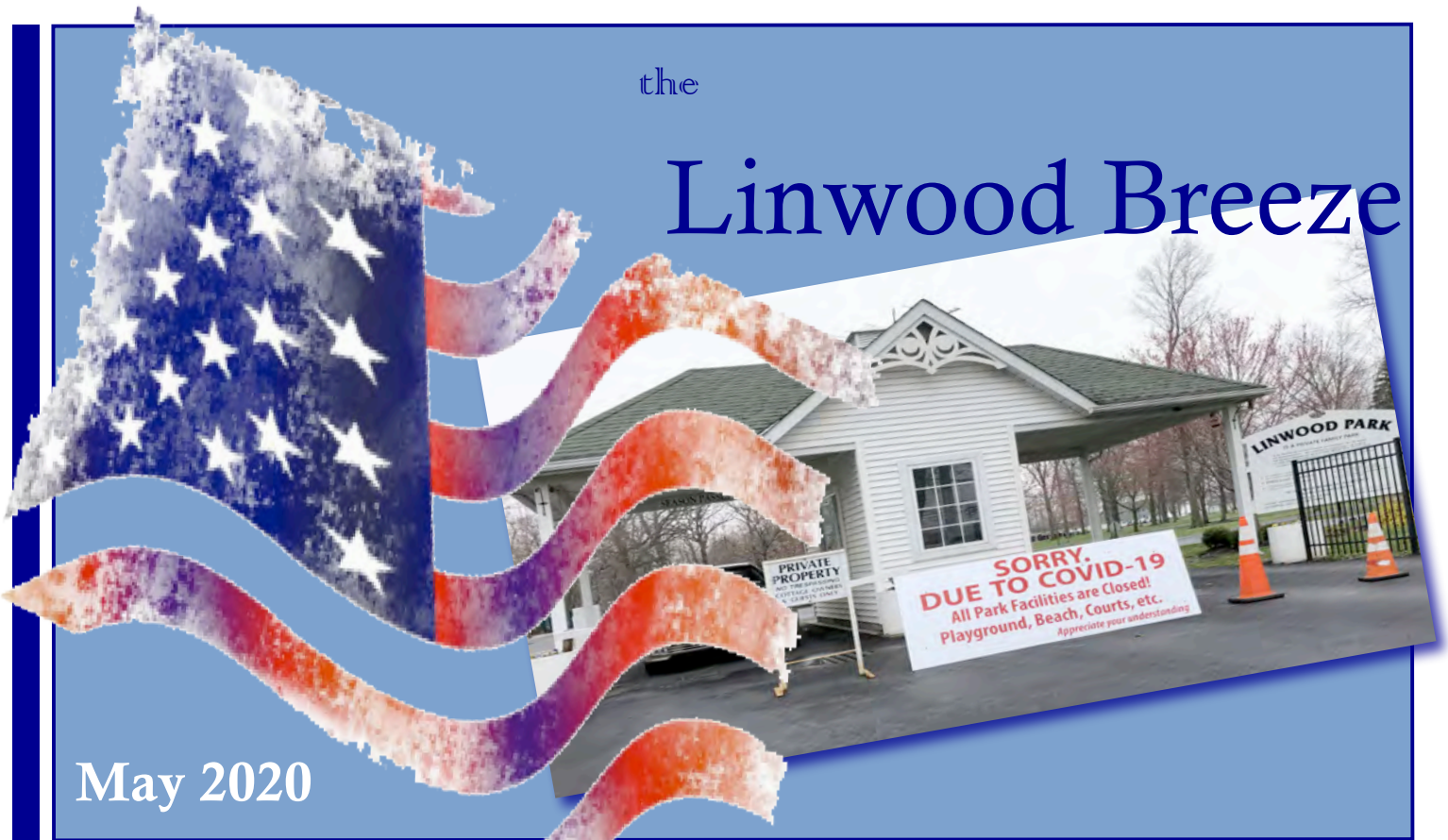


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# Linwood Breeze



May 2020

## Save the Date

### Official Park Opening

Friday, June 12

### LPCOA Meeting

The usual Memorial Day Cottage Owners' Meeting has been cancelled. A meeting is planned around the Fourth of July. Details TBA

## A Very Different Summer 2020

How could a tiny entity, a microscopic virus, sweep through the entire world and turn everything upside down?

From this question comes a myriad of other questions, most beginning with "when," as well as "how" and "why." We may not be able to answer most of those questions. What we do know is that we will emerge on the other side, and that until then we can choose in the midst of the uncertainty to lean into what we know is true and unchanging.

While summer at Linwood will be strangely different this year, we are blessed with the friendship and support of one another. Let's join in hoping and praying that we will soon be able to hug our friends, worship in the Tabernacle, and sit with others around a picnic table.

For now, let us  
"shelter in grace."



## The Linwood Council of Christian Life Programs & Possibilities

### The best-laid plans—

The start of the 137th season of worship in Linwood was planned for this Sunday, May 24. However, COVID-19 has high jacked those plans. Instead the season will begin on June 14, 2020. This decision was reached after much prayer, and after deliberation with the Park Board on how to protect the health of the Linwood Family and meet the requirements Ohio has established for faith-based organizations. Needless to say, *this season will be different!*

For starters, this will be the first time in many years that we will have a pastor-in-the-park. Pastor Chris and Kathy Scruggs will be arriving at the Auburn around the end of May. Both Chris and Kathy are looking forward to renewing friendships started last October when they attended the Chili Cook Off and to developing new ones. Pastor Chris is proving to be very creative in developing ways to bring God's Word to Linwood given the challenging conditions under which we must operate. At this point we expect the Sunday service will initially be streamed online with no congregation present. We are thinking about Sunday Vesper services outdoors or in the Pavilion with everyone bringing their lawn chair and observing social distancing rules. Plans will change as Ohio announces further guidance in response to COVID 19, but we will continue to work closely with the Park board to create safe worship services that spiritually strengthen the Linwood family.

We are excited that our Youth and Family program will be led by two dynamic young people, Josiah Molter and Katelyn Bleisath. Both are juniors in college and have spent the last several summers as counselors at Beulah Beach. Josiah is studying to become a pastor; he will intern at Linwood under Pastor Chris, and this internship will count toward his college requirements. Katelyn is studying to become a teacher.

The two of them have been doing some significant “out of the box” thinking with Tara Leslie about how to run an effective youth and family program and still comply with the social distancing guidelines we all have to deal with. We are planning an exciting program for the teens that will incorporate a little bit of the old and lots of very different new things.

We announce with a heavy heart that we will not be offering Kid's Korner or Sunday School for the smaller kids. Trying to offer a meaningful experience and still abide by social distancing orders was more than we felt we could accomplish. Also, Tuesday at the Tab will be different this season. There will be a greater focus on virtual gatherings of the kids and more one-on-one interactions for the kids with the leaders. For adults, we are holding off on starting Sunday School until we feel comfortable with the social distancing guidelines.

We ask for your prayers as we sort our way through this season. Circumstances will make summer 2020 very different, but we trust God is in control, and we look forward with anticipation to the surprises He has in store for us this summer.



Katelyn Bleisath and Josiah Molter



## The Auburn Facelift

Most of you know the story of the near-miraculous acquisition of the Auburn, the cottage purchased to house Linwood's resident Park Pastor. The generosity of Linwoodites allowed the note obtained to purchase the cottage to be paid off in just 15 months. Also as a result of that generosity, we are well on the way toward establishing a fund that will annually provide funds to operate and maintain the cottage.

Since last fall, some major changes have been made, including the installation of kitchen appliances, painting throughout. Work is continuing on the stairs and bathrooms.

The most dramatic improvement is the refinishing of the wood flooring, both upstairs and downstairs. Our "flooring angels" were Brian Hanson and Mark Auburn (Pastor Hu and Jan Auburn's son). The Council of Christian Life paid only for the materials. **A huge thank-you to Brian and Mark** (pictured below) and to all those who have worked to make this a cottage to be proud of.



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Before  
&  
After  
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# An Intentional Summer

What are you looking forward to? What brings you joy about the summer season? How can summer be more of a blessing to you and to others? What provisions come in summer that can be harvested for a lifetime?

Perhaps you love summer's longer days. Seize them! It's much easier to start or rekindle a habit of morning prayer when awakened by songbirds and early sunlight.

Or perhaps you see summer as the joyous season of sleeping in. This may be a time to reflect on what intentional Sabbath days of rest can mean for you or in finding special unhurried times of reading Scripture before you're out of your pajamas.

Maybe you love the summer grilling season. Pull your grill to the front yard and invite passing neighbors to enjoy some hot dogs or burgers. (Handled with food-safe gloves and at an appropriate social distance.) Or are you too introverted for that kind of project? Invite a family you've wanted to know better for an informal backyard barbecue (when restrictions are lifted, of course).

This is not a to-do list. The idea is not to come up with additional chores or to indulge in a self-improvement campaign. Early summer is full of wishes and ideas. Too frequently we find ourselves ruefully flipping the calendar to September with a litany of missed opportunities.

What we need to do in these early weeks of warmer, brighter days is to pray, to prepare, and to plan for a summer that we will remember as joyful and productive, even in the midst of a pandemic.



**Matt and Crew Working Harder Than Ever**

Park Superintendent Matt Crase, although operating with a reduction in help, has been hard at work making sure the Park is shipshape. Additionally, with the Covid-19 shut down there is a need for increased vigilance as the playground is closed and the beach not open for public use.

All the same, grass gets mowed, beach debris is piled and burned, bird houses are returned to their stands along the beachfront, and general cleanup is accomplished without fanfare.

**A enormous thank-you, to Matt and his wife Chrystal for all they do at Linwood!**

## Generous Gift - Sand Moving

With the constrained budget due to Covid-19 restrictions, The Park determined to limit funds spent on beach sand redistribution. However, a generous Linwoodite provided much needed equipment and manpower to move large quantities of sand from the jetty area to the East end of the beach for sand storage. **Thank-you!**



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## Mask Makers of Linwood Park

With the urgency for PPE for health care workers limiting the availability of equipment for civilians, there has been a concerted effort within the Linwood community to help provide masks for local establishments that need them.

Carol and Gere Flick, Janet Waggoner, Deb Turner, Sally Fox, and Kate Breece are a just a few of the Linwoodites who have risen to their sewing machines and produced masks and surgical caps. Gary Harris of North Sails began the process by requesting masks for workers at Lake Erie Electric and a doctor in Sandusky. Surgical caps went to two ER doctors and their nurses at the Cleveland Clinic Akron Hospital.

In addition to being distributed to families and friends, some of the masks have gone into ReStart Vermilion bags that are destined to help local retailers as they slowly begin opening over the next few months. Others have gone to local nurses and caregivers who are not directly involved with Covid-19 patients.



## Linwood's 2020 Season Adjustments

While it is yet to be determine *exactly* how the current health crisis will affect the 2020 Linwood Park Season, the Linwood Park Board has posted some of the changes they expect to implement for the summer. Please be sure to check regularly for the latest information at: [linwoodparkcompany.com](http://linwoodparkcompany.com). Currently here are some of the important changes for **Activities/Facilities**:

1. **If state/county rules allow it by June 12**, the beach, playground, basketball court, tennis courts, shuffleboard and horseshoes will be open. We will disinfect the playground and basketball poles as proposed by State guidelines. We will not rent shuffleboard or horseshoe equipment this year.
2. We are still considering options for limited use of the Stand. It would be walk- up only to a window, limited products, and shorter hours.
3. The Store, Lodge, and Upper Rooms, will all be closed this season.
4. The Tabernacle, Chapel and Pavilion are also closed pending changes in Ohio rules allowing for groups of more than 10. However, if a cottage owner wishes to rent a facility for a wedding, baptism or other event, please contact the Office. The event will need to meet current guidelines in effect at the time for meetings.
5. The LCCL will publish their plans separately to determine availability of the Park Pastor, possible live or virtual Sunday services and small group activities.
6. There will be no other planned group activities, specifically the Fourth of July Parade will not be held.
7. Since everyone in Linwood will be either a cottage owner or their guests/renters, the public bathroom in the center of the Park will remain closed all season.



Cordoned off with yellow tape, the Park's playground is currently closed.

## Linwood 2020: A Different Summer Than We Planned

*Dear Friends,*

If you are like Kathy and me, your life has been turned upside down by this Covid-19 pandemic. Like you, we have experienced the need to stay at home, the loss of retirement stock value in retirement plans, children and grandchildren we have not been able to see, and disruptions in the lives and employment of loved ones.

On the other hand, Kathy and I have had almost two months together and enjoyed the time (for the most part). We have learned to use Zoom to visit with family, friends, church members, committee members and a host of other people. Here in Texas, the golf courses only closed shortly before the end of the stay at home order. Much of the time, they were almost empty. I have had a number of opportunities to walk a lovely course alone for hours and to marvel at its beauty.

A few months ago, we decided that the theme this year will be "Joy." **The Book of Hebrews** tells us that we should look to "*Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God*" (Hebrews 12:2).

**Hebrews** reminds us that "joy" is more than "happiness." One author puts it something like this:

*Joy is the spiritual experience of having a personal relationship with a personal God whose nature is to love and who cares for his creation and his people with a self-giving love that is unlike any love we find elsewhere. We find true joy not in the possession of things but in personal relationship with Divine Wisdom and Love.*

This summer, we are going to take a journey through parts of the Gospel of Luke, with a view towards learning to experience that Joy that can come only from a personal relationship with God's love in Christ. In the midweek Bible Study, we will be learning one story of Jesus and thinking about how it might apply to our quest to both experience God's joy and share God's joy with those we love. There are a lot of details to finalize, but we do know that God will be with those at Linwood, with us, and working all things to the good no matter what happens. That alone is the source of our joy.

Peace and Blessings,

*Pastor Chris*



## In Memoriam

Our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of these long-time Linwoodites:

### Susan Knell

1935- November 30, 2019

All of her life, Sue spent summers at her family's West Shoreline cottage, until recent health issues kept her from the place she loved so much. Sue's permanent home was in Upper Arlington, near Columbus. She is survived by her nephew Steven Kraemer, and remembered fondly by other family and friends.

### Nancy Ludwig

November 29, 1933 – December 31, 2019

For many years Nancy and Lew Ludwig owned a cottage on Ash Street and were vital members of the Linwood community. Nancy lived in Westerville, where she was a teacher for many years. She is survived by a son and daughter, nine grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.



This is a difficult time for many, and **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!

*Wishing you a restful,  
healthy, and safe  
Memorial Day weekend.*



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