

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET

WEEKLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

July 31, 2013

LCM Website: lcofm.org

Phone: 217-586-4786

Pastor's Hours: Pastor Vic Baderschneider will be in the office this week, Tuesday, July 30 and Thursday, August 1.

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.

Support for Family Needed: Dia Nuesmeyer is asking for volunteers to provide some evening meals for Kelly Painter's family. Please contact Dia at 217-840-9846 or by e-mail to aglowinhim2009@hotmail.com to coordinate evening meals for the family while Kelly is recovering.

August Calendar Correction: 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.

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 .

T-Shirts with New Church Logo Available: Custom T-Shirts with the new church logo can be ordered via a CustomInk Sign-up Sheet for Lutheran Church of Mahomet :

<http://www.customink.com/signup/3o5t5r82>

If you're interested, just sign up for yourself (or friends, family, etc.) and select the sizes/quantities that you need. On this page, you can also see our custom-designed items and check out the Sizing Line-up to find the perfect fit. Thanks! Pete Farm

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.

LCM Kitchen Improvements: Our Congregational Life Committee has recommended that a commercial dishwasher be purchased so that our kitchen can be better utilized by our members and those that use our facilities and so that the purchase and disposal of paper and plastic products can be greatly reduced.

Church council voted at its July 15, 2013 meeting to obtain quotes for the purchase of a commercial dishwasher for the kitchen and the remodeling that would be required to the kitchen to accommodate the dishwasher with a cost not to exceed \$12,000. Laura Zick-Bottorff, chairman of the Congregational Life Committee, and Mark Dalton, chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee have obtained quotes for a Hobart commercial dishwasher, as well as estimates for freight and installation. Based on these quotes, the total cost of the project is estimated to be \$8,400. Plans are to utilize congregational members to assist with as much of the remodeling as possible. The project will be paid for from certain designated funds presently held in the church's accounts.

Even though our Constitution does not require congregational approval to spend designated funds, Council voted to hold an informational meeting after the August 4 service to keep the Congregation informed and allow for questions and comments.

"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: The August Ladies Nite Out will be Monday, August 26 at the home of Denise Dalton. We will have a cook-out and pot luck meal. More information about this event will be coming soon.

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.

- **VBS: Kingdom Rock starts Sunday, August 4th** with a Family/Congregation Picnic 5:30-7:30. Families with children age 3 years – 5th Grade can register for VBS online at LCofM.org, or register at the picnic. Grilled chicken legs, carrots, apples and ice cream will be served; come meet the staff and families that will attend VBS August 4-8 and see what Kingdom Rock is all about!
- **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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 31

Thursday, August 1

3:00 PM Bible Study at Hilda Pfiester's
6:00 PM AGC Parent Orientation

Sunday, August 4

9:00 AM Celebration Worship Service
10:00 AM Fellowship
5:30 PM Family/Congregation Picnic VBS Kick-off

Monday, August 5

WELCA Sew Day
5:15 PM VBS
7:15 PM Bible Study at Hilda Pfiester's

Tuesday, August 6

10:30 AM Staff Meeting
5:15 PM VBS

Wednesday, August 7

5:15 PM VBS

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	<u>August 4</u>	<u>August 11</u>
<u>ACOLYTES:</u>	Zach Schnepfer	Noah Schnepfer
<u>BREADMAKER:</u>	Leslie Knicl	Leslie Knicl
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Nancy Rosenbery Elsbeth Hixon	Nancy Rosenbery Elsbeth Hixon
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	Kendyl Cummins	Alex Paul
<u>CELEBRATION LEADER</u>	-	
<u>COMMUNION ASST:</u>	Chris Edmonds	Mark Reifsteck
<u>GREETERS:</u>	Jon LeGrant Family	Cory Mitchell Family
<u>READER:</u>	Alicia Ekhoﬀ	Pam Atwood
<u>USHERS:</u>	Chris Edmonds Family	John Sapp Family
<u>SUNDAY SHEPHERD</u>	Sherri Reifsteck	Brenda Lindsey
<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.

Visit our website at www.lcofm.org

