

Pulpit Committee Update

April 26, 2009



It is with great excitement that I am able to report to you that on Sunday, April 26th, the Lindenwood Pulpit Committee and our Board of Directors unanimously approved a candidate to send before you, the congregation, to elect as our next Senior Minister! After more than a year since the formation of the Pulpit Committee and thousands of hours of both prayer and research, we are overjoyed that God has indeed brought to us the person He has chosen to lead Lindenwood.

Out of respect to our candidate and the current congregation he serves, we have chosen not to publicize his name until such time as he has had the opportunity to notify his current church home of his decision to accept Lindenwood's call, if it is indeed the will of our congregation. However, all pertinent information about him will be given to you very, very soon. That information will include his name, his biography, and several audio versions of some of his sermons on CD. Our Board of Directors has set the date of May 24th as the date of a congregation meeting and vote to approve our candidate. He will be here that weekend to preach to us in our pulpit! Much more information will be made available as to details of events that weekend to allow everyone ample time to meet and listen to our candidate and his family.

What I can share with you about our candidate is that he is both excited and humbled at the opportunity to come to Lindenwood. He considers this to be his dream job, and can't wait to get here if so called. He has many ties to the Memphis area, and thus, familiarity with Lindenwood

already. Not only did he attend Memphis Theological Seminary and Memphis State University, but one of his two children now resides in Memphis and works at Youth Villages. It seems that not only is he the absolute best fit for Lindenwood, but also that Lindenwood and Memphis are the best fit for him! He was one of our top targets throughout our process, and we truly feel blessed and lucky that he has been led here. He is widely recognized as one of the leading historians within our Disciples Denomination, and is deeply rooted in both prayer and scripture. All of his resume and experiences make it clear to us that Lindenwood is truly "where he belongs"!

The journey of the Pulpit Committee has been one of many challenges. Like any journey, it had both up's and down's, good times and bad. But, we stayed focus on our only goal and that was to not search for someone we as individuals wanted, or any particular congregant wanted, but instead to listen to the Lord and be led to whom He wanted. It is very clear to us all that this candidate is that person. God has brought him to us for a reason, and we are bursting with excitement not only for everyone to meet him, but to get him here so he can begin his ministry and lead Lindenwood into whatever the future holds for us!

Stay tuned for more information, continue to pray for the process, and GET EXCITED as to what lies ahead!

In Christ,
Tim Netherton

Mother's Day Special - May 10



The King's Choir, Laudate! and Chamber Orchestra will lead worship at the 11am Sanctuary Service on Mother's Day, May 10. Included will be music from three centuries, including music by Purcell, Schubert, Franck and Bach-Gounod's "Ave Maria," as well as Scripture appropriate for mothers and families. The choirs will provide all the service music that day - the Introit, Prayer Response, Communion Voluntary and Choral Benediction - all accompanied by the orchestra and conducted by Chris Nemec, as well

as several anthems. Last year's Mother's Day service led by the children's and youth choirs brought tremendous crowds to worship. This year, make plans that day to "celebrate this triumphant day" (taken from the introit for Mother's Day) with us in worship.



MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

Dear Lindenwood Family,

What an exciting time it is in the life of this congregation! The process of calling of a new Senior Minister has not happened here in about 35 years; so this is a very significant event in the life of Lindenwood Christian Church. Up until this point, it has been the Pastor Search Committee who were very active in the discernment process. They have sifted through stacks and stacks of resumes; they have listened to sermon after sermon. They have studied scripture and prayed fervently that God might guide them to the minister of God's own choosing. It's taken a huge commitment of time, energy and resources; but, God is faithful, and the Committee believes that God led them to the person who is best suited to be the next Senior Minister of this congregation. They presented this person to the Board of Directors and they too prayed fervently, studied credentials and experience. They then experienced the minister in worship, and unanimously agreed with the members of the Pulpit Search Committee.

And now it's your turn.....

It's now time for each and every member of this congregation to prepare themselves so that they might discern God's will in calling a new Senior Minister. The Elders are leading the way in this preparation process and invite you to be a part of it. They will be meeting in the Chapel at 10:35 am in order to pray for Lindenwood at this very special time in its history. All church members are invited to join them in that time of fervent prayer—for discernment regarding the call of the new Senior Minister and also for this year's Stewardship campaign. These two concerns are

integrally related and need the prayers of the whole church.

Further preparation for discernment might come from Bible study, either individually or in Sunday Schools or small groups. We will be making some of the minister's sermons available on the Lindenwood website, which you should find helpful in making an informed decision. Also, I would encourage you to talk to members of the Pulpit Committee and ask them the questions that arise in your hearts. They would love to tell you about the prospective new minister and his family!

Finally, you are encouraged to make plans to be here for the "meet and greet" activities on Saturday, May 23rd and, then on Sunday, to experience the prospective new minister in worship and participate in the congregational meeting. No, Memorial Day week-end isn't the best time, but it was the *only* time that this meeting could be scheduled due to several scheduling considerations. Since this is such an important event in the life of this congregation, I hope and pray that you will show your love and deep commitment to Christ Jesus and to your church family by being present and fully engaged in this very important process in the life of Lindenwood.

May God bless us abundantly as we continue to travel with our Lord in a journey of New Beginnings!

Judith



Commitment Sunday

May 17



Giving out of Hope.
Living into Wholeness.

Lindenwood children on Sundays



Pictured left - Kidz Xpress and Cross Over children working on New Coat of Faith Stewardship project. Pictured below - Kemm Browne and Angie Brittain lead Kidz Xpress at the Sanctuary service on April 19, as they sign the Lord's Prayer. Special thanks to Kemm for teaching the kids sign language. What a great day!



A CORNER FOR PRAYER

The Availability of God – He is Always Present

We believe that God is always available to us but we don't feel His presence as often as we would like to. Perhaps the reason is simply because there are so many distractions. With all the modern means of communication we are literally bombarded with input. If we will turn off our TVs and our cell phones, disconnect from our computers and sit quietly in a place of our choosing on a regular basis, perhaps we will sense the presence of God more often.

I have found that lighting a candle on a small table that holds my Bible, my note book and something to write with, helps me become aware of God's divine presence in my life. Often times I begin by thinking to myself, "God is here. He loves me and He will never fail me. He is always here in this sacred place that I have prepared."

Of course, God is always present, everywhere. But having this special place seems to help me feel His presence in a more profound way. I sit quietly, looking at the candle flame, or looking out the window at our lawn and God's creation. I may select a Psalm or two to read. In doing so my heart is filled with praise which is always the best way to begin one's prayer time. Try Psalm 8 or Psalm 96. Memorize Psalm 117, the shortest Psalm of all, "Praise the Lord all you nations! Extol Him, all you peoples! For great is His steadfast love towards us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord."

This prepares us to begin a productive time of prayer. Before you conclude your prayer time, always pray for your church family and the programs or ministries. Never fail to thank God for Lindenwood and for the church universal.

Bless you as you continue to grow in your prayer life.



LIFE IN FAMILIES

Congratulations to Kevin and Melissa Tully on the birth of their son, Britton Connors Tully born April 29.

Our love and sympathy go to Sally Askew and family in the recent death of Sara Adams.

THANK YOU

Thank you for my bag of groceries. Now I can eat so good.

Love,
Gloria Reedy

Lindenwood,

We are so delighted you choose Door of Hope to be a recipient of your community outreach funds. Lindenwood has been a main stay of Door of Hope since its inception. I don't know what we would do without the constant and steady support of David Wayne Brown as our President. Thank you so much for your donation.

The Staff at Door of Hope

Dear LCC Family,

Jeff and I would like to thank you all for the many prayers, calls, and visits to the hospital during his recent stay. We once again were Blessed by God's amazing Spirit through many of you reaching out, as well as His bigger plan for Jeff and his healing. Coming right home from a weekend that spoke to us about Compassion at Journey to Bethany, we were covered by many examples of God's compassion through you. God Bless each of you, and continued Blessings on our home church and the future.

Love in Christ and friendship,
Jeff, Janice and children

Welcome New Members



Stuart Turner



Alan & Betty Wells and Adeline Durant

Please welcome the following new members to our Lindenwood family:

Stuart Turner comes to us by transfer from Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Arkansas. Drew Pairmore is responsible for bringing Stuart to Lindenwood.

Adeline Durant comes to us by transfer from Highland Heights Baptist Church. Adeline is the mother of Lindenwood member Betty Wells.

Vacation Bible School

Make plans for your child to attend VBS at Lindenwood. Our theme this year is "Crocodile Dock - where fearless kids shine God's light". Children ages 4 years through 5th grade will enjoy songs, crafts, and games from 9am til noon, July 27 - 31 in the Underground. Registration begins in June. For more information, contact Angie Brittain at 682-8674.



LIVES & MINISTRIES WE HONOR AND REMEMBER

HONORING

Benevolent

Alan Dunn.....Marian Cocks
Ken & Mary Beth Harlan.....Vicki Carayiannis

Barbara Harris.....Teresa Thompson
Kate & Jessie Lind...Teresa Thompson

LifeQuest Counseling Center

Hal Bishop.....Mike Baber
Ryan Tracy.....Mike Baber

Music

The Chancel Choir....Lee Anne Eason,
Patrick & Phyllis Warren

Gary Beard & Chris Nemecek.....Lee Anne Eason

George & Dare Estok.....Dennis & Delia Boese, Ragna Maria Cavey & Hans Mueller, Thomas & Kathleen Deffke, Rachel & Jonathan Martin, Alvin & Karen Moss, Morris & Scherry Proctor, Douglas & Alice Stordal, Patrick & Phyllis Warren

Youth Fund

Ken & Mary Beth Harlan.....Gary & Tracy Aulfinger

REMEMBERING

Benevolent

Paul Justice Bowles.....Marian Cocks
Kidz Xpress

George Carres.....Harold & Sarah Cloud

Pernecey Rowe.....Disciples Women's Fellowship Group #4, Marilyn Irion

Mission & Ministry

Martha Gatchell.....Dorothy Carey

Music

Ellen Eason Canestrari.....Lee Anne Eason

Wellness & Fitness

Pernecey Rowe....Monte & Grace Brown

DONATIONS

LifeQuest Counseling.....Larry Kidd SamSal.....Bill & Anna Hough, David & Ann McCabe

Internet.....Fred & Katherine Boone

Ministers Prayer List

- Those grieving the loss of loved ones
- Those who are seriously ill and their families
- Those affected by the downturn in the economy
- The 28 children in the Pastor's Class and their families
- Graduating Seniors
- Nominating Process for Elders, Deacons and Board Members
- A New Coat of Faith...Giving out of Hope, Living into Wholeness

Worship @ Lindenwood

8:30 a.m. Chapel Worship

9:30 a.m. W.O.W. Worship
in Stauffer Hall

11:00 Sanctuary Service

2nd & 4th Wednesday

Healing Service

6:00 p.m. - H.T. Wood Chapel

