

- 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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Where to find me:

In the office M-TH: 7am-1pm

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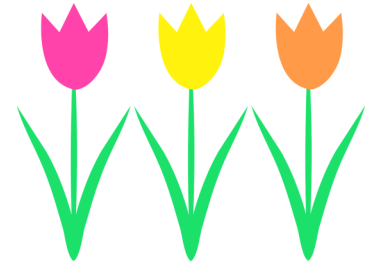
Sundays: In Worship

Other times by appointment - Pastor Nikoli



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God's work. Our hands.



<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
honor and glory and blessing!"

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
blessing and honor and glory and might  
and ever!"

<sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Revelation 5:11-14

Happy Easter!! In this season, as we celebrate the new thing that God has done in Christ's resurrection, we will be exploring the last book of the bible, Revelation written by John of Patmos. Many of us don't know a lot about this book, or for whatever reason avoid talking about it—well, in this Year C Revised Common Lectionary, we'll be getting a regular dose of Revelation each week in worship. Ready or not, here it comes!

The book of Revelation has been warped and misappropriated in our modern culture. These texts have been used to frighten, exclude, and obscure the mission of the Church. From now until early May, we'll be exploring the mysterious writings in Revelation as a way of exploring God's grace and redeeming vision for our world. We will find that these texts have little to say about destruction and lots to say about creation, redemption, and completion.

We've awaited Easter for forty days and nights, longing to leave behind the dark of Lent and enter the joy of Easter. I proclaim to you, Christ has risen, he has risen indeed! Alleluia! The book of Revelation will provide us focus for us and our mission in a post-resurrection world.

NOTE: Many of us will be reading a book by Barbara Rossing called *The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation*. Should you wish to participate, the office has copies available, and digital copies are available through Kindle and Nook stores. We will be discussing its contents online: please go to [raptureexposed.proboard.com](http://raptureexposed.proboard.com) to answer questions and converse openly with other LCM friends and family.



One of the delights that we as adults have in being around children is to hear their squeals of pleasure as they observe and discover some ordinary object about them. No doubt our heavenly Father is also pleased when His children take time to observe and appreciate His creation and then to simply express joyous gratitude to Him for His countless blessings. This hymn reminds us of the common blessings of life that many of us often take for granted - the beauties of nature, our parents, family, friends, church. The lyrics then direct our "grateful praise" to God himself, the giver of every good and perfect gift.

Not much is known about Folliet Sandford Pierpoint, author of this lovely text. He was born in the intriguing old town of Bath, England. Even today, Bath is most interesting and lovely, nestled in the hills surrounding this ancient city. Here one can still view the large pools of natural mineral baths for which the town was named. The inspiration for this hymn text is said to have come to this young author as he was strolling about his native town one day in the late spring, entranced by the beautiful countryside with the winding Avon River in the distance. His heart no doubt swelled up within him as he enjoyed the beauties of God's creation - the sun, the flowers, the shining stars. Pierpoint also recalled his social blessings - friends and home - those relationships that bring such enriching dimensions to our lives. Above all, however, were the spiritual blessings as represented by the Church - God's chosen agency for accomplishing His divine purposes in the world. Each of these blessings is then directed to God with a "hymn of grateful praise."



MARCH COUNCIL NOTES  
Submitted by Andrew Scheele, 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 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, 2016 meeting have been approved and posted.

At the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016, meeting, the following motions was made and passed:

1. Council approved set up of Simple Giving Credit Card payment. It costs the church a one-time \$25 fee. Also, when someone uses a credit card to make a donation, they will deduct a 2-3% processing fee depending on the credit card.

Matters discussed or decided at the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting were as follows:

Discussed the Church's relationship with All God's Children. Pastor will continue the discussion with All God Children as the next step.

1. Discussed plans for Earth Day and activities to do that day.
2. Continued the discussion on updating / creating several policies for the church including:
  - a. The personnel policy
  - b. The IT policy – for staff and members using church equipment.
  - c. The Safe Church Policy.
  - c. The Social Media Policy.

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 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.



# Thank You!

## **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	Adam and Ashley Rosenbery, Shannon and Kim Cheek, Jason and Lauren Crider and Gene and Margaret Rinkel.
Ushers	John and Laura Bottorff, Dave and LuAnn Robberstad, Cory Mitchell Family and Andy Scheele Family.
Scripture Reader	Bill Taylor, June Wilms, Fran Koller and Pam Atwood.
Communion Assistant	Sharon Taylor, Barb LeGrant, Jon LeGrant and Pat Moehring.
Assisting Minister	Mark Reifsteck, Alex Paul, and Chris Edmonds.
Celebration Leader	Alicia Ekhoﬀ.
Sunday Shepherd	Margaret Rinkel, Ashley Rosenbery, Andy Scheele and Bill Taylor.
Acolyte	Kayin Garner, MaKayla Rosenbery-Hornbuckle, Izzy Farm and Payton Ade.
Fellowship Hosts	Congregational Life Committee, Buchanan's and Dalton's, Ekhoﬀ's and Jason and Carrie Johnston and Scott's and Erickson's.
Breadmaker	Amy McDonald.
Alter Guild	Patti Sapp and Ruth Studley.
Offering Counters	Stewart and Alicia Ekhoﬀ, Jon and Peggy Howard, Sherri Reifsteck, Sharon Yeakel, Susie Johnston, Scott Kingry, Fran Koller, Dan and Cindy Erickson, David Alderks and Jon and Barb LeGrant.

***Thank you for past support with the Card Ministry project.***

We will continue this work and set dates for the late summer/early fall. Watch the bulletin for future dates and information.



## BICYCLE SUNDAY

What a wonderful way to celebrate Earth Day than by getting some exercise and riding your bike to church (no car emissions!)The Parish Nurse Team has scheduled this event for April 24, 2016.Bicycles will be stored in the shed during the service. So please, join us for great exercise and fun by riding your bike to church that day.

### Safety Tips:

- Wear a helmet.
- Watch what shoes and pants you choose to wear.Shoe strings and wide pant legs can get caught up in the gears.
- Avoid riding on gravel.
- Use hand signals.
- Ride in the same direction as the traffic.

See the Parish Nurse bulletin board near the kitchen for more information.

Parish Nurse Barb DeReus



### ITEMS NEEDED FOR HEALTH KITS

We need bath towels for health kits and we need hand towels for layettes for two of our Lutheran World Relief projects. As you do your spring house cleaning or re-decorating activities, please keep these in mind. Also, if you are out garage sailing keep an eye out for towels, too, please! Any items may be put on the tables in the upper part of our fellowship area. And an enthusiastic THANK YOU for any help you may offer!

Fran Koller

### ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SISTER CHURCHES IN BELARUS!!!!

**Belarus Dinner/Auction , April 16th 5:00 p.m.** We will hold a Celebration Dinner with an Auction of fantastic baked goods and services on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars! Consider what you can give **sacrificially** to help your fellow brothers and sisters in Belarus!

