



THE 3rd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 21 & January 22, 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 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 the **deadline** for bulletin announcements is **Wednesday by noon**.

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			
Preacher Liturgist Organist Acolytes Sanctuary Stewards	<u>SAT. 5:30</u> Pastor Allison Pastor Allison Juanita Martin-Davis Natalie S	<u>SUN. 8:15</u> Pastor Allison Pastor Akers Florence Moeller Luke L Cora D	<u>SUN. 10:45</u> Pastor Allison Pastor Akers Florence Moeller Hunter R Abby B Debby Durr Jane Sipe

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - MUSIC

Saturday-5:30 PM - 66/ Sunday-8:15 AM - 92 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 121 =279

Prelude - “Christ is Our Cornerstone” - arr. Charles Callahan / **RLS** - “You Are Holy Prince of Peace” /
Offertory - “In Thee Is Gladness” - arr. Paul Manz / **Postlude** - “Built on the Rock” - arr. T.H. Nickel

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember Imogene Canan, 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.

**2016 YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO BE
 PICKED UP IN THE EAST ENTRANCE OF THE NARTHEX THIS WEEKEND.**

A BABY BOY

John & Abby H and big brother, **Carter**, welcome newborn **Elijah Charles** into their family. **Elijah** was born **January 4th, 2017, 8 lbs. 14 oz., 21”**. Mother and son are doing well.

A BABY GIRL

The Lord blessed **Lindsey & Zack P** with the gift of a baby girl, **Quinlyn Grace P** on **Friday, January 13, 2017**. Proud grandmother is **Susan Evans**, great-grandparents are **Ralph & Lois Grotrian**.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend's altar flowers are given by **Clarence** and **Steve Larson** in loving memory of their wife and mother, **Nancy Larson**, and in thankfulness for all of God's blessings. Also by **Redeemer Lutheran School** in honor of Lutheran Schools' Week.

THANKS FOR YOUR LOVE!

Marvin Schindel thanks everyone in the church for the cards he received for his birthday.

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK - MARJORIE MUHL

This week we are honoring Marjorie Muhl as our shut-in of the week.

BUDDY BAG PACKING

Buddy Bag packing for Kokomo Urban Outreach is **this Monday, January, 23**, at **5:30 pm**. We are usually done in under an hour. The location is **720 N. Webster St.** For more information, please contact **Cindy Sewell**.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY - THIS WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM

Voters' Assembly meets **this Wednesday, January 25, 2017** at **7:00 PM** in Mission Hall. All communicant members, age 18 and over are eligible and encouraged to attend Voters' Assembly.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - BIBLE CLASS THIS SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM

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 Allison 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 how God forgave David**.

Grades 1-4 will meet in the 4th grade classroom and will **learn how God forgave David from 2 Samuel 12**.

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 with Jonathan Guse to finish their study on **Acts**.

Next Sunday, January 29, students in grades Pre-school thru 4 will meet in the 4th grade classroom to watch **Veggie Tales: Gideon, Tuba Warrior**.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Pastor Allison's **Ladies' Bible Class** meets **this Tuesday, January 24** at **10:00 AM** in Mission Hall. Pastor Allison and the ladies are studying the "**Book of Acts**".

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.]

TELLER SUBS NEEDED

Our Redeemer Tellers normally meet on **Mondays** at **9:00 AM** to count offerings. Occasionally, scheduled Tellers have a conflict and need to call in a sub. If you are interested in volunteering as a Teller sub, or have questions, please contact **Bev Beahrs**. Thank you. ☺

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.

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, contact **Joan Hoch**.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Matthew 4:20 “Immediately they left their nets and followed him.” Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had: they left their trade, their hometown, their families and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship - the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: that we know that all we have is the Lord's, to be used for His purpose, that we are His disciples, ready to follow where He leads.

YOUTH CENTRAL

FOUNDATIONS - HS YOUTH GROUP

In what has been an unusually warm and wet January, it's fitting that we take a look at the use of WATER in the Bible. It's an everyday part of life that we often take for granted, but in Scripture, water plays an integral role even beyond what we know! Join us **tonight (Sunday)** from **6:30-8:30 pm** for study, fellowship, and games!

PATHWAYS - MS YOUTH GROUP

Join us **this WEDNESDAY, January 25th**, from **6:30-8:30 pm** for our first FUN NIGHT of the new year! We switched nights because the RLS Talent Show and Spaghetti Dinner is on Friday.

FOUNDATIONS 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.**

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

© **Why was it important for Jesus to be born as a man?** Jesus was born to die on a cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. But before he would die, he would have to live a perfect life under God's Law - the Ten Commandments. That means that during his entire Jesus never sinned - not even once! As a man, Jesus took our place under the Law and kept it perfectly for us.

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.



BREATHE by RLS Principal Ruth Lavrenz

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

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS’ WEEK:

“Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord is an everlasting rock.” (Is. 26:4) It’s time for a celebration! Isn’t it great that more than 190,000 students attending Lutheran schools are able to join together in praise and thanksgiving for the training and preparation they receive in 2,068 Lutheran schools?

National Lutheran Schools Week provides our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations the opportunity to come together to celebrate one of God’s greatest gifts to His church, Lutheran schools. From its beginning, the LCMS, founded in 1847 with 12 congregations and 14 schools, has built schools. Education has always been a priority for Lutheran congregations. Schools have never been an after-thought for our great Synod.

From the start, LCMS congregations operated schools for two important reasons: 1) Schools made disciples of all nations. 2) Schools taught children to obey all that Christ commanded. As C.F.W. Walther stated in a sermon that shared his rationale for making the dangerous journey from Germany to America, “Our only real object was to save our souls, to live faith here, to establish true and correct public worship and to maintain truly Christian schools for our children.” This great heritage of Lutheran education is built on this Rock, for then and now in Christ alone we stand.

Today, Lutheran schools share the Good News of God’s Word every day with the children they serve. Teachers relate Jesus to every aspect of the curriculum. Teachers and students share the love of Jesus and His forgiveness. Lives are being transformed.

Community families are often attracted because of a positive reputation that has been earned by our schools through their continuing efforts to offer quality education. Today we serve not only the members of our congregation but also a growing number of children from our communities. This provides the venue and opportunities to seek the lost. Last year 2,336 children were baptized, resulting from the power of the Holy Spirit working through careful instruction of God’s Word.

What was once true continues to be true in our schools. We trust in the Lord, for the Lord is our everlasting Rock. There is no better reason for a celebration! Terry Schmidt, Director of LCMS School Ministry

Join us **this Monday** morning as we kick off our school week of celebration with a concert by Jennie Williamson of AriSon! The concert will be in the sanctuary and will begin at **8:30 AM**.

Then join us again on **Friday afternoon** when Northwestern Jazz Choir gives us a concert from **1:15-1:45 PM**. (This choir will feature some RLS alumin!)

On **Friday evening**, we will be wrapping up Lutheran Schools’ Week by having our annual spaghetti dinner and talent show, beginning at **5:30 PM**. 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.

FOR THE FIRST TIME AT REDEEMER...

Student Council! We have a group of eight students who wanted to be a part of this group. Students will meet regularly to discuss and decide on ideas and activities to help our student body, school, church and community. Student Council is for grades 5-8, and there will be two representatives per grade. Our reps for the remainder of this year are the following:

5th Grade: Rylee K & Luke L

6th Grade: Conner G & Daniel M, 7th Grade: Katelyn R & Harjashan S

8th Grade: Cora D & Natalie Sr

Student Council will be led by Miss Ponder. Keep an eye out for upcoming events and activities!

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

DATE	TIME	TITLE / EVENT	LOCATION
Sat.	1:00 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Bible Class / Sunday School / Confirmation	Mission Hall / Various RLS Rooms
	10:45 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Grounds	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
Mon.	8:30 AM	AriSon Concert	Sanctuary
	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	3:30 PM	RLS Girls Basketball	Fellowship Hall
	4:45 PM	RLS Boys Basketball	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Quilt Class	Mission Hall
Tues.	8:00 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	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 Girls' Basketball vs. Maconaquah	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Pathways	Youth Room
	7:00 PM	Voters' Assembly	Mission Hall
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
Fri.	3:30 PM	RLS Girls' Basketball	Fellowship Hall
	5:30 PM	RLS Spaghetti Supper & Talent Show	Fellowship Hall
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

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: _____