

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET

WEEKLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

February 27, 2013

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Pastor's Hours: Pastor Vic Baderschneider will be in the office this week, Tuesday, February 26 and Thursday, February 28.

Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

First Communion Class: will meet on March 3 at 6:00 PM. The class will be led by Pastor Vic Baderschneider. A group of our youth will be receiving their First Communion, Sunday, March 10th. We ask that the congregation please allow these young people and their families to come to the communion table first to receive the sacrament.

New "Red Book"!!: We are going to recreate our red Congregational Record book that has been missing for quite some time. This will result in our church again having a written record of our history and events. The Vogels will be spearheading this effort over the coming months. We are really excited about our church again having its Red Book history in place.

Our church will join Lutheran World Relief's Baskets of Promise appeal. During Lent, we will collect a different item each week that will be used to assemble Personal Care Kits. Our collection schedule will be: Mar 3-Toothbrushes (Adult size in original packaging); Mar 10-combs; March 17-nail clippers; March 24 (Palm Sunday)-Bars of Soap. Look for collection box in the foyer.

We need 6 more volunteers for our Crisis Nursery Volunteer Team. Two volunteers have offered to be part of this service mission project but more are needed before we can begin. The Crisis Nursery serves children birth to 6 years of age that are at-risk of abuse and neglect. Each ministry team member will cover 1 shift a month on Saturdays between the hours of 4-8 pm. If for some reason a volunteer team member cannot cover their assigned shift, other team members will share coverage amongst themselves. Volunteers spend time playing with children, rocking babies, or supervising children while they play with each other. This is a great opportunity for you to help the most vulnerable children in our community. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry team! Contact Brenda Lindsey at 586-3463 or htslindsey@mchsi.com

Call Process Update: The Call Committee has been in contact with the three pastoral candidates and arrangements for initial interviews have been made. Details of the candidate profiles, as well as specifics regarding the interview process will remain confidential to Call Committee members. At the appropriate time, a recommendation to extend a Call offer will be made to the full Council. The decision to proceed with the recommendation will ultimately be made by Council members. Please continue to keep the Call process, as well as committee members, in your prayers. We ask that God's hand continue to guide the candidates and our congregation through this important process.

Change in Schedule: There will be no children's Sunday school on March 24 and 31 (Palm Sunday and Easter).

Palm Sunday Brunch: Please Join Us! (At approximately 10:15 a.m.) After Palm Sunday Service, March 24th for a Brunch Potluck. A main dish will be served; please bring a salad, vegetable side-dish, or dessert! Drinks and table products will be provided. Thanks! Laura, Congregational Life

Confirmation Sunday: Will be Sunday, May 19th

The East-Central Conference will hold its 2013 assembly on Sunday, March 17, at First Lutheran Church, Decatur, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Major agenda items are the election (by ecclesiastical ballot) of a Conference dean; several other positions on Synod committees etc. will also be elected. Bishop John Roth will address us on behalf of the Synod. We will serve dinner to and eat with the homeless. We expect to conclude by 6:00.

Outdoor Sign: Please contact Jacob Ekhoﬀ with messages or suggestions for the outside sign. His email is ekhoffja@gmail.com and his phone is 217-493-5914. The sign can handle 3 lines of 12 letters and spaces.

Employment Opportunity: Empty Tomb, Inc., a local Christian service and research organization, has a fulltime position open for Bookkeeper. Computer experience, as well as college-level math or statistics courses, or previous experience in bookkeeping and/or accounting are needed. The job requires a minimum of a three-year commitment with an option of long term. For details, please call 356-2262, M-F, 9 AM to 5 PM. Additional information has been posted on the quadboard.

Youth News

Spring Fine Arts Mini-Camp 2013

Spring Fine Arts Mini-Camp will be held this year on March 18, 19, and 20 from 9 am to noon. The camp is designed for children in grades 3-5 with artistic experiences offered in the areas of music, drama, and visual arts. Classes are designed for exploration and are open to anyone regardless of experience. Registration forms and fees (\$10) are due by Wednesday March 6th.

Registration forms may be found on the Youth Bulletin Board or from Kat Downs, *Director of Worship, Music and Arts Ministries*. For more information, please contact Kat at 586-4786, or by e-mail at musikat00@hotmail.com

LOGOS Encounter: If you are interested in getting away for a day and a half and learning more about the who, what, and why of LOGOS, we invite you to join us in Mackinaw, Illinois on Friday evening, April 26 and Saturday, April 27 for a LOGOS Encounter. The Youth Board will be sending 5 adults from our congregation to experience LOGOS, discover the vision, and get questions answered. Topics of study will include Theological Basis, Recreation, Family Time, Worship Skills, Bible Study, Discipline, Adult Participation, Community Service and Missions. Kat Downs, Director of LOGOS at LCM, can provide you with more information about this event. See her or Alicia Ekhoﬀ, Youth Ministries Chair, to sign up.

Sunday School Now Begins at 10:30 AM:

K-5th grades meet in the double classroom for Hands On lessons with BUZZ by Group

6th-12th grades meet in the Youth Room for weekly liturgy based ELCA Faith Lens discussions

Youth Sunday, March 3:

9 AM - Youth participate in the services:

Sign up and job duties are on the bulletin board outside the church office. Greeters, Ushers, Readers and a Celebration Leader are needed, along with opportunities to provide special music. See Kat Downs at 217-586-4786, Kelly Strode at 217-586-2095 or Alicia Ekhoﬀ at 217-649-8472 with questions.

10:30 AM - Adults are invited to join us in Youth Sunday School:
K-5th meet in the double classroom; Junior High & high School meet in the Youth Room.

11:15 AM Potluck and Kite Making in the Fellowship Hall:
Join Family & Friends for the Potluck, then learn to build a kite! Weather permitting, we will fly the kites in the East yard. Movies will be available for younger kids in the Youth Room.

Vacation Bible School: August 4 – 8, 5:30 – 7:30 PM - Mark Your Calendars! More Information Coming Soon!

Registration for All God's Children (AGC) Preschool: Open registration will begin on **March 1, 2013** to the general public. AGC currently offers a Pre-Kindergarten class that meets on MWF either in the morning 9-11:30am, or in the afternoon 12:30-3pm. We also offer a 3's preschool class that meets on T/TH either in the morning 9-11:30am or in the afternoon 12:30-3pm. Registration forms will be mailed to **all** current and past AGC families that have requested them. LCOFM members will be able to pick up the current registration form in the narthex. Please call the preschool with questions at 586-6147

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>Wednesday, February 27</u>	6:30 PM Evening Prayer Lenten Service
<u>Wednesday, March 6</u>	6:30 PM Evening Prayer Lenten Service
<u>Wednesday, March 13</u>	6:30 PM Evening Prayer Lenten Service
<u>Wednesday, March 20</u>	6:30 PM Evening Prayer Lenten Service
<u>Sunday, March 24</u> Palm Sunday	9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Palm Sunday Brunch
<u>Thursday, March 28</u> Maundy Thursday	6:30 PM Communion Service
<u>Friday, March 29</u> Good Friday	6:30 PM Tenebrae Service
<u>Sunday, March 31</u> Easter Sunday	8:00 AM Easter Breakfast 9:00 AM Easter Celebration Service Resurrection of our Lord Reception of New Members Following Service

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF February 27 – March 5, 2013

Wednesday, February 27

**6:00 PM Confirmation Class
6:30 PM Evening Prayer Lent Service**

Thursday, February 28

**6:30 PM Bible Study
7:00 Chancel Choir**

**Sunday, March 3
Youth Sunday**

**9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Sunday School
11:15 AM Potluck
6:00 PM First Communion Class**

Monday, March 4

**WELCA Sew Day
7:00 PM Adult Inquiry Class**

Tuesday, March 5

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	<u>March 3</u>	<u>March 10</u>
<u>ACOLYTES:</u>	Morgan Cheek	Madison Mitchell
<u>BREADMAKER:</u>	Amy McDonald	Amy McDonald
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Patti Sapp Ruth Studley	Patti Sapp Ruth Studley
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	Mark Reifsteck	Dia Nuesmeyer
<u>CELEBRATION LEADER</u>	-	-
<u>COMMUNION ASST:</u>	Youth	Fran Koller
<u>GREETERS:</u>	Kylie and Karlie Fuoss Isabelle Farm	Donna Lea
<u>READER:</u>	Zach Schnepfer Jacklyn Middendorf Chatman Edmonds	Sheila Kingry
<u>USHERS:</u>	Joseph, Gretchen and Jennifer Scheele	Jon LeGrant Family
<u>OFFERING COUNTERS:</u>	Stewart and Alicia Ekhoﬀ Dan and Cindy Erickson	Sherri Reifsteck Susie Johnston
<u>FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:</u>	Youth Sunday Potluck	Tim and Brenda Lindsey Tim and Fran Koller

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 Scott Kingry (SDKingry@gmail.com), 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, in the monthly newsletter, or on the Church website at www.lcofm.org. Thank you for your assistance in performing these tasks by serving our Church.

Greeters and Ushers: There are now greeter and usher pins for use on Sunday mornings. The greeter pins are located in the Welcome Center and the usher pins are located next to the Sunday bulletins. Please wear them on Sunday and return before you leave church. Thanks!

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