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For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

They say that “life is what happens when you are making other plans,” which sounds about right. Before the corona virus hit, before the fire, we were certainly making other plans here at Linwood. In fact, on March 8, 2020, the Worship Committee met after church to talk about how to respond to the corona virus. I can’t remember everything, but one thing I do remember was on that day our plans did not include shutting down for a year. Then life happened, and by the end of the week we made the decision to cancel worship for the next several weeks, and to re-evaluate in April.

It has now been a year since we last worshipped together at the church building...and 19 months since we were able to worship in the sanctuary. Even now, as we make plans to begin in-person worship, we find ourselves making changes to our usual routines in order to accommodate safety measures for our health and well-being.

The prophet Jeremiah wrote to the people of Israel when they were in exile...exile from their homes and their Temple in Jerusalem, strangers living in a foreign land. A year and a half would have seemed like a dream to the people of Israel, compared to 80...and yet throughout their time away their faith in God did not falter.

God has plans for Linwood, just as God had plans for Israel. What they are we do not yet know, but we can be assured that they are plans to give us hope and a future.

One thing that gives me hope is the ability we had to continue our outreach to our neighbors in need, and the evidence of strong ties that we have built with some of our clients. My hope and prayer that as we come back to the building, that we will allow God to work through us in new ways, and will fill us with energy and the Holy Spirit so that we can continue to build a corner of God’s kingdom right here at the corner of Linwood and Michigan.

The peace of Christ be with you,
Pastor Carolyn

In Our Thoughts & Prayers:

Health Issues:

Glenda Gonzales
Mikki Sanders
Donna Metzger
Karen Jones

Dottie Baugh
Martha Etheridge
Marilyn Henegen
John McMillian

Doreta Terry
Betty Frazer
Vickie Pastrick



Prayers have been asked for:

Earl Ivory, Luke Alberts, Jerry & Sue Meyers, Patty Dennison, Cora DeMasters, Brian Slowinski, Ema Parson, Tracey Hagler, Kendall Robbins, JR Haner, Susan Moore, Dan Napier, Mike Polesel, Joe Manning, Jill McCory, Kathy Shickles' friend Rodney, Martha Reyes, Tara Ivory, Mark Cooper, Kristi Walton's cousin Jimmy, Jessica Holcomb, Jim Cecil, Carolyn Hollingsworth, Katie Taylor, Jason Daniel Illari, Theresa White, Penny Webb, Sandy Gardner, Andy Wysong, Valerie Sweeney, Janet Lawrence's father-in-law's friend, Buddy, Carol Richard, Joyce Burris Gant, Russ Lawrence, Kennedy Rogers, Wade Shaw, Bill Rainwater, Niccole Willoughby, Susan McDanina, Randy and Dawn Paulin, Isaac Gill, David Baugh, Steve and Linda Belding, Julie and Jim Gray, Teresa Cole, Chris Collins, Dan Bickel, Christina Tylicki, Karen Damon, Ann Uchida, Nancy Lawrence, Jennifer Smith, Delores Smith, Malachi Parks, Shirley Lee, Klint Brown.

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

Mackenzie Cole, Jenny Gonzales, Alex Brown, Tyler, Sayrah, Brian, and Jacob Martin, Ed Urban, Allison Harding Jeff White, Richard and Donna Hasse.

We send our condolences to: the family of Mary Turner, daughter-in-law of Sandy Turner and sister-in-law of Janet Lawrence, who passed away this past week.

We send our condolences to: The Elliott Family who have lost Sherry Elliott on February 23rd, 2021 and Gary Elliott on March 10th, 2021.



2021 Easter Flower Order Form



Orders due no later than March 15th

You can drop off or mail your order with payment to the church office to be received no later than March 15th. All plants will be used to decorate the church for Easter and may be taken home following the Easter worship service on April 4th. Please consider taking one of your plants to a shut-in.

Size	Type	Unit price	# Ordered	Total Cost
6 in	Lily	\$8.00		
6 in	Hyacinth	\$7.00		
6 in	Tulip	\$7.00		
6 in	Daffodil	\$7.00		
		Totals		

In honor of:

In memory of:

Given by:



Greetings once again

I know this sounds like a repeat, but the repair is very close to being finished. We are 98% finished. Michaelis has only to finish painting the office area. We are awaiting final approval and disposition by the insurance company. Our final projects that we are responsible for include carpeting for the secretary's office and counting room (still awaiting final approval from the insurance company), stage curtain, organ, and stain glass window coverings. The coverings are tentatively scheduled for June or July.

As we wind this up, we need all those that have responsibility for all of our stuff in the halls and the high school room to evaluate what we need to keep and what not. Also help determine where it is going to be. I am hoping to have a short meeting this week to discuss this.

It has been a long journey, but we are very close to having our complete church back. See you soon.

Rich Sharp

Back to Church: March 21, 2021.

Yes, you read that right, we will be worshipping in the sanctuary beginning March 21st at 10:30 am. While we are still working on a few things around the building, including cleaning and repairing the organ, the sanctuary is ready for us to fill it with God's praise.

We must still take precautions:

- **masks will be required at all times**
if your health prevents you from wearing a mask, then we ask you to continue worshipping with us on-line until we no longer need to wear masks
- hand sanitizer will be available at the entrances to the building and the sanctuary
- some pews will be taped off to assure safe distancing
- worshippers will pick up a communion cup along with a bulletin and words to the hymns as they enter
- offering will be dropped into boxes upon entering the sanctuary
- singing with masks on; sing quietly and do not project your voice (the opposite of what we usually encourage) to reduce the chance of droplets escaping your mask

We plan to continue offering on-line worship for those not yet ready or able to return to the building. We will share more information on that later.