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The Linwood Lindy



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From the Pastor – Who Have We Become?

The past few days we have been reminded of the dark specter of violence that doggedly creeps into American politics all too often. The assassination of Charlie Kirk is an American tragedy. Violence should have no place in politics. But, after Kirk's shooting, the killing of a Minnesota State official and her husband last spring, and numerous other violent attacks upon politicians of various viewpoints, it is hard to imagine this latest incident will be the last. Shame on us. We are better than this.

The preachers, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, and college and seminary professors I had growing up pointed their listeners to Jesus as the model for human behavior. They taught me about a God who is kind, loving and forgiving. They almost universally pointed to the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapters 5-11), which among other things calls for sheltering the homeless, feeding the hungry, tending the sick and caring for the stranger. To be Christian – a follower of Jesus – requires that one care for and minister to the helpless.

I confess I never had the opportunity to sit down and chat with Charlie Kirk. I have no knowledge of his volunteer resume or what helpful causes he supported. I do know when asked about gun deaths in 2023, he replied, "It's worth it to have a cost of, unfortunately, some gun deaths every single year, so that we can have the 2nd Amendment to protect our other God-given rights." It is not my intent in this article to enter into a debate about 2nd Amendment rights, but I can't imagine a follower of the teachings of Jesus ever saying that a few innocent deaths is worth the price for anything.

Charlie King [sic] had other targets. He belittled Black women, working women and said lots of derogatory things about Martin Luther King Jr. In an age of growing anti-Semitism, he only fanned the flames by claiming that Jewish people run everything from colleges, Hollywood, and all the nonprofits in general. He believed the Old Testament mandate to kill homosexuals was "God's perfect law when it comes to sexual matters." And just last month, he declared that the U.S. had welcomed more than enough Indian immigrants. At the very least I find such attitudes troubling and alarming. I can see nothing here that helps move us toward unity as a nation, nor anything in such beliefs that reflect anything close to the teachings of Jesus.

Charlie Kirk left behind a wife, two children, a lot of friends, and a lot more supporters. I will stand shoulder to shoulder with those who mourn his loss. Life is a gift, and this is not how any life should end. I will pray for his family, his friends, and his supporters. Such tragedies do nothing to move us forward, they serve only to diminish us. I will long mourn that this is what we have become in our country. Please pray with me for leaders that will encourage us to be kinder, more understanding of others, more willing to reach out and help.

Pastor Frank

Editor's Note:

There is a positive, uplifting side to Charlie Kirk and his movement that has not been reflected in the above opinion piece.

Thoughts & Prayers

Health Issues:

Marilyn Henegen, Judy Mecher, Margie Wilson



Prayers have been asked for:

Jerry & Sue Myers, Brian Slowinski, Tobby Parson, Sheila Patton, Doug Engle, Jenn Streyckmans, Nancy Schoen, George Hill, Christopher Ignaut, John Franke, Melissa Martin, Jerry Hill, Doug Sample, Monica Willis, Kristin Helms, Elijah Smith, Sheila Solberg, Liz Arnold, Marjorie Spires, Margaret Carnes, Amy Wooldridge, Tom Reese, Dan Bernd, Danny Breeden, Steve Marshall, Jessie Patton, CeCe Morris-Walton, Noelle Mae Hicks, Lew Champ, Christina Tylicki

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

Debbie Ignaut, Dee Miller, Joyce Franke, Jason Kropp, Leana Wright, Mark Merriman, Doug Wickham, Donna Opel, Cheryl Stackhouse, Donna & Don Shepard, Paula Breeden, the Wells family, Laurelle Zarins and family, Janet & Russ Lawrence, Linda Bernd

Prayers of Condolences are offered to the family and friends of: Laura Hower-Watson who passed on July 23rd, Billy Creech passed away on August 6th, Rodney Brower who passed on August 13th. Jake Marshall who passed away August 20th, Betty Lager who also passed in August, Charlie Kirk who passed away on September 10th; and in memory of those who died on September 11, 2001

Prayers of Joy are offered for: Melissa Martin who is continuing treatment and taking off this semester from teaching as she recovers. Her prognosis is good and she is very thankful for all of the prayers; Lisa Thompson who is now CANCER FREE!!

A Posy Pot: from the Congregation was given to Margie Wilson in honor of her Baptism on September 7th



Reminder: Posy Pots are available for order from Mary Clouse or Vickie Pastrick for the AMAZING value of only \$10! It's a perfect way to remember a special person on a special day! Who doesn't like a pot of posies?

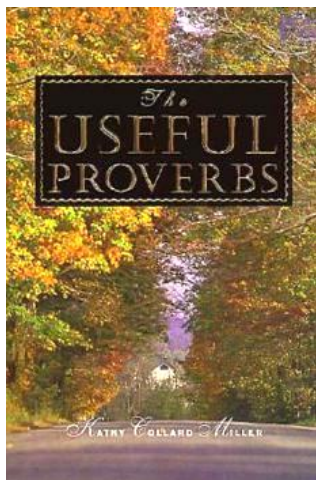


Ed Urban is currently leading us through the Book of Psalms, which is his personal favorite. We meet for 30 minutes on Sunday mornings at 9:20 in the library. Stop by the parlor and bring your coffee and snack along to class.

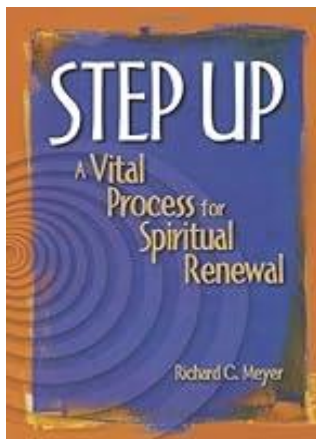


The Book Nook

If we get a nice warm Indian Summer, why not pick up a good book to read!



The Useful Proverbs by Kathy Miller is a practical spiritual source which guides Christians to important truths in modern life. It is organized along topics like anger, parenting, finances, old-age, jealousy, children, joy and sadness, laziness and diligence, pride and humility, success and failure.



Step Up by Reichard Meyer re-purposes the Twelve Steps (used successfully in many drug and alcohol recovery programs) into a biblically based model for change and spiritual renewal. Meyer shows how the Twelve Steps can be a tool for spiritual healing for everyone, not just the addicted. He divides the process into four phases: the Give-Up Steps, the Clean-Up Steps, the Make-Up Steps, and the Keep-It-Up Steps. He then describes how the steps can be used individually, with a partner, or in a small group to bring about personal transformation.

Where
STUFF
Comes From

Winner of the 2004
Mills Komenow Award



How Toasters, Toilets, Cars,
Computers, and Many Other Things
Come to Be As They Are

Harvey Molotch

Where Stuff Comes From by Harvey Molotch tells about the design of everyday things. He shows how corporations, designers, retailers, advertisers, and other middle-men influence what a thing can be and how it is made. He reveals how vast systems of consumption, economics and politics play their role. The book is a meditation into the meaning of the “stuff” in our lives and what that our “stuff” says about us.

Joan Woodruff
Church Librarian

News from the Pews

PASTOR FRANK ON VACATION – SEPTEMBER 25-30

Pastor Frank will be away visiting his son in California the last few days of September. In his absence, the Rev. Dr. Ron Allen will be in the pulpit on Sunday, September 28.



Blanketing the World in Love

is easy when people of faith unite through the Church World Service (CWS) Blankets ministry. Together we can offer comfort, hope and warmth to our neighbors during their most challenging times. Imagine the impact of your compassion. Each blanket serves as a tangible expression of God's love--- sharing warmth on a chilly night, relief in a crisis, and a reminder that someone truly cares. Linwood will start its Blanket Sunday drive on October 5th and have a "Blessing of the Blankets" on October 19th. \$10 provides a CWS Blanket to someone in need although any amount of contribution is accepted.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY / BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS IN WORSHIP OCTOBER 5TH

On October 5th we will celebrate our unity with denominations and churches around the world as we all celebrate together on World Communion Sunday.

Also that day we will have a "Blessing of the Animals" as part of the worship service. Please bring pictures of your pets and blessed animal friends to share as part of the service.

Order your **Poinsettia plants** to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas from October 5th through the 26th. Each plant, red or white, is just \$8. Order forms are in the Narthex.



Live and archived service streams are available at: [YouTube.com/@LinwoodCC](https://www.youtube.com/@LinwoodCC)

Visit our Web Page at www.linwoodchristian.org to learn what is going on at Linwood.

To submit an entry or comment on what you want to read about in the Lindy, you can Email us at: linwoodcc@sbcglobal.net Or mail to:

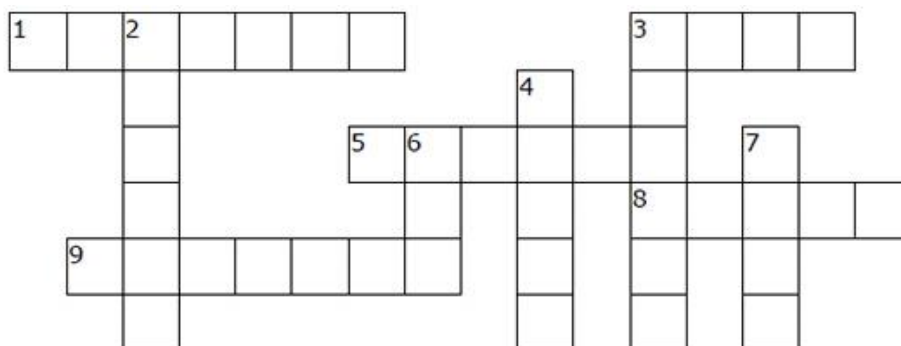
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Entries for next Lindy by: October 17, 4p Indianapolis, IN 46201

Your Lindy Crew

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. A person who performs duties around the home of a master
3. To like something very much
5. Truthful, trusted, not likely to steal, cheat or lie
8. To have complete confidence in someone
9. To feel a strong dislike for someone or something

DOWN

2. A large amount of money or valuable possessions that someone has
3. A very small amount
4. The Son of God
6. To be obligated to repay a debt to someone
7. A very large amount

MUCH	OWE	LITTLE	SERVANT	DESPISE
LOVE	RICHES	HONEST	TRUST	JESUS

