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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET

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From the Desk of Pastor Vic Baderschneider

Worship is Central

When I was serving as Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, West Union, Iowa, there was an elderly widower who was a great example to so many. He ministered to me through his personal witness and life style.

During the time I was serving there as Pastor, he died. Following the funeral and committal service people gathered for a lunch and fellowship. There were many neighbors who were not members of the congregation in attendance at the fellowship. In the course of the conversation at the fellowship they were saying many kind things about their neighbor. The one thing that came up that really impressed me was when they said, "You could set your watch on Sunday morning when John drove by. He always drove by at the same time every Sunday morning. He never missed a Sunday worship service. Being at worship was important for John. He would tell us that on Sunday morning he had an appointment with God. Coming to worship on Sunday morning was a priority in his life as a Christian. Worship for John was central in his life."

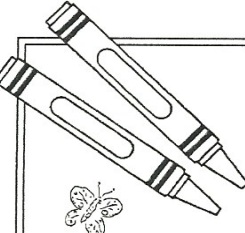
How is it for you? Is your coming to the Lutheran Church of Mahomet to worship God, to be fed and nourished by God's Word and Sacrament, to be in fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ every Sunday morning central for you?

It is obvious that for some of you it is not. Serving as one of your Interim Pastors, I have observed that the worship attendance is not what it could be. Some of you are not keeping your appointment with God on Sunday morning. For if you were keeping your Appointment with God on Sunday morning, I would not see as many empty spaces in the pews.

In the life of the Lutheran Church of Mahomet, **worship is central**. The most important thing that you do as a member of LCM is to gather with others in the sanctuary to worship God. I know coming to worship on Sunday morning does not make a person a Christian. Yet we must remember that a **Christian is one who comes to worship God**. When you do not keep your appointment with God on Sunday morning you are not living out your Christian life to which God has called you. You are not being a witness to others through your being present in the Lord's House. We need to see one another gathered in worship!

Sunday is the day that God has set aside for us to gather together to worship God. We come to meet God and God meets us: In the scriptures read and proclaimed, in the music that we hear and sing, in the receiving of Christ's body and blood in Holy Communion, and in the community gathered called the "body of Christ". God is the center. God is the focus. I look forward to being with you on Sunday morning to worship our God!

Pastor Vic Baderschneider, Interim Pastor




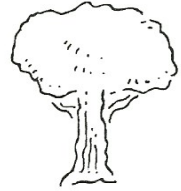
Just for KIDS

Changes

Everyone experiences changes in life.
 Sometimes they make us happy – sometimes not!
 What does the Bible say about this?

Find Ecclesiastes 3:1 below.
 Change some letters – then read the verse.

Change:	W's to N's
L's to T's	Z's to O's
J's to E's	P's to H's
Q's to I's	X's to R's
K's to S's	B's to A's

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L P J X J Q S B

L Q M J F Z X

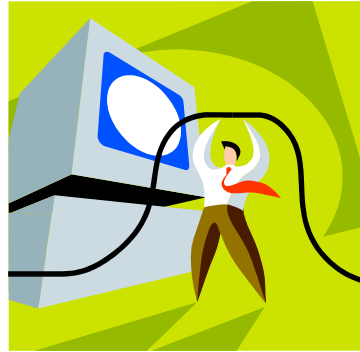
J V J X Y L P Q W G B W D

B K J B K Z W F Z X

J V J X Y B C L Q V Q L Y

U W D J X P J B V J W”

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.”



LCM Website has a NEW Look

The new format for the LCM Website is finally up to date. Many thanks go to the LCM Website Steering Committee for all their hard work. If you have any comments/submissions you would like, email your comments/suggestion to webmaster@lcofm.org. Each week, in the Weekly Email Newsletter, during the month of November, and beyond if necessary, we will be featuring a “website tip” to help LCM members learn more about the new LCM Website.

This weeks Website tip - LCM Calendar

The LCM Calendar will now be maintained on the LCM Website. If you have events that need to be added, please contact the LCM Office (Randa) at (217) 586-4786 or email your event information to the office at lcmoffice@lcofm.org.

The LCM Website calendar contains ALL LCM sub-calendars within the default view. If you wish to view specific sub-calendar(s) only, click on the down arrow icon next to Agenda and uncheck all but the events you wish to view.



The LCM calendar will still be printed in the monthly newsletter using the events as they appear on the LCM website.

WORSHIP PATRICIPANTS

ACOLYTES

- (11/4) Grace Beach
- (11/11) Madison Mitchell
- (11/18) Noah Carsten
- (11/25) To Be Announced

ALTAR GUILD

Nancy Rosenbery and Theresa Edmonds

ASSISTING MINISTERS
CELEBRATION LEADERS

- (11/4) Alex Paul
- (11/11) Dia Nuesmeyer
- (11/18) Alex Paul
- (11/25) Alex Paul

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- (11/4) Alicia Ekhoff
- (11/11) Dia Nuesmeyer
- (11/18) Dave Robberstad
- (11/25) Youth

GREETERS

- (11/4) Sharon Yeakel
- (11/11) Cory Mitchell Family
- (11/18) Brad Rauchfuss Family
- (11/25) Youth

SCRIPTURE READERS

- (11/4) Alicia Ekhoff
- (11/11) Pam Atwood
- (11/18) John Bottorf
- (11/25) Youth

USHERS

- (11/4) Bill Moehring Family
- (11/11) John Sapp Family
- (11/18) Bill Studley Family
- (11/25) Youth

OFFERING COUNTERS

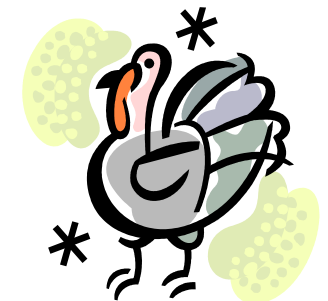
- (11/4) Alicia and Stewart Ekhoff, and Dan and Cindy Erickson
- (11/11) Sharon Yeakel, Sherri Reifsteck and Susie Johnston
- (11/18) Chris and Theresa Edmonds and Scott Kingry
- (11/25) David Alderks, Scott Kingry and Jon and Barb LeGrant

FELLOWSHIP HOST TEAMS

- (11/4) Fellowship
- (11/11) Steve and Barb DeReuss and Jean and Norma Davis
- (11/18) Adam and Ashley Rosenbery and Karen Ickstadt
- (11/25) Mary Kay Cravens and Dan and Cindy Erickson

BREADMAKERS

- (11/4 and 11/11) Ruth Studley
- (11/18 and 11/25) Leslie Knicl





About Our Harvest of Money

Consecration Sunday is Sunday, Nov. 4th. So I take this opportunity to speak with you about “Financial Stewardship”.

Dr. Alvin Rogness, wrote in his devotional book these words, “Your viewpoint on money is a reasonably accurate measure of your character. In itself a dollar bill is almost worthless. You cannot wear it or eat it.

Money is not intrinsically evil. It is what you do with it and what it does that matters. Your attitude toward money, your reason for wanting it, your purpose in keeping it or spending it, and even your method of obtaining it, all reflect the deeper state of your inner self. We need to learn both how to hold money and how to let it go. The key to a person’s greatness is in knowing how to let it go for God.”

The Scriptures, God’s Word, shows us how you and I are to let go of money for God. It tells us that we are to (1) have a plan for giving to God. That we are to (2) set aside a proportion of our income for God. Jesus knows how important it is for us to give to God. Jesus speaks often of the need for you and I to “give to the Lord”.

I was once reminded by a friend that “our giving to God is the drain plug to our greed”. How true that is. As we grow in our giving to God we become more freed from the power that money and things can have over us. As we grow in our giving to God we experience the “joy of giving” and the blessings that come through this act of faith in our life. May each of us experience this blessing in our life.

Money, like all other gifts, is ours to manage for God, the owner. If we gather it well, but hold it fast, we fail God. If we use it wisely and generously, we shall be accounted good stewards.

I invite you to talk it over and to pray about your giving to Jesus Christ through The Lutheran Church of Mahomet. I pray that you will know the “joy of giving” to your Lord Jesus!

Pastor Victor Baderschneider



40th Anniversary Celebration: The 40th anniversary of our church was celebrated by past and present members, pastors who have served our congregation, and friends of the congregation on Sunday, October 7, 2012, with a service, a program, and a luncheon.

Pastors in attendance were:

Pastor Quintin Showalter (1972-1973), Jackson, Wisconsin, Pastor John Kelley (1973-1990), Chatham, Illinois, Pastor Vic Baderschneider (1990-2002/Present Interim), Mahomet, Illinois. Pastor Melinda Halom (1999-2003), East Lansing, Michigan, Pastor Ray Bowers (2010-2012), Champaign, Illinois and Pastor Emil Blobaum (Present Interim), St. Joseph, Illinois

Charter members in attendance were: Hilda Kimble Pfister, Holmes Kimble, Harold and Mary Ellen Lawler, Emilie Steffey, Lisa Steffey Slade, Nancy Kimpel Boma, Pastor John and Elizabeth Kelley, Coleen Kelley Koester, Robert and JoAnne Rubel, John Hill, Don Thompson, John and Nancy King, Larry Isaacs, Jim and Marie Nelson, Mark Kaiser, and Sally Roth.

The message given by Pastor Kelley focused on what we needed for our church to grow: Love, hope, and faith. Larry Isaacs, the master of ceremonies for the program, then shared some stories as he introduced each of the pastors and Dia Nuesmeyer, all of whom shared memories, thoughts, and stories of their time at The Lutheran Church of Mahomet. Charter members in attendance were also recognized.

Again, thanks to all who had a part in making the day possible:

Charter members, pastors, and Dia Nuesmeyer for joining us and being part of the service and/or program. Sharon Yeakel for designing and providing the invitations and bulletin/program covers. Nancy Boma and John and Nancy King for greeting of charter members and pastors. Kat Downs and the Music and Worship Committee for planning the worship service. Susie Johnston and Kendyl Cummins for presentation of the puppet show during the worship service. Pastor John Kelley for giving the message during the worship service. Larry Isaacs for being the master of ceremonies. Norm and Leslie Knicl for the picture presentation. Karen Ickstadt for arranging the display table featuring historical documents. Mark and Denise Dalton for photography. The Congregational Life Committee for planning and serving the fellowship meal. The Building and Grounds Committee for sprucing up the church. Church council members and interim pastors for organizing the celebration event

Some letters of congratulations were received from those who could not be present. These will be placed with the historical documents of the church, and copies will be posted on the quad board. Pictures of the happenings of the day will also be posted and included in the historical documents of our church.

It was a special day to celebrate the history of our congregation and the blessings God has given this church, as well as a time to look towards the future of our congregation. The time together and the fellowship were enjoyed by those who attended the celebration event.

Announcements

Simply Giving: As you consider your gifts to LCM, please think about Simply Giving. This process makes your contribution automatic on a weekly, monthly, or bi-monthly basis from your bank account. Your regular contribution provides a consistent source of funds to support LCM programs. Thrivent pays all expenses for this program and you don't have to be a Thrivent member to take advantage of this opportunity. Simply Giving enrollment forms are available in the Narthex and enrollment is easy. If you have questions about the program, please contact Financial Secretary, Sharon Yeakel at 586-5925.

Outdoor Sign: If you have suggestions for messages please contact Jacob. ekhoffja@gmail.com or text or call 217-493-5914.

Prayer Chain: To add a request to the prayer chain, please contact Linda Vogel at lin-dasv101@gmail.com or 217-590-0093. The prayer list is published in the Weekly E-mail newsletter and posted on the quad board. Guidelines for inclusion on this list, including privacy considerations, are published above the list. This is a public list, but information about individuals on the list must be considered confidential. *Please ask permission of the person before placing them on the list.*



Community Thanksgiving Service: Our Mahomet area churches will jointly sponsor the Mahomet Community Thanksgiving church service on Sunday, November 18, from 6 pm to 7 pm at the Mahomet Seymour High School Auditorium. The "Madrigal Singers" (whom many of you have enjoyed in past years) will perform. For those who haven't heard them, they are fantastic! There will be no food served. Please bring canned/bottled/dry goods for donation to Mahomet Helping Hands. The offering will be split evenly between the Mahomet Area Youth Club and Mahomet Helping Hands. This is a great way to usher in the holiday season leading up to Thanksgiving

Holiday Schedule Changes:

Sunday School: There will be no Sunday School on November 25, December 23, and December 30. The first day of Sunday School for 2013 will be January 6, 2013.

Choir: There will be no choir on November 22nd.

LOGOS will not meet from November 21st through the Month of December. LOGOS will start back up in January, 2013.



What soever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me.

Consecration Sunday is November 4th.

This annual stewardship event calls us to "pledge" our giving and time & talents to Christ through the Lutheran Church of Mahomet for the upcoming year. *Following the morning worship service a special fellowship "brunch" with egg casseroles is planned.*

Please plan to turn in your completed pledge cards for 2013, which you received in the mail. Also during worship you will be able to sign up for "opportunities for service" (time and talents) for the upcoming year. Hand in the booklets after service, or put in the box located in the narthex later. If you weren't able to turn in your pledge card or Opportunities for Service booklet on November 4, there will be extras in the narthex. Please contact Cindy Erickson if you have any questions.

During the October "temple talks" we tried to provide a glimpse of the benefits/rewards of our LCM giving. We hope your eyes and hearts have been opened to the numerous ways our giving serves the Lord! Thanks for your participation in our LCM stewardship!

In God's Peace,
Cindy Erickson
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Fellowship Hour Host Teams

The Congregational Life committee has put together Fellowship host teams for December, January and February. Teams will provide baked goods, set up, serve and clean up for Fellowship after service. Please check the enclosed schedule for your Sunday to host Fellowship. You will receive a reminder from your team leader and Fellowship Host teams will also be listed in the weekly online newsletter and bulletin as an additional reminder. If you are not able to host Fellowship on your assigned date, please find a substitute and notify your team leader. Fellowship is well attended and enjoyed by our congregation. Thank you in advance for your willingness to support our Sunday Fellowship.

Please see enclosed Fellowship Host Tour Schedule.

We wish to extend a Special Thank You to All Our Veterans



ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)



Blessed Events:

Nolan Daniel Pfeifer Praise and Thanksgiving - Bryan and I are pleased to share that our daughter and son-in-law, Leslie (Johnston) and Dan Pfeifer, have welcomed their first child into God's beautiful world. Nolan Daniel Pfeifer arrived on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at 4:49 PM. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and is 21.5 inches long. Bryan and I give praise to God for this beautiful new life and thanksgiving for a successful pregnancy and delivery. Dan, Leslie and Nolan are doing very well. Nolan is our first grandchild and he gifted us by arriving on our 31st wedding anniversary. Praise Be to God! Bryan and Susan Johnston

Holdyn Matthew Hanslow: Praise and Thanksgiving. Dale and Linda Hanslow are pleased to share the birth of their new grandson, Holdyn Matthew Hanslow, son of Craig and Katie Hanslow, On October 11, 2012, at 12:20 PM. He weighed 7 lbs 4 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. We praise God for this beautiful new life. Craig, Katie and Holdyn are all doing very well. Praise be to God. Dale and Linda Hanslow

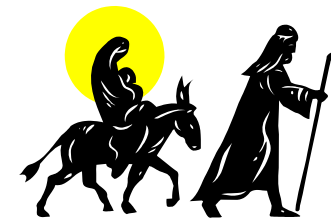
Upcoming Events

Hanging of the Greens: A special service to decorate our church for the Christmas Season will be held December 2nd. Come enjoy the festivities and learn about the origins of some of our favorite Christmas decorations.



Annual Chili Cook-off: The Annual Chili Cook-off to kick off the Advent Season will be held Wednesday, December 5 at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a crock-pot of your favorite chili recipe to enter in the cook-off. Everyone come and enjoy the chili and vote for your favorite!

Advent Services will be held on the 5th, 12th and 19th of December With fellowship meals at 5:30 PM and 6:30 PM Service.



Live Nativity: The 2012 Live Nativity will be held from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM December 9th with a rain date of December 16th. The LCM Congregation will be in costume and live animals will be provided by Lost River Game Farm. There will be fellowship, food and music during the Nativity. The entire community is invited to join us in the fellowship hall during this event. For additional information contact Pete Farm at 217-202-1199.



Childrens' Program and Cantata: Sunday, December 16 will be the Cantata and Children's Program Service.



PARISH NURSE PAGE November, 2012
Parish Nurses—Caring for Your Body, Mind, and Spirit

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Several medical equipment items have been donated to LCM and available for check out. I recently cleaned and organized the equipment room and re-inventoried what is there for you. Items are listed below:

October 2012

1. Bed handrail
2. Walker with wheels
3. Commode
4. Cane
5. Walker with wheels
6. Wheelchair
7. Shower Chair
8. Crutches
9. Crutches
10. Pre-surgery CD
11. Crutches
12. Shower chair (boxed)
13. Crutches
14. Walker with wheels
15. Commode
16. Surgical boot, right foot, size medium
17. Bath and shower seat (new and in box)

In addition, there are 2 shelves with books and other materials for your use. For children, there are several booklets on topics such as food allergies, seizure disorder, Alzheimers disease, tourettes syndrome, sex education and teen survival guides for girls. Adults may be interested in references on general health, mental health, marriage and bipolar disorder. **I have prepared 3 lists of area nursing homes, assisted living, and home care contacts for you which are also in the equipment closet.**

The closet is inside the LOGOS room, across from the pastors' office/volunteer rooms. It is in the back of the room with the check out sheet on the outside of the door. There is no need to list the written material that you take on the check out sheet. However, the equipment pieces have a number on them. Please put that number and the date you take and return the item on the sheet and return the equipment in good working condition. The wheelchair in the Narthex is for people coming into and out of the church (and emergencies). Please do not remove this wheelchair from the church. There is a wheelchair for loan in the equipment room.

FLU CLINIC AND BLOOD PRESSURES:

Thank you to Tara Robberstad for helping to bring the flu clinic to LCM. Also thank you to Ashley Rosenbery for taking blood pressures in October.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

We are saddened and send our sympathy to Mark and Sherri Reifsteck and family at the loss of Mark's mother Ara Reifsteck.

BLESSINGS:

Blessings and happiness to Bryan and Susie Johnston for the birth of their first grandchild on their 31st wedding anniversary, October 3, 2012. Nolan Daniel Pfeifer was born to their daughter Leslie and Dan.

Submitted by:

Barb DeReus, Faith Community Nurse 778-6546 barbdereus@mchsi.com

OCTOBER COUNCIL NOTES
Submitted by Sherri Reifsteck, Church Council Secretary

One of the priorities of the present council is to keep the members of The Lutheran Church of Mahomet more easily and better informed of actions taken and matters discussed at council meetings in a more timely manner. For more detailed information as to the council meetings, you are welcome to take a copy of the minutes from the quad board after they are approved and posted. Minutes from the September 17, 2012, and the special October 8, 2012, meeting have been approved and posted.

At the October 8, 2012, special meeting of council, the following motion was made and passed:

Out of love for Mary Kay Ellis, monies given to the memorial fund in memory of Gene Ellis, except for any funds given by LCM members who wish their donation to stay at LCM, be sent to New Beginnings Lutheran Church.

The council also discussed at the October 8 meeting the current membership list and making calls on current members of the church.

At the October 15, 2012, regular meeting of council, the following motions were made and passed:

The following vision statement was approved: Through a relationship with Christ and with each other, we are united in purpose to grow in faith through love, fellowship, and service as a welcoming and compassionate congregation.

The release requests of those on the charter list and forms provided by New Beginnings Lutheran Church was approved. A complete list will be included in the official minutes.

The transfer of the Jim Lawler memorial funds to the WELCA sewing group was approved.

A transfer to The Lutheran Church of Mahomet from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church by Sean, Mandi, Peyton, and Reghan Shelmadine was approved.

Other matters discussed at the October 15 meeting were as follows:

The endowment account held with the Mission Investment Funds of the ELCA.

That a breakdown of amounts held in the designated funds be prepared.

That we are financially in a good position with the reserves we have, but that it will take a combination of increased giving, decreased spending, and the possible use of reserve funds to meet the 2013 projected budget.

To rekey the five outside doors and the three inside offices and to change the combination on the front door.

Final plans for Consecration Sunday, which will be held on November 4, 2012

The need for updating our sign, the information in the *Citizen*, and a congregational directory.

A policy on and uses for memorial funds given to The Lutheran Church of Mahomet

Members of the congregation are welcome to attend any council meeting. The meetings are held at 7:00pm on the third Monday of every month. If a member wishes to present an issue to the council for consideration at a meeting, a request should be made to the president, the church council secretary, or the church office by the Thursday prior to the meeting so that the item can be placed on the agenda.