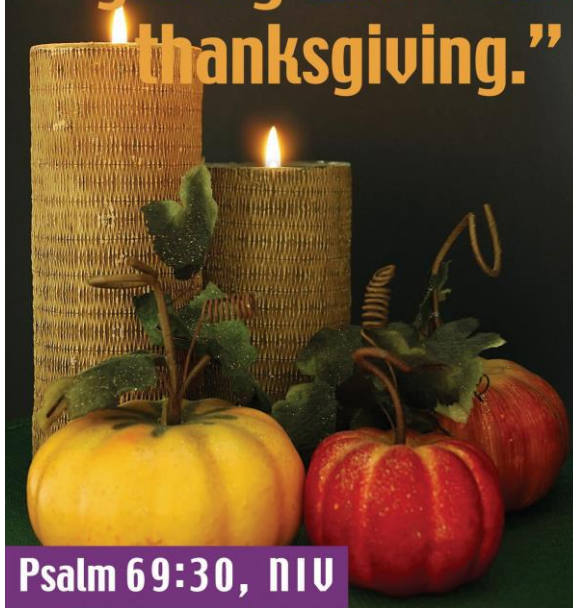


Refrigerator News

November 15, 2015

“I will praise God’s name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.”



Psalm 69:30, NIU

This Week at Lincolnshire

Monday, November 16

9:15 – 10:45 Women’s Bible Study

Tuesday, November 17

7:00 Stewardship

Wednesday, November 18

7:00 Outreach and Caring

7:15 Choir Practice



District News Notes November/December Issue of Connection

On Saturday November 21, Jonathan Shively of the Congregational Life Ministry will lead a retreat at the Yellow Creek Church of the Brethren in Goshen. The subject topic is the “how to’s” of renewing congregational vitality/growth/renewal or **Congregational V3** (Vim, Vigor and re-Vitalization). Pastor David, leadership team chair Craig Colvin and leadership team vice-chair, Lori Linn are registered to attend.

From the Annual Conference Office – There will be a change this coming year for congregations registering delegates to Annual Conference. Both delegate and non-delegate registrations will open on the same day, Wednesday, February 17, 2016. There will be no “early” delegate registration beginning in January as in the past. More details and information will be sent directly to churches in December.

An excerpt from Torin Eikler’s letter to the District congregations.

...I give thanks for the many gifts of forgiveness and mercy that we share with one another.

I give thanks for the gifts and talents of the many, many sisters and brothers who shape, sustain, and strengthen the witness of this part of the Body of Christ in service of the Reign of God.

I give thanks for the grace that flows to us and through us as a gift of God in Christ. I give thanks for the breath of the Spirit that nudges and guides and calls and cajoles as we continually seek the will of One who gives us life.

And I give thanks for you, ... for each one of you gives me hope and encourages me to reach for and work toward the vision that God has for our district.

As we enter into this season of joy and wonder, I pray that it will be a time when we invite the Spirit of the Christ Child into our hearts anew so that the strength and generosity of our spirits may grow into a light to shine the hope of the gospel promise into the darkness.

May Christ come again, come truly and fully into the world through us.
- Torin Eikler, District Executive Minister

The full length letter from Torin is posted on the bulletin board.



Secret Santa name draws are today!

Stop by the Hospitality Table this morning and draw a name from the Secret Santa basket! Small gifts with a limit of \$20 total can be given anytime until December 13 when the big revealing takes place. It's such great fun! **Linda Fultz** has set up a table by the mailboxes where you can put your gift (s) if you so choose. Contact her if you have any questions. As Head Secret Santa, she will be happy to help.

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

...to everyone who helped set up for the potluck, who prepared all the good food and to **Lori Linn** who cooked all that turkey. The serving tables were heavily laden with the turkey and stuffing, *real* mashed potatoes with *real* butter melting on the top, gravy for the turkey or your choosing, green beans, scalloped corn, potato casseroles, deviled eggs and salads of every type. What can be said about the desserts? Pumpkin pies, pumpkin cheesecake, peach pies, apple pies, chocolate cakes, brownies...! And many more wonderful dishes from which to load up a plate! A very special thanks to all who stayed after the potluck to clean up the tables, wash all those dishes and silverware, put things away in cupboards and sweep the crumbs away. You're ALL the best!

The Power of Gratitude

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow. – Melody Beattie

grat·i·tude

[grat i tood]

noun

the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

**Be good, keep your feet dry, your eyes open,
your heart at peace and your soul in the joy of Christ.**

- Thomas Merton

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October's financial report gives reason to be thankful! Your contributions totaled \$13,410. With expenses totaling \$10,425, the church realized a **positive balance of \$2,985!** The year-to-date figures come in with contributions totaling \$121,605 and expenses totaling \$120,566 for another **positive balance of \$1,039.** We are thankful for your continued support and commitment as we continue doing the work of God.

A Message from Camp Mack



As we turn the calendar to November many of us think about Thanksgiving and when we do our minds at times picture the turkey or we think about the bounty of food and being with family. How often do we ponder the many things we are truly thankful for? As I write this article I think about all the friends of Camp Mack that might read this newsletter and I am very thankful to know so many that call Camp Mack their camp. I am thankful for the many hands that have labored long and hard to make this place a “Sanctuary where people connect with God.” Thank you God for those that had a vision for this place of ministry that would reach people for the past 90 years and thank you for those that are stepping up to make Camp Mack a place that future generations can “Experience Creation, and Build Christian Community.”

I think of the blessings that I have of faith in a loving God that loves me unconditionally. The blessing of family that supports, loves and gives great joy to life, is a praise of thanksgiving. I am thankful for a church family that nurtures, gives hope, prays for and disciples those that worship together. I thank God for health, happiness and the ability to work in a place that gives joy, hope, happiness, forgiveness through “Faith Formation” in a beautiful setting that God has created. Let us give thanks in this season that is so named. ~ Mike Kauffman, Guest Services