

REFRIGERATOR NEWS

January 5, 2014



This Week at Lincolnshire

Monday, January 6

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

Tuesday, January 7

7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
Location to be announced.

Wednesday, January 8

7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

Next Sunday, January 12

Annual Congregational Meeting
Potluck Dinner

**Pick up your copy of the Annual Report
at the back of the sanctuary.**



John Kolb gives a big "Thanks" to those people who responded quickly when asked if they could help wash the sanctuary windows on December 27th. Dick and Ruth Strole, Jack Steckly, Craig Colvin, Lowell Shearer and Stan Gorom came to John's aid and quickly washed the windows and window sills while the new windows in Pastor David's study were being installed. This is the first time in many years that this has been done (at least to this writer's knowledge) and they look great! Thanks also to Stan and Cassie who took care of the aluminum recycling and the old motors. Poorman's Heating also replaced a pump and blower on the heating system on that same date. It was a busy day of clean-up and fix-up at Lincolnshire before year-end. Thanks again to all those who are so willing to help keep the church clean, warm and inviting.

From Calling and Discernment

The following persons have accepted calls to represent Lincolnshire at the Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren in Columbus, OH on July, 2014. You will be asked to affirm them at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 12th, 2014.

Annual Conference Delegate: Marilyn Drudge 2014

Annual Conference Alternate: Judy Steckly 2014

Delegates to the District Conference will be called in early 2014.

Next Sunday is the Congregational Business Meeting. The agenda items are:

- Approval of the minutes of the Congregational Meetings of 2013.
- Reports from the Leadership Team, Commissions, Committees and the Staff report.
- Treasurer's Report
- Approval of the 2014 Budget
- Appointing of Trustees
- Affirmation of Annual Conference Delegates
- Any additional business deemed necessary.

Please plan to attend this very important meeting and stay for the potluck dinner immediately following. Congregational reports and budget copies are available at the back of the sanctuary for your perusal prior to the meeting itself. Please feel free to take one home.



January Birthdays

January 6	Beth Wages
January 14	Judy Steckly
January 16	Chris Kiess
January 16	Braden Hix
January 18	Chrissy Hix
January 19	James Woods
January 24	Howard Williams

Happy Anniversary to Howard and Jan Williams on January 21st!

Notice....Telephone Number Correction
Fred and Joanne Schmidt's
Telephone number is **745-2605**.



From the pews....

Danil Vorndran **walked** up the steps to church last Sunday with his proud parents, Jane and Mike, after a long and painful rehab period following leg surgery in September. He was thrilled to be wearing a new pair of ordinary shoes without orthopedic lifts! We rejoice with Danil and his family and praise God for his healing powers and mercies!

We remain prayerful for **Rosemary La Rue** as she and her family seek other treatment options thru Mayo Clinic. May their hearts be instilled with a new hope for tomorrow.

For the sorrow felt by **Sue Bibbee** whose father passed away and for **Avon Scott** whose wife passed away, both in December, we remain in sympathetic prayer. May this new year bring them renewal of faith, hope and spirit as we support them with our thoughts and prayers.

Our love and support also to **Jan Ward** who continues her prayerful and sad watch over her parents, John and Marcile Welborn at Timbercrest. They are both under Hospice Care.



Epiphany's Significance

The church season of Epiphany begins on January 6 each year. The name comes from the Greek word *epiphaneia*, meaning "to appear, to show or to manifest." The ending date of the Epiphany season is determined by Ash Wednesday which is determined by the date of Easter. Traditionally, Epiphany Day marks the arrival of the Magi, or wise men, to worship the infant Jesus. The significance of Epiphany for Christians is that it symbolizes the first recognition of Christ by

Gentiles, or non-Jews.

The season of Epiphany emphasizes the divine nature of Jesus, the Light of the World. Symbols for the season include light, a star and the color green, which represents life, growth, hope and eternity.

What not to take into the New Year.

- Self-help books – Trust in God first; don't turn to him as a last resort. (See Proverbs 3:5-6)
- Tape Measure – Consider only God's standards; don't compare yourself to other people. (See Luke 18:9-14)
- Rearview Mirror – Don't live in the past. You'll miss out on what God is doing in your life now. (See Philippians 3:12-14)
- Gavel – Instead of judging others, pray for them, help them and team with them. (See Luke 6:37-38)
- Life vest – Don't be overly cautious spiritually. Peter experienced Jesus in a real way because he dared to step out of the boat. (See Matthew 14:22-23)
- Garage-door opener – We think we're networked but often isolate ourselves from our neighbors. God intended for us to live in community with one another. (See Hebrews 10:23-25)
- Handcuffs – Don't offer excuses about why you can't help out. God can do amazing things through – and despite – us. Just follow him, with no excuses. (See Mark 6:35-44)

We think too much and feel too little.

More than machinery, we need humanity.

More than cleverness, we need kindness and gentleness."

~Charlie Chaplin, Actor, Writer