

Refrigerator News

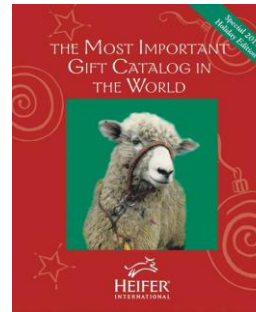
December 13, 2015



Joy

*"The wonder of worship
How sweet the hour of praise and prayer,
When our devotions blend,
And on the wings of faith divine
Our songs of joy ascend!"*

- Fanny Crosby



HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Your gifts to loved ones can help a family in need! Gifts of an animal enable a family to have the dignity of helping themselves, maintaining a home, and paying for clothing. Children can go to school and get medical care. When your loved ones open the gift cards, they do not see something they don't need. Instead they find they are a part of **Heifer International's** outreach to the world. The types of gifts and cost range from chicks for \$20, Biogas stoves for \$50, and gift baskets for \$1,500. A list of gifts and amounts is on the bulletin board. If you want to be part of the 2015 Christmas drive, take an envelope from the Heifer bulletin board, fill it out and put it in the offering or in the office. If you just want to be part of a Lincolnshire effort, mark your offering to **Heifer International**.

"Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first". ~ George Matthew Adams



The winter months are now upon us and although there isn't any snow, the temperatures remain cold and heavier clothing and walkers increase the risk of falling or illnesses among our older members. For this reason, Jane Baker has chosen to wait for warmer, gentler weather before coming to church on Sunday mornings. Others residing at Lutheran Home or in their own homes are attending church less often as well. Although physically absent, they want to remain connected to their church family. You can help them feel connected with your phone calls, cards and visits.

November Financial Report

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| Contributions | \$13,805 |
| Expenses | <u>9,845</u> |
| Balance | \$ 3,960 |

Year to Date Report

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| Contributions | \$135,410 |
| Expenses | <u>131,024</u> |
| Balance | \$ 4,386 |

Our final quarterly outreach commitment of \$3,551 will be paid in December.

We appreciate your support and commitment which makes it possible for us to carry out the work of the church.

If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it.

(1 Cor. 12:26 GNT)

This year's Christmas offering goes to the **Nigeria Crisis Fund** for the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria. Your gift to this fund will help provide temporary shelter, emergency food, household supplies, clean water and sanitation as well as trauma healing programs to Nigerians made homeless and suffering by the Boko Haram.



Mothers and their children wait in line at a food distribution site. Photo by David Sollenberger.



Bring your food donations each Sunday before Christmas and place them under the "Giving Tree" in the overflow area. The food will be used to stock the Lincolnshire food pantry. *Thank you for caring... thank you for sharing.*



And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so?

It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags.

And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore.

Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before.

What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store.

What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."

~ Dr. Seuss

This week at Lincolnshire

Monday, December 14

**9:15 Women's Bible Study
Cookies and Cards**

Tuesday, December 15

7:00 Stewardship

Wednesday, December 16

**5:45 Youth Christmas Caroling
Meet at the church**

Thursday, December 17

No Leadership Team

What if?

If every deed of love I did

Were a crimson rose near the manger bed,

Would there be enough for a small bouquet

Or a carpet of color to brighten the hay?

If every prayer I prayed for others

Became one stitch in the Baby's covers,

When the north wind blew, how warm would he be,

If wrapped in a blanket woven by me?

- Phyllis Lee, Sebring, Ohio

