

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET

WEEKLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

January 29, 2014

LCM Website: lcofm.org

Phone: 217-586-4786

Pastor's Hours: Pastor Emil Blobaum will be in the office Tuesday, January 28 and Thursday, January 30, 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.

Blood Pressure Checks: Barb Buchanan and Ashley Rosenbery will be conducting blood pressure checks after services, Sunday, February 2.

"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, Ph. 586-3142 or Gene and Margaret Rinkel, 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 .

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.

Flower Chart for 2014: The flower chart for 2014 has been posted on the quadboard. If you wish to have flowers placed on the altar, please print the name and requested dedication on the chart.

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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 **First** 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 Monday, February 3rd, 2014. For now, there will be NO charge for workshops.

Here is a list of what is planned so far:

Feb 3rd - Smart Phones and Tablets for the "Technically Challenged"

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

Click on Sign-up link to register:

[Sign-up](#)

March 3rd - 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.

April 7th - 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 lpigibson@gibtech.net with your suggestions.

Thanks,
Larry Gibson

Men's Night Out **When:** Tuesday, February 25, 2014 @ 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Where:** Larry Gibson's House 498 CR 2675 N Mahomet, IL 61853 See Map posted on the website.

Ladies Night Out: Will be February 24 at Los Zarapes in Mahomet at 6:00 PM.

Lutheran Marriage Encounters WONDERING WHAT TO GIVE YOUR SPOUSE FOR

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New Church Directories: The long awaited new Church Directories are available in the Narthex. They have been placed in envelopes with your names on them. Please pick yours up at your earliest convenience.

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Adult Inquirer's Class: An adult inquirer's class will begin soon. This class is open to all adults who want to know more about the Christian Faith and what it is that Lutheran Christians teach and believe. There is no obligation other than to come and participate. If after one has completed the class, he/she desires to become a member of the congregation, they are most welcome. Attendees may be persons who want to better understand their spouse's faith; persons who desire baptism; those who want a refresher course of the catechism; spouses who accompany a class attendee; etc. There are usually 6 sessions and the meeting time and dates are arranged to fit the schedules of those who register. Pastor Baderschneider and Pastor Blobaum, who will be teaching the class, welcome your questions. Sign-up forms are available in the Narthex and one is attached to this e-mail.

JOYOUS EVENTS



Collin Patrick DeReus

Please join us in extending prayers of thanksgiving for our newest greatest gift from God. Our precious grand-son was born January 26 to our son Kevin DeReus and wife Michelle. Collin Patrick arrived at 12:44 PM, weighing 10# 3 oz. and 21 1/2 in. We are so grateful to God for this greatest blessing of the miracle of life. This is Barb and Steve's 5th grandchild in 3 months and Barb is in "Heaven on Earth" Barb and Steve DeReus

THE RHETICUS FORUM

“ASKING NEW QUESTIONS
OF FAITH, SCIENCE, AND CULTURE”

Creates dialogue rather than debate. Shares personal experience rather than philosophical polemic.



“Faith, Science, and Culture: Stories of Faithful Citizenship”

Brian Sauder [@briansauder](#) www.faithinplace.org

An environmental scientist, seminarian, registered Illinois lobbyist, not-for-profit manager, and business savvy country boy

Tuesday, February 11th 7pm

St. Andrew's Lutheran Campus Center

909 South Wright Street Champaign | 217.344.1593 | www.lutherancampuscenter.org | fb: Saint Andrew's Lutheran Campus Center

Attendance in 2014:

January 5	58
January 12	92
January 19	69
January 26	94

Youth News:

Confirmation Class meets Wednesday, January 29 at 5:45 PM

LOGOS meets Wednesday at 5:15 PM. The theme for tonight, January 29th is Stash and Bash. The meal will be pizza and salad.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29 2014

Wednesday, January 29

5:15 PM LOGOs
5:45 PM Confirmation

Thursday, January 30

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

Sunday, February 2

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

Monday, February 3

Monday Morning Ladies Sewing Day
7:00 PM IT Workshop
7:15 PM Bible Study at Hilda Pfiester's

Tuesday, February 4

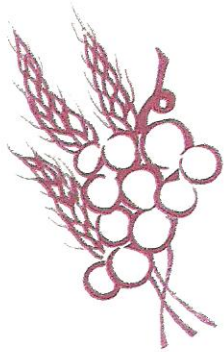
10:30 AM LCM Staff Meeting
6:30 PM Cub Scouts

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	<u>February 2</u>	<u>February 9</u>
<u>ACOLYTES:</u>	Chatman Edmonds	Seth Buchanan
<u>BREADMAKER:</u>	Leslie Knicl	Leslie Knicl
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Pat Moehring Amy McDonald	Pat Moehring Amy McDonald
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	Chris Edmonds	Dia Nuesmeyer
<u>CELEBRATION LEADER</u>	--	--
<u>COMMUNION ASST:</u>	Mark Reifsteck	Theresa Edmonds
<u>READER</u>	Alicia Ekhoﬀ	Alex Paul
<u>GREETERS</u>	Karen Ickstadt	Jon LeGrant Family
<u>USHERS:</u>	Norm Knicl Family	Tim Koller Family
<u>SUNDAY SHEPHERD</u>	Pete Farm	Barb LeGrant
<u>OFFERING COUNTERS</u>	Stewart and Alicia Ekhoﬀ Dan and Cindy Erickson	Sherri Reifsteck Sharon Yeakel and Susie Johnston
<u>FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:</u>	Congregational Life Committee	Mitchell Family Bottorﬀ 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.



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Living in God's Amazing Grace

LCM Call Process Update

"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you"
I Corinthians 15:58

As a family at The Lutheran Church of Mahomet, we have faced trials and we have experienced struggles. Often these trials and struggles have come with stretching ourselves and trusting in God's ultimate plan. The process of extending a Call for the new Pastor of The Lutheran Church of Mahomet has been no different. There have been struggles. The good news is that God has been faithful and we remain a loving, giving, and caring family committed to knowing that God has a plan for LCM. In that light, God encourages us to stand firm and to let nothing move us. God asks us to continue to step out in faith and face our joys and struggles together. We can do this because of the love and power of God. It is not just what we believe; it is who we believe in. God is almighty. He is all loving. And he is for us.

The Call Committee has spent the last year actively conducting interviews with potential pastor candidates. To date, we have been in contact with six candidates. For various reasons unique to each candidate and to the members of the Committee, the process of issuing and accepting a Call did not move forward or ended. Call Committee members remain committed to seeking out potential candidates and finding the right person for our family. We continue to work with the Synod office, as they continue to work with us. The committee is also exploring recruiting options outside of normal "channels" and has begun the process of advertising on our own.

The Synod office has accepted our invitation to come to LCM and meet with our congregation to share how the process works, the current limitations of available candidates, and their continued efforts on our behalf. Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Ron Moorman will be at LCM on Sunday, February 23 for the 9:00 AM service. Pastor Moorman will deliver the message that day, as well as speak directly to the congregation following the worship services. LCM members are encouraged to attend that day to support Pastor Moorman's presence and hear what he has to share.

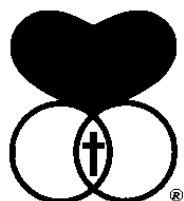
The Call Committee asks that everyone continue to trust and stand firm and to know that God will provide a pastor to love, comfort, and lead our family. God hears our prayers and knows our need. He knows our anxious and waiting hearts. As a family and as his servants, we remain faithful knowing that through God all things are possible.

In His Service,

Susie Johnston, Call Committee Chair

Call Committee Members: Nancy Boma, Laura Bottorff, Denise Dalton, Stuart Ekhoﬀ, Dan Erickson, John King, Barb LeGrant, Dia Nuesmeyer, Margaret Rinkel, Andy Scheele

Lutheran
Marriage



GodLoves
MARRIAGE

Place: Peoria, IL

To register, contact: **Norm & Deb Lopez**
210 N. Harrison St
Flanagan, IL 61740
815-796-2248

ndlopez@frontiernet.net or
www.godlovesmarriage.org

Mission Statement

Lutheran Marriage Encounter is a ministry dedicated to assisting married couples to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing an encounter Weekend experience as well as on going community support.

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INQUIRER CLASS REGISTRATION

Please include (me) (us) in the Inquirer's Class. Following is (my) (our) contact information.

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

e-mail _____

(Return this form to the church office; to either pastor; or send information by e-mail to the church office)

For referral.....

Please contact (name) _____ and invite them to the class

Phone _____ e-mail _____

My name is _____

Phone _____

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