

# REFRIGERATOR NEWS

*January 19, 2014*



## This Week at Lincolnshire

**Monday, January 20**

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

**Tuesday, January 21**

7:00 Men's Bible Study  
at Bickels'

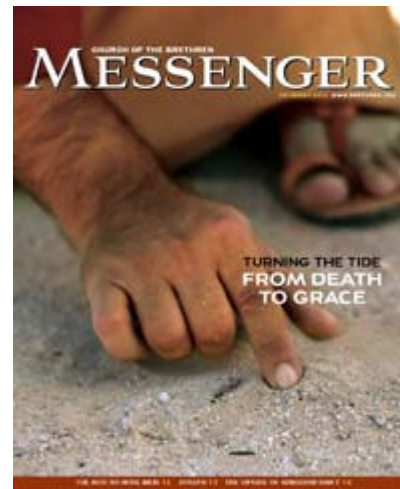
**Wednesday, January 22**

7:15 Choir Practice

**Thursday, January 23**

7:00 Leadership Team

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## **From Calling and Discernment...**

Each year you are invited to suggest up to three persons you see as gifted to serve on the Calling and Discernment Team. The team is responsible for matching persons to leadership and service needs of the congregation. Qualifications are knowledge of persons - their spiritual gifts, interests and talents, knowledge of the ministries of the church, and a commitment to serve with a sense of "call." Sundays, January 26 and February 2, you will have the opportunity to complete a bulletin insert offering your suggestions. This is your part in the process and is appreciated.



**To be rich in admiration and free from envy, to rejoice greatly in the good of others, to love with such generosity of heart that your love is still a dear possession in absence or unkindness – these are gifts which money cannot buy.**

-- Robert Louis Stevenson

## NEWS

- 1) Church youth groups get together to register for National Youth Conference.
- 2) Strategic pathways work continues by Brethren Benefit Trust board.
- 3) Virlina District Conference supports peace efforts of Nigerian Brethren

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4) Today is opening day for work camp registration, last day to apply for Ministry Summer Service, Youth Peace Travel Team
- 5) Church Planting Conference looks toward an intercultural future
- 6) Living Love Feast is theme of Bethany's 2014 Forum

## FEATURES

- 7) Church of the Brethren member leads peace training in Democratic Republic of Congo
- 8) New Year's resolutions: A reflection for January 2014 from the Older Adult Ministry
- 9) Brethren bits: Correction, Bethany's Nicarry Chapel suffers water damage, Haitian Brethren request prayer, 12th anniversary of first detainees at Guantanamo, Nominating Committee meets, BVS survey, resignation and job opening, and much more

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**Details and Signup for the 2014 Church Pictorial Directory!**

# Stewardship Report



The congregation really stepped up at the Congregational meeting last Sunday in dealing with the 2014 budget. Thanks to the additional giving commitments that members made, our outreach went from zero to \$6,550. In addition, the office coordinator's wage was reinstated to the 2013 level so the number of hours in the office will not be reduced. This is especially important in view of the additional work that is anticipated with taking on the E-3 program that starts in February plus the continuance of Refrigerator News. Also, the music honorarium for special guest musicians was reinstated at \$200, and \$460 was committed for Camp Mack Tuition.

Thanks to Pastor Bibbee who donated his raise of \$2,673 for outreach and to Margaret Pletcher who also donated her wages of \$1,950 to outreach. Ten other members made additional pledges of \$5,660 over and above what they committed in the fall. This allows our church to make a strong commitment to outreach as well as fund our other budgeted expenses.

Thank you, thank you, and thank you to all who made additional commitments for 2014. Without the support of your money, your time and your talents, the work of our church would have been greatly reduced. With many of our members on fixed incomes, and others on extremely tight budgets, the commitment our congregation is making reflects the strong support for God and our church. Thanks again for all you do, and for the financial sacrifices you make for the work of the church.

If you would like to review a copy of the revised detailed budget please see Stan Gorom, Dave Bell or Marv Loutsenhizer