

The Light of Lindenwood



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Christmas at Lindenwood - 2007

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:00 a.m. - Packing of Christmas Baskets in
The Grand Foyer

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:30 a.m. - Delivery of Christmas Baskets

7:00 p.m. - "It's a W.O.W. Christmas" featuring
Kevin & Bethany Paige, the W.O.W. Band and
Special Guest. All seats reserved - \$12.00 Held in
Stauffer Hall

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 16 - Joy

SERMON: "Are You The One?"
SCRIPTURE: Matthew 11:2-11
Dr. Kenneth A. Corr

LIGHTING OF THE JOY CANDLE

+ The McKinley Family
++ The Carruth Family

+THE SOLO- "Some Children See Him"
Alfred Burt
Peggy Bishop, *soprano*

++THE ANTHEM -
"The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"
arr. Hopson/Nemec
The King's Choir & Instrumental Ensemble

++THE CAROL ANTHEM -
"Ding! Dong! Merrily on High"
French Carol; arr. Howard Helvey
The Chancel Choir
Chris Nemec & Kevin Kenny, duo-pianists

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:30 p.m. - All-Church Christmas Dinner in
Stauffer Hall and Christmas program for
children of all ages.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 23 - Love

SERMON: "Don't Miss It"
SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1:18-25
Rev. Ryan Tracy

LIGHTING OF THE LOVE CANDLE

+ The Robinson Family
++ The Craig Family

++THE SOLO - "Welcome to Our World"
Chris Rice
Joseph Tate, tenor

++THE CAROL-ANTHEM -
"Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella"
French Carol; arr. Howard Helvey
The Chancel Choir
Chris Nemec & Shane McElveen, duo-pianists

++THE BENEDICTION -
"Hallelujah Chorus" (*Messiah*) G. F. Handel

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5:00 p.m. - Family Christmas Eve Service
Music by Members of The King's Choir
(please bring toiletry items wrapped in white
tissue paper to be given to MIFA)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE
Nicholas & Jonah Blancett

10:30 p.m. - Caroling by Laudate! in the
candle-lit Grand Foyer.

**11:00 p.m. - "The Service of Lessons and
Carols"** with music by The Chancel Choir,
Soloists, Laudate! and Ryan Anthony, *trum-
pet soloist*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE
The Crosno Family

+ 8:30 a.m. Chapel Service
++ 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service

**December 25 and January 1 the
Church Office will be CLOSED**

1,000 Cupcakes for Christmas!

You can help us make sure everyone has a hot meal on Christmas Day by helping bake cupcakes for the homeless, needy and hungry in our community. Westy's Restaurant with volunteers from Lindenwood Christian Church will again team up to cook and provide a free holiday meal from 11am-3pm at the downtown restaurant.

On Thanksgiving Day this year, Lindenwood members provided almost 600 cupcakes to help feed the needy; and we ran out! Over 720 meals were cooked and served by Lindenwood members, friends and other volunteers. That number was exceeded last year when over 850 meals were served on Christmas Day.

Baking cupcakes is a fun, easy way for the entire family to have a part in helping feed the needy at Christmas. Simply sign the attendance pad or envelope; or e-mail and let us know how many cupcakes you will provide, from 1 dozen to 20 dozen. Then bring them to the Lindenwood kitchen in disposable containers on Sunday, December 23 prior to any worship service.

Westy's and Lindenwood provide the only meal for all homeless, hungry and needy individuals and families on Christmas Day in the city. No one has ever been turned away.

If you are unable to return the cupcakes on Sunday, Dec. 23, or if you have other questions, contact Jennifer Netherton at 382-1208 or bradymomjen@aol.com

If you are interested in volunteering to prep, cook or serve for the Westy's Christmas Dinner, contact Dallas Minner at 722-2222 or flybald@bellsouth.net





More than just a game

Here are two great stories about two kids and their coaches.

At the start of every basketball season part of my job is to break up teams according to ability and age when we have two teams in the same grade bracket. We have two first & second grade teams this year. When I was splitting the kids up one of our second graders expressed the desire to be put on the other team. I told Kevin that we all have to work together, make new friends, and accept the team that each player is assigned. Kevin understood, he has been playing for Lindenwood since he was three but he still seemed very sad.

It turns out that Kevin had bonded with David Turner and Wes Pollard, his basketball coaches last year. They were also his flag football coaches this year. Even though Kevin had bonded with these two coaches it would not have given us the right number of first and second graders on their team. I had to have an equal number of kids from

both grades on each team. Then David Turner shared with me what Kevin had told him a couple of weeks ago at a flag football game. Kevin lost his father when he was a baby and really has never had a father figure in his life. As Kevin and Coach David were walking, Kevin said to David, "you're like a Dad to me." Needless to say that at the next practice Kevin was on Coach Turner's team!

Another player, Patrick, told Coach Wes that his class had been assigned to draw a picture of a hero. The teacher said she didn't want any Superman or Spiderman pictures. The pictures were to be ones of real people that had helped them. Patrick drew a picture of Wes and when the teacher asked who it was, he said, "It's my football coach!"

This embodies what our kids sports programs are all about. We try to give the children what they need to thrive and grow as individuals. Winning is a secondary goal to nurturing these children as they mature into adults.



Patrick and Coach Wes

Women of Faith Conference Little Rock, April 4th -5th

All Lindenwood women and friends are invited to attend the 2008 Women of Faith-Infinite Grace Conference in Little Rock, AR on April 4th and 5th.

This is our 6th year that women from Lindenwood have participated. Ask any one who has gone before; and you will discover it's a fun-filled trip with powerful speakers and special musical guests. It's a great bonding experience for the women of the church.

Cost for the conference, t-shirt and double occupancy hotel is \$140; single rate \$180. A deluxe continental breakfast at the hotel is included on Saturday morning. All other meals, transportation (carpooling is suggested), and any items of a personal nature are at your own expense. Deadline for conference registration and first payment of \$65 is due January 25th.

Contact Christy Leard for information and/or registration 324-3732 (home) 351-7180 (cell) or christyleard@bellsouth.net.

Financial Peace University - Feb. 6

Did you know that there are over 800 scriptures in the Bible regarding personal finance? Financial Peace University is a life-changing 13-week program on personal finance. It is designed to empower people to manage their money better, eliminate debt and build wealth. All material is biblically based and taught via entertaining video by Dave Ramsey.

This course is designed for you if you think or say to yourself, "I can't afford this program." This is the course for you if you feel like your money has control over you. If you struggle in your marriage due to financial problems or if you live paycheck to paycheck (...as Dave Ramsey puts it, "Too much month at the end of the money!") then this course is for you.

If you do not have a clear understanding of Real Estate & Mortgages, college planning, bargain buying, or credit reports then FPU is your opportunity to get clarification. If you do not understand stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or how to invest for your future or if you carry a large credit card balance, use debt consolidation loans or if you do not have an emergency fund, then FPU is a ready-made opportunity for you to learn more about money.

Attend a free preview of the course, receive information on registering as well as an opportunity to meet Lindenwood's FPU Discussion Group leaders and ask your own questions about the course. You are invited to attend an Informational Meeting on Wednesday, January 30 at 6 p.m. Look for the signs directing you to the right meeting room. Mark your calendar!

Lindenwood Recreation & Life Center Present

Back to Basics Camp IV

Six great days of basketball

First Basketball Camp	Dec 26, 27, 28	9:30-11:30 A.M.
Second Basketball Camp	Jan. 2,3,4	9:30-11:30 A.M.

Eight great days of School's Day Out (6:45 am to 6:30 pm)

School's Day Out: December 21, 26, 27, 28, 31, & January 2, 3, & 4

Girls & Boys - Grades K-8

Name _____ Age _____ DOB _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parents Name _____ Phone _____

REGISTRATION - Sign me up for the following:

___ Basketball Camp One ___ Basketball Camp Two (\$40 each) Camp

Combo package - I will be attending basketball camp and SDO on the following days: ___12/26 ___12/27 ___12/28
___1/2 ___1/3 ___1/4 (see costs below)

Release Form:

I hereby release and discharge Lindenwood Christian Church and One on One Basketball, Inc., their authorized representatives, staff, and volunteers from all liabilities, of any kind and character, upon any claim, demand, or cause of action which might be asserted on the behalf of said applicant against church, staff, or volunteers. Furthermore, in the event of an accident or illness, I hereby grant permission to said staff or representatives to administer first aid and/or transport applicant to the nearest medical facility for treatment I accept full responsibility for any financial obligations concerning this matter. I understand that I am responsible for insurance coverage for my child. I also understand that Lindenwood does not provide insurance coverage for sports-related activities for my child. I grant permission for my child, _____ to participate in this program and on occasion be transported by Lindenwood and/or its representatives to and/or from games, practices, and activities.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

COST: Basketball Camp Only: \$40 per camp Session
School's Day Out Only: \$30 per day (Discounts for ASP and 2nd child)
Basketball Camp & SDO Combo: \$10 per day + SDO daily fee

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Holiday Grief: Look Around You

By Ryan M. Tracy

The upcoming holidays are a painful reminder of loved ones who are no longer with us. And while one may hear many suggestions as to how to deal with grief over the holidays, the fact of the matter is that everyone will and does deal with it differently.

You know, I wish I could write and tell all those out there how they might bring back old friends or family members who have passed. I wish I could answer all the questions of "Why" that suspend over the heads of so many during such days. But the truth of the matter is, one really wouldn't want to hear that anyway. Oh one might think they want answers, but any answer someone might give would only be void and null as words could never bring back the loved one.

But Matthew 5:4 reminds us to be comforted. Jesus is the one who says, "Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted in the name of the Lord." And when I start to think about that verse, I start to be challenged in my own losses to put on a different pair of lens this Holiday season.

You see, I have lost friends and relatives to disease, breakup, and separation, and each person meant something to me. Though I can no longer physically see and touch them, that doesn't mean I have to stop thinking about them, it means that I can't let that grief get in the way of the people around me now; God gives us comfort so that we can soon start living again. I know that each person who I viewed as special to me gave a nugget of hope teaching me that relationships are to be

viewed not as things I own, but things that were entrusted to me. Hence, when I think about those who have passed, I quickly am reminded that God has put people around me that I can encounter and have relationship with now. Does it make it any easier that the person is gone? Absolutely not, but if I am not careful, I will miss out on the people around me, right now, who are knocking at my door with whom I might encounter and love on.

So this season, as we think about loved ones who have passed or no longer with us and as we pray for God's strength to help us get through this holiday season, let us not forget to look around to see who else God has placed around us to love on and cherish.

Tips for Dealing with Grief this Holiday Season:

- **Give more of yourself**, when you can, to people you love this season.
- **Remember, absolutely remember the loved ones**, cry if you need; don't forget to laugh about the great memories the two of you had; but don't dwell and become obsessed that they are no longer here.
- **Stay in contact with your family and friends**; ask them to share a memory or two about the loved one you can't see.
- **Give money you would have spent for gifts for your absent loved one to a charity** in your family or significant other's name.

THANK YOU

A sincere thanks to everyone who came to decorate for the Christmas season. Everyone's efforts and time commitment were appreciated.

JOYS

Congratulations to Bill & Eva Jemison who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 12.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following members:
 12/2 - Sandra Hill
 12/14 - Janie Emerson, Jasmine Pollard, Merri Dodson, Bill Eby, Susan Ewing
 12/15 - Daphne Tate, Kevin Ungren
 12/16 - Lindsey Feuerstacke, Susan Hastings, Kyle Herrington, Michelle Hunt, Geraldine Livingston, Catherine Wood, Edsel Craft
 12/17 - Joyce Keohane, Michael Redfearn, Peggy Wright
 12/18 - Hannah Shaheen,
 12/19 - Jacob Burks, Hazel Young, Kathy Scott, Brenda Craig, Lee Wilson
 12/20 - Carolyn Partee, Samuel Skyles, Diane MacFarland, Ryan Turner,

Mary Hilgeman
 12/21 - Elijah Smith, Linda Cowden
 12/22 - Jessie Harrison, Chelsea Riley
 12/23 - Hunter Underwood, Tyler Hudson, Sue Palmer
 12/24 - Michelle Creek, Michael Francis, Vernon Luedke, Kacie Stitt
 12/25 - Phil Vaughn, Woody Berry, Carol Feligno
 12/26 - Joan Prah, Emily Dunn, Carol Sharpe, Jimmy Smith, Dare Pugh
 12/27 - Jordan Turri, Julie Wood, Keith Mattila
 If you see a birthday person on Sunday be sure to wish them a Happy Birthday. If your birthday is incorrect or not listed, call the church office and we will get our records corrected. Happy Birthday!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 16, 2007

Chapel Service
 Comm. - Cleolyn Young
 Offering - Dot Williams

Sanctuary Service
 Comm. - Emily Burks
 Offering - Brian Burks
 Shut-in Communion - Marie Word, Bob Tate, Don Wright, Susan Kenny, Anna Hough

Light Schedule
 Steve Turner
 Sunday Receptionist
 Marian Myers,
 Nancy Evans

December 23, 2007

Chapel Service
 Comm. - Paul Lawler

Offering - Richard Fisher
 Sanctuary Service

Comm. - John Nutt
 Offering - Rachel Taylor
 Light Schedule

Daniel Bowden
 Sunday Receptionist
 Gaye Price
 Carolyn Mallory

December 30, 2007

Chapel Service
 Comm. - Erika Keaveney
 Offering - Judith Harris

Sanctuary Service
 Comm. - Jim Summers
 Offering - Phoebe Burks
 Light Schedule

Pat Warren
 Sunday Receptionist
 Kathie Gouge
 Billy Dye

GIFTS

BENEVOLENT FUND
 Donation: David & Ann McCabe, Neil & Roberta Schwarz

DISCIPLES DIVINITY HOUSE
 Donation: Neil & Roberta Schwarz

DOVE TREE MINISTRY
 In Honor of John Hornyak:
 Dallas & Kathy Minner
 Donation: Jerry Stauffer

EXTREME MAKEOVER
 In Memory of Bob & Betty Lyons: Jerry & Suzanne Wyatt

EXTREME MAKEOVER ELEVATOR FUND
 In Memory of Betty Lyons:
 Tom Lyons

FOOD PANTRY
 In Memory of Danny Harris:
 Maxine Guthrie
 In Honor of Steve Harris:
 Paul & Carol Lawler
 In Honor of Walt & Dot

Williams: Bill & Corrie Herington, John & Jean Kenny

Donation: Agape Sunday School Class, Sarah Cloud, Friendship Class, Sandy Harrell, Michael Johnson, Wanda Mooney, Kimberly Robbins, Amy Savell, Neil & Roberta Schwarz, Jerry Stauffer, Mike Taylor, Cleide Teixeira, Walter White Open Door Class, Kyle Williams

LIFEQUEST COUNSELING CENTER

In Honor of Bill Appling:
 Paul & Carol Lawler
 In Honor of Grace & Monte Brown: Paul & Carol Lawler
 In Honor of Ruth & Charles Cobb: Paul & Carol Lawler
 In Honor of Barbara McConville: Paul & Carol Lawler
 In Honor of David &

Monica Skipper: Paul & Carol Lawler

In Honor of Dr. Rachel Taylor: Paul & Carol Lawler
 Donation: Dale Kelman, David & Monica Skipper, Doug Wright

MINISTER OF MUSIC DISCRETIONARY FUND
 In Memory of Iona E. Reed:
 Elinor Reed

Donation: Peggy Bishop, Timothy & Melissa Self

MUSIC FUND
 In Honor of Gary Beard, Chris Nemece and Ryan Anthony: Maxine McCoy
 In Memory of Danny Harris:
 Linda Coker

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 Donation: Phoebe Burks
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Christmas Offering 2007

Sunday, December 23 and December 30, Lindenwood will receive the Christmas Special Day Offering in all of the worship services. Why is the Christmas Offering important?

The Special Day Offerings such as Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Easter, annually provide a major portion of income for the wider mission and ministries of the Christian Church. When we give to the Special Day Offerings, we join with Disciples church wide in supporting hundreds of ministries across North America and in more than eighty-five countries around the world as together we share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Orphaned and abandoned children are served by the Peace Shelter and the Kalauman Development Center in the Philippines, two of eleven centers throughout the world that help more than 1,100 children through the Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Program. These community based organizations also serve children who live with close relatives or parents who are under-or unemployed. The Child Sponsorship Program enables Lindenwood to extend its arms of love and safeguard the future of children everywhere.

Your Christmas Special Day Offering helps continue this important work of providing education and health services, as well as opportunities for families to participate in community activities to enhance their ability to become self-reliant and self-sufficient.

Give generously to the Christmas Special Day Offering 2007.

Check out these new books in the church library

Don't Believe Everything You Think by Thomas Kida ... Do you believe that you can consistently beat the stock market if you put in the effort? – that some people have extrasensory perception? – that crime and drug abuse in America are on the rise? Many people hold one or more of these beliefs although research shows that they are not true. And it's no wonder since advertising and some among the media promote these and many more questionable notions. Now more than ever we have to be able to use some critical thinking in our everyday affairs. Life is getting a lot more complicated than it used to be. Now more than ever you have to defend yourself, your family and your assets from a lot of people who in good or bad faith (mainly), are trying to affect your life or your capital ... in a negative way. This book is worth your time!

My Father's Son by Clarence Thomas ... is the story of one of America's more remarkable and controversial leaders, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, told in his own words. Most important, he provides his account of the Anita Hill fiasco. Any objective reader will be hard pressed to read this account and not come away with a sense that what happened to Justice Thomas ranks among one of the most low down, dirty things ever done to any one individual. If you love non-fiction and also multi-layered stories then give this book a try. It really is unforgettable no matter your political party.

Why Good Things Happen To Good People: The Exciting New Research that Proves the Link Between Doing Good and Living a Longer, Healthier, Happier Life by Stephen Post ... The author details a self-help program based on his

Love and Longevity Scale, tested on 339 college students. Can you name 10 aspects of giving? Humor and courage both make the list. As you read the science presented in this book, you'll find the attitude of giving comes out on top. Giving has a way of inspiring others to give. Think about the giving in your own life, then you can see where this book will take you.

Thus Saith the Lord: The Revolutionary Moral Vision of Isaiah and Jeremiah by Richard E. Rubenstein ... First we are given a firm understanding of the prophets in their historical context, then author shows us a glimpse of today. This book makes the ancient message of Isaiah and Jeremiah come alive with a clarity that speaks to our times.

The Lost Apostle: Searching For the Truth About Junia by Rena Pederson ... The Lost Apostle is a historical detective story – a search for the apostle Junia, whose story was lost because her name was changed. Pederson is a reporter and so this book reads nicely like an extended newspaper article. Pederson's look into the culture of ancient Rome and what it would have been like to be a married Christian Jewish woman in Junia's time.

The Power of Your Words: How God Can Bless Your Life Through the Words You Speak by Robert Morris ... We all know that words carry enormous power – the power to heal or to wound. So, how do we harness that power? The Power of Your Words will help you to understand the spiritual force inherent in every word you speak. Any parent or spouse will find this book to be extremely helpful in having a home that is full of love, respect, and discipline.

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**Worship at Lindenwood
Four Weekend Services**



W.O.W - Wide Open Worship
Sunday at 9:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Chapel Service - Sunday at 8:30 a.m.
Sanctuary Service - Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Prayer, Healing & Holy Communion
2nd & 4th Sunday, 5:30 p.m.