

# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET

## WEEKLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

January 15, 2014

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

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**Pastor's Hours:** Pastor Emil Blobaum will be in the office Tuesday, January 14 and Thursday, January 16, 2014

**Office Hours:** Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. In the case of bad weather the office may be closed, please leave a message or send an e-mail and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

**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.

**"Revitalizing Your Congregation:"** Participants in the Webinar which met at our church during April 2013 have been meeting this fall to organize Small Groups as a priority in our revitalization efforts. Other members are invited to join this group and/or volunteer to lead one of several groups to be formed. Groups may include Bible study groups, Dinner groups, Book discussion, Prayer Groups, Crafts and Service projects. The "Kickoff" for this initiative is **February 9, 2014** during the Sunday Fellowship Hour. For more information or to volunteer to lead a group, contact: Cindy Erickson, [erickson.cindy@gmail.com](mailto:erickson.cindy@gmail.com), Ph. 586-3142 or Gene and Margaret Rinkel, [gkrinkel21@msn.com](mailto:gkrinkel21@msn.com), Ph. 586-2117.

**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](mailto:htslindsey@mchsi.com).

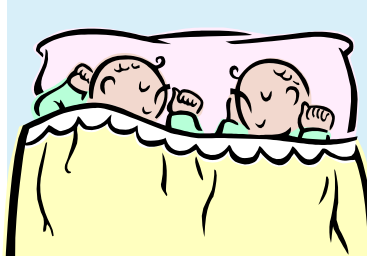
**Stewardship Update Are you forgetting something??** It's not too late! If you haven't turned in your pledge card or Opportunities for Service booklet, please do so soon. You can place your pledge card in the Stewardship mailbox by the church office, and the Opportunities for Service booklet can be put in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

*Online option!* Another option for your Opportunities for Service booklet is to go online at [www.LCofM.org](http://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](mailto:Erickson.cindy@gmail.com) or 217-586-3142.

Thanks to everyone who has already submitted their pledge cards and Opportunities for Service booklets. Having those in hand helps tremendously as the Council plans for the 2014 LCM budget, and staffs committees and worship participants.

**Winter Address:** Jean and Rolf Vogen will be in Florida this Winter Season. Starting January 1, 2014 their address will be 731 Lakeview Way, Oldsman, FL 34677, phone Jean: 815-954-6131 or Rolf: 815-735-7237.

**Reminder:** February Newsletter articles are due in the office no later than Friday, January 24



Welcome

Roshan Kannan and Ravi Kannan

Please join us in extending prayers of thanksgiving for the greatest gift from God. Our two precious grand-sons were born January 6, 2014 to our daughter Molly Kannan and her husband, T K Kannan Roshan Kannan, weighing 5 lbs., 10 oz and 19 ½ inches arrived at 2:38 AM.. Ravi Kannan weighing 5 lbs, 10 oz. and 19 in arrived at 2:39 AM. We are so grateful to God for these special blessings.

~~Barb and Steve DeReus

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**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary:** Please come celebrate with Pastor Emil Blobaum and his lovely wife Carolyn in the celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary at St. John's Church in Royal , January 19 from 2 – 4 PM. No gifts please, cards are welcome

**ELCA Malaria Campaign Reaches \$10 million:** To date, the ELCA members have contributed \$10 million in support of the ELCA Malaria Campaign. Initiated at the 2011 ELCA Church wide Assembly, the campaign provides mosquito nets, insecticides, medication, health care, education and more to 13 African countries in an effort to prevent and treat malaria, and to educate communities about the disease. There is \$5 million remaining on the original goal of raising \$15 million by the end of 2015.

**New Bible Study For Ladies Only** (Sorry Guys) A few years ago I had the privilege of leading a Bible Study during Sunday School especially for the ladies of our congregation. I have a new Bible Study that I would like to share with you. It is called No Other Gods by Kelly Minter. It is a practical, eight week study about the modern-day idols that clutter and claim our hearts. I would like to order books this week, so please let me know if you would me to order one for you. We will start as soon as the books arrive. I'm hoping for January 19<sup>th</sup>. You may call or e-mail me at: 649-7109 or [lckstadt@mchsi.com](mailto:lckstadt@mchsi.com). I'm looking forward to hearing from you. Karen lckstadt

**Pancake and Sausage Breakfast at St. Thomas in Philo:** Join us for the 47th Annual St. Thomas Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, serving from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM in at St. Thomas School, 311 E. Madison St., Philo, IL. All-you-can eat pancakes, our own whole hog sausage, and coffee/juice/milk. Exciting raffles and lots of family fun. Mark your calendars now! Suggested donation \$7.00/adult; \$4.00/child; Children 5 and under-Free.



**Annual Garage Sale:** All God's Children Preschool is hosting the annual garage sale January 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Profits from this sale support classroom needs, the preschool scholarship fund and church playground improvements. The AGC Staff is now accepting donations of children's clothing, toys and house wares after the far North West classroom of the church located near the exit door . 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](mailto:agcdirector@lcofm.org)

**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).

**(SAM) Newsletter:** The December 2013 newsletter for the C515 Synodically Authorized Ministry (SAM) is posted on the Quadboard. Please note that the course "Instructions to the New Testament" begins in January.



### **IT Workshops at LCofM**

I have been asked by many people in our congregation to provide some IT training sessions for those who are "technically challenged". I have found that the last Monday of the month seems to be the best open times for me and participants to attend. So, I will be starting a series of 1 hour IT workshops starting this month, Jan 27, 2014. For now, there will be NO charge for workshops.

Here is a list of what is planned so far:

#### **Jan 27th - Smart Phones and Tablets for the "Technically Challenged"**

- General overview of smart phones, tablets, operating systems (android, iOS-iPhone, Kindle, etc.)
- Security concerns
- Applications

#### **Feb 24th - Revitalizing Your Church Website**

- This will be a chance to see what I will be presenting in April at the Healthier Church - Revitalizing Your Congregation Conference.
- We will also be looking at our church website and discuss what things we can use it for.

#### **Mar 31st - Computers for the "Technically Challenged"**

- Overview of your computer/laptop components
- Computer terminology
- Browsers and search engines.

If you have a workshop you wish to see presented, email me at [lgibson@gibtech.net](mailto:lgibson@gibtech.net) with your suggestions.

Thanks,  
Larry Gibson

#### **Attendance in 2014:**

January 5	58
January 12	92

Youth News:

**Confirmation Class** meets Wednesday, January 15 at 5:45 PM

**LOGOS** meets Wednesday at 5:15 PM. The theme for Wednesday, January 15 will be "Frozen". The meal will be tomato soup and grilled cheese. Wear a winter hat or scarf.

**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15 2014**

**Wednesday, January 15**

5:15 PM LOGOs  
5:45 PM Confirmation

**Thursday, January 16**

6:30 PM LCM Evangelism Meeting  
6:30 PM Suite Inspirations  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

**Sunday, January 19**

9:00 AM Worship Service  
10:00 AM Fellowship  
10:30 AM Sunday School

**Monday, January 20**

Monday Morning Ladies Sewing Day

**Tuesday, January 21**

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

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	<u>January 19</u>	<u>January 26</u>
<u>ACOLYTES:</u>	Kylie Fuoss	Gretchen Scheele
<u>BREADMAKER:</u>	Linda Hanslow	Linda Hanslow
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Alicia Ekhoﬀ Kathy Tuggle	Alicia Ekhoﬀ Kathy Tuggle
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER CELEBRATION LEADER</u>	Alex Paul	Karla Washburn
<u>COMMUNION ASST:</u>	Sherri Reifsteck	Fran Koller
<u>READER</u>	Brenda Lindsey	Kelly Strode
<u>GREETERS</u>	Scott Kingry	Pete Farm Family
<u>USHERS:</u>	Marty Vogel Family	John Paul Family
<u>SUNDAY SHEPHERD</u>	Stewart Ekhoﬀ	Cindy Erickson
<u>OFFERING COUNTERS</u>	Scott Kingry Chris and Theresa Edmonds	David Alderks Scott Kingry Jon and Barb LeGrant
<u>FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:</u>	Moehring Family Paula Burwell	Cheek Family Brian and Susan Johnston

**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.

Visit our website at [www.lcofm.org](http://www.lcofm.org)



## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Notice is hereby given of the Annual Congregational Meeting  
on Sunday, January 26, 2014,  
immediately following the service at approximately 10:00am**

The annual report will be available for pickup at the church one week prior to the meeting. Minutes of 2013 congregational meetings, council position mid-year appointments, and the proposed 2014 budget will be presented for approval. These issues require a majority vote of those members present and voting, and a current list of members eligible to vote will be available at the meeting. If you have any question about whether you are eligible to vote, please contact the church office or Barb LeGrant.

Please note, as constitutionally defined, *“Voting members shall be confirmed members. Such confirmed members shall have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding year.”* Therefore, voting members should have a record both of taking communion and making an individual contribution from January 1, 2013, forward. For the purpose of this congregational meeting, communion attendance must be recorded and contributions must be received no later than Sunday, January 19, 2014. Also, in accordance with the constitution, voting by proxy or absentee ballot shall not be permitted.