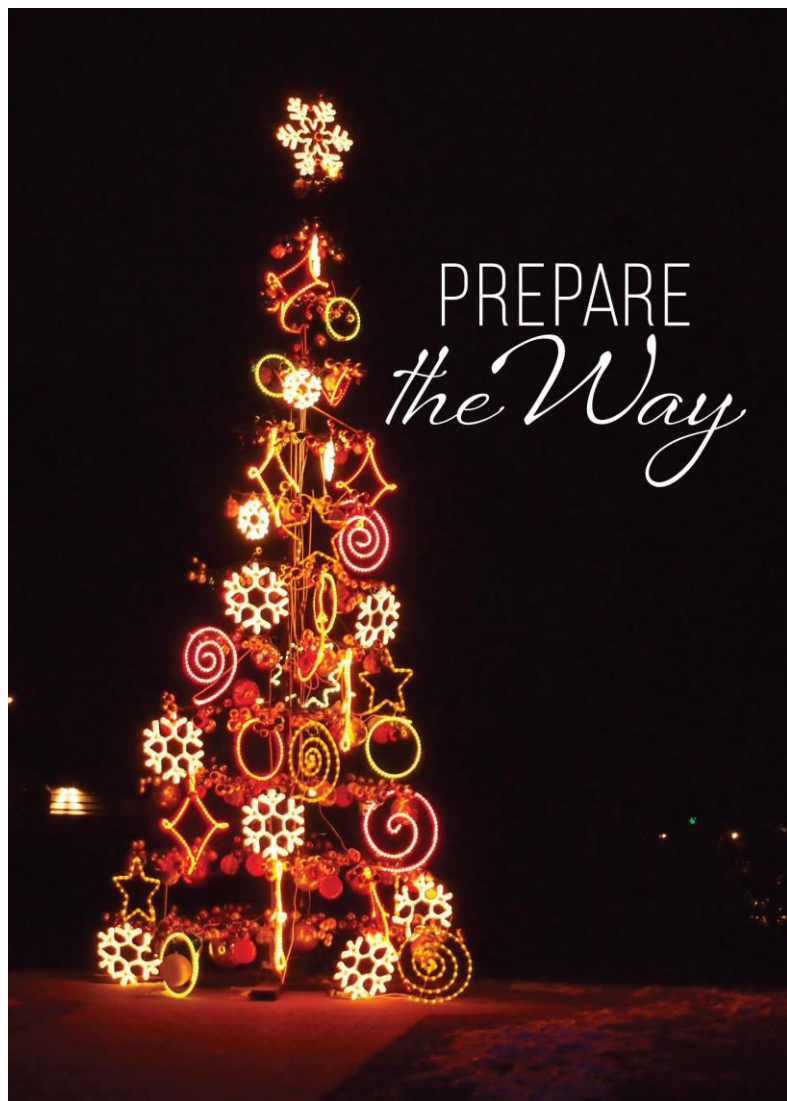


Refrigerator News

November 27, 2016



"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas." ~ Calvin Coolidge

This Week at Lincolnshire

Monday, November 28

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 30

6:30 p.m. Outreach and Caring

Thursday, December 1

7:00 Leadership Team

Saturday, December 3

7:30 Fellowship Breakfasts

8:30 Quilters

6:30 – 8:00 Pastor David's
District Dinner at Yoders

Next Sunday, December 4

Hanging of the Greens
with a light lunch



Secret Santa

A Secret Santa Gift may be waiting for you under the tree in the Overflow room!



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent, then and now

The church season of Advent began as a time of repentance for Epiphany, which was the second-biggest baptism day in the early church. Fasting was once a part of Advent, as it often still is for Lent.

Advent comes from the Greek word *Parousia* which was often used to talk about Jesus' second coming. So Advent is a season of preparation not only for the celebration of Jesus' earthly birth but for his promised return. Some Christians celebrate Advent by not putting the baby Jesus into their manger scenes until Christmas morning. This adds to the anticipation that is a special part of the season.

Congregational Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2015

Moderator Jan Williams opened the meeting with thoughts on giving.
Approval of minutes from Nov. 15, 2015 and April 17, 2016 Congregational meetings:
Joe Henderson moved and Marv Loutsenhizer seconded approval. Motion passed.
Appointments of Cooperation Trustees for 2017:
Leadership Team Chair—Lori Linn
Church Clerk Carolyn Egolf
Treasurer Marilyn Drudge

A motion to approve was made by Evelyn Bickel and seconded by Chris Kiess.
Motion passed.

Annual Conference Delegates: Conference is June 27-July 2, 2017 in Grand Rapids MI. Delegate for 2017--Heather Grady Alternate for 2017--Stan Gorom. A motion to approve by Dorothy Tripp was seconded by Marv Loutsenhizer. Motion passed.

Reports from Ministry Teams were accepted.

Treasurer's Report—Marilyn Drudge: General Fund shows a negative balance of \$5,704. A Quarterly Report is posted on bulletin board, and Stewardship Team will address ways to handle the deficit.

Budget: Bob Kaylor presented the challenge budget of \$119,391. Pledges are \$116,972. Expenses for interim pastor are calculated at ¾ time and the amount of \$54,214 includes all pastoral expenses. Budget was approved.

Pastor David's report included reflections on ministry, appreciation for the many people he's known, and the privilege of sharing in significant moments in others' lives. He reviewed protocol for pastor and congregation from the Code of Ethics. Meeting was adjourned. Notes by Carolyn Egolf



Jay DAnn Hensley	December 1
Zakk Strole	December 3
Dick Strole	December 4
Joe Henderson	December 5
Pat Fair	December 7
Mildred Dietzel	December 18
Katie Kolb	December 19
Lowell Shearer	December 21
DeWayne Fairchild	December 22
Casey Drudge	December 31

A very
Happy December Anniversary
to
Jack and Judy Steckly
on
December 17

**Hanging of the Greens
Is next Sunday
December 4th.**



Advent, which means, “coming,” is the season of the church year when Christians prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birth. Next Sunday morning, **December 4**, Lincolnshire will 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 with our church family and friends, we will begin our season of Advent. A light lunch will be served following this special service after which you are invited to stay and help decorate the chancel tree. Mark your calendars for this very special time in the life of the church.

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

*Christ
Is Coming!*



During each Sunday of the Advent season, we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Others consider the lighting of the first candle to symbolize expectation, while the second symbolizes hope, the third joy and the fourth purity. The Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world. The order and exact wording vary among churches, but the wreath continually reminds us of whom we are called to be as followers of Jesus.