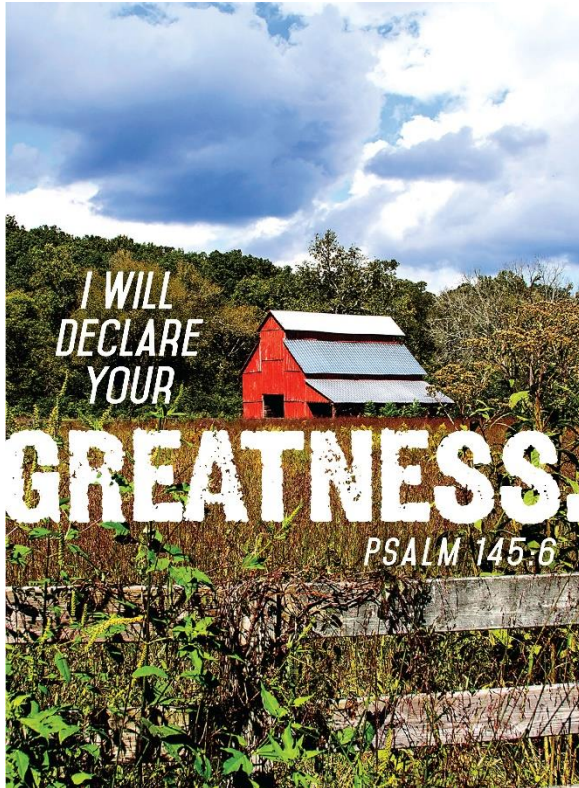


# Refrigerator News

## September 9, 2018



### This Week at Lincolnshire

#### Tuesday, September 10

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

#### Wednesday, September 12

1:00 p.m. Outreach & Caring (by email)

6:00 p.m. Ordinances

#### Thursday, September 13

9:30 a.m. Calling & Discernment

Friday & Saturday, September 14 & 15

District Conference at Camp Mack

### Leadership Team Minutes of August 23, 2018

**Present:** Paul & Cheryl Thomas, Marv & Sara Loutsenhizer, Sharon McKay, Bob & Marty Kaylor, Jan Williams, Judy Steckly, Evelyn Bickel, Carolyn Egolf, Marilyn Drudge.

1. Opening devotions by Judy Steckly & approval of June minutes.

**2. Pastors' Reports:** Printed reports were distributed, and Cheryl highlighted VBS and connectivity with First Christian and Honduran churches. Youth from Lincolnshire, FCC, and Honduran Church are invited to the Thomas's for a Lake Party Sept. 16. Paul focused on success of the Block Party, transitioning of the Grief Group to a Shepherding Group, and the "Feast on the Farm" event.

**3. Calling & Discernment**—Marty Kaylor: 1. Ministry Survey results are available if needed. 2. Calling delegate for Annual Conference is in process.

**4. Christian Education**—Judy Steckly: **S. School** classes begin Sept. 16

*Everybody Always* led by Heather Grady

*Is There Life After Stress?* led by Carolyn Egolf

*Brethren History/Beliefs* led by Dave Bell & Casey Drudge

Youth led by Amy Kolb

K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade by Marlene Bell Children's classes begin Sept. 9.

2's through Pre-K led by Cheryl Leverton

**C. Open Gym Night**—Proposal is for Open Gym every Monday from 6-8. A survey to be used to indicate feasibility. Tutoring on Mondays from 3:30-5 at church or in a child care center also proposed. There will be no Junior Church due to no children & worship to include puppets, Children's stories, etc. for children.

**5. Outreach & Caring**—Evelyn Bickel: **A.** New attendees are being interviewed for Refrigerator News. **B.** Numerous Hospitality Events have been suggested. **C.** Usher shortage is major concern. **D.** Attention is being given to expenses related to kitchen supplies and other hospitality-related items.

**6. Property Management**—Marv Loutsenhizer:

**A.** Trees, shrubs, and flower garden have been trimmed/cleaned.

**B.** Contract for \$1,750 has been let "to prime, paint, and caulk the wood on the sanctuary windows & stained-glass window behind the altar."

**C.** Reconstruction of the base and installation of digital sign was monitored.

**D.** Heavy downpours caused problems on west end of lower level.

**E.** Jack Steckly to paint ditch bridge & a stair on the parsonage.

**F.** Thanks to mowing crew & others who maintain church yard.

**7. Ordinances**—Bob Kaylor:

Next Communion will be in worship service Sunday, Oct. 7—World-Wide Communion Sunday.

**8. Stewardship**—Bob Kaylor:

**A.** Sept. 9—In Fellowship Hall at 9:00 A.M. “Dream Reports” will be shared by Ministry Teams.

**B.** Sept. 16—After worship, an informational meeting will be held in Overflow Room. Preliminary budget will be presented and devotional booklets distributed.

**C.** Theme of Stewardship Campaign is “*Stewardship is Heart Work.*” Information sheet with calendar & comments was distributed.

**D.** Reminder: Ministry Team Reports for Congregational meeting packets are due in office by Oct. 7.

**9. Treasurer’s Report**—Marilyn Drudge:

**A.** Financial report was reviewed; currently expenses exceed contributions, due partly to unexpected costs. Expenses and giving are being closely monitored.

**B.** Preliminary Budget was presented, and Marilyn noted changes. Total proposed budget is \$130,434. Stewardship Team brought the motion “to make this the preliminary budget to present to congregation Sept. 16.” Motion passed.

**10. Music & Worship**—Cheryl & Paul: **A.** Calendar is being planned through December 2019, and worship/sermon themes are in place through August 2019. **B.** Dates will be arranged for “specials,” including choir, puppets, skits, ensembles, etc. **C.** Decorations will be coordinated with themes.

**11.** Results of Worship Survey were positive.

**A strong preference for worship times to remain the same =46-Yes, 2-No Like Pre-worship? 31-Yes, 11-No, Either way.**

**Like Fellowship Time? 41-Yes 3-No.**

**Comments: a strong desire for quiet in the sanctuary prior to worship.**

**E.** Budget for Music & Worship was reviewed and increases explained.

**12.** Alexander Mack Festival-Oct. 7: Plans will be made early in Sept. for stew and other details. Info will be published in Refrigerator News.

**13.** Next Leadership Team meeting is Sept. 23 at 7:00 P.M.

**14.** Meeting closed with prayer by Cheryl.

Notes by Carolyn Egolf (Minutes abbreviated by SL to accommodate space)



**“Silence, all mankind, in the presence of the LORD!  
For he stirs forth from his holy dwelling.”**

Zechariah 2:17

When we come to church, we come to encounter and to *adore* the Living God. To be sure, it is a wonderful thing that we enjoy one another’s company. It is natural to want to catch up on current events in the lives of friends and parishioners. We experience the joy of being brothers and sisters in faith. Yet it is also true that as brothers and sisters in Christ, we come to pray. Knowing the great difficulty it is for each one of us to find those silent moments, it becomes a crucial obligation of charity to one another to help safeguard that sanctuary of silence before the Lord that we call the church. *Consequently, let us seek the Lord together in silence as we enter the sanctuary so our sisters and brothers in Christ may hear His voice and receive His word.*

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**DOLLARS FOR DONUTS!**

**Don’t forget to dunk a dollar or two into the Donut Box on Sunday mornings before you dunk your donut in the coffee! Donuts cost about \$14 per Sunday and we often run a deficit in covering the cost! THANKS MUCH!**



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**NEXT SUNDAY’S SCHEDULE**

**There are a number of events on next Sunday, September 16.**

**Fall Sunday School Classes begin at 9:00.**

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Brethren History/Beliefs led by Dave Bell & Casey Drudge

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**An informational meeting will also be held in the Overflow Room next Sunday immediately following the Worship Service. The preliminary church budget will be distributed as well as pledge information and the 2018 Stewardship Devotional Booklets will be given. This is a very important meeting so please plan to attend.**