

- 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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# JULY 2014



### **PENTECOST, THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The great 50 days of Easter rejoicing came to an end on June 8<sup>th</sup> with the celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. When we sing, "Come, Holy Spirit," we are reminded of the Spirit's coming into our lives at baptism. This festival day is both an ending and a beginning. It marks the end of the Easter season and the beginning of the longest time of the church year. The revised Church Year calendar in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* refers to the Sundays following Pentecost as "Time after Pentecost," rather than "season of Pentecost."

This long time during the summer months is also referred to as the "Ordinary" time. That term is derived from the term "ordinal" or "numbered." We will find that the Sundays will be named with a number "after Pentecost."

This is the beginning of a long season of abundance and growth. Summer is a time of light, growth, play, and refreshment. The weekly gathering around word and sacrament is a sign of the abundance of growth and renewal, and bids us to a deeper understanding of community. The liturgical color is green, the color of growth and life. So come, share in the abundance of God's grace during the summer months and be enlivened by the spirit of love and mercy, which fills our lives and community.

# *Pentecost*

## Guest Speaker

Please plan to join us on Sunday, July 20 to hear the Rev. Robert C. Schmeelcke speak at the service about a ministry of providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Pastor Schmeelcke will share personal witness about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

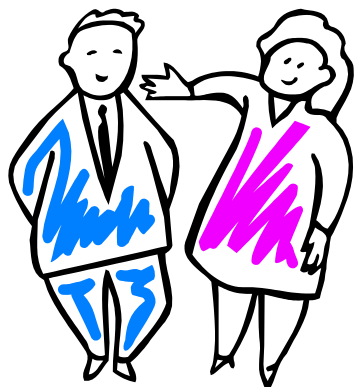
Pastor Schmeelcke was ordained in 1969 in the New Jersey Synod for the LCA. He has served as Deal for the Delaware-Maryland and the Foothills Conference of the ELCA and as the Ecumenical Officer of the Maryland Synod of the ELCA. Pr. Schmeelcke has made mission trips to Haiti, Jamaica, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala.

Posters have been placed on the quadboard to help prepare our church family for his message. "As often as you did it to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to Me.:" (Matt 25:40)

Food for the Poor was founded on the basis of this Gospel, We seek out the poorest of the poor in 16 different countries, aiding some of the most destitute. In each face we see the living Christ, who is hungry, thirsty, a stranger and naked. Our ministry focuses on the greatest needs of the destitute. Just as our Lord served those society ignored, we are there; feeding the hungry, building water wells for thirsty villages, building houses for the homeless, aiding the impoverished elderly, raising orphans in a loving atmosphere of Christian discipline, healing the sick or overcoming illiteracy by supporting schools. — Food for the Poor, Inc.



Please welcome Pastor Schmeelcke



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

It is with great joy in our hearts that we welcome new members into our Church Family. Please let them know how blessed we are to have, Adam Rosenbery, Amy and Brian Rogers, Penelope and Madeleine Rogers, Stephanie Whooley, Collin and Blake Whooley, Eric and Kim Oslawski and Pam Sadler joining us.



## JUNE 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 May 12, 2014, meeting have been approved and posted.

Matters discussed or decided at the June 9, 2014, meeting were as follows:

1. To invite a speaker from Food for the Poor to give a presentation on Sunday, July 20
2. That VBS is scheduled for August 3-6 from 6:00 to 8:00pm with a theme of “God’s Backyard Bible Camp”
3. To encourage the Logos program and Bible study for adults on Wednesday nights and to not have a scheduled Sunday school
4. To revise the description for the Youth chairperson
5. To work towards a volunteer staffed nursery during Sunday worship
6. For executive council, the pastors, and the wedding coordinator to review the present wedding policy
7. For council members and several other members to present an orientation for new members after the brunch welcoming them
8. Redoing and moving the lit sign to the front of the church
9. That Barb DeReus and Nancy King will begin coordinating meals for members in need of that assistance
10. Renewing the interim pastors’ contracts

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, July 14, 2014, at 7:00pm.



## Thank You for Volunteering

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

Greeters	Mark Dalton Family, Shannon Cheek Family, Jim Hitchins Family and Jon Howard Family.
Ushers	Tim Koller Family, John Sapp Family, Dennis Boma Family, Cory Mitchell Family.
Scripture Reader	Dia Nuesmeyer, Sheila Kingry, Sherri Reifsteck, John Bottorff and Pam Atwood.
Communion Assistant	Barb LeGrant, Karen Reifsteck, Tim Lindsey, Jon LeGrant and Nancy Rosenbery.
Assisting Minister	Mark Reifsteck, Kendyl Cummins, Chris Edmonds and Alex Paul.
Celebration Leader	Alicia Ekhoﬀ.
Sunday Shepherd	Brenda Lindsey, Bill Moehring, Pat Moehring, Laura Zick-Bottorff and Gene Rinkel.
Acolyte	Kylie Fuoss, Breanna Bone, Chatman Edmonds, Noah Schnepfer and Zack Schnepfer..
Fellowship Hosts	Congregational Life Committee.
Breadmaker	Alicia Ekhoﬀ.
Alter Guild	Pat Moehring and Amy McDonald.
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 LeGrant.

Martin and Linda Vogel  
Volunteer Coordinators



## THANK YOU

A special thank you is extended to those who purchased geraniums to brighten our sanctuary for the Pentecost Season, which began on Sunday, June 8th. The Koller Family, the Boma Family, the Vogel Family, the Reifsteck Family, the Dalton Family, the Ekhoﬀ Family, the Rinkel Family, the DeReus Family, the Studley Family, the Vogen Family, the Middendorf Family, the Yeakel Family, the Whooley Family, the Alderks Family, Christian Duvall and the Erickson Family.



### **Taking Care Our Lord's House at The Lutheran Church of Mahomet**

We are blessed with a beautiful facility and setting for we as God's people to gather for worship, fellowship and nurture. This place has been a blessing to so many in our congregation and community. It does, however, need to be cared for and maintained if it is going to continue to be a source of blessing to us and give honor and glory to God.

As our Congregational Work Day on Saturday, May 17, we had a good response. Some of the things that were done are as follows:

Oiled pews, baptismal font, banner and cross stands

Vacuumed the pews

Cleaned the soot area above each candle on chancel wall

Installed our new LCM church welcome signs in the community

Glued down the counter top in kitchen; installed new shelf by dishwasher

Installed smoke detectors throughout our building and a carbon monoxide detector in the All God's Children classrooms

Debris was picked up and repairs made around our garbage/trash bin

Playground area was weeded and cleaned up

Outdoor yard work was done all around the yard and church

Soffit was repaired over the north entryway

Water drainage was redirected so as not to wash out flowers

Outdoor lights in parking lot and on building had bulbs replaced

We had a blocked sewer line that goes south from our building. Stephens Underground Solutions installed a PVC pipe cleanout so that Schoonover Sewer could complete the cleanout. This was done the week of June 5<sup>th</sup>. Cost of doing this came to over \$1000.

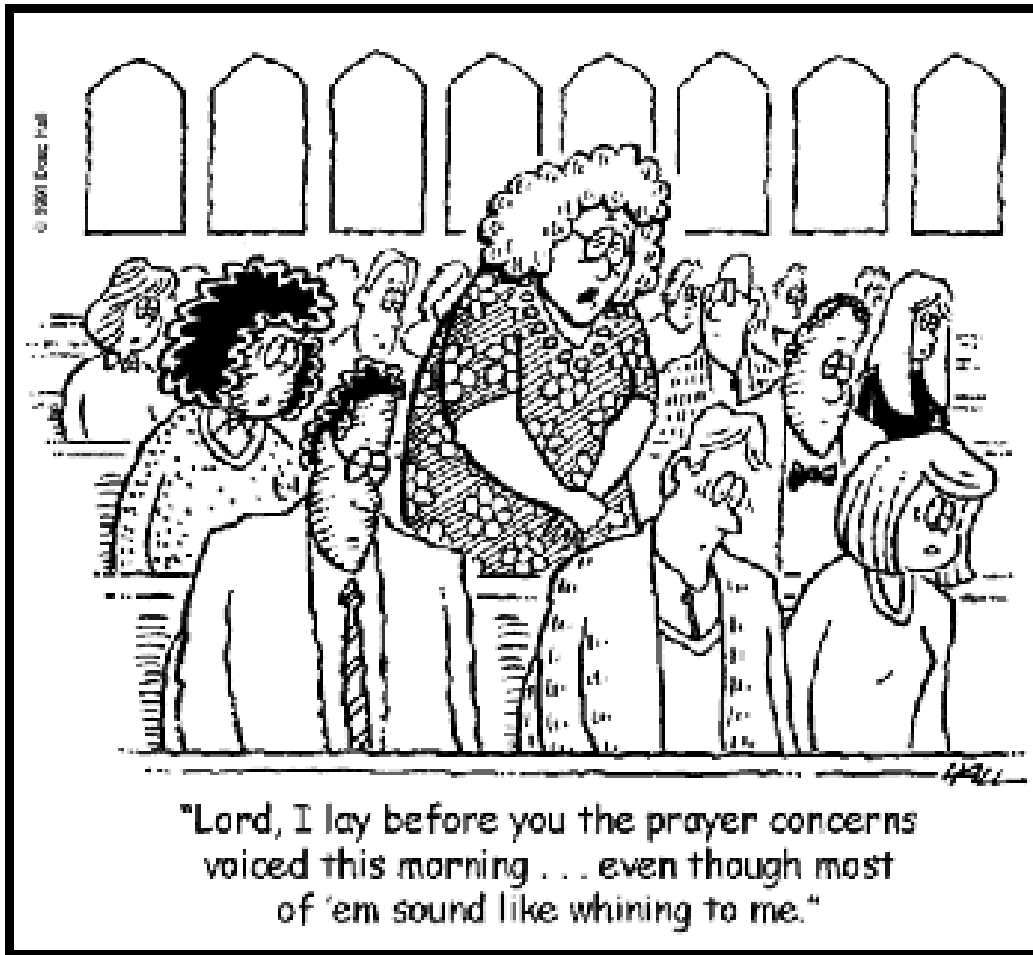
We had a leak in our roof over the All God's Children of our building. This was repaired by US Pro United Services.

We have volunteers who come and plant and take care of the flowers around the building to beautify our grounds. This adds so much appeal to our grounds.

Thank you to all who care for our Lord's house and grounds! We invite you to personally take note and help out where you can. If we all do this as we say "many hands make light work".

# JUST FOR FUN

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## Why do Brides Wear White?

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?"

The mother replied, 'Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.'

The child thought about this for a moment then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

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