

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MAHOMET

WEEKLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

March 20, 2013

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Pastor's Hours: Pastor Emil Blobaum will be in the office this week, Tuesday, March 19th and Thursday, March 21st.

Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Next week only – The church office will be closed Friday, March 29 for Good Friday.

Wanted Dead or Alive: Missing scissors from church office – Description - silver with black handles small white tag on one handle **Sharp. Running with them is not recommended.** Thou Shalt not steal also applies to the church office scissors. Borrowing them is fine but please return them - No questions asked. Sorry no reward.

Our church will join Lutheran World Relief's Baskets of Promise appeal. During Lent, we will collect a different item each week that will be used to assemble Personal Care Kits. Our collection schedule will be: March 24 (Palm Sunday)-Bars of Soap. Look for collection box in the foyer.

New Daily Devotional Booklets Available: New daily devotional booklet for April – June, 2013, are available in the Narthex.

Ladies Nite Out: will be at Billy Barooz, 2521 Village Green, Champaign, on March 25 at 6:00 PM.

Call Committee Late March Update: Members of the Call Committee have been actively conducting interviews with three potential pastoral candidates. The process has been going smoothly and as quickly as schedules with individual candidates allow. Committee members have been equally impressed with each candidate in varying ways and the task of committee members on behalf of LCM is rewarding, exciting, and daunting all at the same time. Please continue to keep this process, as well as the candidates, in your daily prayers. It is important to keep in our hearts and minds that this is God's House and God will guide us towards what is ultimately right for Him and His servants here within The Lutheran Church of Mahomet. In His Service, LCM Call Committee Members

"Revitalizing Your Congregation" Webinar: is coming to LCM April 11-13, and you are invited! The webinar includes four interactive sessions featuring excellent presenters. The sessions will highlight four approaches: Engaging the Uninvolved, Energizing the Unclaimed, Enlisting the Unafraid, and Empowering the Unknown. You may participate in some or all of the sessions, as your interests and time allow. Our LCM website (lcofm.org) has more details and an online sign-up. A sign-up sheet will also be posted on the quadboard in the narthex. This special event is FREE to attend. Refreshments will be available, but meals will be on your own.

The "live" conference, presented by Healthier Church, will be held at Edison Park Lutheran Church in Chicago and broadcast via webinar. LCM will be one of many sites around the country to host the webinar. We have invited Christ Lutheran in Monticello to join us, as well as the other churches in our synod conference.

This event can contribute so much to bringing us together and moving us forward as a congregation! Each LCM member should prayerfully consider participating. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Erickson Erickson.cindy@gmail.com or Larry Gibson lpjgibson.gcs@gmail.com

Chancel Choir and Suite Inspirations will not meet Thursday, March 28

LOGOS: There will be no LOGOS Wednesday, March 27

Sunday School: There will be no Sunday school on March 24 and 31 (Palm Sunday and Easter).

Confirmation Class: There will be no Confirmation Class tonight, Wednesday, March 20

Easter Lilies: There is a sign-up sheet on the quad board for Easter Lily orders. Please make out your check for \$7.00 to The Lutheran Church of Mahomet. The deadline for orders is Sunday, 3/24/13.

Outdoor Sign: Please contact Jacob Ekhoﬀ with messages or suggestions for the outside sign. His email is ekhoffja@gmail.com and his phone is 217-493-5914. The sign can handle 3 lines of 12 letters and spaces.

Member Hospitalized: Ken Seiling was admitted to Carle ICU last evening. He has been having some shortness of breath and loss of strength accompanied by weak appetite. His doctors have told his son, Kenneth Jr. that they are hopeful for a quick recovery and return to Bridle Brook Assisted Living. Please keep Ken and his sons in your thoughts and prayers.

Palm Sunday: This Sunday, March 24 is Palm Sunday. Upon arriving at church, please be sure that you get both your bulletin and palm frond. We will gather in the narthex for an opening dialog. To symbolize the celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, we will follow the processional cross down the center aisle of the sanctuary, waving our palms. Place your palm at the foot of the cross and then proceed to your seat via the side aisles.

Palm Sunday Brunch: Please Join Us! (At approximately 10:15 a.m.) After Palm Sunday Service, March 24th for a Brunch Potluck. A main dish will be served; please bring a salad, vegetable side-dish, or dessert! Drinks and table products will be provided.

Holy Week Services: Sunday of the Passion: March 24th 9:00 AM

Palm Sunday is a day of contradictions. We begin worship remembering Jesus' triumphal procession into Jerusalem, in which the people of the City welcome Him with joy as a reforming king. By the end of the service, however, the mood of jubilation has turned to one of solemnity, as we focus on Jesus' suffering and death at the hands of a disappointed mob. Clearly Jesus is not the kind of king people wanted.

What we want for ourselves ultimately stands in conflict with God's solution. And it is God himself who, in His passionate love for us, works out this contradiction on the cross. He will reconcile a sinful humanity to Himself through this once-for-all payment. Let us come and stand in awe of His amazing love for us, this Holy Week!

Maundy Thursday Worship: March 28th 6:30 PM

A service of Holy Communion will be held on Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 6:30 PM. On Maundy Thursday we remember the Lord who came to us as a humble servant. He gives us His life so that we may live a new life, and gives us a new commandment: that we love one another as He has loved us.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service: March 29th 6:30 PM

On Good Friday we will share in a Tenebrae ("shadows") service in remembrance of our Lord's complete sacrifice for us on his cross. This solemn service reminds us of the reality of sin and evil in

the world. However, we face these realities as confident believers...as people who see beyond the cross to the Easter victory.

Youth News

WinterJam 2013 will be at the Assembly Hall on Saturday, March 23rd. Tickets are just \$10 at the door. WinterJam is a 3 hours concert aimed toward Jr. & Sr. High Youth and features some of the best known artists in popular Christian music. Toby Mac and Jaime Grace are featured this year, along with many other bands. Doors open at 5pm for General Seating, however, lines will begin to form early in the afternoon for the concert.

If you or your Jr. or Sr. High student would like to go, please contact Alicia Ekhoﬀ at 217-649-8472 or ekhoffal@gmail.com.

LOGOS Music Practice: Will be Friday, March 22 from 10 – 12 Noon

Easter Sunday Breakfast will be served by the Confirmation class at 8 AM Sunday, March 31. Students should be at the church no later than 7:15 AM to help make pancakes, eggs and sausage. This year's breakfast will feature fresh eggs from the Buchannan family! There is no charge for the breakfast; donations will go toward the Youth Fund. Please call Alicia Ekhoﬀ at 217-649-8472 or ekhoffal@gmail.com if you have any questions

Confirmation Sunday: Will be Sunday, May 19th

Sunday School Now Begins at 10:30 AM:

K-5th grades meet in the double classroom for Hands On lessons with BUZZ by Group

6th-12th grades meet in the Youth Room for weekly liturgy based ELCA Faith Lens discussions

Vacation Bible School: August 4 – 8, 5:30 – 7:30 PM - Mark Your Calendars! More Information Coming Soon!

LENT/EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 20

6:30 PM Evening Prayer Lenten Service

**Sunday, March 24
Palm Sunday**

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Palm Sunday Brunch

**Thursday, March 28
Maundy Thursday**

6:30 PM Communion Service

**Friday, March 29
Good Friday**

6:30 PM Tenebrae Service

**Sunday, March 31
Easter Sunday**

8:00 AM Easter Breakfast
9:00 AM Easter Celebration Service
Resurrection of our Lord

Reception of New Members by Baptism, Transfer
or Confession of Faith
Fellowship Reception for New Members Following
Service

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 20, 2013 – March 26

Wednesday, March 20

6:30 PM Evening Prayer Lenten Service

Thursday, March 21

**6:30 PM Bible Study
6:00 PM Suite Inspirations
7:00 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting
7:00 PM Chancel Choir**

Sunday, March 24
Palm Sunday

**9:00 AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Palm Sunday Brunch Potluck**

Monday, March 25

**WELCA Sew Day
6:00 PM Lions Club
6:00 PM Ladies Nite Out at Billy Barooz
7:00 PM Adult Inquiry Class**

Tuesday, March 26

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



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

	<u>March 24</u>	<u>March 31</u>
<u>ACOLYTES:</u>	Grace Beach	Chatman Edmonds
<u>BREADMAKER:</u>	Amy McDonald	Amy McDonald
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Patti Sapp Ruth Studley	Patti Sapp Ruth Studley
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	Alex Paul	Dia Nuesmeyer
<u>CELEBRATION LEADER</u>	-	-
<u>COMMUNION ASST:</u>	Jon LeGrant	Mark Reifsteck
<u>GREETERS:</u>	To Be Announced	Jon LeGrant Family
<u>READER:</u>	John Bottorf	Pam Atwood
<u>USHERS:</u>	Chris Edmonds Family	Tim Koller Family
<u>OFFERING COUNTERS:</u>	David Alderks Scott Kingry Jon and Barb LeGrant	Alicia and Stewart Ekhoﬀ Dan and Cindy Erickson
<u>FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:</u>	Palm Sunday Brunch Potluck	Easter Sunday Breakfast - Youth

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 Scott Kingry (SDKingry@gmail.com), 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, in the monthly newsletter, or on the Church website at www.lcofm.org. Thank you for your assistance in performing these tasks by serving our Church.

