



The Linway News

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Friends,

Greetings! The month of October brings with it many changes in the physical world. The once green leaves on our deciduous trees change to reveal a variety of colors once the chlorophyll (green photosynthetic coloring) has left the leaves. The autumn colored leaves are pretty, but if you happen to have a yard full of them, they are a lot of work and really cannot be left unattended.

October also brings the growing season to an end for our vegetable gardens, with plants coming to the end of their life cycle, and also the arrival of the first frost. The average temperature continues its downward trend as the amount of sunlight recedes in the northern hemisphere. This continues until we reach the winter solstice in late December and the official start of the winter season.

October also brings a number of changes for our Lord's Linway Church. On the first Sunday of the month (this year October 2nd), we join with fellow Christians in celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, also known as Holy Communion. After World War II, Protestant Pastors wanted a way to publically demonstrate that our faith is shared with other believers around the world. The first Sunday of October was selected by a few Reformed Pastors as *World Communion Sunday* or in some denominations as *World Wide Communion Sunday*. It has grown to be observed world-wide over the years.

I participated in *World Communion Sunday* when I was studying at Knox College in Dunedin, New Zealand.

Soon, the Nominating Committee will be working to invite members of the congregation to serve a term as either Elders or Deacons for the Church. I hope you will give prayerful consideration of an invitation to serve. We can't have a church without officers willing to share their gifts and talents in leadership for our Lord's Church. The election of the next class of officers will take place toward the end of the year.

October also brings with it the necessity of building a budget for the operation of Linway Church for the coming New Year. Unfortunately the cost of paying for operational expenses is going up. Inflation affects everyone, and it does not bypass the Church. Your officers are very careful in monitoring the expenses, and we ask that you consider how you can help meet the financial needs by making a pledge of support for the New Year. It is important to remember that a pledge of financial support is one indication of your faith commitment, but not the only one. Nevertheless, the operational expenses must be met if we are to continue in the Mission and Ministry of Jesus Christ.

This year the Per Capita Assessment for active members of congregations in the Pittsburgh Presbytery was \$34.79. I want to say **Thank You** to everyone who paid their Per Capita Assessment. The Per Capita Assessment is how we pay for our denominational expenses for Pittsburgh Presbytery, the Synod of the Trinity, and General Assembly.

You may be curious as to the breakdown of the \$34.79. In 2022, the General Assembly received \$8.98, the Synod of the Trinity received \$2.40, and our Presbytery received \$23.41. The Per Capita Assessment that we are asked to pay in 2023 is \$35.70 with the following division: General Assembly \$9.85, the Synod of the Trinity \$2.40 (unchanged), and our Presbytery \$23.45.

In a recent sermon our text was the Apostle Paul's 1st letter to Timothy. In part of the passage, Paul reminded Timothy (and us):

*For we brought nothing into the world,
and we can take nothing out.*

(1st Timothy 6:7)

Christian Stewardship is a reminder that our life and all that we can achieve is a gift from God.

At the end of the text, Paul urges Timothy to:

Instruct them (meaning the congregation he serves) to do what is good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good reserve for the age to come, so that they may take hold of life that is real.

(1st Timothy 6:17-19)

That is great wisdom for the people of God in any time and any place!

Please review the information contained in the rest of this newsletter. It can be a 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



World Communion Sunday will be held on October 2. For those watching the service online, be sure to have your elements ready so that you may partake of communion at home. For those partaking of communion in the sanctuary, the packaged communion cups with a wafer will be used.

All Saints Sunday: November 6

We will be remembering individuals who went home to be with our Lord this past year during our Memorial Service held during the 10:30 Worship Service.

The Session

Next Session Meeting: Oct.18 7:30 pm

Nominating Committee will soon meet to seek individuals for Linway Elders and Deacons for three-year terms which begin in January 2023. Individuals on this year's Nominating Committee are: Scott Gray, Wayne Gida, Jamie Stewart, and Leslie Gray.

Please prayerfully consider serving a term as an officer of your church. Any current Elder or Deacon whose term expires at the end of this year and who has served two consecutive three-year terms, must remain off that board for a period of one year before being considered for another term. However, a person can move from one board to another without any lapse of time.

Fundraising Committee



Planning is underway for our annual community **Fall Festival at Linway!** Plans include:

- Assorted Crafters and Vendors
- Huge Basket Raffle
- Home-Baked Desserts
- Delicious Foods to Eat-In or Take-Out
- Kid's Santa Shop
- Photos with Santa Claus 11:30-1:00
- Crafts for Kids 10:00-1:00

Please share this date with your family and friends and invite them to attend. All are welcome. Flyers are available at the church entrance or contact the office.

If Allegheny County's Covid-19 Community Level is HIGH, masks will be required except for when sitting & eating, during photos with Santa, or for children under 2 years old.

Volunteer In order to make the Fall Festival a success, we'll need **Volunteers** to help in a number of ways. Watch for more information in the coming weeks on how you can join in to help with this fun event.

One of the highlights of our Fall Festival is the **Basket Raffle**. In order to make this a success, we'll need donations of raffle baskets. Anyone is welcome to assemble a basket to donate to the raffle. Be creative and make a basket that is fun, practical, or unique! Any theme is fine.

Calling all Linway bakers! Please sign up on the sheet near the church entrance if you are willing to donate a scrumptious item for the **Bake Sale**. Everyone loves Linway's home-baked desserts!



The Christian Education Committee is seeking donations of new or **VERY** gently used items for men, women, kids, and teachers to be sold at the

Santa Shop. Please, no clothing except gloves or scarves, etc., and only un-used earrings in their store package. Please label donations "Santa Shop" and leave on the table in the upstairs workroom. Thank you!

Gift Cards: Giant Eagle Gift Cards in various amounts are always available for purchase after the 10:30 worship service or by calling the church office. There are also Denny's, Dunkin'Donuts, or Chili's gift cards available for purchase. The church receives a percent of each gift card that is purchased.

Giving Bean Coffee & Tea On-Going Fundraiser: Online orders may be placed directly with Giving Bean at any time and Linway will earn 25% of the sale. Orders will then be shipped directly to you. Items available are: Ground Coffee, K-Kups, Whole Coffee Beans, Cocoa, Artisan Loose Tea, Chai, & Shortbread Cookies
Use this link to order:
<https://www.givingbean.com/store/home.php?partner=83fa1#.YgaOeJbMJPY>

Sarris Candy: will soon be available after the worship service or by contacting the church office. Watch the bulletin for when these favorite treats return to Linway.

Property Committee

LED Light Bulbs

The Property Committee has been replacing the 4 foot fluorescent tube light bulbs with 4 foot LED light bulbs.

Lawn Care Donations



If you are willing to help with this expense, please use one of the pew envelopes or mail your donation to the church and designate it for "Lawn Care". Thank you so much for helping us keep the church's lawn and grounds looking nice.

Deacons

Next Deacon Meeting: Sun., Oct. 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the Friendly Fellowship Room.

At their September meeting, plans for assisting with upcoming church events were discussed. Additionally, a donation was made to the East Allegheny Fueling Future Wildcats Program, which provides needy EA students with a backpack of food each weekend.

Halloween Treat Boxes: The Deacons are preparing Halloween treat boxes for Linway's college students. Donations of snacks, school supplies or other items for the boxes can be left in the upstairs work room of the church. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering box marked as "Donations for Deacon Boxes". Please provide all donations by Oct. 16. Your support is appreciated. Thanks!



Music Ministry

Chancel Choir: The Linway Chancel Choir practices on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. New choir members are always welcome to sing joyfully to the Lord. Please use the West Door (near the grand piano). If you have any questions, please see George Hawkins.



Handbell Choir: The Linway Handbell Choir meets for practice on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Previous experience is not needed. If you would like to give it a try, you are welcome to come. Please use the West Door (near the grand piano). Talk to George Hawkins if you have any questions.



Christian Education Committee

Kid's Club Returns Oct. 12 !

We are excited to share that KID'S CLUB will start-up for Fall on Wednesday, October 12. It will meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of the church. There is a Bible lesson, game, and craft. The current CDC Covid-19 guidelines will be followed. If Allegheny County's Covid-19 Community Level is HIGH, masks will be required except when having a snack.

Kid's Club is open to children in Kindergarten through 6th grade, regardless of their church affiliation or school district. Please encourage your child/children to invite friends to Kid's Club and feel free to share information about our program with other families that have children in kindergarten through 6th grade.

Please contact the church office for registration forms. Any child coming with someone who is not their parent/guardian must have these forms (*continued*)

completed/signed in advance and bring them when they arrive at the church. Please use the James Street entrance at the back of the church when you come inside to sign-in/sign-out your child.

We hope your kiddo(s) can come and join in the fun! Contact the church office if you have any questions.

Bless a Child with a Shoebox Gift!

Operation Christmas Child: Starts Oct.9

It's time again to fill shoeboxes with gifts for needy children all over the world. Linway will be kicking-off this project October 9. Each box is a tangible expression of God's love and brings the Good News of Jesus Christ. Children receiving a box are also given the opportunity to participate in a discipleship program where they learn about God's love through Bible stories.

There are many options in which you may help:

1. FILL A BOX: Take an empty box from the sanctuary home with you, fill with your choice of appropriate items for the age group you select, and return the filled box. There are detailed instructions inside on how to fill your box. **All boxes need to be returned to Linway by Sun., Nov. 13.**

PLEASE PLACE THE \$10.00 SHIPPING FEE IN THE CHURCH OFFERING BOX INSTEAD OF PLACING INSIDE YOUR SHOEBOX. Use a pew envelope or mail to the church and indicate it is for "Shoeboxes".

2. MONETARY DONATION: Don't really want to shop, but still want to help? Your donation will be sent to Samaritans Purse and used to buy items for shoeboxes or to help with the shoebox shipping costs.



3. DONATE AN ITEM: Want to just donate an item or two rather than fill an entire shoebox? Near our empty shoeboxes, pick-up one of our sheets that has a list of suggested items. Purchase an item(s) & place in the "Individual Items" Box **by October 30.** The youth will then take all of the donated items and fill more shoeboxes!

4. BUILD A SHOEBOX ONLINE:

Samaritan's Purse will pack a box based on gift selections you make. Cost is \$25 per box. Use this link to get started: www.samaritanspurse.org/occ

5. PRAYER: Pray that each one of our shoeboxes from Linway makes a difference in a child's life and helps them to develop a relationship with our Lord.

Santa Shop Donations Needed

The Christian Education Committee will once again host the Fall Festival's Santa Shop. This is a place children may shop for very reasonably priced gifts for their loved ones, so they may experience the joy of giving. The children get assistance with making their selections and gift wrapping. Thanks to your generosity last year, we have plenty of wrapping paper, gift bags, and tape. Please see information about items needed under the Fall Festival section in this newsletter or in the bulletin.



Christian Ed Clean-Up

The C.E. Committee has been cleaning and reorganizing several storage areas on the top floor of the church. This has been a big project to sort and organize VBS and Sunday School materials, craft supplies, Santa Shop items, and much more. Thank you to everyone who has lent a hand.



Bibles for 3rd Grade Students



In keeping with our annual tradition, Clayton Conley, Ian Dalessandro and Camden Daugherty were presented with their own new bible during the September 25 Worship Service. We ask for the Lord's blessings upon these young people as they read his word.

Children's Sunday School

Sunday School will continue to be offered every other Sunday during the 10:30 Service, based on teacher availability. It will also be posted on the Linway Facebook Page when Sunday School will be held. If you would like to help be a Sunday School teacher or assistant, please contact Jaime Ruffing or the church office. Clearances are needed, but the office can assist with getting these.

Women's Breakfast

The first Monday of the month, the women of Linway get together for breakfast at 10:00 a.m. at North Versailles Eat 'N Park. Any woman from the church is welcome. The next breakfast will be on Oct 3.

Men's Breakfast

The men are also getting together for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at North Versailles Eat 'N Park. All men are invited. The next men's breakfast will be on Oct 26.

Craft Ladies

The Craft Ladies meet the first and third Tuesday of the month downstairs in the Friendly Fellowship Room at 12:30 p.m. They are working on projects for our Fall Festival. Contact Clara Welty or Nancy Waszkiewicz with questions.

Linway Preschool

This month, local firefighters will visit the classroom to teach the children about fire safety and not to be afraid of firefighters. Students will even get to climb aboard the fire truck! Also in October, the kids will be learning about the season of fall. The classes, along with their grown-ups, will visit Triple B Farms where they will visit the apple orchard and pumpkin patch. October will end with their Halloween parade and party. Sheriff Tarap will be talking to the 4's class and their grown-ups about Halloween safety. All of this, along with plenty of learning, keeps everyone busy. Have a safe and Happy Halloween from our teachers,

Mrs. Michele and Miss Jeannette.

Meals on Wheels

The East Allegheny Meals on Wheels operates out of the Linway kitchen 5 days a week to provide meals for their clients. More information on Meals on Wheels is available by calling: 412-327-6908.

Our Daily Bread

Our Daily Bread:

The Sept/Oct/Nov edition of this free daily devotional is available at the Sanctuary entrance. You may also read it online at www.ODB.org



Need for Prayer



Please remember the following in our prayers:

Chris Alexander, Amanda, Bob B., Michelle B., Margaret, John Campbell, Lily Daugherty, Gwen DeSarno, Dorian, Mike Feigh, Wally Fox,

Betty Frommell, Dave H., Michelle H., Bev Harcum, Jill Hardy, Richard Hickox, Clare & Sandy Hillgartner, Frank Kordalski, Sr., Jean Lawton, Ken M., Marilyn, Rita Marrow, Mary L., Mercedes, Carol Pascarella, Joey Pecar, Nancy Peebly, Linda P., Donna Pottinger, Duane R., Pat Rogers, Renee R., Rick H., Laura Shawley, Barbara Shoop, Michelle Smith, Sophia, Leslie T., Cindy Taylor, Lynn T., Pat V, Ed Waszkiewicz, Jim & Linda Wetzler, Carol & Jack Wolf

Happy Anniversary!

Happy October Anniversary to:



Leanne & Rich Cornell
Kim & Brian Bernhardt
Christine & Jamie Stewart
Carol & Mark Pascarella

Happy Birthday!

Happy October Birthday to:

Clare Hillgartner
Samantha Morgan
Bill Knight
Nicholas Sivrich
Audrey Koppel
Claire Conley
Nicholas Bernhardt



Diane Randolph
Karen Crandall
Sallie Kaser
Jaime Ruffing
Lila Sedlak
Tim Mitchell

Please contact the church office if you would like to share your birthdate or anniversary.

Projector Operators Needed

We are in need of a few more folks to help video and/or run the slideshow during the 10:30 worship service. Please contact the church office if you are willing to lend a hand.

MA's Pantry

Food Distribution at MA's Pantry

Everyone is affected by the big increases in food prices, and MA's Pantry is ready to serve the residents of East McKeesport & North Versailles! If you need help or know anyone else who does, be sure to send them to MA's. The income threshold for eligibility is \$2,095 per month for 1 person and \$4,278 per month for a family of 4. Other family sizes are adjusted accordingly.

Upcoming distribution dates are Oct. 9 & 23 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at 1000 Broadway in East McKeesport.

VFW Thrift Store

The East McKeesport VFW Post 8430 has a thrift store every Friday 10-2:00 with new or gently used items. Veterans get a 50% discount. All proceeds benefit homeless veterans programs in Allegheny County.

To donate, email district29vfwcmdr@gmail.com.



He hath made everything beautiful in its time.

-Ecclesiastes 3:11

The Gift of Love

by Frank Fawcett

Seeing is believing
When walking with the Lord.
Hearing is believing
When talking with the Lord.
Each new day is a new blessing
With new hope that we can see,
The fulfillment of the promise
That with us, He'll always be.
When we reach out, he'll take our hand
And help us all to understand
The truth that's written in his word,
That we may sing with one accord
The praises of our loving Lord.
He gave us sight that we may see
The plan he has for you and me,
That all good gifts come from above
But the greatest is "The gift of love."

Psalm 135:13-21; 1 Corinthians 13

He Is Worthy

by Frank Fawcett

We gather here together, Lord
To hear your word of truth,
To strengthen our conviction
That you are the living proof.

That everything that we believe
Is written in your word,
We come together in your name
To hear and to be heard.

That we may share the good news
And the blessings of your word,
The promise of our life in him
That sets our spirit free,
To share the holy love of God
Through all eternity.

At Linway we can learn a lot
Then share with all
What we've been taught,
The truth in all simplicity
That God with us will always be.

Let us listen to his spirit
For the message of his love,
To know we have a home with him
In heaven up above.

The precious promise of his word
Should always be our prayer,
That Jesus Christ shall be the one
Worthy to take us there.

Revelation 5:12

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the Sunday before the last Sunday of the month.

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