

# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET

## WEEKLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

October 9, 2013

LCM Website: [lcofm.org](http://lcofm.org)

Phone: 217-586-4786

**Pastor's Hours:** Pastor Emil Blobaum will be in the office this week, Tuesday, October 8 and Thursday, October 10.

**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 push the doorbell at the North Entrance to be admitted.

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Notice is hereby given of a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 20, 2013, immediately following the service at approximately 10:00am to elect officers and chairpersons of the church council whose terms have expired and to consider the purchase of the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnals.**

These items require a majority vote of those members present and voting, and a current list of members eligible to vote will be available at the meeting. If you have any question about whether you are eligible to vote, please contact the church office or Sharon Yeakel at [sbyeakel@gmail.com](mailto:sbyeakel@gmail.com).

Please note, as constitutionally defined, "*Voting members shall be confirmed members. Such confirmed members shall have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding year.*" Therefore, voting members should have a record both of taking communion and making an individual contribution from January 1, 2012, forward. For the purpose of this congregational meeting, communion attendance must be recorded and contributions must be received no later than Sunday, October 13, 2013. Also in accordance with the constitution, voting by proxy or absentee ballot shall not be permitted.

**New Book Study:** We are excited (Barb and Steve DeReus) to again offer to host in our home "Sharing the Faith with Friends", a group which meets monthly to discuss Christianity books. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, October 22 (alternate date November 5 should we need to reschedule due to the birth of twin grandbabies due soon.) Let me know if you want to be added to our group (call Barb at 217-778-6546 or email at [barbdereus@mchsi.com](mailto:barbdereus@mchsi.com) .) Time will be after dinner, 6:30 – 8:00 in our home in Mahomet. The first discussion will be on comparing/contrasting concepts of heaven and hell according to Pastor Rob Bell in his book, Love Wins (read first please) and Pastor Frances Chan and Dr. Preston Sprinkle's book Erasing Hell. These books should offer a lively discussion. Books are available at Barnes and Noble or through Amazon.

**Revitalizing Your Congregation:** Meeting will be held at LCM at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, October 29.

**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 Kingry. 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."

### **YARD SIGN CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS!!**

I want to thank all those who submitted entries into our "I go to church because..." yard sign contest! We ended up with 62 entries. Last week we wrapped up the contest, selected the winners, and ordered 21 different signs. When they arrive, they will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall. So far, we have commitments to "buy" about 12 of the signs. Remember, you can buy a sign even if you did not enter the contest or do not want to display a sign AND you can display a sign even if you don't buy one. The signs are \$20 each; please mark "yard sign" in the memo entry of your checks. Every two weeks, we'll have a "sign shuffle" at church to get the signs moved around the community to increase the general awareness of LCM. Thanks to all who helped in this effort.

Bill Moehring  
(312) 560-7044



**October 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](mailto:htslindsey@mchsi.com).



**God's Work, Our Hands:** In celebration of ELCA's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday, we are having a Fall Help Day. Our plan is to reach out to members of both our congregation and our community to help by offering to rake leaves. We need your input identifying who to help. We also need you and your rake (feel free to invite friends!) We plan on two days for 3 hours, and will adjust depending on the number of worksites and the number of crewmembers we have helping.

To coincide with Village leaf pickup dates, we've chosen the weekend of **October 19-20 (Saturday 9:00-12:00, Sunday 12:00-3:00)**. We will meet at LCM, divide into groups and head out to the homes.

**Who can we help?** A hand-full from our congregation have been suggested and we welcome more. We ask that you also think of friends and neighbors who may need help with raking their leaves. Please get their permission for us to come to their home. **Will you help?** We'll need many of our hands to do God's work. Please contact Pat Moehring (217-586-7036/email [noel1954@yahoo.com](mailto:noel1954@yahoo.com)) or Pete Farm (217-202-1199/email [peterfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:peterfarm@yahoo.com))

## Youth News



**LOGOS:** Theme for, tonight Wednesday, October 9 at 5:15 PM will be "Under Construction" – for Grades K – 6. The meal will be a potato bar.

**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 at 586-4786 today if you would be willing to help in any way: candy donations, kitchen help, decorating a vehicle, or help with traffic.

**Confirmation Class:** will meet at 5:45 PM. Wednesday, October 9.

**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9**

**Wednesday, October 9**

5:15 PM LOGOS  
5:45 PM Confirmation Class

**Thursday, October 10**

6:30 PM Suite Inspirations  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

**Sunday, October 13**

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

**Monday, October 14**

Monday Morning Ladies Sewing Day

**Tuesday, October 15**

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



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Wednesday,

October 30<sup>th</sup>

6:30-7:30 pm

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## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	<u>October 13</u>	<u>October 20</u>
<u>ACOLYTES:</u>	Chatman Edmonds	Kylie Fuoss
<u>BREADMAKER:</u>	Karen Kibler	Karen Kibler
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Barb LeGrant Nancy Rosenbery	Barb LeGrant Nancy Rosenbery
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	Alex Paul	Mark Reifsteck
<u>CELEBRATION LEADER</u>		-
<u>COMMUNION ASST:</u>	LuAnn Robberstad	Marty Vogel
<u>READER</u>	Theresa Edmonds	Sheila Kingry
<u>GREETERS</u>	Chris Edmonds Family	Pete Farm Family
<u>USHERS:</u>	Andy Sheele Family	Tim Koller Family
<u>SUNDAY SHEPHERD</u>	Stewart Ekhoﬀ	Pete Farm
<u>OFFERING COUNTERS:</u>	Sherri Reifsteck Sharon Yeakel Susie Johnston	Scott Kingry Chris and Theresa Edmonds
<u>FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:</u>	Holly Fuoss and Sean Roberts Family and the Nuesmeyers	Ekhoﬀ Family Taylor Family

**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](mailto: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](http://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

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<b>Linda Vogel</b>	Comfort and healing while recovering at home
<b>Dennis Nuesmeyer</b>	Successful treatment, guidance for physicians and relief from pain
<b>Jonathan Novitski</b> (grandson of Kat Downs)	Guidance for Physicians and comfort and strength for his mother and father and siblings
<b>Luke Vaughn</b>	prayers for renewal Healing and strength of mind for the medical staff and his family
<b>Lucille Ferguson</b> (Mother of Sharon Taylor)	Comfort and healing and guidance for physicians
<b>Paul Reynolds</b>	Comfort and healing while recovering at home
<b>Eric Hommema</b> (Son-in-Law of Karen and Allen Brucker)	Prayers for healing and recovery
<b>Elmer Burgett</b> (Uncle of Stewart Ekhoft)	Comfort and strength for his wife and family
<b>Ruth Dunaway</b> (Mother of Nancy Rosenbery)	Comfort and relief from pain and peace and strength for the family

### Long-Term Prayer Concerns

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<b>Kelly Painter</b> (Daughter of Georgia and Larry Isaacs)	Prayers for safe removal of steroids, and return to normal duties as wife and mother
<b>Barb DeReus</b>	Prayers for successful surgery and complete return to function after the 3+ months of physical therapy and freedom from pain
<b>Connie Kaiser</b> (relative of Tim & Brenda Lindsey)	Healing and awareness of the presence of God for Ms. Kaiser and her family
<b>Bonnie Thompson</b> (Wife of Don Thompson/ mother of Karen Kibler)	for comfort and healing
<b>Jennifer Sweeney</b> (Cousin of Karen Kibler)	for healing, strength, and peace.
<b>David Brandenburg</b> (Nephew of Nancy King)	for correct and successful treatment.
<b>Ann Sanchse</b> (Wife of Cousin of Dennis Nuesmeyer)	prayers for comfort and peace

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