

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET

WEEKLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

March 12, 2014

LCM Website: lcofm.org

Phone: 217-586-4786

Pastor's Hours: Pastor Emil Blobaum will be in the office Thursday, March 13.

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.

Palm Sunday Potluck Brunch: On Palm Sunday, April 13, LCM will have a potluck Brunch/Lunch immediately following the church service. Main dishes will be provided. Please come, and bring a side dish such as salad or vegetable to share, or a dessert.

Daily Devotional Booklets for January – March 2014 and for April – June, 2014 are available at the Greeter's Station in the Narthex.

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.

REMINDER: Please have your April Monthly Newsletter articles turned in to the Church Office no later than Friday, March 21st.

Faith in Action of Champaign County Volunteers Needed: Would you like to make a difference in a neighbor's life? Faith in Action of Champaign County is in need of volunteers! As an interfaith volunteer caregiver program, Faith in Action volunteers provide practical assistance for seniors in their own community. This may include transportation, friendly visiting, or help with household chores. Volunteers choose their preference of activities with a flexible schedule. Join us on March 20th from 6:00-7:30 PM to find out more. Please call Faith in Action at (217) 337-2778 or send an email to fia@presencehealth.org with questions or to register.



Blessed Event: Nathan and Tecia Mills welcomed their son, Benjamin John Mills on February 27th, 2014.

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Ladies Nite Out: will be on Monday, March 31 at 6 p.m. at Billy Barooz, Village Green, Champaign.

WANTED: Individuals interested in serving on the Hymn Selection Committee. This rewarding position includes selection of hymns for the year round Sunday services as well as seasonal selections. Written information regarding hymn choices and formats are provided. Meeting schedule is flexible. If you are interested in participating in this valuable ministry for our church, please contact Marty Vogel at 590.0093 or martyrv101@gmail.com.

Needed:
**A person with a heart for campus ministry
to serve on the Board of Trustees
for St. Andrew's Lutheran Campus Center**

St. Andrew's/Lutheran Campus Center is looking for a gifted and committed member of the ELCA to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Lutheran Campus Center. The responsibilities of the Board include: elect and support the staff, administer the budget, maintain the facilities, provide vision and direction of the mission for the future of the ministry, interpret and advocate for this ministry to the wider church.

A member is expected to attend the regular scheduled monthly meetings throughout the academic year, service on one board sub-committee, help with financial support, pray for the witness and work of the ministry and attend worship at the center at least once a year.

If you are interested please contact:
Pr. Elaine Olson, lutherancampuscenter@gmail.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.

Thank You: "John and Patti Sapp would like to give their sincerest thanks for the cards and personal expressions of sympathy on the occasion of John's mother's death. What a wonderful church family we have"



Parish Nurse Bulletin Board: There is an updated Parish Nurse bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to Barb DeReus for creating it for us.

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IT Workshops at LCM

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 7:00 PM. For now, there will be NO charge for workshops.

Here is a list of what is planned so far:

Click on Sign-up link to register:

[Sign-up](#)

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

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.

Adult Sunday School--Note meeting areas with the women in the Adult class room and the men at a corner table in the Fellowship Hall. The classes begin at 10:30 a.m. for approximately 45 minutes. Each class is centered on Biblical application to issues common to women and men respectively. Both groups have sparked interest in their subject matters, the women are led by Karen Ickstadt, the men are led by Alex Paul. You will not want to miss these lively discussions.
--Margaret Rinkel, Adult Ed co-chair

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.

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Thrivent Champaign County has 2917 Thrivent members within the County , of those 2917, 1054 members have Choice dollars to spend .. As of this date in 2014 only 36 members have spent their Choice dollars . Now that's a crying shame! Some members have not used their Choice dollars to help churches or organizations within this county or anywhere else in this world. Thousands upon thousands of organizations are listed with Thrivent Financial. This is a chance for you to spend someone else's money. If you don't know how to do this, contact me, Dick Vollmer, phone number [217-778-2774](tel:217-778-2774) or email address faith2003@mediacombb.net . Do it today or at least by March 31 Also let your Thrivent friends know about their Choice dollars. God's Blessings, Dick Vollmer

Small Groups:

The **Adult Education** and **Revitalizing Your Church** committees joined to organize the eight **Small Group** courses described in the attractive brochure which was presented at our kickoff Sunday, February 9. These courses are open to both congregational and community members. Be sure to take with you the blue brochure, filled with course descriptions, group leaders and other information. Each group will determine frequency and times of meetings that best fit their schedules.

Booklet/Video Course: The study of **Worship: Our Highest Calling** is a booklet/video course that emphasizes the Biblical model of worship and aids in a deeper understanding of the worship experience. The what, why and how of worship point to the attributes of God, direct attention anew to His love and sacrifice for humanity, and require the involvement of every Christian. Thoughtful questions and practical helps are features that will resonate with Christians of any denomination. This five-week course, prepared by nationally recognized Bible teacher, Tom Kraeuter, will be taught by Group leader Kat Downs. Contact **Kat Downs** at 586-4786 or musikat00@hotmail.com

Small Group Sign-up--See the RALLY ROUND SMALL GROUPS poster in the Narthex. Pick up a BROCHURE that describes course content. Decide on one or more groups and sign the sheet. The group leader will contact you and others on the group's list about a meeting time and place. These lists will not reflect all of the signers since others may have signed up on the February 9 Kickoff Sunday. Meet people, serve the Lord, grow spiritually and have fun! Margaret Rinkel--Adult Ed/Small Groups

Sharing the Faith with Friends – This small group will continue to study Rob Bell's book Love Wins in the DeReus home at 1701 Whisper Meadow Lane in Mahomet. Time: 6:30-8:00 and date will be March 18. We will continue with chapter 4, "Does God Get What God Wants?" and possibly chapter 5, "Dying to Live." Newcomers, please let Barb or Steve know if you would like to join us, and regulars, please notify us if you are unable to come. 778-6546 or barbdereus@mchsi.com

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The Craft Card Ministry Group will be creating Father's and Mother's Day cards to send to the From the Hearts project. We will be making cards from 9 am-12 pm, Saturday, April 5. Come join us as we make cards to be shipped to service men and women in Afghanistan and Iraq for them to send to family members around the world. Materials will be provided, but feel free to bring any supplies you would like to donate or use. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Dalton, dldalton86@gmail.com or Leslie Knicl, lknicl@gmail.com
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Attendance in March 2014:

March 2 - 69
March 5 (Ash Wednesday) – 61
March 9 – 85
March 12 - 37

Youth News



WANT AD: Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer position? Do you enjoy spending time with youth and planning activities and special events for them? Do you enjoy sharing God's love and grace with young people? If you said yes to those questions, the position of Youth Chairperson might be just what you have been looking for! Duties include planning programs and education for all youth, working with and supervising the LOGOS team, and working with the church council in this two-year position. If you feel called to serve the youth of our congregation in this way, please contact President Bill Moehring at billmoehring@yahoo.com or Secretary Sherri Reifsteck at mrsr1974@mchsi.com.

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EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2014

Thursday, March 13

6:30 PM Suite Inspirations
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Saturday, March 15

9:00 AM Council Retreat

Sunday, March 16

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

Monday, March 17

Monday Morning Sewing Day
7:15 PM Bible Study at Hilda Pfiester's

Tuesday, March 18

10:30 AM LCM Staff Meeting
6:30 PM Cub Scouts
6:30 PM Sharing the Faith with Friends Book
Study at the DeReus Home

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	March 16	March 23
<u>GREETERS</u>	Shannon Cheek Family	Charlotte Hitchins
<u>USHERS:</u>	Dennis Boma Family	Pete Farm Family
<u>READER</u>	Dave Robberstad	John Bottorff
<u>COMMUNION ASST</u>	Tim Lindsey	Jon LeGrant
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	Dia Nuesmeyer	Mark Reifsteck
<u>CELEBRATION LEADER</u>	--	--
<u>SUNDAY SHEPHERD</u>	Gene Rinkel	Margaret Rinkel
<u>FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:</u>	Boma Family Clements Family	Ekhoff Family Paula Burwell
<u>BREADMAKER:</u>	Amy McDonald	Amy McDonald
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Patti Sapp Ruth Studley	Patti Sapp Ruth Studley
<u>OFFERING COUNTERS</u>	Scott Kingry Chris and Theresa Edmonds	David Alderks Scott Kingry Jon and Barb LeGrant
<u>ACCOLYTES</u>	Gretchen Scheele	Isabelle Farm

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.

CONGREGATIONAL INTERCESSIONS

Prayer List Guidelines: A prayer list's purpose is to rally special attention to particular people in need of prayer. The list will be divided into acute (immediate) or long term concerns.

Because this is a public list, you must ask permission before placing someone's name on the list (privacy law compliance). To be added, removed, or moved from one list to the other, contact the church office at 586-4786.

- Please provide first and last names.
- Death and birth announcements and praises of thanksgiving will be removed after 2 weeks.

Notices on the acute list will be removed after 4 weeks unless there is a request to continue.

Prayer lists are updated on Wednesdays, sent in the Wednesday email newsletters and posted on the quad board.

Acute Prayer Needs

Linda Vogel	Comfort and healing while recovering at home
Dennis Nuesmeyer	Successful treatment, guidance for physicians and relief from pain
Richard Johnson	Prayers for Healing and Recovery
Paul Reynolds	Comfort and healing while recovering at home
Linda Buchanan	Guidance for surgeons and prayers for healing and recovery
Nancy King	Comfort and healing while recovering at home
Marcie Bussman	strength and healing for her shoulder
Patricia Crowe (Mother of Mandy Shelmadine)	Comfort and strength for her caregivers and family
Mary Jean "Jeannie" Edmonds (Grandmother of Chris Edmonds)	Comfort and strength for her caregivers and family
Gene Roberts (Father of Sean Roberts)	Guidance for physicians and prayers for family
Pastor Eimo Hinrichs	Comfort and healing while recovering at home

Long-Term Prayer Concerns

Connie Kaiser (relative of Tim & Brenda Lindsey)	Healing and awareness of the presence of God for Ms. Kaiser and her family
Bonnie Thompson (Wife of Don Thompson/ mother of Karen Kibler)	for comfort and healing
Jennifer Sweeney (Cousin of Karen Kibler)	for healing, strength, and peace.
David Brandenburg (Nephew of Nancy King)	for correct and successful treatment.
Ann Sanchse (Wife of Cousin of Dennis Nuesmeyer)	prayers for comfort and peace

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Pastor Baderschneider and Pastor Blobaum, who will be teaching the class, welcome your questions.

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 _____

