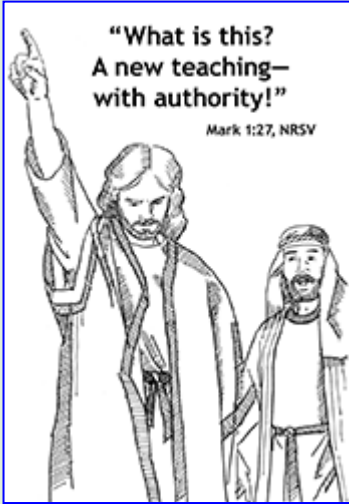


## THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 27 & January 28, 2018



We **welcome** you to worship in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. 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.**

<b>LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER / REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL</b> <b>705 SOUTHWAY BOULEVARD EAST, KOKOMO, INDIANA 46902</b>	
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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 Akers	Pastor Akers
<b>Organist</b>	Juanita Martin-Davis	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller
<b>Acolytes</b>	Luke L	Megan C Madison C	Jacob T Jonoah T
<b>Sanctuary Steward</b>			Teddi Heinzman Caroline Howard Marietta Adelsen

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - MUSIC

Saturday-5:30 PM - **158** / Sunday-8:15 AM - **109** / Sunday-10:45 AM - **196** = **463**

**Prelude** - "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" - arr. C. Callahan / **In His Service** - "10,000 Reasons" / "God's Love Never Changes" / **Offertory** - "Jesus Has Come" - arr. John Behnke / **Postlude** - "Thou Whose Almighty Word" - arr. C.S. Long

### ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend's altar flowers are given by **Michelle Werich** and **Family** in memory of her father, **Mike Werich**.

### "SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY - WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup>

Souper Bowl freewill door collections will be held at our church services the **weekend of February 4<sup>th</sup>**. Proceeds will support the **Kokomo Rescue Mission's** meals for local residents. **If writing a check, please make it out to LCOR with KRM in the memo line.** Thank you.

### SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK - BETTY VANOGDEN

**Betty VanOgden** is this week's honored shut-in.

## HOLY BAPTISM / RECEPTION

"Please join us for the Baptism of Emily Marie Brandt, infant daughter of Nicholas & Jill [Wasmuth] Brandt on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Reception to follow in Mission Hall. Jill & Nicholas Brandt."

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

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

## CHRISTIAN LOVE, SYMPATHY & PRAYERS

Our Christian love, sympathy and prayers go to Curt & Darlene Welke and Family at the death of Darlene's mother, Virginia Latham this past week.

### HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER!

#### CELEBRATION SERVICE / DINNER

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.** Since the meal is catered, reservations are **REQUIRED**. Dinner reservation sheets are included in this week's bulletin, and also in next week's. **Please note that you need only to register for the dinner once.** Thank you.

#### IDEAS / SUGGESTIONS

If you have ideas/suggestions for the day, please join the planning committee on **Wednesday, January 31, at 5:00** in the church library. Questions? Contact **David Baird or Sheryl Hartman.**

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

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 / Kelly McPike

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

Today's Sunday School lesson is the account of Jesus and the Samaritan woman. In this lesson, we learn that Jesus gives the Spirit, who cleanses us from sin and unrighteousness in the living water of Holy Baptism. Talk with your children about how sin causes us to have guilt and shame before God. Emphasize that through the water and Word of Holy Baptism all guilt and shame are removed. Discuss, "Jesus comes for all people, no matter what race or color they are. Ordinary water leaves us thirsting for more, but the living water of Jesus, which flows from His Word and the font of Baptism, quenches our spiritual thirst forever."

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation - RLS Conference Room - Pastor Akers

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

Today, a new study of "The Book of James, with Francis Chan begins.

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

This week's topic and text are "Enduring under Persecution" - 1 Thessalonians 3:5.

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

This week the ladies are viewing "The Breastplate of Righteousness" DVD.

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

## TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

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.

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.

~~~~~ 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.**

### 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.

### HANDS OF LOVE - FROM DIANE TURNER!

"Ladies, we are meeting at my house on **January 29<sup>th</sup>** the usual time, **1:00 - 2:30 PM.** **February 5<sup>th</sup>** we will not meet as my surgery is scheduled that day. We will try meeting on **February 12<sup>th</sup>** at my house as usual unless I call you. Keep warm and keep the needles and hooks clicking. If you have any questions, you may call me. Diane Turner."

### RENEW - MARCH 10, 2018

St. Paul writes in Romans "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." We have the opportunity to do just that! The Renew one day retreat, scheduled for **March 10<sup>th</sup>**, is that opportunity! Brochures can be found in the Narthex. You can register with the form in the brochure or online via the LCOR website, or we will have a table set up for sign-ups beginning the weekend of **Feb. 10-11.**

### FUNERAL DINNER CONTAINERS

If you have brought food in for funeral dinners and not picked up your dishes, pans and containers, they are in the Mission Hall mini kitchen.

### SUB SANDWICH SALE SUPER BOWL WEEKEND - FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup>!

Next weekend, the youth participating in this summer's Mission Possible and CIY are 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!**

### 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.

# 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. 28 <sup>th</sup> | 4-6 pm          | 6:30-8:30 pm   |
| Sunday, Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>  | No Youth Group  |                |
| Sunday, Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup> | 4-6 pm          | 6:30-8:30 pm   |
| Sunday, Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup> | No Youth Group  |                |
| Sunday, Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup> | 4-6 pm          | 6:30-8:30 pm   |

## CIY MOVE AND MISSION POSSIBLE XIII

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board across from the Adult Education Room! All students currently in 8<sup>th</sup> grade through high school are invited to sign up!

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

## 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.

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## 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.



## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

**Mark 1:22** - "And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes." Authority is a word we are sometimes afraid of and don't like to hear. But that's just our sinful flesh talking. Jesus' authority is something we need. We need Him to show us what to believe and how to live - for Jesus' authority is always connected to His love.

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

**LUTHERAN SCHOOLS' WEEK:**

Be sure to check out the pictures on our school website. We had a great time celebrating Lutheran Schools' Week! Monday was "Future Career Day", Tuesday was "Team Spirit Day," we did not have school on Wednesday, Thursday was "Dress Like You Are 100," and Friday was "Word Day." We played Bingo this week; we had a student vs. teacher volleyball match, and a sock hop. We are able to celebrate with other Lutheran Schools because you, LCOR, had a vision and understood the value of a Christian education. Thank you so much for your continued commitment to Redeemer Lutheran School.

A huge thank you goes out to our choirs from RLS for their singing this past weekend to help kick off LSW. They sounded wonderful. Thank you Mrs. Allison, our choir director and all of the teachers who helped to make this happen. Great job everyone! We ended LSW with our annual spaghetti dinner and talent show. It is always amazing to see the great gifts and talents that God has given to our students.

**SCRIP:**

Did you make a New Year's resolution? Have you stuck to it? Was it to be more giving? Did you want to be more careful with your money? SCRIP can help with those two resolutions. Stop in the Extended Care room and buy your grocery card or gas card. Stay on budget AND give back. The easiest, least painful way of staying on budget AND donating to the school. Stop in and talk to Michelle, she would love to answer any questions.

**THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER**

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>TIME</b> | <b>TITLE / EVENT</b>                                             | <b>LOCATION</b>              |
|-------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sat.        | 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    | Traditional Communion                                            | Sanctuary                    |
|             | 2:00 PM     | Member Function                                                  | Sanctuary / Mission Hall     |
|             | 4:00 PM     | Pathways                                                         | Youth Room / Fellowship Hall |
|             | 6:30 PM     | Grounds                                                          | Youth Room / Fellowship Hall |
| Mon.        | 9:00 AM     | Room Occupied                                                    | Mission Hall                 |
|             | 1:00 PM     | Hands of Love                                                    | Diane Turner's Home          |
|             | 6:30 PM     | Cardio Drumming                                                  | Fellowship Hall              |
|             | 6:30 PM     | Quilt Class                                                      | Mission Hall                 |
| Tues.       | 7:30 AM     | Men's Bible Study                                                | Mission Hall                 |
|             | 8:00 AM     | Church Library Staff                                             | Church Library               |
|             | 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                   |
|             | 6:00 PM     | Deaf Bible Study                                                 | Church Library               |
|             | 6:30 PM     | Cardio Drumming                                                  | Fellowship Hall              |
| Sat.        | 5:30 PM     | Traditional Communion                                            | Sanctuary                    |

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**  
**Dody Baird - February 1**  
**Ruth Luecke - February 3**

## **LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 14, 2018**

On **Wednesday, February 14**, we begin the Season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday service. Two services will be held on **Ash Wednesday, 12 noon** and **7:00 PM**. Both services will offer Holy Communion, and the imposition of ashes. The other remaining Lenten services will be held at **12 noon** and **7:00 PM**. Our theme this year is the **"I Am" Sayings of Jesus**.

### **THE WEEKLY THEMES AND TEXTS ARE:**

|                                |                                         |               |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------|
| Ash Wednesday, February 14     | "I Am"                                  | Exodus 3:1-15 |
| Lent 2 - February 21           | "I Am the Light of the World"           | John 8:12     |
| Lent 3 - February 28           | "I Am the Door [Gate] for the Sheep     | John 10:7     |
| Lent 4 - March 7               | "I Am the True Vine"                    | John 15:1     |
| Lent 5 - March 14              | "I Am the Way, the Truth and Life"      | John 14:6     |
| Lent 6 - March 21              | "I Am Bread of Life"                    | John 6:35     |
| Maundy Thursday - March 29     | "I Am the Living Bread"                 | John 6:51-59  |
| Good Friday - March 30 - 12 PM | "I Am the Good Shepherd Lay Down Life " | John 10:11-14 |
| Good Friday - March 30 - 7 PM  | Tenebrae Service                        |               |
| Easter - March 31 & April 1    | "I Am the Resurrection and the Life"    | John 11:2     |

### **LENTEN DINNERS 2018**

Lenten Dinners will be served each Wednesday during Lent, from 5:45-6:15 PM in Fellowship Hall. The cost of the meals is \$3.00 (age 13 - adults), Free (age 12 - under).

| <b>DATE</b>         | <b>CO-CHAIRPERSON</b>                                       | <b>DEACON AREAS</b>                                             | <b>MENU</b>                                                                                |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ash Wed.<br>Feb. 14 | RLS 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders<br>Anna Gaunt | Bill Tucker - #13<br>Bob Hoch - #9<br>Terry Gotshall - #3       | Chicken & Noodles<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Green Beans<br>Rolls<br>Cookies                    |
| Feb. 21             | LWIS<br>Vivian Heronemus<br>Caroline Howard                 | Tom Baird - #8<br>Randy McPike - #11                            | Meatloaf<br>Tater Tots<br>Green Beans<br>Cake                                              |
| Feb. 28             | WATCH<br>Jill Lowden                                        | Gene Miller - #14<br>Tom Manship - #5<br>Larry Sullivan - #2    | Breakfast Casseroles<br>Seasoned Potato Wedges<br>Sausage Links<br>Fruit Salad<br>Pastries |
| March 7             | YOUTH<br>Jonathan Guse                                      | Tim Brubaker - #15<br>John Hubbert - #16<br>Robert Martin - #10 | Pulled Pork Sandwiches<br>Veggie Tray<br>Chips<br>Cake                                     |
| March 14            | Mission Possible<br>Sarah Klepfer<br>Anna Gaunt             | Bob Hingst - #4<br>Chris James - #7<br>Mark Pearson #6          | Pasta Bake<br>Salad<br>Breadsticks<br>Cake                                                 |
| March 21            | RLS PTO<br>Juanita Conyers                                  | Mark Dunkin - #1<br>Bob Frey - #12                              | Chili<br>PB & J Sandwiches<br>Fruit Tray<br>Cookies                                        |

**Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will be available at all of the dinners.  
Vivian Heronemus, Lenten Dinner Chairperson.**

