

# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET

## WEEKLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

September 18, 2013

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

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**Pastor's Hours:** Pastor Emil Blobaum will be in the office this week, Tuesday, September 17 and Thursday, September 19.

**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 button at the front door to be admitted.

**Don't Miss This:** Guest Speaker, Nathan Montgomery, Executive Director of Salt and Light Ministry in Champaign, IL will be addressing the congregation at the services on Sunday, September 22. Salt and Light is a ministry which provides food and other resources to families in need. The ministry took its name from Matthew 5:13-14: <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Salt and Light Ministry has been giving out food and fulfilling other needs both physical and spiritual to local families at or below the poverty level since 2004.

**New Puppet Stage!** Special thanks to Marty Vogel for making a new wood structure puppet stage to replace the old one that was retired! Marty graciously volunteered to design, purchase materials, and provide the labor for the stage. The stage was christened by Chadder the Chipmunk and the children of the 2013 Vacation Bible School program. Chadder and his puppet friends have plans to make regular appearances in the months ahead. Thanks to Marty for volunteering his handiwork and supporting this ministry!

**Guy's Night Out:** will be held down stairs at JT Walkers on Main Street in Mahomet, Monday, October 7th at 6:30PM.. 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](mailto:petertfarm@yahoo.com)

**Mid September Call Process Update:** On Sunday, September 15 Pastor Blobaum gave his sermon on the account of the shepherd leaving his flock to search for the one lost sheep. He spoke that at times we can all feel lost. During these times it is our normal reaction to “keep moving” in hopes of finding where we might be going . . . other times, it might be best for us to “stay put”. As Pastor Blobaum spoke, I related his message to our ongoing process in seeking a permanent pastor for our family. In my heart, I felt a bit like the lost sheep waiting for the Shepherd to find us. For me, I concluded that though we might have the normal reaction to “keep moving” in hopes of finding where we are going, in this circumstance we are best to “stay put”. Yes, we are anxious. Yes, we would have liked to have had a new pastor in place by this time. But, the true Shepherd knows our need. He is searching for the one that can lead our flock. If we move too quickly, the one may not find us. We must “stay put” and continue to have faith and trust in God’s plans for The Lutheran Church of Mahomet. That’s my plan. I hope we can share it together.

The Call Committee has had an initial interview with a pastor candidate and the interview went very well. The candidate has accepted our invitation to return in the next couple of weeks and we remain positive about the process. God calls us to be active participants in seeking him out. Please continue to keep this process, the call committee members and the candidate in your daily prayers. God has a plan for LCM. We will stay put. And THEN, we will rejoice in being found. Thanks, Susie Johnston/Call Committee Chair

**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](mailto: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.

**WELCA News:** LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SUNDAY (formerly Blanket Sunday) will be on Sunday, October 20. Quilts for Lutheran World Relief are much more preferred than blankets. For QUILT SUNDAY, the WELCA Quilting group will put quilts on display in the Sanctuary. On Monday the quilts will be packed. The women will then take the quilts and kits assembled for Lutheran World Relief to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on South Prospect in Champaign on October 25 for pick up. Rather than donating blankets, members of the church may choose to donate money to help with the cost of shipping, postage and other expenses incurred for transporting these gifts to Minneapolis. An offering basket for this purpose will be available after worship on Lutheran World Relief Sunday.

**“I go to church because...” Yard Signs**

**WE ARE TRYING TO WRAP UP OUR YARD SIGN CAMPAIGN, BUT WE NEED MORE ENTRIES!!!! PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES AS DESCRIBED BELOW BY SEPTEMBER 29. THERE ARE ENTRY FORMS ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.**

We are hopeful that our yard sign campaign will create general awareness of LCM in the community through a series of thought-provoking, attention-grabbing messages. Besides being informational, we are striving for **creative signs that jump out from the crowd and cause people to say--"Hey, that church sounds interesting. Let's go check them out."**

**So here’s where the fun comes in. Over the next month, we’re going to have a contest to come up with the “Top 20” statements to complete this sentence: "I go to church because..." The completion statements would hopefully be attention-getting, perhaps plays on words, and perhaps provocative. Examples might be:**

...they don't talk about God like this on the radio.

...I found a place that accepts and affirms me.

...I get to sing in public.

...I need salvation now.

...to remember whose and who I am.

We're planning to purchase 20 **different** signs and rotate their location around town every two weeks. **We think we can really have some fun with this and also create additional awareness of LCM in the community.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:wscheiding@gmail.com).

**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](http://GodLovesMarriage.org), or contact Dan & Charlotte Ricks at [dcr1me1094@comcast.net](mailto:dcr1me1094@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](mailto:billmoehring@yahoo.com) or contact Sherri Reifsteck at 217-898-2268 or 217-586-2268 or by e-mail to [mrsr1974@mchsi.com](mailto: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](mailto:htslindsey@mchsi.com), Kelly Strode at 217-898-001 or 217-586-6365 or by e-mail to [kstrode@yahoo.com](mailto:kstrode@yahoo.com), or Larry Gibson at 217-493-1547 or by e-mail to [lpigibson.gcs@gmail.com](mailto:lpigibson.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.

**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).

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for ELCA:** We, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We invite your thoughts and suggestions.

### **Youth News**

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

**LOGOS:** Theme for, tonight Wednesday, September 18 at 5:15 PM will be Homecoming – Orange and Blue for Grades K – 6. The meal will be nachos with taco meat.

**Confirmation Class:** Wednesday, September 18 at 5:45 PM.

### **EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11**

**Wednesday, September 18**

5:15 PM LOGOS  
5:45 PM Confirmation

**Thursday, September 19**

6:30 PM Evangelism

**Friday, Sept3ember 20**

October Newsletter articles due in Church Office

**Saturday, September 21**

Hanslow Bridal Shower

**Sunday, September 22**

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

**Monday, September 23**

WELCA Sew Day  
6:00 PM Lion’s Club

**Tuesday, September 24**

10:30 AM LCM Staff Meeting

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	<u>September 22</u>	<u>September 29</u>
<u>ACOLYTES:</u>	Callum Buchanan	Seth Buchanan
<u>BREADMAKER:</u>	Amy McDonald	Amy McDonald
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Patti Sapp Ruth Studley	Patti Sapp Ruth Studley
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	Mark Reifsteck	-
<u>CELEBRATION LEADER</u>	-	Marty Vogel
<u>COMMUNION ASST:</u>	Jon LeGrant	Mark Reifsteck
<u>GREETERS:</u>	Charlotte Hitchins	Donna Lea
<u>READER:</u>	John Bottorff	Pam Atwood
<u>USHERS:</u>	Pete Farm Family	Cory Mitchell Family
<u>SUNDAY SHEPHERD</u>	Chris Edmonds	Larry Gibson
<u>OFFERING COUNTERS:</u>	David Alderks Scott Kingry Jon and Barb LeGrant	Scott Kingry Chris and Theresa Edmonds
<u>FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:</u>	Scheele Family	McDonald Family King 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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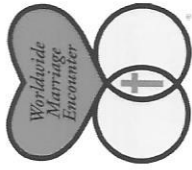
<b>Linda Vogel</b>	Comfort and healing while recovering at home
<b>Dennis Nuesmeyer</b>	Successful treatment, guidance for physicians and relief from pain
<b>Barb DeReus</b>	Prayers for successful surgery and complete return to function after the 3+ months of physical therapy and freedom from pain
<b>Jonathan 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>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>Marian Zick</b> (Mother of Laura Bottorff)	Prayers for God's mercy and help for planning and good attitudes
<b>Elmer Burgett</b> (Uncle of Stewart Ekhoft)	Comfort and strength for his wife and 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>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


*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](http://GodLovesMarriage.org)

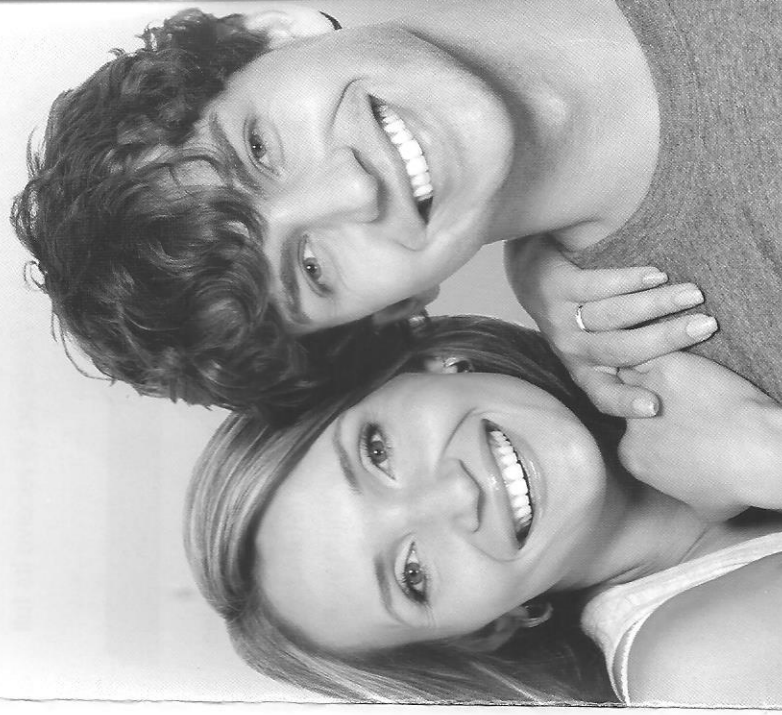


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refresh  
re-energize &  
reconnect

on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend!

WEDNESDAY, 10/27/10  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



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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](http://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	
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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