

# Refrigerator News

January 4, 2015



## This Week at Lincolnshire

### Monday, January 5

9:15 – 10:45 Women's Bible Study resumes

### Wednesday, January 7

7:15 Choir Practice

### Thursday, January 8

9:00 Calling and Discernment

## Next Sunday

**CHILI AND BAKED POTATO LUNCH!**

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTES

Sunday, December 28.

The annual congregation meeting was very positive last Sunday. Jan Williams serving as moderator thanked everyone present, opened with prayer, and conducted the meeting. After approving prior meeting minutes, appointing corporation trustees as required by law, and affirming our annual conference delegate of Bob Kaylor and alternate delegate of Linda Fultz, the congregation heard reports from Board Chairman, the Pastor, the stand-in Treasurer, and the parsonage committee.

Our Board Chair, Craig Colvin reported that 2014 was a year of beginnings and challenges. We embarked upon an E3 approach for two goals that bring life to our vision and our mission statement. We are working to deepen relationships, eliminate conflict and extend our reach into the community and world.

Pastor David related that ministry doesn't abide by a regular schedule. Ministry is all about interruptions - helping others, some of whom were in the hospital, others needing to talk, others needing food etc. In addition to handling all of these needs, there were deaths, and then funerals to prepare for, sermons to write, the grant for E3 to write, meetings to attend as well as other responsibilities to get completed.

Marv Loutsenhizer gave the Treasurer's report as Treasurer Marilyn Drudge was ill and could not attend. He reported that we started the year with a balance of \$11,085.77 in the General Fund and on November 30, the balance was \$6,678.77. He reported that throughout the year some of our members were not able to meet their intention of giving for the year on which the budget was approved. We are hopeful that we will have a balance of \$4,000 to \$6,000 on December 31, but that will depend on the offering for the last Sunday of the month as well as paying some bills which are only paid once a quarter. He reported that all the cost for the remodeling project done in late 2005 and early 2006 are estimated to be repaid by March, 2105 and possibly February 2015. He reported we have many good giving members for which we are thankful.

Marv also gave a brief update from the parsonage committee. All the windows were replaced in 2014 and with the help of Casey Drudge, the cost of repairs were kept to a minimum. For 2015, the committee voted to contribute \$3,000 to the General Fund. After fulfilling all obligations, it

predicted the parsonage will have a balance of about \$1,700 at year end before repairs. Since the appliances are older this will allow for repairs or possible replacement if necessary.

Marv presented the budget. He explained that a lot of work went into developing it but as we go throughout the year, some changes should be anticipated. After explanations of several of the accounts, the budget was accepted as we have pledges which support the budget as proposed. Marv expressed appreciation to the members for their pledges and the fact that programs could be maintained without reductions. He also thanked them for their "from the heart" offering of \$7,854 on August 17, which was a real blessing and show of support and caring by the members.

In closing, everyone was encouraged to read all the well written reports from the ministry team chairs which will give everyone a better understanding of Lincolnshire's works and ministry.

Notes by Marvin Loutsenhizer



I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude and thanks to the members of Lincolnshire for your expressions of sympathy and love in the passing of my beloved son, Mitch. Mitch was not only my son but was also my best friend. Thanks to all of you. - *Gerry Westerfield*

Robin and Rosemary La Rue extend once again our heartfelt thanks for the many, many cards, prayers and spiritual companionship so freely given to us.

**Men's Bible Study** will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Circumstances may dictate an occasional change from these times but the original schedule is as stated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays.

**Michelle Beckman's** phone number is 483-1796. Please change your directories. Thanks!



### January Birthdays

|            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| January 6  | Beth Wages      |
| January 14 | Judy Steckly    |
| January 16 | Chris Kiess     |
| January 16 | Braden Hix      |
| January 18 | Crissy Hix      |
| January 19 | James Woods     |
| January 24 | Howard Williams |

January 21 Howard & Jan Williams

January 24 Doug & Michelle Beckman



### January Anniversaries

## WANTED!!!



### YOUR BEST BOWL OF CHILI

## First Annual Lincolnshire Chili Cook-off!

**Date: Next Sunday, January 11**

**When: Following worship**

**Entries open to: Everyone!**

**Bring your Cincinnati chili...your white bean chili, your chicken chili, your Tuscan chili...etc., etc.**

**COME! EAT! JUDGE (not)!**

**Baked Potatoes will be available for those with chili-challenged digestive systems!**

**Trimmings will be provided for both!**