

Refrigerator News

January 6, 2019



This Week at Lincolnshire

Monday, January 7

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

5:15 p.m. Open Gym

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Adult Ed

Tuesday, January 8

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Adult Ed

Wednesday, January 9

1:00 p.m. Outreach & Caring

3:00 p.m. Music and Worship

Thursday, January 10

9:30 a.m. Calling & Discernment



Christmas left-overs... or moments to cherish...

The glorious Christmas Eve Service with an unaudited count of 130-150 in attendance! It was a joyous reunion of friendships, visiting families and neighbors.

Pastor Cervantes and Kimberly Sosa leading us in prayers of Spanish and English with their families joining us.

A beautifully decorated sanctuary with angels and the Star of Bethlehem, the deep red of the poinsettias, the holly and the ivy on the windowsills. The glow of candlelight in the closing service.

Jean Wolf and Marie Clark walking up together to take communion. The Wolf family being with us.

Joyful singing by all, beautiful piano music by Deb Shaw, the blended voices of the chancel choir, the melodious bells as performed by the hand bell choir. Jason Kaylor's wonderful hand bell solo!

Lincolnshire neighborhood caroling by the Gym Night Youth, joined by several adults.

The beautifully decorated and welcoming Christmas Open House hosted by Pastors Paul and Cheryl Thomas.

Now January is here with us, a New Year with the bleakness of February and March to follow. When the days are dark and winter is upon the land and we long for the touch of warm sunshine, let us turn our hearts back to Christmas, 2018 and let those "Christmas leftovers" brighten our days!

O God, you give the winter's cold,
As well as summer's joyous rays.
You warmly in your love enfold,
And keep us through life's wintery days.

~ Samuel Longfellow

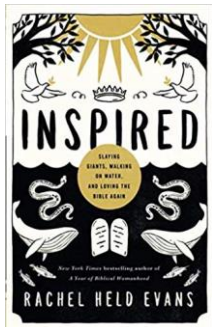


This year's Christmas Eve Offering totaled \$1,000.50 and will be divided between the Church of the Brethren's Children's Disaster Fund and Lincolnshire's Social Action Fund. Thank you for this outpouring of loving support!



Highlighting two Sunday School Classes

Heather Grady's class will be studying the book written by Rachel Held Evans, *"Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water and Loving the Bible Again."* An Amazon review reads: If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is *inspired*? When Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she began a quest to better understand what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read. Drawing on the best in recent scholarship and using her well-honed literary expertise, Evans examines some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, soliloquies, and even a short screenplay. Undaunted by the Bible's most difficult passages, Evans wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating Scripture's mysteries. Evans specializes in tantalizing book titles including one bearing the title of *"A Year of Biblical Womanhood: How a Liberated Woman Found Herself Sitting on Her Roof and Calling Her Husband "Master."* Heather's class meets downstairs in the church parlor.



The Altruist Class will study *"The Ten Commandments from the Backside"* by J. Elsworth Kalas. These questions are posed for class discussion: "Are the commandments relevant for today? Each commandment is discussed in depth as we attempt to make sense of centuries-old Biblical text. Join the class that meets in the room across from the library on the first floor.

All Sunday School classes begin on January 13th at 9:00 a.m.

Next week's Refrigerator News will bring updates on what is happening in our District, at Camp Mack, the Compelling Vision Process, our global missions and services and the Church of the Brethren in general. In addition, there will be updates on Lincolnshire's yearend financial status. If there is an area you would like to see highlighted, please contact me.

~ Sara L.



- January 6 Beth Wages
- January 16 Chris Kiess
- January 19 James Woods
- January 24 Howard Williams

January 21
Happy Anniversary
to Jan and Howard Williams!



Your lovely cards, your calls, and your most welcomed visits really helped time pass quickly when I was recently hospitalized. It was so heartwarming to know that my church family cared and prayed for me. Thank you so very much for your loving attentions and I wish you all a very blessed and happy New Year!

~ Carol Higgins



- Each Monday Women's Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.
Adult Education 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesdays.
Open Gym 5:15 p.m.
- January 9 1:00 p.m. Outreach & Caring
3:00 p.m. Music and Worship
- January 10 9:30 a.m. Calling & Discernment
- January 15 7:00 p.m. Stewardship
- January 16 7:00 p.m. Choir
- January 17 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study – Location TBA
- January 24 7:00 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting
- January 30 7:00 p.m. Choir