

Sweetie-licious

Bakery Café and Bake Shoppe

Good Food, Good Deeds, Good Lives!

Our Winter 2015 Newsletter

On beautiful snowy days where snow sparkles like mounds of sugar, I am fondly reminded how magical winter is for children. Children take joy in the seasonal opportunities that only frosty weather and plenty of snowfall provides. For youngsters, there is much to be done in these frigid moments, as jolly snowmen are to be made, winter snow forts to be built, and sledding hill fun to be had!

I think somehow as we get older, we have misplaced our sense of fun for the season; we all have some wiggle room to embrace our winter, like sweet children do. Truly, there is no other season better to savor a card and chili party, a sledding and soup get together, or a ski weekend get-away. Winter is also the perfect time to nest; to cook big pots of comforting soups, bake batches of homemade cookies, and to curl up with a good book in front of a warm and crackling fire.

On wintry Sundays, I love to have the family over to go ice skating on the pond across from our farmette. After an afternoon filled with fun and frozen toes, we all gather back at our home to enjoy cups of creamy hot chocolate, which warms our bodies and fills our souls with winter's wonderful comforts.

I hope you embrace the winter's warmth with your family, and I wish you much love, joy and blessings this season!

Eat pie, love life! xoxo Linda

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



"Winter must be cold for those with no warm memories."

-An Affair to Remember

Want to show some love to your family or friends during these chilly winter months? Bake them a pie using a delicious recipe from *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 three locations.

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Sweetie-licious Rich Hot Chocolate

Hot chocolate is the perfect “warm up” when coming in from ice skating, sledding, making snow angels, or simply taking a walk on a sunny winter day. Our version is super rich and satisfying!

1 qt. half-and-half (or any variety of milk)
1 ½ C. dark chocolate chips
¼ C. sugar
¼ tsp. cinnamon

Heat in a medium saucepan over medium heat, stirring constantly with a whisk, till hot. Serve with whipped cream, chocolate shavings or chocolate sauce. Get creative and add your own touches, like peppermint crumbles, caramel sauce, etc.

Sweetie News...

Sweet Treats: With **Valentine’s Day** just around the corner, order your Sweetie-licious goodies early to make sure your loved ones receive the best sweets in town! Specialty desserts including Mini Strawberry Chocolate Cream Tarts, heart shaped Sugar Cookies and raspberry filled Linzer Cookies will be available. We are also offering a full assortment of Mary Ann’s Chocolates, Truffles and **Hand Dipped Chocolate Strawberries**. These plump and juicy strawberries from sunny Florida are a Sweetie-licious exclusive, and will be hand dipped in creamy milk, dark and white chocolate. Since purchasing our new East Grand Rapids location from Mary Ann’s last summer, we are delighted to continue offering delicious, locally handmade gourmet chocolate from recipes passed down for three generations. Customers can pre-order or pick up from our three locations while supplies last.

It’s Raining Pies: We are so tickled people all over the country are enjoying our Michigan Sweetie-licious pies exclusively through the **Williams-Sonoma** website and catalog. After selling double the amount of pies they expected, Williams-Sonoma asked us to continue with an exclusive limited winter pie assortment, as well as create our Popular Summer Pie Collection to launch in April. And believe it or not, we are busy in the test kitchen right now, creating their 2015 Holiday Pie Collection!

Learn the Art of Baking: We are excited to announce we are offering an expanded selection of baking classes this year at our Dewitt location. In addition to our traditional **Pie Baking** class, we are adding a **Sunday Brunch** class, **Art of Making Confections** and a **Cake, Cake and more Cake** class where you’ll learn how to make simple one bowl cakes and get tips on decorating your own homestyle cupcakes. All classes include a light meal and yummy items to take home. Go to our website to check out the schedule and register.

Winter Specials: To help you get through these cold winter months, we’ll be offering weekly specials at all our Sweetie-licious locations that will warm your heart. Check out our facebook page and website for details!



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.



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