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Breaking the Worry Habit

A.J. Cronin has written that our worries fall into these categories:

- Things that never happen – 40%
- Things in the past that can't be changed by all the worry in the world – 30%
- Petty, miscellaneous worries – 19%
- Health-related worries – 12%
- Real, legitimate worries – 8%



Think of what you worried about this week. What category did that worry fall into? What was accomplished by your worrying?

Jesus said "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" (Matt. 6:27)

Worry can be described as "interest paid in advance on a debt you may never owe."

"Worry is like a rocking chair. It will give you something to do, but won't get you anywhere."

Scriptural teaching about worry:

Matt. 6:25: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?"



Matt. 6:34: "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Phil. 4:6: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

1 Peter 5:7: "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

A Plan to Break the Worry Habit

1. Make a list of all the things that worry you. Write them down. Pray about them everyday.
2. Replace wrong thoughts with right ones.
3. Increase your sense of humor and laugh more.
4. Stay positive. Talk to yourself with slogans that help you remember. Such as:
 "Just let it go. It's not the end of the world."
 "I don't have to like everyone; just love them."
 "What difference will this make in 24 hours?"
 "I don't have to win, just finish the race."
5. Enjoy the little things in life.
6. Focus on the needs of others; get out of yourself.
7. Pursue your passion. Find out what "good works" God put you here to do, and go for it. (Ephesians 2:10)





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LCM Call Process Update

“Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you”
I Corinthians 15:58

As a family at The Lutheran Church of Mahomet, we have faced trials and we have experienced struggles. Often these trials and struggles have come with stretching ourselves and trusting in God’s ultimate plan. The process of extending a Call for the new Pastor of The Lutheran Church of Mahomet has been no different. There have been struggles. The good news is that God has been faithful and we remain a loving, giving, and caring family committed to knowing that God has a plan for LCM. In that light, God encourages us to stand firm and to let nothing move us. God asks us to continue to step out in faith and face our joys and struggles together. We can do this because of the love and power of God. It is not just what we believe; it is who we believe in. God is almighty. He is all loving. And he is for us.

The Call Committee has spent the last year actively conducting interviews with potential pastor candidates. To date, we have been in contact with six candidates. For various reasons unique to each candidate and to the members of the Committee, the process of issuing and accepting a Call did not move forward or end. Call Committee members remain committed to seeking out potential candidates and finding the right person for our family. We continue to work with the Synod office, as they continue to work with us. The committee is also exploring recruiting options outside of normal “channels” and has begun the process of advertising on our own.

The Synod office has accepted our invitation to come to LCM and meet with our congregation to share how the process works, the current limitations of available candidates, and their continued efforts on our behalf. Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Ron Moorman will be at LCM on Sunday, February 23 for the 9:00 AM service. Pastor Moorman will deliver the message that day, as well as speak directly to the congregation following the worship services. LCM members are encouraged to attend that day to support Pastor Moorman’s presence and hear what he has to share.

The Call Committee asks that everyone continue to trust and stand firm and to know that God will provide a pastor to love, comfort, and lead our family. God hears our prayers and knows our need. He knows our anxious and waiting hearts. As a family and as his servants, we remain faithful knowing that through God all things are possible.

In His Service,

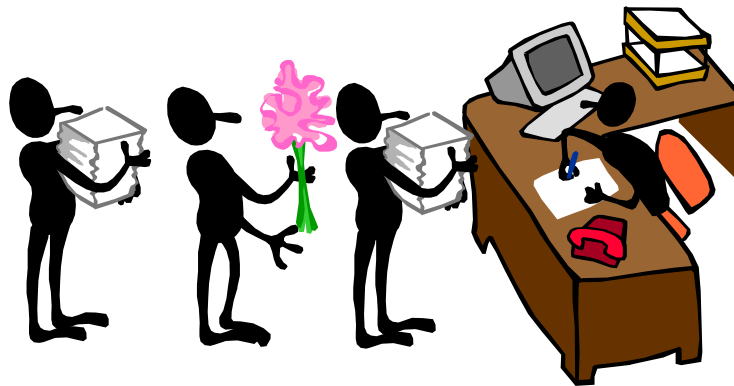
Susie Johnston, Call Committee Chair

Call Committee Members: Nancy Boma, Laura Bottorff, Denise Dalton, Stuart Ekhoﬀ, Dan Erickson, John King, Barb LeGrant, Dia Nuesmeyer, Margaret Rinkel, Andy Scheele



Feb 24th IT Workshop - Revitalizing Your Church Website

Larry Gibson will be presenting his presentation "Revitalizing Your Church Website" that he will be giving at the April 2014 Healthier Church - Revitalizing Your Congregation Conference. The conference will be held in Chicago and broadcasted via webinar all over the country. you would like to see his presentation, he will be giving and advanced presentation on February 24th at 7:00pm.



Thank You for Volunteering

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

Greeters	Dennis Boma Family, Chris Edmonds Family, Pete Farm Family and Scott Kingry Family.
Ushers	Adam Rosenbery Family, Dave Robberstad Family, Marty Vogel Family and John Paul Family.
Scripture Reader	Chris Edmonds, Brenda Lindsey, Sheila Kingry and Kelly Strode.
Communion Assistant	Laura Zick-Bottorff, Marty Vogel, Sherri Reifsteck and Fran Koller.
Assisting Minister	Dia Nuesmeyer, Mark Reifsteck and Alex Paul.
Celebration Leader	Karla Washburn.
Sunday Shepherd	Laura Zick-Bottorff, Chris Edmonds, Stewart Ekhoﬀ and Cindy Erickson.
Acolyte	Noah Schnepfer, Gretchen Scheele, Chatman Edmonds and Gretchen Scheele.
Fellowship Hosts	Congregational Life Committee, Atwood Family, Moehring Family, and Johnston Family.
Breadmaker	Linda Hanslow.
Alter Guild	Alicia Ekhoﬀ and Kathy Tuggle.
Offering Counters	Stewart and Alicia Ekhoﬀ, Dan and Cindy Erickson, Sherri Reifsteck, Sharon Yeakel, Susie Johnston, Scott Kingry, Chris and Theresa Edmonds, David Alderks and Jon and Barb Le-Grant.

Martin and Linda Vogel
Volunteer Coordinators



Dear Small Group Supporters,

The Revitalizing Your Congregation committee has been excitedly working on Small group offerings for 2014. Some of you are already contact persons for continuing groups. Many of you have been nominated for your special gifts for groups to be offered. Small groups meet monthly, weekly or bi-weekly, depending on your group's needs. Small groups provide both social and spiritual atmospheres as well as outreach to friends and neighbors of our community.

Continuing groups are
Monday Morning Ladies' Sewing Group --Fran Koller
"Sharing the Faith With Friends,"--Barb DeReus;
Ladies' Night Out--Susie Johnston;
Guys' Night Out--Pete Farm
Bible Study--Brenda Lindsey

Groups added for 2014 for which you have special gifts:
Supper-Eights--LuAnn and Dave Robberstad (already have a listing)
Creative Card Making-- (Stamping, etc.)--Leslie Knicl and Denise Dalton

We have planned a training session for all leaders, potential leaders and aspiring leaders (that is, for any others thinking of leading!)
February 6, prior to our kickoff date on February 9 during the Fellowship hour.

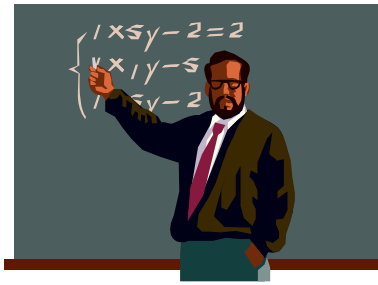
Nor will the Revitalizing Committee leave you without support.
Cindy Erickson (Revitalizing Chr.) along with Margaret and Gene Rinkel (Adult Ed and Small Groups), will be contacting you in person or by phone to answer any questions and offer materials and help wherever needed!

The entire committee is excited about our move forward!!!

Love and prayers.

Margaret, Cindy and Gene--all Revitalizers!

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ADULT INQUIRER'S CLASS

An Adult Inquirer's Class will begin soon. This class is open to all adults who want to know more about the Christian Faith and what it is that Lutheran Christians teach and believe. There is no obligation other than to come and participate.

If after one has completed the class, he/she desires to become a member of the congregation, they are most welcome. Attendees may be persons who want to better understand their spouse's faith; persons who desire Baptism; those who want a refresher course of the Catechism; spouses who accompany a class attendee; etc. There are usually 6 sessions and the meeting time and dates are arranged to fit the schedules of those who register.

Pastor Baderschneider and Pastor Blobaum, who will be teaching the class, welcome your questions.

INQUIRER CLASS REGISTRATION

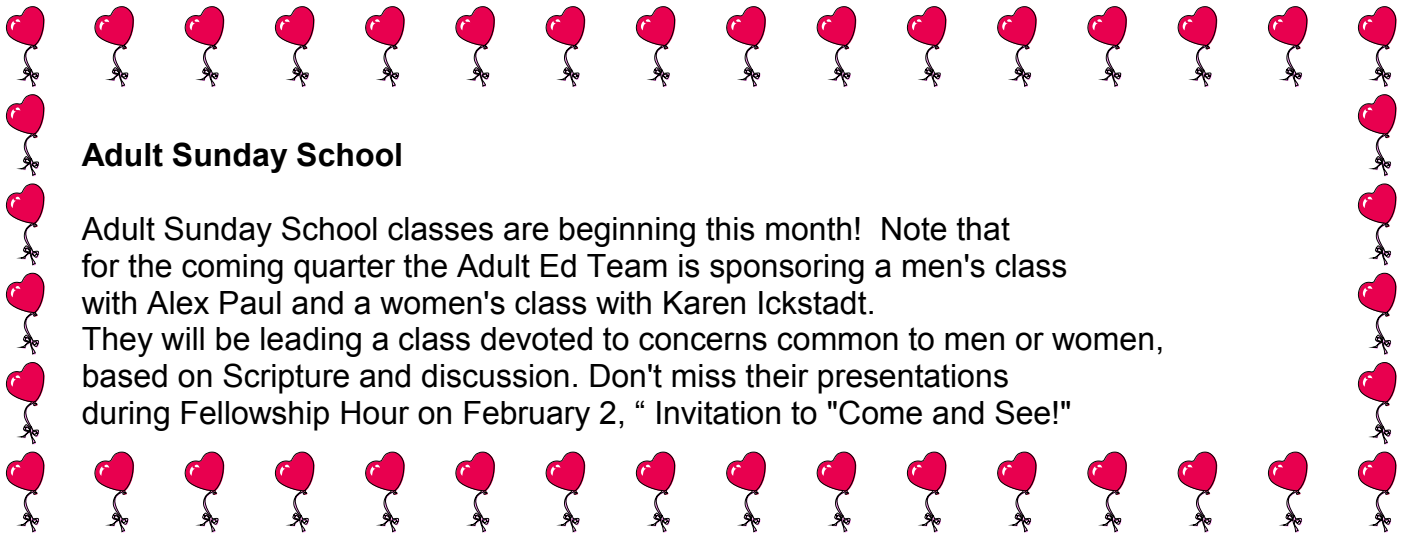
Please include (me) (us) in the Inquirer's Class. Following is (my) (our) contact information.

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 _____



Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School classes are beginning this month! Note that for the coming quarter the Adult Ed Team is sponsoring a men's class with Alex Paul and a women's class with Karen Ickstadt. They will be leading a class devoted to concerns common to men or women, based on Scripture and discussion. Don't miss their presentations during Fellowship Hour on February 2, " Invitation to "Come and See!"

JANUARY 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 December 10, 2013, meeting have been approved and posted.

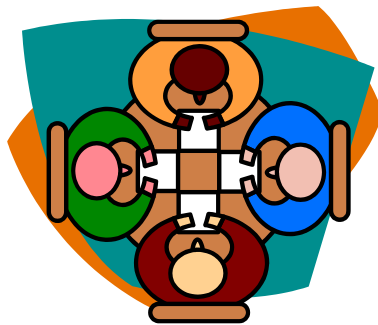
At the January 13, 2014, meeting, the following motion was made and passed:

1. To approve the salary raise recommendations for staff positions for the 2014 budget.

Matters discussed or decided at the January 13, 2014, meeting were as follows:

1. At the suggestion of the call committee, asking Pastor Moorman to speak to the congregation on a Sunday in February about the call process
2. The congregation should be commended on its 2013 giving
3. A cleanup and an inventory of the kitchen were done on January 2, 2014
4. Ways to work on the council goal of visiting inactive members and visitors and identifying who to contact
5. Beginning a new Adult Inquirer's class
6. The need for a youth chairperson and VBS preparations
7. Having installation of council members on Sunday, January 26, 2014
8. Having a council retreat on Saturday, March 15, 2014

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 Thursday prior to the meeting so that the item can be placed on the agenda. The next council meeting is Monday, February 10, 2014, at 7:00pm.



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 starting Monday, February 3rd, 2014. For now, there will be NO charge for workshops.

Here is a list of what is planned so far:

Feb 3rd - Smart Phones and Tablets for the "Technically Challenged"

- General overview of smart phones, tablets, operating systems (android, iOS-iPhone, Kindle, etc.)
- Security concerns
- Applications

Click on Sign-up link to register:

[Sign-up](#)

March 3rd - Revitalizing Your Church Website

- This will be a chance to see what I will be presenting in April at the Healthier Church - Revitalizing Your Congregation Conference.
- We will also be looking at our church website and discuss what things we can use it for.

April 7th - Computers for the "Technically Challenged"

- Overview of your computer/laptop components
- Computer terminology



Stewardship Notes – February 2014

LCM Directories are ready for you to pick up! The directories will be in the narthex during February. Any corrections can be sent to the LCM office: lcmoffice@lcofm.org or 217-586-4768.

Small Group ministries will be launching in February. A special kick-off session will be held during Fellowship after the worship service on February 9th. Everyone is invited! The kick-off will include an overview of small groups, and then the introduction of the new and existing small groups. These small groups will be featured: *Supper Eights*, *Sharing the Faith with Friends (book study)*, *Bible Study*, *Sewing Group*, *Guys' Night Out*, *Ladies' Night Out*, *Creative Card Ministry*, and *Military Prayer Ministry*. Groups are open to all (inside and outside LCM). Small groups are a way for us to nurture and share our Christian faith! Please plan to come and learn about our small group ministry, and sign-up for a group! Don't worry if you can't make it on the 9th, you can join a small group at any time!

A Great Opportunity for you to consider! I'm soliciting committee members for Stewardship! This is a wonderful opportunity to share in highlighting, developing, and sharing our stewardship at LCM. Please show your stewardship and join me! If you are interested, contact me at erickson.cindy@gmail.com or 217-586-3142.

In God's Peace,

Cindy Erickson
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The Lutheran Church of Mahomet

Invites you to join us this Easter Season

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| Wednesday, March 1 | Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesdays, March 12 through April 9 | Mid-Week Lenten services at 7:00 p.m. |
| 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. |

