

The Light of Lindenwood



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Advent - "The coming"

The season of Advent, beginning this year on Sunday, November 30, is a time when Christians around the world prepare for the coming of Christ.

Advent is translated "the coming." It is the four-week period prior to Christmas that literally transforms us from darkness into light.

The traditional symbol of this church season is the Advent wreath, a representation that is still in the process of development. Although some argue there is little theological merit in the wreath as a liturgical symbol, it nevertheless has become a very popular means of marking time through advent.

The wreath originates from the 16th century, when German Lutherans made it a symbol utilized mainly in homes. It has gradually weaved its way into popularity with both Protestant and Catholic Americans through German immigration, and today is widely used in churches and homes.

The modern Advent wreath has five candles, for the four weeks of Advent and for Christmas Eve/Christmas Day. The colors of the candles correspond with the liturgical colors associated with the season - purple, rose and white. Purple (or violet) is a royal and penitential color, a color worthy of the One who is coming - the King. Rose, (or pink) known as "Gaudete" or "rejoice", is associated with the third week. The white candle (the

Christ candle) is lit on the days of the arrival of Christ.

The candles are lit in the following order: The first Sunday a purple candle representing hope; the second Sunday a purple candle representing peace; the third Sunday a pink candle representing joy; and the fourth Sunday a purple candle representing love. And on Christmas Eve/Day the white candle is lit symbolic of Christ.

Each of the four Sundays in Advent has a distinctive theme. The first remembers Christ's coming in final victory, the second and third weeks recall John the Baptist showing the way, and the final Sunday has the theme of events immediately preceding the birth of Christ.

Theologians today are discovering richness in Advent through the interaction of music, prayers, preaching and reading scripture. All are utilized in our Lindenwood worship services. To many churches and Christians, this new territory is perhaps an area long overlooked.

Rev. Fred B. Craddock has said many churches are now beginning to realize the importance of the seasons of the church year, especially the 50 days following Easter and leading to Pentecost, and the four weeks of Advent. He also points out that the single, most important source of human pleasure is anticipation - the very theme of Advent.

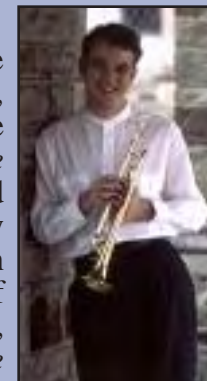
"Christmas Spectacular"

The Mid-South's favorite holiday concert is approaching and tickets are going fast! "The Christmas Spectacular 2008" will be held Sunday evening, December 7 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. (Doors will open at 6:30pm.) General admission donation is \$12.

This year's "Spectacular" promises to be one of the best! The Lindenwood Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Soloists will present favorite perennials: "O Holy Night", "O Come, All Ye Faithful", "Sing We Now of Christmas" and more; in addition, several new arrangements by Mack Wilberg, who composes for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, will be featured. Settings of "Away in a Manger", "The First Nowell", "Angels We have Heard on High", "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing" and a thrilling and sparkly rendition of the beloved "Carol of the Bells," all arranged for large choir and orchestra.

And as a bonus treat, trumpeter Ryan Anthony will be "home" from Dallas to join us in several selections. And as you know, he will dazzle your imagination with his superb playing of several holiday selections, including a jazzy arrangement of "Silent Night."

Tickets are going fast. As of this writing, more than 550 seats have been sold. Contact the Music Office (458-1652), LindenBooks or online at www.Lindenwoodcc.com for tickets or more information.



W.O.W. Christmas Concert

Friday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets on sale ONLINE ONLY for a limited time.

On site ticket sales will begin on a future date.

Order your tickets NOW for the best seats.

www.lindenwoodcc.com



Worship Schedule

First Sunday of Advent November 30 - Hope

Sermon: "Fore!"

Rev. Judith F. Reese

+THE SOLO "I Wonder As I Wander"
Appalachian Carol; arr. Niles
Jim Coleman, *tenor*

++THE ANTHEM -
"O Praise the Lord" (Christmas Oratorio)
Karl Graun
The Chancel Choir

Chapel Service

Communion - John Kenny
Offering - Jean Kenny

Sanctuary Service

Communion - Sharon Hodge
Offering - Beth Hilgeman

Light Schedule

Daniel Bowden

Sunday Receptionist

Leslie Byard, Billy Dye

Second Sunday of Advent December 7 - Peace

Sermon: "Peace"

Rev. Ryan M. Tracy

+THE SOLO -

"The Little Road to Bethlehem"
Michael Head
Joseph Lackie, *tenor*

++THE ANTHEM -

"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"
Paul Manz
The Chancel Choir

++THE ANTHEM -

"Light One Candle" Natalie Sleeth
The King's Choir

Chapel Service

Communion - David McCabe
Offering - David Seahorn

Sanctuary Service

Communion - Jeff Brittain
Offering - Don Wright

Shut-In Communion - Dallas Minner,
Phoebe Burks, Jean Kenny, Joe
Filipiak, Shelley Vincent

Light Schedule

Pat Warren

Sunday Receptionist

Sallye Dillard, Emy Eldred

+Chapel

++Sanctuary

GIVE THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Are you looking for a creative and unique Christmas gift this season? How about the gift of music? The Lindenwood Music Ministries offers many recordings of many genres of music, truly something for everyone. For further information, contact the Music Office (458-1652) and to acquire your copy, see LindenBooks, our new bookstore.

"Sing We Now of Christmas" with The Lindenwood Chancel Choir, Orchestra, The Gary Beard Chorale, Laudate!, The King's Choir, trumpet soloist Ryan Anthony, The Lindenwood Percussion Ensemble, and the Golightly Memorial Pipe Organ, performing the title song, "White Christmas", "This Christmastide", numerous carol arrangements and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus". CD - \$15 (with very few copies remaining); Cassette - \$10.

"The Very Best Time of Year" - the Christmas Piano Stylings of Chris Nemeč. Solo piano selections including "Rudolph", "O Holy Night", "Let it Snow", "Go Tell it on the Mountain", "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and more. \$20 on CD.

"You Must Remember This...As Time Goes By" - the piano stylings of Chris Nemeč (the 4th in a series) This newest CD contains "As Time Goes By", "Ebb Tide", "Moon River", "You Go to My Head", "I'll be Seeing You", "The Girl from Ipanema" and more. \$20 on CD.



"Hymns Impromptu" with Ryan Anthony and Gary Beard - this CD contains all hymn arrangements for trumpet and piano. Included are favorites "His Eye is on the Sparrow", "Amazing Grace", "Blessed Assurance", "Great is Thy faithfulness" and more. \$20 on CD.



"Sacred Gems" - the Lindenwood Chancel Choir, Orchestra, Laudate!, The King's Choir, trumpet soloist Ryan Anthony, and the Golightly Memorial Pipe

Organ performing sacred classics: "Morning Has Broken", "My Eternal King", "Psalm 150", "Just a Closer Walk with Thee", "When the Saints Go Marching In" and more. \$15 on CD.

"Give My Regards" - The Gary Beard Chorale sings Broadway and More! This popular "pops" album features the selections from "My Fair Lady", "Les Miserables", "Mame", a Gershwin Panorama, a medley from "Phantom of the Opera", piano solos by Chris Nemeč and Gary Beard, and more. \$15 on CD.



"Awake the Trumpets" - Music for a Grand Wedding. The Gary Beard Chorale, trumpet duo Ryan Anthony and David Spencer, violin soloist Joy Brown Wiener, and the Golightly Memorial Pipe Organ perform music suitable for a wedding: "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring", "The Lord's Prayer", "Awake the Trumpets", "Ave Maria", "Gloria" from Mozart's Twelfth Mass, and much more. \$15 on CD; \$10 on cassette.

"Ryan Anthony, trumpet, with Gary Beard, organ" - this duo features the fine acoustics of the Lindenwood Sanctuary and the stunning beauty of the Golightly Memorial Pipe Organ. Included are selections from the operas "Carmen" and "The Magic Flute", the "Concerto Saint Marc", the "Concerto in Ab" by Vivaldi, and concludes with "Amazing Grace". \$20 on CD

"Do You Remember?" - the Piano Stylings of Chris Nemeč. This popular solo piano recording features some of the greatest hits of piano repertoire: "Misty", "Summertime", "New York, New York", "Memory", "Dancing in the Dark" and ten others. \$20 on CD.

"Simply Delicious" - Music for Dinner. The third CD by Chris Nemeč, this album features music suitable for the dinner hour: "Georgia on my Mind", "Over the Rainbow", "The Sound of Music", "My Funny Valentine", and three selections from "Phantom of the Opera". \$20 on CD

Ministry Maker

Holding Nothing Back!

We are committed to every member serving in ministry using our gifts and talents to bring people to Christ and to become more Christ-like in our hearts and actions. "Holding Nothing Back" is our response to the Great Commandment to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength.

Attention all groups and members

Tell us about your group's Community Outreach efforts

Lindenwood members, Small Groups, and Sunday School classes throughout the church are involved in many wonderful community projects -- from the Pontotoc Mission Project to MIFA to Angel Food ministries and list goes on and on. The church would like to document our past and present community projects in a

Community Outreach database. The results of this research project will be presented at the January Congregational Meeting. Please drop us a line about what you are doing to help the community! E-mail or call Demesia Blancett at mblancett1@aol.com or 359-1607 or Beth Bartholomew at etbartholomew@comcast.net or 409-2431 by December 15.



Activities at Lindenwood for December

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 30 - Hope

5:30 p.m. - Candlelight Service - Rev. Betty Dawson and Lee Cagle will play mountain delcimers before worship followed by a candlelight service with acapella singing and short messages from Joe Bryan, Edgar Hawkins and Harold Goodwin on "Reflections on Awaiting the Birth of Christ".

Christmas Boutique - through December 7th sponsored by the Disciples Women's Ministry in Easterwood Gallery. Proceeds go to Kidz Express.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 7 - Peace

Dove Tree Gifts Received

7:30 p.m. - "The Christmas Spectacular 2007" - featuring The Chancel Choir and Orchestra with trumpet virtuoso Ryan Anthony, in The Sanctuary. General Admission tickets are \$12 and available from the Music Office, 458-1652, LindenBooks or online at www.Lindenwoodcc.com. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Handicap accessible and staffed nursery available.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

11:30 a.m. - Disciples Women's Fellowship - all women of Lindenwood are invited for lunch and a narration of the Christmas Story from the book of Luke by Rev. Judith Reese. Reservations needed by noon, December 5 by calling Roberta Schwarz at 386-2543.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:30 p.m. - W.O.W. Christmas Concert featuring Kevin & Bethany Paige, and the W.O.W. Band. All seats reserved. Tickets \$12 available at www.Lindenwoodcc.com Nursery for ages 5 and under with reservation. Doors open at 7p.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 14 - Joy

5:30 p.m. - Prayer, Praise & Healing Service - H.T. Wood Chapel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:00 p.m. - All-Church Christmas Dinner in Stauffer Hall and Christmas program for adults and children of all ages.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

10:30 a.m. - Delivery of Christmas Baskets

ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKS will be available Sunday, November 30 throughout the Church. Devotions were written by members of Lindenwood and compiled by Worship Chair Barbara McConville. Art work was donated by Rev. Harold Goodwin and Kidz Xpress. This book will add so much to your Advent Season.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 21 - Love

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - The Gary Beard Chorale, members of The Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra present *Messiah, Part the First*.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

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

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, Laudate! and Ryan Anthony, trumpet virtuoso.

December 25, 26 and January 1 the Church Office will be CLOSED

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

No Chapel Service - this day only.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAS

CHRISTMAS TREES - Lindenwood Girl Scout Troop 68 invites you to purchase a fresh Christmas Tree on the East Parkway Parking Lot. Hours are Saturday 9-9, Sundays from 1-7, Monday-Friday from 4-8:30pm. We will have Balsams from Nova Scotia and Firs from Oregon in a variety of sizes at the best prices in town!

POINSETTIAS - Purchase a Christmas Poinsettia In Honor, In Memory or In Appreciation of a special person in your life. Watch the Sunday bulletin for forms or call the Church Office at 458-8506.

CUPCAKES FOR HOMELESS CHRISTMAS DINNER AT WESTY'S - December 21-24

ANGEL FOOD - Deadline to place orders is December 8th. Pick-up date is December 13 and volunteers are needed.

LOSSES

Our love and sympathy to Sarah Cloud in the recent death of her father, William Massey.

JOYS

Congratulations to Marie Word and Bob White who were united in marriage on October 8.

THANK YOU

Dear Lindenwood Family, How very much I felt your prayers as I had surgery a few weeks ago. I received an excellent report with no malignancy. It was a miracle of prayers. Lindenwood is indeed a loving and caring congregation led by wonderful ministers and staff. Thank you for the cards, calls, kind gestures and prayers of love. Those who gave blood will be forever remembered. Special thanks to my mentors Harold and Dot Goodwin and to my Stephen Ministry friends for a beautiful healing service.

In Christ,
Judith Harris

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Lindenwood members:

12/1 - Matt Salazar, Julie Ritter

12/2/ - Sandra Hill, Ridge Roberts, Nancy Pickett

12/3 - Joann Rowe, Dorothy Suggs, Maxine McCoy

12/4 - Dorothy Dawson, Bethany Barger, Brayden Rachel

12/5 - Donna Hopper, Forrest Burnett

12/6 - Virginia Carpenter, Jimmie Price, Shane Churchwell, Joe Keohane, Kris Walden

12/7 - Mark Williams

12/8 - Neil Schwarz, Hannah Ellis, Sonja Thorsen, Carolyn Moffatt, Steve Steed, Steve Turner

12/9 - Jessica Underwood, Beth Hilgeman, Kayleigh Bodily, Christopher Sparks

12/10 - Madison Wells, Jeremy Pollard

12/11 - Haimanot Altaye, Teresa Ward, Nancy Chaltas

If your birthday is not listed or is incorrect, contact the Chrch Office at 458-8506 and we will correct our records.

GIFTS

BENEVOLENT FUND

In Honor of Pat Champer: Teresa Thompson

In Honor of Angie Patrick & Morgan Parks: Barbara McConville

In Honor of Marie & Bob White: Neil & Roberta Schwarz

In Memory of Hazel Young: Janet Garner, Helen Reed

Donation: Arlene & Ramon Diaz

INTERNET FUND

In Honor of Marie & Bob White: Jeanne Nelson

KOLE'S CLUB

In Honor of Angie Patrick & Morgan Parks: Leslie Byard

MINISTER OF MUSIC DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Honor of The Chancel Choir: Elinor Reed

In Memory of Iona E. Reed: Elinor Reed

MULTI MEDIA FUND

In Honor of Mike Redfearn: Earlean Sudbury

MUSIC FUND

In Honor of Mildred Lundy: Jeanette Hettinger, Earlean Sudbury

In Honor of Marcia Wells: Olga Page

Donation: Arlene & Ramon Diaz

PANTRY FUND

Donation: Walter White Open Door Class

SAM SAL FUND

Donation: David & Ann McCabe

SPECIAL WORSHIP

ACTIVITIES TEAM

In Honor of Angie Patrick & Morgan Parks: Joe & Betty Bryan, Stephen Ministers

Kidz Blitz LIVE at Lindenwood Welcome new member

By Mimi Salazar

Kidz Blitz LIVE, one of the most sought-after family events in America comes to Lindenwood, Saturday, January 10, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. Targeted to all age kids, but entertaining for even parents, this interactive show merges a faith-based message with Nickelodeon style fun, so kids learn while they have a blast.

You might recognize the 70's inspired music, but you've never seen anything like this in Stauffer Hall. This show is wild, even by W.O.W. standards! Some of the Kidz Blitz LIVE highlights include: blowing "Gator Snot" out of whistle, Marshmallow Attacks, being blown away by the T.P. Bazooka, and the Ultimate Kidz Blitz Chicken & Bone Challenge. **WARNING:** Kidz Blitz LIVE can get a little messy, so leave your "Sunday best" at home!

Advance tickets go on sale Sunday, December 21. You can purchase yours at the Kidz Blitz table in Easterwood Gallery for \$5. Tickets will be \$8 at the door on the day of the show. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information about this event, call Emily Burks at 861-4770. For more information about Kidz Blitz Live, visit their web site at www.kidzblitz.com.



Christine Thomas

Please welcome to our Lindenwood family **Christine Thomas**. Christine is a painter/business owner. Her business is **Taking Care of Painting**. The Lindenwood Glass Onion Group and others are responsible for bringing Christine to Lindenwood. Welcome her to our church family.

October at Lindenwood



Left to right: The Meliorist visited the Three Year Old Room at Lindenwood Child Care Center. It was cooking day. The annual Educators Breakfast was held in Stauffer Hall honoring past and present educators from Lindenwood, Mt. Olive and Shannon Elementary. Morgan Parks and friends were the October program at the Disciples Women's Fellowship Monthly meeting.

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Rev. Ryan M. Tracy
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Worship at Lindenwood



Sunday Worship

W.O.W - Wide Open Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Chapel Service - at 8:30 a.m.

Sanctuary Service - at 11:00 a.m.