

Sweetie-licious

Bakery Café and Bake Shoppe

Good Food, Good Deeds, Good Lives!



Our Fall 2016 Newsletter

The crisp sound of the changing leaves swaying in the chilled wind... the grey clouds with their unmatched beauty... and the low-setting sun peeking welcomed sunshine through cotton candy cloud patches. The air is cool and tart, and smells of fresh, woody pine. Yes, it has finally arrived! Michigan has once again met with its beautiful swan song - the season of Autumn!

I have said it before, and I will say it again, there is nothing like Autumn to help warm our souls and bellies, which is why it has always, always, been my favorite of the seasons! My only disappointment of this wondrous time of year, is that it's not longer - as stark, late November days come way too quickly.

I have always loved Michigan so much because of the glorious seasons. No one could ever call our state boring when it comes to nature's callings for change. At this time of year, my heart shifts to undeniable gratitude. Thankfulness seems to fill the air as much as the falling leaves, and I find my heart bursting from the seams for the little things like fluffy comforters and quilts, big pots of simmering soups, football games and warm bowls of apple crisp, straight from the oven. And then there are the big things; family and friend fall gatherings, the devoted Sweetie-licious staff excited to make delicious fall treats and pies for the holidays, and my beloved customers and vendors who continue to bless us with their loyalty and patronage. But mostly, I'm thankful for this season to remind me of my blessings, instead of my shortcomings. And that somehow the change in the weather will change my health - to make me healthier, stronger, wiser and a faithful servant of God's grace and love - for all of you! With much love and gratitude - Xoxolinda

Eat pie, love life! xoxo Linda

For more recipes and seasonal ideas, check out our Sunday Dinners post, at sweetie-licious.com.



*"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues,
but the parent of all others."*

-Cicero

**Celebrate the season by making
a delicious pie from our cookbook,
*Sweetie-licious Pies: Eat Pie, Love Life!***



Linda shares 52 recipes of her signature creations and the stories that inspired each one. Honored as a 2014 Michigan Notable Book, this beautiful hardcover edition is loaded with colorful vintage style photos taken at Linda's farmhouse and shop, and step-by-step instructions on how to recreate these award-winning desserts at home.

To get your copy, go to: www.sweetie-licious.com
or stop by one of our two locations.

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Sweetie Apple Cherry Crisp

- 4 1/2 to 5 cups of thinly sliced Michigan Baking Apples (Spy, Cortland, or Ida Reds)
- 1/3 cup of dried Michigan cherries (or chopped dried plums, or dates)
- 2 TB melted butter
- 1 T flour
- 3/4 cup of sugar
- 1/4 tsp of salt
- 1/4 tsp of cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp of nutmeg

Mix above ingredients thoroughly in a large bowl. Spoon apple mixture into a buttered deep 9" pie dish or 9x9" casserole dish.

With pastry blender or two forks blend:

- 1/2 cup of flour
- Dash of salt
- 1/3 cup of oats or chopped nuts
- 1/2 tsp of cinnamon
- 1/3 cup of softened butter
- 1/4 cup of brown sugar

Sprinkle flour mixture over apple mixture. Bake at 375 in lower rack for 30 minutes or until apples are tender. Serve with vanilla ice cream.



Sweetie News...

- We were sad to see many of our high school students move on to college, but look forward to our new happy employees which include Rebekka, Allison and Jessica in DeWitt. And our wonderful baker, Molly is back in Grand Rapids baking our delicious treats! Yippee, to all of you! **We are blessed to have you on our team!**

- **Linda's** cookbook, "**Sweetie-licious Pies,**" has released an **edited second edition**, in paperback form with beautiful French flaps. This means it was a hot seller...yippee!!! This paperback edition is also available at a lower price point - perfect for holiday gift giving! Follow us on social media for details on several holiday book signings.

- Our beautiful Grand Rapids Store in the Downtown Market will soon be selling our **amazing hot sipping chocolate**, made with three different chocolates and fresh cream! It is so rich and lovely, you will be in chocolate heaven with each sip! A dollop of our real whipping cream and chocolate sprinkles make it a must for you to enjoy while strolling around the wonderful market during the colder months!

- Linda will be back making **television appearances** with recipes for you to enjoy on both **WILX in Lansing**, and **WZZM in Grand Rapids**. Watch for dates and times to be announced soon on social media!

- Don't forget, this is the time to be thinking about **holiday corporate gift orders**. Place your orders early! We will also have new, limited delivery option available.



About Linda Hundt...

Ever since she got her first turquoise Easy Bake Oven, Linda Hundt has known that baking delicious memories for others was her mission in life. Now a nineteen-time national pie-baking champion and retro-inspired bakery owner, she has been featured on the **Food Network**, the **Steve Harvey** show and other television programs, as well as in newspapers and magazines throughout the country, including **The Wall Street Journal**, **The New York Times**, **Parade** and **Country Living**. She and Sweetie-licious Bakery Cafe have won numerous baking, restaurant and business awards, including the 2011 Crisco 100-Year-Anniversary Innovation Best of Show winner and the Food Network Amazing Pie Challenge. Her cookbook, **Sweetie-licious Pies: Eat Pie, Love Life**, was named as one of 2014 Michigan Notable Books. Linda is thrilled Sweetie-licious is the exclusive pie provider for Williams-Sonoma, Inc. and her pies are available nationwide through the Williams-Sonoma website and catalog. Linda, who resides in a century-old farmhouse with her husband and has two lovely grown daughters, is a sought-after keynote speaker who focuses on entrepreneurship, inspiration and pie baking.

