

Refrigerator News

December 10, 2017



Celebrate the Season

This Week at Lincolnshire

Monday, December 11

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
Last session until January 8

Wednesday, December 13

6:00 p.m. Ordinances

Next Sunday, December 17

Christmas Potluck



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Following the morning worship service, the Fellowship Hall will again be filled with the sights, sounds and yes, the smells of Christmas cooking! It is time for our annual Christmas Potluck where you are invited to bring a favorite Christmas dish to share with your church family. And there's always another chair that can be pulled up to a table so invite your neighbors and friends. Let them experience the joy of a Christmas worship service and the great cooking and friendly fellowship that Lincolnshire does so well!

After the meal, linger to shop at the CHRISTMAS WALK in the FELLOWSHIP HALL. The booths offer a variety of items to help you with your Christmas shopping.



Bring a can(s) with you next Sunday to help stock the food pantry shelves with your donations of canned meats, canned fruit and canned vegetables, cereal (cold and hot), spaghetti and sauces, soup and crackers, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese and other food items that can be easily stored and/or prepared. Cold weather means an increase in the need for food bags. Thank you for your usual splendid contributions!

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From the Stewardship Team...

The evening offering on Christmas Eve will go to EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria. The team also encourages your food and monetary contributions to the

Food Pantry. Thank you for sharing your Christmas with others.

Your giving contributions for November totaled \$8,927 with expenses of \$7,907. This gives us a positive balance of \$1,020. On a year-to-date basis, your contributions have totaled \$107,885 with expenses of \$78,444 with a positive balance of \$29,441. Operating on a cash basis and with some commitments paid quarterly, the monthly part of that commitment is \$1,500. Thank you for continuing to keep your pledges current which will enable us to support our new pastors. We appreciate all you do to make it possible for Lincolnshire to continue the work of God.

From the Property Management Team...

The lights in the Fellowship Hall will be replaced with brighter LED bulbs that can be dimmed when the need arises. This lighting change will greatly enhance the seasonal decorations at potlucks, etc., and provide the appropriate aura for special worship services i.e., Maundy Thursday.

The large Lincolnshire sign in the front yard will soon be sporting the names of Drs. Paul and Cheryl as our pastors and the times of our worship services. The entire structure will be cleaned and the lighting will also be checked. This is a long awaited project and the beginning of its "facelift" reflects the excitement and joy of new pastoral leadership!

Peace Love JOY Peace Love JOY

"The joy of brightening other lives, bearing each other's burdens, easing others' loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of Christmas."

~ W. C. Jones



Dr. Paul and Dr. Cheryl Thomas called as permanent pastors!

We are overjoyed that at the called Congregational Meeting last Sunday December 3, you voted unanimously to call Drs. Paul and Cheryl Thomas to serve as our permanent pastors. This 100% favorable vote followed the recommendation of the Search Committee and the Leadership Team. Their contract is effective January 1, 2018 and is renewable each year. Present at the Congregational Meeting was Torin Eickler, Northern Indiana District Executive who assisted Marv Loutsenhizer, Moderator.

Appreciation was expressed to Torin and to members of the Search Committee which included Heather Grady, Joe Henderson, Katy Kolb, Lori Linn, Marv Loutsenhizer, and Herb Tripp for the time and work spent in the search process.

We are extremely excited about this next chapter in the story of Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren. We firmly believe that Paul and Cheryl have the skills, gifts and experience to lead us in engaging more and more people into the life of the church as well as welcoming new people into our life together as Christ's church. They both have a heart for the church and we are excited by the work that we are doing together. A special installation service will be held during the worship service on **January 7, 2018**.

