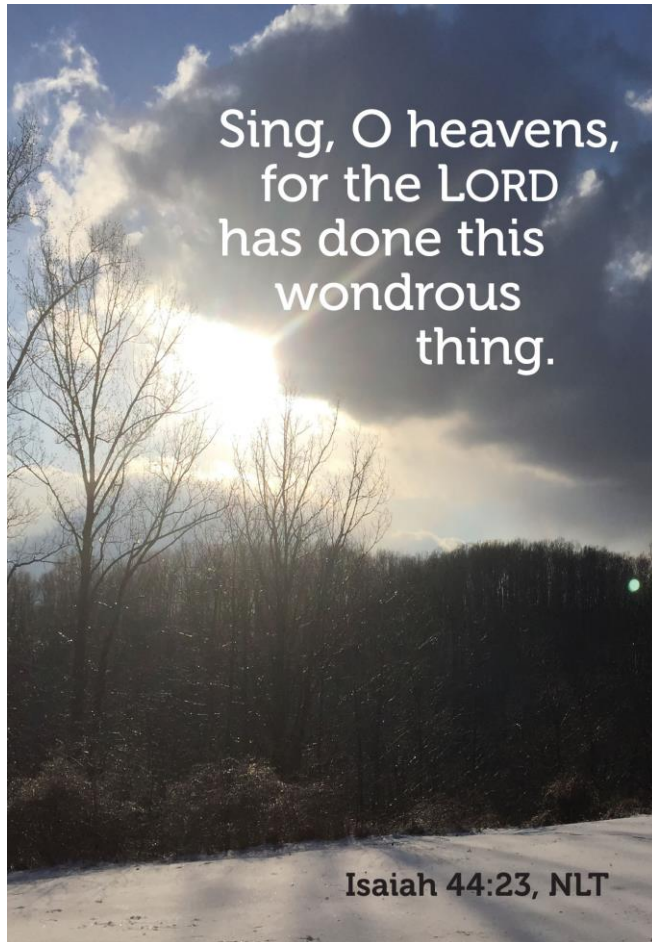


# Refrigerator News

January 15, 2017



Sing, O heavens,  
for the LORD  
has done this  
wondrous  
thing.

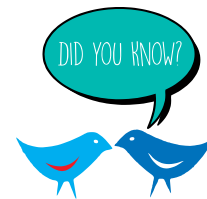
Isaiah 44:23, NLT

## A winning pattern for the New Year

You will never be sorry ...for thinking before acting, for hearing before judging, for forgiving your enemies, for being candid and frank, for helping a fallen brother, for being honest in business, for thinking before speaking, for being loyal to God and the church, for standing by your principles, for refusing to participate in gossip, for holding your words when tempted to demean another, for sympathizing with the afflicted, for being courteous and kind to all.

~ Anonymous

Contributions for the month of December totaled \$10,627 and expenses were \$6,897 resulting in a positive balance of \$3,730. Since we started December with a negative balance of \$2,698, **we actually ended the year with a positive balance of \$1,032 in the general fund.** On a year-to-date basis, contributions totaled \$132,795 and expenses totaled \$135,510 for a negative balance of \$2,715 in our budget. The positive balance in the general fund happened because you rose to the challenge AND team chairs worked very hard to keep their expenses down. We are grateful for your response to our challenge budget and appreciate your support and commitment making it possible for Lincolnshire to continue doing God's work. Thank you! ~ Bob Kaylor, Stewardship Chair



**Jack and Judy Steckly** have cancelled their land phone line. Their only phone number is 260-450-0786.

**Numbers... numbers... 71** people stayed for the **Birthday Dinner** last Sunday with special guests Dr. Paul and Dr. Cheryl Thomas and Pastor Alberto Cervantes, his wife Norma and 2 of their family members. The 12 birthday cakes were all original in design and showed off the talents of Lincolnshire bakers and the coordinated designs of the tables. Several children were present making for a spirited and happy time! Your generous contributions totaled \$420 and after expenses, netted about \$300. **Thank you** to **Jan Ward** and the kitchen crew for the spaghetti dinner and for everyone who made and decorated a cake and a table. It was a very good way to kick off the New Year!



## It's all in the numbers!

Average Attendance for the year  
January – December 2016 - **72.**

This is the lowest average attendance that Lincolnshire has known. With the New Year comes the undying hope that we and others find the way back into the heart of God and back to church that He built.



## This Week's Dates

### Monday, January 16

9:15 Women's Bible Study

### Thursday, January 19

2:00 Outreach and Caring

7:00 Men's Bible Study at Tripps'

Communion will not be given this month.

The next Communion is scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup>.



### **Tom Dawson and Stan Gorom... a very sincere *Thank You!***

For all the many, many times they have picked up the loaves of bread, donuts, muffins, bagels and buns for distribution to the neighborhood and to Lincolnshire folks. Through rain, hail, sleet, snow and the burning rays of the summer sun, these two have made it possible for all of us to enjoy the pleasures of good bread and good treats! But as with all good things, change comes and comes in the form of health situations that will prevent our two guys from further "bread duty." Tom has checked with Waynedale Baptist Church on Lower Huntington Road and they assure us that they will have plenty of bread available for pick-up on Thursdays from 11:00 to 12:30 or later depending upon the supply. Their address is 633 Lower Huntington Road. Tom and Stan, the spirit of God shines through your faithfulness in serving others.



**Lisa Lahr** continues experiencing severe health problems and was in the hospital earlier this week. **Alberta Ilnicki and Tom and Betty Dawson** were also hospitalized but are now recovering at home. May healing continue!

Ongoing prayers continue for **Robin La Rue** and **Monabelle Terrell**. Prayers for courage, guidance, hope and perseverance are asked for our Search Committee and our Leadership Team as they walk into the New Year. May they be energized about the possibilities that change may bring to Lincolnshire.

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### **Meet our guest minister, Carol Spicher Waggy.**

Our minister today is **Carol Spicher Waggy**. Carol is a retired, ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren from Goshen, IN. She is married to Norman and they have three adult children and four granddaughters. Altho retired, she continues involvement in her local congregation, Rock Run Church of the Brethren. She also serves on the denominational Mission Advisory Committee and volunteers with the Children's Disaster Services. She and Norman have been sharing about Nigeria throughout the district since their return visit from there last spring. We are looking forward to receiving her message this morning titled "Come and See."

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## **Resolutions**

American theologian Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) became focused on his life's purpose at age 19. The result was 70 resolutions that he wrote down and then read every week for 35 years until his death. Some of these resolutions include:

- To live with all my might while I do live.
- To study the Scriptures... steadily, constantly and frequently.
- Never to lose one moment of time.
- Never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly of in another.
- Never to do anything out of revenge.
- To let there be something of benevolence in all that I speak.
- Never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.