

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET

WEEKLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

December 4, 2013

LCM Website: lcofm.org

Phone: 217-586-4786

Pastor's Hours: Pastor Emil Blobaum will be in the office Tuesday, December 3 and Thursday, December 5.

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.

Daily Devotional Booklets for January – March 2014 are available at the Greeter's Station in the Narthex.

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 htslindsey@mchsi.com.

Congratulations to Ashley Rosenbery (Ickstadt) on her graduation from Millikin University with a Master's Degree in Nursing on December 15th. Ashley will begin her career as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at Carle Clinic beginning in 2014. Please join us for an open house celebration on Saturday, December 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at JT Walkers (upstairs). No gifts please, just well wishes.

Christian Sympathy is extended to Theresa Edmonds and her family on the death of her father George Murphy, December 1, 2013.

Sharing the Faith With Friends: This book study group started meeting this past fall. You are still welcomed to join us as we discuss ideas in Love Wins, by Rob Bell and Erasing Hell, by Frances Chan and Preston Sprinkle. Contact Barb DeReus at 778-6546 or email at barbdereus@mchsi.com. The December gathering will be Tuesday, the 17th from 6:30-8:00 in the DeReus home located at 1701 Whisper Meadow Lane in Mahomet. January's gathering will be skipped due to Grandma Barb helping daughter Molly after the birth of twin boys due early January.

Stewardship Update: After Consecration Sunday, our stewardship continues at the Lutheran Church of Mahomet! Thank you for your pledges of offerings and service for the upcoming year! The potluck brunch, hosted by Congregational Life along with yummy contributions from members, was a wonderful celebration to our stewardship!

It's not too late! If you haven't turned in your pledge card or Opportunities for Service booklet, you can place your pledge card in the Stewardship mailbox by the church office, and the Opportunities for Service booklet can be put in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

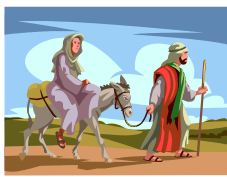
Online option! Another option for submitting your Opportunities for Service booklet is to go online at www.LCofM.org Under the heading: "Here I Am Lord" you can fill in your Opportunities for Service.

Thanks go to Larry Gibson for setting this up! If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Erickson, Erickson.cindy@gmail.com or 217-586-3142.

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Christmas Cookie Exchange: On Saturday, December 14 will be a Christmas Cookie Exchange and Coffee at LCM at 10:00 a.m. Bring 2--3 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to share, and everyone will exchange and take away cookies as well as enjoy coffee, tea, cookies, and friendly conversation about Christmas treats and memories. Please plan to come!

Annual Garage Sale: All God's Children Preschool is hosting the annual garage sale January 25th 2014. Profits from this sale support classroom needs, the preschool scholarship fund and church playground improvements. We will begin accepting donations of children's clothing, toys and house wares after Christmas this year. We cannot accept electronics, exercise equipment, computers and monitors. If you have questions about an item for donation, please contact: Wendy Tomashek, AGC Preschool Director agcdirector@lcofm.org



Live Nativity: The Lutheran Church of Mahomet will hold their Live Nativity this year on December 8th, from 4:00-7:00 pm. Along with the live nativity will be fellowship activities including: Supper and Holiday dishes in the Fellowship Hall, Live Music and Caroling inside, Kids crafts to create and take home. Don't miss the show, invite your friends and dress warm to join in the cast of characters. The signup sheets will be posted in the Narthex, or see Pete Farm for more details. 217-202-1199, or peterfarm@yahoo.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.

LCM Ladies Holiday Event! Ladies, please mark your calendars for Monday, December 9 for a holiday gathering. The event will be hosted at the home of Jen Scheele beginning at 6:00 PM. Participants are asked to bring either an appetizer or dessert, the beverage of your choice, a \$20 gift exchange, and non-perishable food items or a cash donation that will be given to Mahomet Helping Hands. A sign-up for the event will be available in the church narthex. It has been a fun year of getting together and sharing food, fellowship, and laughter. Special thanks to Fran Koller for spearheading these events. We hope to see as many LCM Ladies as possible the evening of December 9th! If you have any questions, please contact Susie Johnston.

Call Committee Mid-November Update: I Corinthians 15:58, *"Therefore my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you".*

In September and October, Call Committee members met with a pastor candidate that they were very excited about and were hoping to be able to make a recommendation to Council for a possible Call to The Lutheran Church of Mahomet. Unfortunately that candidate elected to join another church in another state. The candidate wanted us to know that she was very impressed with our church and the Mahomet area and felt a strong pull to the possibilities, however, felt that God was leading her ministry, and her, in a different direction. Committee members understood and supported where she was coming from and firmly believe that her decision was not a negative

reflection of LCM in any way. Following that disappointing news, we were excited to learn that the Synod had another candidate for our immediate consideration. We are pleased to share that the Call Committee has initiated an initial conversation with the candidate and additional discussions and site visits are being arranged. We continue to trust in the plan that God has for LCM and we ask for everyone's continued prayers and support. God knows our need and knows our anxious and waiting hearts. We ask that our family members continue to stand firm with that same trust; just as God stands firm with each one of us.

Youth News

Children's Christmas Program Practice: Will be held Wednesdays, December 4, 11 and 18 at 5:00PM

Confirmation Class meets Wednesday, December 4 at 5:45 PM

LOGOS will not meet in December. It will start back up Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 5:45 PM. The December calendar incorrectly listed LOGOS meetings for Wednesdays in December, please accept our apologies for this oversight.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4

Wednesday, December 4

5:45 PM Confirmation
5:45 PM Annual Chili Cook-off
6:30 PM Advent Service

Thursday, December 5

3:00 PM Bible Study at Hilda Pfiester's
6:30PM Suite Inspirations
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Fellowship
4:00 PM Live Nativity

Monday, December 9

Monday Morning Ladies Sewing Day
6:00 PM Lion's Club
6:00 PM Ladies Holiday Event

Tuesday, December 10

10:30 AM LCM Staff Meeting
6:30 PM Cub Scouts

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	<u>December 8</u>	<u>December 15</u>
<u>ACOLYTES:</u>	Kylie Fuoss	Gretchen Scheele
<u>BREADMAKER:</u>	Alicia Ekhoﬀ	Alicia Ekhoﬀ
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Elsbeth Hixon Nancy Rosenbery	Elsbeth Hixon Nancy Rosenbery
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER CELEBRATION LEADER</u>	Kendyl Cummins --	Alex Paul --
<u>COMMUNION ASST:</u>	Karen Reifsteck	Laura Bottorﬀ
<u>READER</u>	Sheila Kingry	Dave Robberstad
<u>GREETERS</u>	Sharon Yeakel	Shannon Cheek Family
<u>USHERS:</u>	Bill Studley Family	Rolf VogenFamily
<u>SUNDAY SHEPHERD</u>	Kelly Strode	Sharon Yeakel
<u>OFFERING COUNTERS</u>	Sherri Reifsteck Sharon Yeakel Susie Johnston	Scott Kingry Chris and Theresa Edmonds
<u>FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:</u>	Mark Reifsteck Family Kibler Family	Yeakel Family Middendorf Family

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.

CONGREGATIONAL INTERCESSIONS

Prayer List Guidelines: A prayer list's purpose is to rally special attention to particular people in need of prayer. The list will be divided into acute (immediate) or long term concerns.

Because this is a public list, you must ask permission before placing someone's name on the list (privacy law compliance). To be added, removed, or moved from one list to the other, contact the church office at 586-4786.

- Please provide first and last names.
- Death and birth announcements and praises of thanksgiving will be removed after 2 weeks.

Notices on the acute list will be removed after 4 weeks unless there is a request to continue.

Prayer lists are updated on Wednesdays, sent in the Wednesday email newsletters and posted on the quad board.

Acute Prayer Needs

Linda Vogel	Comfort and healing while recovering at home
Dennis Nuesmeyer	Successful treatment, guidance for physicians and relief from pain
Richard Johnson	Prayers for Healing and Recovery
Linda Buchanan	Health and Healing and Guidance for Physicians
Paul Reynolds	Comfort and healing while recovering at home
Jerry Reifsteck (brother of Mark Reifsteck)	Guidance for physicians and comfort and strength for his family
Eric Hommema (Son-in-Law of Karen and Allen Brucker)	Prayers for healing and recovery
Mary Jean "Jeannie" Edmonds (Grandmother of Chris Edmonds)	Comfort and strength for her caregivers and family recovery
Abigail Corrine Taylor (Daughter of Mandy and Ben Taylor and grand- daughter of Holmes Kimble and Great Grand-daughter of Hilda Pfister)	Guidance for physicians and prayers for parents and family
Patricia Crowe (Mother of Mandy Shelmadine)	Guidance for physicians and prayers for family

Called to Heaven

George Murphy (Father of Theresa Edmonds)	Christian Sympathy is extended to Theresa and her family on the loss of their loved one
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Long-Term Prayer Concerns

Kelly Painter (Daughter of Georgia and Larry Isaacs)	Prayers for safe removal of steroids, and return to normal duties as wife and mother
Barb DeReus	Prayers for successful surgery and complete return to function after the 3+ months of physical therapy and freedom from pain
Connie Kaiser (relative of Tim & Brenda Lindsey)	Healing and awareness of the presence of God for Ms. Kaiser and her family
Bonnie Thompson (Wife of Don Thompson/ mother of Karen Kibler)	for comfort and healing
Jennifer Sweeney (Cousin of Karen Kibler)	for healing, strength, and peace.
David Brandenburg (Nephew of Nancy King)	for correct and successful treatment.
Ann Sanchse (Wife of Cousin of Dennis Nuesmeyer)	prayers for comfort and peace

The Lutheran Church of Mahomet
invites you to join us this Christmas season.



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| Sunday, Dec 1: | "Hanging of the Greens" Worship Service with <i>Mahomet-Seymour High School Madrigals</i> 9am |
| Wednesday, Dec 4: | Chili Cook-off 5:45 pm, Advent Service 6:30 pm |
| Sunday, Dec 8: | Live Nativity 4-7 pm ("Our Christmas Card to the Community") |
| Wednesday, Dec 11: | Soup Supper 5:45 pm, Advent Service 6:30 pm |
| Sunday, Dec 15: | "All is Well" Christmas Cantata program presented by the Chancel Choir 9 am |
| Wednesday, Dec 18: | Soup Supper 5:45 pm, Advent Service 6:30 pm |
| Sunday, Dec 22: | Children's Christmas Program, "The Most Wonderfulest Day" 9 am |
| Tuesday, Dec 24: | Christmas Eve Services 6 pm and 10:30 pm |
| Wednesday, Dec 25: | Christmas Day Worship 10 am |
| Tuesday, Dec 31: | New Year's Eve Worship 6 pm, and Family Night following |

Visit our website at www.lcofm.org



You are invited to come to the Philo Country Music Show to hear Randa Plotner, Office Manager, sing her original song, "The Philo Song" (The Center of the Universe) Sunday, December 8.



Hosted By
Ed Clem & Chrissy Rigsby



We showcase local country music talent in a Branson-style live music stage show!

Sun., Dec. 8
3 p.m.

Doors open 2:00 p.m.

Tickets
\$10 ea.

On Stage 

- * DYKE CORSON, lead & steel guitar, vocals
- * LOGAN KIRBY, vocals
- * DAVE OHLSSON, drums, vocals
- * ED CLEM, bass, vocals
- * CHRISSY RIGSBY, piano, sax, vocals
- * DOUG GREENLEE, guitar, vocals

Concessions Available!

2014 SHOW DATES
January - NO show
February 9
March 9

Special Guest
Michele Osterbur Smith

Questions?
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