

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 5 & January 6, 2019

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer exists to: **Welcome** people to faith in Jesus Christ;
Equip His followers with a maturing faith through Word and Sacrament;
 and **Serve** in the world as Jesus served us.

Welcome. Happy New Year! And a blessed Epiphany Sunday and season! We have come to worship the King, just as the wise men did so long ago. Please introduce yourself to **Pastor Allison** and **Pastor Akers**, and complete the information in the Rite of Fellowship pad located on the pew. **Large print services** and **bulletins** are available from the ushers. For **Pastoral Care** please call **Pastor Allison** or **Pastor Akers** at the church or at home. A **Sitting Room** [in the east wing]



and a **Nursery** [in the west wing] are available for infants through age three during each worship service. **If little ones become restless during the service and are disturbing other worshipers, please take them out of the service until they have settled down. Thank you!** "The Lutheran Hour" can be heard every Sunday at 8:00 AM on WIOU 1350 AM, sponsored by Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. **Please note that the deadline for bulletin announcements is Wednesdays by noon. Thank you.**

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER / REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL 705 SOUTHWAY BOULEVARD EAST, KOKOMO, INDIANA 46902	
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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE: 5:30 PM
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:15 & 10:45 AM
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 10:45 AM [1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS]
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS: 9:30 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS			
Preacher	SAT. 5:30 Pastor Akers	SUN. 8:15 Pastor Akers	SUN. 10:45 Pastor Akers
Liturgist	Pastor Akers	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
Organist	Beth Kuhlman	Florence Moeller	
Acolytes	Jonoah T	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Sanctuary			Amy Shrack
Stewards			Kitty Davis
Nursery			Tracy Brandenburg

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Advent 12-19 = 68 / Sat. 5:30 PM - 70 / 8:15 AM - 72 / 10:45 AM - 135 = 273

ALTAR FLOWERS

Two families are placing flower offerings on the altar this weekend. **Kevin & Sarah Klepfer** in thanksgiving to the Lord for all His many **blessings**, especially **family, friends, and health**. Also by **Otis & Barbara Porter** in honor of their 47th anniversary on Christmas Day, and in loving memory of their **granddaughter** and two **grandsons**.

Please be sure you are using your blue 2019 offering envelopes. If you have not yet picked up your packet, they are still available in the east wing hallway. 2019 calendars, courtesy of Shirley & Stout are on the table with the envelopes. Thank you. ☺

“REDEEMER REPORTER” DEADLINE IS THIS THURSDAY.

2019 OFFICERS / BOARD MEMBERS

During Sunday, January 13, 2019, 8:15 & 10:45 AM services, newly elected / appointed officers and board members will be installed. Serving the congregation in 2019 are: **Kevin Klepfer** - President / **Zach Conner** - Vice President / **Joelene Boyles** - Secretary / **Debbie Barton** - Treasurer / vacancy - Assistant Treasurer / **Henry Shrack** - Financial Secretary / Board of Deacons - **Mark Dunkin, Larry Sullivan, Terry Gotshall, Bob Hingst, Tom Manship, Mark Pearson, Todd Waggoner, Richard Harrison, Bob Hoch, Robert Martin, Randy McPike, Bob Frey, Gene Miller, Roger Davis, Steve Sewell, John Hubbert** / Board of Parish Life - **Kitty Davis, Kaila Akers, vacancy** / Board of RLS - **Joan Hoch, Karen Harrison, Liz Anders, Robyn Dill, Dick Ardrey, Tiffany Creason** / Board of Stewardship - **Susan Ardrey, Wess Mechler, Lora Lacy** / Board of Property - **Todd Brandenburg, Melanie Waggoner, Mary Moeller, Larry Wiechmann** / Board of Christian Outreach - **Kyle Street, Dillon Waggoner, Peter Davis.**

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO ARE RETIRING FROM OFFICE:

Steve Gaunt, David Baird, Gordon Claucherty, Chris James, Tom Baird, Tim Brubaker, Sheryl Hartman, Lynn Folkers, Marilyn Marsh, Phil Wehmeyer, Ned Trout, Amy Shrack.

WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS!

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember **William Young, Lois Grotrian, Ron Dowden, Mary Rusch, Mike Bridegroom, Imogene Canan, Jim Glover, Samantha Creason, Tai Duong, Janet Matyas, Jean Moon, Sharon & David McPike, Steve Olson, Delia Overia, Bob Braswell, Al Sparling, Betty Pohlman, Mary Harper, Michel Peterson, Carl & Joan Swift, Heather Portman, and Sharon Lecher.**

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK - CLARA BURNETT

Clara Burnett is this week's honored shut-in. .

THANKS FOR YOUR LOVE!

Sarah Klepfer sends her heartfelt appreciation for the prayers, cards, love and support during her recent surgery and allergic reactions. **Bill & Bev Spoon** thanks their Our Redeemer family for the **many** Christmas cards they received.

SUNDAY SCHOOL / ADULT BIBLE CLASS INFORMATION

This Sunday January 6 at 9:30 AM, all students (preschool-high school), EXCEPT 8th grade confirmation, will meet in Fellowship Hall for an Epiphany lesson and then a movie in one of the classrooms. Pastor Akers and the 8th graders are discussing **The Lord's Prayer [I & II]; The Introduction**. Adult Bible Class will meet with Pastor Allison in Mission Hall. Today's lesson is **"Epiphany of Our Lord"** from **"A Greater Look at the Lessons"** Bible study. Regular Sunday School classes will resume in the normal classrooms on **Sunday, January 13.**

DISCERNING THE VOICE OF GOD BIBLE STUDY - BEGINS JANUARY 13

Sunday Ladies Bible Study starts **January 13th at 9:30 AM**, **"Discerning the Voice of God"** by **Pricilla Shirer** in the **School Conference Room**. We will alternate watching the videos and having group discussion of yes, "homework". This study series will conclude by Easter. You may sign up / pick up a book in the church office with Bev. I [Renee] am looking forward to some more serious personal examination with my sisters in Christ.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS - "GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY - JOSHUA"

Ladies' Bible Study meets **this Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 10:00 AM** in Mission Hall. Coffee and fellowship are at **9:30**. This week Pastor Allison and the ladies are discussing Lesson 7 - **"Allotting the Transjordan"** from **"God's Word for Today - Joshua"**.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

Pastor Allison's Tuesday Evening Bible Class meets **this Tuesday, January 8, 2019 from 6 - 7 PM** in Mission Hall. **"God's Word for Today - Job"**, class discussion is Lesson 6, **"With Friends Like These"**.

JANUARY 2019 OFFICERS / BOARDS MEETING

Board of Property – Monday – January 7 – 7:00 PM – Church Library
Board of Parish Life – Tuesday – January 8 – 4:45 PM – Church Library
Board of RLS – Wednesday – January 9 – 4:30 PM – School Conference Room
Board of Deacons – Wednesday – January 9 – 5:30 PM – Mission Hall
Church Council – Wednesday – January 16 – 6:00 PM – Church Library
Voters' Assembly – Wednesday – January 23 – 7:00 PM – Mission Hall

MEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

The Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study group will be starting a study of the **Book of James** using material of **Francis Chan** from **Right Now Media**. All men are welcomed. We start with prayer about **7:30 every Tuesday morning**. Questions or for more information please contact **Wess Mechler**.

GREETERS

It is the responsibility of the Board of Deacons to provide Greeters for our **Saturday 5:30 PM, Sunday 8:15 AM** and the **10:45 AM** services. The primary duty of a Greeter is to make all members and visitors feel welcome at Our Redeemer. Being a Greeter provides you an excellent opportunity to meet and greet the various members of Our Redeemer. If you are interested in serving as a Greeter, please contact **Bob Hoch**. If you are a current Greeter and do not want to serve in 2019 or would prefer a different month or time, please contact Bob so he can make change to the Greeter's schedule.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS TAKEN DOWN – JANUARY 12 – 9:00 AM

Christmas decorations will be taken down on **Saturday, January 12th at 9:00 AM**. The Sanctuary Stewards will appreciate any help. Thank you.

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January 13 and **January 27**, plus many other dates are open for **2019** altar flower offerings. Please see the chart in the Narthex for available weekends, sign your name and include your phone number. Each bouquet is **\$30.00** each, or **\$60.00** for the weekend. For any questions, please contact the Church Office at **453-0969**. Thank you. 😊

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Matt. 2:11 – “**And going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.**” Worship and the giving of gifts go together. This makes sense because God is the great Giver of every good gift, and we worship Him and desire to grow into His image. We receive His gifts in worship and then, being conformed to the likeness of His image, we imitate His generosity.

OUR REDEEMER'S CHURCH LIBRARY FEATURED BOOKS FOR JANUARY

THE RED SEA RULES by Robert J. Morgan

“The same God who led you in will lead you out.” This little book gives ten lessons that are really important for Christians to remember. Sometimes we are challenged to cross a **RED SEA** in our lives. The water can seem deep. It is strange that God would put us in this situation, don't you think? This book is small enough to take on a small trip, or read in an afternoon. You will probably want to make your own copy of these rules, however, since they are great to remind yourself of when the next “flood” arrives.

OLD FASHIONED by Rene Gutteridge

Based of the screenplay by Rik Swartzwelder. Turning his back on his reckless lifestyle, former frat boy Clay Walsh has settled down to run an antique shop in a small Midwestern college town ... when Amber Hewson, a free-spirited woman with a gypsy soul, rents the apartment above his shop, opposites attract. Can Clay and Amber move beyond their differences and their pasts to attempt an “old fashioned” courtship?

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

DATE	TIME	TITLE / EVENT	LOCATION
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Sunday School - Bible Class - Confirmation	FH / RLS / MH
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	1:00 PM	Hands of Love	Turner's Home
	7:00 PM	Board of Property	Church Library
Tue.	7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	9 - 12	Church Library Staff	Church Library
	10:00 AM	Ladies' Bible Class	Mission Hall
	4:45 PM	Board of Parish Life	Church Library
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Cub - Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
	6 - 7 PM	Tuesday Evening Bible Class	Mission Hall
Wed.	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
	8:45 AM	RLS Chapel	Sanctuary
	4:30 PM	Board of RLS	School Conference Room
	5:30 PM	Board of Deacons	Mission Hall
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Boy Scout Committee	Church Library
	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
Sat.	9:30 AM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
	9:00 AM	Christmas Decorations Taken Down	Sanctuary / Narthex
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Marvin Schindel - January 12

Betty VanOgden - January 12

Barbara Gibson - January 15

Cindy Wheeler - January 31

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