

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET

WEEKLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

August 28, 2013

LCM Website: lcofm.org

Phone: 217-586-4786

Pastor's Hours: Pastor Emil Blobaum will be in the office this week, Tuesday, August 27 and Thursday, August 29.

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

Confirmation Class Orientation Meeting: will be tonight, 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 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.

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, or contact Dan & Charlotte Ricks at dclrme1094@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.

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. 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.

Nominating Committee: Along with council members, Brenda Lindsey, Kelly Strode and Larry Gibson, three congregational members are needed to serve on the nominating committee to find nominees for open positions on the Church Council. This is a short-term commitment that would begin in September and be completed in October. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Bill Moehring at 312-560-7044 or 217-586-7036 or by e-mail to billmoehring@yahoo.com or contact Sherri Reifsteck at 217-898-2268 or 217-586-2268 or by e-mail to mrsr1974@mchsi.com.

Council Positions: The church council positions up for election with two-year terms beginning in January of 2014 are: President, Financial Secretary, Building and Grounds, Evangelism, Stewardship, and Youth. If you would be interested in serving in one of these council positions, please contact Brenda Lindsey at 217-841-5009 or 217-586-3463 or by e-mail to htslindsey@mchsi.com, Kelly Strode at 217-898-001 or 217-586-6365 or by e-mail to kstrode@yahoo.com, or Larry Gibson at 217-493-1547 or by e-mail to lpgibson.gcs@gmail.com, who are the council members currently on the nominating committee.

Ephesians 4:11-12 says: "And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Please prayerfully consider if the gifts you have been blessed with can be used by serving your congregational family in one of these positions.

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.

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.

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. Helper login is: 156935 password: 7693. For more information, please contact Brenda Lindsey at htslindsey@mchsi.com

25th Anniversary for ELCA: Sunday, September 8th marks the 25th Anniversary of ELCA. Please join us here at LCM during our regular service to celebrate.

LCM to Host East Central Illinois Conference for Professional Leaders: Area Professional Leaders will be meeting at LCM on September 17 from 9:30 AM to Noon. The regular LCM Staff Meeting will be moved up to 8:30 AM from 10:30 AM this day only.

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 OR Alicia at 649-8472 / aekhoff@hotmail.com.

- If you have any questions about Youth Programs and Activities, call, text or email Alicia Ekhoﬀ: (217) 649-8472 / 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 28

Wednesday, August 28

3:00 PM AGC Open House
6:30 PM Confirmation Orientation Meeting

Sunday, September 1

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:00 AM Fellowship

Monday, September 2

Labor Day

WELCA Sew Day
7:15 PM Bible Study at Hilda Pfiester’s

Tuesday, September 3

10:30 AM LCM Staff Meeting

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	<u>September 1</u>	<u>September 8</u>
<u>ACOLYTES:</u>	Kylie Fuoss	Gretchen Scheele
<u>BREADMAKER:</u>	Amy McDonald	Amy McDonald
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Patti Sapp Ruth Studley	Patti Sapp Ruth Studley
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	Youth	Alex Paul -
<u>CELEBRATION LEADER</u>	-	-
<u>COMMUNION ASST:</u>	Barb LeGrant	Karen Reifsteck
<u>GREETERS:</u>	Youth	Sharon Yeakel
<u>READER:</u>	Youth	Sheila Kingry
<u>USHERS:</u>	Youth	Bill Studley Family
<u>SUNDAY SHEPHERD</u>	Sharon Yeakel	Larry Gibson
<u>OFFERING COUNTERS:</u>	Stewart and Alicia Ekhoﬀ Dan and Cindy Erickson	Sherri Reifsteck Sharon Yeakel Susie Johnston
<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 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. Thank you for your assistance in performing these tasks by serving our Church.



The Lutheran Church of Mahomet



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Exploring LOGOS

Wednesday, September 11th

6:00-7:30 pm

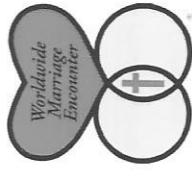
- Come explore and experience LOGOS
- Learn how this weekly generational encounter can help energize and grow your child's faith
- All family members are welcome to join us for an evening filled with activities for all ages
- One parent, guardian, or adult relative must be present with each family of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

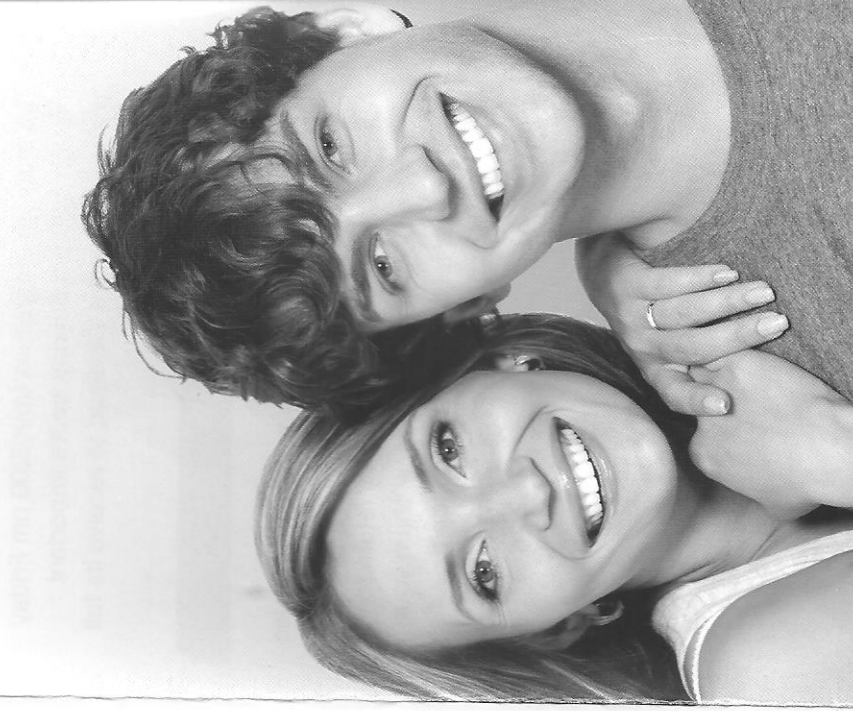
Get more information or register online at
GodLovesMarriage.org



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refresh
re-energize &
reconnect

on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend!



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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.
 - 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

weekends fill early, so apply TODAY to



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