

THE 2nd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 14 & January 15, 2017

Brothers and sisters, grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus. Welcome to this time of worship. Please introduce yourself to **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 the deadline for bulletin announcements is **Wednesday by noon**.



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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE: 5:30 PM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:15 & 10:45 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 10:45 AM [1 ST & 3 RD SUNDAYS] SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS: 9:30 AM			
Preacher Liturgist Organist Acolytes Sanctuary Stewards	SAT. 5:30 Pastor Akers Pastor Akers David Britton Natalie S	SUN. 8:15 Pastor Akers Pastor Akers Florence Moeller Matt L	SUN. 10:45 Pastor Akers Pastor Akers Blake S Megan C Kitty Davis Amy Shrack

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE INFORMATION - MUSIC

Saturday-5:30 PM - 98/ Sunday-8:15 AM - 88 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 161 =347
 8:15 AM - "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" / "Aria"

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember Clara Burnett, Ralph Grotrian, Heather Hartman, Opal Hartman, Barbara Moeller, Bonnie Ryder, Nancy Philips, Kori Wood, Delia Overia, Robert Braswell, Suzanne Biddle, Kristen Cain, and Pam Richardson.

CHRISTIAN LOVE, SYMPATHY & PRAYERS

Our Christian love, sympathy and prayers go to **Keven & Sarah Klepfer** and **Family** at the death of **Kevin's** mom, **Pauline Klepfer** this past Wednesday.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Pastor & Sue Allison are placing flowers on the Lord's altar this weekend in celebration of their grandson, **Logan's** second birthday, and to thank God for His many blessings.

REMAINING BOARDS MEETING IN JANUARY, 2017

Church Council - Wednesday - January 18 - 6:00 PM - Church Library
 Voters' Assembly - Wednesday - January 25 - 7:00 PM - Mission Hall

WELCOME GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer welcomes Gideons International to our worship services this weekend. Mr. Barney Shayne will be at Saturday's 5:30 PM service, Mr. Douglas Hamilton, is joining us for Sunday's services. Both gentlemen will be speaking at their respective worship service on the ministry of the Gideons. Also, a free-will offering will be taken following our services to support the Gideons. Please make checks payable to Gideons International. Thank you.

2017 OFFICERS / BOARD MEMBERS

During this Sunday's 8:15 AM service, newly elected / appointed officers and board members will be installed. Serving the congregation in 2017 are: Steve Gaunt - President / David Baird - Vice President / Karen Jewell - Secretary / Debbie Barton - Treasurer / Gordon Claucherty - Assistant Treasurer / Henry Shrack - Financial Secretary / Board of Deacons - Mark Dunkin, Larry Sullivan, Terry Gotshall, Rufus Howard, Tom Manship, Steve Sewell, Chris James, Tom Baird, Ross Morkal, Robert Martin, Randy McPike, Jim Durr, Bill Tucker, Bob Hingst, Tim Brubaker, Roger Davis / Board of Parish Life - Beth Dinkel, Sheryl Hartman, Kitty Davis / Board of RLS - Robyn Dill, Marta Laubenstein, Joan Hoch, Karen Harrison, Lynn Folkers, Marilyn Marsh / Board of Stewardship - Richard Harrison, Phil Wehmeyer, Susan Ardrey / Board of Property - Skip Youngdale, Bill Barton, Ned Trout, Larry Wiechmann / Board of Christian Outreach - Becky Grawcock, Amy Shrack, Breanna Guse.

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO ARE RETIRING FROM OFFICE:

Robin Clark, Keith Hill, Kevin Klepfer, John Hubbert, Al Harvath, Zack Conner, Gene Miller, Curt Welke, Barbara Gilliland, Greg Kuhlman, Dick Ardrey, Joe Brooks, Jerry Hartman, Kyle Street.

WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS!

SUNDAY SCHOOL - BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY

Still in need of a New Year's Resolution? May we offer a suggestion? Why not resolve to attend Sunday school/Bible class every week. Join us each Sunday morning from 9:30-10:30 am.

Pastor Akers will be leading Adult Bible Class this morning in Mission Hall, with the study, "A Closer Look at the Lessons".

Preschool (age 3) - Kindergarten will meet in the Kindergarten classroom. This week, the class will be learning about David becoming a king.

Grades 1-4 will meet in the 4th grade classroom and take a closer look at David and how he came to be king.

Grades 5-7 can join Hugh Hunkeler in the 5/6 grade classroom to continue their study of Life's Big Questions, God's Big Answers by Brad Alles.

8th grade students continue their preparation for Confirmation in the 7/8 grade classroom.

High School students are encouraged to meet for class upstairs in the Youth Room.

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 Tom Baird. If you are a current Greeter and do not want to serve in 2017 or would prefer a different month or time, please contact Tom so he can make change to the Greeter's schedule.

ALTAR FLOWER OPEN DATES

There are still some open dates on the altar flower chart for 2017. Flowers are \$15.00 per bouquet or \$30.00 for the weekend if only one family signs up. If you'd like to donate flowers, please sign the chart in the Narthex. Thank you. ☺

LWIS - TUESDAY - JAN. 17TH

Lutheran Women in Service will meet on Tuesday, January 17th, for their regular meeting in Mission Hall. We will enjoy Bible Study with Vivian Heronemus and have a short business meeting following. Come join us gals at 12:30 pm for fellowship and the Bible Study at 1 pm. All our women

are invited. Let's begin the New Year with the Lord and hear what he tells us. For more information, contact **Caroline Howard** or **Jill Lowden**.

LWML WIDOW'S MITE - 5TH SUNDAY WEEKEND COLLECTION

Saturday and Sunday, January 28 and 29 is our next 5th Sunday loose change collection. All loose change in the offering plates will be donated to the LWML as mites to fund current missions. So, check your pockets and purses and add those coins to the offering plate. [This does not take the place of the ongoing contributions placed in the new Mite Box in the Narthex.]

BREATHE by RLS Principal Ruth Lavrenz

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" Psalm 150:6

WELCOME:

We welcome another new student, Jayden. Great to have Jayden and his sister with us at Redeemer! Our enrollment is now 121.

ENROLLMENT:

We will begin enrolling and re-enrolling this week, for next school year. If you know of anyone who is looking for a great school or preschool, please send them our way!

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS' WEEK:

We will celebrate Lutheran Schools' Week the week of January 22. The Monday of LSW (1/23/17), we will have a special concert by AriSon. The concert will be in the sanctuary at 8:45 AM. We invite the members of the congregation to join us for that special LSW kick off concert.

On Friday, 1/27/17, we will be wrapping up Lutheran Schools' Week by having our annual spaghetti dinner and talent show. The spaghetti dinner is a fund raiser for our 6/7 grade students as they prepare for Cincinnati in 2018.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

RLS is looking for someone to fill a position in our extended care program. This is a part time position with no benefits. The hours will need to be flexible for the afternoon, and will be between 12-18 hours a week. This position is open to anyone 18 years or older. If you are interested, please fill out an application on our website or stop in the school office for an application. The position will be open until filled. Interviews will be set up upon receipt of an application.

BABYSITTERS NEEDED FOR CARDIO-DRUMMING

Babysitters are needed for cardio-drumming, **Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:30 PM**. There is a small stipend for babysitters, age 14 and over. Please contact **Erin Ponder** for more information.

MISSION POSSIBLE XII HOUSING

We are looking for beds for the participants in Mission Possible XII this summer. Host families are responsible for breakfast, delivering participants to church and picking them up in the evening. If you are willing to house servants, please complete the form in this bulletin and give it to Joan Hoch or drop it in the white box at the Welcome Center. If you have questions, please contact **Joan Hoch**.

SIMPLY GIVING - A NEW WAY TO GIVE ELECTRONICALLY!

Visit the church web site at 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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TITLE / EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Sat.	1:00 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Bible Class / Sunday School / Confirmation	Mission Hall / Various RLS Rooms
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Communion	Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Grounds	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	RLS Basketball vs. KASH	Fellowship Hall
Tues.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	12:30 PM	Lutheran Women in Service	Mission Hall
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Cub - Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	Tuesday Evening Bible Class	Mission Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Wed.	8:45 AM	RLS Chapel	Sanctuary
	6:00 PM	RLS Boys' Basketball vs. STSJP	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	Church Council	Church Library
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	6:30 PM	Deaf Bible Study	Church Library
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
Fri.	3:30 PM	RLS Girls' Basketball	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Duo Club	Mission Hall
Sat.	1:00 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" The Israelites of old offered a lamb to God at Passover so that death might pass over them and do no harm. Over those long centuries of sacrifice, did they understand that this was actually God's gift? That God would be the true Giver of the Lamb? Truly, we can never out give God: for all that we have is His.

YOUTH CENTRAL

GROUND S - HS YOUTH GROUP

Join us **tonight [Sunday]** from **6:30-8:30 pm** for our Christmas Party as we had to cancel it back in December! We'll have devotion, play games, eat food, and have a white elephant gift exchange! The exchange isn't required, but if you do want to participate, bring a wrapped gift costing no more than \$5!

PATHWAYS - MS YOUTH GROUP

Join us **Friday, January 27th**, from **6:30-9:30 pm (Extended Time!)** for our first **FUN FRIDAY** of the new year!

GROUND S LOCK-IN!

Due to some unforeseen circumstances with the Concordia Chicago team, we have **RESCHEDULED** the lock-in for **February 10th/11th!** The team from Chicago will still be coming to lead the lock-in! Sorry for any inconvenience to your schedule!

SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

All students currently **8th-12th grade** are invited to sign-up for **Mission Possible** and/or **CIY: MOVE!** For more information on these events, please see our website or the bulletin board across from the Adult Education Room. Sign-up sheets are at the same bulletin board. **We will have an informational/organizational meeting SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH** after late service.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT @ HALFMOON!

Especially for parents of **6th-12th grade** students! Hopefully you received an invitation by mail last week sometime. If not, please consider yourself invited to join us at **Halfmoon** on **Friday, February 3rd** at **6pm** for a night of chatting, laughing, and a touch of youth ministry! The best part is, we're paying (excluding alcohol)! **If you plan to join us, please RSVP to Jonathan Guse by this Wednesday at the latest!!!**

If you have any questions about any student ministry activities, please see Jonathan Guse.

☺ **Why was Jesus baptized?** Jesus' baptism was the first of many things He did to "fulfill all righteousness." Because Jesus never sinned, He didn't need to be baptized like we do. But He chose to be baptized so that He might identify with us who are sinners. In your baptism, Jesus has given you all of the forgiveness He earned for you on the cross. What a wonderful gift baptism is!

MISSION POSSIBLE XII HOUSING

July 2 - 8, 2017

We are looking for beds for the participants in Mission Possible XII this summer. Host families are responsible for breakfast, delivering participants to church and picking them up in the evening. If you are willing to house servants, please complete the form below and give it to Joan Hoch or drop it in the white box at the Welcome Center. If you have questions, contact Joan Hoch at 452-9379 or jhoch@iuk.edu.

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Number of servants you are willing to take _____

Check one: Boys _____

Girls _____

Adults _____

No preference _____

Pets in home - please specify _____

If you would like to house servants but transportation is a problem let Joan know. We will try to work it out. _____

MISSION POSSIBLE XII

JULY 2 - 8, 2017

We are looking for willing servants for our Mission Possible XII Servant Event July 2 - 8, 2017. Please indicate below how you would be willing to serve. If you are able to help in more than one area, that would be great. Please return the form to the church office or put it in the white box at the Welcome Center.

_____ BAKE COOKIES

_____ BE A PRAYER PARTNER

_____ DELIVER SNACKS TO THE WORKSITE

_____ HELP IN SOME OTHER WAY:

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____