

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET

WEEKLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

October 16, 2013

LCM Website: lcofm.org

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Pastor's Hours: Pastor Vic Baderschneider will be in the office this week, Tuesday, October 15 and Thursday, October 17.

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.

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.

Missing Basket: If anyone knows the whereabouts of the basket which holds the children's activity bags which was located at the North door of the Narthex, please let us know or return it to the church. It is made of wicker and is oval shaped. Its return will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Fall Ladies Night Out Adventure! Ladies, please mark your calendars for Monday, October 28 beginning at 6:00 PM for the Fall Ladies Night Out Adventure! We will meet at the new Minneci's at the Crossing (Italian cuisine) located at 2501 Village Green, Champaign (217-366-9225). Minneci's at the Crossing is in the same business district as Billy Barooz's and Jupiter's Pizza. We will enjoy good food, good beverages, and good company. We will also discuss ideas for a holiday event! Please RSVP to Susie Johnston at johnstsu@champaignschools.org or Denise Dalton daldalton@illinois.edu so appropriate seating arrangements can be made. See you then!

New Book Study: We, Barb and Steve DeReus, are excited 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 .) 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.

Council Positions: Church council positions up for election on October 20, 2013, with two-year terms beginning in January of 2014 are: President, Financial Secretary, Building and Grounds Chairperson, Evangelism Chairperson, Stewardship Chairperson, and Youth Chairperson. Nominations for the positions of President, Financial Secretary, Building and Grounds, Evangelism, and Stewardship have been obtained. If you would be interested in serving as the Youth Chairperson, please contact a member of the nominating committee: Brenda Lindsey, Kelly Strode, Larry Gibson, Pam Atwood, or Scott Kingry. Also, if you are contacted by a member of the nominating committee about serving, 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."

REBUILDING OUR CONGREGATION!

The Lutheran Church of Mahomet family has a lot for which to be thankful! We have a vibrant, loving congregation, dedicated leadership, and two wonderful pastors. LCM is an inviting place where people can build great relationships with great people. But, while we have weathered the storm for the past few years, it seems that many of our ongoing challenges are related to not having enough active members. We see this in periodic shortages of volunteers, potential burn-out of church leaders, shortage of SS teachers, lack of participants needed to make our youth and adult education programs vibrant, etc. **Thus, we need your help and participation to re-build the church in order be responsive to the needs of our church family and maintain the activities and programs that we are accustomed to at LCM. Every church, if it is to be healthy and thrive, must grow its ranks by attracting new members to replace those who move, die, or stop attending for whatever reason.**

This is the perfect time of year for us to be inviting people to our church. Some suggested ways of doing this are:

- **Increased community awareness of LCM:** First, we should continue our efforts to increase the general awareness of LCM in the community. Our Festival booth, the yard signs, newspaper advertising, and the Live Nativity are all intended to increase that awareness. These efforts are a key part of our "being out in the community", along with more visible community assistance efforts like leaf raking, serving the Candlewood lunches, hosting outside groups like Cub Scouts and Lions Club, and assisting Mahomet Helping Hands, Salt & Light, and the Crisis Nursery.

- **Talk up LCM at every chance:** Secondly, we should all think in terms of frequently talking to people about LCM and the worship experience through which we are blessed every Sunday. Let people know where you go to church and how much and why you enjoy it. Be positive--talk up LOGOS, talk up fellowship, talk up the puppet shows, talk up the chili cook-off, talk up Gals/Guys Nights Out, talk up All God's Children preschool. These discussions could also include comments about our upcoming Christmas season services for the Madrigals and Hanging of the Greens. The Christmas season is a very joyous and exciting time at LCM, making it easy to show others our excitement for the upcoming holiday season.
- **Invite friends and neighbors to LCM:** Thirdly, I'd like to ask each of you to invite at least one friend or neighbor to come to church as your guest over the next month or two—sooner the better. Then, you can re-invite them when we get our new pastor or for various Christmas season services. **This is a very important part of our overall new member efforts.** Preferably, these will be folks without a current church family, but not necessarily. It might take inviting several people to get one to come. However, it is my feeling that when we welcome our guests with open arms, we will have a good chance of them becoming LCM members over time. Think of how many of you are members as a result of being invited as a guest of a member. I'm certainly in that group.
- **Invite inactive members to worship:** Finally, if you are aware of members who we haven't seen in a while, please either reach out to them yourself or let the Pastors or a Council member know the inactive member that you're thinking about and praying for.

Now is the time to grow our church—not tomorrow! We should not delay until we have a new pastor. It is primarily the congregation's job to re-build the congregation, not the pastor's. **We all have a responsibility to spread the gospel by growing our flock.** We can't just sit back and wait for people to magically find us--we need to proactively reach out to expand our ranks. We can do it!

Thanks for listening.
Bill Moehring, Council President

Bill Moehring
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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. Members of the group are: Rosemary Armbruster, Dorothy Blair, Karen Boulanger, Gayanne Carpenter, Martha Ehrsam, Kay Elmer, Carol Knight, JoAnn Rupert, Ruth Studley, Betty Sabato, Donna Starkey, Delores Witherell, Kinzy Buhman, Lorraine Eads-Schantz, Mary Kay Ellis, Marilyn Feigl, Charlotte Hitchins, Fran Koller, Mary Ellen Lawler, Janie Magyar, Ruth Morin, Sally Roth, Patti Sapp, Penny Thompson, and Jean Vogen 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. We especially wish to thank the men who helped with Jim Hitchins and Tim Koller who pick up apple boxes (from the local IGA) and delivers them to our storage room.

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.



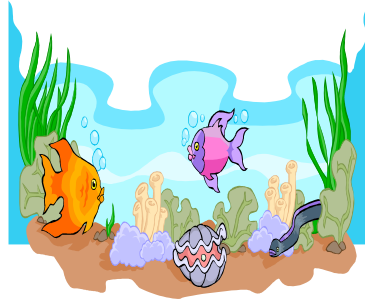
God's Work, Our Hands: In celebration of ELCA's 25th birthday, we are having a Fall Help Day. Our plan is to reach out to members of both our congregation and our community to help by offering to rake leaves. We need your input identifying who to help. We also need you and your rake (feel free to invite 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) or Pete Farm (217-202-1199/email peterfarm@yahoo.com)

Youth News

Thrivent Members: The annual Thrivent Financial Election meeting and luncheon will be held at 1pm on Sunday, November 17th at the Hilton Garden Inn Conference Center located at 1501 South Neil Street in Champaign. Families are invited to this free meal to learn more about the projects Thrivent has sponsored in 2013. RSVP to Richard Craig, at 217-359-9230 or richard.craig@thrivent.com by November 8th. Registration begins at 12:30pm and the dinner begins at 1pm.



LOGOS: Theme for, tonight Wednesday, October 16 at 5:15 PM will be “Under the Sea” – for Grades K – 6. The meal will be Fish Sticks.

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 16

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 16

Wednesday, October 16

5:15 PM LOGOS
5:45 PM Confirmation Class

Thursday, October 17

6:30 PM Evangelism Comm. Mtg.
6:30 PM Suite Inspirations
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Friday, October 18

November News Items due in Office

Sunday, October 20

LWR (Quilt) Sunday
Congregational Meeting

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:00 AM Fellowship
10:30 AM Sunday School
Congregational Meeting Following Service

Monday, October 21

Monday Morning Ladies Sewing Day

715 PM Bible Study at Hilda Pfiester's

Tuesday, October 22

8:00 AM LCM Staff Meeting

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

7:00 PM LCM Quarterly Website Review



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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

October 20

October 27, 2013

ACOLYTES:

Kylie Fuoss

Gretchen Scheele

BREADMAKER:

Karen Kibler

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ALTAR GUILD

Barb LeGrant
Nancy Rosenbery

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ASSISTING MINISTER

Alex Paul

CELEBRATION LEADER

Karla Washburn

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COMMUNION ASST:

Marty Vogel

Fran Koller

<u>READER</u>	Sheila Kingry	Kelly Strode
<u>GREETERS</u>	Pete Farm Family	Scott Kingry Family
<u>USHERS:</u>	John Sapp Family	Jon LeGrant Family
<u>SUNDAY SHEPHERD</u>	Pete Farm	Cindy Erickson
<u>OFFERING COUNTERS:</u>	Scott Kingry Chris and Theresa Edmonds	David Alderks, Scott Kingry Jon and Barb LeGrant
<u>FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:</u>	Ekhoff Family Taylor Family	Dalton Family Brian Dahlke

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.

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