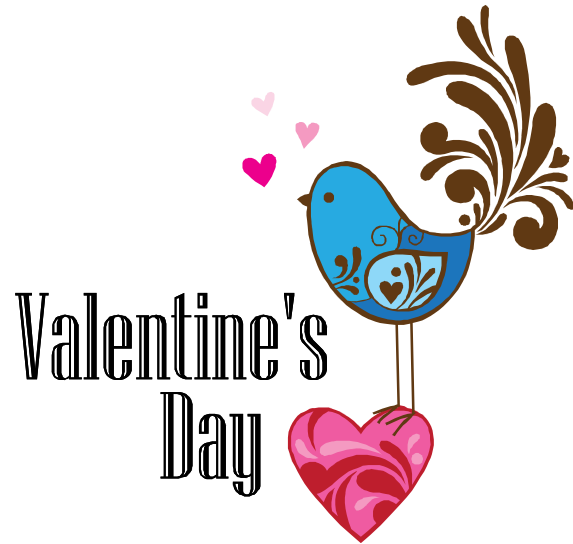


REFRIGERATOR NEWS

February 9, 2014



This Week at Lincolnshire

Monday, February 10

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

Wednesday, February 12

6:00 Ordinances

7:15 Choir Practice

Thursday, February 13

6:30 Outreach and Caring

Friday, February 14

Valentine's Day

Weirdly compatible

We're all a little weird. And life is a little weird. And when we find someone whose weirdness is compatible with ours, we join up with them and fall into mutually satisfying weirdness – and call it love – true love!

~ Robert Folghum, *True Love*

Today's Sermon

"Works in Progress"

Theme:

St. Iranaeus prayed, "If thou art the work of God await the hand of the artist who does all things in due season." We do not merely exist. We know we exist. But knowledge doesn't give life. The philosopher Decartes` said, "I think, therefore I am." But just because we think and feel doesn't mean we will get around to answering one of life's fundamental questions – "Who are you?" The question is answered day by day for those who nurture a relationship with God. As we await the hand of the artist we find our identity in 1 John – "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God."

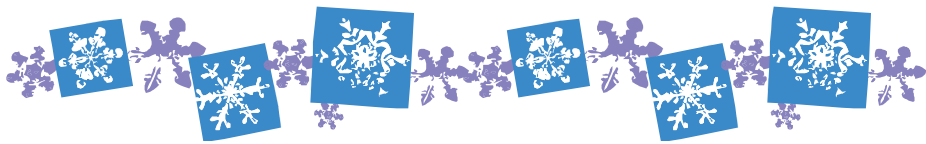
Join in the "talk back" session following the worship service as we consider this reading.

Thank You!

Jan Ward thanks everyone for their kind attentions when she was recently hospitalized and homebound recovering from complications of the flu. She really appreciated all the cards, phone calls and notes of encouragement.

Thanks to **Tom Tiernon** and **Allen Kirkman**...for their timely and prompt snow removal. It was with a great sigh of relief that we pulled into the parking lot on Thursday after the recent big snowfall to see the lot so thoroughly plowed and the sidewalks neatly cleared. Entering a warm building during the week and on Sunday mornings gives us pause to thank those who monitor and tend to the working and/or repair of the boilers. We are so *thankful* for all these people who often work unseen, taking such loving care of this church and the surrounding property. **YOU** are appreciated!





There was a popular song titled, “Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow.” I spoke with some people who prayed that we would have snow for Christmas. Now some of these same people are saying, “Enough is enough!” In my opinion, we have had enough snow to enjoy its beauty and enough zero temperatures to destroy all the nasty bugs and germs that may plague us. So if you were one of those folks who prayed for snow, would you now please pray for an early spring with enough rain to bring the trees and plants back to life?

It is thought by some that snow is free because we don’t pay to have it delivered. However...the cost comes later with repairing crashed autos, purchasing shovels and other snow equipment and paying higher than normal heating bills. While Lincolnshire doesn’t have to repair or purchase snow blowers and other equipment, we *DID* pay for having the parking lot and driveway cleared. Normally we budget \$600 per year for snow removal and salt (if required). But in 2013, we spent \$889 and shot right through the budget! For the year 2014, another \$600 was approved for snow removal. *Guess what!?* In January, we spent \$585 and then...we got another 8 inches or more of snow in the first of February! So the cost to clear the drive and parking lot will be at least another \$100.

Now there are two ways you can help. One way is to pray for an early spring. The other way is to put some money in a pew envelope marked “Snow Removal” and put it in the offering plate. Personally, when I think of how long it would take all of us to do all that shoveling, putting some money in the offering plate pays greater dividends! Thanks! ~ Marv Loutsenhizer



“If I had a flower for every time I thought of you...I could walk through my garden forever.” — [Alfred Tennyson](#)



Only a few time slots are left to signing up for the 2014 Church Pictorial Directory.

Lifetouch photographers will be here Friday, **February 21 from 2:00 -8:00 p.m.** and Saturday, **February 22 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.** for our 2014 Church Pictorial Directory. Each person or family photographed receives a **free 8x10 portrait**. Extra or different sized portraits can be purchased also. **Sign-up tables are at the back of the sanctuary.** You do not have to be a member to have your picture included and you can have your entire family included as well. For pet lovers... you can bring your pet to be photographed with you!

Help the Food Pantry

Bring a food item (canned goods, cereal, boxed dinner, canned meat, etc.) for the food pantry and receive a \$5.00 off certificate for your Lifetouch portrait order. A box will be located in the Fellowship Hall in which you can drop off your donation.

What should I wear? What is the background?

Lifetouch photographers say, “Be Yourself!” Dress can be classic, casual, sporty, fun...it’s up to you. Here are some tips:

- Solid colors work best. Avoid busy patterns, they distract from your face.
- Avoid changing your hairstyle or cutting your hair right before your setting.
- If you are wearing special jewelry, mention to the photographer that you would like to have your jewelry featured in the portrait.
- Apply make-up as you normally would for an evening out. Remember: your eyes are the focal point in a portrait.
- If you wear glasses all the time, you’ll want to have them in your portrait.
- Lifetouch offers portrait retouch that can soften lines, etc.

Stop by the sign-up table after the worship service for a free portrait guide.