# Refrigerator News August 2, 2015



#### This Week at Lincolnshire

No scheduled meetings.

#### Five Gifts from God

Love makes our friends a little dearer. Joy makes our hearts a little lighter. Faith makes our paths a little clearer. Hope makes our lives a little brighter. Peace makes us all a little nearer.



As I think of all the talent that we have among us, and the fact that each of us is doing or has been a volunteer within these walls of our church or outside these walls makes this an even more special opportunity to say *thank-you* for all that you are doing or have done in the past.

If you think about it, we all are volunteers. You volunteer your talents, either physically or mindfully (prayfully), your spirit in song and in leading this church with a purpose through your daily walks with God. You share your talents as you teach our youth about God's presence that is among us, within us, above us, and behind us. You volunteer your resources each week; with your valuable time, money, abilities and in our meek population, you have made a difference just being among us.

Having volunteers is a very good thing as this society is built around volunteers. However just as in life, you must treat situations with respect and dignity with the fellow person who is volunteering his or her time in mind. If that volunteer isn't treated with either of those two key ingredients, you may not get that person back to volunteer his or her time again. In other words, you can't be critical of a volunteer. Give him or her praise for just showing up and giving of themselves. In hindsight, I need to be much better at this then I have done in the past.

As with working for an individual or a company, the worker sometimes costs the company something. The cost is either money or extra time or materials. We have all done that at one time or another with our jobs. Volunteers sometimes do that also. It's not the end of the world, we just have to fix it and go forward. More hands make lighter work, it's a proven fact, but when you think about it, and the work that has been done here for more than 50 years by so many of you, those who have done this have more tenacity, a deeper conviction and a truer sense of who they are because of volunteering. I am saying *Thank you* to all who continue to do the many thankless jobs for so many.

Blessings, John Kolb **The District Office** is in need of volunteers to assist in assembling the District Conference books. Plan to meet at the office (162 E. Market St., Nappanee) **on August 13 at 10 am.** Depending on how many volunteers arrive, it will take about 2-3 hours. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve! *- Torin Eikler* 

### **GOT DEPTH?**

One of the needs identified in our E3 process is cultivating the spiritual depth of our congregation. Many Christians are reluctant to admit that they know little about the Bible and therefore do not spend time with it. We are uncomfortable praying in public, or are intimidated by praying because we are not sure about what it is or how to go about doing it. We may have given up on prayer altogether because it seems to be a one way conversation.

**Beginning August 16** and continuing through the end of the year, Pastor David will lead a Sunday school series designed to acquaint us with disciplines that give our lives depth and build our faith. He will use a new resource called the **Animate Series** which covers the themes of **faith**, the **Bible**, and Christian **practice**. To facilitate interaction between participants the class will be limited to eight persons. Talk to David about your questions and additional information.

> Today's Forum memorials gifts

Mike Peterson is Director of Development at Manchester University and will be talking to us today about the importance of planned giving and memorial gifts to the church. In his role at Manchester, he helped design the new planned giving website and marketing materials at Manchester. Mike is married to Kyrie Hernandez and has four teenagers, a four year old son and a baby daughter on the way. When time allows, he performs comedy magic and mentalism for birthday parties, church events and other festivals.

For today's topic, the Stewardship Team has a list available of possible projects and/or items that would benefit the church and its ministry.

The list was compiled from suggestions from the ministry teams here at Lincolnshire.



August 1	Linda Fultz and Fred Schmidt
August 6	Rebekah Thomas
August 7	Gerry Westerfield
August 8	Roger Creed
August 9	Rhonda Stevens
August 11	Jan Wood
August 14	Carol Higgins
August 16	Amy Kolb
August 17	Jean Wolf
August 19	Janice Circle and Betty Dawson
August 21	Cleo Mowan
August 28	Shyeona Robinson
August 30	Carolyn Egolf
August 31	Howard Pletcher



## Happy Anniversary!

August 7	Larry and Carolyn Egolf
August 8	Bill and Cheryl Leverton
August 14	Allen and Deb Shaw
August 16	Remio and Leonie Batalona
August 18	Jerry and Jan Wood
August 19	Dave and Marlene Bell
August 25	Joe and Judi Henderson