

- Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET

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Too Important Not To Share

A Mercedes-Benz TV commercial shows one of their cars colliding with a concrete wall during a safety test. Someone then asks a Mercedes engineer why their company does not enforce their patent on their car's energy-absorbing car body. The Mercedes' design has been copied by almost every other car maker in the world in spite of the fact that they have an exclusive patent. The engineer replies in a clipped German accent, "Because in life, some things are just too important not to share."

Wow! What a great statement. Some things are just too important not to share. On Sunday, April 20, as we gather for worship we will hear these words of the Gospel, **"The angel spoke to the women. 'I know you are looking for Jesus who was nailed to the cross. He is not here; He has risen, just as he said. Come here and see the place where he lay. Quickly, now, go and tell his disciples: He has been raised from death, and now he is going to Galilee ahead of you; there you will see him! Remember what I have told you. So they left the grave in a hurry, afraid and yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.'"**

As Christians we believe that the Good News of Jesus (who having died for our sins, buried in the tomb and risen from the grave) is too important not to share. In this season of Easter we are given the assurance that our life does not just end with our death. We have the assurance that we have a future after our death. We have a future because Jesus has saved us from our sins by dying for us on the cross. We have a future because Jesus won the victory over death by being raised from the grave. We have a future because through our Baptism we have been baptized into Jesus death and resurrection and because Jesus lives we shall live also. As the lyrics of the Easter hymn state, "Because He lives I can face tomorrow." Wow! What wonderful news this is. It is news that fills our heart with peace and joy and hope.

Some things in life are just too important not to share. This wonderful news that comes to us in the Gospels is just too important not to share. I invite you to come and worship with us on Easter Sunday. I invite you to ask others to come with you so you can share this good news together. Let us together rejoice in the glorious Good News, **Christ has risen! Alleluia!**

A blessed and joyous Easter Season to you!

Interim Pastor, Vic Baderschneider

MARCH 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 February 10, 2014, meeting have been approved and posted.

At the March 10, 2014, meeting, the following motion was made and passed: To designate the Lenten services offering to the LCM Pastor Emergency Fund.

Other matters discussed or decided at the March 10, 2014, meeting were as follows:

1. How to make all programs in the church more intergenerational so that youth would be included in the programs of the church
2. Finding out what it would cost to repair the lit sign and relocate it to the front of the church
3. Designating the web calendar as the official calendar of all events and activities and the office paper calendar for staff vacations, days off, and things of that nature
4. Obtaining new directional signs to LCM

Members of the congregation are welcome to attend any council meeting. 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 Tuesday prior to the meeting so that the item can be placed on the agenda. The next council meeting is Monday, April 14, 2014, at 7:00pm.

The Lutheran Church of Mahomet
Invites you to join us this Easter Season

Wednesdays, through April 9	Mid-Week Lenten services at 7:00 pm
Sunday, April 13	Palm Sunday service at 9:00 a.m. Brunch following service
Thursday, April 17	Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 18	Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 20	Youth sponsored breakfast from 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m . Followed by Easter Sunday service at 9:00 a.m.



Total giving and investment

In 2013, you and people like you have given nearly \$9 million to support our church's disaster response ministry. Thank you.

During the same period, our church has invested or allocated over \$9 million for disaster response work around the world, supporting more than 40 immediate and long-term programs in the United States and around the world, ranging from helping hundreds of families and individuals rebuild their lives and homes in New York, New Jersey and Maryland after Hurricane Sandy to distributing food for thousands of children whose families have been driven from their homes by civil unrest in the Central African Republic.

Your undesignated gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, internationally and domestically, make it possible for us to respond quickly in time of need. Thank you.



The work we do



Effective disaster response calls for a wide array of work. Here are some examples of the work Lutheran Disaster Response has carried out in the past year, **both in the United States and internationally:**

Emergency relief

- Food and nutrition
- Water and sanitation
- Shelter, clothing, bedding, more
- Medical care
- Coordination and management of relief work

Livelihood recovery

- Education
- Seeds, tools, more
- Work programs

Health and safety

- Safety and security
- Health and safety education
- Spiritual, psychosocial and respite care

Community preparedness and resilience

- Community disaster response training
- Congregational emergency services
- Institutional preparedness for emergency responses

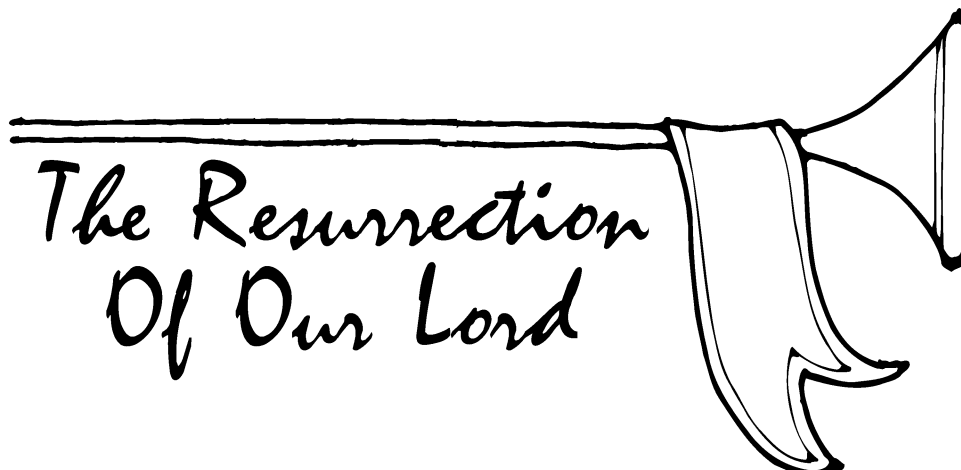


Thank You for Volunteering

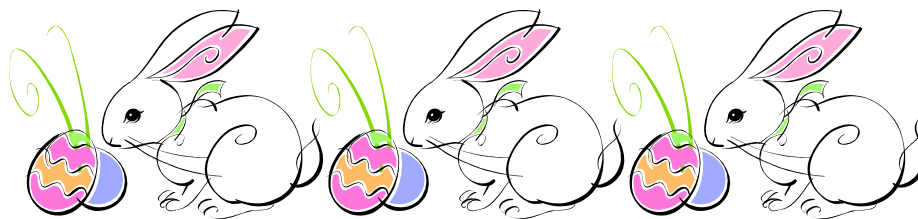
A special thank you for the following who volunteered their time and talents for our Church in the month of March.

Greeters	Pete Farm Family, Karen Ickstadt, Shannon Cheek Family, Charlotte Hitchins, Judy Ferdinandsen and Donna Lea.
Ushers	Bill Studley Family, John Sapp Family, Dennis Boma Family, Pete Farm Family and Cory Mitchell Family.
Scripture Reader	Dia Nuesmeyer, Sheila Kingry, Dave Robberstad, Sherri Reifsteck and Pam Atwood.
Communion Assistant	Barb LeGrant, John Paul, Brenda Lindsey, John LeGrant and Mark Reifsteck.
Assisting Minister	Alex Paul, Mark Reifsteck and Dia Nuesmeyer.
Celebration Leader	Brenda Lindsey.
Sunday Shepherd	Pat Moehring, Sherri Reifsteck, Gene Rinkel, Margaret Rinkel and Chris Edmonds.
Acolyte	Zack Schnepfer, Kylie Fuoss, Gretchen Scheele, Isabelle Farm and Chatman Edmonds.
Fellowship Hosts	Congregational Life Committee, Buchanan Family, Sue Brockman, Boma Family, Ekhoﬀ Family, Washburn Family and Alderks Family.
Breadmaker	Amy McDonald.
Alter Guild	Patty Sapp and Ruth Studley.
Offering Counters	Stewart and Alicia Ekhoﬀ, Dan and Cindy Erickson, Sherri Reifsteck, Sharon Yeakel, Susie Johns- ton, Scott Kingry, Chris and Theresa Edmonds, David Alderks and Jon and Barb LeGrant.

Martin and Linda Vogel
Volunteer Coordinators



Small Groups



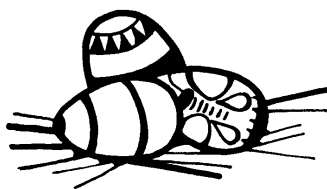
Everyone is invited to sign-up for Small Groups of your choice.

Eight groups are offered in Bible Study and Worship , Book studies, Military Prayer Group, Creative Card Ministry, Sewing, Supper Eights, Ladies' Night Out, and Guys' Night Out.

See the Poster in the Narthex to join those who have already signed up. Contact the group leaders for further information. Brochures, both blue and multicolored, are available in the Narthex for take-home copies. The Faith-in-Action Team (Cindy Erickson, Brenda Lindsey, and Margaret and Gene Rinkel) are also available to answer questions.

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. Newcomers are always welcome!



Adult Sunday School Schedule for Men and Women:

The women will not meet on Sunday, March 30th 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.

World Malaria Day is coming up on April 25, and it's another great opportunity to do something big for the ELCA Malaria Campaign. For the last several years, the ELCA observed World Malaria Day by dedicating an entire week to raising funds and awareness for our companions' programs. To date, we have joined hands in 12 African countries to help fight malaria, and we have seen great progress. This year, let's make it 13.

We are looking to you and members of this church to help take the ELCA Malaria Campaign work into the next country – Namibia. If we raise \$250,000, we'll have enough to kick-start programming in Namibia, the last country in our rollout plan.

Will you join thousands of ELCA members across this church and millions of people around the world in taking action? Please consider observing this day by taking a special offering for the ELCA Malaria Campaign on **Sunday, April 27, 2014**. Find special [World Malaria Day resources](#) that will help you activate your congregation to learn about malaria, the ELCA Malaria Campaign, our work in Namibia and more.

We are already making a difference in 12 countries across Africa. Together, I know we can make it 13.

School children smile in the Oshigambo village of Namibia.



World Malaria Sunday — April 27

Every year, millions of people around the globe observe World Malaria Day on April 25. The ELCA Malaria Campaign is turning this day into a special week, and doing our part by observing World Malaria Sunday on April 27.

This is an opportunity for all of us to come together and do something big. With nearly 10,000 congregations and over 3.9 million baptized members, we are a church that rolls up its sleeves and gets to work. The goal is to raise \$250,000 in one week, which is enough to kick-start malaria programming in Namibia.

We can do more together than we ever could alone. Already, we have joined hands with our brothers and sisters in 12 African countries, and have seen great progress. Together, let's help make it 13.

Save the date and plan to participate in World Malaria Sunday – April 27!



God Speaks

Charles Peguy, (Pegie) French , 1873-1914,

translated by Ann and Julian Green

Jesus teaches that his disciples should not be anxious and he embodies calm trust as he sleeps in the boat and wakes to still both the storm and the disciples' fear. Here Peguy writes of sleep as beatitude.

I don't like the man who doesn't sleep, says God.
Sleep is the friend of man.
Sleep is the friend of God.
Sleep is perhaps the most beautiful thing I have created.
And I myself rested on the seventh day.

He whose heart is pure, sleeps. And he who sleeps has a pure heart.
That is the great secret of being as indefatigable as a child.
Of having that strength in the legs that a child has.
Those new legs, those new souls,
And to begin afresh every morning, ever new,
Like young hope, new hope . . .
He who doesn't sleep is unfaithful to Hope.
And it is the great infidelity.
Because it is infidelity to the greatest Faith.



Poor children, they conduct their business with wisdom during the day.
But when evening comes, they can't make up their minds,
They can't be resigned to trust my wisdom for the space of one night
With the conduct and the governing of their business.
As if I wasn't capable, if you please, of looking after it a little.
Of watching over it.
Of governing and conducting, and all that kind of stuff
I have a great deal more business to look after, poor people,
I govern creation, maybe that is more difficult.
You might perhaps, and no harm done, leave your business in my hands, O wise men.
Maybe I am just as wise as you are.
You might perhaps leave it for me for the space of a night.
While you are asleep
At last

And the next morning you might find it not too badly damaged perhaps ...
Put off until tomorrow those tears which fill your eyes and your head,

Flooding you, rolling down your cheeks, those tears which stream down your cheeks.

Because between now and tomorrow, maybe I, God, will have passed by your way.
Human wisdom says: Woe to the man who puts off what he has to do until tomorrow.
And I say Blessed, blessed is the man who puts off what he has to do until tomorrow.
Blessed is he who puts off. That is to say Blessed is he who hopes. Then sleeps.

Source: Literary Companion to the
Lectionary: Mark Pryce, Minneapolis:
Fortress Press, 2001, p. 27.



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 13th. Please make the check out to LCM and write “Easter Lily” on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your support.

At home, keep your lily away from drafts and drying heat sources such as appliances or heating ducts. Bright, indirect light is best with daytime temperatures of 65 to 75° F. Water the plant only when the soil feels dry to the touch, but do not overwater. To prolong the life of the blossoms, remove the yellow anthers (pollen-bearing pods) found in the center of each flower.

Do not throw away your Easter lily after it is done blooming. You can save the bulb and plant it outdoors. Easter lilies can be replanted outside after the blooms are gone. Plant the Easter lily outdoors as soon as the ground can be worked. Select a sunny site with well-drained soil. Set the top of the bulb six-inches below the soil surface. Cut off the old flowers, but leave the stem and leaves. Do not cut back the stem until it dies down in the fall, then cut it off at the soil surface. After the soil surface freezes in late fall, mulch the soil and do not remove the mulch until new growth begins in the spring.