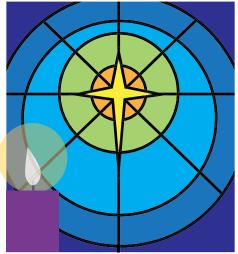
## Refrígerator News December 2, 2018



**FIRST SUNDAY** 

## **This Week at Lincolnshire**

Monday, December 3 9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:15 p.m. GYM NIGHT

Wednesday, December 5 6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

<u>Thursday, December 6</u> 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study @ Bells'

<u>Saturday, December 8</u> 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Christmas Bazaar Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 9 Christmas Potluck following worship



on."

Janice Circle's new address is: 445 E. Dupont Road (Not 455 as in last week's R. N's.)

Perhaps my new motto should read "Keep **clam** and carry



We need adults to assist with Gym Night on Mondays from 5:15 to 7:00 p.m. If you can assist, please write your name on the clip board sheet on the table behind the last pew. Thanks so much! *Pastor Paul* 

# Brethren Disaster Services work in Paradise, CA and surrounding areas and how you can help.

Within the Church of the Brethren, many have been concerned about the fate of residents in Paradise, Calif., and the surrounding areas due to the Camp Fire in Butte County. Special concern has been expressed for Pastor Melvin Campbell and the members of Paradise Church of the Brethren, which was completely destroyed by the wildfire which rushed through town. Pastor Campbell and his wife, Jane, were able to evacuate just ahead of the fire but left everything behind when they fled. Brethren Disaster Ministries is working closely with the Pacific Southwest District to respond to the fire. PSWD is collecting funds to provide direct support to Pastor Campbell and members of the Paradise Church of the Brethren. Contributions, noted as for the 'Paradise Fire', can be sent to Pacific SW District Church of the Brethren (PSWD COB), PO Box 219, La Verne, CA 91750. BDM's Children's Disaster Services has deployed volunteers to serve in a Disaster Recovery Center in Chico, Calif., providing childcare to families seeking assistance. BDM is communicating with PSWD and other partner agencies to determine how it can respond in the long-term in Paradise and surrounding areas affected by the Camp Fire. Donations to support CDS' deployment and BDM's response can be made, noting that it is for the 'Camp Fire Response', to Emergency Disaster Fund, Church of the Brethren, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120. District News Notes/November 21



Today is the First Sunday of Advent. It is the day when the church officially begins to prepare for Christmas. Advent means "coming," therefore, we make ready for the coming of the Lord.

Where should we begin? With ourselves, of course. We should prepare our hearts for Christ to live in them fully. Get rid of the clutter within... the odds and ends of foolish thought and familiar sins we find difficult to "let go and let God handle." Advent is a heart-cleaning time, so call in the Holy Spirit Cleaning Service, and make room for the best Guest anyone ever had. Start now! Let the Spirit "Cast out our sin and enter in. Be born in us today." The cleaning service has a guarantee: "When our 'Worker' finishes with your heart, you'll have the best Christmas ever!"

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Attached to the November 21 issue of the District Newsletter was a copy of the Springs of Living Water Spiritual Disciplines for Advent. The suggested readings are on a weekly basis and cover the time span of the last week of November through January 5, 2019. A limited number of the booklets are available at the Hospitality Table. If interested, pick one up this morning.



During each Sunday of the Advent season, a candle is lit in the Advent wreath at the front of the church. The four candles represent Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. The larger white candle in the center which is lit on Christmas Eve reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world.

The candles in this year's wreath are steeped in the history of years past at Lincolnshire. Linda Fultz made the candles this year using her mother's (Louise Fultz) candle molds. The candle molds were made by Gene Valentine, Marie Clark's brother who

lives at Timbercrest. Louise was a very active member through her many years at Lincolnshire but will always be remembered by her role as "Mrs. Santa Claus." She was Santa's perfect wife...garbed in red, wearing her red cap with her white hair peeking out and always smiling sweetly! AH..what memories those candles bring back.



The Christmas Bazaar is next Saturday, December 8 from 10:00 – 4:00 and the following Sunday, December 9 from 1:00 – 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall. You will find many great gift ideas so come early and shop!

Marilyn Drudge, Casey Drudge, Marty Kaylor, Alberta Ilnicki, Judy Steckly & Jan Ward - The quilters have made all kinds of quilted items, flower arrangements, tie blankets etc.

Tammi McCann - jewelry

Sharon McKay - Greeting cards (Sunday only) Cleo Mowan – ceramics Becky Oetting – embroidery Laura Revard – Cookies Allen Shaw - Children's books Herb Tripp - wood working Jan Ward - candy



#### Ever think of giving Lincolnshire as a Christmas gift?

Imagine the excitement when all your friends and family open their packages on Christmas morning and find you have given them your church. "All right!" They will exclaim with joy. "Just what I always wanted! A church family to be part of."

### Did you know that Christmas Eve Candle Lighting services are often the best attended church services for outsiders during the year?

So that makes the Christmas season the best chance we have to invite friends and family to experience Lincolnshire and actually have them show up! And by inviting, nudge them with both written and verbal invitations!

### SO... let us begin with "Each One, Bring One" during Advent Season.

The Christmas Potluck is next Sunday!

