

Linn Presbyterian Church

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# THE FOLLOWER

November 2018

### Birthdays This Month



- 2- Sue Giroux
- 2 - Anne Marie Gump
- 4 - Bob Oblak
- 12 - Dawn Ripkey
- 16 - Carole MacPhee
- 20 - Vicki Brumfield
- 26 - Bob Winter
- 28 - Libby Palmer

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## STEWARDSHIP

### SUNDAY, Nov. 11th

During worship we will dedicate our stewardship cards;

**The 3 G's; Grace, Gratitude, Generosity**

We make our commitments to the continuation of our ministry and missions here at Linn Church!

*Then after worship*

You are Invited to a

Catered Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

Pasta (with and without meat), Salads and Veggies

Carryout meals will be available. If you are unable to attend, please let the office know and a meal will be delivered to your home.

*Pastor Terry, Bob Oblak, Bob Winter ~ Stewardship Committee*



### Linn Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

We are a church of Jesus Christ within the Presbyterian tradition that fosters love and compassion, nurtures Christ-centered lives, and extends hospitality to all as if we are encountering Christ Himself.

### Holiday Food Drive

- Nov. 4 Canned vegetables, gravy, Sweet Potatoes
- Nov. 11 Bisquick, muffins, roll mixes, stuffing
- Nov. 18 Potatoes, pies, cranberries



**Help local families this holiday season!**

Drop off your donations in the Narthex. If you would like to donate a frozen turkey, please put it in the fellowship hall kitchen freezer and we will add it to the dry goods for a great meal!

### Important Dates

- Nov. 11—Stewardship Sunday with luncheon
- Nov. 27 Presbytery meeting and dinner
- Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Worship 4pm

## Linn Presbyterian Church

**Worship Sundays in all seasons at 10:00 a.m. ~ Join Us !**



Worship Plans

**"We Believe in the Church"**  
One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church

Oct. 21	Holy	1 Peter 2:9
Oct. 28	Catholic	1 Corinthians 1:12
Nov. 4	Pulpit Supply	
Nov. 11	<b>Apostolic</b>	Ephesians 2:20
Nov. 18	Pulpit Supply	
Nov. 25	The Peaceable Kingdom	Isaiah 11

Advent ~ Christmas

Sermon Notes:

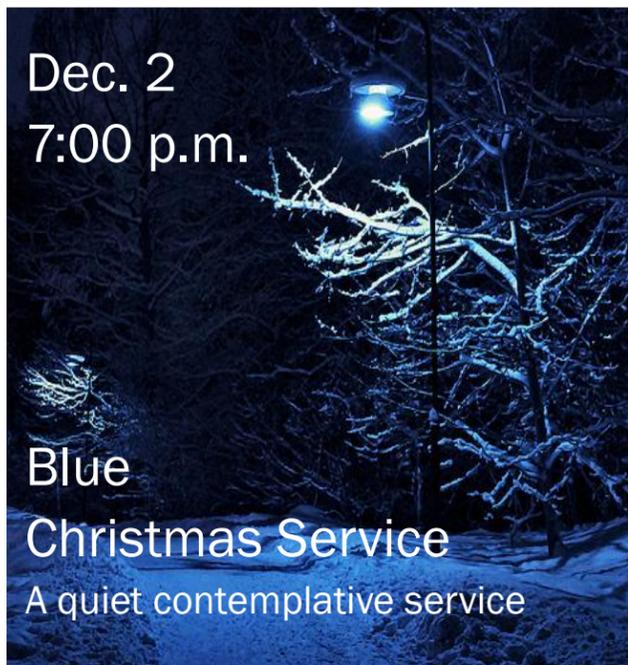
A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"  
Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping"

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. - George Burns

Linn Church Book Group Nov. 8 - 2:00pm

The Linn Church Book Club will be discussing the classic, Main Street, by Sinclair Lewis. The first of Sinclair Lewis's great successes, **Main Street** shattered the sentimental American myth of happy small-town life with its satire of narrow-minded provincialism. Reflecting his own unhappy childhood in Sauk Centre, Minnesota, Lewis's sixth novel attacked the conformity and dullness he saw in midwestern village life. Young college graduate Carol Milford moves from the city to tiny Gopher Prairie after marrying the local doctor, and tries to bring culture to the small town. But her efforts to reform the prairie village are met by a wall of gossip, greed, conventional-ity, pitifully unambitious cultural endeavors, and—worst of all—the pettiness and bigotry of small-town minds. Come and Discuss with us!

New members welcome on Nov. 8th - 2:00pm



Thank you ~ *Merçi* ~ Danke ~ *Gracias*  
**2018 LAKE GENEVA CROP-HUNGER WALK**

Thank you for all who donated to help fight hunger locally and around the world.

Linn PC had 4 walkers who gathered 22 donations totaling \$785.000.

**Look Forward to Spring Flowers!**

Thanks to Mary Hayden who purchased 119 tulip bulbs while visiting Holland and to Bill Thompson who planted the tulip bulbs around the gazebo perimeter!

**We have Heat!!** Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Bob Oblak and Steve Siler on getting our pumps up and running throughout the building! Our 40+ year old building is showing signs of wear!



Session Highlights

The Session met on Tues., Oct. 9 and the following business was conducted:

**Clerk's Report** - Approval of Session minutes. Worldwide Sunday Communion was served to 114 on Oct 7. The September minutes were approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance** - no report

**Administrative** - no report

**Membership** - Pastor Terry announced 10 new people joining membership. .

**Mission** - We did have one veteran come and use his voucher for the sale. Free Vouchers were given to Twin Oaks, Agape House and the Transitional Living Center for Veterans in Hebron.

**Personnel** - no report

**Rummage** - Rummage Sale made a total of \$21,176.28. Expenses were \$880. 3 semi-truckloads of items were taken by Goodwill afterwards. The shed permits, etc. are in progress.

**Youth & Family Ministries** - Confirmation curriculum was chosen for years to come: "Confirm Not Conform". It will be held 5:15-6:15 in the library. (Pastor Terry) Middle School is 6th-8th grade from 4-5:15, devotion, snacks, games and lessons (Colleen)

LinnKids - 4K-5th grade—homework, snacks, lessons (lead by Alice)

Kids Singing - Kids will sing Nov. 11, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16th. (Colleen)

Trunk or Treat - Oct. 28th from 4-5pm, flyers were posted, and advertised.

MOPS -Curriculum has been purchased

**Building and Grounds** - The on-going issues with the boiler pumps is being worked on by Southern Lakes, Bob Oblak and Steve Siler. The bill will be higher than anticipated. The Linn Fire Department burned the brush pile on the southwest corner of the property.

To do: replace window opening cranks in the sanctuary Insulate water line in the education wing. Replace the flush valve in one of the washrooms in the Education wing. Refill cracks in the parking lot

**Nominating** - The committee is actively looking for candidates for new Elders and Deacons.

**Deacon's report** - no report

**Presbyterian Women** - no report

**Pastor Terry's Report** -

Meetings: Youth and Family Ministry; Personnel; Membership; Music and Worship; Finance Activities: LinnKids -2, Confirmation Class- 1, Rummage Sale; Membership Class -2.

Visits: Home visits -1

Worship: Preached the word: Sept. 23, 30, Oct 7 Funerals / Memorials: Graveside Committal for Oliver Daniel Turgeon, infant, Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Linn-Hebron Cemetery.

Weddings: 0

Presbytery: Personnel Workgroup, Oct. 4th West Allis

Other: New members and confirmand students

Prayers were requested for Caitlin York for safe travels, Roy Mannings (wife Faye passed away), Carol McPhee (niece passed away).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Next meeting Tues., Nov. 20th, 2018 at 7pm



2019 donations to the 2020 Vision Fund have made the following projects possible:

1. Purchased a 6' x 8' "Waterhog entrance mat". This mat will be placed on the sidewalk leading to the main entrance way to the church. This mat will help to remove dirt/snow from footwear prior to entering church. The cost of this mat is \$230.53 and will be in place by early November..

2. Foremost Electric will replace the current existing light fixtures on the 6 parking lot poles and install LED lamps (LED 13,000 LUM) along with a new day-light/night time timer. This revision will provide energy savings and increased visibility/safety for those attending night time meetings/events. The cost for this project is \$2,700 and it will be completed by mid-November.

3. When all of the 2019 pledges to 2020 Vision Fund are received, the Committee plans to use these donations to replace the Chancel furniture (pulpit, Communion table, baptismal font, advent candlestick wreath stand).

4. The current sign will be replaced when sufficient funds are donated.



### 2018 Chili Cook-off Winners

Congratulations to our winners

1st - Cindy Smith

2nd - Ryan Romanowski

3rd - Mike Stodieck

Honorable Mention - Marlene Bauer

**Thank you to the many people and companies that donated to the silent auction & raffle!**

Traver School Staff, Bob & Pat Oblak, Cindy Smith, Don Fort, Romanowskis, Michele Smith, Barb Steinmetz, Mill Creek Inn, Pastor Terry & Colleen, Virginia Hertl, Keith Ashcraft, Mary Hayden, Carl & Joyce Rathmann, Ava vonKoch, Esther Schwabe, Richardson Farms, Kevin Commins, South Shore Automotive, Melges Car Wash and Emagine Theaters.

**And thank you to those in the congregation that came and supported this event!**

### Milwaukee Presbytery Meeting HERE at Linn Church

**One hundred plus members** from the Milwaukee Presbytery will be meeting here on **Tuesday Nov. 27th** for the Presbytery wide meeting. We hope to show them all how wonderful and welcoming we are here at Linn

A few volunteer opportunities are available if you are interested. Watch for a sign up sheet in the Narthex. We will need ushers, people to assist with set-up, clean-up and the meal.

They have a theme for each of the meetings and this one is about "The Stewardship of Time". We are also looking for clocks! Just table clocks -if you have one you would be willing to let us use that day, please drop it off in the office with your name on the bottom, so we can make sure and get it returned. Any interesting clock would be fun!

### Trunk or Treat Was GREAT! (Even Inside)



So many fun Friends!



## November 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 9am Prayer Circle 10am Mission Workshop 10am Poetry	2	3
4 9:45 All Kids Sing practice Carol Wickersham—guest minister 11:15 Deacon's Meeting	5 7pm Bells Practice	6	7 10am Men's Sander's Session 3:30 LinnKids 4pm Middle School 5:15 confirmation 7pm W&M Meeting	8 7pm Choir Practice	9 11am Bridge Club	10
11 Stewardship Sunday AllKidsSing!	12 5:30-7 Men's Group 7pm Bells Practice	13 1:30 pm Bible Study	14 3:30 LinnKids 4pm Middle School 5:15 confirmation	15 9am Prayer Circle 10am Mission Workshop 7pm Choir Practice	16	17
18 Carol Wickersham—guest minister 3:30 Violin Concert—Pam Frazier	19 7pm Bells Practice	20 12-3:30 Traver Early Release 7pm Session	21 10am Men's Sander's Session NO LinnKids NO Middle School NO Confirmation	22 	23 Office Closed	24
25 Decorate the Sanctuary after Worship 	26 5:30-7 Men's Group 7pm Bells Practice	27 Milwaukee Presbytery Meeting <b>HERE!</b>	28 3:30 LinnKids 4pm Middle School 5:15 confirmation	29 7pm Choir Practice	30	



Join us Sunday, Nov. 25th to help with the set-up our Christmas Décor. ~ Just stay after Worship—many hands make light work!

Pastor Terry will be out of the office Oct. 31– Nov. 5 and Nov. 16-19.

## Welcome to our New Members!

Kris Cook  
Lloyd and Dawn Huber  
David and Joan Lagerlof  
Tom and Carole MacPhee  
Ben and Cindy Mecum  
Rocket and Alice Munoz



Would you like to serve the church as a Deacon or Elder? Talk to Bill Leonard, Pat Oblak or Pastor Terry for more info.....

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### What Stewardship IS NOT:

- A once a year event
- All about money
- Fund raising
- Meeting a budget
- Just about us

### What Stewardship IS:

- About making choices, as individuals and in a community
- More than giving money to our Church
- About being faithful disciples, caring for and managing all God has given us
- A commitment of time, abilities, material resources and influence
- Treasure management that helps us escape the trap of selfishness by keeping ourselves focused on God
- The grateful response to Christ's redeeming love.

**Stewardship Sunday**  
**Nov. 11, 2018**  
**Note date change**

### PW Mission Project ~ Plastic bags needed!

The PW Mission Group is collecting plastic bags again for making mats for the homeless. The bags are cut into strips and then "crocheted" into mats that are given to homeless in Milwaukee through the Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church.



Drop your plastic bags off in the basket as you enter the church at the East door—  
Thank you!



Linn Church will ring the Bells for Salvation Army at the Sentry in Walworth on **Friday, Nov. 30th**. Stop by, drop in a few coins and say hi! We have all slots already filled with volunteers except the 9-10 am shift. Call Pat Oblak at 275-6437 if you can help!



## THE NEW RUMMAGE SHED - Facts and more info.....

### Facts about the new shed

- Walter and Mary York are donating the land and the cost of the shed
- The shed will be located just south of the parking lot behind the trees and across from the far west end of the church
- The shed will be 60 x 80 feet in size with the 60' side facing the trees. There will be a short driveway from the parking lot through the trees to the shed's north loading door. (Several trees at the end of the row will have to be removed.) There will be a second loading door and a service door on the east side of the building with access over the township's property.
- Like the existing shed, this new shed will have electricity but no heat or restroom.
- Because of all the paperwork that is required, the final permits from both Walworth County and Linn Township won't be available until December 11<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, that is too late in the year to start construction, so we will have to wait until Spring to put up the shed.

### How the shed will be used

The primary use of the new shed will be to store furniture. Because it will be a large building, the additional space will allow us to stage the furniture. By doing the staging we will be able to hold special furniture sales directly out of the shed throughout the year. This will increase sales of the more-expensive rummage sale items and at the same time reduce the cost of renting remote storage units. It will also reduce the time and labor required to move the furniture back and forth from those storage units.

Because we will no longer have furniture in the old shed, we can use the extra space to hang the clothes on racks in an organized way. This will be more efficient because the clothes can be sorted by type and size, priced, and hung on racks throughout the year. Then, all we will do at the time of the rummage sale is wheel the racks over to the church. We will no longer have to spend a frenzied week or two doing that sorting work in Fellowship Hall

All in all, having the new shed will bring in more money and make the rummage sales easier to handle. It will be a worthwhile investment.



*\*\* this photo is just an example-exact shed design has yet to be determined.*