

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET

WEEKLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

August 7, 2013

LCM Website: lcofm.org

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Pastor's Hours: Pastor Vic Baderschneider will be in the office this week, Tuesday, August 6 and Thursday, August 8.

Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Randa will be on vacation August 13 and 14. Pastor Emil Blobaum will be in the office Tuesday, August 13. The office will be closed Wednesday, August 14.

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 have 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

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 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.

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 23rd and 24th 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 petertfarm@yahoo.com .

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

"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 to let her know what side you are bringing and if you want a venison burger, hamburger, brat or hotdog by August 22nd 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.

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.

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.

- **Youth Sunday School** for ages 3 years – 12th grade begins Sunday, September 8th. 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 11th 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

LOGOS: Will begin on Wednesday, September 11 for Grades K – 6. Watch for registration information.

Mission Matters:

Please enjoy a copy of the August “Mission Matters” the Electronic Newsletter of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod attached to the end of this e-mail.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 7

<u>Thursday, August 8</u>	5:30 PM VBS
<u>Sunday, August 11</u>	9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship Youth Sunday School Informational Meeting Following Service
<u>Monday, August 12</u>	WELCA Sew Day 6:00 PM Lion's Club 7:00 PM Website Review Meeting
<u>Tuesday, August 13</u>	Pastor Blobaum in Church Office Randa on Vacation 10:30 AM LCM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting
<u>Wednesday, August 14</u>	Church Office Closed Randa on Vacation

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 2nd and 4th Monday at 6:00 PM. For the Month of August this will be Monday, August 12 and Monday, August 26. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. The website calendar has been corrected.

AGC Preschool Parent Orientation: The August calendar listing for August 14, AGC Parent Orientation Meeting is incorrect. This meeting which was originally scheduled for August 14 was held August 1.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	<u>August 11</u>	<u>August 18</u>
<u>ACOLYTES:</u>	Noah Schnepfer	Callum Buchanan
<u>BREADMAKER:</u>	Leslie Knicl	Leslie Knicl
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Nancy Rosenbery Elsbeth Hixon	Nancy Rosenbery Elsbeth Hixon
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	Alex Paul	Mark Reifsteck
<u>CELEBRATION LEADER</u>	-	
<u>COMMUNION ASST:</u>	Chris Edmonds	Jennifer Farm
<u>GREETERS:</u>	Cory Mitchell Family	Rolf Vogen Family
<u>READER:</u>	Dia Nuesmeyer	Dave Robberstad
<u>USHERS:</u>	John Sapp Family	Dan Erickson Family
<u>SUNDAY SHEPHERD</u>	Brenda Lindsey	Margaret Rinkel
<u>OFFERING COUNTERS:</u>	Sherri Reifsteck Sharon Yeakel Susie Johnston	Scott Kingry Chris and Theresa Edmonds
<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.

LADIES NIGHT OUT



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

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25 YEARS TOGETHER IN CHRIST

ELCA Churchwide Assembly to meet in Pittsburg, August 12-17, 2013

As the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, ELCA members will gather at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, August 12-17, 2013, under the theme, "Always being made new". The ELCA Churchwide Assembly is the highest legislative authority of this church.

The ELCA continues its commitment "to care for creation" as all assembly materials will be available electronically to the 952 voting members. Voting members will be using iPads equipped with an ELCA Guidebook application that contains materials to conduct business, which will save an estimated 500,000 pages of paper. Those interested can access live video of plenary sessions at <http://www.ELCA.org/assembly>. An assembly schedule, the Pre-Assembly Report and other resources are also available at this site.

Two key action items at the assembly include the elections for an ELCA presiding bishop and the ELCA secretary. The term for both positions is six years.

Voting members will also consider:

- ◆ "The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries", a proposed social statement on criminal justice with supporting implementing resolutions. Social statements are teaching documents that assist members in their discernment about social issues, set policy for this church and guide its advocacy and work in the public arena.
- ◆ A proposal for the ELCA's first major fundraising campaign. If approved, the five-year campaign, to begin in 2014, is designed to increase this church's capacity to renew and start new congregations, educate and develop its leaders, bolster its global mission efforts and expand the impact of its relief and development work.
- ◆ Proposals (known as memorials) from the ELCA's 65 synods include topics such as gender identity discrimination, the Uniting American Families Act, community violence, ministering to same-gender couples and their families, immigration reform, hydraulic fracturing, and the Middle East. Memorials are those proposals that are approved at synod assemblies and then forwarded to the ELCA for consideration.

During plenary sessions, voting members will receive:

- ◆ A new ELCA message on mental illness. The ELCA Church Council adopted "The Body of Christ and Mental Illness" in November 2012.
- ◆ A report and recommendations of the ELCA Addressing Social Concerns Review Task Force commissioned by the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to review ways in which ELCA members address social concerns.

Voting members will also receive an update on the ELCA Malaria Campaign; learn more about the observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation; participate in a series of hearings about mission planning, healthcare reform, world hunger, women and justice and more.

In addition to Bishop Roth, the Central/Southern Illinois Synod has twelve persons, who will be attending the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly as voting members. Voting members are elected at the synod assembly held the year prior to the Churchwide Assembly.



Christ, Monticello assists relief effort for Oklahoma tornado victims

On May 20, 2013, a deadly tornado struck Moore, OK. Nearly two months later, on July 16, 2013, members of Christ, Monticello delivered more than 6,600 diapers, 46 pounds of baby formula and food, 2,300 baby wipes, and 40 gallons of Nursery Water to the distribution center at St. John's Lutheran Church, Moore, OK. The donations nearly doubled the center's waning supplies. As part of the Platt County Pulls Together: Outreach Oklahoma campaign, members of Christ worked together with thirteen county organizations and contributed over \$2,000 to American Red Cross relief efforts. In addition, the group worked for a day in Moore, cleaning up debris from two destroyed homes and helping to repair a damaged roof.

Pedal for a Purpose raises \$14,000+ for LSSI

Led by Pastors Adam Dichsen of Faith, Jacksonville and Scott Egbers of First, Beardstown, a group of thirteen bicyclists took a 308-mile journey across the state of Illinois, June 25-27, and in the process, raised \$14,030.10 for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI). The funds raised will be used to support two LSSI ministries—Washington Place and the LSSI Storybook Project. Washington Place is a group home located in Beardstown for adults with Prader-Willi syndrome. The Storybook Project keeps incarcerated parents connected with their children through a volunteer-assisted reading program.



Riders departed from Luther Memorial, Quincy, and the following synod congregations provided respite for riders along the way: St. Peter's, Coatsburg; First, Beardstown; St. Peter's, Arenzville; Faith, Jacksonville; St. John's, Springfield; Holy Cross, Decatur; Christ, Monticello; and Good Shepherd, Champaign. The ride concluded at Deer Creek Manor, Danville, an LSSI assisted-living facility.

For more information about LSSI and its programs, visit the website at www.lssi.org. or call 847.635-4600.



ELCA to observe day of service

The ELCA will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its founding with a dedicated day of service—"God's work. Our hands." on Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013. The Northern Conference has identified three service locations for projects that day: Habitat for Humanity Re-Store; Camp Kearney; and the Crittenton Center. People are invited to work at any of the sites, 1:30—4:30 p.m. According to the Rev. John Rothfusz, conference dean, after working, the group will meet at Grace and Peace, Peoria for a meal, debriefing and a closing worship service. If you and/or your congregation would like to engage in a service project, visit www.ELCA.org/25years for information and resources. We invite you to submit stories of how your congregation will observe the anniversary.

Mission Matters... is an electronic newsletter of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod. Synod congregations, agencies and institutions are invited to reproduce the newsletter for distribution to its constituencies. The primary purpose of the newsletter is to connect individuals, groups, congregations, agencies, and institutions in ministry, so that together we may fulfill God's mission. Please send comments, ideas, and/or suggestions to: Bob.Dealey@csis-elca.org



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