

# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET

## WEEKLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

April 9, 2014

LCM Website: [lcofm.org](http://lcofm.org)

Phone: 217-586-4786

**Office Hours:** Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

**Notice:** Church entrance doors are locked while the Pre-School is in session. Please ring the door bell at the North Entrance for admittance.

**Christian Sympathy and Prayers** are extended to Pastor Emil Blobaum and his family on the loss of his Brother Pastor Melvin Blobaum.

For your prayers -

Pastor Melvin Blobaum entered the Church Triumphant on last night, Thursday, April 3, 2014. Among the congregations he served during his active ministry are St. Paul Lutheran Church, Gifford, and St. John Lutheran Church, Anchor, congregations on the territory of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod. Pastor Melvin Blobaum retired in 1995. Among his surviving family are Pastor Emil (brother; retired, interim pastor at the Lutheran Church of Mahomet) and Carolyn Blobaum.

*O God of grace and glory, we bless your name for our brother, Melvin, whom you gave us as a companion in our pilgrimage here on earth. Grant to all who mourn the strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience, not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness in past years and in the sure expectation of a joyful reunion before your heavenly throne; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.*

S. John Roth  
Bishop  
Central/Southern Illinois Synod (ELCA)  
524 So. 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
Springfield, IL 62701  
217.753.7915

**Palm Sunday Potluck Brunch:** On Palm Sunday, April 13, LCM will have a potluck Brunch/Lunch immediately following the church service. Main dishes will be provided. Please come, and bring a side dish such as salad or vegetable to share, or a dessert.

**Daily Devotional Booklets** for April – June, 2014 are available at the Greeter's Station in the Narthex.

**Guy's Night Out** will be held Tuesday April 15th at 6:30pm at Scott Kingry's house. 708 E. Hawk Dr. Mahomet, IL Please RSVP Scott at [sdkingry@gmail.com](mailto:sdkingry@gmail.com)

**Ladies Nite Out:** The April Ladies Nite Out will be at 6:00 on April 28 at Bucca Di Beppo, 2000 N. Neil, Champaign.

**Guideline Change for Prayer List and Prayer Chain:** In an effort to keep the prayer list more current, the guidelines for the prayer chain and prayer list have been updated. This information will be provided in the newsletters and bulletins for the next several weeks.

The prayer chain is an email list and a phone call chain, for those members who don't have email. Please continue to contact Linda Vogel at [lindasv101@gmail.com](mailto:lindasv101@gmail.com) or 217-590-0093 for all prayer chain requests.

The prayer list guidelines are written on top of the "Congregational Intercessions." If you want someone to be added to the prayer list and prayed for during our church service, please ask to have them added to the prayer list. Please contact the Church Office at 217-586-4786 or by e-mail to [lcoffice@lcofm.org](mailto:lcoffice@lcofm.org) for requests for additions, changes, continuation or removal prior to end of two weeks of names. **Names will be removed after two weeks unless a request to continue them is received.** All requests will be forwarded to the Pastor for approval.

Please be considerate of confidentiality issues. Before adding someone to email, the written list or spoken prayer, please ask to be sure you have their permission.

**Assistance Needed:** The Nuesmeyers need meals twice a week for the immediate future while Dennis is recovering from surgery. If you would like to bring a meal, please contact Brenda Lindsey at [htslindsey@mchsi.com](mailto:htslindsey@mchsi.com).

**Needed—Meal Assistance Coordinator:** Our church family needs a caring volunteer to serve on the Congregational Life committee as meal assistance coordinator on an ongoing basis. In this role, you would field periodic member requests for meals, talk with families about their needs, set up the meal plan, and recruit additional members to prepare and deliver the meals. You would not have to cook and deliver the meals, just coordinate the effort. This is a very important care giving ministry for our congregation. This could be a great service opportunity for a home-bound member. If you are interested, please call Laura Bottorff at 217-778-7351 or Bill Moehring at 312-560-7044.

**Mahomet Helping Hands Donation Drop-off Day:** Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> is the next Mahomet Helping Hands (MHH) Donations Drop-off Day. Please place any clothes, household items or non-perishable food in the MHH basket in the Narthex. Your donations are appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Amy McDonald at 586-3944.

**Crisis Nursery Volunteers Needed:** Volunteers are needed for the Crisis Nursery Ministry Team. Our team covers volunteer shifts at Crisis Nursery every Saturday from 4-8 pm. We have had difficulty covering all our shifts and a few more volunteers would give us flexibility to respond to the needs each week. Volunteering at the Nursery is fun and rewarding. Please consider serving God in this way. For more information, contact Brenda Lindsey at [htslindsey@mchsi.com](mailto:htslindsey@mchsi.com).

**Care Notes:** The Care Notes on the display rack have been changed. They are currently located on a table right outside the entry doors to the sanctuary, to the left as you enter. Please take any you are interested in.

Other Care Notes are also displayed on the bulletin board near the main office, to the right of the church mailboxes. If you see one that interests you that is not in the display case, please take it from the bulletin board and write the number of the Care Note (which is on the bottom of the Care Note) on the pink pad in the parish nurse mailbox. A parish nurse will replace what has been taken from the bulletin board. It is not necessary to return any Care Notes—they are yours!

**Easter Lilies:** It is that time of year to celebrate the Easter season by brightening up our Sanctuary with Easter Lilies. There is a sign-up sheet located on the quad board in the Narthex. The cost is \$7.00 each. Please sign up by April 13<sup>th</sup>. Please make the check out to LCM and write “Easter Lily” on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Flower Chart for 2014:** The flower chart for 2014 has been posted on the quadboard. If you wish to have flowers placed on the altar, please print the name and requested dedication on the chart.

**Thank You** A special thank you is extended to Nancy Boma, Sherri Reifsteck, Alex Paul and Susie Johnston for graciously volunteering their time and talents for the Hymn Selection Committee. The congregation appreciates the effort it takes to provide the songs that will uplift our services.

**New Church Directories:** The long awaited new Church Directories are available in the Narthex. They have been placed in envelopes with your names on them. Please pick yours up at your earliest convenience.

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**SYNOD ASSEMBLY COMING UP IN JUNE!**

**The 27th Annual Central/Southern Illinois Synod Assembly is scheduled for June 5-7 in Springfield. Our theme this year is: “Promise, Prayer, and Pentecost!”** The Assembly allows us to take time from our busy lives to assess how our faith fills our days and gives guidance and meaning to our actions. It is a time for reflection, for discussion, for learning---a mix of learning and living. Additional information has been posted on our quad-board.

**As in the past, LCM will send delegates to the Assembly.** We are entitled to send three lay voting members; two adults (one male and one female) and one youth or young adult (age 21 or below). LCM pays your expenses while at the Assembly. If you are interested in attending the Assembly as an LCM delegate, please contact Bill Moehring at 586-7036 or by email at: [billmoehring@yahoo.com](mailto:billmoehring@yahoo.com). **Please let Bill know by April 30 if you are interested in serving as a delegate.** If more than the allowed number of delegates wish to attend, we will pull names from a hat.

Bill Moehring  
(312) 560-7044

**Adult Sunday School--Adult Sunday School Schedule for Men and Women:** The women will not meet on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> because of other schedules during the Easter season. **Neither** class will meet on Palm Sunday (April 13) nor Easter Sunday (April 20). At this time the women plan to complete their study on Sunday, May 4, prior to the summer recess. See Karen Ickstadt for further

details. The **Men's class** will continue to meet in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:30 a.m. under their name, "The Second Cup." Alex Paul is leader of this group. Both classes continue to be discussion, issue-related and Bible-centered.

**Adult Inquirer's Class:** An adult inquirer's class will begin soon. This class is open to all adults who want to know more about the Christian Faith and what it is that Lutheran Christians teach and believe. There is no obligation other than to come and participate. If after one has completed the class, he/she desires to become a member of the congregation, they are most welcome. Attendees may be persons who want to better understand their spouse's faith; persons who desire baptism; those who want a refresher course of the catechism; spouses who accompany a class attendee; etc. There are usually 6 sessions and the meeting time and dates are arranged to fit the schedules of those who register. Pastor Baderschneider and Pastor Blobaum, who will be teaching the class, welcome your questions. Sign-up forms are available in the Narthex and one is attached to this e-mail.



### **Small Groups:**

The **Adult Education** and **Revitalizing Your Church** committees joined to organize the eight **Small Group** courses described in the attractive brochure which was presented at our kickoff Sunday, February 9. These courses are open to both congregational and community members. Be sure to take with you the blue brochure, filled with course descriptions, group leaders and other information. Each group will determine frequency and times of meetings that best fit their schedules.

**Booklet/Video Course:** The study of **Worship: Our Highest Calling** is a booklet/video course that emphasizes the Biblical model of worship and aids in a deeper understanding of the worship experience. The what, why and how of worship point to the attributes of God, direct attention anew to His love and sacrifice for humanity, and require the involvement of every Christian. Thoughtful questions and practical helps are features that will resonate with Christians of any denomination. This five-week course, prepared by nationally recognized Bible teacher, Tom Kraeuter, will be taught by Group leader Kat Downs. The group will meet at 7:00 PM in the Adult Education Room on Mondays, April 21, May 5, May 19, June 2, June 16 and June 23. Contact **Kat Downs** at 586-4786 or [musikat00@hotmail.com](mailto:musikat00@hotmail.com)

**Small Group Sign-up**--See the RALLY ROUND SMALL GROUPS poster in the Narthex. Pick up a BROCHURE that describes course content. Decide on one or more groups and sign the sheet. The group leader will contact you and others on the group's list about a meeting time and place. These lists will not reflect all of the signers since others may have signed up on the February 9 Kickoff Sunday. Meet people, serve the Lord, grow spiritually and have fun! Margaret Rinkel--Adult Ed/Small Groups

**The Military Family Prayer Support Group** meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8 pm at in the Adult Sunday School Room at the Lutheran Church of Mahomet. This group is open to anyone who is a family member or friend of a soldier serving in the military. Soldiers are expected to serve our country in long and dangerous missions. The impact on families can be stressful. The goal of this

group is to create a caring community that can walk alongside you. For more information, contact the Lutheran Church of Mahomet <http://lcofm.org/> or call (217) 586-4786

**Sharing The Faith With Friends:** The Tuesday, April 22 meeting will be held in LuAnn and Dave Robberstad's home at 501 North Shore Drive in Mahomet. Thanks to LuAnn, for graciously offering to host while Barb is again doing grandma duties in Chicago the month of April. We had a fascinating discussion in March and will continue with Chapter 5 "Dying to Live" in Rob Bell's book Love Wins. Time is 6:30-8:00. Please let LuAnn know if you are unable to come (586-4936) or [drobberstad@mchsi.com](mailto:drobberstad@mchsi.com). Newcomers are always welcome!

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**Attendance in April 2014:**

April 2 – 24  
April 6 – 109  
April 9 --

**Youth News**



**WANT AD:** Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer position? Do you enjoy spending time with youth and planning activities and special events for them? Do you enjoy sharing God's love and grace with young people? If you said yes to those questions, the position of Youth Chairperson might be just what you have been looking for! Duties include planning programs and education for all youth, working with and supervising the LOGOS team, and working with the church council in this two-year position. If you feel called to serve the youth of our congregation in this way, please contact President Bill Moehring at [billmoehring@yahoo.com](mailto:billmoehring@yahoo.com) or Secretary Sherri Reifsteck at [mrsr1974@mchsi.com](mailto:mrsr1974@mchsi.com).

**LOGOS** will meet Wednesday, April 9 at 5:15 PM. The theme will be Sky's the Limit and the meal will be flying saucers (mini pizzas), glow in the dark jello stars and glow in the dark koolaid. If anyone has a black light that can be used for the evening, please contact Kat Downs at 217-586-4786 or by e-mail to [muskat00@hotmail.com](mailto:muskat00@hotmail.com).

**Confirmation Class** will meet Wednesday, April 9 at 5:45 PM

**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 9, 2014**

**Wednesday, April 9**

5:15 PM LOGOs  
5:45 PM Confirmation Class  
7:00 PM Mid-week Lenten Service

**Thursday, April 10**

4:30 PM Champaign Co. LaCrosse Team  
Practice  
6:30 PM Suite Inspirations  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

**Sunday, April 13**

Palm Sunday

9:00 AM Worship Service  
Palm Sunday Brunch following service  
10:30 AM Youth Sunday School (No Adult Sunday School)  
6:00 PM MSHS Pit Orchestra Rehearsals

**Monday, April 14**

Monday Morning Sewing Day  
4:30 PM Champaign County LaCrosse Team  
Practice  
6:30 PM Lion's Club

**Tuesday, April 15**

10:30 AM LCM Staff Meeting  
4:30 PM Champaign Co. LaCrosse Team  
Practice  
6:30 PM Cub Scouts  
6:30 PM Guy's Night Out

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	<b>April 13</b>	<b>April 20</b>
<u>GREETERS</u>	Rolf Vogen Family	Scott Kingry Family
<u>USHERS:</u>	Dave Robberstad Family	John Paul Family
<u>READER</u>	Brenda Lindsey	Sheila Kingry
<u>COMMUNION ASST</u>	Pat Moehring	Sherri Reifsteck
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u> <u>CELEBRATION LEADER</u>	Chris Edmonds --	Mark Reifsteck
<u>SUNDAY SHEPHERD</u>	Marty Vogel	Sherri Riefsteck
<u>FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:</u>	Palm Sunday Potluck	Easter Sunday Youth Breakfast
<u>BREADMAKER:</u>	Karen Kibler	Karen Kibler
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Barb LeGrant Nancy Rosenbery	Barb LeGrant Nancy Rosenbery
<u>OFFERING COUNTERS</u>	Sherri Riefsteck Sharon Yeakel Susie Johnston	Scott Kingry Chris and Theresa Edmonds
<u>ACCOLYTES</u>	Callum Buchanan	Isabelle Farm

**Volunteer Guideline Revisions: Please take a moment to make a note of the date you are assigned for the task of Greeter, Reader, Communion Assistant, Usher, Assisting Minister or Celebration Leader. An email reminder will be sent t weekly, along with a description of the volunteer task.**

If you cannot perform your task on the designated time and date, please find a substitute and notify Linda or Marty Vogel at or [lindasv101@gmail.com](mailto:lindasv101@gmail.com) or by phone at 590-0093 not the Church Office. A list of individuals who perform these specific tasks can be found on the Volunteer List located on the quad board in the Narthex, or on the Church website at [www.lcofm.org](http://www.lcofm.org). Thank you for your assistance in performing these tasks by serving our Church.

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## Melvin Blobaum



GIFFORD – The Rev. Melvin Charles Blobaum, 83, of Gifford died on Thursday evening (April 3, 2014) at Country Health Care Center in Gifford.

He was born July 22, 1930, in the parsonage of Hope Lutheran Church, Rhodes, Mich., to the Rev. August Blobaum and Marie (Duden) Blobaum.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a minor in Greek from Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, in the spring of 1952. He answered the call to study for the Gospel ministry and graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, with the Bachelor of Theology degree on May 31, 1956.

He married Mary Lou Mixdorf on June 2, 1956, at First Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Iowa. This union was blessed with four children. She died on Dec. 5, 1996.

He was ordained into the gospel ministry at St. James Lutheran Church, Humboldt, Neb., on June 24, 1956.

He answered the call to serve the congregations of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Bassett, Neb., First Lutheran Church, Ohio, Ill., St. Paul Lutheran Church, Gifford, and St. John Lutheran Church, Anchor, from 1982 until his retirement in 1995.

He served as interim pastor at Pontoppidan Lutheran, Elliott; and visitation pastor at St. John Lutheran Church, Royal, until July 2012.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Royal. He served on the board of directors of Country Health Care Center, Gifford, for many years, and was a former member of the Gifford Lions Club.

He was a member of the Martin Luther Men's Chorus and the Central Eastern Illinois Beekeeping Association.

Survivors include four children, Paul Blobaum of Park Forest, Philip (Cindy) Blobaum of Des Moines, Iowa, Margaret (Sean) Coleman of South St. Paul, Minn., and Norman Blobaum of Gifford; four grandchildren, Emily, Jacob, Lee and Anna of Des Moines, Iowa; three brothers, Everett of Strawberry Point, Iowa, Emil of St. Joseph, Ill., and Harold of Strawberry Point, Iowa; and two sisters, Carolyn Schroeder of Lincoln, Neb., and Linda Pein of Champaign.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. John Lutheran Church, Royal. The Rev. Jay Johnson will officiate. Burial will follow in Beckman Cemetery, Thomasboro.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at St. John Lutheran Church.

Memorials may be made to the Country Health Care Center, Gifford, or donor's choice.

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## ADULT INQUIRER'S CLASS

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Pastor Baderschneider and Pastor Blobaum, who will be teaching the class, welcome your questions.

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### INQUIRER CLASS REGISTRATION

Please include (me) (us) in the Inquirer's Class. Following is (my) (our) contact information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

(Return this form to the church office; to either pastor; or send information by e-mail to the church office)

For referral.....

Please contact (name) \_\_\_\_\_ and invite them to the class

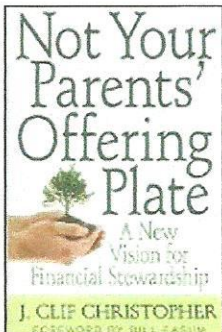
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## Mission Support & Stewardship Education Opportunities

In an effort to “equip people for ministry” and “to build up the body of Christ” (cf. Ephesians 4:12), the Mission Support and Stewardship Education Committee (MSSEC) offers the following opportunities for you and your congregation to consider:



Through the generosity of an ELCA Macedonia Project grant, MSSEC will give one copy of **Not Your Parents' Offering Plate: A New Vision for Financial Stewardship** by J. Clif Christopher to each congregation that requests a copy. Chapter titles include: “Reasons People Give”, “All Members Are Not Equal”, “The Three Pockets of Giving”, and “The Top Ten Things I Would Do Now”. The book also explains changes that have occurred in society and how to reach newer/younger generations. To order a copy for your congregation, send a request to: Pastor Bob Dealey, Central/Southern Illinois Synod, 524 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield, IL 62701-1822; (217) 753-7915; or e-mail: [Bob.Dealey@csis-elca.org](mailto:Bob.Dealey@csis-elca.org)

Training events for Congregational Mission Interpreters will be offered at Bethel Lutheran Church, 200 Colona Ave., Bartonville on Saturday, April 5, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and at Christ Lutheran Church, 779 E. Old Route 47, Monticello on Sunday, April 6, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mission Interpreters is a network of pastors and lay leaders whose purpose is to share the message, the mission, and the ministries of the ELCA with individuals, congregations, and others. The goal is to have in place one Mission Interpreter per congregation. Congregational Mission Interpreters serve a two-year term and may serve more than one term. To find out more about the Mission Interpreters' Ministry and/or to register for either training event, contact Doreen Klages at (618) 632-0448 or [dklages@att.net](mailto:dklages@att.net). There is no registration fee to attend either event, however, we ask that you please register in advance, so that adequate refreshments and resource materials are available.



MSSEC seeks to develop a synodwide stewardship network of interested Stewardship Resource People. The purpose of the network is as follows: to identify key congregational leaders who have an interest and/or passion for stewardship; to provide these key stewardship leaders with resources for congregational use; to help stewardship leaders with the evaluation of stewardship materials that may be shared with other congregations; and to provide training, so that key stewardship leaders can train others. Send contact information to [Bob.Dealey@csis-elca.org](mailto:Bob.Dealey@csis-elca.org)

As MSSEC seeks to develop a Year-Round Stewardship Calendar for congregations to use, the group is looking for “Stewardship Trys”-- resources, ideas and suggestions that you have used and you hope to encourage other congregations to use. Please submit the following information: your name/contact information; your congregation's name/contact information; a brief description (100-150 words) of the resource (or what your congregation did); your evaluation of what happened and what would make this resource even more effective (in your setting or others). Please send “Stewardship Trys” to: Pastor Bob Dealey, Central/Southern Illinois Synod, 524 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Springfield IL 62701-1822; (217) 753-7915; or e-mail: [Bob.Dealey@csis-elca.org](mailto:Bob.Dealey@csis-elca.org)



[Lutherans, Anglicans, Episcopalians call for peace, prayer in Ukraine](#)

[Lutheran Disaster Response provides relief for the displaced in South Sudan](#)

[ELCA presiding bishop asks U.S. government to support hospital in Jerusalem](#)

[ELCA embarks on first comprehensive fundraising campaign](#)

### FAST FACTS

For every current job opening in the United States, an average of 2.9 people is seeking a job.



Join **Monthly Partners** and provide consistent, ongoing support for the ELCA churchwide ministries that mean the most to you. It's convenient, it's simple and it makes a big impact on the mission and ministry of our church. | [Join now](#)

**Forward to a friend**  
Know someone who may be interested in ELCA World Hunger eNews? Please

## Cooking for a cause

The youth group of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Crestview Hills, Ky., got a glimpse of what it's like to be hungry. Using the new ELCA World Hunger resource Act 2Day 4Tomorrow, the youth engaged in discussion around hunger and poverty while fasting.



At the end of their time together, the youth organized and served a breakfast for their congregation. Over 150 people were served breakfast and \$415 was raised for ELCA World Hunger.

"The kids were really proud of the money they raised from the breakfast," said Rebecca Behbehani, director of Youth and Education Ministries of the congregation. "It was really cool to see them not complain about serving others food, when they were so hungry. There was a super loud cheer when I finally told them the fast was over and they could eat together."

Use Act 2Day 4Tomorrow with youth in your congregation. [Order](#) for free today.

## New from ELCA World Hunger

### Fighting hunger through music

Check out Jonathan Rundman's new album, "Look up." He is crowdfunding his album through the website [pledgemusic.com](http://pledgemusic.com), which allows musicians to raise money to record albums and assign a portion of their proceeds to a charity of their choice. "I thought this would be the perfect chance for me to support ELCA World Hunger," says Jonathan. | [Read the full story.](#)



### Dig deeper into hunger and faith

Check out the ELCA World Hunger blog at [www.ELCA.org/blogs/worldhunger](http://www.ELCA.org/blogs/worldhunger). Each month, you can find book reviews, biblical reflections, brief musings on Lutheran theology and stories from ministries of ELCA World Hunger. Recent topics have included immigration, advocacy and charity. Make sure to subscribe to the blog so that you can get updates sent to your email inbox every week!

### Video discussion guides

Looking for a meaningful conversation around the impact of ELCA World Hunger? Discussion guides are now available for the entire ELCA World Hunger video series. These guides provide more context to the videos and are designed to facilitate discussion and connections



forward this email to them!

with Scripture. Some videos have a supplementary handout for more information. You can find the guides, videos and handouts on our resource page under the "Stories and Videos" tab at [www.ELCA.org/hunger/resources](http://www.ELCA.org/hunger/resources).

Did you receive this email as a forward? Sign up now to receive these monthly updates on hunger issues.

[SIGN UP](#)

### ELCA Good Gifts

Celebrate Easter with the gift of new life. Instead of plastic eggs filled with candy, add an ELCA Good Gift to your Easter basket this year and help save lives. ELCA Good Gifts supports life-changing projects in over 60 countries around the world. | [Shop now](#)



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## Bulletin board

### World Malaria Day

World Malaria Day is coming up on April 25, and it's another great opportunity to do something big for the ELCA Malaria Campaign. Please consider observing this day by taking a special offering for the ELCA Malaria Campaign on **Sunday, April 27, 2014**. Find special [World Malaria Day resources](#) that will help you activate your congregation.



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Is your congregation, synod or community active in the fight against hunger and poverty? Tell us what you're up to. Email [laury.rinker@elca.org](mailto:laury.rinker@elca.org).

