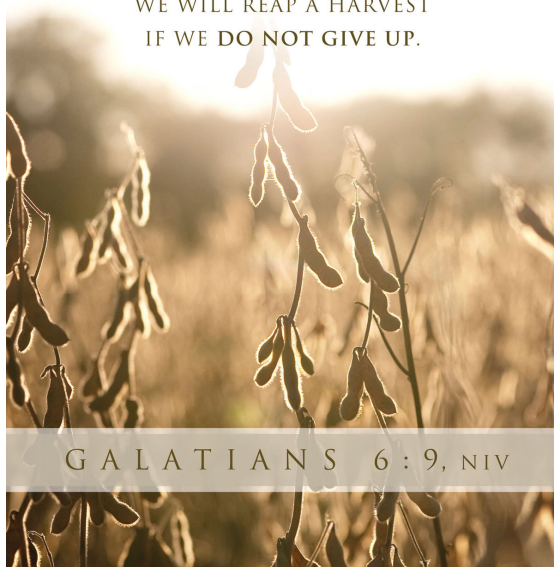


Refrigerator News

November 16, 2014

*Let us not become
weary in doing good.*

FOR AT THE PROPER TIME
WE WILL REAP A HARVEST
IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP.



Monday, November 17

9:15 – 10:45 Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 19

7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

Please note:

Due to Thanksgiving falling on the 4th Thursday, the next Leadership Team meeting is **December 4** at 7:00.
The church office will be closed **November 27** and **28th**.



Christmas, 2014...what can you give?

The core principle of **Heifer USA** and **Heifer International** is **Passing on the Gift**. For each livestock gift, families agree to pass on the offspring of that animal to another person in need. In some places, **22** generations of Heifer animals can be traced. On average, Passing on the Gift lasts for at least nine generations.

A **Heifer USA Gift Certificate** shows a gift has been given in someone's name. Make an offering to Heifer USA and indicate it is for a Gift Certificate. Put the check in the offering plate or give it to Peggy Brown, Judy Steckly, or anyone in the office. The Gift Certificate will be ready the next week, or sooner, if needed. There are also gift boxes for donations which will accumulate and be given to **Heifer USA** by Lincolnshire. The boxes are located in the Fellowship Hall, the back of the sanctuary, and on the kitchen counter.



Young Adults Meet

Four of Lincolnshire's young adults are gathering on Sunday mornings to learn more and grow in the faith together. The empty little room across from the quilters' room on the lower level has been changed into a cozy and inviting "Young Adults Nook."

Shannon Kiess, Bailey Vorndran, Andy Dzierla and **Zakk Strole** are getting better acquainted, sharing ideas and deciding on study topics. Please commit to praying for each of these young men and women AND for the person whom God "taps" on the shoulder to lead this new class!

From Calling and Discernment...

The following persons have accepted calls to represent Lincolnshire at the Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren in Tampa, FL in July, 2015. You will be asked to affirm them at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 18th.

Bob Kaylor, Delegate

Linda Fultz, Alternate Delegate

YOU CAN HELP



The holidays are fast approaching with Thanksgiving just a few days away. This will bring about an increase in requests for help with food from the church. You can help by bringing in the following suggested staples to stock the pantry shelves.

Peanut butter & Jelly- *always needed!*

Canned fruit

Mac & Cheese

Canned soup, Chunky soup

Canned meat and tuna

Cereal

Instant potatoes

Pork & Beans

Rice

Skillet Dinners

Pasta

Spaghetti & Sauce

Ramen noodles

And thank you always for your kindnesses in remembering others.



Giving for the month of October totaled \$11,602 and expenses were \$10,271 resulting in an addition to our balance of \$1,331. We operate on a cash basis and there are some commitments such as outreach, pensions, etc. that are paid quarterly. This will give us some funds towards meeting these December commitments.

On a year-to-date basis, giving totaled \$121,812 and expenses exceeded this amount by \$5,351 which has eroded the beginning balance. Please continue to support the church financially so we can end the year with a sufficient working balance.

We appreciate all the giving and support from each of you and your commitment makes it possible for Lincolnshire to continue doing God's work.

~ The Stewardship Team

A Quick Look Ahead...

While we don't like rushing Christmas ahead of Thanksgiving, the time between the two holidays is quite short and we think you will appreciate knowing about two events that are fast approaching.

Christmas in Franke Park

Saturday, November 29 – Sunday, November 30

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the **Christ Child Festival**. This free, family friendly festival will focus on why we celebrate Christmas. Seven outdoor tents will include: living nativity with live sheep, donkey and camels, "Streets of Bethlehem" with shops, talent sharing, caroling, children's games & crafts.



An All-Congregational E3 Christmas Project!

You are invited to participate in an all-congregation E3 Christmas activity! On **Sunday, December 7th**, there will be pizza and cookies for all starting at 11:45 a.m. There will be tables with materials to make Christmas tree ornaments. As soon as lunch is finished, those who can will start taking some pre-made ornaments with invitations attached and putting them on doorknobs in our neighborhood. Others will make more ornaments to keep our neighborhood walkers busy. The ornaments will be cut shapes from felt and paper, with decorations of ribbons, pompoms, yarn and markers. Each ornament will have a jingle bell on the bottom, and a hook on the top. The invitations are for the December 14th worship, the Christmas pageant and the Christmas potluck featuring birthday cakes. It will also include the Christmas Eve Service.



Gratitude gets us through the hard stuff.

To reflect on your blessings is to rehearse God's accomplishments.

To rehearse God's accomplishments is to discover his heart.

To discover his heart is to discover not just good gifts but the Good Giver.

Gratitude always leaves us looking at God and away from dread.

It does to anxiety what the morning sun does to valley mist. It burns it up.

~ Max Lucado, *You'll Get Through This*