

Refrigerator News

January 21, 2018



This Week at Lincolnshire

Monday, January 22

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Thursday, January 25

7:00 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION
OF DR. PAUL AND DR. CHERYL THOMAS
JANUARY 7, 2018



**WE RECEIVE PAUL AND CHERYL
AS OUR PASTORS.
WE PRAY GOD'S BLESSING UPON**



**PAUL AND CHERYL AND UPON US
ALL AS WE SHARE IN THIS
MINISTRY.**

**A POEM FOR
LINCOLNSHIRE CHURCH of the BRETHREN**

Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, already it has been nearly a year,
a year together, sharing hugs and tears.
Thus far, we have found new souls who have joined us or who have
returned to deepen roots by the waters, as David in the psalms spoke of
and yearned.

Today we begin a journey together, as one body, linking arm and heart,
diligently remaining alert to hear God's call, to seek His vision,
to begin our "official" new start.

Paul and I—we don't doubt that amazing things are going to occur,
because so much has already happened, it oftentimes seems a blur.
We love to watch what God is doing, to watch His grace unfold,
to watch each life blossom: in some ways, gentle; in others, bold.

The Holy Spirit ripples through you --
sometimes in laughter, sometimes through acts of care,
sometimes in song or story, sometimes in praise or prayer.
Sometimes as an extended hand, a kind word, or a simple-hearted
phrase. Your love is genuine, reflecting the glory of God, now and for
endless days.

Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, God is ever-present within this body
and we are privileged to be by your side.
Thank you for entrusting faith in us to be your guides.

Lincolnshire — our friends and brethren -- don't ever doubt your worth.
You are a shining beacon of light to this world that we call Earth.
So let us all with eager intent look to where God is working next.
And if you question where He is, ask those here who know Him best.

Never fear to be up-front about where your path leads,
Because another may very well say, that is what he or she needs.
To hear how you overcame a struggle, or earned a title role,
survived the stormy waters, or found the anchor for your soul.

Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, such loving, sharing souls,
As surely as these church chimes once again do toll,
Let us make a proclamation to build a strong foundation,
One of new growth, greater heights, deeper learning
Striving always to seek God's will and always to be discerning. AMEN
by Cheryl Thomas



The news is awash with reports of east coast blizzards, ice filled rivers, deadly car accidents on icy roads, plummeting temperatures, flu caused illnesses and more of same, same and same. It is "almost" a pleasure to watch TV commercials! So we happily bring you recent GOOD NEWS!

A Bonus for the Food Pantry... on a shopping trip to Aldi's for food supplies, we met a friend in the aisle who looked rather astonished at the amount of cans in our basket. We explained the reason for the purchases, the ongoing ministry of our food bags, the number of bags given in a year and the ministry of Jack Steckly who faithfully fills the bags and keeps inventory of supplies. They were so impressed that they reached into their pockets and donated \$10 to the cause! Thanks so much to Alan Zeman and Kathy Abraham! At an average of 50 cents a can, that is 20 extra cans for the pantry!

Some people in Fort Wayne have complained about the service the new trash collection company has been providing. However, on Thursday January 11, when the truck stopped at the Thomases, there was old carpeting, padding, remodeling materials, and a lot of other trash for pick up. The collection driver graciously helped load it in the truck and took every bit of it, often waiting while we carried it out to the curb. In fact, Paul and Cheryl looked a little nervous as we carried out more and more. After it was all loaded, the only thing the driver asked was for us to call 311 and report the great service that he and his company had provided. Herb Tripp made the call and the city asked for the trash company name, the driver's name and the address where he was picking up the trash. This information was provided as others joined in praising the driver for his excellent service. After the call was completed, we thanked him again and he drove away with a smile. And we were smiling too.



*Helping each other...
There is no more important work in this world, no greater duty,
than to help others to keep up their courage.*