



# The Linway News

## May 2021

### MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,



Greetings! As I write this we are fast approaching the beginning of the month of May. Some may ask: *what do you know about the month of May?* The answer is that it is a **very** busy month. *Mother's Day* will be Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> this year. Mothers as well as Fathers have a large influence on the development of who we are as people. It has been said that there is no harder job than being a parent.

The following Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> we will recognize our graduating High School Seniors with the Cross and Crown Ceremony. This always is a significant step in a young person's life. They have witnessed others reaching this milestone, and now it is their turn. For some there was a point in time when they thought that this would never come.

The following Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Day of Pentecost when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. The color red is associated with the Holy Spirit, so don't forget to wear something red when you come to worship that day. We will observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Pentecost during worship, and invite those joining us by way of the recorded broadcast to join us if they wish. They will need to make sure they have access to a small piece of bread and some manner of grape juice.

The following Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> is Trinity Sunday when we celebrate the gift of God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is also the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend,

the day before our National Memorial Day holiday. As I write this plans are being made to have a community observance at 11:00 a.m. at Grand View Cemetery **IF** such a public gathering will be permitted due to the Corona Virus Pandemic. We were unable to do so last year, but many hope this can be observed this year.

So, what do we know about the month of May? It will be a **very** busy month. Which leads me to the question: *How do you know that you know?* Often we use our five senses (hearing, sight, smell, taste, and touch) to learn and know about something. Another way we can know is through reason. The classic example is: *if the animal crossing the road looks like a duck, walks like a duck, quacks like a duck, and has webbed feet like a duck, and has feathers like a duck, and tends to hang-out with other ducks, it's a DUCK!*

So, what does this have to do with our faith? Faith is like a sixth sense. For the writer of the epistle to the Hebrews, faith is all that is needed: *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen* (Hebrews 11:1). Critics of the faith have always laughed at faith as a means of acquiring knowledge. They say that faith will fail you. They suggest that faith is unreliable and point to politicians who say one thing and then do another. But the author of the gospel according to John and the Johannine epistles of the New Testament suggests another way to come to knowledge: by way of love.

The question we face is: *how do we show and know that we love others?* John's answer is clear and concise: *By this we know that we*

*love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments* (1 John 5:2).

This leads to the additional question: *How do we know that we love God?* John's answer is essentially that we know not only through love, but through the evidence of that love which is obedience.

You have heard the old saying: *you can't just talk the talk, but you have to walk the walk.* The practice of our moral life and core beliefs delivers a strong message, first to our self, and then to others. That is our witness. In a world of fake news, misleading social media assertions, disingenuous reports and the like, one begins to wonder: *What do we really know?* Scripture reminds us that **God loves us; that through Jesus Christ the Son of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven and offered the gift of everlasting life.** This powers our life in everyday witness. This is the basis of our moral life together not only in the church, but in our society as well. This is also what is sorely missing in our society and world.

With the inoculations of the new vaccines for the Corona Virus, we earnestly pray that soon we can begin to resume normal activities and outreach in the months ahead. We hope that this includes your coming to participate in worship and the activities that express the mission and ministry of our Lord's Linway Church.

Please review the information contained in the rest of this newsletter. It can be a great help as we plan our continuing witness. By the grace of God we are one people and together part of the Body of Christ in this time and place. I look forward to sharing with you the worthy and sacred work of worship, mission, and ministry at our Lord's Linway Church.

Grace & Peace,  
Eric E. Dennis, Pastor



## Mother's Day: Sun., May 9

We wish a very Happy Mother's Day!  
to all of our mothers:  
*"I always thank my God for you because of God's grace given to you in Christ Jesus, that by Him you were made rich in everything, in all speaking and all knowledge."*

1 Corinthians 1: 4-5.



## Cross and Crown Ceremony

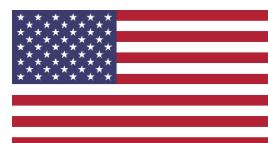
### Followed by

### Reception on the Lawn

Our annual Cross and Crown Ceremony to honor those in our congregation who are graduating from high school will be held on Sunday, May 16 during the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

The Deacons invite everyone to a reception on the lawn following the Cross & Crown Service. They will be grilling hot dogs, and serving bags of chips and individual drinks. Those attending are encouraged to bring a lawn chair from home in order to sit socially distant. There is no charge but there will be a free will offering basket available. We hope to see you there!

If you know of a Linway Youth who will be graduating from high school and would like to participate in the Cross and Crown Ceremony, please have him/her contact the church office as soon as possible.



## Memorial Day: Monday, May 31

Rev. Dennis is tentatively scheduled to give the prayer at the annual Memorial Day Service to honor and remember our Veterans at 11:00 a.m. at the Grandview Cemetery at 1301 Lincoln Highway in North Versailles. Watch the bulletin for updates on whether or not this service will be held.

# The Session

**Next Session Meeting:** May 18 at 7:00 pm  
This will be a virtual meeting via zoom.

## Fundraising Committee

Linway Church Masks and Hand Sanitizer are still available for purchase. Thank you to those who have supported this fundraiser! The face masks are blue with the Linway logo on the left cheek and are \$10 each or two for \$18. The personal hand sanitizer comes with a carabiner clip and are \$5.50 each or two for \$10. We are also offering a mask + sanitizer combo pack for \$15. Contact the church office if you wish to purchase.

## Fun Pasta Sale!

### Deadline to Order: May 11

Fun Pasta has various pastas in fun shapes and themes such as animals, numbers, sports, and holiday themes. There are pastas, soups, pasta salads, mac 'n cheese, gift sets & more!

There are three ways to order:

**1. Printed Order Form:** Included in this newsletter is an order form with pictures of the items for sale. Larger-print copies of the entire brochure and order forms are available at the church. Complete the order form & submit it with payment to the church by May 11 with checks payable to Linway. Your order will then be added to Linway's Master Order. We will notify you of a date to pick-up your pasta, once it's delivered to the church.

**2. Order Online:** using this link to the Linway Group Page:  
[https://www.funpastafundraising.com/shop/linway-church\\_1618248445096](https://www.funpastafundraising.com/shop/linway-church_1618248445096)

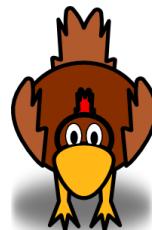
**Join Code: Z75B62**

When ordering online, you will use your credit card to pay for your order plus the \$8 shipping fee unless your order is over \$55.

**3. App Order:** If you would like to order online using your credit card & avoid the shipping fee, you will need to download the Fun Pasta Fundraising app (from the App Store or Google Play Store) and then have your order included in the Linway Master Shipment being sent to the church. To do this on the app: after you enter your email and fill out your information, you will see the list of products. When checking out, you will have the option to choose the "Delivery In Person," with no shipping cost. When your order is received at the church, we will let you know when you can pick it up.

Remember: You cannot have your order shipped to the church via the computer link, only through the app!

**ALL PASTA ORDERS, whether you order using the printed form, online ordering, or app ordering, MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 11.**



## Chicken Barbecue!

Plans are underway for this year's first chicken barbecue! Watch the bulletin for details.

## Property Committee

Work continues in the basement. Thank you to Rick & Ricky Morgan who have been doing the bulk of the work and to Scott Gray, Glen Marrow, Mike Meglio, Rob Trout and Don Augustin who have also helped with this project.

Light switches for the sanctuary have been installed outside the sanctuary on the wall next to the ramp door. There is no longer a need to use the circuit breakers to turn the lights on and off. This panel is now locked to keep confusion to a minimum. Thank you to the anonymous member who built a beautiful wooden switch box for the light switches.

## Lawn Care Donations Requested



It's Grass Cutting Time!  
We would appreciate donations toward our Lawn Care Fund to help defray the cost of the

lawn mowing service that takes care of the church's lawn and landscaping. Each weekly cut of the grass costs \$40.00. If you are willing and able to help with this expense, please use one of the all-purpose pew envelopes and designate it for "Lawn Care" or mark it on your check memo line. Thank you so much for helping us keep the church's lawn and grounds looking nice.

## Deacons

### Reception on the Lawn: May 16

The Deacons would like to invite everyone to a reception on the lawn following the Cross and Crown Service on May 16. They will be serving hot dogs, individual bags of chips, and individual drinks. There is no charge but a free will offering basket will be available. Those attending are encouraged to bring a lawn chair from home in order to sit socially distant. We hope to see you there!



### Mother's Day Carnations

For Mother's Day, the Deacons are planning to give carnations to the women of Linway during the worship service to recognize the care & concern they give to others.

**Next Deacon Meeting:** in-person meeting on Tuesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

## Summer Office Hours

### Church Office Summer Hours

The office will be closed on Memorial Day and then will be open during the summer:

Monday-Thursday 9:00-Noon



## Christian Education Committee



**Church Picnic!**  
**June 13**  
**Noon**

### Church Picnic: June 13

The Christian Education Committee invites you to the Church Picnic on Sunday, June 13 at noon at the Maple Pavilion in White Oak Park.

Due to Covid precautions, this will not be a covered dish. The committee will be serving hot dogs, individual bags of chips, individual drinks, and a pre-packaged dessert. If you would like, individuals may bring a side dish for themselves/their family. Those attending are encouraged to bring a lawn chair and/or card table from home in order to further social distance. Even though we will be outdoors, we ask that masks be worn except while eating or drinking. For planning purposes, please note on your attendance card if you will be attending or contact the church office.

### Sunday School Teachers & Helpers Needed

Pending Session's approval at their May meeting, Christian Ed would like to begin planning to have Sunday School during the worship services. The kids would wear masks, sit apart from each other, and each child would have his/her own baggie of crayons, scissors, & glue stick. The tentative plan is to have it every other Sunday, since we have a limited number of teachers at the moment. If you would be willing to be a teacher or a helper, please contact the church office. Adults teaching or helping with Sunday school would need to have their clearances on file in the church office. There is no charge to get your clearances, and the office has more information on how to do this. We look forward to when we can safely offer Sunday School for the children.

## Linway Preschool

### Now Hiring Teachers

**SEEKING ONE OR TWO PRESCHOOL TEACHERS  
FOR STUDENTS 3-5 YEARS OLD BEGINNING  
WITH THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.**

Interested applicants should have the following qualifications:

- Experience with children aged 3-5 years old; Certification N-3 or PK-4 preferred.
- Updated clearances: Act 34/Child Abuse/FBI
- Teacher for 4 year olds would work 3 days per week, a minimum of 3 hours per day (6 hours if enough enrollment for both morning and afternoon classes).
- Teacher for 3 year olds would work 2 days per week, a minimum of 3 hours per day (6 hours if enough enrollment for both morning and afternoon classes).
- \$14 per hour.
- No medical benefits.

*Please Note: One individual could be the teacher for both age levels.*

Please send a resume to [sedlaklila@gmail.com](mailto:sedlaklila@gmail.com), deadline May 20, 2021. Questions? Please call the church office at 412-824-3555.

## Mission to Feed the Homeless

Unfortunately due to the pandemic, we have been unable to carry out our Mission to Feed the Homeless in downtown Pittsburgh. At their April meeting, the Session again voted to give a donation to the Light of Life Ministries who assist the homeless in Pittsburgh.

## Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels operates out of the Linway kitchen 5 days a week to provide meals for their clients. Thank you to those who provided a dessert in April. More information on Meals on Wheels is available at: 412-327-6908.

## Need for Prayer

**Please remember the following in our prayers:**



John Arnold, Tracy Augustin,  
Pat Brant, Betty Brinker,  
Don Churchfield, Janet Doherty,  
Richard Eboli, Bobby Fazio,  
Mike Feigh, Betty Frommell,  
Jim Hawthorne, Richard Hickox, Nancy Kelley,  
Kim, Bill & Carmella Knight, Audrey Koppel,  
Jean Lawton, Linda, Lois, Rita Marrow,  
Loretta Matsko, Carol Pascarella, Joey Pecar,  
Renee, Rick, Ed & Debbie Ruffing,  
Barbara Shoop, Ellen Stevens, David Swauger,  
Tom Szmuc, Cindy Taylor, Wilma Taylor,  
Ed Waszkiewicz, Ted & Linda Wirth, Irene Young

## With Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Don Churchfield and his family. Dorothy Churchfield Pavlick, Don's sister, went home to be with our Lord on April 14.

## Happy Anniversary!

### Happy May Anniversary to:



Gary & Deanna Buchman  
Rob & Cindy Trout  
Clara & Bud Welty  
Alyssa & Joshua Oskin  
Lori & Dale Frye  
Mary Lou & Frank Fawcett  
Leslie & Scott Gray  
Lila & Andy Sedlak

## Happy Birthday!

### Happy May Birthday to:

Nicholas Eremic  
Jessica Berger  
Mark Pascarella  
Jackie Thornton  
Danette Mainiero  
Heather (Frye) Tucker

Madilyn Stewart  
Sandi Szmuc  
Leslie Gray  
Clara Welty  
Teri Ritz



## Mask & Sanitizer Fundraiser



Each face mask and personal hand sanitizer bottle have this printed on them:



The face masks are blue with the Linway logo on the left cheek and are \$10 each or two for \$18. The personal hand sanitizer comes with a carabiner clip and are \$5.50 each or two for \$10. We are also offering a mask + sanitizer combo pack for \$15.



Please complete this order form and return to the church with payment. We will contact you when your order is ready for pick-up.

### Linway Face Mask/Sanitizer Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

       1 Face Mask for \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

       2 Face Masks for \$18 = \_\_\_\_\_

       1 Sanitizer for \$5.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

       2 Sanitizers for \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

       1 Combo Pack for \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due: \$\_\_\_\_\_

## Inspirational Poem

**"The Greatest Gift"** By Frank Fawcett

Jesus Christ, the perfect gift  
The gift that keeps on giving,  
The abundant life we have in Him  
We need to keep on living.  
To love all others as ourselves  
To love as He has loved,  
Appreciate, all He has done  
All good gifts from above.  
As we enjoy all that we have  
In life from day to day,  
Remember He is listening  
To all we have to say.  
For all we know, I'd have to say,  
We only know in part  
"The Greatest Gift" that we can give  
Is love, straight from the heart!

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LinwayChurch Facebook Page

### Church Office Hours are limited:

Telephone messages, email messages,  
and US Mail are being checked daily.

### Church Staff:

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**Deadline** for newsletter information is usually  
the Sunday before the last Sunday of the month.

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