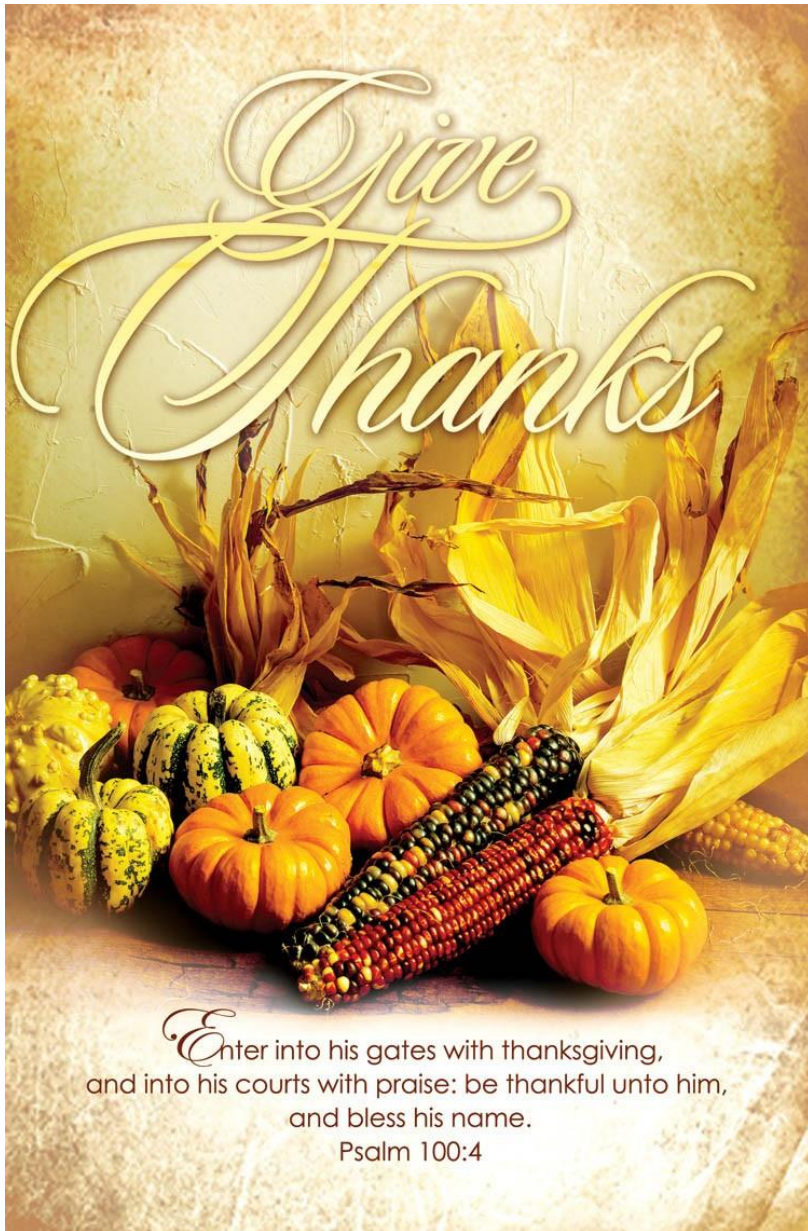


Refrigerator News

November 19, 2017



Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him,
and bless his name.
Psalm 100:4

This Week at Lincolnshire

Monday, November 20
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Thursday, November 23
Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed

Friday, November 24
Office Closed



Those who signed up for speaking or non-speaking parts for **HANGING** of the **GREENS** on December 3 are asked to meet in the front of the sanctuary **next Sunday** immediately after worship to go over instructions for the Hanging of the Greens worship service.

Attention all Secret Santas...

A special table and a special Christmas tree has been set up in the Overflow Area of the Sanctuary. This will accommodate those special Secret Santa gifts...a place where you can put your gift and look for a gift that may have been left for you! Be sure to mark the recipient's name on the gift.



Leadership Team Meeting

Next Leadership Team meeting is on November 30 at 7:00.

Audio Visual News.....

Bill Leverton is now our Audio Visual Coordinator and as such, will oversee the production of AV work for Sunday mornings. We ask that all AV issues pass through Bill and that no one work on AV equipment without his knowledge and approval.



Congregational Meeting of November 12, 2017

The meeting was opened with prayer by Marv Loutsenhizer after which minutes of November 13, 2016 and April 30, 2017 congregational meetings were approved.

Trustees of the Corporation: A motion was made by Stan Gorom and seconded by Bill Leverton to appoint the following persons as Trustees of the Corporation:

Leadership Team Chair—Lori Linn Church Clerk—Carolyn Egolf
Treasurer—Marilyn Drudge Motion passed.

Annual Conference Delegates: Evelyn Bickel moved and Ruth Strole seconded the affirmation of Dave Bell as Annual Conference delegate for 2018 and Marilyn Drudge as the 2018 alternate. Motion passed.

Reports: Ministry Team Reports as well as Pastors' Report were accepted. Pastor Paul Thomas noted that he & Cheryl report monthly to Leadership Team on their activities. Appreciation was expressed for all who participate in the life of the congregation and the ministries that makes it possible.

Treasurer's Report : Marilyn Drudge noted that the current budget is \$119,391, and giving continues to exceed expenses.

Foundation Work: A video, prepared by Lori Linn using photos taken by Stan Gorom, of the work done on the northeast corner of the church in September was shown. Cost of the project was \$11,400, and repairs done now are intended to prevent problems later. Thanks to Stan, Marv, Howard, Jack and others who monitored the project.

Budget--Bob Kaylor: The 2018 proposed budget is \$121,503 with pledges of \$120,970. Line items related to pastoral expenses are estimated, but budget should be adequate to cover those costs. A motion by Joe Henderson to adopt the budget was seconded by Ruth Strole. Motion passed.

Search Committee Report--Heather Grady: Information will be coming soon.

Stewardship Items:

1. **Social Action Emergency Policy**, revised May 27, 2017, provides guidance for amounts and procedures to assist members and regularly attending friends of the congregation. Bob Kaylor moved and Stan Gorom seconded adoption of the policy. Motion passed.
2. **Policy regarding large item/project approval process:** This policy, dated February 16, 2016, offers guidelines for procedures related to purchases, leases, or rentals over \$750. Bob Kaylor moved, and Joe Henderson seconded approval of policy. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Evelyn Bickel seconded by Judi Henderson.

~ Notes by Carolyn Egolf

Thanksgiving Readings

"Life at the Table"

I have found that this life is short enough and long enough
to laugh at honest clowns and to weep at requiem,
to break bread with a beggar and to accept a gift from a king,
to walk with a child at her pace and to stretch to the step of the wise.
This life with all its graces is a table spread for feasting.
A Host who asks our presence has meat and bread and brimming cup we
can never taste until we take them into ourselves with costly pledge.
Some look through the window and walk by, while Life is at the table.

~ William Hogg



I thank Thee for a daily task to do,
For books that are my ships with golden wings,
For mighty gifts let others offer praise –
Lord, I am thanking Thee for little things.

- Anonymous

A Thanksgiving Meditation

My God, I want to think back over all your mercies toward me and tell the world about them with a thankful heart. Let my bones be soaked in your love until all my being cries out, "Lord, who is like you? You burst open the chains that bound me. I will offer to you the sacrifice of praise."

~ St. Augustine of Hippo

A Hymn of Praise

The familiar hymn called "The Doxology" was written by Thomas Ken in 1674 as the concluding verse of a morning hymn, "Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun," and an evening hymn, "Glory to Thee, My God, This Night." The lyrics are appropriate for any time of giving or Thanksgiving. Consider using this as your Thanksgiving dinner prayer.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.



Some churches have altered the words to "The Doxology" but the overall sentiment –praising the Triune God remains the same. How profound to know that when we sing it, we join Christians around the world and across nearly 440 years!