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The Summer Solstice – A Day to Rejoice

If you liked the total eclipse we experienced in April, we are nearing another space-based event that often draws a lot of spiritual attention – the annual summer solstice on June 21st. (Friday this week.) The “global hotspot” to be for the day is Stonehenge in England. If you haven’t already made plans to be there, don’t bother. Every year thousands show up to watch the sunrise and sunset and party in between at the mysterious stone formation put in place by ancestors of the Brits a long time ago. To be allowed anywhere near the property you would have needed to purchase a pass months ago. (It is on my bucket list somewhere, but not in the cards this year.)

Do not be dismayed! If not Stonehenge, it can still be a meaningful day for your spiritual growth, and you don’t have to purchase a pass or make special travel arrangements. Simply plan to find a nice quiet spot where you can sit and watch (your choice) the sunrise or the sunset of the day. It can be in your backyard, a nearby park, or out in the country somewhere away from the noise and bustle of things. (That would be my choice.)

There is something about summer that naturally invites one to spend some time in thought and contemplation. The pace of life settles a bit in the summer. Things seem slower and more relaxed. Life seems less bound by external factors. We tend to wear less and lighter clothes. The weather is warm and just taking in some rays of the sun can give one some energy. I have friends who make a point of putting their calendars away for the summer and just take the season in, one-day-at-a-time.

If you wish, once you settle on your spot, you can take along your favorite devotional book or simply the Bible and read from your favorite sections of the scriptures. Another suggestion is the simple practice of repeating over-and-over a short verse of scripture like a mantra while in a state of prayer. There are plenty of possibilities, but some of my favorites include:

- “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13
- “The joy of the Lord is my strength.” Nehemiah 8:10
- “This is the day the Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24
- “We know all things work together for good.” Romans 8:28

My guess is that for most people the day will pass just as another summer day without much fanfare or note of its astral significance. But, for some, it provides an opportunity to take a time out, to quiet the spirit, and think about the depth, the richness, and goodness of life.

Friday (June 21st) will be another day the Lord has made. Perhaps a good day to “rejoice and be glad in it,” to stop and reflect on just how good our God is and how lucky we are to enjoy the world God has made.

Pastor Frank

Be My Guest at Symphony on the Prairie!

Pastor Frank has *Symphony on the Prairie* tickets to share!

By virtue of my work as a volunteer usher at the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, I have the ability to exchange vouchers I’ve earned for tickets to any of the Symphony on the Prairie programs. The only catch is I can only exchange 10 vouchers for any single event.

So, my plan is to have at least 3 parties at SOTP with my friends from Linwood (and beyond). The three shows I have targeted are:

- **Friday, July 5 – “Star Spangled Symphony”** – along with all the Independence Day favorites (including Tchaikovsky’s “1812 Overture” with canons and fireworks) will be a memorable performance of Gershwin’s “Rhapsody in Blue.”
- **Friday July 19 – “Best of John Williams”** – The ISO will play a collection of the best movie themes penned by the great John Williams.
- **Saturday, July 27 – “Cody Fry with the ISO”** – GRAMMY Award nominee and *American Idol* finalist Cody Fry brings his singer-songwriter talents and genre-blurring music to the ISO for a special summer concert. Fry’s popular musical fusions and orchestrations have made him a viral sensation. It will be one of the best shows of the summer!

If interested, please call or text me and we can work out logistics for getting you the FREE tickets: 317-832-2172 **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED**

Thoughts & Prayers



Health Issues:

Martha Etheridge, Marilyn Henegen, Doreta Terry, Ron Pastrick, Vickie Pastrick

Prayers have been asked for:

Jerry & Sue Meyers, Brian Slowinski, Aaron Cepeda, Ariel Horne, Toby Parson, Jenn Streyckman, Donna Bray, George Cuff, Dee Miller, Jim Graham, Tom May, Andy Wysong, Jessica Moore, Harper McVey, Floyd Nott, Patricia Chick, Roger Schumaker, Jim Thistlewaite, Shirley Lee, David Wilkerson, Jimmy DeBord, Margie Wilson, Jessie Patton, Sheila Patton, Lee Harding

We join with God's loving concerns for those facing life's difficult times:

The family of Chet Mosley, Linda Cuff, Joe Brooks and family, Kelly Scrougham & family, Jon & Jill Ware and family

We offer prayers of Condolences for the family and friends of: Shelley Lovato Dowell's mother-in-law, Cathy Jo Dowell, who passed away on May 4th, and baby Braxton Baker-White passed on May 13th

We offer prayers of Joy for: Mattie Horne whose surgery went well, Kayla Krapp who ACED her 1st Final for her Nurse Practitioner License, Jakoby Lee Day was born on May 3rd!, Dalene Seals is home and doing well; Doreta Terry who has a new great-great niece, Kelsey, 6 lbs 9 oz, 19 inches long.



The Book Nook

Take some time to *cool-off* and enjoy a good book this Summer!

The Angel of Mercy is a series by A. L. Lacy. It is about Breanna Baylor (a certified medical nurse). She has many exciting and romantic adventures as she travels, giving grace and mercy to her patients as she goes.

Another series available in our library is 4 books by Anne Lamott. *Help, Thanks, Wow* explains three truths about prayer. *Grace (Eventually)* is about God's grace and redemption. *Small Victories* is all about spotting moments of grace. *Plan B* gives further thoughts on faith.

A series by Beverly Lewis is set in Amish farmland and will bring you joy and inspiration. The titles are:

<u><i>The Shunning</i></u>	<u><i>The Secret</i></u>
<u><i>The Confession</i></u>	<u><i>The Telling</i></u>
<u><i>The Reckoning</i></u>	<u><i>The Missing</i></u>
<u><i>The Revelation</i></u>	

Books are all arranged by author or editor on the east wall of the library. The books above can be found in the second row.

Joan Woodruff
Church Librarian

Adult Sunday School Class



Ed Urban has begun leading the class on a journey through the book of **Psalms**, adding insight and commentary as we go.

We meet for 30 minutes on Sunday mornings at 9:25 in the library. Stop by the parlor and bring your coffee and snack along to class.

From the Pews:

What a lovely arrangement for PENTECOST created by Vickie P.



WELCOME BACK CHOIR!!! If only for a day.

Anthem Day was on June 1st and it was so refreshing to see the Linwood Choir in their robes and back in the Chancel. They sang 7 wonderful anthems and we all sang “The Lord’s Prayer” after taking communion. The Choir is off for 2 months but we will have the Summer Singers in their absence. Wouldn’t it be great to have the Choir back in the loft this fall?



Come a little early on Sunday morning (10:20a) and join us in our summer Hymn Sing. You can pick the hymn of your choice and see what other “old favorites” are requested!

A very Special Sunday:

Oh my, as I write this it's been less than 24 hours since my reaffirmation/rededication and I'm still on cloud nine! Such a beautiful and memorable service! From the bottom of my heart, thank you to Pastor Frank and to the Elders who came up to stand with me. That made my day enormously memorable. Thanks to all who welcomed me "home"!

I was crying part of the time, but I promise those were tears of pure joy and peace! In a world full of controversy, violence, trials and tribulation it's up to each of us to try to see beyond all of that and find our peace. Linwood Church and so many of you have helped me find my peace! That is so very important to me and something I was missing for a long time before returning to Linwood.

So, I'm back and will give 100% to serve our Lord and Savior, support Linwood and our neighborhood outreach programs and help in any way I'm able for the good of Linwood!

With a grateful heart and much love to all, Diane Adams

Linwood Ladies Reminder

You are invited to our house for an afternoon cookout and lake party on Saturday, July 13th. Starting time noon 'til whenever. Michael and I will furnish hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and condiments, plates, cutlery, and chips. If you want to bring a side or a dessert, that would be fine. We'll also have waters and ice tea. If you want soft drinks, please bring them. It's a strictly social, for fun afternoon. Please come.

Address: 1667 W. Peoga Lake Dr., Trafalgar, IN 46181
Please RSvP by July 6th, cell 317-750-22145 or home 317-933-0931

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For those of you who get a printed version of the Lindy, please consider receiving it "paperless" by sending an email with Subject: Lindy – please send via email. Let us know what you want to know about what's going on at Linwood! Entries for the next Lindy are due by July 15th.

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Your Lindy Crew