

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET

WEEKLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

February 20, 2013

LCM Website: lcofm.org

Phone: 217-586-4786

Pastor's Hours: Pastor Emil Blobaum will be in the office this week, Tuesday, February 19 and Thursday, February 21.

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

LCM Membership Update!!: As we have been working with our membership list, it has become clear that it is in need of an update. In order to do this, we have sent all those currently on our membership list a letter along with a form to provide updated information on you and your family. Please return to the church as soon as possible so we can update our membership rolls. Thank you

Kogodus Retreat: Pete and Jennifer Farm would like you to prayerfully consider attending the 2013 Kogodus retreat. The retreat is a great time to reconnect with God and share your faith with others. The women's retreat will be held March 1, 2 & 3rd at Camp Griesheim in Lincoln IL. Below are links to the Kogodus and Camp Griesheim websites. Contact Pete at 202-1199 or Jennifer at 778-6643 for sign up information.

<http://www.kogodus.org/>

<http://www.campgriesheim.com/>

Adult Inquiry Classes: will be offered for those who want to know what the Lutheran Church teaches and believes. It is for those who have an interest in becoming a member of the congregation and for those who want to review the teachings and practices of the Lutheran Church. There will be class sessions of one hour in length at 7:00 PM on, Monday, February 25, Monday, March 4, Monday March 11, and Monday, March 25. New participants are welcome to join these classes through the February 25th session. New members will be received into membership on Sunday, March 31st. If you want to be part of this class please contact the church office at 586-4786 or contact by e-mail to lcmoffice@lcofm.org or speak with one of our interim pastors so that we will have sufficient materials for you.

First Communion Classes: will be offered for parents and their child. This class is being offered to assist parents and children in preparing for Holy Communion. It is required that the parents come to the class with their child. The class will be led by our Interim Pastors Vic Baderschneider and Emil Blobaum. This class will meet on February 24 and March 3 at 6:00 PM. Please contact the church office at 217-586-4786 or e-mail to lcmoffice@lcofm.org. If you plan to be in attendance so we can have materials prepared for you.

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. Thankfully, Pastor Baderschneider had a copy of the old Red Book made before he retired in 2002. We will start with that copy and bring the new book forward using a variety of information sources. 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: Feb 24-Bath towels 52"x27" maximum; 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 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.

Joyous Events

Congratulations to Jill and Andy Capes on the birth of their son, Miles Geddes Capes. Jill is the daughter of Mark and Sherri Reifsteck. Miles was born on February 7 and weighed 8 lbs. Per his Daddy, Jill & Miles are doing well.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jason & Carrie (Webb) Johnston who were joined in marriage at LCM on Saturday, February 9, 2013. Jason is the son of Bryan and Susan Johnston. Carrie is the daughter of Susan Tyler and Jon Webb. Pastor Vic Baderschneider conducted the ceremony with the assistance of J.P. Jones, pastor of the First Christian Church in Champaign.

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

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 20</u>	6:30 PM Evening Prayer Lenten Service
<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 20 – February 27, 2013

<u>Wednesday, February 20</u>	6:30 PM Evening Prayer Lent Service
<u>Thursday, February 21</u>	6:00 PM Call Committee Interview 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 Chancel Choir
<u>Sunday, February 24</u>	9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship 6:00 PM First Communion Class
<u>Monday, February 25</u>	WELCA Sew Day 7:00 PM Adult Inquiry Class
<u>Tuesday, February 26</u>	10:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Cub Scouts

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	<u>February 24</u>	<u>March 3</u>
<u>ACOLYTES:</u>	Grace Beach	Morgan Cheek
<u>BREADMAKER:</u>	Leslie Knicl	Amy McDonald
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Pat Moehring Amy McDonald	Patti Sapp Ruth Studley
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	-	Youth
<u>CELEBRATION LEADER</u>	Alex Paul	-
<u>COMMUNION ASST:</u>	Alicia Ekhoﬀ	Youth
<u>GREETERS:</u>	Nancy Rosenbery	Kylie and Karlie Fuoss
<u>READER:</u>	Marty Vogel	Youth
<u>USHERS:</u>	Stuart Ekhoﬀ Family	Joseph, Gretchen and Jennifer Scheele
<u>OFFERING COUNTERS:</u>	David Alderks, Scott Kingry Jon and Barb LeGrant	Stewart and Alicia Ekhoﬀ Dan and Cindy Erickson
<u>FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:</u>	Moehring Family Mitchell Family	Fellowship

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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