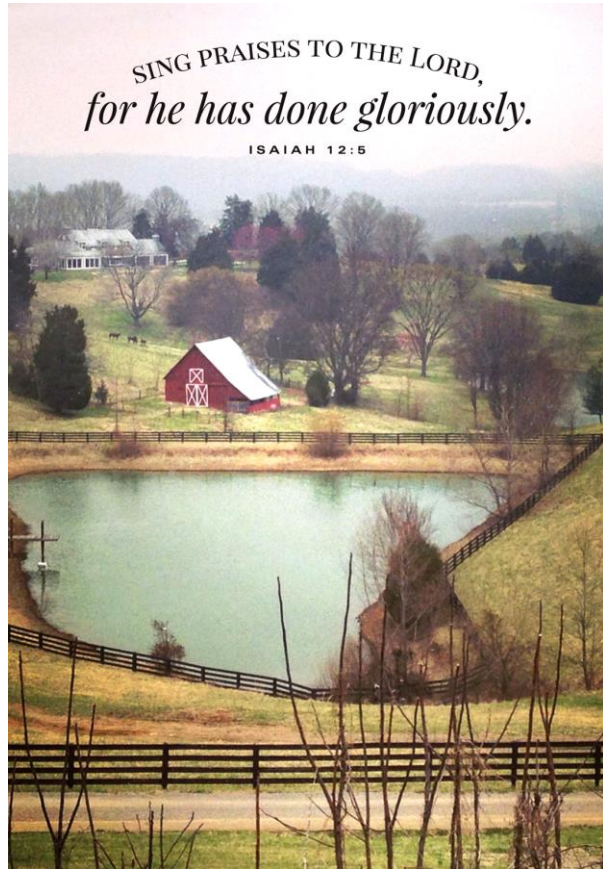


Refrigerator News

November 13, 2016



This Week at Lincolnshire

Monday, November 14

9:15 Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, November 15

7:00 Stewardship

Wednesday, November 16

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP TODAY!

Minutes of Leadership Team Meeting of October 27, 2016

Present: Lori Linn, Judy Steckly, Dave & Evelyn Bickel, Sara Loutsenhizer, Jan Williams, Terri Woods, Bob & Marty Kaylor, Marilyn Drudge, Carolyn Egolf, Jan Ward, Paula Sosenheimer, and Sharon McKay.

Evelyn opened with prayer and Lori reviewed the COB Code of Ethics.

Search Committee: By a methodical process, names were suggested for persons to serve on Search Committee. Goal is a balanced group of five to seven, including a youth. Lori will contact.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn reported expenses exceeded giving by nearly \$5,000. The quarterly comparison of budget to expenses indicates giving at 70% and expenses at 71%.

Budget: Stewardship Team has adjusted the proposed 2017 budget based on pledges. \$54,241 is allotted for total potential expenses for interim pastor plus \$1200 for Search Committee. Pledges=\$116, 972 and proposed challenge budget=\$119,381. Pledges include a \$3000 pledge from Parsonage Committee.

Recommendations from L. Team to Search Committee:

Meet with Torin Eikler (District Exec.) for training regarding financial matters.

Meet with Marilyn, Bob & Bill to work out financial details.

Parsonage—Parsonage Committee recommends parsonage continue to be rented as it is currently. Housing is negotiable in a pastor's contract, and a housing allowance may be paid if a pastor chooses not to live in the parsonage. Budget as recommended by Stewardship Team was approved and will be voted upon by congregation at Congregational Meeting Nov. 13.

Sunday Morning Service Times: Recent surveys in classes indicate preference for Sunday School classes, fellowship time, and worship in that order. For now, times will remain as they are.

Ministry Team Reports:

Christian Ed. Judy Steckly: Heather will continue to teach, and Ruth will alternate with Marlene. Advent study was suggested. Heather will be asked about this.

Property Management: John Kolb has resigned. CDC will seek a replacement. Sara has arranged for boiler inspection, and elevator will be checked next week.

Outreach & Caring—Jan Ward: Halloween Party Oct. 29. Trunk or Treat at First Christian—Oct. 30. A list of suggested activities compiled from ideas submitted at a summer forum was distributed. A group has been formed to provide hospital calling and congregational care after Nov. 20. These plus Search Committee will be anointed Nov. 13.

Nov. 20—Retirement Potluck honoring David & Sue.

Worship & Music—Terri Woods: AV team works to have preparations completed and checked by Sat. Contact not been possible yet with GSOL for special music. Hanging of the Greens was suggested for Saturday Dec. 3 at 3:30 with brief worship, decorating, and a simple meal. Other plans include Christmas Eve service Dec. 24 and worship Dec. 25 at 10:00 with no Sunday School.

Home Church program may present opportunities for other groups to use Lincolnshire as a meeting place.

CDC—Marty Kaylor: Heather will serve as Annual Conference delegate with Stan Gorom as alternate. Both will be affirmed at Congregational meeting. Stan has agreed to serve as Vice-Chair of Stewardship Team.

Next Leadership Team meeting is Thursday Dec. 1 at 7:00 P.M.
Meeting closed with prayer by Terri.

Notes by Carolyn Egolf



The Stewardship Team reports that October contributions totaled \$11,613 and expenses were \$11,837. This results in a negative balance of \$224. Looking at a year-to-date basis, contributions totaled \$113,509 while expenses totaled \$119, 213 resulting in a negative balance of \$5,704. Since we operate on a cash basis with some commitments being paid quarterly, about \$1,200 would be our monthly part of that commitment. We also make quarterly payments for Outreach and pension. We are working with a **CHALLENGE BUDGET** and we appreciate your support and your commitment for which makes it possible for Lincolnshire to continue God's work. Thank you!

This Sunday is your last chance to put your name in the Secret Santa gift exchange drawing. Forms are available at the Hospitality Table. Just fill out a slip and drop it in the Santa basket. Then drop back by next Sunday, November 20 to draw out a name. Then off you go...shopping for that special someone! Mrs. Santa has set up a Christmas Gift Table at the back of the sanctuary where you can drop off your Secret Santa gifts! And of course, to check for your own Secret Santa gift!



**Please join us next Sunday
for the Retirement Dinner
for Pastor David and Sue
as we celebrate and remember
their seven years of ministry with us
and wish them well
for the future.**

This will be a potluck dinner featuring some of David's favorite dishes including a green bean casserole, of course. Bring your favorite dish to share with your church family and to say goodbye to David and Sue. Dinner will be served following church school or at about 11:30.

Another celebration!

A DISTRICT WIDE RETIREMENT DINNER

In Pastor David's honor

Will be held on

Saturday, December 3

From 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

at

Yoder's Home Cooking

10667 West 325 North

Shipshewana, IN 46565

This event celebrates his 35 years of service to the Church of the Brethren. A full dinner is included with a price of \$20 per person. Please RSVP to Lori Linn at 260-797-8271 or llinnin@gmail.com. Lori has also made transportation arrangements for those wishing to carpool to Shipshewana. A van will leave the church's parking lot at 5:00 p.m. if you are interested in going together.

***"Life is short, and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling the journey with us.
O be swift to love, make haste to be kind."***