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# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET

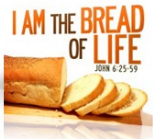
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Evangelical Lutheran  
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God's work. Our hands.



Where to find me:  
In the office M-TH: 7am-1pm  
In the community M-TH: 1pm-3pm  
Sundays: In Worship  
Other times by appointment - Pastor Nikoli

Matthew 15:22-28

“The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

Many of us are beginning to find our groove in this waning year. School has begun with fervor, work habits have shifted, family life adapts, and we finally find routine once again. In the midst of busyness and full schedules, we cling to our schedules in the hopes that we find comfort in knowing what comes next. Humans are habitual creatures, and we find security in sameness.

In the text above, Christ shows us how the kingdom of heaven is like a woman baking bread. Perhaps a chore done thousands of times before—almost mindlessly familiar—Christ relates baking to the kingdom of heaven. She mixes ingredients, mixes the sticky dough in her work-worn hands, thinks about her friends and family who will be sustained in eating the bread, etc. How can something so ordinary, so habitual, so routine reveal glimpses of God?

The Holy Spirit finds ways to move us to newness and mission even amidst the mundane of everyday living. When we go through the motions of life, clinging tightly to our schedules, God is even there present, always pulling us into glimpses of God's kingdom. Keep a wary eye open for the ways in which God is present in your routines, and be mindful of the opportunities therein to be the body of Christ.

I encourage you to see with new eyes those chores and duties already done thousands of times before—those that are almost mindlessly familiar. How do I feel God's presence when I do this thing? Who am I serving? Or feeding?



**Sunday School is off to a great start!** On the program's first Sunday, 20% of our worship attendance showed up in the Sunday School classrooms! We've programs offered for all ages, and we've begun a new program for our Pre-K through Sixth Grade. We are one of the first congregations in the country to use the new WHIRL curriculum from Sparkhouse. Our materials are based on the lectionary texts (weekly scripture excerpts) and take seriously the economic, cultural, racial, and educational diversities represented in our children. There are no enrollment fees required! If you feel called to be a Sunday School teacher, and for all other inquiries, please contact Pastor Nikoli.

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### Lutheran Confirmation

**Confirmation has started up again!** But, it's never too late to jump in! Please contact Pastor Nikoli for more information. We meet most Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the classroom just off the Narthex. In each programming year, the confirmation group tackles rotating material. For example, in the 2015-16 year, we wrestle first with the Hebrew Scriptures and then Lutheran History and Catechism. Our curriculum does not require correct answers or prescribed belief; instead, we hope to engage each person with authentic questions which link our faith lives with our lived experiences. The varied lives are crucial for understanding our relationships with each other, the world, and God. It is the charge of each participant to come to class open to difference, honest in contribution, and courageous to be herself or himself.



The Lutheran Church of Mahomet

Small Groups – Fall 2015 - Spring 2016

**Please Check Groups You Are Interested In Joining**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Creative Card Ministry**--Denise Dalton (217-841-7416) or  
([dldalton@Illinois.edu](mailto:dldalton@Illinois.edu)) and

Leslie Knicl (217-586-5504) or ([lknicl@gmail.com](mailto:lknicl@gmail.com))

\_\_\_\_\_ **Guys' Night Out**-Pete Farm (217-590-0219) or ([peterfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:peterfarm@yahoo.com))

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ladies' Night Out**-Fran Koller (217-586-4239) or ([tfkol@hotmail.com](mailto:tfkol@hotmail.com))

\_\_\_\_\_ **Monday Sewing Group**--Fran Koller (217-586-4239) or

([tfkol@hotmail.com](mailto:tfkol@hotmail.com))

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sunday Adult Bible Study**- "Fearless Conversations"-Alex Paul, Leader  
(217-714-5304) ([alex.arpaul@gmail.com](mailto:alex.arpaul@gmail.com))

\_\_\_\_\_ **Supper-Eights**--Pat Moehring (217- 898-5777) ([Noel1954@yahoo.com](mailto:Noel1954@yahoo.com))  
or Nancy King (217-586-2696) ([nkking@mchsi.com](mailto:nkking@mchsi.com))

Please give a copy of your choices to:

Margaret and Gene Rinkel (217) 649-7173) or ([gkrinkel21@msn.com](mailto:gkrinkel21@msn.com))

For more information, please contact Group Leaders

**Other groups may also be formed!**

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail:----- \_\_\_\_\_

**Please leave a copy of your choices in the Church Office  
or Mailbox for Adult Education and Small Groups or Contact:  
Margaret or Gene Rinkel (217)649-7173), or ([gkrinkel21@msn.com](mailto:gkrinkel21@msn.com))**



September 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 August, 2015 meeting have been approved and posted.

At the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015, meeting, the following motions was made and passed:  
None

Matters discussed or decided at the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting were as follows:

1. Discussed the roof on the Church. The roof will be replaced in September. The insurance company has already paid for these repairs.
2. Discussed the wheelchair lift. Installation is expected to be complete by the end of September.
3. Discussed Sunday School. Still looking for instructors. If interested, please contact Pastor Nikoli.
4. Discussed All God's Children. Planning to have them present their Christmas Program at a Sunday Service in December. We pledged our support to All Gods Children and recognize the importance of our long term relationship.
5. Discussed the Riverfest Float. The parade went well, and we are planning to do this again next year.
6. Discussed the Updated Constitution and By-Laws. Gene is making good progress working through the details of the Constitution.
7. Discussed the creation of our nominating committee. We will need to fill (3) to (6) Council positions.

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, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 7:00pm.



## ***LCM COUNCIL NOMINATIONS***



**LCM COUNCIL NOMINATIONS:** The nominating committee, consisting of Sheila Kingry, Cindy Erickson, Peter Farm, and Bill Moehring, is in the early stages of nominating individuals for the following Council positions:

- Vice-President (1-year term beginning Jan 1, 2016)
- Evangelism Chair (2-year term beginning Jan 1, 2016)
- Stewardship Chair (2-year term beginning Jan 1, 2016)

If you are interested in any of these positions, have any suggested nominees, or have any questions about these positions, please reach out to one of the nominating committee members noted above. It is an exciting time to become part of the leadership at LCM and we welcome your interest and input. Thank you very much.

Bill Moehring (312) 560-7044



## PARISH NURSE PAGE October 2015

Hopefully, you have signed up for the community Vial Of Life program and met your nursing team at Rally Day in September. If you did not receive your Vial of Life, please see one of the nurses who will provide you with the container which contains a list of your medications and emergency information. That container goes into your refrigerator on the top right hand shelf for access by medical personnel, should an ambulance be sent to your home. A sticker is placed on your door, which the EMT's will look for to alert them that the Vial is available.

The June, July and August Parish Nurse Pages focused on change and introduced you to your new Faith Community Nursing Team at LCM. I was struck by the variety of knowledge and experience we can offer you regarding nursing care. Of course, we all have general health backgrounds, but if you want more information about anesthesia for surgery—Ashley Rosenbery is your expert. Barb Buchanan knows all about insurance. Sharon Taylor is your go-to for OB-GYN and labor and delivery information. I worked all over the place (float nurse), but mainly in family practice, oral surgery, expanded care, and am certified as an anticoagulation management nurse. We are here to offer any help we can but always with God's touch.

### Congregational Care Team:

It has been “quiet” lately, as far as the need for meals for members, but that can change at any time. If you or someone you know could use help with a meal, please contact Sharon Taylor, who coordinates the Congregational Care Team, or Pastor Nikoli.

We can always use additional people who can be available to provide a meal. When the need is made known to us, Sharon sends out a mass email to the group of those who have volunteered. If you could provide that meal, you would reply to Sharon. If you cannot cook at that time, you just do not respond. Sharon emails the group so everyone knows when the need is met. Simple. No Pressure. If you can help, please contact Sharon Taylor. Thank you!

These are the people who are currently providing meals:

Amy McDonald	Sheila Kingry
Ashley Rosenbery	Jennifer Scheele
Brenda Lindsey	Nancy King
Karen Ickstadt	Steve and Barb DeReus
Nancy and Dennis Boma	Donna Lea
Robin Purgett	Georgia Isaacs
Sharon Taylor	Cindy Erickson
Sharon Yeakel	Theresa Edmonds

Thanks to all of those who continue to help those in need in our congregation! GODS' WORK/OUR HANDS

### Diabetic Equipment:

If you or someone you know could use any of the diabetic equipment listed below, please see parish nurse Barb DeReus or call the church office:

One Touch Ultra 2 Blood Glucose Monitoring System

OneTouch Delica Lancets 33 gauge extra fine

OneTouch Ultra Blue Test Strips - expire 6/2016

One of our members has graciously donated the above items.

Written by Barb DeReus, FCN



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## Congregational Care Team report for July and August:

Meals provided-2, Rided provided-2 and Visits/Calls-17. These were provided by Georgia Isaac, Karen Ickstadt, Sharon Taylor, Margaret and Gene Rinkel, and two others who wish not to be named..

Matthew 25:34-36 says: Then the King will say to those at his right hand, "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."

Thank you to all who have helped do God's work

Sharon Taylor

## Stewardship Notes

October 2015

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 coming year. Consecration Sunday will be held on November 8, 2015 at LCM. On that Sunday we will focus and commit our financial gifts, as well as our "time and talents," for the coming year.

**Here's a preview of 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 8 – Consecration Sunday. Although we encourage your financial commitment, every member who completes an Estimate of Giving card does so voluntarily. The Opportunities for Service booklets will also be included in the mailing and are due back on Consecration Sunday. Please prayerfully consider where you'd like to serve in doing God's work at LCM. Opportunities abound!

**Consecration Sunday, November 8**, is when your estimate of giving cards and Opportunities for Service booklets are due. Plans are in the works to celebrate the day with a special potluck!! More details will follow.

It's 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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- \* The ELCA Malaria Campaign is one of ten priorities of the "Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA? As a result of campaign contributions, malaria programs in 13 African countries have been fully funded.
- \* The ELCA Malaria Campaign has successfully reached its goal of raising \$15 million five months early? The original goal was to raise \$15 million by January 31, 2016. Information about the ELCA Malaria Campaign is available at [www.ELCA.org/malaria](http://www.ELCA.org/malaria)<<http://www.ELCA.org/malaria>>
- \* October 16, 2015 is World Food Day? You can help fight hunger with the gift of livestock! Go to [www.ELCA.org/goodgifts](http://www.ELCA.org/goodgifts)<<http://www.ELCA.org/goodgifts>> to learn more about animal husbandry and giving options.
- \* You can order FREE God's Global Barnyard Coloring Books for use with kids in worship or Sunday School? Visit [resources.elca.org](http://resources.elca.org) to order. You only have to pay for the shipping costs.
- \* Three Springfield congregations (Atonement, Faith, and Luther Memorial) have voted to blend into a new congregational entity and will hold their first combined worship service on September 20, 2015? A name for the new church will be selected after the congregation has developed its Mission & Vision statements.
- \* October is "Pastor Appreciation Month"? How does your congregation show its appreciation to your pastor?
- \* The 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly (August 8-13, 2016) and a Grace in Action Gathering (August 10-13, 2016) will be held concurrently at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans? These events will also kick off the observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.
- \* The ELCA Foundation has professional gift planning staff and gift planning tools for every situation? For more details, call (800) 638-3522; or email [elcafoundation@elca.org](mailto:elcafoundation@elca.org)<<mailto:elcafoundation@elca.org>>

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Pastor Bob Dealey

Coordinator of Communications and Networking Central-Southern Illinois Synod

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## *HANDYMAN HEROES*

Thanks to Tim Koller and Cary McDonald for helping with the construction of the new space for the wheelchair lift. We are excited to install the new wheelchair lift, adjacent to the Fellowship Hall. It is our hope that we can be as accommodating and hospitable as possible at LCM, and we give great thanks to all who have made this addition possible! Thank you!! Also, not pictured Bill Moehring and Pete Farm who helped earlier. The new lift should be delivered and installed the week of October 12th.

