

Refrigerator News

August 18, 2019



HOLY COMMUNION

The Holy Supper is kept indeed
In what we share with another's need;
Not what we give, but what we share:
For the gift without the giver is bare.
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three:
Himself, his hungering neighbor and Me.

—James Russell Lowell, *The Vision of Sir Launfal*

This week at Lincolnshire

Tuesday, August 20

**7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting
Preliminary Budget Work**

Thursday, August 22

**7:00 p.m. Leadership Team
Preliminary Budget Review & Vote**

Dear Lincolnshire Congregation,

With Sara Loutsenhizer retiring from the Administrative Assistant Position, we need help in finding a candidate to fill her position. If you are interested or know of someone who you feel would be a good candidate, please let Cheryl or Paul know. Skills and time required are:

12-15 hours per week

Strong communication skills

Strong computer skills

Internet access abilities

The application form is online at the church website:

www.lincnotes.org

Thank you for your interest in helping fill her position.



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If indeed childhood was ever carefree, it's hardly so now. Some children face bullying, while others deal with rough home lives. Many fret over their performance at school and in sports. News of dangers and tragedies makes parents want to shelter their kids from worldly harm.

Whether real or imagined, childhood anxieties are best confronted in the same way as adult anxieties: through prayer and the assurance of God's presence. Teach this traditional prayer to a young person in your life – and find comfort in it yourself:

God in heaven, hear my prayer.
Keep me in thy loving care.
Be my guide in all I do.
Bless all those who love me too.
Amen.

Let us hold our dear Lincolnshire school children in daily prayer for their safety and well-being, both in the classroom, at home and away.
For this we pray...

Church of the Brethren Newslines

August 5, 2019 In Response to the Shootings in El Paso and Dayton

Today, like far too many days before, we are grieving with our country at the news of two horrific mass shootings, one in El Paso, Texas, and the other in Dayton, Ohio. At a time when it is hard to find words to soothe, we turn to the balm that heals us in the scriptures and our commitment to Christ's peace. In the words of Romans 14:19, **"Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification."** We reaffirm the words that Mission and Ministry Board said in last year's statement, **"Lukewarm no more: A call for repentance and action on gun violence:"**

"The work of the church is pastoral and public. We must preach the Gospel in word and deed. [...] We have fallen short of discipleship in the way of Jesus, lost sight of Christ's reconciling work, grown weary in doing good, become numb to shootings, and tolerant of widespread violence in our nation. We call ourselves into greater and more energetic care for all people through direct service, bold peacemaking, and the work of challenging policies that do not lead to well-being and God's shalom."¹

It is such a time as this that requires the bold peacemaking to which our historic pacifist stance calls us. Our **1991 Statement on Peacemaking** says, "Just as peace is broken when injustice and unrighteousness reign, so peace is threatened when fear and hostility exercise control."² Fear and hostility provided the foundation for these domestic terror incidents to occur, and it is an act of hope and trust in God to call for peace in the wake of violence.

The statement goes on to say that "in the tradition of Moses to Malachi, prophetic proclamation and action has been a distinctive part of our heritage. The prophetic, whether a word of judgment, a cry of anguish, a symbolic act of resistance or defiance, a confession, or a vision of hope and promise, always presupposes that Yahweh is active in our time."

If we seek to bring God's peace to earth as it is in Heaven, we must proclaim the prophetic, this act of resistance to the violence we see around us every day. *We believe that Yahweh is active in our time, which calls us to lament and grieve for all those who feel the sting of violence and to seek true justice and peace for a hurting world.*

— David Steele, General Secretary



The Stewardship Committee, with input from the church's ministry teams, is busy preparing for the Annual Stewardship Campaign which begins in September. Many churches also conduct stewardship campaigns. But sadly, many church members associate the word "stewardship" only with pledge cards, budget discussions and a challenge to give more generously. Actually, Stewardship deals with managing everything God has given us – our brain, body, talent, and spiritual life. It is our total response to God's goodness toward us and his showers of blessings in our lives.

Stewardship campaigns give us an opportunity to re-appraise our lives as a whole. Are we glorifying God with our minds, bodies, talents, property, and financial resources? Are we using our gifts to spread Christ's gospel? Taking inventory of our stewardship is a meaningful experience. The Stewardship Committee is placing their trust in God and believing in our members and friends to support the church's ministry. Let us show our faithfulness with good stewardship through our time, talents and treasures. For this we pray...

Looking



Ahead...

Women's Bible Study... Mother Teresa taught that "We need not do great things – only small things with great love."

The Church of Small Things is the text for Women's Bible Study Group beginning Monday, September 9. Based on the book of Ruth, among themes included are faithfulness, words, and friendship. The group meets weekly September thru mid-May on Mondays from 9:15 – 10:45 a.m. Sessions will be held in the room across from the library. All interested women are welcomed. Questions? Call 747-2976.

Altruist Class – Fall 2019

Parables; The Greatest Stories Ever Told, a life study, is the text for the Altruist Class. Among the 12 Parables are the "Good Samaritan" and "The Sower" as well as less familiar ones such as "Wheat & Tares" and "Money and Self Worth". The Class meets in the room across from the library.