

The

# Linwood Breeze



**Memorial Day  
Edition  
2021**



## Save the Date

### **Blessing of the Park**

Saturday, May 29, 7:00 p.m. - Tabernacle

### **First Worship Service**

Sunday, May 30, 11:00 a.m. - Tabernacle

### **Bible Study**

Wednesday, June 2, 10:00 a.m. - Chapel

### **Cottage Owners' Meeting**

Saturday, June 5, 10:00 a.m. - Tabernacle

### **Yard Sale**

Saturday, June 5, Afternoon - Pavilion

### **Official Park Opening**

Friday, June 11, noon

### **Sunset Gathering**

Saturday, June 13, 8:00 p.m. - Lake Front

## Summer 2021!!

Finally! Finally the Linwood summer begins! How we wait for these days, all through the long winter! Let's make the most of every day this season, grateful for one another and for our sweet little community.

Linwood Christian Life is in gear and enthusiastic about a return to semi-normalcy. Please be aware that some details may change during the next weeks, depending on the rules and comfort level regarding Covid.

## Welcome to Worship

Let's fill The Tabernacle with the joyful sounds of worship tomorrow morning!

We look forward with joy to assembling in The Tabernacle. All are welcome to this interdenominational gathering. Please sit in family groups on the cushions, which will be arranged to maintain distance, and please wear your masks.

We welcome Pastor Chris Scruggs and Kathy back to Linwood. Pastor Chris will preach for us, introducing our summer theme, "Life Together." His sermon is titled "A Word of Life," and is based in the first chapter of the Gospel of John.

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**Welcome to Worship (cont.)**

A musical treat awaits as well: Kurt Willett will sing for us. Kurt remembers being introduced at Linwood as “one of Linwood’s own boys”; his family have been “Linwood people” for generations. Kurt has been a featured soloist in operas and with symphonies all over the country, appearing in Carnegie Hall and with the Metropolitan Opera. If you have heard him in the past, you know that this guy is more than good! Don’t miss hearing him.

If anyone is not comfortable coming to The Tabernacle for the live service, please know that it will be live streamed, or you can view the service at your convenience anytime later in the week. You will find the service at:

<https://www.facebook.com/LinwoodCCL/>  
 or  
[LinwoodChristianLife.org](http://LinwoodChristianLife.org)

(When you get to the home page [the picture of the beach] scroll down until you find the date.)

**YOUTH AND FAMILY EVENTS  
 ON THE HORIZON!**

Summer 2021 is upon us and soon our Linwood youth program will be in full swing. We are so excited to announce that our wonderful leaders, Katelyn and Josiah (who were married this past April in The Tabernacle) will be returning this year with a summer packed full of fun and activities!

They are looking forward to leading our Linwood kids and teens in weekly groups, games, get-togethers and all things that make Linwood so special! So beginning June 11th, get ready to meet new friends, see old ones and take part in some epic fun!

*(The Linwood youth program will continue to meet all Covid precautions as set forth by the park board and the CDC.)*

**HERE’S THE SCOOP**

**A SPECIAL “BLESSING OF THE PARK”  
 TONIGHT, MAY 29**

Join us in the Tabernacle at 7:00 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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School for kids and adults starts Sunday, June 13th, 10:00 AM - 10:45 a.m. Stay tuned for details.

**BIBLE STUDY**

All adults are warmly invited to come to Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel, beginning on June 2. Bring your Bible, your questions, and your curiosity.

**SUNSET GATHERING  
 SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 8:00 P.M.**

Start your week out with a relaxing time to connect with God and others at our sunset gatherings, held on the lakefront in the grassy area west of the playground. It will be an informal time to reflect on Scripture & reset your focus. Every other Sunday beginning on June 13th from 8:00 - 8:45 PM. We'd love to see you there!



Katelyn and Josiah

## From the Desk of Pastor Chris Scruggs

### Life Together at Linwood

Living with another person is not easy, and it is especially difficult when the person or persons we are living in community with are different from us. It is almost impossible to sustain community with persons who are difficult or emotionally fragile. As a pastor, I have experienced how unstable commitment to community can be in families, neighborhoods, small groups, churches, and political units of all sizes. This is why no human love can create lasting community. It takes "Agape," the self-giving love of God that Christ showed on the cross, to create lasting, life-changing community.

Just before the end of the Second World War, a young German theologian was executed by the Nazi regime. His name was Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer was born into a respected family of doctors, lawyers, and other professionals. As a young man, he felt called to ministry. Eventually, he became a pastor and teacher. By the time Hitler came to power, Bonhoeffer had begun to make a name for himself as a theologian and leader in the Ecumenical movement. He was from the beginning an outspoken critic of the Nazi regime.

Early in the Nazi Regime, friends arranged for him to go to New York and study and work at Union Theological Seminary. When he returned, he was for a time the leader of a seminary for the Confessing Church, a group of German Christians who rejected Nazi control over the church. It was at Finkenwalde that he wrote his famous book, "Cost of Discipleship," and a little book that has become a classic, "Life Together."

In "Life Together," Bonhoeffer explores how we come to live both alone as solitary individuals and in community with others. He divides the days of our lives between "The Day Alone" and the "Day with Others." He explores the importance of the living, divine community of love that Christians share. He shares the importance for the authentic Christian life of living together. He shares the divine reality of the concrete Christian community with all of its failings and failures.

Eventually, the Nazi Party closed the Seminary at Finkenwalde, and members of the little community Bonhoeffer created were spread out, some serving in the terrible Nazi military campaign in Russia and other places. Bonhoeffer was introduced to the Abwehr, the German Counter Intelligence group, by his brother-in-law.

He would serve as an intermediary, attempting to inform Christians and others abroad of the opposition to Hitler. In 1938, Bonhoeffer returned to New York and safety. However, after two weeks, he realized that he must return to Germany to share the sufferings of his people. Upon his return, he continued working with the Abwehr, where he would have known of various plots against Hitler. In 1943, he was arrested and sent to prison. In prison, he worked on his "Ethics" and wrote a powerful set of letters eventually published as "Letters and Papers from Prison." He was executed on April 8, 1945, just days before the war ended.

In the end, Dietrich Bonhoeffer was much more than a thinker. He was an authentic Christian martyr, whose life and work can only create awe in those who study him. If anyone would like to learn more, the writer, Eric Metaxes, has written a biography that is available in bookstores and online: "Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy" (2011). It is a good read.

This summer on each Thursday I am at Linwood I will make time in The Tabernacle or another location to meet and visit with those who would like to read and ponder the meaning and importance of "Life Together" for Linwood and their home churches. This little book, what has been called "Bonhoeffer's Little Classic," has meant a great deal to Christians throughout the world and is worth thinking about today. I recommend the Harper One edition, "Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community." I would also like to show a movie about his life sometime this summer.



We have only a short time before our Linwood 2021 Life Together begins! I cannot wait to see all of you and share some fellowship together.

God Bless,

*Pastor Chris*

## Reflections on the Summers of 2020 and 2021

Linwood Christian Life was blessed to have the guidance of an exceptional and creative summer pastor/chaplain from Texas as we faced the challenges of the COVID epidemic last summer. The challenges and experiences of a COVID summer taught us a lot about the value of family and the concerns that families hold for all their members.

Chris and Kathy Scruggs were faced with some hard decisions throughout the 2020 Linwood season. Living in Texas, and having family present there, they continue to be pulled in multiple directions. They have worked hard to find a balance between the needs of family and their commitment to see Linwood through a second summer.

Chris and Kathy will be with us for a month at the beginning of the 2021 season and will return to close things out in late August. Chris has taken on the role of coordinating Linwood summer services with other clergy who are located closer to Linwood during these challenging times. We look forward to having both new and former pastors with us over the 2021 summer.

We are working prayerfully to discern where the Lord is leading us in the use of Auburn Cottage. We continue to look for a full time summer chaplain who is called to serve the needs of the Linwood Community.

The Pastor Search Committee

### THE BREEZE IN OUR MIDST



This summer, we would like to share small stories of how God is moving among us, like a "breeze in our midst." If you have a small story to share, please send it to Kim Csepe at [secretary@linwoodchristianlife.org](mailto:secretary@linwoodchristianlife.org). No story is too small! Thanks to Robyn Zeeman for writing our first one:

#### *Spreading Warmth*

by Robyn Zeeman

As a fellow Linwoodite since birth, I truly love it here and can clearly look back on such fond memories of faith, family and friends that have shaped me as I reflect on what I have experienced here in the park over the years. However, I can honestly say that my busy lifestyle further away from this park, located in a Chicago suburb and working at IBM, left me starting to take this place for granted.

Interestingly during Covid, that changed for me. This past spring, my husband, J.D. and I decided to come to Ohio to get our vaccines. The great state of Ohio was making them readily accessible, and we thought it would be nice to come to Linwood at a time that we don't usually come and have a little retreat from our daily lives.

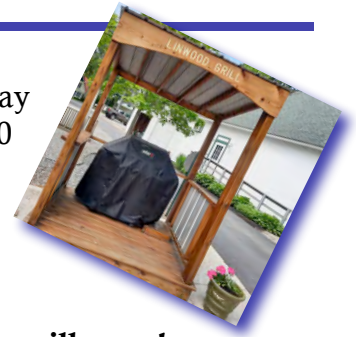
Within an hour of arriving, my friend and neighbor, Carol Flick, brought over warm muffins and cookies, and we quickly caught up. As I was unpacking and bit into the cookie, I felt warmth inside. This was like a 'comfort kind of warmth,' and I let it move through me. Boy, did it feel good to be at Linwood and to be greeted like this! And it felt nice to be on the receiving end of such hospitality and love.

With that story in mind, I would imagine that you, too, have similar stories with people in Linwood who have shown love toward you. It is from this experience and others like it that our Linwood Missions & Outreach Committee looks forward to passing on this same expression of love and warmth to all of you this summer. I believe that God is directing us to focus our energy and resources on Linwood and the people within our gates as a top priority coming out of Covid. We believe that it is truly this Christian spirit of caring for one another intentionally that makes this place the unique spot that it is. God continues to move and connect us through our sharing with one another.

## Ready, Set, Stand



It's Stand time! The Stand will be open this Memorial Day Weekend on Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. There will be a limited menu, and again serving will be from the window only. THE GRILL will also be open on Saturday and Sunday at lunch time, serving burgers, dogs, and brats.



And then... wait for it .... **Beginning on June 11, the doors will open!**

A full menu will then be offered, from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. every day. An added bonus: the Slushie machine will be back!

## Linwood Store – Open for 2021 !!



The Linwood Store and Museum will be open for the 2021 season! Carol and Gere Flick dedicated 8 years to making it a wonderful place to buy original arts and crafts by Linwood artists and a place to gather. The reins have been turned over to Jennifer Williams and Janet Waggoner. Over 20 artists have signed up to participate, some new and others returning.

The Store has been cleaned and artists are bringing in their creations. The Store will officially open with the Park opening on June 11, but may have a sneak preview, so **look for the Open Flag**. This year hours will include after church until 2:00 when the grill is serving, as well as Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights. There will also be a Christmas Corner and new Linwood T-shirts.

## PRAYING FOR LINWOOD

A group of Linwoodites meets weekly (currently via Zoom) to pray for the needs of our community. Contact Bronlynn Eberhardt (Linwoodprayers@gmail.com) to let her know whom you would like added to the prayer list.

## TAPS ACROSS AMERICA

Taps Across America is a commemorative event that began last year. At 3:00 p.m. on Monday, Memorial Day, persons across the US play taps in memory of our fallen heroes.

Ken Bliss is coordinating an effort for Linwood Park to participate in this event. If you are in the Park and play a trumpet or bugle and would like to participate, please contact Ken at (440) 967-1849.

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## SPRING CLEANING

If you have collected "stuff" over the year and want an opportunity to sell it, consider joining us at the Pavilion on June 5. Call Carol McKelvey at 917.209.3007 to reserve a table (or half of one). We will set up at 11:00 a.m. and the yard sale will run from 12- 4 p.m. Please have your items priced and be prepared to "man" your own table. See you there!

## WANT TO HELP?

Would you like to provide altar flowers for a Sunday morning worship service? Please contact Linda Stocker: [lindas1944@twc.com](mailto:lindas1944@twc.com). Usher at a Sunday morning worship service? Please contact Anne Humphries: [vicepresident@linwoodchristianlife.org](mailto:vicepresident@linwoodchristianlife.org). Girls who are interested in participating in a Worship Dance for Sunday service on June 20th, please meet with Kathy Scruggs in the Tabernacle, Tuesday, June 1, 10 a.m.

## BOOK CLUB RESUMES

Join the Linwood readers at the Stand on Tuesday, June 15, to discuss *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*, by Lisa See. Everyone welcome!