

Christmas at Lincolnshire

Everyone wants to have a happy holiday season, but for many of us, Christmas means:

- Lots of activity—not all of which is meaningful
- Lots of expectation—not all of which is realistic
- Lots of shopping—not all of which is spiritually healthy

We know that Christmas is supposed to be about the birth of Christ, but we find ourselves asking, “Where is Jesus in all this mess?” We know Christ is the reason for the season, but how much do we really do about that?

Well, here are a few things we can do about it:

- Come to worship and Sunday school. You might be surprised at how much more meaningful the season will be.
- Adjust your expectations for the season, and be open to God’s blessings in this year and in this time. Every Christmas time is different.
- Consider giving gifts to charitable organizations (such as Salvation Army, Heifer International, and others) in honor of a friend or family member. It’s better than getting more “stuff.”

About Lincolnshire

Church of the Brethren

- *Lincolnshire is a part of the Church of the Brethren, one of the oldest denominations in America. We try to continue the work of Jesus, peacefully, simply, and together.*
- *We have professional childcare for worship*
- *We have a strong community outreach, with an excellent free after school program.*
- *We seek to practice Biblical hospitality and share a welcome to all people that comes from the heart.*
- *We aren’t perfect and don’t expect perfection from others. We are all seeking, by God’s grace, to become better followers of Jesus.*

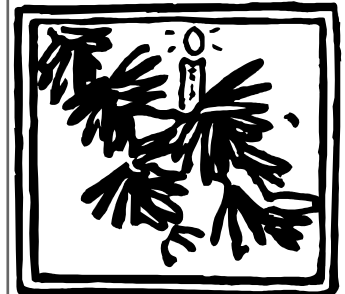
Sundays at Lincolnshire

9 AM Sunday School for kids & adults

10 AM Coffee and donuts

10:30 AM Worship

“Christmas
Lights”



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"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light..." Isaiah 9:2

*Children's Pageant Skit
each Sunday morning*

In years past we have had a large Christmas Pageant involving all the children of the church. This year, children and adults will perform short plays each week of December. Each week builds on the next, so come and watch the story unfold!

*Do you like
taking pictures?
What does LIGHT
look like?*

In keeping with the worship theme of "Christmas Lights," we are looking for digital photographs that feature light in some way. It can be electric Christmas lights, candlelight, sunlight, neon light... anything that features light! It can be a religious picture or a picture that isn't necessarily religious. We'll take all the entries and put them together in a slideshow for worship. All photos should be taken on high resolution, and saved on a CD or emailed to LincPic@Verizon.net. Email, bring to the church office, or give them to a Pastor by December 10th!

December 3rd, 10:30 AM

Sermon: "Shedding Light," Pastor Jeremy Ashworth. The genealogies of the Bible don't seem very important – just a list of strange names. But the genealogy of Jesus sheds light on who Jesus is and what he is about! Read Matthew 1.

December 10th, 10:30 AM

Sermon: "Guiding Light," Pastor Jeremy Ashworth. The Wise Men are a normal part of the nativity: three guys with fancy robes. But the truth is that they were strange people from a strange land... so how did they come to find Christ and worship him? Read Matthew 2.

Did you know that Lincolnshire's little food pantry is open more often and has less restrictions than almost any other food pantry in our area? Please bring canned or shelf-stable food items this Sunday and we'll bring them forward with our offerings!

Friends of the Third World, a local fair-trade gift shop, will bring beautiful handicrafts made by developing world artists to be sold in the fellowship hall. These gifts make a difference!

December 17th, 10:30 AM

Sermon: Pastor Steve Clapp. *We'll show the slideshow of light pictures in worship!*

December 24th, 10:30 AM

Sermon: "Northern Lights," Pastor Jeremy Ashworth. The Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights, are an amazing phenomenon of beauty and science, where streams of light explode in the night sky. The Bible says that Jesus is the light in our darkness, and that we are to carry his light into the world. Read Isaiah 9:1-7, Matthew 5:14-16.

We will not be having Sunday School at 9:00 AM, but we will be serving fresh cinnamon rolls before worship! We will also be showing pictures of the Northern Lights in worship

December 24th, 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Night Service

Come with friends or family to this simple service with carols, candles, communion, and a brief meditation from Pastor Jeremy Ashworth, "Let There be Light." Read Genesis 1 and John 1.

December 31st, 10:30 AM

Sermon: "What's New?" Pastor Jeremy Ashworth. Many people are overwhelmed by the amount of change in our world. At the same time, some things never seem to change. On the edge of a New Year, what does the way of Jesus tell us about the old, the new, and us? Read Ecclesiastes 3, Revelation 21.

We will offer anointing in worship. We will not be having Sunday School at 9 AM.