



Wednesday,
October 30th

Trunk or Treat

LOGOS will be sponsoring a fun, community event: Trunk or Treat!! We will need 15-20 decorated cars. Please sign up in the narthex or call Kat Downs (586-4786) today if you would be willing to help in any way: candy donations, kitchen help, decorating a vehicle, or help with traffic.

Fundraising Project

The playground used by All God's Children and LOGOS/Sunday School is in need of some repair and updating in order to keep it safe for our little ones. We would like to have a fundraising event to finance the improvements. Council has come up with a really fun idea for the event, on or about March 1, 2014 based on a "Fasching" theme, which is a German celebration held prior to Lent.

Having said that, **we need a group of volunteers to organize, advertise, and coordinate this fundraising event.** We would like to get started ASAP, so please find a member of the Executive Committee by October 20th if you would like to serve on this team. Thank you so much.

"God's Work, Our Hands"



- Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.

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WE ARE TO BE A DOER

As the Teacher was speaking with a group of children, a soap maker attempted to embarrass him. "How can you claim that religion is good and valid when there is so much suffering and evil in the world? What good are all the books and sermons that your religion has produced?"

The Teacher motioned to a small child to move through the crowd. "This is Eric," the Teacher said. "He is three. He is also dirty. I ask you, what good is soap when Eric and hundreds of children like him are dirty. How can you pretend that soap is effective?"

"What a foolish argument," the soap maker protested. "If soap is to be effective it must be used."

"Precisely," the Teacher answered. "If the teachings of our master are to be effective, they must be used."

Jesus says to us in the Gospels, "**Be doers of the Word and not hearers only.**" Jesus wants us to hear His Word. We need to hear God's Word through our daily reading the Scriptures. We need to hear God's Word through our being faithful in our attendance at worship on Sunday. It is through our hearing of God's Word that we stay connected to God.

Yet, for us to only hear God's Word is not enough. God brings His Word into our hearing that it might have an effect upon us. That His Word may bring about some result in the living of our daily life.

The writer James in the New Testament writes in James 1:22 ff, "**Do what God's teaching says; do not just listen and do nothing. When you only sit and listen, you are fooling yourselves.But the truly happy person is the onewho listens to God's teaching and does not forget what he heard. Then he obeys what God's teaching says. When he does this, it makes him happy.**"

May each of us put into practice in our daily life the Word that God has given to us in our hearing of His Word. It is then that we are blessed and others through us are blessed.

As Mark Twain once observed, it is not the parts of the Bible we don't understand that give us the most trouble – it's the parts we do understand. I do understand Jesus when He says, "**Be a doer of the word and not a hearer only.**" As we "do the Word" we will know blessings in our journey of life.

Pastor Vic Baderschneider, Interim

ELCA LEADERSHIP

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will be installed as presiding bishop of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) on October 5 at 2:00 p.m. at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. Her first day in office will be November 1, 2013. We give thanks to God for Retiring Bishop Mark Hanson and the leadership he has given to the church for the past 12 years that he served as ELCA Bishop.

Nominating Committee

Only one more congregational member is needed to serve on the nominating committee to find nominees for open positions on the church council. The nominating committee presently includes Brenda Lindsey, Kelly Strode, Larry Gibson, Pam Atwood, and Scott Kingery. This is a short-term commitment that is already underway and should be completed in October. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Bill Moehring, Sherri Reifsteck, or one of the members of the nominating committee.

Council Positions: church council positions up for election in October with two-year terms beginning in January of 2014 are: Financial Secretary, Building and Grounds Chairperson, Evangelism Chairperson, Stewardship Chairperson, and Youth Chairperson. Nominations for the positions of President, Evangelism, and Stewardship have been obtained.

If you would be interested in serving in one of the council positions up for election, please contact a member of the nominating committee. Also, if you are contacted by a member of the nominating committee about serving in one of these positions, please prayerfully consider accepting the call to serve your congregational family in this way.

Ephesians 4:11-12 says: "And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."



October 20th is Lutheran World Relief Sunday

For us at LCM, this is also known as QUILT SUNDAY, and the quilts so lovingly made by the Monday Morning Sewing Ladies, will be displayed in the Sanctuary.

Lutheran World Relief has discovered that the quilts are much more preferred than blankets, and so rather than bringing blankets to add to our donation, we are asking members of the church to donate money to help with the cost of shipping, postage and other expenses incurred for transporting these gifts to Minneapolis from where they will be distributed across the world to those in need. An offering basket for this purpose will be available after worship. The following Monday, the quilts, along with the Health, Book Bag, and Layette kits we've assembled, will be packed and sent to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on South Prospect in Champaign on October 25 for pick up. We at LCM are proud to host the Monday Morning Sewing Ladies group whose 23 members include ladies from LCM, New Beginnings, Methodist, Community Free, Christian, and Catholic churches from our area. We thank them for their good works and all will be recognized in our bulletin on that Sunday, along with the folks that assembled the kits.

Stewardship Notes

October 2013

At the Lutheran Church of Mahomet, Stewardship is a way to grow spiritually in our relationship with God by supporting our church's mission and ministry. While we strive to practice good stewardship throughout the year, in November, we take time to celebrate the annual opportunity to renew our goals for the upcoming year. Consecration Sunday will be held on November 17, 2013 at LCM. On that Sunday we will focus on committing to our financial gifts, as well as our "time and talents", for the coming year.

Be on the lookout for upcoming Stewardship events!

During October, a letter will be sent to the congregation asking members to make their financial commitments to the Lutheran Church of Mahomet's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries. A pledge card, asking for an estimate of your giving, will be included in the mailing, and should be returned no later than November 17th - Consecration Sunday. Although we encourage your financial commitment, every member who completes an Estimate of Giving card does so voluntarily.

During November we will have some Temple Talks during Sunday worship services to give a snapshot of our financial situation and an overview of how our offerings benefit our missions. On November 17th, your estimate of giving cards are due, and the Opportunities for Service booklets will be available for members to choose where they will commit their time and talents in serving the Lord at LCM. Following the worship service we will celebrate the day with a special fellowship brunch!!

It is a special time of the year where we are filled with Thanksgiving for all our blessings and look forward to Christmas and the new year. Please prayerfully consider your stewardship commitments and participation!

In God's Peace,
Cindy Erickson
Stewardship Chair
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Following is Randa's story. We all have stories to share about our Christian faith and life in the community of faith. We welcome your witness and stories to be shared with others for encouragement, support, celebration and strengthening of faith. Thank you Randa, for your personal story. Pastor Emil

Tiny Handprints of Peace

Saturday was an extremely busy day so when it came up on our church's volunteer schedule that I was scheduled to clean the church, it was not easy to fit it in. My church, Zion Lutheran in Philo, IL, is a much older more traditional building and our congregation is small. The ladies of the church have always taken turns cleaning the church on Saturdays and the men take turns doing maintenance as our budget doesn't allow for a full time maintenance staff. I was unable to do my share in the morning since an exterminator was coming to my house and I also had my 1 year old grandson to take care of. He is a lively little guy who is just learning to get into and to reach everything and needless to say having my kitchen completely turned upside down with all the things in my cabinets sitting out instead of safely tucked away made watching Abel extra challenging. We do the cleaning in pairs and my cleaning partner had conflicts on Saturday afternoon so she cleaned the basement and kitchen on Saturday morning and I cleaned the upstairs Saturday afternoon after the exterminator finally left. Needless to say, I was frazzled to the max to the point that in order to make lunch for my husband before I left for the church I had to literally search for the plates.

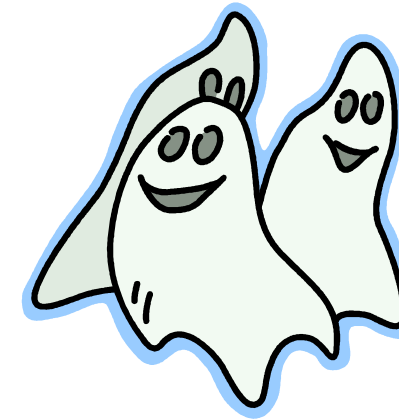
However, once I was in the sanctuary and started to dust the pews a sense of peace descended upon me. The wooden pews held so many echoes of my past. The pew we habitually use was considered by my grandmother to be her family pew and I remember her fussing on special occasions such as Christmas programs when someone else would sit in it. As I was dusting off the memorial plaques I saw her name along with the names several of my Great Aunts and Great Uncles and my father and his sisters. As I vacuumed the aisles I saw myself as a bride being escorted down the aisle by my late father and also more recently as a more mature bride for the second time by my uncle who is now 95 years young and in a nursing home. I could see myself nervous and excited singing solos for the congregation as I dusted the majestic old pipe organ and piano. I could hear echoes of my Great Aunt Alice playing on that organ when I was a child. I remembered several years ago as a mother of a lively 5 year old directing the children's Christmas play and hoping "my little angel" wouldn't decide to fly away taking her flock of fellow angels with her at the wrong moment. The imprint of the pastors footprints were permanently left on the carpet behind the pulpit and the impressions of many knees at the communion railing left soft echoes of many near and dear people both past and present kneeling to receive the sacrament.

I have always loved the stained glass windows in this beautiful old sanctuary. One side depicts Jesus as a shepherd carrying a lamb with the sheep looking up at him with loving trust and devotion. To me He is represented in this as a working man leading his flock and in this congregation of a small farm community this is especially meaningful. On the other side of the sanctuary Jesus is represented kneeling and praying on the Mount with the sunbeams shining upon his face. This window always gives me a sense of comfort and peace. Behind the altar a cross shaped stained glass window depicts Him on the cross with the crown of thorns upon His head and even this graphic picture of suffering offers hope and strength for renewal as His eyes are turned heavenward.

The last thing I did was to wash the glass door at the entrance and there clearly imprinted was a tiny hand print made by the Pastor's youngest daughter as she "helped" her father to send off the congregation with well wishes after services the previous Sunday. Alice is especially "helpful" in all of Sunday's services as she is a very lively child and spreads joy to all and causes much frustration to her mother who is trying to play music for the service and to her father who is busy conducting the service. Both must always keep one eye on this blithe little spirit who along with her two older sisters must feel that the church is their very own special place as they have literally grown up there. Sometimes Alice makes it all the way to the altar before her caregiver can "catch" her. I think the Lord has a sense of humor and her tiny spirit certainly lifts ours. As I sprayed the Windex, I was tempted to leave her handprint on the window. Of course, I cleaned the glass knowing she would happily re-apply her little handprints again as she watched the people leaving after service with renewed spirits the next day.

My church is a member of the NALC, but the gospel and scriptures are the same every Sunday as those heard here at LCM. The same God and Holy Spirit preside over us all and we pray every Sunday for peace and harmony and cooperation between the ELCA and NALC. Anyone who wishes to come is welcome at Zion Lutheran at 10:00 AM service.

As I put away the cleaning supplies I heard the gentle echoes of the past and present whisper in my ear, "Peace be with You". May these tiny handprints be with you also.



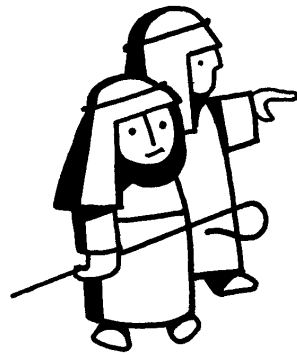
SEPTEMBER COUNCIL NOTES Submitted by Sherri Reifsteck, Church Council Secretary

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 August 19, 2013, meeting have been approved and posted.

Other matters discussed or decided at the September 16, 2013, meeting were as follows:

1. Ways our congregation can assist the Navigators program, which reaches out to college students, will be discussed at the next council meeting
2. Continuing the Sunday Shepherd program in 2014 with council members and members of the congregation to serve in the position on a weekly rotating basis.
3. Having a "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday that will include a service project for the congregation to participate in that is an outreach to the community
4. Whether a change in the time of Sunday school would result in better attendance
5. Having payment options available on the website for All God's Children, Logos, and VBS.
6. Having a fund raiser on or about March 1, 2014, for new equipment for the AGC playground based on a "Fasching" theme, which is a German celebration held prior to Lent
7. Continuing to obtain ideas for the outdoor sign project
8. Beginning the process of rewriting our church constitution
9. Having a mailer sent out to the community in November highlighting our Christmas schedule and to raise awareness of our church

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 October 21, 2013, at 7:00pm.



DO YOU KNOW . . . WHAT A SUNDAY SHEPHERD IS?

Earlier this year, the church council began a trial program called "Sunday Shepherd," which came from a suggestion from Pastor Blobaum at our council retreat. The duties of the Sunday Shepherd include:

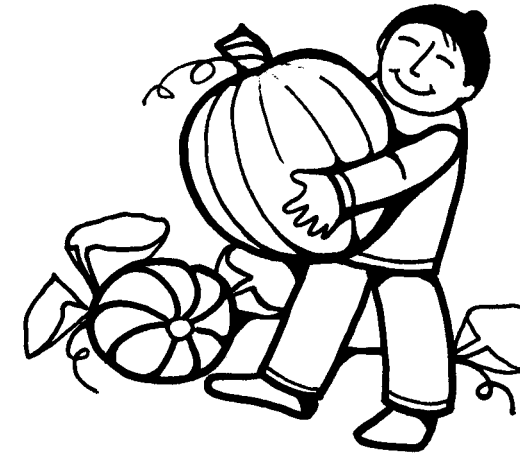
1. Arriving at church early and checking with the pastor as to any tasks he may need assistance with
2. Being familiar with any special events happening before, during, or after the service, for instance, baptisms, confirmation, congregational meetings, special services or speakers, meals, etc.
3. Serving as a liaison between pastor and anyone he identifies
4. Being available to support the greeters and ushers
5. Greeting visitors and members who have returned after an absence
6. Assisting with connecting the pastor with visitors and "shepherding" visitors to fellowship and Sunday school after the service

Council members have been rotating this on a weekly schedule and have decided to continue the program with both council members and any other congregation members that would like to assist in providing this service beginning in 2014. This program is a great way to meet and greet new people and assist the pastors, greeters, and ushers with the Sunday services. The time commitment is small, it doesn't require committee meetings, and the benefits of it will help our church grow and be more welcoming to all who enter our doors.

Training will be provided by the Evangelism Committee, and council members can answer any questions about the program for anyone who would like to consider serving our congregation in this way.

If you are interested in serving as a Sunday Shepherd, please mark it under the Evangelism Committee portion of the Opportunity for Service pamphlets that will be available for members to complete in November.

In God's Service,
Sherri Reifsteck
Church Council Secretary





Thank You for Volunteering

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

- Greeters: Youth, Sharon Yeakel, Fran Koller, Charlotte Hitchins and Donna Lee.
- Ushers: Youth, Bill Studley Family, Marty Vogel Family, Pete Farm Family and Cory Mitchell Family.
- Scripture Readers: Sheila Kingry, Sherri Reifsteck, John Bottorff and Pam Atwood.
- Communion Assistants: Barb LeGrant, Karen Reifsteck, John Bottorff, Jon LeGrant and Mark Reifsteck.
- Assisting Ministers: Alex Paul, Dia Nuesmeyer and Mark Reifsteck.
- Celebration Leader: Marty Vogel.
- Sunday Shepherds: Sharon Yeakel, Cindy Erickson, Mark Dalton, Chris Edmonds and Larry Gibson.
- Acolytes: Kylie Fuoss, Gretchen Scheele, Issy Farm, Callum Buchanan and Seth Buchanan.
- Fellowship Hosts: Life Committee, Nelson Ade Family, Andy Scheele Family, Laura Bottorff, Sheila Kingry, Cary McDonald and John King Family.
- Bread maker: Amy McDonald.
- Altar Guild: Patty Sapp and Ruth Studley.
- Offering Counters: Alicia Ekhoff, Dan and Cindy Erickson, Sherri Reifsteck, Susie Johnston, Scott Kingry, Chris and Theresa Edmonds, David Alderks and Jon and Barb LeGrant.

Martin and Linda Vogel
Volunteer Coordinators




 Jesus is the Way Ministry 
 You are invited to Jesus is the Way Prison Ministry's annual fund raising banquet on Friday, October 11 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. This year's theme is "Higher Ground". The Banquet will be held at Holiday Inn Conference Center, 1001 Killarney St., Urbana, IL. 