



Please join us for our Holiday Services

December 2—9:00 AM Worship Service—Hanging of the Greens

December 5—5:30 PM Meal Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Advent Service

December 9—9:00 AM Worship Service
5:00 PM Live Nativity

December 16—9:00 AM Worship Service
Childrens Program and Cantata

December 19—5:30 PM Meal Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Advent Service

December 23—9:00 AM Worship Service

December 24—6:00 PM Family Service
10:30 PM Candlelight Service

December 25—10:00 AM Christmas Day Worship Service

We look forward to seeing you and wish you a safe and joyful holiday season.

- 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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Whose Birthday is it, Anyway?

The season of Advent comes before Christmas, both in time and spirit. Advent begins on the Sunday nearest November 30th and includes the four Sunday's before Christmas. This year Advent begins on December 2nd. Originally, Advent (from the Latin **adventus** meaning "coming") was a time of solemn self-examination and repentance by the faithful in preparation for celebrating the birth of Christ. How different is the way our society observes the season! The first Sunday of Advent is often overshadowed by the Thanksgiving weekend, the biggest shopping weekend of the year. Even in some churches the first Sunday of Advent often seems to inaugurate four weeks of pre-Christmas celebrating. During these weeks, anything but parties, frantic shopping and decorating seems out of place. That's a shame.

In our society, we are bombarded daily with images of a "good Christmas" that have little to do with either reality or faith. With such energy – and money – spent on cultural trappings during December, when Christmas does come it often finds us spiritually, emotionally and financially exhausted. Vague feelings of guilt about misspent energy and resources may undermine the great joy and renewal we might experience at the celebration of Jesus' birth. We can resist commercialization only with careful and deliberate preparation.

Those who first began observing Advent in the early centuries of the church did not have to contend with the forces of our commercialized Christmas, but they did have to contend with other pagan festivals. They, like we, needed to put some distance between themselves and the popular celebrations in order to keep their perspective. Advent was and is a way to get ready to observe the birth of Christ so that it can be an occasion of genuine joy and renewal.

It is my prayer that this Advent Season will be a time when you experience the spiritual blessings that this season has to offer us as God's people.

Rev. Vic Baderschneider, Interim Pastor



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.*

Holiday Schedule Changes:

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

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



We wish you a merry Christmas

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Christian age 4

**CHRIST THE KING
SUNDAY
As Seen by Some of
Our Aspiring Young
Artists**



Isabelle 6



8 Years old
Lauren Schnepfer



Natalie Mitchell
Age: 10



Joseph S. Scheele
age 8



Lord Jesus Christ
Sam Age 9



Isabelle 6



Emma 9



Cristopher Schick
Age 9

Upcoming Events



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 5:00 PM to 8:00 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.



White Christmas: White Christmas is the title of this year's Christmas program presented by the Chancel Choir and the children of the church. *White Christmas* is a unique concept to present the plan of salvation in a clear yet imaginative way. From the gentle warm scene of a mother reading a bedtime story to her daughter, to a bigger than life Old Testament character, to the full pageantry of the nativity, to the stirring Finale... *White Christmas* uses a wide range of music and emotions to express the true meaning of the Christmas story

Hanging of the Greens: A special service to decorate our church for the Christmas Season will be held December 2nd. .

The Mahomet Seymour High School Madrigal Singers: will share their talents with us at the Hanging of the Greens Service on Sunday, Dec. 2nd. The Madrigals have sung at LCM every Advent for over 20 years.

Stewardship Notes

Consecration Sunday results are in! Our congregation's stewardship is something to celebrate! Thank you to everyone who has turned in their pledge cards and Opportunities for Service booklets. Your responses are a blessing and show our continued commitment to serving the Lord in 2013 through our stewardship.

34 Pledge cards were received with \$151,780 pledged for 2013.

50 Opportunities for Service Booklet were received.

A special thank you to everyone who contributed to the Temple Talks during October (Brenda Lindsey, Susie Johnson, Bill Moehring, Steve DeReus, Dennis Nuesmeyer, Dave Robberstad), **and** both pastors who included stewardship messages in their sermons and announcements. The congregation was well informed and generous in their stewardship.

The brunch on November 4, was well attended and enjoyed by all. It was possible with all the special help in the kitchen! Thanks go to: Shelia Kingry, Amy McDonald and her daughters Jo and Shelby, Nancy Rosenberg, Pat Moehring and others!!

Planners for the Consecration Sunday events included: Sharon Yeakel, Dave Robberstad, Bill Moehring, Dennis Nuesmeyer, and Cindy Erickson.

Its not too late! If you haven't turned in your pledge card or Opportunity for Service booklet, you can place them in the Stewardship mailbox by the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Ciindy Erickson at Erickson.cindy@gmail.com or 217-586-3142.

As we begin this busy season, let's keep our hearts focused on "the reason for the season." Here's a twist on the *Night Before Christmas* for you to enjoy!



THE VERY FIRST CHRISTMAS

Tw'as the very first Christmas, when over the earth,
The angels rejoiced at the sweet Savior's birth,
The stars filled the night in a brilliant display,
Above their Creator asleep in the hay;

The wise men laid gifts by the trough filled with straw,
Then bowing before Him, they worshipped in awe,
Joseph held Mary in a loving embrace,
As teardrops of joy trickled down her sweet face;

The glow of God's eyes shone from heaven that night,
Adorning His Son with their Glorious Light;
And Jesus, so tiny, lay peacefully still,
How blessed the promises He would fulfill,

That babe in the manger, so helpless and small,
Would lay down His life as atonement for all,
Death would be crushed and the veil, at last, torn,
For unto the world, a Savior was born.

by Casey Smith

In God's Peace,

Cindy Erickson
Stewardship Chair

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

FELLOWSHIP HOST TEAMS

(12/2) Fellowship
(12/9) Tim and Brenda Lindsey
and Jane Baumgartner
(12/16) Chris and Theresa Edmonds
and David and Jamie Alderks
(12/23) Fellowship
and David and Jamie Alderks
(12/30) Nancy and Dennis Boma
and Scott and Karen Wonderlin

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(12/2) Dia Nuesmeyer
(12/9) Dia Nuesmeyer
(12/16) Alex Paul
(12/23) Alex Paul
(12/30) Dia Nuesmeyer

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(12/2) Alicia Ekhoﬀ
(12/9) Fran Koller
(12/16) Laura Bottorf
(12/23) Jon LeGrant
(12/30) Mark Reifsteck

GREETERS

(12/2) Nancy Rosenberg
(12/9) Donna Lea
(12/16) Shannon Cheek Family
(12/23) Cory Mitchell Family
(12/30) Jon LeGrant Family

SCRIPTURE READERS

(12/2) Dave Robberstad
(12/9) Sheila Kingry
(12/16) Sherri Reifsteck
(12/23) John Bottorf
(12/30) Pam Atwood

USHERS

(12/2) Bill Moehring Family
(12/9) John Sapp Family
(12/16) Bill Studley Family
(12/23) Chris Edmonds Family
(12/30) Tim Koller Family

ACOLYTES

(12/2) Morgan Cheek
(12/9) Chatman Edmonds
(12/16) Grace Beach
(12/23) Madison Mitchell
(12/30) Noah Carsten

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(12/2 and 12/9) Alicia Ekhoﬀ
(12/16 and 12/23) Linda Hanslow
(12/30) Karen Kibler

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(12/2) Stewart and Alicia Ekhoﬀ
and Dan and Cindy Erickson
(12/9) Sherri Reifsteck, Susie Johnston
(12/16) Scott Kingry
and Chris and Theresa Edmonds
(12/23) David Alderks, Scott Kingry
and Jon and Barb LeGrant
(12/30) David Alderks, Scott Kingry
and Jon and Barb LeGrant

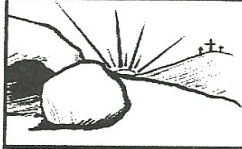


For the Newsletter from Kat



End Times

Lectionary texts in November, leading up to Christ the King Sunday and the First Sunday in Advent, remind us that Christ will come again. They remind us that there will be a culmination to history when God will be all in all. *Reprinted from Sanctus (August 2007). Artwork by Lauren Smith. Used with permission.*



Christ the King

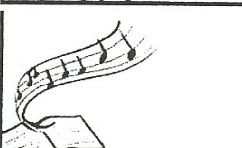
This feast was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, as a response to the growing secularization of the West. It became popular with Lutherans and many churches were given that name. Amid all the wars and rumors of wars on this earth, God is still in charge and rules through the crucified and risen Christ. *Reprinted from Sanctus (August 2007). Artwork by Lauren Smith. Used with permission.*



Advent

The word advent means coming. The season reflects on the three comings of Christ. We prepare to celebrate the first coming as an infant. We long for his return in beauty and power. And we rejoice in his presence among us as we gather at the Eucharist.

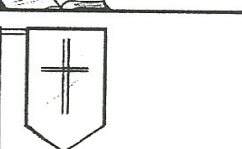
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Advent carols

There are not enough Sundays in the season of Advent to sing all the Advent carols – there are 29 in *ELW*. These carols are rich with biblical imagery of messianic anticipation and the return of Jesus. Enjoy the rich metaphorical language, the striking images, and the biblical vision of God's new day.

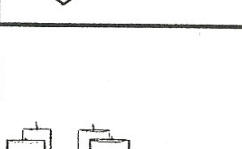
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Advent blue

Advent is the last season to be added to the liturgical year and was originally a 'little Lent'. The color was purple, the mood was penitence, and it was a time of preparation of Epiphany baptisms. Today we celebrate Advent as a season of hope – with blue its color, anticipating the joyous return of Christ our King.

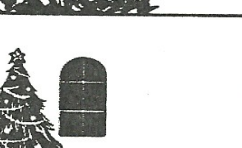
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Advent candles

The Advent wreath marks the countdown till Christmas. The time grows darker (days shorten) as we light more candles. Finally it is Christmas, and the Light of the world enters are darkness. Traditionally, the four Sundays were marked by three purple and one rose colored candle. The rose candle represented the messianic joy proclaimed by the readings of Advent 3. When the color of the season was changed to blue, the suggestion was to use four white candles.

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The Twelve Days of Christmas

The 12 days of Christmas is not just a song, but marks the days from Christmas to Epiphany. The color of all these days is white — the color of joy and celebration. We can hang on to the Christmas spirit by continuing to think of these days as Christmas days, by leaving the tree up, by continuing to enjoy family and friends, and by coming to the Eucharistic feast when it is offered.

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NOVEMBER 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 October 15, 2012, meeting have been approved and posted.

At the November 19, 2012, regular meeting of council, the following motion was made and passed: To allow Music and Worship to order a new green stole and use memorial funds for the purchase of the stole.

Other matters discussed or decided at the November 20 meeting were as follows:

Sharing the results of Consecration Sunday with members.

That Scott Kingry will be compiling the Time and Talents booklets and providing that information to council members as a resource for committees and other ministries in the church.

The date for the annual meeting was scheduled for January 27.

The 2013 budget that is being prepared for presentation to the congregation at the January 27 meeting.

It was decided not to advertise with outside groups or in the *News-Gazette*, but to continue making use of the free listing in the *Mahomet Citizen*.

The use of the sanctuary by outside groups.

Employee reviews be conducted prior to final budget preparation.

The office manager's hours being increased to four five-hour days from Tuesday through Friday.

That Richey Vanderspoo requested and was given a release from membership.

Whether to allow Christ Lutheran Church in Monticello to borrow our live nativity costumes (further checking will be done prior to a decision being made).

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. The next council meeting is December 17, 2012, at 7:00pm.