

**BUILDING BRIDGES: GOD BRIDGES - THE LOST SHEEP**  
**THE 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

January 28 & January 29, 2017

Here we learn what is good and what the Lord requires of us: justice, mercy and walking humbly with God (Micah 6:8). May you find blessing and inspiration as you hear God's Word today. 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.

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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>			
Preacher Liturgist Organist Acolytes Sanctuary Stewards	<b>SAT. 5:30</b> Pastor Akers Pastor Akers Beth Kuhlman Matt L	<b>SUN. 8:15</b> Pastor Akers Pastor Allison Florence Moeller Selia D	<b>SUN. 10:45</b> Pastor Akers Pastor Allison  Karson L Anna Gaunt Susie Yeakley

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - INFORMATION - MUSIC**

Saturday-5:30 PM - 106 / Sunday-8:15 AM - 100 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 154 =360  
*Prelude* - "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" - arr. David Paxton / *In His Service* - "God's Love Never Changes" and "Come, People of the Risen King" / *Offertory* - "Thou Shalt Bring Them In" - G.F. Handel  
*Postlude* - "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" - arr. Jan Bender

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT**

We remember Charles Hubbert, Imogene Canan, 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.

**PRAYERS OF CHRISTIAN LOVE, SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT**

Our prayers of Christian love, sympathy and support go to Henry & Amy S at the death of Henry's sister, Jean R of Albany, IN this past Monday. Also to Pastor Jim & Gwenn W and Family at the death of Gwenn's mother, Eleanor K, on January 20, 2017 in Ft. Wayne.

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

This weekend, January 28 and 29 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.]

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

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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

## PASTOR SHAUEN TRUMP - COMING IN FEBRUARY

We are excited that *Pastor Shauen Trump*, our missionary in Kenya, Africa will be with us the weekend of *February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>*. *Pastor Trump* will be preaching at all 3 worship services and leading *Adult Bible Class*.

## THANKS FOR YOUR LOVE FROM VIOLET KILE

*Violet Kile* has this message to share with the congregation. "What a great surprise to this old woman on her birthday. I love this church and its people. I love the people that sing for me at Christmas, Pastor Bill and God's hope of life forever, and the body of Christ. He is alive in you. Thank you and bless you all. *Violet Kile*."

## THANK YOU FROM THE KLEPFERS

"What a Blessing to a part of this Church Family! We cannot express how much your prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy have meant to all of us at the passing of my [Kevin] mom recently. We have been overwhelmed with the out pouring of sympathy from our Church Family. Thank You from the entire Klepfer family!!

## SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK - SHARON PACKARD

This week we are honoring *Sharon Packard* as our shut-in of the week.

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

Two new Adult Bible Classes begin *this Sunday [today]* at 9:30 AM.

In Mission Hall, *Pastor Akers* will lead a study from the Transforming Churches Network titled *Building Bridges - How God Sends the Church to Touch the World*. Weekly study topics are:

January 29<sup>th</sup> - *God Bridges: The Lost Sheep* (Luke 15:1-7)

February 5<sup>th</sup> - *God Searches: The Lost Coin* (Luke 15:8-10)

February 12<sup>th</sup> - *God Embraces: The Lost Son* (Luke 15:11-24)

February 26<sup>th</sup> - *God Challenges: The Older Son* (Luke 15:25-32).

In the Adult Education Room, *Pastor Allison* will be teaching a class on selected "Psalms".

On *Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>* *Pastor Shauen Trump*, our missionary in Kenya, Africa will be leading a Bible class for adults and youth.

*This Sunday*, students in grades Pre-school thru 4 will meet in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom to watch *Veggie Tales: Gideon, Tuba Warrior*.

*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*.

*8<sup>th</sup> grade students* continue their preparation for Confirmation in the 7/8 grade classroom with *Ruth Lavrenz* teaching this morning.

*High School students* are encouraged to meet for class upstairs in the Youth Room with *Jonathan Guse* to finish their study on *Acts*.

## MISSION POSSIBLE XII ... HOUSING / PRAYER PARTNERS

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*.

## MISSION POSSIBLE XII PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED

Mission Possible XII is July 2 - 8. Prayer Partners are needed for all the MP XII participants. If you can write 3 notes and pray daily for someone, you can be a Prayer Partner. We are looking for young and old, male and female. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. You can also contact *Karen Jewell* with your questions and your interest.

## FIRST FRIDAY

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer will once again have a booth at this week's First Friday celebration in downtown Kokomo. Four to eight Volunteers are needed to help make and pass out popcorn, lead a simple game, passing out prizes, and talk to people. Set up is at 5:00 pm and we will clean up at 8:30 pm. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or talk to Pastor Akers if you would like to help.

## RIGHT NOW MEDIA

We just want to remind you all that you have access to an incredible **Bible Study Library!** There are literally 1,000's of video-based studies at your fingertips! If you haven't been using it - give it a try! If you don't have login information, we'd love to get you set up! Please give us your name and email address on the form located at the Welcome Center! A login is needed, which is provided by an invitation that we need to send to your email.

## YOUTH CENTRAL

### GROUNDS - 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, February 1<sup>st</sup>, from 6:30-8:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

### GROUNDS LOCK-IN!

Join us for the lock-in on February 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>! The team from Chicago will still be coming to lead the lock-in! Fun begins at 9 pm and ends at 8 am!

### SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

All students currently 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> 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 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.

### COMING IN MARCH - HANDBELL FESTIVAL

All Our Redeemer Bell Choirs are preparing new music for the 2017 Handbell Festival, Saturday, March 4, 2017. There will be Bell Choirs from 10 churches participating in 2017 Festival event being held at Bible Baptist Church, corner of Lincoln & Dixon Rd. You are invited to hear the Bells that evening at 5:30 PM at the church.

### SUB SANDWICH SALE - NEXT WEEKEND!

Next weekend, the Youth participating in this summer's Mission Possible and CIY are once again selling sub sandwiches for Super Bowl Sunday. These sack lunches with a sub sandwich, chips, and dessert will be available after next Saturday's service, and both Sunday services in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. The suggested donation is \$5.

### TELLERS - 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 serving as a Teller sub, or have questions, please contact Bev Beahrs at 453-0969. 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.

**BREATHE by RLS Principal Ruth Lavrenz**

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

**LUTHERAN SCHOOLS’ WEEK:**

This past week we celebrated National Lutheran Schools’ Week! What a great week we had! We started the week with a concert by Jennie Williamson of AriSon, and later that day, we had an obstacle course. On Tuesday, we made special crosses that we are handing out this weekend to ask you to pray for a special student or staff member. Wednesday brought our annual Bible Trivia where chapel families checked out their knowledge of the Bible. Thursday we celebrated by having our “sock hop.” Friday we were treated to a concert by the Northwestern jazz choir where we got to see some of our RLS alumni perform. Friday evening was our talent show and spaghetti dinner. Throughout the week, we wore crazy outfits, hats, we were in black and white outfits, wild and wacky clothes. It was a fun week of celebration. Check our website and Facebook page for pictures.

*None of these celebrations would be happening without our church family. We thank you, members of LCOR for your continued support, not just financially, but your prayers, your attendance at our functions, the different ways you volunteer to help in the school. We are so blessed at Redeemer Lutheran School. Thank you for making this ministry a vital arm of LCOR. Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord to “make disciples of all nations...” May our loving and faithful God continue to bless you, LCOR and Redeemer Lutheran School.*

This weekend the school will be handing out a cross for each family to take home with them. The cross was decorated by a student here at RLS. On the back is a child’s name and age, on the front is a date. Please enjoy the cross and pray for our school and individually for the student who painted the cross. These crosses are a special memento.

**SCRIP**

*SUPERBOWL SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup>!! What are your plans? SCRIP has Subway cards and various pizza places to help feed your company during the big game. See [www.shopwithscrip](http://www.shopwithscrip) for a complete listing of cards available. Rhonda and/or Michelle will be in the ExtendedCare room from 9-10:30 on Sunday mornings with inventory and to assist you with ordering.*

**LENT BEGINS MARCH 1, 2017**

**CATECHETICAL SERMON SERIES: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS  
A LENTEN MIDWEEK SERIES FOR THE 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION**

On **Wednesday, March 1**, 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 Ten Commandments”**.

**THE WEEKLY THEMES AND TEXTS ARE:**

Ash Wednesday, March 1	“Commandments Nine and Ten”	1Kings 21:1-16
Lent 2 - March 8	“Commandment Eight”	Matthew 26:59-61
Lent 3 - March 15	“Commandment Seven”	John 12:1-8
Lent 4 - March 22	“Commandment Six”	2Samuel 11:1-5
Lent 5 - March 29	“Commandment Five”	2Samuel 11:1-27
Lent 6 - April 5	“Commandment Four”	Luke 2:41-52
Maundy Thursday - April 13	“Commandment Three”	Mark 14:12-26 & 1Corinthians 10:16-17
Good Friday - April 14	“Commandment Two”	Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
<b>Non-Tenebrae - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Tenebrae Service - 7:00 PM</b>	
Easter Sunday - April 15 & 16	“Commandment One”	Mark 16:1-8

[THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER](#)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TITLE / EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Bible Class / Sunday School / Confirmation	Various Classrooms
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	Summer Youth Event Planning Meeting	Mission Hall
	2:30 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
	6:30 PM	Grounds	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	6:30 PM	Quilting Class	Mission Hall
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
Tues.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	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
	3:45 PM	RLS Girls' Basketball	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Pathways	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	4:45 PM	RLS Boys' Basketball	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	Deaf Bible Study	Church Library
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
Fri.	5:00 PM	First Friday	Kokomo Downtown
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary

[HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:](#)

[Dody Baird - Feb. 1](#)

[Marjorie Muhl - Feb. 1](#)

[Vi Slifka - Feb. 1](#)

[Ruth Luecke - Feb. 3](#)

**[SIMPLY GIVING - A NEW 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**

**1 Corinthians 1:18:** "Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?" God's ways are certainly not the world's ways - including the way God tells us to manage the resources He's given to us. The world says "hold on, hold back, and gather up." Jesus says to store up treasure in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and where no thief breaks in to steal. Whose way do you think is best? What is wiser: the wisdom of the financial gurus or the foolishness of God?

## **MISSION POSSIBLE XII HOUSING**

July 2 - 8, 2017

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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. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **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:

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_