

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET

WEEKLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

November 20, 2013

LCM Website: lcofm.org

Phone: 217-586-4786

Pastor's Hours: Pastor Emil Blobaum will be in the office Tuesday, November 19 and Thursday, November 21

Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Notice: Church entrance doors are locked while the Pre-School is in session. Please ring the door bell at the North Entrance for admittance.

Assistance Needed: The Nuesmeyers need meals twice a week for the immediate future while Dennis is recovering from surgery. If you would like to bring a meal, please contact Brenda Lindsey htslindsey@mchsi.com.

Disaster Assistance: EPIC Ministries in conjunction with Peace Lutheran in Thomasboro is organizing a work day this Sat. to aid Gifford, area residents who lost their homes in Sunday's tornadoes. Volunteers can come this Sat. to Peace Thomasboro at 8:30 am to be on site from 9-3. Lunch will be provided. There will be work for all ages. Families are welcome. questions call Pastor Larry Bell 314-941-EPIC (3742) or email. EPICLARRY@yahoo.com. Please be sure to dress appropriately and keep safe. Also, please see attachment listing places and ways you can help.

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**You and your family are invited to join in
a community Thanksgiving service**

6:00pm Sunday, November 24

Mahomet Seymour High School Auditorium

Special Guests: MSHS Madrigals

Speaker: John McIntosh, Minister

Mahomet United Methodist Church

Mahomet Ministerial Alliance

Free-Will offering to benefit Helping Hands

Annual Chili Cook-off: On Wednesday, December 4 at 5:45 p.m., the Chili Cook-off will be held again as the opening event of the 2013 Advent Services. Please bring a pot of your own chili to share, and the chilis will be tasted, voted on, and fabulous prizes will be awarded for 3 places! All of the chilis will provide the main dish of the meal. Side dishes, toppings and condiments will be provided.

Sharing the Faith With Friends: This book study group started meeting this past fall. You are still welcomed to join us as we discuss ideas in Love Wins, by Rob Bell and Erasing Hell, by Frances Chan and Preston Sprinkle. Contact Barb DeReus at 778-6546 or email at barbdereus@mchsi.com. The December gathering will be Tuesday, the 17th from 6:30-8:00 in the DeReus home at 1701 Whisper Lane in Mahomet. January's gathering will be skipped due to Grandma Barb helping daughter Molly after the birth of twin boys due early January.

Getting Ready to Deck The Halls: Volunteers are asked to please come to LCM on Saturday, November 30 at 10:00 AM to help prepare the Sanctuary for the Hanging of the Greens Service on December 1.

Christmas Cookie Exchange: On Saturday, December 14 will be a Christmas Cookie Exchange and Coffee at LCM at 10:00 a.m. Bring 2--3 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to share, and everyone will exchange and take away cookies as well as enjoy coffee, tea, cookies, and friendly conversation about Christmas treats and memories. Please plan to come!

Annual Garage Sale: All God's Children Preschool is hosting the annual garage sale January 25th 2014. Profits from this sale support classroom needs, the preschool scholarship fund and church playground improvements. We will begin accepting donations of children's clothing, toys and house wares after Christmas this year. We cannot accept electronics, exercise equipment, computers and monitors. If you have questions about an item for donation, please contact: Wendy Tomashek, AGC Preschool Director agcdirector@lcofm.org



Live Nativity: The Lutheran Church of Mahomet will hold their Live Nativity this year on December 8th, from 4:00-7:00 pm. Along with the live nativity will be fellowship activities including: Supper and Holiday dishes in the Fellowship Hall, Live Music and Caroling inside, Kids crafts to create and take home. Don't miss the show, invite your friends and dress warm to join in the cast of characters. The signup sheets will be posted in the Narthex, or see Pete Farm for more details. 217-202-1199, or peterfarm@yahoo.com.

Set up for the Live Nativity will be Saturday the November 30th at 1:00pm. We will need help setting up the stable and organizing the rest of the decorations, costumes and lights. Please save your gallon jugs to use as luminaries. If you have any questions, please contact Pete Farm at 217-202-1199, or peterfarm@yahoo.com

Crisis Nursery Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are needed for the Crisis Nursery Ministry Team. Our team covers volunteer shifts at Crisis Nursery every Saturday from 4-8 pm. We have had difficulty covering all our shifts and a few more volunteers would give us flexibility to respond to the needs each week. Volunteering at the Nursery is fun and rewarding. Please consider serving God in this way. For more information, contact Brenda Lindsey at htslindsey@mchsi.com.

Sampling of the Season: This year, Bridle Brook Adult Community located at 1505 Patton Drive, Mahomet, Il will be a location spot on the Mahomet Chamber's Annual *Sampling of the Season* event. This event will be taking place on Sunday, November 24th. The dietary team will delight your

taste buds with a variety of homemade soups and breads to warm you up on your journey through the Mahomet community at this amazing progressive meal event. For more information about the *Sampling of the Season* event, contact Theresa Berry at the Mahomet Chambers at 217-586-3165.

Poinsettias: It is that time of year to decorate our Church for the Advent and Christmas season! We will again be ordering poinsettias to brighten our Sanctuary. The cost is \$7.00 each. There is a sign-up sheet on the quad board in the Narthex. Please sign up by November 24th so we can have them in place by Sunday, December 1st. Make checks out to LCM and write poinsettias on the memo line.

Parish Nurse Installation: Please join us Sunday, November 24 during regular worship service for the installation of Barbara Buchanan as Parish Nurse.

Yard Sign Shuffle: On Sunday November 24, we will complete the first yard sign shuffle. Therefore, for those who did not take a new sign on November 17, please pick up a new sign from the Fellowship Hall after church on November 24. Please get a sign even if you did not submit an entry or pay for a sign. We want the signs to appear all over town, not repetitively in just in a few yards. Also, please position the signs close to the street so they can be easily seen by folks driving or walking by. If you have any questions, please call Bill Moehring at (312) 560-7044. Thanks.

Thank you: The LCM Staff would like to thank the children and teachers of AGC for the beautiful hand-made invitation to their Thanksgiving Program. Come to the Church Office to see it on display.

LCM Ladies Holiday Event! Ladies, please mark your calendars for Monday, December 9 for a holiday gathering. The event will be hosted at the home of Jen Scheele beginning at 6:00 PM. Participants are asked to bring either an appetizer or dessert, the beverage of your choice, a \$20 gift exchange, and non-perishable food items or a cash donation that will be given to Mahomet Helping Hands. A sign-up for the event will be available in the church narthex. It has been a fun year of getting together and sharing food, fellowship, and laughter. Special thanks to Fran Koller for spearheading these events. We hope to see as many LCM Ladies as possible the evening of December 9th! If you have any questions, please contact Susie Johnston.

Call Committee Mid-November Update: I Corinthians 15:58, *"Therefore my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you"*.

In September and October, Call Committee members met with a pastor candidate that they were very excited about and were hoping to be able to make a recommendation to Council for a possible Call to The Lutheran Church of Mahomet. Unfortunately that candidate elected to join another church in another state. The candidate wanted us to know that she was very impressed with our church and the Mahomet area and felt a strong pull to the possibilities, however, felt that God was leading her ministry, and her, in a different direction. Committee members understood and supported where she was coming from and firmly believe that her decision was not a negative reflection of LCM in any way. Following that disappointing news, we were excited to learn that the Synod had another candidate for our immediate consideration. We are pleased to share that the Call Committee has initiated an initial conversation with the candidate and additional discussions and site visits are being arranged. We continue to trust in the plan that God has for LCM and we ask for everyone's continued prayers and support. God knows our need and knows our anxious and waiting hearts. We ask that our family members continue to stand firm with that same trust; just as God stands firm with each one of us.

December Newsletter: With upcoming Holiday Rush it's easy to forget things so this is a very early reminder. Please have your December Newsletter articles in to the office by Friday, November 22, 2013.

Youth News

LOGOS: Theme for, tonight Wednesday, November 20 at 5:15 PM will be "Thanksgiving" – for Grades K – 6. The meal will be turkey.

Confirmation Class: will meet tonight at 5:45 PM. Wednesday, November 20

There will be no Confirmation Class or LOGOS Wednesday, November 27.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20

Wednesday, November 20

5:15 PM LOGOS
5:45 PM Confirmation Class

Thursday, November 21

6:30 PM Suite Inspirations
6:30 PM LCM Evangelism Meeting
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Sunday, November 24

Christ the King Sunday
Installation of Parish Nurse

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Sunday School

Monday, November 25

Monday Morning Ladies Sewing Day
6:00 PM Lion's Club

Tuesday, November 26

10:30 AM LCM Staff Meeting
6:30 PM Cub Scouts

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

November 24

December 1

ACOLYTES:

Callum Buchanan

Seth Buchanan

BREADMAKER:

Ruth Studley

Alicia Ekhoﬀ

ALTAR GUILD

Donna Lea
Theresa Edmonds

Elsbeth Hixon
Nancy Rosenbery

<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	--	Dia Nuesmeyer
<u>CELEBRATION LEADER</u>	Karla Washburn	--
<u>COMMUNION ASST:</u>	Alicia Ekhoﬀ	Barb LeGrant
<u>READER</u>	Cindy Erickson	--
<u>GREETERS</u>	Nancy Rosenbery	To Be Announced
<u>USHERS:</u>	Stewart Ekhoﬀ Family	To Be Announced
<u>SUNDAY SHEPHERD</u>	Gene Rinkel	Margaret Rinkel
<u>OFFERING COUNTERS</u>	David Alderks Scott Kingry Jon and Barb LeGrant	Stewart and Alicia Ekhoﬀ Dan and Cindy Ekhoﬀ
<u>FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:</u>	Witherell Family Koller Family	Congregational Life Committee

Volunteer Guideline Revisions: Please take a moment to make a note of the date you are assigned for the task of Greeter, Reader, Communion Assistant, Usher, Assisting Minister or Celebration Leader. An email reminder will be sent t weekly, along with a description of the volunteer task.

If you cannot perform your task on the designated time and date, please find a substitute and notify Linda or Marty Vogel at or lindasv101@gmail.com or by phone at 590-0093 not the Church Office. A list of individuals who perform these specific tasks can be found on the Volunteer List located on the quad board in the Narthex, or on the Church website at www.lcofm.org. Thank you for your assistance in performing these tasks by serving our Church.

CONGREGATIONAL INTERCESSIONS

Prayer List Guidelines: A prayer list's purpose is to rally special attention to particular people in need of prayer. The list will be divided into acute (immediate) or long term concerns.

Because this is a public list, you must ask permission before placing someone's name on the list (privacy law compliance). To be added, removed, or moved from one list to the other, contact the church office at 586-4786.

- Please provide first and last names.
- Death and birth announcements and praises of thanksgiving will be removed after 2 weeks.

Notices on the acute list will be removed after 4 weeks unless there is a request to continue.

Prayer lists are updated on Wednesdays, sent in the Wednesday email newsletters and posted on the quad board.

Acute Prayer Needs

Linda Vogel

Comfort and healing while recovering at home

Dennis Nuesmeyer

Successful treatment, guidance for physicians and relief from pain

Richard Johnson

Prayers for Healing and Recovery

Linda Buchanan

Health and Healing and Guidance for Physicians

Paul Reynolds

Comfort and healing while recovering at home

Jerry Reifsteck (brother of Mark Reifsteck)

Guidance for physicians and comfort and strength for his family

Eric Hommema (Son-in-Law of Karen and Allen Brucker)

Prayers for healing and recovery

Mary Jean "Jeannie" Edmonds (Grandmother of Chris Edmonds)

Comfort and strength for her caregivers and family recovery

Abigail Corrine Taylor (Daughter of Mandy and Ben Taylor send grand- daughter of Holmes Kimble and Great Grand-daughter of Hilda Pfiester)

Guidance for physicians and prayers for parents and family

Long-Term Prayer Concerns

Kelly Painter (Daughter of Georgia and Larry Isaacs)

Prayers for safe removal of steroids, and return to normal duties as wife and mother

Barb DeReus

Prayers for successful surgery and complete return to function after the 3+ months of physical therapy and freedom from pain

Connie Kaiser (relative of Tim & Brenda Lindsey)

Healing and awareness of the presence of God for Ms. Kaiser and her family

Bonnie Thompson (Wife of Don Thompson/ mother of Karen Kibler)

for comfort and healing

Jennifer Sweeney (Cousin of Karen Kibler)

for healing, strength, and peace.

David Brandenburg (Nephew of Nancy King)

for correct and successful treatment.

Ann Sanchse (Wife of Cousin of Dennis Nuesmeyer)

prayers for comfort and peace

How you can help

Here are agencies and groups organizing relief efforts to benefit those in Champaign County affected by Sunday's tornadoes and storms:

Several entities are collecting donated supplies:

— Employees at the Whitestar Home Health Agency in Danville this week are collecting supplies for storm victims in Gifford and Mellot, Ind., a small town in Fountain County. People can drop off items such as water, Gatorade, nonperishable food items, medical supplies, blankets, pillows, diapers, baby wipes and pet food at the agency, 108 N. Vermilion St., Danville, during regular business hours until Friday, said Darci Dreher, the agency's nursing supervisor.

— The Ogden-Royal fire department is hosting a donation drive for Gifford at the Ogden fire station through Friday from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Items being accepted include: kids' and adult clothing, baby supplies, blankets, toiletries, personal hygiene products, bottled water, nonperishable food, dog and cat food, first aid supplies, garbage bags and plastic totes. Donations will be delivered by firefighters on Saturday.

— The Ogden Rose Library, Ogden Village Hall and Prairieview-Ogden South will be accepting donations all week as well.

— The Paxton Record, 208 N. Market St. in Paxton, is serving as a collection site for donations of toiletries — including toothpaste, soap, hairbrushes, combs, toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, body wash, laundry soap, fabric softener, diapers and deodorant — along with gift cards, pet food, plywood, nails, screws and moving/packaging supplies. All of the items received will be brought to Gifford. Another drop-off site is at Shields Automart on West Ottawa Road next to Interstate 57 in Paxton. Among items needed are bottled water, canned goods, clothing, cleaning supplies and toiletries.

— The United Way of Champaign County is accepting bottled water between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. through Friday at its office at 404 W. Church St., C.

— The St. Joseph-Stanton Fire Protection District will be holding a donation drive for Gifford from 4:30 to 7 p.m. today at the fire station at 222 E. Warren St. The district is collecting clothing for kids and adults, coats, blankets, nonperishable food items, bottled water, baby items, toiletries, personal hygiene products, dog food, cat food, first aid supplies, over-the-counter medicines, garbage bags and plastic storage totes.

Monetary donations can be dropped off at the Gifford State Bank in St. Joseph at 107 W. Warren St.

— Grace Lutheran Church at 313 S. Prospect Ave., C, is collecting aid supplies for tornado victims in Gifford. Supplies will be delivered as early as possible and continue as needed and available. Examples of items needed: moving boxes and materials, plastic totes, blankets, towels, bar soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, toilet paper, nonperishable foods, bottled water, disposable gloves and masks for cleanup crews.

Let us know

Email details of relief efforts to us at news@news-gazette.com.

Other aid efforts include:

— The Illinois Knights Templar Home in Paxton has offered to house displaced Gifford residents temporarily, but the nursing home has not yet heard back from Gifford officials about whether that will happen.

— United Way staff members are working to help the Red Cross, said United Way President Sue Grey, and those who want to be added to the Red Cross' list of volunteers can call the United Way at 217-352-5151 to leave their names and numbers.

The United Way will also be collecting financial donations between 6 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in Champaign, behind WCIA in the 500 block of South Randolph Street. That money will be distributed to the United Way's nonprofit partners that will help with disaster relief, Grey said.

— Animal Clinic of Paxton is allowing residents to board their pets for as long as needed, said Dr. Kim Bunag, and by Monday afternoon, space there was filling up.

Crossroads Veterinary Clinic north of Urbana has agreed to board any animals the Paxton clinic doesn't have space for, and has also donated dog food to feed animals staying in Paxton.

While those who have lost their homes or can't stay there can often stay with family or in a hotel, it can be harder to find a space for pets, Bunag said. Volunteers have offered to walk dogs, as well; Bunag said.

Contact the clinic at 217-379-3800.

And William Schlunaker of Parrot Palace animal rescue in Georgetown said he can board birds of all shapes and sizes. Parrot Palace is a rescue licensed with the state's Department of Agriculture, Schlunaker said.

If you need to find a place for your bird, contact him at 217-799-3227.

— Families with ALS or any type of muscular dystrophy needing assistance are asked to call the MDA office at 217-351-1853.

— The Champaign County Chamber of Commerce has established an emergency relief grant program to help businesses in the Gifford area — and elsewhere in the county.

Businesses could use the money for building materials, labor costs associated with rebuilding and direct costs related to business operations. They could also use the grants to replace inventory, meet payroll, pay bills and buy new equipment such as computers, printers and office supplies.

"The size of the grants will be based on the amount we raise," said Laura Weis, the chamber president and CEO. "The goal is to start making the grants available as soon as next week."

Donations can be made payable to: Community Foundation of East Central Illinois, c/o Business Emergency Relief Grant Program, 307 W. University Ave., Champaign, IL 61820. Checks can also be dropped off at the chamber office, 303 W. Kirby Ave., C.

The News-Gazette

The Lutheran Church of Mahomet *invites you to join us this Christmas season.*



- Sunday, Dec 1: "Hanging of the Greens" Worship Service with *Mahomet-Seymour High School Madrigals* 9am
Wednesday, Dec 4: Chili Cook-off 5:45 pm, Advent Service 6:30 pm
Sunday, Dec 8: Live Nativity 4-7 pm ("Our Christmas Card to the Community")
Wednesday, Dec 11: Soup Supper 5:45 pm, Advent Service 6:30 pm
Sunday, Dec 15: "All is Well" Christmas Cantata program presented by the Chancel Choir 9 am
Wednesday, Dec 18: Soup Supper 5:45 pm, Advent Service 6:30 pm
Sunday, Dec 22: Children's Christmas Program, "The Most Wonderfulest Day" 9 am
Tuesday, Dec 24: Christmas Eve Services 6 pm and 10:30 pm
Wednesday, Dec 25: Christmas Day Worship 10 am
Tuesday, Dec 31: New Year's Eve Worship 6 pm, and Family Night following

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