seems you can always hear the waves. The lake changes hour by hour, with ice, waves, sun, and wind contributing to its appearance.
- Eagles and flocks of migrating birds are a constant interest.
- Matt and his team are just as good in the winter pushing snow with the snowplow as they are in the summer cleaning the beach with the tractors.
- In the summer we stand outside and visit with neighbors; in the winter, quick checkups as it's too cold for chatting. However, we keep track of and take care of one another.

Ruth Partington

Linwood in winter is more beautiful than pictures can capture! It is a wonderland in its whiteness and silence. No two days are the same. Each day seems more interesting than the one before it.

My favorite sentiment about living here does not include the vista, however. My gratitude to Matt and the crew is beyond words. They plow the roads with each new snowfall (a lot this month), and they often come through 3 – 4 times in an hour, day or night. They clear the snow next to the driver's side of parked cars and shovel the walks to get one from house door to car! Their dedication and kindness to winter residents is a continuation of their attention to our needs during "the season." A huge thank you to Matt, Dillon, and Tyler!

And one to Sharon Revennaugh and Janet Waggoner for their photos of Linwood winters.



Greetings from Linwood Christian Life President Keith Saffles

Linwood Season

I am looking forward to Linwood Season. To me, Linwood Season is probably different than what most people would think. It is not the time of the year from June to September, but a time of my life where my spirit is filled with hope, my actions are in faith, my time is filled with family and community, and my heart is filled with love. It is a time, not bound by days, but bound by moments. To me, Linwood Season is a time of renewal and growth every year in my life, and I cannot wait.

Beacon of Hope

Linwood Park is a beacon of hope for all who come. Hope for relaxation, hope for family time, hope for renewal, hope for better days, and yes, hope for good weather. Hope is what brings people to Linwood - like a light in the darkness, it beckons to each of us in our own ways. Each of these “good things” we hope for is given to us from above—it is Christ who is our ultimate hope—and the true hope that Linwood was built upon.

Anchor of Faith

I am a sucker for tradition. Tradition is a big deal at Linwood. That’s one of the things I love about the place. But what is tradition? It is essentially this - putting a set of long held beliefs into action. To me, that is the same definition of faith. Our unwavering traditions in Linwood Park are a direct reflection of our unwavering faith. A faith that was the basis for our beginnings in tent revivals, a faith that is the bedrock of our traditions, a faith that is, ultimately, the anchor of our community.

Community & Love

The Bible tells us that the greatest commandments are to love God and to love your neighbor as yourself. I get that. But what’s even more amazing, is that the Bible also tells us that these are of equal importance. When you stop to think about it, that is the core essence of Linwood Park - it is a community built around loving God and loving each other. I feel so blessed to be a part of a community that lives these commandments.

As I look forward to Linwood Season, I look forward to time with family and friends, relaxation, the beach, warm weather—but I also look forward to the hope, faith, community, and love that Linwood Park brings to this time of my life—my Linwood Season.

Youth & Family Director Needed

LCL is looking for a Youth and Family Director for the 2022 summer season. If you know of someone who has a love for Jesus and would be interested in leading our children or teens in our faith-based programming, please contact Bronlynn Eberhardt (bronlynn@gmail.com).



From the Pastor Search Committee

Many of you are aware that a committee has been working for many months to identify a pastor for Linwood. Our hope is to find someone who would pastor through all 15 weeks of the summer. To this point that person has not been found. We are excited, however, to share with you the plan that has emerged.

Chris Scruggs will return to lead us from May 29 to mid-June, and return for the last few weeks of the season. This will be the third year Chris and Kathy have been with us. We are grateful for the continuity of their presence and leadership.

For six weeks (about July 3-August 7), our pastor will be Doug Stevens, who is new to Linwood. Doug is married to Nancy and has three grown children and a bunch of grandkids. He is a retired pastor who is deeply involved in

multiple ministries in the Austin, TX, area. Doug is an excellent preacher, a strong leader, and a passionate follower of Jesus and lover of people.

We will also host 2 or 3 guest pastors who will lead worship during the summer (dates to be determined).

The committee is committed to continue our search through 2022, in hopes that by 2023 we will connect with the person God has for us that will fill the position for the entire summer season for multiple years. Meanwhile, we are so thankful for Chris and Doug.

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact one of the members of the Pastor Search Committee: Sharon Revenaugh (chair), Bronlynn Eberhardt, Jim Kretzschmar, Carolyn Reed, Mariellen Simon.



Cottage Renewals Continue



Summer Season Pastors



Doug & Nancy Stevens



Chris & Kathy Scruggs

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