

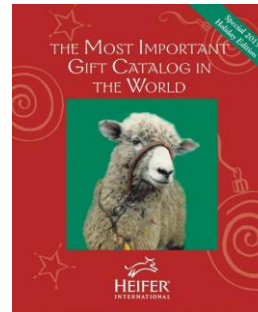
# Refrigerator News

December 20, 2015



## Love

*The Spirit of Christmas is  
the spirit of love and generosity and of goodness.  
It illuminates the picture window of the soul,  
and we look out upon the world's busy life  
and become more interested in people than in things.  
-Thomas Monson*



## 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. 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**.



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.

**This year's Christmas offering** goes to the **Nigeria Crisis Fund** for the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria. Your prayers and all other sacrifices are yielding a lot of results both spiritual and physical. There is a very good harvest this year for those few people in areas that were able to plant crops, but we still have at least another year to feed many families in terms of health, rent (housing), water, food, and psycho-social support.

The EYN comprehensive secondary school has begun classes, and Kulp Bible College also is in session. Other church districts that were displaced have started collecting their members gradually. We still have many churches empty, pastors without work, schools in various communities yet to resume, and needs for drinking water, transport for the returnees, food for the returnees, shelter for the returnees, and much more. These are unlimited details that the church and communities have to pass through.

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

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**



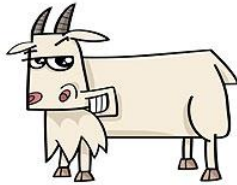
**Happy Anniversary**

January 21 Howard and Jan Williams  
 January 24 Doug and Michelle Beckman

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“**Alive Now**”, “**The Upper Room**”, (both regular and large print), and the January issue of “**Messenger**” are now available at the back of the sanctuary and/or at the Hospitality Table.

**12 BASKETS  
 AND A GOAT**



“**Goats have accents. Who knew?**” says an e-mail from Ted & Co. highlighting the new tour of “12 Baskets and a Goat.” This joint effort by the Mennonite comedy troupe along with the Church of the Brethren is hosted by Brethren congregations and benefits Heifer International. A goal is to raise enough money at each event to purchase an Ark for Heifer, says Global Mission and Service executive Jay Wittmeyer, who is the Church of the Brethren representative on the Heifer board. Wittmeyer is inviting churches to host the tour in their own areas of the country. Find the Ted & Co. at [www.tedandcompany.com/shows/12-baskets-and-a-goat](http://www.tedandcompany.com/shows/12-baskets-and-a-goat).



*The beauty of Christmas rests in the hard, gritty truth of it:  
 the story of God coming down to earth to meet you  
 where you live and where obviously you need him most –  
 in the ordinary humdrum dust and dirt of life.*

- Marianne Williamson

**This week at Lincolnshire**

**Monday, December 21**

First Day of Winter

**Tuesday, December 22**

7:00 Men’s Bible Study  
 at Bibbees’

**Wednesday, December 23**

7:15 Choir Practice

**Thursday, December 24**

7:00 Christmas Eve Service

**Friday, December 25**

Christmas Day

**Jesus Was Born For You**

If you have ever laughed,  
 if you have ever cried,  
 if you have ever believed,  
 if you have ever doubted,  
 if you have ever been loved,  
 if you have ever been lonely,  
 if you have ever felt burdened by trouble,  
 if you have ever felt blessed by joy,  
 if you have ever drawn  
 one breath upon this earth –  
 then Jesus was born for you.