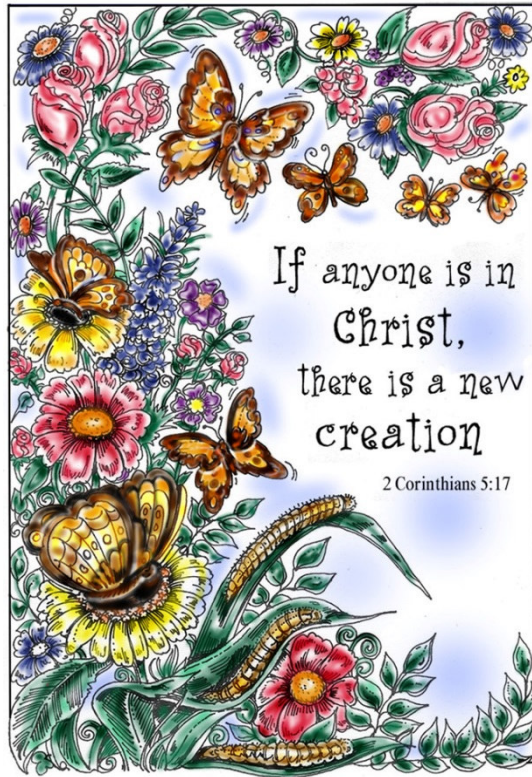


Refrigerator News

March 2, 2014



We are the church!

The church is never in a defensive position as long as we remember who we are, and whose we are – the body of Christ through whom he intends to become head over everything else.

Christ himself signs the letter of the church. It is Christ with whom every power in the universe must reckon, and we who make up the church are not operating out of human wisdom and strength alone.

We are a new creation, a fellowship of resurrection life. We are a letter of Christ; his seal is upon us. Christ signs the letter of the church. The church is Christ's body – the fullness of him who fills all in all.

~ Maxie Dunnam



March 1	Kathy Hause
March 2	Margaret Pletcher
March 5	Heather Fowler
March 10	Bill Leverton
March 11	Rachel Hause
March 13	Jeff Moser
March 14	Kyle Creed
March 15	Heather Grady
March 21	Lucas Kolb
March 22	Remio Batalona
March 22	Tom Dawson
March 29	Carol Creed
March 30	Ann Moser
March 30	Allen Shaw
March 31	Craig Colvin
March 31	Russell Muex

Happy Anniversary on March 18 to Craig and Ruth Colvin

The Symbolism of Ashes.

On the first day of Lent, pastors in many churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads. God's people have used ashes as a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. In the Old Testament, ashes were used as a purification offering. The New Testament speaks of repenting in "sackcloth and ashes" (Luke 10:13, NRSV).



On Ash Wednesday, Christians are pained because our sins – private and public—led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing it leads to resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Lincolnshire's Ash Wednesday Service is Wednesday, March 5, from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. Attending this service symbolizes your intention to deepen your spiritual life through spiritual renewal and growth in dedication and service. You are invited to attend this meditative service as the Lenten season begins.



Contributions continue coming in for snow-plowing! Through your generosity in giving, there is now \$443 in the snow-plowing purse. We can only hope that we will NOT have to use any of it until December of 2014 and then just for Christmas Eve! Thank you so much for your attention to this need!

Also, thanks to **John Kolb** for coordinating the parking lot lighting with I & M. Only a portion of the lights were working before John tackled the project. Now all the parking lot lights are brightly lit and are indeed a welcomed sight, affording a feeling of safety for those visiting or working at the church at night.

Life Touch photo shoots were well attended with about a 90% turnout for the directory. Life Touch graciously offered the usage of pictures from the 2010 Directory for those who were unable to sit for a current picture. Another big plus... you were asked to bring food items for our food pantry and you generously responded by bringing in 111 canned or packaged food items! This certainly helps fill the downstairs shelves. Thank you again for your generosity!

As the church calendar indicates, March 9 will be a special Sunday in the life of Lincolnshire as Randy Yoder begins our journey into E3. He will deliver the sermon and lead us in a conversation on "The Timeline of Lincolnshire" following a potluck at 11:45 a.m. Bring your favorite dish to add to the delectable spread on the tables and enjoy the food and fellowship as only a potluck can bring!

"To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us - and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him. Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference."

- Thomas Merton



Sunday, March 2

Receiving of new members to Lincolnshire
Reception following worship service

Monday, March 3

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

Wednesday, March 5

6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
7:30 Choir Practice

Thursday, March 6

9:00 a.m. Calling & Discernment

Saturday, March 8

Randy Yoder meets with E3 teams.

Sunday, March 9

First Sunday in Lent
Randy Yoder preaching
Communion
Potluck

Monday, March 10

9:15 Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, March 4

7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 12

7:15 Choir Practice

Sunday, March 16

Special Birthday Dinner by the Youth

Marv and I will be in Florida from March 4 thru March 13. Prayer requests can be called in to Ruth Strole or Pastor David. The church office will be open as usual. Ruth Strole and Dorothy Tripp will be in on alternating days. There will be no Refrigerator News on March 9.

~ Sara Loutsenhizer