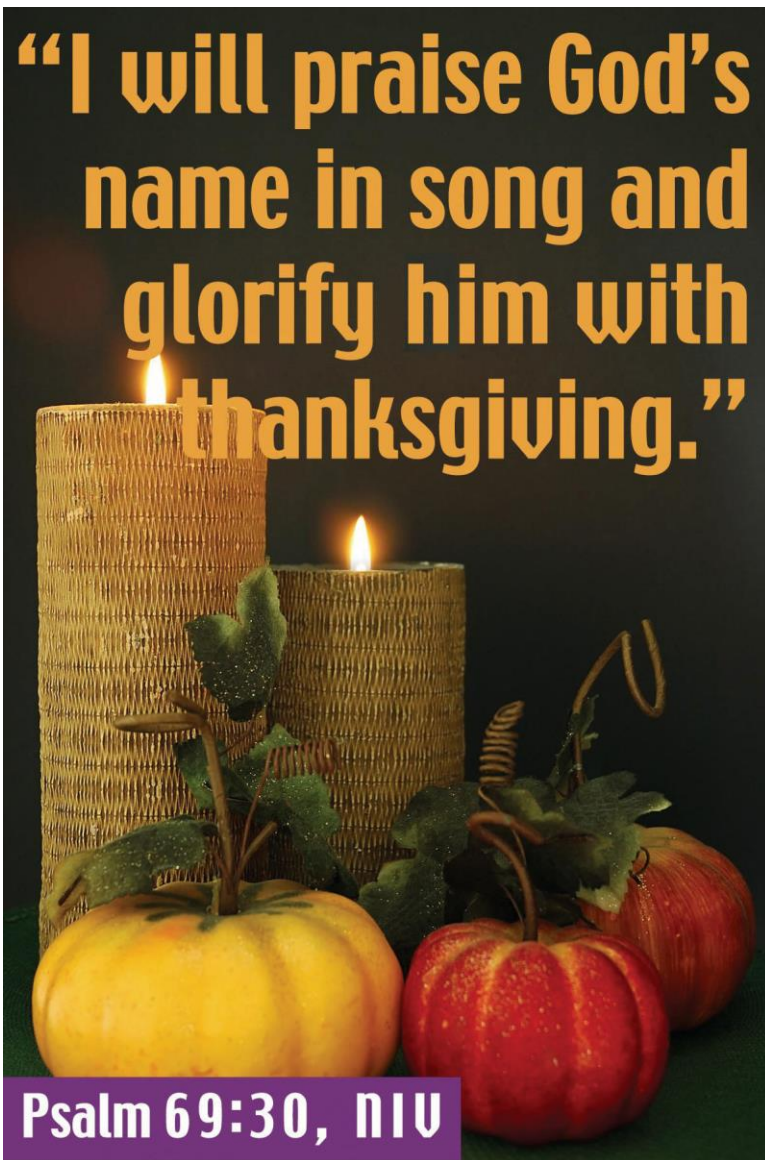


# Refrigerator News

November 20, 2016



## This Week at Lincolnshire

Monday, November 21

9:15 a.m. Women’s Bible Study

Tuesday, November 22

Men’s Bible Study will be rescheduled

Wednesday, November 23

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving ~  
Church office closed

Next Sunday, November 27

David Cutrell will preach.

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If you signed up for Secret Santa gift exchange, be sure to stop by the Hospitality Table this morning to draw out a name for whom you will be a Secret Santa! 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 look for your own Secret Santa gift!

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## A Reminder.....

**The District Wide Retirement Dinner for Pastor David is Saturday, December 3 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Yoder’s Home Cooking, 10667 West 325 North in Shippshewana, IN. 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](mailto:llinnin@gmail.com). Contact Lori if you want to carpool. A van will leave the church’s parking lot at 5:00 p.m. if you are interested in going together.**

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“Let the thankful heart sweep through the day and, as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings.

– Henry Ward Beecher

## The gift of books is a lasting gift...

We are excited to let you know about an addition to our church library. The family of Daleen Rench, a longtime member of Lincolnshire, gave the church a memorial gift in her memory. Daleen was a teacher who taught kindergarten at Fairfield Elementary. Knowing Daleen's love for children, the Church of the Brethren and her love of books, we felt books for the library would be an appropriate use of part of that gift. The books are of Anna Mow, The Heifer Project, John Kline and more. Young and old will enjoy these. Please check them out on the shelf outside the library.



- The Library Committee

## CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS BEGIN DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>

**Advent**, which means, "**coming**," is the season of the church year when Christians prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth. In anticipation of Christmas, Christians often decorate their churches and homes with symbols. Many families use special Advent calendars with "doors" to open - one per day until Christmas. Each door may suggest a Bible reading and a family activity. Families may sing carols, light an Advent wreath, say a prayer or read a brief Christmas story. Preparing for Christmas at home is a joyful tradition that draws family members close to God and to each other.

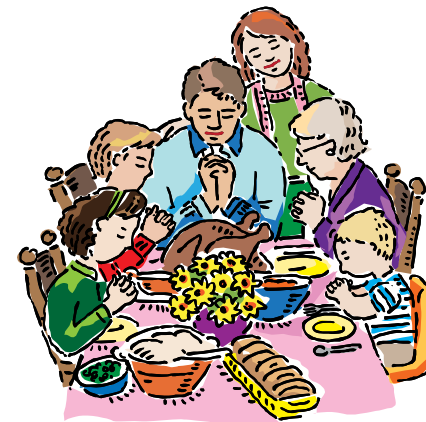
On Sunday morning, **December 4**, Lincolnshire will also prepare for Advent with a special service that celebrates the Holy Season with **the Hanging of the Greens**. With the lighting of the Advent candle, carols in the air, holly and candles in the windows, wreaths on the front panels, poinsettias aflame with brilliant color, a Christmas tree awaiting gifts and the congregation of family and friends, we will begin our season of Advent.

Mark your calendars for this very special time in the church. Further details will be published as plans are made.

Our gifts for the Christmas tree will be cans of food for our Food Pantry. Please begin bringing your food gifts next Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.



*Christ  
Is Coming!*



*"Blessing and glory and  
wisdom and thanksgiving and  
honor and power and might  
be to our God  
forever and ever! Amen."*

Revelation 7:12, NRSV

Author and radio host Garrison Keillor put a unique spin on expressing gratitude for special meals. He painted the following table prayer on his dining-room wall, encouraging guests to sing it together before eating:

O Lord, we thank Thee for this food,  
For every blessing, every good.  
For earthly sustenance and love  
Bestowed on us from heaven above.  
Be present at our table, Lord.  
Be here and everywhere adored.  
Thy children bless and grant that we  
May feast in paradise with Thee.

"It's inspiring to hear 15 people find harmony around the Thanksgiving table," Keillor writes. "Singing together 'sets a tone'. **No crying in the cranberries... There is much to be grateful for.**"

*An Abundance  
of Thanks*

