

**THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**  
January 6 & January 7, 2018



Happy New Year! As we worship God together, let us pray for a fruitful year of ministry to the glory of His name. 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 **assistive listening devices** are available from the ushers or at the Welcome Center. 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.**

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<b>SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE: 5:30 PM</b> <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:15 &amp; 10:45 AM</b> <b>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 10:45 AM [1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS]</b> <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS: 9:30 AM</b>	

<b>WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS</b>			
	<b>SAT. 5:30</b>	<b>SUN. 8:15</b>	<b>SUN. 10:45</b>
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
<b>Liturgist</b>	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
<b>Organist</b>	Juanita Martin-Davis	Florence Moeller	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Alayna K	Megan C Daniel M	Blake S
<b>Sanctuary Steward</b>			Kitty Davis

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - MUSIC**  
 Saturday-5:30 PM - 57 / Sunday-8:15 AM - 62 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 160 = 279  
*Prelude - "Morning Star" - Pachelbel / Offertory - "The Kings" - Gordon Young*  
*Postlude - "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring" - William Wold*

**ALTAR FLOWERS**  
 This weekend's altar flowers are given by **Otis & Barbara Porter** in honor of their **46<sup>th</sup>** anniversary on Christmas Day, and in loving memory of their **granddaughter** and two **grandsons**.

*Please be sure you are using your green 2018 offering envelopes. If you have not yet picked up your packet, they are still available in the east wing hallway. 2018 calendars, courtesy of Shirley & Stout are on the table with the envelopes. Thank you. ☺*

**SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK**  
**Lois Reams** is our honored shut-in this week.

**"REDEEMER REPORTER" DEADLINE IS THIS THURSDAY.**

**PASTOR & KAILA AKERS**  
*Pastor & Kaila Akers are returning from their honeymoon this weekend. Pastor Akers will be back in his office this Tuesday.*

## **CHRISTIAN LOVE, SYMPATHY & PRAYER**

Our Christian love, sympathy and prayer goes to **Bob & Mary Hingst, Janine & Brad Bagwell, Kathy & Kirk Simon** and the entire **Muhl Family** at the death of **Marjorie Muhl** this past week. Viewing will be at **Shirley & Stout** on **Lincoln Road, Sunday, January 7** from **4 – 7 PM**, funeral **Monday, January 8** at **1 PM** with **1 hour** viewing prior to the service at Our Redeemer.

## **PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT**

We remember **Bob Grunow, Richard Hixon, Pam Youngdale, Heather Portman, Marty Akers, Darlene Foesch, Opal Hartman, Sharon Lecher, Adalee Alexander, Violet Slifka, Ben Vandeburg, Dick Bryan, Cena Benziger, Doris Temme, Robert Molkentine, Jayne Frey, Nancy Jones, Heather Hartman, and Delia Overia.**

## **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 2018 or would prefer a different month or time, please contact Bob so he can make a change to the Greeter's schedule.*

## **LADIES' BIBLE CLASS & TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS**

Pastor Allison's Ladies' Bible Class resumes **this Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 2018** at **10:00 AM** in Mission Hall. Coffee and fellowship begin at **9:30**. The topic of study is **God's Word for Today – Philippians: Joy in Christ**. Pastor Allison's Tuesday evening Bible Class, **God's Word for Today, Romans: Alive in Christ**", resumes this week from **6 – 7 PM** in Mission Hall.

### **REMAINING JANUARY 2018 OFFICERS / BOARDS MEETING**

**Board of Christian Outreach – Sunday – January 7 – 12:00 PM – Sitting Room**  
**Board of Property – Monday – January 8 - 7:00 PM – Church Library**  
**Board of RLS – Wednesday – January 10 – 4:30 PM – School Conference Room**  
**Church Council – Wednesday – January 10 – 6:00 PM – Church Library**  
**Voters' Assembly – Wednesday – January 17 – 7:00 PM – Mission Hall**

## **BE A PRAYER WARRIOR**

**Be a Prayer Warrior** for your children and grandchildren. Join our *Lutheran Women in Service* **January 16<sup>th</sup>** at **1 PM** for a study on praying for your children and grandchildren. We also need your ideas and views on upcoming service and worship opportunities.

## **LUTHERAN WOMEN IN SERVICE**

*Lutheran Women in Service is having their next meeting on **Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**, at **1:00 PM** in Mission Hall. Social time starts at **12:30**. Hope to see you there!*

## **MENTORING A RLS STUDENT**

If you could change the life of a student by giving just 30 minutes of your time in a week, would you do it? That is just the opportunity given to you right now. We are beginning a mentoring program with RLS, starting in **February 2018**, where you can guide, enrich, and share God's love with a student chosen for you. You can share lunch, play a game, or just sit and talk to learn more about this student, at a 30 minute time convenient to you. Please don't let this chance pass by to share the love of our God with someone. There is a **sign-up sheet** at the **Welcome Center**, or see **Cindy Sewell** or **Steve Gaunt** for questions.

**2018 NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE INSTALLED DURING THE 8:15 AND 10:45 AM SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE - 9:30 AM ON SUNDAY - WELCOME TO ALL!**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TEACHER[S]</b>
Pre-School, Pre-K, Kdg.	RLS Kindergarten Room	Ashley Schneider
1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades	RLS 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Room	Elaine Ponder
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grades	RLS 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Room	Sharon Mugg
5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Grades	RLS 5 <sup>th</sup> / 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Room	Jim & Gwenn Wasmuth
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	RLS Conference Room	Kathy Tucker
High School	Youth Room (top of stairs)	Debbie Street
Adult Bible Class 1	Mission Hall	Pastor Allison
<b>“God’s Word for Today: 1 &amp; 2 Thessalonians”</b>		
Adult Bible Class 2	RLS 7 <sup>th</sup> / 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom	Renee Young
<b>“The Armor of God”</b>		
Adult Bible Class 3		
<b>Adult Information Class [begins Jan. 14]</b>	Adult Ed. Room	Pastor Akers
Adult Bible Class 4		
<b>“20’s &amp; 30 Somethings”</b>	Fellowship Hall	

**GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY: 1 AND 2 THESSALONIANS**

Pastor Allison will begin a new class, **“God’s Word for Today: 1 & 2 Thessalonians”** in Mission Hall **this Sunday [today] at 9:30 AM**. God gave Paul a vision. In it, a man from Macedonia pleaded with Paul saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us" (Acts 16:9). Following the Lord's call, Paul and his entourage eventually reached Thessalonica. In his two letters addressed to the Thessalonian Christians, Paul expresses his deep care as a founding pastor concerned about his fledgling congregation. In addition to Christian persecution, the Lord's second coming, the Antichrist, and Christian discipline, in this book you will learn about, the power of the Word of God; the importance of living a God-pleasing life; the reason why we are faithful to the Bible's teachings.

**ADULT INFORMATION CLASS**

*We are forming a new adult membership class. It will start **Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 9:30 AM** in the Adult Education Room. **[Please note the starting date has been changed from January 7.]** Whether you have questions about Christ or want to deepen your faith in Him, this class will explore what the Bible says about our God, and how His love gives direction and meaning to your life today and forever. This class is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Christian faith. Attendance at the class may lead to membership in our church, but there are no obligations. Watch an introductory video at [www.lhm.org/GodConnects](http://www.lhm.org/GodConnects).*

**“THE ARMOR OF GOD”**

Ladies' Bible Study will meet in the RLS 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. We will be using **“The Armor of God”** by Priscilla Shirer. We will watch the first **DVD presentation titled “Sizing Up the Enemy.”**

**“20’S & 30 SOMETHINGS”**

*A **“20’s and 30 somethings”** class begins on **January 7**, in Fellowship Hall. This class will be led in a small group format with rotating leaders and will look at topics of your choice! We are still working out all of the details, but we would love to see you there! We are also hoping to provide childcare for those with littles under the age of 2 who don’t have their own SS class just yet!*

**Any questions about these may be directed toward the Pastors or Jonathan Guse.**

**TUESDAY MORNING MEN’S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES ON JAN. 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 AM IN MISSION HALL**

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

**Isaiah 60:6** – “They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.” Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving, which moves us toward making offerings to the Lord in His House. It’s simply what Christians do: our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today: give with a thankful heart.



**YOUTH CENTRAL**

**PATHWAYS AND GROUNDS– MS & HS YOUTH GROUPS**

We meet **today [Sunday]** for Bible study, games, and time for fellowship! See you all tonight!

	<b>Pathways</b>	<b>Grounds</b>
Sunday, Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup>	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Sunday, Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Sunday, Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Friday, Jan. 26 <sup>th</sup>	---	TBD – More info to come!
Sunday, Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup>	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm

**SIMPLY GIVING – A WAY TO GIVE ELECTRONICALLY!**

Visit the church web site at [www.lcorkokomo.org](http://www.lcorkokomo.org) and select the **On-line Giving** link in the left column to set up your account. Once set up, you can also use a smart phone and the QR code image here to go directly to the giving page.



**THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>TITLE / EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Sat.	10 – 5	Member Function	Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Sunday School / Bible Class / 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	Various Rooms
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	Board of Christian Outreach	Sitting Room
	4:00 PM	Pathways	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Grounds	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Church Library
	1:00 PM	Marjorie Muhl Funeral	Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Quilt Class	Mission Hall
	7:00 PM	Adult Evening Bible Study	Sitting Room
	7:00 PM	Board of Property	Church Library
Tues.	7:30 AM	Men’s Bible Study	Mission Hall
	10:00 AM	Ladies’ Bible Class	Mission Hall
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Tuesday Evening Bible Study	Mission Hall
	6:00 PM	Cub – Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Wed.	8:45 AM	RLS Chapel	Sanctuary
	4:30 PM	Board of RLS	School Conference Room
	7:00 PM	Church Council	Church Library
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Ladies’ Koinonia	Mission Hall
	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Deaf Bible Study	Church Library
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

**Marvin Schindel – Jan. 12**

**Jerry Smith – Jan. 12**

**Betty VanOgden – Jan. 12**

**Barbara Gibson – Jan. 15**

**Cindy Wheeler – Jan. 31**

**Volunteers are needed to staff the nursery for the 10:45 am worship service. If you are interested, please sign-up at the Welcome Center! Questions, see Jonathan Guse.**