

WEEKLY E-MAIL LCM NEWSLETTER

Please note: One Worship Service on Sunday morning, July 25th-Sept 5th at 9:00 am.

Sharing the Faith with Friends is a book discussion group that meets monthly. If you enjoy reading or sharing faith stories with other Christians, please join us. The July gathering of Sharing the Faith with Friends will be at Ken and Sally Roth's house, 511 S. North Shore Dr. on Saturday, **July 24** at 7:00 pm. We will discuss *90 Minutes in Heaven* by Don Piper. Please contact Ken or Sally at 586-2493 if you have questions or to borrow a copy of the book. We even have the book on CD!

High School Sunday Morning Group: Please join us in the Youth Room down the hallway from Fellowship each Sunday through July and August right after the 9am service to study and discuss the Gospel of Luke led by Stu and Alicia Ekhoﬀ & Cliff and Karen Kibler. The class is open to incoming High School students through college. A light breakfast is served, or stop by Fellowship and come on down, no preparation needed and no homework! The class will meet for approximately 45 minutes.

VBS News: We are well on our way into the preparation for VBS that runs from 7/25-7/29 from 6-8 pm. We still need 2 adults to run the games and some crew leaders to take the groups of children from station to station throughout the night. Please look at the VBS bulletin board near the office for more details and information. Contact Kim Rauchfuss at krauchfuss@hotmail.com if you would like further information and to get your materials if you missed the VBS planning meeting in June. Incoming confirmation students for the 2010-2011 school year will be required to complete 12 hours of community service as part of their yearly requirements. Among the numerous options that Pastor Bowers has available for this requirement, VBS also fills this requirement. Volunteering each night would fulfill 10 of the 12 hours needed. Volunteers are welcome to help any number of evenings that they are able. Pre-registration for your child for VBS is appreciated. Forms can be found on the bulletin board near the Church office, or you can contact Kim to be sent the form via e-mail. Please look for the "Giving Board" to be found in the narthex for donations for VBS. Please speak to Christina Ade if you have any questions about the items.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter is a ministry dedicated to assisting married couples to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing an encounter Weekend experience as well as ongoing community support. The next weekend experience is **September 17-19** in Peoria. Contact Dan & Charlotte Ricks, 1220 W. Gift Ave., Peoria, 61604-2623; call 309.682.7273; www.godlovesmarriage.org for more information. These encounters are for all marriages – from 1 year to 50 years. Lead by a Lutheran minister & spouse plus 3 highly trained lay couples. Over 2 million couples have experienced a weekend and overwhelmingly report that it is one of the most valuable experiences that they have shared.

Second Saturday Worship. Is life interfering with your Sunday worship? Are you going through some tough times and just need an extra lift? Are you going out of town on Sunday? Maybe Second Saturday Worship is for you. As the name implies we gather on the Second Saturday each month around Word and Sacrament. The Laying on of hands and Anointing is also available for those who desire. The service is about 35 minutes long and is very informal. Join us Saturday, **August 10 at 5:00 pm.**

Men's Retreat on September 17-19 at the MacKenzie Center at Pynette, Wisconsin. Sponsored by the regional Lutheran Men in Mission, the theme of the retreat is "One Year to Live". This is an opportunity for men to explore the difference their Christian faith can make in their lives as they relate to families, people at work and others in the Christian community. The retreat is followed by small groups that encourage men to seriously look at their lives, make significant decisions about their spiritual journey, and work with other men to hold one another accountable for those decisions. For more information go to www.lutheranmen.org Events/One Year to Live.

DID YOU KNOW that **DIANE SCHNITKEY** created the free-standing wall display in the narthex? Diane, a sophomore at Mahomet-Seymour High School, enjoys creating graphic arts and writing, having already published a poem titled "Padding By." Working with children is another of her interests. Her family's farm is the setting for teaching the basics of horseback riding, along with recognizing colors and markings, to elementary and junior high youth in a summer program known as "Faith Reins." Between times, she can groom horses and clean stalls. Diane's church activities include setting up projectors as needed and script reading as "The Widow of Zarephath" and one of Mahlah's five sisters for Ed Team devotionals. She rounds out her school life with an active interest in history and band. A young person with multiple gifts, Diane is a person our congregation can appreciate now and in the future! Be sure to check out her wall display! -- submitted by Margaret Rinkel, Ed Team

New Devotionals. The new quarterly devotionals 'Christ In Our Home' & 'The Word in Season' are available in the narthex. These cover the months of July, August and September. Pick up your copy today.

Attention Baseball Fans! The LCM office has free tickets from Thrivent for the Danville Dans baseball games this summer. The tickets may be used August 5. The game time is 6:30 pm at their ball park in Danville. You do not need to be a Thrivent member to enjoy these tickets!

Medical Loan Equipment: The parish nurse medical loan equipment closet is finally a reality and we have four pieces of equipment to loan out—a walker, bedside rail, a cane, and a commode. There is a check out sheet inside the closet. Please fill it out when you take and return the equipment. The parish nurses will be sterilizing the equipment between uses. The closet is located at the back of the LOGOS room across from the Parish Nurse Office which is next to the Pastor's Office. If you have medical equipment to donate, please call the office at 586-4786 or talk with a parish nurse. We can use almost anything—crutches, wheelchairs, canes, etc. Thank you!

Each member of our LCM family deserves the opportunity to work with our youth and reap the rewards.

Currently there are several positions in our youth ministry that are in need of a willing volunteer. Is that person you? Preschool VBS director, VBS Crew and activities leaders, LOGOS director, and Junior High youth group director. Please, prayerfully consider these positions. If you would like more information or are willing to help with these needs or future needs please call Kelly Schlueter, Youth Ministries Chairperson at 586-5171 or contact her by email at ksleet2@hotmail.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Thursday, July 22</u>	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
<u>Saturday, July 24</u>	7:00 pm	Sharing the Faith with Friends at Roth's
<u>Sunday, July 25</u>	<u>Seventh Sunday of Pentecost</u>	
	9:00 am	Worship Service
	10:15 am	Fellowship
	6:00 pm	Vacation Bible School
	6:30 pm	Prayer Gathering
<u>Monday, July 26</u>	9:00 am	WELCA Sew Day
	6:00 pm	Vacation Bible School
<u>Tuesday, July 27</u>	6:00 pm	Vacation Bible School
<u>Wednesday, July 28</u>	6:00 pm	Vacation Bible School
<u>Thursday, July 29</u>	6:00 pm	Vacation Bible School

Worship Participants

	<u>July 25</u>	<u>August 1</u>
<u>ACOLYTE:</u>	Erin Jessup	Christian Ekhoﬀ
<u>ALTAR GUILD:</u>	Kathy Tuggle Betty Strom	Gale Seamands Elsbeth Hixon
<u>BREADMAKER:</u>	Gail Wallace	Keri Nussbaum
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER:</u>	Mike Strom	Alex Paul
<u>CELEBRATION LEADER:</u>		
<u>COMMUNION ASST:</u>	Laura Bottorﬀ	Jane Baumgartner
<u>GREETERS:</u>	Heather Chalfant Family	Mark Dalton Family
<u>SCRIPTURE READER:</u>	Doug Bosworth	Dave Robberstad
<u>USHERS:</u>	Dan Sjoken Family	Jim Heinold Family
<u>OFFERING COUNTERS:</u>	Pam Levine David Alderks Scott Kingry	Heather Chalfant Alicia & Stewart Ekhoﬀ Dan & Cindy Erickson

VOLUNTEER GUIDELINE REVISIONS: The Lutheran Church of Mahomet currently utilizes the time and talent of countless volunteers to perform the tasks of Greeter, Communion Assistant, Reader, Ushers, Communion Bread Maker, Celebration Leader and Assisting Minister at our Sunday services. If you cannot perform your task on the designated time and date, please find a substitute and notify Linda Vogel (lindav101@mchsi.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.

Greeters and Ushers: There are now greeter and usher pins for use on Sunday mornings. The greeter pins are located in the Welcome Center and the usher pins are located next to the Sunday bulletins. Please wear them on Sunday and return before you leave church. Thanks!