

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET

WEEKLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

September 11, 2013

LCM Website: lcofm.org

Phone: 217-586-4786

Pastor's Hours: Pastor Emil Blobaum will be in the office this week, Tuesday, September 10 and Thursday, September 12.

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

E-Mail Address Updates Requested: If you know of someone who hasn't been receiving the weekly e-mail newsletters and e-mail special alerts (and would like to), please send their email address to the church office at lcmoffice@lcofm.org with the subject "Add e-mail" or ask them to send it or to phone 217-586-4786. We are working hard to get the membership information updated and with Larry Gibson's cooperation, we hope to update our e-mail mailing list as well.

Congratulations: God's Blessings on their journey in marriage are extended to Tara Robberstad and Brandon Cash who were married on Saturday, September 7.

Education Program and Lunch: Members from the Champaign County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans invite you to join them and learn about "Praying with Others" at an Educational Program and Lunch, Sunday, September 29, 2013 from 12:15 to 2:00 PM at American Lutheran Church in Rantoul, 500 Church Drive, just off of Route 45 heading north. The workshop is free and lunch is included, however participants are asked to bring a bag of men's size white socks which will be distributed directly to homeless men or a cash donation. Please R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, September 24 to the church office at 217-893-4550 or by contacting Richard Craig at 217-359-9230 or by email to richardcraig@thrivent.com. For more information, please see the notice posted on the quadboard or contact Wyatt Scheiding at 217-341-6302 or wscheiding@gmail.com.

Help Wanted: Part time Administrative Assistant needed for Lutheran Campus Ministry at UIUC. To apply please contact Pastor Elaine K. Olson at 217-344-1593 or email: lutherancampuscenter@gmail.com. For more information, please see notice posted on the quadboard.

A Fall Enrichment Weekend for Married Couples! The greatest gift you can give each other is the gift of your time and attention when you attend the October 11 - 13 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend in Peoria, IL. You'll communicate on a deeper level, rekindle your romance, and renew your commitment to each other. For more information or to apply, visit GodLovesMarriage.org, or contact Dan & Charlotte Ricks at dclme1094@comcast.net or 309-682-7273. Apply before September 11 to ensure your reservation - it's a Weekend you won't forget! See Attachment for more information.

Nominating Committee: Along with council members, Brenda Lindsey, Kelly Strode and Larry Gibson, three congregational members are needed to serve on the nominating committee to find nominees for open positions on the Church Council. This is a short-term commitment that would begin in September and be completed in October. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Bill Moehring at 312-560-7044 or 217-586-7036 or by e-mail to

billmoehring@yahoo.com or contact Sherri Reifsteck at 217-898-2268 or 217-586-2268 or by e-mail to mrsr1974@mchsi.com.

Council Positions: The church council positions up for election with two-year terms beginning in January of 2014 are: President, Financial Secretary, Building and Grounds, Evangelism, Stewardship, and Youth. If you would be interested in serving in one of these council positions, please contact Brenda Lindsey at 217-841-5009 or 217-586-3463 or by e-mail to htslindsey@mchsi.com, Kelly Strode at 217-898-001 or 217-586-6365 or by e-mail to kstrode@yahoo.com, or Larry Gibson at 217-493-1547 or by e-mail to lpgibson.gcs@gmail.com, who are the council members currently on the nominating committee.

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." Please prayerfully consider if the gifts you have been blessed with can be used by serving your congregational family in one of these positions.

VA Illiana Health Care Training: The VA Illiana Health Care System is offering training on ways our church can help to meet the needs of Veterans in our community. The training will include information on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Mental Health, Suicide Prevention, Substance Abuse, and other subjects. In addition to these topics, information will be provided on eligibility for benefits, job opportunities and other programs offered through the VA. The training is free and will be held September 19, 2013 from 8-3 at Parkland College. If you are interested in attending the training, please contact Brenda Lindsey at htslindsey@mchsi.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.

Support Needed for Couple: Dennis Nuesmeyer is in a rehabilitation center at the present time. Evening meals are not needed for the Nuesmeyers at this time but your prayers and offers of support are greatly appreciated.

25th Anniversary for ELCA: We, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) celebrate our 25th anniversary in 2013. For 25 years, the ELCA has been a church deeply rooted in faith, and in sharing its passion for making positive changes in the world. Our 25th anniversary theme is "**Always being made New**". The theme for this anniversary year comes from 2 Corinthians 5:17: "**So if anyone is in Christ, there is new creation; everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!**"

We, the people of LCM are involved in ministry in welcoming people and in making our community a better place. We reach out a hand of love to others inviting them to share Christ with us and to know God's love. We are hoping that sometime in this year we can set aside a special "God's Work, Our hands Sunday." That on that Sunday we can do something special for our community as a part of our celebrating our ELCA 25th anniversary. We invite your thoughts and suggestions.

LCM to Host East Central Illinois Conference for Professional Leaders: Area Professional Leaders will be meeting at LCM on September 17 from 9:30 AM to Noon. The regular LCM Staff Meeting will be moved up to 8:30 AM from 10:30 AM this day only.

Don't Miss This: Guest Speaker, Nathan Montgomery from Salt and Light will be addressing the congregation at the services on Sunday, September 22.

Youth News

- If you have any questions about Youth Programs and Activities, call, text or email Alicia Ekhoﬀ: (217) 649-8472 / ekhoffal@gmail.com

LOGOS: Will begin tonight, Wednesday, September 11 for Grades K – 6.

Confirmation Classes: will begin tonight, Wednesday, September 11 at 5:45 PM.

Guy's Night Out

Monday, October 7th at 6:30PM.

Guy's Night Out will be held down stairs at JT Walkers on Main Street in Mahomet. Theology and beer will be the topics. All are welcome to join us at JT Walkers. For more information contact Pete Farm at 217-202-1199

If you would like to be added to the Guy's Night Out Email List, please send your contact information to petertfarm@yahoo.com

OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11

Wednesday, September 11

6:00 PM LOGOS Family Night
5:45 PM Confirmation

Thursday, September 12

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

Sunday, September 15

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

Monday, September 16

WELCA Sew Day
7:00 PM Council Meeting
7:15 PM Bible Study at Hilda Pfiester's

Tuesday, September 17

8:30 AM LCM Staff Meeting
9:30 AM East Central Illinois Conference for Leaders

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	<u>September 15</u>	<u>September 22</u>
<u>ACOLYTES:</u>	Isabelle Farm	Callum Buchanan
<u>BREADMAKER:</u>	Amy McDonald	Amy McDonald
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Patti Sapp Ruth Studley	Patti Sapp Ruth Studley
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	Dia Nuesmeyer	Mark Reifsteck -
<u>CELEBRATION LEADER</u>	-	-
<u>COMMUNION ASST:</u>	Laura Bottorff	Jon LeGrant
<u>GREETERS:</u>	Shannon Cheek Family	Charlotte Hitchins
<u>READER:</u>	Sherri Reifsteck	John Bottorff
<u>USHERS:</u>	Rolf Vogen Family	Pete Farm Family
<u>SUNDAY SHEPHERD</u>	Mark Dalton	Chris Edmonds
<u>OFFERING COUNTERS:</u>	Scott Kingry Chris and Theresa Edmonds	David Alderks Scott Kingry Jon and Barb LeGrant
<u>FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:</u>	Ade Family Kolopanis Family	Scheele Family Cravens 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 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.

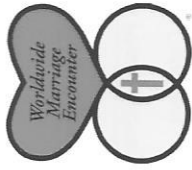
Acute Prayer Needs

Linda Vogel	Comfort and healing while recovering at home
Dennis Nuesmeyer	Successful treatment, guidance for physicians and relief from pain
Barb DeReus	Prayers for successful surgery and complete return to function after the 3+ months of physical therapy and freedom from pain
Paul Reynolds	Comfort and healing while recovering at home
Eric Hommema (Son-in-Law of Karen and Allen Brucker)	Prayers for healing and recovery
Marian Zick (Mother of Laura Bottorff)	Prayers for God's mercy and help for planning and good attitudes

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
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

*The communication
in our marriage
is better than it has
ever been!*



Whether you've been married only a few years or for decades, communication is the key to keeping your love relationship vibrant and strong. A Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend can give you the right "tools" to make your marriage all that it can be! Improve your communication skills. Rekindle your romance. Renew your commitment to each other. Rediscover intimacy and joy.

Get more information or register online at
GodLovesMarriage.org



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on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend!



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Who can attend?

- A man and woman who are married to each other, regardless of their religious beliefs. There is no attempt to encourage anyone to adopt Christian beliefs.
- Being married at least 2 years will help you receive the maximum benefit.

What happens?

- A Marriage Encounter Weekend consists of:
- A series of talks focused on various aspects of a marriage relationship presented in a conference room by Weekend leadership couples, including a clergy person and spouse.
 - The program progresses from 8:00 pm Friday through 4:30 pm Sunday, so it's important to attend the entire Weekend to receive its full benefit.

What about our privacy?

- You will listen to talks along with other couples attending the Weekend.
- After each talk, the two of you will return to your hotel room alone to privately share your thoughts and feelings about each topic.
- You are never required to openly share with the group.



How do we apply?

You can apply for a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend in two convenient ways:

- Online application at GodLovesMarriage.org.
 - Complete the application at right and mail it with your payment to the address below.
- When your application and \$45.00 fee are received and accepted, you will:
- Be notified that you are registered for the requested Weekend.
 - Receive additional information, including the location and what to bring to your Weekend.

What's the cost?

- An application fee of \$45.00 per couple is required when you submit your application.
- This fee can be transferred to a different Weekend if you are unable to attend the Weekend you originally request.
- Toward the end of your Weekend, you are given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of Marriage Encounter through the Lutheran Expression.



Apply now!

Preferred Weekend Date	City/State
His Name (First/Last)	
Her Name (First/Last)	
Mailing Address	
City/State or Province	Zip or Postal Code
Home Phone	
His Cell Phone & Email	
Her Cell Phone & Email	
Wedding Date/Year	
His Church Name/City	
Her Church Name/City	
Special Diet/Medical Needs	
How did you hear about Lutheran Marriage Encounter?	
Are you clergy? _____	
Method of Payment (\$45 Application Fee)	
_____ Check payable to "Lutheran Marriage Encounter"	
_____ VISA _____ MasterCard	
_____ Exp Date _____ 3-Digit Code	
Credit Card No. _____	

Print your name as it appears on credit card

Signature _____

Mail this form with your payment to:

Dan & Charlotte Ricks
 1220 W. Gift Ave
 Peoria IL 61604
 309-682-7273

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