

Refrigerator News

May 12, 2019



This Week at Lincolnshire

Monday, May 13

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
Lutheran Life Village Visit
5:30 p.m. Open Gym

Wednesday, May 15

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, May 16

7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study @ Bells'

Saturday, May 18

9:00 – 12:30
Leadership Retreat



URGENT NEED FROM CAMP MACK!

Camp has fallen way behind in summer staff recruitment, and is concerned that there will not be the staff that is needed. The Camp is looking for seven awesome staff members. They need persons who can work beginning mid-to-late May until the first or second week of August. Compensation includes salary, room and board, college scholarship, and bonuses for lifeguards. If you know of anyone who may be able to help us with kitchen, facility and program, please have them call Camp Mack right away! 574-658-4831.

Thanks to your generosity, Lincolnshire's Easter breakfast offering to the camp was \$375.

From Lincolnshire.....

Lisa Lahr and Laura Revard are looking for volunteers to teach Summer Sunday School for children ages preschool and up. Please contact either Lisa or Laura if you are interesting in helping!

Dollars and Sense... Contributions for the month of April, 2019 totaled \$8,553 and expenses were \$10,036 resulting in a negative balance of \$1,483. Year to date contributions total \$40,586 and expenses \$41,687 for a negative balance of \$1,101. For various reasons our giving is down but will hopefully, be improving. We sincerely appreciate your support and commitment making it possible for us to continue doing God's work.

It's that time of the year to sign up for church yard lawn mowing. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Call Howard Pletcher at 255-9992 if you have any questions. The church lawn always needs TLC... weeding, shrub trimming, etc. You are always welcome to "extend a gloved hand to help."





**A Message from the Annual Conference Moderator,
Donita Keister**

This year we will be turning our attention away from the usual items of business toward the hard work of in-depth conversations around the discernment of a *Compelling Vision*. These conversations will take place during our usual business sessions when delegates and others will be led through extended conversation around deep questions that address aspects of our identity, purpose, and covenant together. If you are registered as a non-delegate and have not signed up to be part of the *Compelling Vision*, you may still do so by contacting Chris Douglas, Conference Director. The themes for our discussion have been generated as a result of previous conversations during Annual Conference of 2018 and within districts over recent months.

I invite all to be in prayer for Annual Conference and especially for the *Compelling Vision* process. A prayer calendar which guides us to a scripture and prayer focus for each day is available at www.brethren.org/compelling vision. I believe there is great power in many participating in prayer together around the same purpose. Many of you are coming with various expectations surrounding our work at Annual Conference. I encourage everyone to suspend all expectations except this one: that the Holy Spirit will move among and through us in miraculous ways as we come together to proclaim Christ through our worship, study and fellowship and our intentional conversation about the future of the Church of the Brethren. May it be so! ~ Donna Keister

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Current and New Leadership Team Members

Church Leadership Retreat is

SATURDAY, MAY 18, from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

We will assemble in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00- 9:10 with coffee and morning snacks. Seating will be according to ministry teams and tables will be so marked. Discussion points will direct our thinking about what has gone well this past year, what can be improved. We will also discuss and chart our future course for this coming 2019-2020 year. This is an important meeting and all leadership members are urged to be there.

Women of Valor



In *A Year of Biblical Womanhood* (Thomas Nelson), Rachel Held Evans explores the concept of the Proverbs 31 woman, whose character is described as noble or virtuous. Many scholars say the most accurate translation of the Hebrew phrase *eschet chayil* is actually the “valorous woman.” To many modern-day women, Proverbs 31 seems like an impossible-to-meet job description. But Evans says that shouldn’t be the case. **“The woman of Proverbs 31 is not some ideal that exists out there; she is present in each one of us when we do even the smallest things with valor”** she writes. “Like any good poem, the purpose of this one is to draw attention to the often-overlooked glory of the everyday.” To affirm the females in her life, Evans started calling them “women of valor.” What an honoring way to bless someone’s day!

As a Mother



Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children. Often you weep over our sins and our pride; tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment. You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds; in sickness you nurse us, and with pure milk you feed us.

Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life; by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy. Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; through your gentleness we find comfort in fear. Your warmth gives life to the dead; your touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us; in your love and tenderness remake us. In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness; for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us. ~ Aslem of Canterbury (1033-1109)