

Linden United Methodist Church

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STAFF

Pastor Dr. Kelly Krone

Musician/Music Director Paula Fitts

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SUNDAY

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

10:45 a.m.

Worship

6:00 p.m.

Choir Practice 4th Sunday



Linden Light

"Bringing the Light of Jesus Christ to the Linden Community for 168 years"

SEPTEMBER 2021

President Biden and U.S.A.

Beth Belford

Randy Brock

Mike Carpenter

Roger Carpenter

Paul and Mary Jane Ellinger

Mickey Fears

Evelyn Georges

Kenny Hamilton

Red Hamilton

Marian Hatton

Hennens

Linda Higgins

Sue Hill

Don and Polly Holt

Littlejohns

Kaylin Kluge

Sherry Lowery

L-KCISD

Linda Smith

Mike Mahan

Sandra May



Ricky Draper

Buz Rountree

Jimmie and Martha Sheridan

Jim and Sandye Templeman

Louise Burson

Robert and Toni Turk

Sandy Wells

Herman Temple

Paula Hultsman

Loy Dale Grubbs

Marie Knight

Curtis Whatley

Kay Hunter

Connie Rachal

Mary Jane Hayes



September Memorials

Deanna Betts

Hugh McCall

Baker Bledsoe

Pauline Rudel

Jerry Brock

John Richard Smith

Doris Chamblee

Janice Solley

Ann Chandler

Joseph Wall

Jimmy Craver

Eugene Eby

Stella Ellington

In Honor of

Glenn Emmons

Kay Stephens

Mary Goode

Bill Hendrix

Raphael Holder

Lisa Lee Holt

Pat Keesee

Kenneth Lee



L-KCISD Superintendent Keri Winters Played her guitar and sang the offertory and special music on August 15. Thank you, Mrs. Winters, for sharing your talents.



Christina Belford has joined the LUMC staff as a nursery attendant. Thank you, Christina.



Woodworkers extraordinaire Gary Clayton and Dr. Bruce LeGrow very capably and kindly repaired one of the doors on this bookshelf which belonged to Dr. O.R. Taylor. It will become a part of the genealogy room in the Linden Public Library. Thank you, Gentlemen.



On August 29, LUMC congregants surrounded Glenn and Melissa Lanier to pray blessings over them as they relocate to their home in College Station. Glenn and Melissa have been vital members of the church and community for many years and will be greatly missed and always appreciated.

The Lanier Family Pavilion is well underway for completion soon. Plans are to dedicate the facility on October 18.



LUMC August food pantry volunteers were Christina Belford, Muriel LeGrow, and Nancy Belford. Thank you, Ladies.

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

After all, it is just another day of the year. September 1st is the 244th day of the year with 121 days remaining. It is the birthdays of late Ann Richards, Conway Twitty and Boxcar Willie, of television host Phil McGraw and comedian Lily Tomlin. It was the day that explorers found the wreckage of the Titanic and the day that the Korean Flight 007 was shot down by Soviet fighters. It holds no special recognition in this country but is the beginning of the liturgical year for the Eastern Orthodox Church. So for most of the world, the day goes by with little or no notice. But not here.

It is September 1st, the opening day of dove season. A time of fellowship with fellow hunters as you try to shoot a 12 inch long bird that weighs around 4.5 ounces while flying at 55 miles per hour. They say it is more about the fellowship than the hunt (I think that is an excuse for the failure to actually hit one. Do you ever see a dove fellowship meal?) Or maybe it is the day that your fishing license expires and you have to journey to the nearest store to have the privilege to drop a line in the water. But for me, especially this year, it marks the beginning of college football season. We have been anxiously awaiting this day for over 235 days. It is a time when friend turns on friend and families do not talk to one another. It is a time when your Friday attire might be of your alma mater or of your favorite team. It is a season that we begin to watch our local high school teams compete on the gridiron with hopes of a winning season. It reminds us that the fair is coming and we collect those treasures that we hope to gain.

In 1994, I was given a book written by Chuck Swindoll, it was titled, "Growing Strong in the Seasons of Life." For each season he linked a spiritual reality. For winter it can be a season of discouragement. For spring, the promise of new life and renewal. For summer, a lazy time to just be. And for autumn, a season of reflection. The bleakness of winter gave way to the green leaves of the spring. The green leaves of new birth reached to capture the rays of summer. Now, they prepare to fall back to creation. Seasons of life. Winter, spring, summer and fall.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is an appointed time for everything...."

We all go through spiritual seasons. We have times of discouragement when God seems far away. We have times of great spiritual growth and excitement. We have times of relaxation and contentment. But we also have seasons of reflection.

Hunters, fishermen and football players know, they have to have these seasons to prepare for the time.

Jesus understood that those who follow Him must turn daily to God and reflect on our season. Slowly pray the Lord's prayer and see what Jesus was asking us to accept. To trust in God for all things. To join in bringing the kingdom to earth. To forgive as He has forgiven us. To live in God's time and not ours.

In this season of reflection, how are you doing at letting go? How are you trusting and forgiving? How are you involved in bringing the justice (misphat) that God requires?

There is a season.....It is time for reflection.

Kelly

Happy Birthday

Sept. 2 Travis Deel

5 Sandy Wells

6 Chad Grubbs

10 Jill Krone

12 Lee Ann Fant

14 Seth Sullivan

Betty Watson

16 Chuck Evans

Kenneth Littlejohn

22 Tania Greer

23 Susan Whatley

24 Victoria Nettles

28 Nate Trammell



Happy Anniversary

Sept. 5 Kenny and Tina Hamilton



September 9
PRODUCE TRUCK



September 15
FOOD PANTRY
9:00-11:00 a.m.

