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The Linwood Lindy



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The “in-between season” – Claiming time for God to work in you...

Scripture Focus: *“You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance. The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.” — Psalm 65:11–12*

By mid-summer, the world can feel both full and unfinished. Gardens are stretching toward harvest, fields are ripening, days are long, and yet there is still waiting to do. Psalm 65 meets us in this *in-between season* with a song of trust: God is not absent from the slow work of growth. God waters the earth, softens the ground, blesses what is sprouting, and crowns the year with goodness.

The psalm begins not in the field but in worship. God hears prayer, forgives sin, and draws people near. Before the land overflows with abundance, the heart is invited back into the presence of the One who provides. Mid-summer reminds us that fruitfulness is never only about what we can see. Some of God's best work happens beneath the surface—in roots, in waiting, in quiet renewal.

When Psalm 65 says God's paths "overflow with abundance," it gives us a picture of grace that spills over ordinary roads. The places we hurry through, the tasks we repeat, the prayers we whisper while we wait—all of these can become pathways where God leaves signs of his care. Even wilderness grasslands overflow. Even hills wear gladness. Even valleys sing.

Mid-Summer Invitation

This season, pause long enough to notice what God is already nurturing. You may not be at the harvest yet, but there may be evidence of God's faithfulness all around you: strength for today, forgiveness received, relationships slowly healing, work steadily unfolding, or hope beginning to rise again.

Maybe this is a good time to ask:

- Where do I need to trust God's slow work rather than demand immediate results?
- What ordinary provision can I thank God for today?
- What part of my life needs the refreshing rain of God's presence?

PRAYER: Gracious God, you hear prayer, forgive sin, and fill the earth with your goodness. In this mid-summer season, teach me to notice your abundance, even before the harvest is complete. Soften the hard places in my heart, refresh what has grown dry, and help me trust the quiet work you are doing beneath the surface. Crown this season with your mercy and let my life sing with gratitude. Amen.

Pastor Frank

Church World Service



What a Blanket Can Do

Homeless –

Imagine not having a place to sleep. It's getting dark and you're not sure where you'll be tonight

Give a blanket.

Someone thought of me when I had nothing.

Disaster Survivor –

Imagine you're home was hit by a fire, flood, or storm. Most of what you had is gone and you're staying in a crowded temporary shelter. There's no privacy- no space that feels like your own.

Give a blanket.

Someone gave me comfort during the hardest time of my life.

Younger sibling –

Imagine you're a little kid and your family's going through a hard time. You don't know all the details, but everything feels uncertain. You just want something to hold onto. Something that feels normal.

Give a blanket.

Someone wanted me to feel safe.

Because You Shared, Hope Showed Up ❤️

This year, Linwood is recognizing **CWS Blanket Sunday** on **July 19th**. Every \$10 buys a blanket, a symbol of hope in a time of uncertainty. If you are able to join us in worship, just mark your donation for CWS Blankets and place it in the offering tray. If you are one of our out-of-towners, or home-bound, or maybe even simply a Linwood follower, you can mail it to Linwood at the address listed at the end of this Newsletter. Your giving can save a life!

Thoughts and Prayers (e-mail: prayer@linwoodchristian.org)



Health Issues:

Marilyn Henegen, Judy Mecher, Martha Etheridge, Amanda Parson, Ka Burris-Wright, Mary Ruth Clouse, Vickie Pastrick, Margie Wilson

Prayers have been asked for:

Brian Slowinski, Tobby Parson, Doug Engle, Jenn Streyckmans, Kristin Helms, Elijah Smith, Tom Reese, Chanin Russell, Tom Smith, Steve Folsom, , Wayne Lee, Frank Poynter, Jodi Martin, Harold Scrougham, Rebecca Taylor, Ron Seely, Michael Wright, Garry Smith, Leana Wright, Adam Boyer, Dan Sinclair, Corlitos Guerra, Deb Miller, David Richmond, Karen Plemons, Kim Edwards, Jessie Patton, Sheila Thomas, Michael Griffith, Lane Lynch

We join with God's loving concerns for those facing life's difficult times:

Yolanda Hollow, Ed Miller, Sharon Jackson, Dan Bernd, Clarence Smith, Julie Bickel, Lauren Jones, Joyce Franke

We Offer Prayers of Condolences to the family and friends of: Daisy Davis on her passing June 27th, John Franke who passed away on June 30th, Doug Riddle passed on July 2nd, and Jon Ware on his passing July 10th

Prayers of Joy are offered for: Mary Ruth Close is home recovering! Kathleen McManus is graduating as an Indianapolis Firefighter on July 16th – Congratulations! And Congratulations to Gayle Stackhouse on her retirement!





The Book Nook

With the kids (or grandkids) out of school in mid-summer, the *Chronicles of Narnia* by C. S. Lewis make a wonderful cool-off activity for shared enjoyment. Three of the lesser known Narnia books (numbers 1, 5, & 6) are available in the church library.



The Magician's Nephew is a prequel to “The Chronicles of Narnia”, detailing the creation of Narnia and the origin of its central conflict, featuring children Digory and Polly who accidentally travel to other worlds via magical rings, encountering the evil witch Jadis, and witnessing the lion Aslan create Narnia from nothing.

The Voyage of the Dawn Trader is book five in the classic series “The Chronicles of Narnia”. The journey starts when a magical painting of a ship comes to life. The children (Edmund and Lucy Pevensie and their annoying cousin Eustacere) are pulled into the world of Narnia. They land in the ocean and are rescued by the *Dawn Treader*. King Caspian is sailing the ship to the edge of the world. He wants to find his father's missing friends.

The Silver Chair is the sixth book in “The Chronicles of Narnia” series. Eustace Scrubb and his new friend Jill Pole are sent to Narnia by Aslan to find Prince Rilian, who has been missing for years. Their journey takes them through dangerous lands and into the Underland, where they encounter the Green Lady and the silver chair that holds the prince captive.

Joan Woodruff, Church Librarian



Ed Urban is back to teaching in the Sunday School class, and leading us through the last 50 Psalms (Psalms: 101 – 150). Come and join us at 10:20 am each Sunday morning in the church library. Stop by the parlor first, and bring your coffee and snack with you.

News from the Pews

Are you a Singer or a Hummer?

It's that time of year again to think about joining Linwood's wonderful Choir and warm up those vocal chords! Whether or not you can sing, you can enjoy the company. Yes, Choir Work Day is coming next month. August 29th 9-2:30p to be exact.

The Dog Days of Summer came early this year.

We all felt the heat. Extra bottles of water were provided for our neighbors who live outdoors and had a tough time finding shade. Many thanks to all of you who contribute to our Community Ministries.

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Join **Cece Walton** and others in a 10 o'clock Saturday morning "easy" Yoga Class at Linwood. Sessions will be offered thru August 22nd but there will be no class on July 18th.

Dad Jokes ...

What do you call a fake noodle?

An Impasta

What kind of business would Yoda start?

A Toy Yoda Dealership

What is Jabba the Hut's middle name?

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How does Reese eat her cereal?

Witherspoon

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Next Lindy articles due August 17th, 4p

Your Lindy Crew

The Parable of the Weeds

When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. Mathew 28:26 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 13:24-29



M A V W H F Q B B E W G Q I S
H R M P S Y I U K D Y H O A J
C L G A T U A E F I F H E O B
J F R R E A P S L M N Y O A D
O H O A Q W K R O D M G P T T
T T W B M C S X O E V V D P A
D D E L F G J E N O B U T O D
X A H E V T C E E X T K R J M
B G J A V I U C A D D L N C H
M C W H R M X Z Q V V E M J A
G Q C E R V J M D P V W V B Y
L G A R E L E X P A U P D U Y
S O W J B D T S E A G L Z R K
J W O V U T S H T S X B L N O
O X T V D G V N L L C M T I H

SOW	FIELD	GOOD	UPROOT	HARVEST
WHEAT	ENEMY	PULL	KINGDOM	SEED
PARABLE	HEAVEN	BURN	GROW	WEEDS

Parable of the Weeds - Matthew 13:40-41

"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil." (Matthew 13:40-41)

