

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET**  
**WEEKLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER**

**March 26, 2014**

**LCM Website: [lcofm.org](http://lcofm.org)**

**Phone: 217-586-4786**

**Pastor's Hours:** Pastor Emil Blobaum will be in the office Tuesday, March 25 and Thursday, March 27.

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

**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](mailto:htslindsey@mchsi.com).

**Needed—Meal Assistance Coordinator:** Our church family needs a caring volunteer to serve on the Congregational Life committee as meal assistance coordinator on an ongoing basis. In this role, you would field periodic member requests for meals, talk with families about their needs, set up the meal plan, and recruit additional members to prepare and deliver the meals. You would not have to cook and deliver the meals, just coordinate the effort. This is a very important care giving ministry for our congregation. This could be a great service opportunity for a home-bound member. If you are interested, please call Laura Bottorff at 217-778-7351 or Bill Moehring at 312-560-7044.

**Christian Sympathy** and prayers are extended to the family of Bonnie Thompson, Wife of Don Thompson and Mother of Karen Kibler who passed away Sunday, March 16, 2014.

**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](mailto:martyrv101@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](mailto:htslindsey@mchsi.com).

**Easter Lilies:** It is that time of year to celebrate the Easter season by brightening up our Sanctuary with Easter Lilies. There is a sign-up sheet located on the quad board in the Narthex. The cost is \$7.00 each. Please sign up by April 13<sup>th</sup>. Please make the check out to LCM and write "Easter Lily" on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your support.

**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.



### **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 [lpqgibson@gibtech.net](mailto:lpqgibson@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--Adult Sunday School Schedule for Men and Women:**The women will not meet on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> because of other schedules during the Easter season. **Neither** class will meet on Palm Sunday (April 13) nor Easter Sunday (April 20). At this time the women plan to complete their study on Sunday, May 4, prior to the summer recess. See Karen Ickstadt for further details. The **Men's class** will continue to meet in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:30 a.m. under their name, "The Second Cup." Alex Paul is leader of this group. Both classes continue to be discussion, issue-related and Bible-centered.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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**Sharing The Faith With Friends**: The Tuesday, April 22 meeting will be held in LuAnn and Dave Robberstad's home at 501 North Shore Drive in Mahomet. Thanks you, LuAnn, for graciously offering to host while Barb is again doing grandma duties in Chicago the month of April. We had a fascinating discussion in March and will continue with Chapter 5 "Dying to Live" in Rob Bell's book Love Wins. Time is 6:30-8:00. Please let LuAnn know if you are unable to come (586-4936) or [drobberstad@mchsi.com](mailto:drobberstad@mchsi.com). Newcomers are always welcome!

**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](mailto:dldalton86@gmail.com) or Leslie Knicl, [lknicl@gmail.com](mailto:lknicl@gmail.com)

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**Attendance in March 2014:**

March 2 - 69  
March 5 -- 61  
March 9 – 85  
March 12 37  
March 16 80  
March 19 45  
March 23 73

## 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](mailto:billmoehring@yahoo.com) or Secretary Sherri Reifsteck at [mrsr1974@mchsi.com](mailto:mrsr1974@mchsi.com).

**There will be no LOGOS or Confirmation Classes Wednesday, March 26 Happy Spring Break**

### **EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2014**

**Wednesday, March 26**

7:00 PM Mid-week Lenten Service

**Thursday, March 27**

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

**Sunday, March 30**

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

**Monday, March 31**

Monday Morning Sewing Day  
6:00 PM Ladies Nite Out

**Tuesday, April 1**

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

## CONGREGATIONAL INTERCESSIONS

**Prayer List Guidelines:** A prayer list's purpose is to rally special attention to particular people in need of prayer.

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

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<b>Linda Vogel</b>	Comfort and healing while recovering at home
<b>Dennis Nuesmeyer</b>	Successful treatment, guidance for physicians and relief from pain
<b>Richard Johnson</b>	Prayers for Healing and Recovery
<b>Paul Reynolds</b>	Comfort and healing while recovering at home
<b>Eric Hommema</b> (Son-in-Law of Allen and Karen Brucker)	Prayers for his family and for his continued healing and spiritual and emotional well-being
<b>Patricia Crowe</b> (Mother of Mandy Shelmadine)	Comfort and strength for her caregivers and family
<b>Mary Jean "Jeannie" Edmonds</b> (Grandmother of Chris Edmonds)	Comfort and strength for her caregivers and family
<b>Gene Roberts</b> (Father of Sean Roberts)	Guidance for physicians and prayers for family
<b>Pastor Eimo Hinrichs</b>	Comfort and healing while recovering at home
<b>Madi Houser</b> (Friend of Isabelle Farm)	Prayers for healing and successful treatment

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### Called to Heaven

<b>Bonnie Thompson</b> (Wife of Don Thompson and Mother of Karen Kibler)	Christian Sympathy and prayers for the family on the loss of their loved one
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## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	<b>March 30</b>	<b>April 6</b>
<u>GREETERS</u>	Judy Ferdinandsen and Donna Lea	Dennis Boma Family
<u>USHERS:</u>	Cory Mitchell Family	Adam Rosenbery Family
<u>READER</u>	Dia Nuesmeyer	Chris Edmonds
<u>COMMUNION ASST</u>	Mark Reifsteck	Laura Bottorff
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	--	Alex Paul
<u>CELEBRATION LEADER</u>	Brenda Lindsey	--
<u>SUNDAY SHEPHERD</u>	Chris Edmonds	Bill Taylor
<u>FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:</u>	Washburn Family Ekhoff Family	Congregational Life Committee
<u>BREADMAKER:</u>	Amy McDonald	Karen Kibler
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Patti Sapp Ruth Studley	Barb LeGrant Nancy Rosenbery
<u>OFFERING COUNTERS</u>	Stewart and Alicia Ekhoff Dan and Cindy Erickson	Stewart and Alicia Ekhoff Dan and Cindy Erickson
<u>ACCOLYTES</u>	Chatman Edmonds	Seth Buchanan

**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](mailto: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](http://www.lcofm.org). Thank you for your assistance in performing these tasks by serving our Church.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_



