

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 20 & January 21, 2018



As Jesus called Simon and Andrew, James and John, He also calls us anew each day to the path of discipleship. **Welcome to worship!** 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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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 Liturgist Organist Acolytes Sanctuary Steward	SAT. 5:30 Pastor Allison Pastor Allison David Britton Kelsey T	SUN. 8:15 Pastor Allison Pastor Akers Florence Moeller Alayna K	SUN. 10:45 Pastor Allison Pastor Akers Lizzie T Selia D Teddi Heinzman Susie Yeakley

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE INFORMATION - MUSIC

Saturday-5:30 PM - 53 / Sunday-8:15 AM - 106 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 143 = 302

ALTAR FLOWERS

Clarence Larson and **Steve Larson** are placing flowers this weekend on the altar in loving memory of their wife and mother, **Nancy Larson**, and in thankfulness for God's blessings.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

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

**2017 YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE EAST ENTRANCE OF THE NARTHEX THIS WEEKEND.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER!

Mark your calendars for a celebration! We will be celebrating **100** years of blessings on **February 18**. There will be one Sunday celebration worship service at **10:30 AM** with dinner and a program following. The menu includes **chicken tenders, Western ribs, cheese potatoes, green beans, 7 - layer lettuce salad, rolls, drinks and cake**. Dinner reservation sheets are included in this week's bulletin, and for the next 2 weeks. **Please note that you need only to register for the dinner once.** Thank you.

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

Pre-School, Pre-K, Kdg. - RLS Kindergarten Room - Ashley Schneider
1st - 2nd Grades - RLS 3rd Grade Room - Elaine Ponder / Darlene Welke
3rd - 4th Grades - RLS 4th Grade Room - Sharon Mugg
5th - 7th Grades - RLS 5th / 6th Grade Room - Jim & Gwenn Wasmuth

Today in Sunday School, we learn about Jesus teaching the Pharisee Nicodemus under the cover of night. Since the fall into sin, all are born spiritually blind, sinful, and unclean. We are like Nicodemus and cannot see our sin or understand who Jesus truly is for us. As children of God, born of water and the Spirit, we can see our sinfulness and the salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ. Discuss with your children, "How did Baptism change you? What does Baptism do?"

8th Grade Confirmation - RLS Conference Room - Jonathan Guse

High School - Youth Room (top of stairs) - Steve Gaunt

**The high school class will continue the discussion from the Bible Study,
Can I Ask That? 8 Hard Questions About God & Faith".**

"God's Word for Today: 1 & 2 Thessalonians" - Mission Hall - Pastor Allison

This week's topic and text are "**What a Faithful Pastor Looks Like**" - **1 Thessalonians 2:1-12**

Ladies' class - "The Armor of God - RLS 7th / 8th Grade Classroom - Renee Young.

This week the ladies are having a group discussion of weeks 1 & 2.

Adult Information Class - Adult Ed. Room - Pastor Akers

"20's & 30 Somethings" - Fellowship Hall - **Various Right Now Media** studies.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS

We are forming a new adult membership class, **Sunday mornings** at **9:30 AM** in the Adult Education Room. 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.

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

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS & TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

Pastor Allison's Ladies' Bible Class meets **this Tuesday, January 23rd, 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**. "**Content in the Lord**" from **Philippians 4:2-23** is this week's discussion topic. Pastor Allison's Tuesday evening Bible Class, **God's Word for Today, Romans: Alive in Christ**, meets this week from **6 - 7 PM** in Mission Hall. "**Baptism, Death and Resurrection**" from **Romans 6** is the topic and text.

CHURCH LIBRARY

We have a number of duplicate books and books that need to be retired. If you would like any of these for your own library, they are located on a table outside of the church library.

Many of these books are Bibles. You are encouraged to take the Bibles and offer them to unchurched family and friends. Thank you.

BUDDY BAG PACKING THIS MONDAY

Redeemer volunteers will be packing Buddy Bags for Kokomo Urban Outreach for Pettit Park, Elwood Haynes, Darrough Chapel and Sycamore schools. Our next packing date is **Monday, January 22 at 5:30 pm**. Please note the following packing dates, **February 26**, None in **March - Spring Break, April 23**. The address of the warehouse is **720 N. Webster**. All are welcome! Contact **Cindy Sewell** for questions or directions.

HANDS OF LOVE - FROM DIANE TURNER!

"Ladies, **we will not meet on January 22nd** as I will be out of town. Please come on **January 29th** at my house at the usual time, **1:00 - 2:30 PM**. **February 5th** we will not meet as my surgery is scheduled that day. We will try meeting on **February 12th** at my house as usual unless I call you. Keep warm and keep the needles and hooks clicking. If you have any questions, contact me. Thank you, Diane Turner."

RENEW

This Lenten season, you have a great opportunity for you to spiritually prepare for Easter. Consider attending the Renew Retreat, scheduled for **Saturday, March 10!** Brochures can be found in the Narthex. You can register with the form on the brochure or there will be a table set up for signups beginning the weekend of **February 10 & 11**.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH NEWS

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? When did we see You a stranger and invite You in, or needing clothes and clothe You? When did we see You sick or in prison and go to visit You?' "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.'" Matthew 25:35-40. The BOCO is sponsoring a team to walk in **Walk A Mile** on **February 10** to benefit the Kokomo Rescue Mission. If you would like to join our team to walk for "the least of these", sign up and envelopes are at the Welcome Center. If you are unable to walk but would like to donate or you have questions, BOCO members are **Pastor Akers, Amy Shrack, Dillon Waggoner and Breanna Guse**.

SUB SANDWICH SALE SUPER BOWL WEEKEND - FEBRUARY 3RD & 4TH!

In two weeks, the youth participating in this summer's Mission Possible and CIY are once again selling sub sandwiches. These sack lunches with a **sub sandwich, chips, and dessert** will be available after this weekend's Saturday's service, and after both Sunday services. The suggested donation is **\$6, or 4 for \$20!**

RESCUE MISSION BIRTHDAY PARTY GIFTS

Every year in June, the Kokomo Rescue Mission throw's a birthday party for its dining room guests. Knowing some guests don't have the means to celebrate their birthdays each year, the annual event gives them a chance to celebrate all on one day for those who don't have family to spend it with or don't celebrate at all. Every other year LCOR provides the gifts and assists in hosting this party. This is our year and we need your help!! Our goal is to provide gifts for **100 women, 150 men** and at **least 30 children**. There will be a table in the Narthex with a list of items we need to collect and examples of the sizes needed (not jumbo, but not travel or sample sizes). We will focus on collecting different items each month. **For the remainder of January, we will collect bar soap, tissue packets and razors**. Monetary donations would also be very much appreciated. Make checks payable to the church with **RM Party Gifts in the memo please. (Each gift costs approximately \$20.)** Thank you in advance for your generosity.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

DATE	TIME	TITLE / EVENT	LOCATION
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Sunday School / Bible Class / 8 th Grade Confirmation	Various Rooms
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Communion	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	Summer Youth Event Meeting	Youth Room
	4:00 PM	Pathways	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Grounds	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Quilt Class	Mission Hall
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
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
Fri.	5:45 PM	RLS Spaghetti Supper - Talent Show	Fellowship Hall
	9:00 PM	Grounds' Movie Night	Fellowship Hall / Youth Room
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary

RED COAT WITH WHITE SCARF

A red coat with a white scarf has been taken by mistake for another red coat with a white scarf. Please return it back to church. The other coat is still at church. Thank you.

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.

SHHH...by RLS Principal Ruth Lavrenz
“Be still and know that I am God...” Psalm 46:10



LUTHERAN SCHOOLS' WEEK:

This week we are celebrating Lutheran Schools' Week with thousands of other students in Lutheran Schools across the country. The theme for NLSW 2018 (January 21-27) is **“It's Still All About Jesus,”** taken from Hebrews 13:8. National Lutheran Schools Week provides our network of nearly 2,300 LCMS preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in Lutheran schools.

Here at Redeemer Lutheran School, we thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful to Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families. We have 125 students who attend RLS. We are blessed with a talented and dedicated staff of ten full time teachers, a full time principal, a full time school secretary, a full time technology facilitator, band director, four extended care staff, four teachers' assistants/aides, two cafeteria staff, two maintenance engineers, an admissions counselor, two Pastors and a DCE. Our wonderful team of volunteers, librarians, PTO officers, field trip drivers, chaperones, classroom assistance, concessions, athletics, and so many other ways, help our school continue to be outstanding. Our congregation supports RLS, not only financially, but also through prayer and general support when we have fundraisers or have special needs. We thank ALL of you so much!

So let's join together and celebrate Lutheran Schools' Week, and especially Redeemer Lutheran School as we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to everyone we serve.

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!

	PATHWAYS	GROUNDS
Sunday, Jan. 21 st	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Friday, Jan. 26 th	---	9 pm-12 am
Sunday, Jan. 28 th	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm

GROUNDS 5TH QUARTER

Join us **this Friday** from **9 PM-12 AM** for a movie night in! We'll have popcorn, drinks, and a variety of candies! The movie theater is coming to Redeemer!

SUMMER EVENT MEETING

TODAY, Sunday, January 21st, join us **after late service** in the **youth room** to officially sign up for summer events including CIY and Mission Possible! We need to get fundraising underway, so bring your calendar and be ready to jump in!

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

SIMPLY GIVING - A 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.



ATTENTION RESCUE MISSION SERVERS

Diane Anderson has this message to share with the congregation. "I misplaced the sign-up sheet for February - June 2018. If you have the dates in your calendar, please write them on the replacement sheet at the Welcome Center. Thank you. **Diane Anderson.**"

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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Mark 1:14-15 - Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." To repent means to turn away from sins and our former way of thinking and turn toward belief in God and His Gospel of grace and mercy. The whole Christian life is one of repentance and faith - where is God calling you to repent today? How is He calling you to deeper faith?