

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET

WEEKLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

September 25, 2013

LCM Website: lcofm.org

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Pastor's Hours: Pastor Emil Blobaum will be in the office this week, Tuesday, September 24 and Thursday, September 26.

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.

Power Outage at LCM: There will be a brief power outage at LCM and AGC tomorrow from 7:30 AM to 8:00 AM Thursday, September 26 while Ameren services the lines.

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 peterfarm@yahoo.com

BBQ Luncheon and Fall Festival: Please come join the ladies of Zion Lutheran Church in Philo, IL located at, 101 E. Van Buren Street, for a BBQ lunch in the church basement Saturday, Sept. 28 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Village of Philo will be having several village wide garage sales and other festivities and the lunch is a great way to take a break and enjoy excellent food while visiting the "Center of the Universe". This is Randa's home church and she can guarantee that the food is always excellent.

All God's Children is Off to Wonderful Start: Thank you church family for your prayerful support. All God's Children is having another wonderful start to the school year. We are currently full to capacity with a waiting list to join the program. Please keep our 80 students and four staff members in your prayers this year.

Our next Board Meeting will be Monday, September 30 at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room. If any church members would like to participate, you are welcome. Blessings Wendy Tomashek, agcdirector@lcofm.org.

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

Congratulations: God’s Blessings and good wishes are extended to Rolf and Jean Vogen on the celebration of their 66th Wedding Anniversary. Rolf and Jean were married September 27, 1947.

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.

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: The church council positions up for election in October with two-year terms beginning in January of 2014 are: President, Financial Secretary, Building and Grounds Chairperson, Evangelism Chairperson, Stewardship Chairperson, and Youth Chairperson. Nominees 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."

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. 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.

ELCA Leadership: Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will be installed as presiding bishop of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) on October 5 at 2:00 p.m. at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. Her first day in office will be November 1, 2013. We give thanks to God for Retiring Bishop Mark Hanson and the leadership he has given to the church for the past 12 years that he served as ELCA Bishop.

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.

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.

Youth News

Thrivent Fellowship Event: This Sunday, September 29th Thrivent is hosting a Jr/Sr High Youth Fellowship Event at the U of I Union Rec Room from 4pm - 6pm. The event is FREE and includes, bowling, billiard, arcades, pizza, t-shirts and prizes. If your Jr/Sr High Youth is interested in going, please email Alicia Ekhoﬀ at aekhoﬀ@hotmail.com or ekhoﬀal@gmail.com by Thursday so transportation from the church can be arranged. If you are able to provide transportation, please also contact Alicia Ekhoﬀ: (217) 649-8472 / ekhoﬀal@gmail.com

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

LOGOS: Theme for, tonight Wednesday, September 25 at 5:15 PM will be Down on the Farm – for Grades K – 6. The meal will be scrambled eggs and pancakes.

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: Wednesday, September 25 at 5:45 PM.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25

Wednesday, September 25

5:15 PM LOGOS
5:45 PM Confirmation

Thursday, September 26

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

Sunday, September 29

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

Monday, September 30

Quilt Sew Day

Tuesday, October 1

10:30 AM LCM Staff Meeting



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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	<u>September 29</u>	<u>October 6</u>
<u>ACOLYTES:</u>	Seth Buchanan	To Be Announced
<u>BREADMAKER:</u>	Amy McDonald	Karen Kibler
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Patti Sapp Ruth Studley	Barb LeGrant Laverne Shaffer
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	-	Dia Nuesmeyer
<u>CELEBRATION LEADER</u>	Marty Vogel	-
<u>COMMUNION ASST:</u>	Mark Reifsteck	Tim Lindsey
<u>READER</u>	Pam Atwood	Brenda Lindsey
<u>GREETERS</u>	Donna Lea	Bill Moehring Family
<u>USHERS:</u>	Cory Mitchell Family	Dave Robberstad Family
<u>SUNDAY SHEPHERD</u>	Larry Gibson	Alicia Ekhoﬀ
<u>OFFERING COUNTERS:</u>	Scott Kingry Chris and Theresa Edmonds	Stewart and Alicia Ekhoﬀ Dan and Cindy Erickson
<u>FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:</u>	McDonald Family King 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.

