

# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET

## WEEKLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

August 14, 2013

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

Phone: 217-586-4786

**Pastor's Hours:** Pastor Emil Blobaum will be in the office this week, Tuesday, August 13 and Thursday, August 14.

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

**Daily Devotionals:** Daily Devotional Booklets for the months of July, August and September are available in the Narthex.

**New Parish Nurse:** We are happy to announce that Barb Buchanan has volunteered to serve as LCM Parish Nurse! Barb is an RN at Aetna Insurance. She will be doing her parish nurse training at Carle during September. Barb DeReus has offered to assist Barb in any way possible as she assumes her role. We are thankful for Barb's service and look forward to working with her as our Parish Nurse. Thanks Barb!!!

**Thank You:** Larry and Georgia Isaacs wish to thank everyone who has brought meals in to the Kelly and Jason Painter Family! It made such a difference in their lives while Kelly was recovering. Also, anyone who sent cards, emails, etc. We so appreciate your kindness! In God's Peace,  
*Larry & Georgia* [georiscs@aol.com](mailto:georiscs@aol.com)

**Confirmation Class Orientation Meeting:** will be Wednesday, August 28 in the Adult Classroom at 6:30PM. All parents who have an unconfirmed youth in grades seven through nine please come to this special meeting along with your youth.

**E-Mail Address Updates Requested:** If you know of someone who hasn't been receiving the weekly e-mail newsletters and e-mail special alerts (and would like to), please send their email address to the church office at [lcmoffice@lcofm.org](mailto:lcmoffice@lcofm.org) with the subject "Add e-mail" or ask them to send it or to phone 217-586-4786. We are working hard to get the membership information updated and with Larry Gibson's cooperation, we hope to update our e-mail mailing list as well.

**Adult Education -- Faith and Love in Action:** While vacation time is almost over, memories of Random Acts of Kindness linger in our minds. Do you have a special memory of a Kindness done for or by you during your summer activities? Would you share it in two or three minutes during Fellowship after Worship, on Sunday, August 25th? Please alert co-chairs Margaret and Gene Rinkel by email ([gkrinkel21@msn.com](mailto:gkrinkel21@msn.com)) or phone (586-2117). You are also welcome to share an experience you remember after you arrive for Fellowship! "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation." Psa. 68:19.

**Call Committee Mid-August Update:** The Call Committee has received the name and Rostered Leader Profile of a new potential pastor candidate. An initial interview with the candidate has been scheduled. The process remains open and additional candidate profiles will be provided by the Synod Office as they become available. Please continue to keep the call process and call committee members in your daily prayers. As a family, we seek God's continued guidance and discernment as we hold firm to our faith and trust in God's plans for LCM.  
Susie Johnston, Call Committee Chair

**A Fall Enrichment Weekend for Married Couples!** The greatest gift you can give each other is the gift of your time and attention when you attend the October 11 - 13 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend in Peoria, IL. You'll communicate on a deeper level, rekindle your romance, and renew your commitment to each other. For more information or to apply, visit [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org), or contact Dan & Charlotte Ricks at [dcrime1094@comcast.net](mailto:dcrime1094@comcast.net) or 309-682-7273. Apply before September 11 to ensure your reservation - it's a Weekend you won't forget! See Attachment for more information.

**LCM Booth at Sangamon River Music Festival:** The Lutheran Church of Mahomet will have a booth in the vendor area at the Sangamon River Music Festival August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in addition to volunteering at the Big Daddy Weave Concert. We will need volunteers for both. There will be a sign up sheet posted in the Narthex for our vendor booth. We have some LCM T-shirts left for volunteers to wear. We will also be handing out Flyers and Pens and inviting the community to join us for Worship and Fellowship at "The Church On The Hill." We will also have face painting and a bean bag toss at our booth. For more information or to sign up contact Pete Farm at 217-202-1199 or [peterfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:peterfarm@yahoo.com). See attached flyer for Big Daddy Weave Concert

**Celebrating 50 years of Ministry:** September 1, 2013 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pastor Emil Blobaum's ordination into the ministry. We will have a reception for Pastor Emil after the service on September 1<sup>st</sup>. We have been so blessed with Pastor Emil's guidance and ministry as our Interim Pastor this past year. Thank you Pastor Emil.

**Contest Entries Needed:** We kicked off our yard sign campaign (see below) two weeks ago, so we are hoping to start receiving your contest entries soon. We will be handing out additional entry forms at fellowship over the next several weeks. After you complete yours, just drop it into the collection plate, Bill Moehring mail box, or hand it to a Council member. You can also enter on the LCM website at [LCofM.org](http://LCofM.org). We hope everyone participates, including the children. Thanks. Bill Moehring 586-7036

**"I go to church because..." Yard Signs:** We are kicking off a yard sign campaign to create general awareness of LCM in the community through a series of thought-provoking, attention-grabbing messages. Besides being informational, we are striving for **creative signs that jump out from the crowd and cause people to say--"Hey, that church sounds interesting. Let's go check them out."**

**So here's where the fun comes in. Over the next month, we're going to have a contest to come up with the "Top 20" statements to complete this sentence: "I go to church because..." The completion statements would hopefully be attention-getting, perhaps plays on words, and perhaps provocative. Examples might be:**

...they don't talk about God like this on the radio.  
...I found a place that accepts and affirms me.  
...I get to sing in public.  
...I need salvation now.  
...to remember whose and who I am.

We're planning to purchase 20 **different** signs and rotate their location around town every two weeks. **We think we can really have some fun with this and also create additional awareness of LCM in the community.** It's a game the whole family can play, and you can submit as many entries as you want. So, get the conversation started with your friends and family and look for the official launch coming soon.

**Ladies Nite Out:** **Ladies Nite Out:** will be Monday, August 26, 6:30 PM at Denise Dalton's Please bring a lawn chair, **a side dish to share** and your own beverage!

Also, please bring your "senior" picture to share!!

Email Denise Dalton at [dldalton86@gmail.com](mailto:dldalton86@gmail.com) to let her know what side you are bringing and if you want a venison burger, hamburger, brat or hotdog by August 22<sup>nd</sup> please! Or call and leave a message at 217-841-7416. Hope you all can make it!

Directions: 2623 County Road 500 E; Mahomet, IL 61853  
Route 47 North, travel on heading north, (you will pass Lake of the Woods Park) continue traveling on Rt. 47 for about 4 miles, then turn right (east) onto 2600. Travel east until you reach a 4-way stop (1 ½ miles east), which will be 500, turn left (north). Our house is the third house on the left (west) side of the road. Tan, ranch style house, green shutters, three-car garage with a detached tan/green Walters building and the big bear on the porch! See attached flyer.

**VA Illiana Health Care Training:** The VA Illiana Health Care System is offering training on ways our church can help to meet the needs of Veterans in our community. The training will include information on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Mental Health, Suicide Prevention, Substance Abuse, and other subjects. In addition to these topics, information will be provided on eligibility for benefits, job opportunities and other programs offered through the VA. The training is free and will be held September 19, 2013 from 8-3 at Parkland College. If you are interested in attending the training, please contact Brenda Lindsey at [htslindsey@mchsi.com](mailto:htslindsey@mchsi.com).

**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).

**Support Needed for Couple:** The Nuesmeyers need evening meals 2x a week on Mondays & Thursdays for the immediate future. Volunteers can sign up at [www.carecalendar.org](http://www.carecalendar.org). Helper login is: 156935 password: 7693. For more information, please contact Brenda Lindsey at [htslindsey@mchsi.com](mailto:htslindsey@mchsi.com)

## Youth News

**Thrivent Members!** Did you know that each year you earn "**Choice Dollars**" to donate to participating organizations?

Did you know that Lutheran Church of Mahomet is a participating organization that you can donate to?

You have until March 31, 2014 to donate your 2013 Choice Dollars; visit

**Thrivent.com/thriventchoice**, log in to see your Choice Dollars and "Direct Choice Dollars" to Lutheran Church of Mahomet (or another organization if you prefer). Need more information?

Call Alicia Ekhoﬀ at (217) 649-8472 or pick up a Thrivent card from the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall.

Stewart and Alicia Ekhoﬀ are your Thrivent Congregational Advocates, and serve as Co-Youth Directors on the Champaign County Thrivent Board. For more information about Thrivent Financial, contact Stewart at 649-8474 / [sekhoff@hotmail.com](mailto:sekhoff@hotmail.com) OR Alicia at 649-8472 / [aekhoff@hotmail.com](mailto:aekhoff@hotmail.com).

- **Youth Sunday School** for ages 3 years – 12<sup>th</sup> grade begins Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to lead music, Bible lessons and activities. Please join us for a Youth Sunday School informational meeting in the Youth Room, located on the West end of the church, on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 9am service.
- If you have any questions about Youth Programs and Activities, call, text or email Alicia Ekhoﬀ: (217) 649-8472 / [ekhoffal@gmail.com](mailto:ekhoffal@gmail.com)

**LOGOS:** Will begin on Wednesday, September 11 for Grades K – 6. See attached flyer for more information.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14

Thursday, August 15

6:30 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting

Sunday, August 18

9:00 AM Worship Service  
10:00 AM Fellowship

Monday, August 19

WELCA Sew Day

Tuesday, August 20

10:30 AM LCM Staff Meeting

Friday, August 23

LCM Booth Sangamon River Music Festival

Saturday, August 24

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12:00 Noon Big Daddy Weave Concert

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### August Calendar Corrections

**Lion's Club:** The August calendar sent out with the August Newsletter erroneously listed a Lion's Club Meeting on Monday, August 19. The Lion's Club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6:00 PM. For the remainder of the Month of August this will be Monday, August 26. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. The website calendar has been corrected.

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## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	<u>August 18</u>	<u>August 25</u>
<u>ACOLYTES:</u>	Callum Buchanan	Seth Buchanan
<u>BREADMAKER:</u>	Leslie Knicl	Leslie Knicl
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Nancy Rosenbery Elsbeth Hixon	Nancy Rosenbery Elsbeth Hixon
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	Mark Reifsteck	-
<u>CELEBRATION LEADER</u>	-	Brenda Lindsey
<u>COMMUNION ASST:</u>	Jennifer Farm	Alicia Ekhoﬀ
<u>GREETERS:</u>	Rolf Vogen Family	Nancy Rosenbery
<u>READER:</u>	Dave Robberstad	Cindy Erickson
<u>USHERS:</u>	Dan Erickson Family	Stewart Ekhoﬀ Family
<u>SUNDAY SHEPHERD</u>	Margaret Rinkel	Kelly Strode
<u>OFFERING COUNTERS:</u>	Scott Kingry Chris and Theresa Edmonds	David Alderks Scott Kingry Jon and Barb LeGrant
<u>FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:</u>	Congregational Life	Congregational Life

**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.

# LADIES NIGHT OUT



## Cookout at Denise Dalton's 6:30 pm – Monday, August 26th

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Also, please bring your “senior” picture to share!!

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## Exploring LOGOS

Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

6:00-7:30 pm

- Come explore and experience LOGOS
- Learn how this weekly generational encounter can help energize and grow your child's faith
- All family members are welcome to join us for an evening filled with activities for all ages
- One parent, guardian, or adult relative must be present with each family of children
- Questions? Contact Kat Downs, LOGOS Director 586-4786

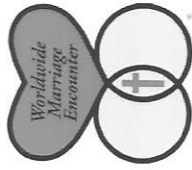


**Dinner will be served at 6:00**





*The communication  
in our marriage  
is better than it has  
ever been!*



Whether you've been married only a few years or for decades, communication is the key to keeping your love relationship vibrant and strong. A Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend can give you the right "tools" to make your marriage all that it can be! Improve your communication skills. Rekindle your romance. Renew your commitment to each other. Rediscover intimacy and joy.

Get more information or register online at  
[GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org)



# God Loves MARRIAGE

refresh  
re-energize &  
reconnect

on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend!

WEDNESDAY, 11/11/15  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
11/11/15



God Loves  
MARRIAGE

## Who can attend?

- A man and woman who are married to each other, regardless of their religious beliefs. There is no attempt to encourage anyone to adopt Christian beliefs.
- Being married at least 2 years will help you receive the maximum benefit.

## What happens?

- A Marriage Encounter Weekend consists of:
- A series of talks focused on various aspects of a marriage relationship presented in a conference room by Weekend leadership couples, including a clergy person and spouse.
  - The program progresses from 8:00 pm Friday through 4:30 pm Sunday, so it's important to attend the entire Weekend to receive its full benefit.

## What about our privacy?

- You will listen to talks along with other couples attending the Weekend.
- After each talk, the two of you will return to your hotel room alone to privately share your thoughts and feelings about each topic.
- You are never required to openly share with the group.



## How do we apply?

You can apply for a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend in two convenient ways:

- Online application at [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org).
  - Complete the application at right and mail it with your payment to the address below.
- When your application and \$45.00 fee are received and accepted, you will:
- Be notified that you are registered for the requested Weekend.
  - Receive additional information, including the location and what to bring to your Weekend.

## What's the cost?

- An application fee of \$45.00 per couple is required when you submit your application.
- This fee can be transferred to a different Weekend if you are unable to attend the Weekend you originally request.
- Toward the end of your Weekend, you are given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of Marriage Encounter through the Lutheran Expression.



## Apply now!

Preferred Weekend Date	City/State
His Name (First/Last)	
Her Name (First/Last)	
Mailing Address	
City/State or Province	Zip or Postal Code
Home Phone	
His Cell Phone & Email	
Her Cell Phone & Email	
Wedding Date/Year	
His Church Name/City	
Her Church Name/City	
Special Diet/Medical Needs	
How did you hear about Lutheran Marriage Encounter?	
Are you clergy?	
Method of Payment (\$45 Application Fee) Check payable to "Lutheran Marriage Encounter" VISA _____ MasterCard Exp Date _____ 3-Digit Code	
Credit Card No.	

Print your name as it appears on credit card

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form with your payment to:

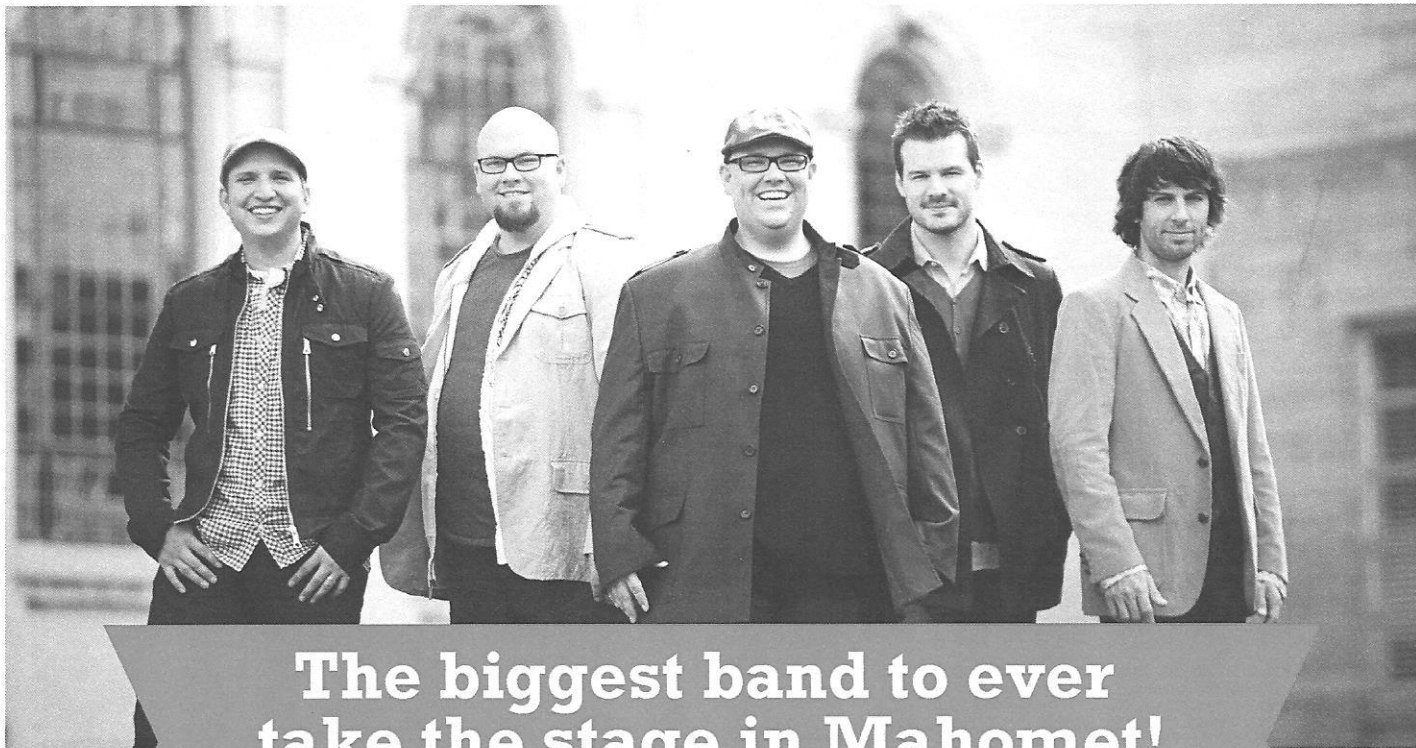
Dan & Charlotte Ricks  
1220 W. Gift Ave  
Peoria IL 61604  
309-682-7273

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# BIG DADDY *Needs*

**AUGUST 24, 12PM**  
Sangamon River Music Festival



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