

# Refrigerator News

March 5, 2017



## Stop! Look! Listen!

Lent, the season of the church year that is associated with repentance, begins on Ash Wednesday (March 1 this year). While some people deny themselves by giving up something for Lent, others prepare for Easter through special Bible studies or devotions. Christians observe Lent for these reasons:

- It causes us to **STOP**. Lent says “Stop and rest awhile,” as well as “stop doing wrong.”
- It tells us to **LOOK**. Look inward for an honest self-examination. Look upward to see the cross of Christ offering healing and love.
- It tells us to **LISTEN**. Listen to the words of Christ. Listen to the voice of God. Listen to the winds of the Spirit of God.
- **Stop, look and listen**. These three words aren’t only important for our safety in travel; they are also helpful for our journey through the 40 days of Lent.



Were you fortunate enough to see the artwork of **Jane Vorndran** last Sunday? She created an unbelievably beautiful portrait of her favorite cat using precious old buttons that belonged to her grandmother. This required many hours of painstaking placement of buttons so that it resembled the cat and the tedious task of gluing them in place. The end product is simply beautiful and to a fellow cat lover, the ultimate piece of artwork! Jane is wonderfully talented!

Speaking of cats, how can I ever thank all of you who have given me cat books, cat pictures, cat figurines and the huge picture of a cat landing on its feet that now adorns the church office! When a person is suffering from the flu, there’s no better to cheer her up than having all the “cats” that came my way. You **are** the best, you know!

Another tidbit of good news...Ruth Strole wrote that it was a beautiful moment when Russell saw “Miss Paula” in the car when she came home from the hospital. Later, Andree and Genia welcomed her with hugs and bright smiles. A simple smile can mean so very much!



We say ongoing prayers for recovery from surgeries and other illnesses for **Paula Sosenheimer, Cheryl Leverton, Bob Kaylor, Jack Steckly, Joe Kirkman, Dorothy Tripp** and **Becky Oetting**. We rejoice with Becky in that she has only two treatments remaining in her therapy.



Copies of **Springs of Living Water!** a publication by Barry Conn, pastor of County Line COB, Champion, PA are available at the back of the sanctuary. This publication helps direct our attention to seek more meaningful ways to reflect upon our relationship with Christ. It contains daily scripture references for each week of Lent as well as suggestions to help establish a more meaningful prayer pattern.

## “Amazing Acceptance!”

We welcome Pastor K.C. Klarner on his second visit to Lincolnshire. He was here on December 11<sup>th</sup> when, unfortunately, extreme cold and snow prevented many to miss church that morning. Pastor Klarner is with Heartland Home Care and Hospice serving patients and families for five years. Prior to Heartland, he was Staff Chaplain with the Lutheran Health Network. He has also served the body of Christ in the role of Pastor, Teaching Elder and Outreach Pastor in varying denominations. He and his wife Lea Ann have been married 14 years. We look forward to his second visit and his message of “Acceptance.”

# HELPING



# HANDS

### From the Stewardship Team...

One of Lincolnshire 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!

Our neighboring church, **First Christian Church** at 4800 S. Calhoun is presenting three opportunities for your Lenten journey. Every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, there is a Bible study and brown bag lunch. Also on Wednesday, a free soup dinner and Bible study is offered from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00. And on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., a small group study is available. You can call 744-3239 if interested.

### “Friends with the Weather”

The new musical project “Friends with the Weather” will be performing in concert at the Manchester CoB on Saturday, **March 11 at 7:00 p.m.** Founders of the group are Seth Hendricks, Chris Good & David Hupp and have performed at Annual Conference, Annual Youth Conference and Older Adult Conference. They have released six albums which are explorations of classic and contemporary sacred music. Their music serves as the group’s creative expression of exploring how to strive to be sources of hope, love, passion and vision in a world that is often filled with grief and injustice. They will be joined with a percussionist and trumpet player. A free will offering will be accepted at the concert. **More information is available at [www.friendswiththeweather.com](http://www.friendswiththeweather.com)**



### This Week at Lincolnshire

March 6 9:15 Women’s Bible Study  
March 9 9:30 Calling & Discernment  
March 11 2:00 Couples Shower for  
Bailey Vondran & Andy Dzierla

### Next Sunday, March 12

Bekah Houff, from the Manchester University Office of Church Relations, and Manchester University students will bring their worship team to Lincolnshire to do the entire worship service. The team is called **ROBOT** (Radically Obedient Brethren Outreach Team). There will be approximately five of them (Bekah and 4 students). The Office of Church Relations works to maintain strong relationships between the University and its church constituencies. As a university of the Church of the Brethren, Manchester strives to connect to the six Midwestern districts of the Church of the Brethren as well as to the larger church. It also participates in the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference and other major denominational events. Connection points include the Simply Brethren student group on campus, the annual Powerhouse regional youth conference, the ROBOT (Radically Obedient Brethren Outreach Team) worship deputation team, Camp Mack Day, conversations with district executives, speaking at church events, regular news updates, and other opportunities. A Church Relations Advisory Council (composed of trustees, a district executive, University staff, and students) meets with the Board of Trustees before each of their Board meetings.

### Also next Sunday... March 12

**All Church Potluck following Sunday school classes.**  
**Bring your favorite dish to share with the church family!**

Did you like the “Sugar Breads” that were on the donut table last Sunday? They were rich breads with a lemon filling and a light sugar coating on the outside. They were made by Kimberly Sosa, daughter of Pastor Cervantes. Kimberly is a talented bread maker and will make these breads upon order. They are \$8 a dozen and you can place your order with the church office. They will be available this Sunday also. Be sure to try one!