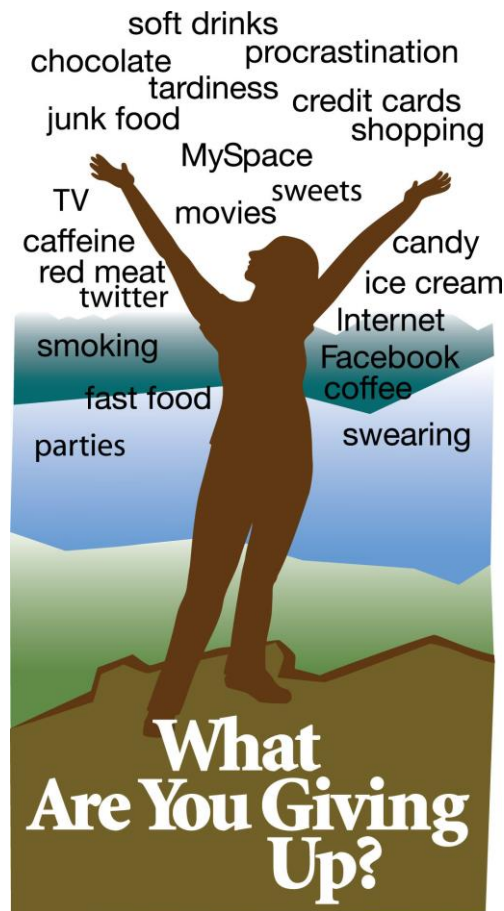


Refrigerator News

March 12, 2017



Unnatural

It's countercultural, unnatural even -- this Lenten call to deny oneself and resist temptation, to put aside comfort for a time of reflection of Jesus' sacrifice for us. It's downright uncomfortable.

Lent is a most unwelcome experience because human nature seeks pleasure and avoids pain at all costs. But Jesus promises that those who dare to follow him into the desert will find a rich reward.

Leadership Team Minutes of February 23, 2017

Present: Lori Linn, Jan Ward, Marilyn Drudge, Terri Woods, Dave & Evelyn Bickel, Carolyn Egolf, Marty Kaylor, and Sharon McKay.

Lori opened with a video titled "Significance of Ash Wednesday."

Search Committee—Profile has been sent to District Office.

Interim Pastor-- No specific information.

Calling & Discernment--Marty Kaylor: Request for persons to serve on Ordinances Committee brought responses from Dave & Evelyn Bickel and Jan Ward. Bob, Margaret, & Lori are on the committee, and Marie calls the servers. Additional help will be needed to prepare Love Feast.

Christian Education—Sharon McKay: **1.** No materials for children have been requested. **2.** VBS with First Christian Church: Judy Steckly will be contacting people to help. Date is near the end of July. **3.** Jr. Church: Heather & Sharon will lead March 19.

Property Management: Due to Jerry Wood's resignation, a replacement is being sought for the parsonage committee. After working diligently to fill positions for Property Management Team, Marty reported those who've offered to help with Property Management needs will be called together to divide the work among themselves.

Stewardship: Planning is in progress for Stewardship Campaign in the fall.

Treasurer's Report--Marilyn: Balance at end of January is a positive \$7424. This is due in large part to not paying a pastor. Social Action Emergency Fund needs replenishing. A special offering will be taken. Matter is being referred to Bob.

Outreach & Caring—Jan Ward: **1.** Funeral dinner guidelines have been set and forms prepared. **2.** Teams are making numerous hospital visits, and while mileage may be reported for tax purposes, it must be specifically recorded. Dave Bell recently clarified the rules. **3.** A box of supplies is available in the office for taking communion to shut-ins. **4.** Weather-related closings: Church will be closed under both Watch and Warning.

Website: In reviewing Lincolnshire's website, much is excellent, but some information needs to be updated.

Worship & Music-- Terri Woods: March 1—Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 P.M. Joel Kline will speak. March 5—K. C. Klerner is speaker. There will be special music. March 12—Manchester University Troupe will plan and present the service.

Flowers for Easter: Real flowers will be used, and congregation will be invited to purchase in general or in memory/honor of someone.

Schedule for Easter: Worship at 9:00 A.M. No Sunday School. Breakfast will be served before worship. Heather is coordinating and will be asked about preferred time. There will be no egg hunt for children.

Early Service: There may not be an early service this Easter. Decision will be made later. Meeting closed with prayer by Jan Ward.

Notes by Carolyn Egolf

Stewardship Report



One of Lincolnshire's family members needed some help. As a result, the Social Action Fund now has a negative balance. As you are able, please make an extra donation and designate it as "Social Action Monies." Thank you!

Contributions for the month of February totaled \$9,211 and expenses were \$3,711 resulting in a positive balance of \$5,500. The large balance is due to NOT having a pastor. Thank you for continuing to keep your pledge giving on track so we can support the new pastor. We appreciate your support and commitment making it possible for Lincolnshire to continue doing God's work.



The Northern Indiana District delightedly shares the news that their total income for 2016 was enough to cover the expenses of their ministries, moving the district office and the necessary repairs for the old district

office. They thank each and every one of the congregations for their contributions that made it possible for them to continue the many ministries that support their mission as the Body of Christ in Northern Indiana. The March/April newsletter from the District is on the reading table at the back of the sanctuary for your perusal.

Thanks to Jan and Howard Williams for updating the church's website. The creation and maintenance of the website is ongoing work as it requires the working knowledge of the codes that are necessary to convert the data into the base of the website. What may take a relatively short time for me to send the information to Howard requires a much longer time frame for him to convert to the code to the web page. As is so true with most of the work done at Lincolnshire, this is volunteer work and has to be "sandwiched in" with other responsibilities that we have. So take a few moments in the week ahead to visit www.lincnotes.org and show your appreciation to the Williams for their hard work.

This Week at Lincolnshire

March 13 9:15	Women's Bible Study
March 15 1:00	Outreach & Caring
March 16 9:30	Calling & Discernment
March 16 7:00	Men's Bible Study at Dawsons'



This morning, informational forms were given to the women highlighting the **Spring 2017 Women's Retreat**. It is being held at Agape Church of the Brethren at 11610 Lima Road on **April 22** from 9:00 – 3:00. Holly Parks, worship leader, speaker and retreat leader from Ft. Wayne brings the message of "What's Your Story? You can make an eternal difference."

The retreat begins at 9:00 a.m. with a light breakfast followed by three presentations with time for sharing in small groups. Lunch is served at noon. A worship service will close the retreat. Additional information is on the two bulletin boards by the kitchen with special thanks to Sharon McKay, Judy Steckly and Jan Ward for the beautifully created boards! **The deadline for registration is April 2nd. Please turn in your registrations to Judy Steckly by that date.**



Our prayers are ongoing for those who are recovering from surgeries and other illnesses.

Paula Sosenheimer, Cheryl Leverton, Bob Kaylor, Jack Steckly, Joe Kirkman are all doing better.

Becky Oetting rejoices that Thursday will be her last day of radiation treatments.

Robin La Rue continues to have good days and recently enjoyed a visit from Herb Tripp. It has been two years since Robin's diagnosis of ALS and he serves as an inspiration to all us.

Our prayers for strength and recovery continue for **Gene Valentine** who is hospitalized with pneumonia at Parkview in Huntington.