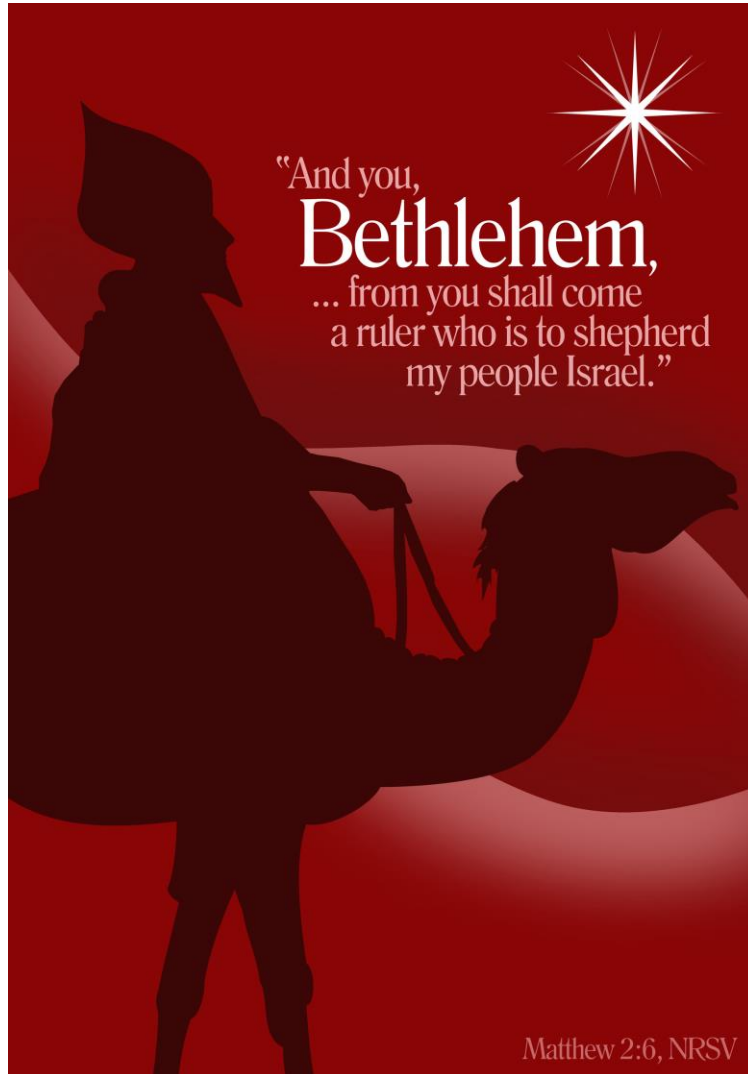


# Refrigerator News

January 8, 2016

*"We have found the Messiah."*

John 1: 41



## News and notes...

**Men's Bible Study** is now meeting on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** of each month. All men are invited to join the group! See Dave Bell if you have any questions. The next scheduled meeting is on January 19 at Herb Tripp's home. A new study of David has begun. That is the Old Testament David, not a study of one of the many "Davids" we have here at Lincolnshire!

**Women's Bible Study** resumes tomorrow morning, **January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m.** All women of the church and their friends are invited to attend.

You can hear any sermon, get caught up on events, check for upcoming events by going to the church website at [www.lincnotes.org](http://www.lincnotes.org). Refrigerator News is also downloaded to this site for your viewing. You can do this for any missed Sunday or just to hear a repeat sermon. For many people, this is an integral way of keeping current.

**The next Leadership Team** meeting is January 26 at 7:00. If the need arises for a meeting regarding an interim review, a Special Called Meeting would be necessary.

**Mr. and Mrs. Yes... it's after Christmas but we have a story to tell!** Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus began about 40 years ago when Carolyn Gorom asked Rex and Louise Fultz to be Santa and Mrs. at the Lincolnshire Nursery School. (Yes, we did have a nursery school.) Mr. Claus soon learned from the children that Santa is love! They brought love and joy to many children over the years. Linda has resurrected the outfits, made by Louise and her sister, and has continued bringing joy to many. Three years ago, Linda was joined by *Allen Shaw*, Deb Shaw's husband. One of their visits this year was to Lutheran Life Villages where they brought love and joy to many residents including *Fred and Joanne Schmidt*, *Marie Clark* and *Monabelle Terrell*. Thanks Mr. and Mrs. Santa for representing the love of Jesus to so many children and to grown-up children!



**Santa Claus**

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Prayers of appreciation and gratitude to Terri Woods and all others who helped make December worship services and related activities a success. It was a trying month weather wise but this church family remained faithfully together in spirit and love. And for that, all God's people said "Amen!"

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## Epiphany's Significance

The church season of Epiphany begins on January 6 each year. The name comes from the Greek word *epiphaneia*, meaning "to appear, to show or to manifest." The ending date of the Epiphany season is determined by Ash Wednesday, which is determined by the date of Easter.

Traditionally, Epiphany Day marks the arrival of the Magi, or wise men, to worship the infant Jesus. The significance of Epiphany for Christians is that it symbolizes the first recognition of Christ by Gentiles, or non-Jews.

The season of Epiphany emphasizes the divine nature of Jesus, the Light of the world. Symbols for the season include light, a star and the color green, which represents life, growth, hope and eternity.



*Needing the prayers of their church family are...*

**Aletha Sills** recovering from surgery on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Alberta Ilnicki** recovering at home from an illness on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Monabelle Terrell** healing from hip surgery on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Robin La Rue** for continuing prayers of comfort and God's grace during so many trying times.

**Danil Vorndran** for his return to full health following an emergency appendectomy on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Remio and Leonie Batalona** who can no longer attend church services but who miss the love and fellowship of their church family. May this new year be kind to them.

**Jane Baker** residing at Covington Meadows who also misses her church family. May she feel our continuing love and appreciation for the many years of service that she and Gerald gave to Lincolnshire.



January 14

January 15

January 16

January 18

January 19

January 24

Judy Steckly

Brandon Hix

Chris Kiess

Chrissy Hix

James Woods

Howard Williams



Happy  
Howard

Anniversary to  
and Jan Williams  
on  
January 21!

**Our Guest Ministers are Dr .Paul and Dr. Cheryl Thomas.**

Paul and Cheryl are residents of Northern Indiana and have recently completed the CoB TRIM program which prepares them for part-time or full-time ministry. They have been married for over 30 years and have three grown children and three grandchildren. After 34 years in public education in Indiana, they moved to Alaska. In Alaska, Paul & Cheryl served as school administrators in a Yupik speaking Eskimo village, Alakanuk, which was located at the mouth of the Yukon River for 3 years and at Tuluksak, for one year. Paul & Cheryl have been very active members at Pleasant Chapel Church. In addition, currently Cheryl is on the ministry team at the Wawaka Church. Paul was elected to serve on the Northern Indiana District Board and Cheryl was selected as the new District Advocate for Global Missions. They will both start January 2017. They both say that it is a pleasure to work with area churches, teaching and preaching the Word of God. We look forward to receiving their message this morning.

## The Year

**The year is closed, the record made,  
the last deed done, the last word said.**

**The memory alone remains  
of all its joys, its griefs, its gains.**

**And now with purpose full and clear,  
we turn to meet another year. – Robert Browning**