

# Refrigerator News

February 18, 2018



## This Week at Lincolnshire

Monday, February 19

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

Tuesday, February 20

7:00 Stewardship

Wednesday, February 21

1:30 Outreach and Caring

Thursday, February 22

7:00 Leadership Team Meeting

Often sermons offer new ways of thinking, new ways of experiencing spiritual growth, new challenges to ponder. And often, we find ourselves wishing we could recall those words and thoughts but time and daily living often chase them into the recesses of our minds that reduce them to only snippets or fragments. Below are parts of sermon messages that have our church family talking excitedly about the future. It is our hope that by appearing in print form, they will become a more permanent part of our thinking and planning as we follow God's plan for the growth of Lincolnshire.

*Surfing is the art of riding waves that GOD builds.*

... We used to... We used to... We used to have this program or this activity, etc. There is nothing wrong with this. Those were God's waves that the church **rode at that time**. As Ecclesiastes states, "There is a time and season for everything under heaven." Some of those waves have returned: hand bell choir, puppet ministry, the chimes, a growing choir. Plus **we are riding new waves** in the past 8 months: Trunk or Treat, a dual pastorate and a growing children's program, switched worship time with Teen Worship and reorganizing the storage areas of the church. ~ February 4 – Pastor Cheryl

Rick Warren, in his book *The Purpose Driven Church*, states the FIVE DIMENSIONS of CHURCH GROWTH exist:

Churches grow **WARMER** through fellowship.

Churches grow **DEEPER** through discipleship.

Churches grow **STRONGER** through worship.

Churches grow **BROADER** through ministry.

Churches grow **LARGER** through evangelism.

If we are to be a purpose driven church, then we need a new perspective, one that has us look through the lens of 5 New Testament purposes and see how God intends for the church to balance all five purposes. ~ Pastor Cheryl & Paul

**Be good, keep your feet dry, your eyes open,  
your heart at peace and  
your soul in the joy of Christ.**

- Thomas Merton



## DOLLARS AND SENSE

Bob Kaylor, Stewardship Chair, reports that January contributions totaled \$9,517 with totaled expenses of \$9,376. This resulted in a positive ending balance for the month of \$141.00. This is a very good beginning for the

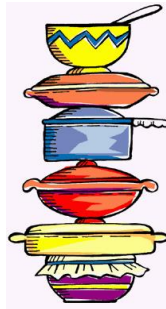
new year! We operate on a cash basis and some commitments are paid quarterly so about \$1,500 is the monthly part of that commitment. The Stewardship Team appreciated your support and your commitment that makes it possible for Lincolnshire to continue doing the work of God.

Attendance is up from 54 per Sunday to 69 per Sunday which is an average increase of 15 per Sunday or 27.7% as compared to January 2017. Considering snow, icy roads, fog and the flu which all affect attendance, we are doing quite well!



Darlene Smith and Pastor Paul are looking at the possibility of starting a "Grief Support Group" in the near future. If you would like to have information about the group, please talk to Pastor Paul or to Darlene.

There is a plethora of unclaimed dishes, containers and miscellaneous "stuff" in the church kitchen. They will be placed on a table in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday awaiting transportation back to their respective home kitchens/cabinets, etc. Please don't leave them as abandoned orphans! They really want to go home to be filled and returned to do future potlucks and ministries.



*And thanks to all who contributed their delicious dishes to last Sunday's potluck! There is no finer fellowship than that around the table at a potluck.*



## THE KIDS CORNER

**Ariana \*\*\* Alivia \*\*\* David \*\*\* Jayden \*\*\* Anna \*\*\* Amya \*\*\*  
Russell \*\*\* Andree \*\*\* Genia \*\*\* Lyrric \*\*\* Zuri \*\*\* Skylar \*\*\*  
Genesis \*\*\* Caliegh \*\*\* Amelia \*\*\* Kaitlin \*\*\***

**Hey 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade kids!**

**Mark your calendars for March 2!**

**It is PIZZA and MOVIE night at Lincolnshire.**

**From 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., there will be pizza and movies in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your friends with you for an evening of fun at the movies!**

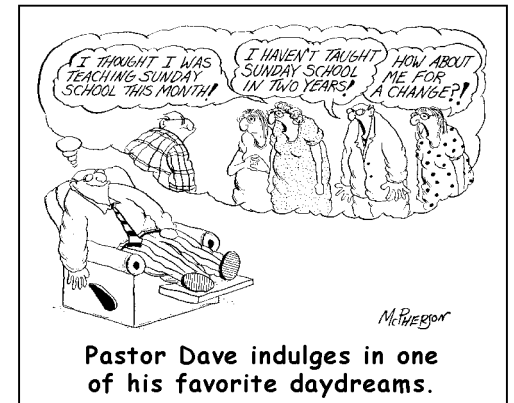
**And it's all free!**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL... is being planned already. Dates are July 22<sup>nd</sup> through July 26<sup>th</sup> here at Lincolnshire. We need helpers in all areas to make this a happy, learning and successful program for our kids. Please give thought to how you can help and then contact Judy Steckly and Cheryl Thomas. They will be happy to answer any questions and schedule you in!**



Nursery, Junior Church and children's Sunday school helpers are really needed. Please fill out the Volunteer form in the back of the sanctuary or see Judy Steckly. Dates and times are very flexible and can be made to fit your schedule.



**Pastor Dave indulges in one of his favorite daydreams.**