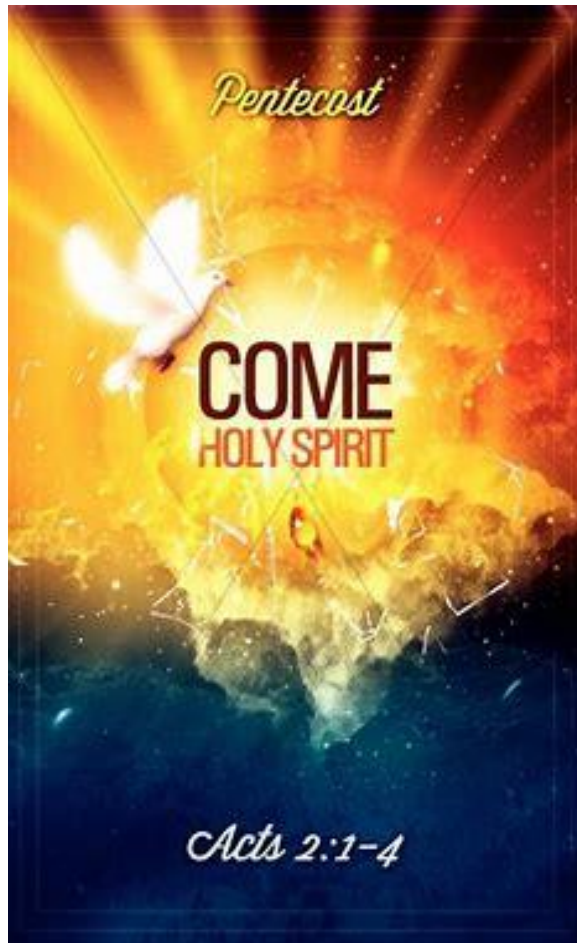


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This Week at Lincolnshire

Tuesday, May 22

7:00 p.m. Worship and Music

Wednesday, May 23

7:00 p.m. Grief Group

Thursday, May 24

7:00 p.m. Leadership Team

Food for thought...

Will it be said in 2019 that the congregations of the Church of the Brethren in Northern Indiana are a safe place, a secure place, an accepting place for all who have a strong faith in God, a deep love for the Savior Jesus Christ no matter what their race, background, ethnicity, level of education, manner of dress, marital situation, prison record, or sexual orientation may be? We are all sinners and need the Grace of God through Jesus to be saved from certain doom. God does not have "levels of severity" for sin. Any action or thought that separates us from the love of God; that comes between us and God is a sin, plain and simple. So instead of focusing on the perceived sins of others, let us focus on living our lives in ways that are improving the lives of others so Jesus can enter their lives and they may experience the joy, peace and security of knowing Jesus Christ and thrive and become people of God. District Conference is only 4 months away. Let's decide now to come together to talk, share, and support each other to build a District of congregations where joy, happiness, peace, security and love are the way of the future.

From Michael Dilling, Moderator District Conference 2018



2018 Annual Conference – Cincinnati, OH

July 4 through July 8

Lincolnshire Delegate – Dave Bell

Alternate Delegate – Marilyn Drudge

We will be bringing you news and information regarding Annual Conference in coming issues of Refrigerator News. You can also visit the website at annualconference@brethren.org.



June 10...Birthday Dinner!

On June 10, a birthday dinner will be given in the Fellowship Hall following worship service. Each month will have a birthday cake and a birthday table to match. You will be invited to sit at the table of your birth month!

The church building is celebrating its 60th Anniversary and will also have its own cake! Casey Drudge, church historian, will give a brief history of the building.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to bake cakes. More details will follow re/the meal.



A commitment card giving you the opportunity to contribute to the digital sign project was included in last Sunday's bulletin. If you have not already filled out one, please consider doing so this Sunday. This is a commitment only...if the congregation votes to move ahead with the purchase, you would need to honor your pledge. However, if the sign project is not approved, you will not be asked to honor that commitment.

While the digital sign is only one way that helps grow a church, research has proven that digital signs are a very effective way to communicate with the community, particularly with those driving by the church.

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact any member of the property management sign committee.
Thank you!

Stan Gorom, Fred Ilnicki, Marv Loutsenhizer, Jack Steckly and Pastor Paul Thomas.

Pentecost, the church's birthday.

Pentecost was originally a Jewish harvest festival when the first fruits of crops were given as offerings to God. On the first Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection, the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' followers. They were filled with power and love, thus empowering them to witness to God's actions in Christ to all who were nearby. Some 3,000 people responded to their claims that Christ was Lord and Savior of mankind. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' first followers on the day of Pentecost is often called the Church's birthday.



TONGUES OF FIRE

Reminiscent of the Pentecost account in Acts 2, when "tongues of fire" rested on the disciples' heads as the Holy Spirit birthed the church; images of flame symbolize the Spirit. Sometimes a tongue of fire is paired with a dove and set on a red background – other symbols of the Holy Spirit. Fire may also indicate spiritual fervor and zeal in a Christian's life.



The descending dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.
"As soon as Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove" (Matthew 3:16 NIV).

We remember the power of the Holy Spirit revealed like wind and flame, and trust in the Spirit's ongoing work in the church and the world.