

Elkhart Historical Society  
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October 23, 2015

Dear Members and Friends:

Harvest has been completed as we write you this beautiful autumn day from Elkhart, and preparations for the coming Holiday Seasons are being made. The Elkhart Historical Society will again offer the traditional Christmas Candlelight Service in the historic Gillett Chapel. The date this year is **Saturday, December 5, 2015, with service times at 2:00p, 4:00p, 5:30p, and 8:00p.** Reservations for both the service and dining option must be made by calling (217) 947-2238, and additional forms can be downloaded by going on the historical society's website, [www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org](http://www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org), (see included form.)

Be sure to **call with your reservations starting on November 5th** as the services have become so popular that they sell out quickly. For your convenience, only one check to the Elkhart Historical Society is necessary (service, dining, membership and/or calendar). Please mail your check to **P.O. Box 255 Elkhart, IL 62634 along with a self addressed stamped envelope** to insure that you get your tickets by return mail.

**WE DO NOT WANT TO LOSE YOU!!!**

***PLEASE NOTE: This will be our last year to contact you via the USPS*** as the cost of printing and mailing has become quite cost-prohibitive. We hope you will go to our website [www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org](http://www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org) and submit your email address so we can continue to send you information regarding upcoming events. *If you have extenuating circumstances please let us know so that we can work with you.*

Thank you all so much for your support through the purchase of postcards, tours, and dinner lectures in 2015! A number of you enjoyed Celebrate Your Irish Roots and Dennis Campbell's lecture, "The Life and Times of Logan County Mammals" —What We Ate, And What Was Eating Us? Autumn was celebrated with Elkhart's Fall Festival where we offered an open house of the chapel and tours of the Village in the Country Limo.

The Spring 2016 Wildflower and Bird Walks are scheduled for **April 16, 23, and 30**, and will be advertised starting in **February 2016** on the website. This is a great outing for the family, and children enjoy filling out the wildflower or bird "bingo" cards.

The 2016 EHS calendar features Wildflowers & Scenes Of Elkhart. All new and renewing members receive a free calendar. Fees remain the same, at \$20 for families and \$15 for senior citizens. Calendars will be available at Horsefeather's and the Country Bumpkin by December 2nd.

Our heartfelt wishes for the most joyous Christmas Ever,

Bob & Bev Albert    Steve and Kathy Thornton    J. Rob & Sarah Wilson  
Ann Anderson    Gillette Ransom