

Refrigerator News

December 11, 2016



Make a Happy Christmas

How can you make this the happiest Christmas? Simply by trying to give yourself to others. Put something of yourself into everything you give. A gift, however small, speaks its own language. And when it tells of the love of the giver, it is truly blessed.
~ Norman Vincent Peale

This Week at Lincolnshire

Monday, December 12

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
Tea and Cards
Last session until January 9

Wednesday, December 14

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Search Committee
In the Pastor's Study

Thursday, December 15

7:00 Men's Bible Study
at Dave Bell's

Friday, December 16

1:00 Cookies for Shut-ins
See related article.

Our gifts for the chancel Christmas tree is food for our Food Pantry. Please bring your contributions through the month of December to be placed under the tree.



More Christmas giving...

This Friday, December 16, the Outreach and Caring Ministry Team will take 2 dozen cookies each to Lincolnshire's homebound friends or to friends that just need an extra touch of love and caring during the Christmas season. If you are interested in bringing cookies and/or delivering cookies, please contact Jan Ward. Participants will meet in the church kitchen at 1:00. Cookies can be homemade or store bought. Love and caring is in both!



Leadership Team Highlights December 1 Meeting

Calling & Discernment: - 1. Thank you notes were sent to several who serve in various responsibilities.

2. CDC is in the process of finding someone to serve as chair of Property Management following John Kolb's resignation.

3. Call process is underway for terms expiring June 30, 2017.

Christian Education: 1. Children's materials have been ordered. 2. Heather Grady will continue teaching.

Property Management: 1. Elevator was inspected and reported in good working order. 2. Dedicated volunteers kept the lawn mowed throughout the season. 3. Among items regarding property are trimming of bushes, checking air conditioners, keeping boilers tuned up, etc. 4. Parsonage Committee: Jerry Wood, Marv Loutsenhizer, Herb Tripp & Stan Gorom.

Outreach & Caring: Calendar includes. . .

Dec. 4—Light lunch provided.

Dec. 11—Christmas Dinner—Carry-In

Dec. 16—Cookie Day—Cookies will be boxed, and delivered.

Jan. 8—Birthday Dinner—Chili Dinner plus Birthday cakes.

Jan Ward offered to help in the office one day per week as needed.

Visitation: Hospital visits will be made by a team with persons assigned to specific hospitals. A record of visits will be kept.

Stewardship: Treasurer's Report as of Oct. 31 shows giving is \$6000 short of expenses, while General Fund shows negative balance of \$1900.

Congregation is urged to give generously, and Christmas Eve offering will be divided between social action and Nigeria. When end-of-year information is available, Stewardship Team will address budget shortfall.

Worship & Music: Plans/Speakers for December services:

Dec. 4—Hanging of the Greens Dec. 11—Pastor K. C. Klarner

Dec. 18—Rebecca Hoff Dec. 24—Denise Schwaberow

Dec. 25—Dave Cutrell Jan 1—To be announced. Thanks was expressed to Terri for arranging speakers and planning December services.

Interim—Profiles have been received. A committee including Lori Linn, Terri Woods, Dave Cutrell., Danil Vorndran, and Chris Kiess will review information and bring a recommendation to Leadership Team. No time line is set.

Search Committee includes Lori Linn, Heather Grady, Joe Henderson, Katie Kolb, Marv Loutsenhizer, and Herb Tripp. They will be working as information becomes available.

Home Church Program A group from this program but not at this time. Minutes by Carolyn Egolf.

(You will find a copy of the complete minutes in your mailboxes.)

News and notes...

Men's Bible Study is now meeting on the **1st and 3rd Thursday** of each month. The new session begins this Thursday, December 15, at Dave Bell's home. They will conclude Genesis with a quickie study of chapters 46 to 50 and then make plans for a new study for the New Year. All men are invited to join the group! See Dave Bell if you have any questions.

A Gift to Help End Poverty... Heifer International offers the opportunity to give a lasting gift to families living in extreme poverty in many places in the world. The gift of an animal can change and make a difference in their lives. Along with the animal, they receive education on the caring of the animal, important and effective farming practices as well as providing healthy food to their communities. **Judy Steckly** will be happy to answer any questions you may have and she also has gift forms available.



Pastor K. C. Klarner
is our guest pastor today.

His message...

"The Only Thing We Have to Fear is Fear Itself"

Luke 2: 1-14

Pastor K. C. Klarner is currently a Chaplain with Heartland Home Care and Hospice in Fort Wayne and has served patients, families and staff there for five years. Previously, he was a Staff Chaplain with the Lutheran Health Network in Fort Wayne. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Theology along with a Master of Divinity from Luther Rice Seminary in Lithonia, GA. Pastor K.C. has served the Body of Christ in the role of Pastor, Teaching Elder, and Outreach Pastor in varying denominations. K.C. and his wife, Lea Ann, have been married for 14 years. We look forward to hearing his message and extend the hand of hospitality and friendship to him.

