

Refrigerator News

June 11, 2017

But You Are

a Chosen People,

a Royal Priesthood,

a Holy Nation.

1 Peter 2:9

This Week at Lincolnshire

Monday, June 12

8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Breakfast
at Spyros on Jefferson Blvd.

Wednesday, June 14

1:00 Outreach and Caring

Thursday, June 15

7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
at Tripps'

Highlights from Leadership Team Meeting/May 25, 2017

Present: Paul & Cheryl Thomas, Lori Linn, Judy Steckly, Terri Woods, Bob & Marty Kaylor, Dave & Evelyn Bickel, Marv & Sara Loutsenhizer, Jan Williams, Jan Ward, and Carolyn Egolf.

A motion was made by Jan Ward, seconded by Marv and passed granting Thomases permission to use a room in the basement for overnights.

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 3 the new Sunday morning schedule will be:

Sunday School—9:00-9:50 Social Time: 9:50-10:15 Youth-led Worship 10:15-10:27
Prelude—10:27-10:30 Worship Service—10:30-11:30
Rationale will be given to the congregation, and in May 2018, schedule will be evaluated. Marv moved adoption of same, Terri seconded, and motion passed.

Awards & Recognitions: Because much is done behind the scenes, as well as publicly, appreciation is highly valued at Lincolnshire. Cards will be available for submitting names of person to be recognized either from pulpit or in Refrigerator News. Cards may be placed in Recognition Box or in Thomas's mailbox.

Christian Education: Judy Steckly

1. **Forum schedule** (June 4-Aug. 27) is nearing completion; Thanks to Heather Grady for arranging the programs.
2. **Summer Sunday** school lessons for children are being prepared by Judy Steckly. Volunteer teachers are needed.
3. **Fall classes for adults**—Books and class choices will be offered in August. Teachers should make envelopes available for persons to pay for books. Shortfall for books purchased previously is being covered by memorial funds.
4. **VBS with First Christian Church is July 23-27, 5:30-8:30 P.M.** at First Christian. All who will work with children must have a background check, which is free to the church. Judy S. has forms.
5. **Sharon McKay** serves as Preschool Director. **Linda Robbins** doing flyers.
6. **Dates: July 9 Kick-off/Registration event at Lincolnshire—3:00-5:00**
July 30: Closing Program at Lincolnshire—3:00-5:00 P.M.
7. Donations are needed for craft supplies and food.
8. No Leadership Team meeting in July due to VBS.

Property Management: Marv Loutsenhizer

Lawn has been fertilized and Mowing Team is "doing great." Water has not come into the basement since corrective work was done last summer. Funds are available in Foundation Fund & Capital Fund to repair the wall on northeast corner of building. If bids are secured, will Leadership Team approve project? Jan Ward moved and Sara seconded we give a vote of confidence to secure bids. If any come in within resources available, Leadership Team will be asked for final approval to proceed. Motion passed.

NOTE: Howard Pletcher is asking for another person to help with the mowing of the church yard. Please contact him if you can help out!

Outreach & Caring: Jan Ward

1. Potlucks are scheduled for June 11 and late Aug. (TBA)
2. Purchase of tables for Fellowship Hall is still being researched.
3. Paperwork submitted for Camp Mack Festival. Lincolnshire will sell stew and breads.
4. New Directories finished. Thanks to Sara Loutsenhizer and Jan Williams.
5. Next meetings for Outreach & Caring are June 14 and Aug. 16.

Stewardship: Bob Kaylor

Giving is up and expenses =33% of budget at April's end.

Social Action Policy has been revised to offer assistance to “regularly attending members” and “regularly attending friends.” Approved levels are \$50, \$100, and \$200. Bob moved and Terri seconded approval of policy. Motion passed. Though policy needs approval by Congregation, until Congregation meeting, policy will be followed. A policy regarding vouchers for Social Action Outreach beyond the congregation will be addressed at next Stewardship Team meeting.

Timeline for Stewardship Campaign was distributed. Selected dates to note:

June 4—Congregation will be asked to submit by July 2 paragraphs for a “Blessings Booklet.”

Sept. 17—Informative meeting and distribution of pledge information and “Blessings” booklets.

Sept. 24—Stewardship sermon

Oct. 1—Pledge Sunday

Oct. 26—Budget presented to Leadership Team for approval.

Nov. 12—Congregational meeting to approve budget.

Ordinances: Bob Kaylor Communion is scheduled for June 25.

Worship & Music: Terri Woods

“Time with Children” will continue every other Sunday. May include stories, music, puppets, etc.

Calling & Discernment—Marty Kaylor

June 25—Consecration of Leadership Team

Sept. 15-16—District Conference at Union Center COB. Delegates are: Paul & Cheryl Thomas, Lori Linn, Margaret Pletcher, and Jan Ward. Chris Kiess is alternate.

Pastors Paul & Cheryl:

Papers summarizing their activities since May 1 were distributed, and appreciation was mutually expressed for the positive ways in which ministry is being provided by them and the congregation.

Pulpit—Marv Loutsenhizer

The desire for a second pulpit to match the one in use has been expressed. After considerable discussion, Marv moved, Jan Ward seconded the acceptance of the idea if pulpit is identical to the one we have and is paid for by individual asking for it. Motion passed, but with abstentions.

Next Leadership Team meeting—June 22 at 7:00. New Leadership Team members will be invited.



“The times they are a ‘changing!’”

This fall, in an effort to make the best use of the time, we are moving our Sunday morning worship time to **10:30**. Below are the supportive reasons and comments about this change:

- One of the primary reasons for this move is to add more space and time for our young people and to attract millennials. And our hope is that many more people will join in to love and support our young people.
- The transition takes place on September 3, 2017.
- The worship service will remain the same. We love what God is doing in our worship gatherings so the form and format will be the same.
- The change will include a special time to allow our youth to be involved in developing the worship elements.
- This new time schedule will be evaluated in May, 2018.

*****Here is the new time schedule beginning September 3, 2017.*****

9:00 – 9:50	Sunday School
9:50 – 10:15	Coffee and donuts
10:15 – 10:27	Youth inspirational music and videos
10:27 – 10:30	Musical prelude
10:30 – 11:30	Worship service

Any time there is a big change, questions and conversations arise about it. We ask that you trust and pray for the people involved in making this change work and that God will continue to use our church for His glory through the Lincolnshire family.



THIS SUNDAY'S FORUM is Brickhouse Family Ministries. It is a Christian residential home, school and farm for teenage boys, ages 13-17, in Bluffton. They provide a Christ-centered home on a farm setting where teenagers in crisis are healed and restored to their families.