

- 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: 8am—4pm

Sundays: In Worship

(You may also call for an appointment)



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God's work. Our hands.



May is a time of transition for many—beginnings and endings, changes and fulfillments, moving and shifting. Students, after hard work, worry, learning, and [hopefully] fun are finishing yet another year of school. This can be bring both sadness and excitement—grief over a year concluded, or perhaps relief, and excitement for what the summer and next year brings. Those in the workforce are perhaps preparing for other transitions and changes. Babies are being born, jobs are being lost, jobs are being gained, responsibilities are shifting, and projects around the house are starting to come to the fore with warmer weather upon us.

Here at LCM, we celebrate another year of programming, worship, learning, and faithful development. LOGOS has closed another successful year, connecting faith and love and children to God. Thank you to all who have given so much of themselves to this program: the organizers and volunteers, the teachers, the children, the family and friends who made this program a priority. We also draw our Confirmation classes to a close, after an exciting year filled with new curriculum, awesome outings, engaging activities, and most of all insightful and passionate students. I am in awe of how hard these students have worked and how much they care about their faith. Thank you students, thank you Norm and all who have volunteered to assist this program, and thank you friends and family for fitting Confirmation in to already busy schedules.

As we approach summer, we are given an opportunity to reflect and then imagine. First, we reflect on where we've been. What did I learn this year? How was I filled this year? How was I left wanting? And then, we are given an opportunity to do something with those reflections. Please, communicate those thoughts and prayers to the church office. Summer is an amazing time when we imagine, dream, and craft new programming for the 2016-2017 year, and we will only grow more focused, excited, diverse, and innovative if we can reflect and learn from the past.

Thank you for a wonderful programming year! We are truly blessed with activities and learning opportunities that feed and teach us in ways consistent with our Grace-filled Lutheran identity. Please stop by, email, or phone me to tell me how you thought this year went. Please stop by, email, or phone me to tell me what you imagine or dream for next year. May this summer be a time of reflection and dreaming, of critical thinking and imagination, and of crafting.



OPENING THE REVELATION SCROLL

The ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS is a place to grow! And the book of Revelation, though filled with fantastic imagery, is accessible to each of us through a thoughtful conversation that will help participants understand our mission in our world. Our conversations look closely at the Scripture passages in four ways: the devotional context the historical context, the literary context and the Lutheran context. And here is where I stand:

When I was a small child, my life goal was to access all the knowledge in the world. As I grew up, my schooldays led me to cover a variety of subjects: math, science, Latin, mythology, history, English. Try as I might, I saw all the knowledge in the world slipping through my fingers. Decades later I move at a slower pace, learning daily, satisfied that I need not burden myself with all that knowledge goal. Today, I am content to feast on the Book of REVELATION, learning more about a book I had avoided for years because of its complexity. Now I read with wonder, enjoying the conversations as our class explores context and applications.

Coupled with the Pastor Nikoli's BOOK CLUB study of Revelation (Barbara Rossing's THE RAPTURE EXPOSED) and his sermon series, I am immersing myself in new knowledge and eager to learn more. This REVELATION study is exciting and open to all, even if you have missed some sessions. Class, Book Club, and sermons--A GOOD place to GROW!

Margaret Rinkel, Ed Team



Congregational Care Team

The congregational care teams, which provide food, rides, calls/visits/ assists provided the following for the months of February and March.

1 ride, 5 meals, and 20 calls/visits/assists. Thank you to Karen Ickstadt, Jennifer Farm, Chistina Ade, Theresa Edmonds, Margaret and Gene Rinkel and several others. Thanks to all who helped provide for those who needed it. And, to any others who provided these services but did not report them.

Sharon Taylor





APRIL 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 March, 2016 meeting have been approved and posted.

At the April 11th, 2016, meeting, the following motions was made and passed:

David Alderks given signing authority on our bank accounts. Bill Moehring removed from the accounts.

Matters discussed or decided at the April 11th, 2016 meeting were as follows:

1. Discussed setting up simply giving via credit cards. We are still working on getting our website set up, along with promotional materials to explain how it works.
2. Discussed the church moving to Google Calendar for planning. Larry hosting (4) Monday training sessions for anyone not comfortable with Google apps.
3. Discussed the church work day in May. Bill planning to order signs in time to install during the work day.

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, May 9th, 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 April.

Greeters	Karen Ickstadt, Scott and Sheila Kingry, Robin Purgett and Robert and Delores Witherell.
Ushers	Dan and Cindy Erickson, Cory Mitchell Family, Stewart Ekhoﬀ Family and Norm and Leslie Knicl.
Scripture Reader	Alex Paul, Kelly Strode, Dave Robberstad and Sheila Kingry.
Communion Assistant	John Paul, Nancy Rosenbery, LuAnn Robberstad and Theresa Edmonds.
Assisting Minister	Mark Reifsteck, Alex Paul, and Dia Nuesmeyer.
Celebration Leader	Nancy Rosenbery.
Sunday Shepherd	June Wilms, David Alderks and Chris Edmonds.
Acolyte	Izzy Farm, Logan Petro, Gretchen Scheele and Mikel Petro.
Fellowship Hosts	Congregational Life Committee, Frazier's, Robberstad's and Karen Ickstadt, Boma's and DeReus's.
Breadmaker	Ruth Studley.
Alter Guild	Barb LeGrant and Nancy Rosenbery.
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.
Martin Vogel	
Volunteer Coordinator	

Volunteer Opportunity:

We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to fold and staple the Sunday bulletins each week. Please contact the Church Office if you can take a few hours each week to help out.

MAY 2016

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	<p>9:00 AM Sunday Communion Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Bridal Shower</p>	<p>2 8:00 AM Monday Morning Sewing Day 7:00 PM LCM Google Calendar - Open Workshop 7:00 PM LCM Tech Team</p>	<p>3 10:45 AM LCM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Pack #94 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>4 6:00 PM AGAPE Youth 6:30 PM Confirmation 7:30 PM LCM Evangelism Committee Meeting</p>	<p>5 9:00 AM AGC Mothers Day Tea</p>	6	7
8	<p>9:00 AM Sunday Communion Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Sunday School 4:00 PM Graduation Dinner for Kendyl Cummins</p>	<p>9 8:00 AM Monday Morning Sewing Day 5:00 PM Lion's Club 7:00 PM Council Meeting 7:00 PM LCM Google Calendar - Open Workshop</p>	<p>10 10:45 AM LCM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Pack #94 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>11 6:00 PM AGAPE Youth 6:30 PM Confirmation</p>	12	13	14
15	<p>AGC Graduation Confirmation Sunday Pentecost 9:00 AM Sunday Communion Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Sunday School</p>	<p>16 AGC Graduation Parties 8:00 AM Monday Morning Sewing Day</p>	<p>17 AGC Graduation Parties 10:45 AM LCM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Pack #94 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>18 6:00 PM AGAPE Youth</p>	19	20	21
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