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This Week at Lincolnshire

Monday, March 9

9:15 - 10:45 Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 11

7:15 Choir Practice

Next Sunday, March 15

Communion

Lent is 40 days until Easter, not counting Sundays.

Lent is actually six and a half weeks of very

violet repentance and very purple passion.

- Wayne Saffen



By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a purer, cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God and I feel fire and music under my feet.

Thomas Merton

Getting Ready for Easter

Invitations to our Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday activities will be distributed to our neighbors on March 22 after a hearty potluck dinner! To make the invitations colorful and eye-catching, we need your help. WE NEED...small unbreakable symbols of Easter or signs of spring for the invitations. Please put your donations in the basket in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



The Youth Group will be making and serving breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on Easter morning. They will also be hiding Easter eggs and helping the kids hunt for them after the breakfast.

WE NEED...candy donations or monetary donations to help buy candy. Please see Sharri and Kevin Creed if you can help.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE JULY 11-15 TAMPA BAY, FL

"Abide in My Love...and Bear Fruit" John 15:9-17

Conference-goers this year may enjoy activities unique to Florida--such as outings to view dolphins in their natural habitat--as well as worship opportunities including a Sunday evening with the music of Ken Medema and the comedy and drama of Ted and Co.

Advance registration for non-delegates began on February 25 with same closing on June 10. After that, all registration will be onsite. You can find information on Annual Conference by visiting www.brethren.org/ac/2015. To find estimated Conference costs visit www.nidcob.org/ministry.

"The Messenger"

Subscriptions and Renewals are due.

Subscription renewals for *The Messenger* are due by **March 15**. If you are currently a subscriber and want to renew, just write a check to Lincolnshire for \$14.50 for the coming year and mark it for *The Messenger*. You can put it in the offering plate or place it in the church office. Forms are available at the back of the sanctuary for anyone wishing to subscribe for the first time. Contact me if you have any questions. Information is also posted on the bulletin board. Thanks!

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CAMP MACK. 90 YEARS AND GROWING!

In celebration of their 90th anniversary, special events are taking place about every 90 days at Camp Mack. On March 14, maple syrup is celebrated. You can tap trees, collect sap and visit an evaporator at work. March 21 is the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet. On March 28, you can climb your family tree during a genealogy and family history event. A visit to the camp's website gives details and highlights of these and other events being offered. To help in this exciting celebration, the camp is looking for summer staff to work in a variety of jobs i.e., lifeguarding, nature center work and other housekeeping. responsibilities. Applications and details on programs are on the camp website at www.campmack.org. Amy Kolb, our Camp Mack Representative, can be contacted regarding summer camps for kids and will be happy to help you with any questions you may have about the camp and its many programs. Kurt Rowland, the Director of Programming at Camp Mack, will speak at Lincolnshire on March 15th.

Camp in ALL



Mack...your place seasons!

When we receive the bread offered during Holy Communion, it's the spiritual equivalent of receiving *free* bread. No matter how you look at the way in which it is served, the "real" bread and "real" drink connect us deeply, spiritually and in Christian fellowship. The bread and cup will be served next Sunday during worship service.

Responding to the Crisis

Cliff Kindy is currently serving in Nigeria as a Brethren Disaster Ministries volunteer. For more stories from Nigeria, go to our <u>Nigeria blogsite</u>. Visit the blog regularly for weekly stories, devotions and reports from church leaders and volunteers in Nigeria. You can also sign up to have e-mail notifications sent to you when these new entries are posted to receive the most up-to-date stories on our Nigeria Crisis Response. Please share these entries on your social media sites as well to spread the word.

Nigerian Brethren leaders visit refugees in Cameroon

Leaders of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) and the manager of the EYN Disaster Team traveled to Cameroon last week to visit and support Nigerian refugees who have fled across the border into the neighboring country. This camp hosts more than 30,000 refugees mainly from Gwoza Local Government Area.

We at Lincolnshire, along with every congregation in the Northern Indiana District, are raising funds for the Nigeria Brethren. Our goal is \$5,120. Please be generous in your response to this crisis.

Preston Andrews, age 9, is a student from the Wakarusa Elementary School. He has spearheaded an effort to raise \$6,500 for EYN refugees! In our worship next Sunday, we will use a prayer written by Andrew.