

**LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEK / THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**January 23 & January 24, 2016**

"This day is holy to our LORD; and ... the joy of the LORD is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). **Welcome!** 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.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER / REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
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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<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS]  
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS: 9:30 AM**

**WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS – MUSIC**

	<u>SAT. 5:30</u>	<u>SUN. 8:15</u>	<u>SUN. 10:45</u>
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
<b>Liturgist</b>	Pastor Allison	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
<b>Organist</b>	Beth Kuhlman	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller
<b>Acolytes</b>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Natalie S Karson L
<b>Sanctuary Stewards</b>			Debby Durr Jane Sipe

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE – MUSIC**

Saturday-5:30 PM – 72 / Sunday-8:15 AM – 80 / Sunday-10:45 AM – 184 = 336

**Prelude** – "God Himself is Present" – arr. M. Burkhardt / **Anthem** – RLS Choirs / **Offertory** – "Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word" – arr. M. Travis / **Postlude** – "O That I Had a Thousand Voices" – arr. G. Kaurman

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

This weekend's altar flowers are given by two families. **Clarence & Steve Larson** in loving memory of their wife and mother, **Nancy Larson** and in thankfulness for God's blessings. Also by the **Werich Family** in loving memory of their loved one, **Mike Werich**.

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember Nancy Lloyd, John Goshinka, Karen Harrison, Dick Dunkin, Darlene Foesch, Bob Wheeler, Doris Temme, Will Carson, Kori Wood, Betty VanOgden, Heather Hartman, Terry Michael, Faith [Spoon] Flowers, Jack Garner, Sandy Fisher, Leta Williams, Susan Hermes, Pam Richardson, and Marilou Reason.

## SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK - MARTHA LEITER

Martha Leiter is this week's honored shut-in.

If you would like to place flowers on the altar, open dates for February and March are still available. The flower chart is located in the Narthex. Flowers are \$15.00 per bouquet.

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## BRAVE by RLS PRINCIPAL RUTH LAVRENZ

**"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9**

### LUTHERAN SCHOOLS' WEEK:

This week we join with Lutheran Schools across the country to celebrate Lutheran Schools' Week! You can see by the information to the left that there are almost 250,000 students who are attending a Lutheran preschool, elementary or high school across our country. Did you also know that the LCMS operates three international schools as well? There are close to four thousand students enrolled in the international schools. The largest Lutheran School in the U.S. is Faith Lutheran Middle and High School in Las Vegas, Nev. It has an enrollment of over 1,500 students. The largest early childhood center is in Katy, TX with 337 children attending. Lutheran Schools are alive and well in our country! And it is alive and well right here at Redeemer Lutheran School! We currently have 128 students in grades preschool through eight. We have seven fulltime teachers, two part time teachers, a full time technology coordinator, a full time secretary and principal along with seven part time employees in the lunchroom, extended care and the office. We have so many wonderful volunteers who help us out in so many ways. We have faithful librarians, PTL officers, drivers for field trips, room parents, helpers with various projects and programs, substitutes who come in and cover classrooms for us, that there is no way to name all of them. We are so thankful for them.

Above all, we are so thankful to Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer for your vision thirty-two years ago and your continued, faithful support since then. We have been blessed by our congregation who has supported us not only financially, but through many prayers, attendance at events, and willingness to assist when asked. Thank you so much for ALL you do and ALL you are to our school! You are awesome!

We will celebrate with many activities this next week. The students will also have special dress up days as well. Our special service project for Lutheran Schools' Week will benefit the Kokomo Rescue Mission. Check our school website and our school Facebook page throughout the week to see the many fun and exciting things going on.

#### **TALENT SHOW/SPAGHETTI DINNER:**

Our annual talent show and spaghetti dinner will be held on **Friday, January 29**. This special evening will wrap up our Lutheran Schools' Week celebration. Dinner will be served beginning at **5:30** with the talent show to follow that. The dinner is a fund raiser for our 7-8 grade class trip which we will take in May of this year. Come and join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship!

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#### **LWML WIDOW'S MITE 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND!**

**Next weekend, Saturday and Sunday, January 30 and 31** is our **next 5<sup>th</sup> 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.]

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#### **TUESDAY LADIES' BIBLE CLASS**

**This Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**, at **10:00 AM**, Pastor Allison's Ladies' Bible Class continues their study, "**Forgotten God - Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit**", by Francis Chan.

#### **MENTORING MIXER**

In recognition of National Mentoring Month, the Howard County Mentoring Coalition is hosting a Mentoring Mixer on **Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**. This is an open-house type event at the **Bind Café, 108 N. Main St., from 5 -7 PM** for potential mentors/volunteers to learn more about Kokomo's Mentoring Programs which are: Project 30 with Bridges Outreach, Reach and Rise with the YMCA, New Leaf Mentoring and The Crossing. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will also be represented. There is a great need in our county for mentors and advocates and this is a great way to learn about those opportunities!

**Redeemer's Buddy Bag packing team gets back into action on  
Monday, January 25 at 5:30 PM at 720 N. Webster. For questions contact Cindy Sewell.**

## **SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES / SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – 9:30 AM**

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### **ADULTS**

This Sunday, two adult Bible Classes will be held. The ladies studying "Living Beyond Yourself" by Beth Moore will have a group discussion this morning on week 2 "To Live By The Spirit." The class meets in Mission Hall. In Fellowship Hall, Pastor Akers will lead the class, "Jeremiah and Lamentations".

### **CHILDREN – YOUTH – HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **GROWING IN CHRIST: INFANT – AGE 2**

Join Ms. Sandi Corradi in the Nursery for easy lessons exposing children to basic principles of the Bible, as well as some music and playtime.

#### **FAITHWEAVER NOW: PRE-K & K**

Ages 3 through Kindergarten-aged children are invited to join Mrs. Melanie Waggoner in the Pre-school room across from the Nursery.

#### **FAITHWEAVER NOW: ELEMENTARY**

Students in grades 1–4 are welcome to join Mrs. Ashley Schneider in the 3rd/4th grade classroom to experience the Word of God.

#### **FIRM FOUNDATION: MIDDLE SCHOOL**

All 5th–7th grade students are invited to join Mr. Steve Gaunt in the 7th/8th grade classroom as we continue to look at the Bible as one big narrative(story). The Bible is the greatest story ever told and you are invited to take part in it! For all students looking toward 8th grade Confirmation, this is the place to start!

#### **8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION**

All 8th grade students are encouraged to attend class in the 5th/6th grade classroom as we Explore Luther's Small Catechism in preparation for Witness Night and Confirmation. We will continue our study of the six chief parts of the Catechism and apply them to our daily walk with the Lord.

#### **STRONG TOWER: HIGH SCHOOL**

Join Mr. Kyle Street and Mr. Brent Seaman during the Bible Study hour in the youth room upstairs for a closer look at the teachings of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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### **GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP**

If you have been thinking about it, but have not stepped forward yet, it is not too late to join Redeemer's 2016 English as a Second Language (ESL) Mission Team. Time is running out however as we will soon be submitting the names of the Team Members. Presently the Team has fourteen members from Our Redeemer, two students from Concordia Ann Arbor, the MOST Team Leader, and one of her close friends. We will be serving some 300 students at a school in Gualan, Guatemala from July 2<sup>nd</sup> to July 9<sup>th</sup>, so the bigger the Team the better. Also watch for an opportunity in the near future to become a Team supporter as a "Sender." Please see **Kyle Street** for more information.

## HANDS OF LOVE!

**Vivian Heronemus** will be subbing for Diane Turner the next 2 weeks for Hands of Love. If you have questions, please contact **Vivian**.

## YOUTH CENTRAL

### GROUNDS - SUNDAYS - 6:30 PM

Faith - fāTH - “complete trust or confidence in someone or something; strong belief in God or in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual apprehension rather than proof.” By definition, the word “faith” sounds cold and hard. But it is so much more than that! Join us on **Sundays** from **6:30–8:30 PM** in the youth room as we talk about this incredible GIFT! Talk to **Jonathan Guse** if you have questions!

### PATHWAYS

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** from **6:30–8:30 PM** in the youth room! We’ll talk about the church season of Lent. You’ve probably heard of it many times, but do you know what it really means? If you have any questions, see **Jonathan Guse, Tami Brooks, or Kori Wood**.

### NYG MEETING

There will be a meeting for students and parents of those attending NYG on **Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> after late service**. We will be discussing fundraising and you will receive any new details about the event.

☺ **Why was it important for Jesus to be true God?** Jesus had to be true God so that he could live a perfect life in our place, die a perfect death on the cross, and rise from the dead! All of this he did in obedience to the Father and out of complete and total love for us.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

**I Cor. 12:16** “And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.” The Lord has called each of us individually and given each of us unique gifts. He has made our whole lives holy in our Baptism and has called us to a life together in the Church, His body. You are a part of that body, and that body needs you and the gifts the Lord has given you. This is your holy calling from the Lord.

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**THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER**

<u><b>DATE</b></u>	<u><b>TIME</b></u>	<u><b>TITLE / EVENT</b></u>	<u><b>LOCATION</b></u>
Sat.	1:00 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Adult Bible Class	Mission Hall / Fellowship Hall
	9:30 AM	Elementary / Jr. High – High Sunday School	RLS / Youth Rooms
	10:45 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Grounds	Youth Room
Mon.	1:00 PM	Hands of Love	Sitting Room
	6:00 PM	RLS Boys' Basketball	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 – 7 PM	Tuesday Evening Bible Class	Mission Hall
	6:00 PM	Cub / Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Wed.	8:45 AM	RLS Chapel	Sanctuary
	6:00 PM	RLS Boys' Basketball	Fellowship Hall
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	9:30 AM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
	6:00 PM	Divorce–Care	Sitting Room
	6:00 PM	RLS Girls' Basketball	Fellowship Hall
Fri.	5:30 PM	RLS Spaghetti Supper / Talent Show	Fellowship Hall
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary