

# Refrigerator News

December 4, 2016



*This is Christmas: not the tinsel, not the giving and receiving, not even the carols, but the humble heart that receives anew the wondrous gift, the Christ. ~ Frank McKibben*

## This Week at Lincolnshire

**Monday, December 5**

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

**Wednesday, December 7**

7:00 Choir Practice

**Thursday, December 1**

9:30 Calling and Discernment

**Next Sunday, December 11**

K.C. Klarner, Chaplain at Heartland Home Health and Hospice is our guest speaker. He had the pleasure of working with Robin La Rue when Robin was volunteering at Heartland.

It's also the Sunday for the **Christmas Potluck!** Bring your favorite dish to share with your church family. And isn't it interesting how the main dishes, salads and desserts usually balance out? There's the fun of chatting with others in the food line, trying new entrees, eyeing the desserts and taking "only a little taste" of course. So bring your favorite dish to share and then join the line to fill your plate and eat and be merry with these precious people who make up the "Lincolnshire Family."



Secret Santa

A Secret Santa Gift may be waiting for you under the tree in the Overflow room! Have you guessed who your Secret Santa is? You can extend your gift giving for another Sunday if you wish or you can reveal your name today.



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**

Our gifts for the chancel Christmas tree is food for our Food Pantry. Please bring your contributions through the month of December to be placed under the tree.



## More Christmas giving...



On Friday December 16, the Outreach and Caring Ministry Team will take 2 dozen cookies to Lincolnshire's homebound friends or to friends that just need an extra touch of love and caring during the Christmas season. If you are interested in bringing cookies and/or delivering cookies, please contact Jan Ward. Participants will meet in

the church kitchen at 1:00. Cookies can be homemade or store bought. Love and caring exists in both!



## Bringing Christmas outdoors

The first colored electric Christmas lights on outdoor evergreen trees appeared in Denver in 1914. The tradition began thanks to a sick boy bedridden in the top floor of his home. Ten-year-old David Sturgeon couldn't see his family's Christmas tree downstairs, so his grandfather, a pioneering electrician, painted some light bulbs red and green and strung them on a tree outside David's window.

Not only did the lights brighten what would be David's last holiday, but the residents throughout the city came by to admire the display. Just as David's innovative grandfather brought light into the boy's dark times and joy to the whole community, God revealed the true light by sending Jesus into our dark world. For "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." (John 1:5, NRSV).

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## What to give?

To your enemy, *forgiveness*.  
To an opponent, *tolerance*.  
To a friend, *your heart*.  
To all men, *charity*.  
To every child, *a good example*.  
To yourself, *respect*.



## News and notes...

**From the Stewardship Team...** A gentle reminder that we have been working with a challenge budget this year. Your response has been very good. Giving has kept up with expenses very well until lately. Our expenses are currently about \$6000 more than our giving has been. Stewardship is grateful for your response to our needs. If you can make sure your pledge is up to date or if you can give a bit more than you pledged, we can end the year on a positive note. Please contact Robert Kaylor if you have any questions about the budget or about how you can increase your giving. Thank you for all you do for Lincolnshire.

**Jan Ward...** Expresses a big "Thank You!" to all who helped out in the kitchen, prepared food, helped set up the Fellowship Hall and washed a multiplicity of dishes for Pastor David's Retirement Dinner and the funeral dinner for Dick Robbins. Your commitment to help is greatly appreciated.

**Lowell and Rebecca Shearer...** have cancelled their telephone land line and are assessable by cell phones only. Please change your records.

**From the church office...** transferring the phone calls from the office to my home phone has not been successful due to the age/condition of the office phone system. If you need to contact the church in my absence from the office, please call me on my cell at 260-615-4052 or our home phone at 459-2278. I will always have my cell phone with me and ON! I am not keeping regular hours in the office and work primarily from my home office. But please don't hesitate to call me. It is **so** important to keep communications flowing during this time of transition.

**The church's elevator** (technically, it is a "lift") was inspected and cleaned on 11/29 by the AA Lift Company and found to be in proper working order.

**Poorman's** also did a maintenance check on the boiler system in November. Several areas were checked and it now stands ready to keep us warm during the cold months that are headed our way. There is a copy of their work sheet in the church office if you want specifics.

A **Ministry Team** has been created to address hospital visitations, home visits and other situations that may require a minister's attention until we have an interim pastor. The team consists of the following people:

**Jan Williams** and the **Loutsenhizers** are covering Lutheran Hospital.

**Jan Ward** is covering Lutheran Dupont and Parkview Regional.

**Evelyn and Dave Bickel** are covering Parkview Randallia.

If you are aware of a situation that requires a visit, either emergency or otherwise, please contact me immediately and I will get the prayer chain started and/or visit scheduled. If for any reason, I cannot be reached, please contact **Ruth Strole or Evelyn Bickel**.