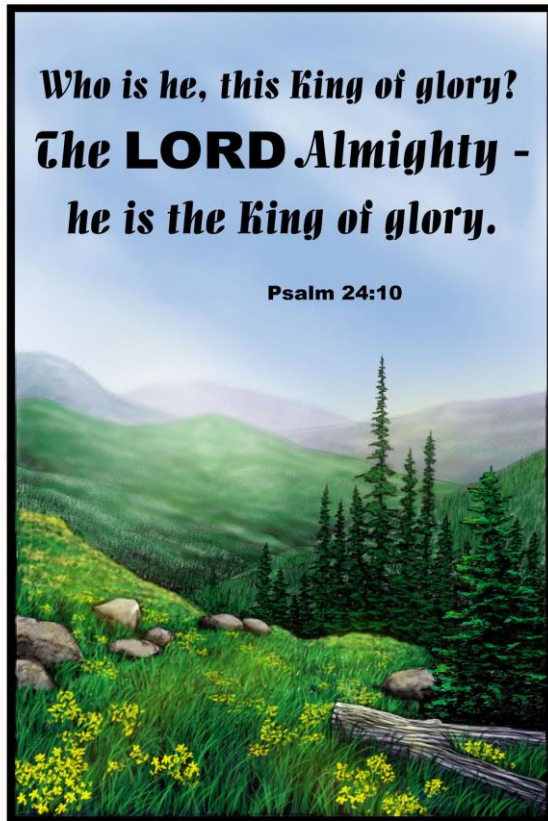


Refrigerator News

November 22, 2015



This Week at Lincolnshire

Monday, November 23

9:15 – 10:45 Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, November 24

7:00 Men's Bible Study (Genesis 6)

Wednesday, November 25

7:15 Choir Practice

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving Day



December 1	JayDann Hensley
December 3	Zachary Strole
December 4	Richard Strole
December 5	Joe Henderson
December 7	Pat Fair
December 15	Carrie Drudge Nevaeh Mann
December 18	Mildred Dietzel
December 19	Katelyn Kolb
December 21	Lowell Shearer
December 22	DeWayne Fairchild
December 27	Sue Bibbee
December 30	Megan Beaver
December 31	Casey Drudge



December 17
Jack and Judy Steckly

Signs of the Season



The season of Advent begins next Sunday and there will be four Christmas trees on display here at Lincolnshire.

- The tree in the foyer is the “card tree” on which you can place your Christmas card for the church family in lieu of mailing.
- The tree in the Overflow area is our “food tree” for donations of food for the food bank.
- The third tree is the “Secret Santa Tree” at the back of the overflow room for Secret Santa gifts.
- The large tree in the chancel area is the “official” Christmas tree and centers our attention to the meaning of Christmas.



THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Author and radio host **Garrison Keillor** put a unique spin on expressing gratitude for special meals. He painted the following table prayer on his dining-room wall, encouraging guests to sing it together before eating:

O Lord, we thank Thee for this food,
 For every blessing, every good.
 For earthly sustenance and love
 Bestowed on us from heaven above.
 Be present at our table, Lord.
 Be here and everywhere adored.
 Thy children bless and grant that we
 May feast in paradise with thee.

"It's inspiring to hear 15 people find harmony around the Thanksgiving table," Keillor writes. Singing together *"sets a tone. No crying in the cranberries...There is much to be grateful for."*

*"Even though I walk through
 the darkest valley..."*

(Psalm 23:4).



Brethren are called to prayer in the face of extremist violence.

As the world begins to comprehend the magnitude of the terrorists attacks in Paris, Church of the Brethren general secretary **Stan Noffsinger** is calling the church to prayer for those affected by extremist violence in Paris, and around the world.

Brethren are encouraged to bring into the sphere of prayer all people affected by violence--those hurt and killed in the terrorist attacks in Paris and the bombings that occurred in Beirut, Lebanon, on Thursday evening; communities in northeast Nigeria that are still suffering from violence; the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and those affected by continuing fighting in South Sudan and Darfur; the people of Syria and Iraq and Afghanistan who have suffered years of war; those caught up in an escalating situation in Israel and Palestine; the people hurt and killed by gun violence in the US; the children fleeing gang and drug-related violence in Central America; and other places around the world where violence seems to prevail.

"The grief grips at our hearts, but I am reminded by the Nigerian church's witness--in the midst of violence they also took the time to pray for those who perpetrated the violence, for the light of Christ to remove the veil of darkness from the minds of Boko Haram," said Noffsinger. "So today, while my prayers remember Parisians and the French people, I also pray that the light of Christ remove the veil of darkness which clouds the minds of terrorists, and those of us who are citizens in countries that may have acted in unjust ways. God, may the light of Christ illuminate the path to justice and peace."

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