

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**January 30 & January 31, 2016**



Welcome, one and all! Faith, hope and love are gifts of God. May you find them here. **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.

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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**

<b>WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS - MUSIC</b>			
<b>Preacher</b> <b>Liturgist</b> <b>Organist</b> <b>Acolytes</b> <b>Sanctuary</b> <b>Stewards</b>	<b>SAT. 5:30</b> Pastor Akers Pastor Akers Juanita Martin-Davis Volunteer Needed	<b>SUN. 8:15</b> Pastor Akers Pastor Allison Florence Moeller Volunteer Needed	<b>SUN. 10:45</b> Pastor Akers Pastor Allison Florence Moeller Volunteer Needed Anna Gaunt Susie Yeakley

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

Saturday-5:30 PM - 96 / Sunday-8:15 AM - 98 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 205 = 399

**Prelude** - "Love Divine, All Love Excelling" - arr. Allan Behnke / **Choir** - "Love in Christ" -Ralph Shultz

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

This weekend's altar flowers are given in honor of **Redeemer Lutheran School Week**, and the 31 years of ministry at RLS.

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

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

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

Our Christian love, sympathy and prayers go to **Sharon Brown and Kori Wood and Family** at the death of their daughter and mother, **Melinda Fulmer** this past Sunday.

**SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK - MARJORIE MUHL**

**Marjorie Muhl** is this week's honored shut-in. Please direct cards to **Marjorie** at her mailing address of 1720 W. Taylor St., Kokomo, IN 46901.

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

**This 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.]**

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

### **2 ADULT CLASSES**

In Fellowship Hall, **Jonathan Guse** will lead the class, "**Jeremiah and Lamentations**". This morning the Ladies Bible study will view DVD Session #2 of the "**Living Beyond Yourself**" in Mission Hall. They will learn how to discern and perceive God's Spirit in the many "gray" areas of life. There are four extra workbooks available in the church office if anyone would like them.

### **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.

## **MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES BEGINS FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

The theme for this year's midweek Lenten services is "**Angels Watch in Solemn Wonder.**" Beginning with **Ash Wednesday (February 10<sup>th</sup>)**, set aside time for worship **each Wednesday** during Lent at either **noon** or **7:00 PM**. Through the use of meaningful dramas, we will explore how God's plan of salvation unfolded through the eyes of His angels. These Lenten weeks provide us with insight as we reflect upon our need for a Savior using key biblical events involving God's angels. We'll begin with a look at the Cherubim who stood guard at the entrance to the Garden of Eden after the Fall of Adam and Eve into sin. Each of the Wednesday 7:00 pm worship services will be preceded by a time of fellowship and a meal in the Fellowship Hall. The Ash Wednesday services will include the imposition of ashes and a celebration of the Lord's Supper. Pastor Allison and Pastor Akers pray that you will join us also on **Maundy Thursday (March 24<sup>th</sup>)** and **Good Friday (March 25<sup>th</sup>)** as we conclude the season of Lent with special worship services at both noon and 7:00 pm.



The Maundy Thursday services will include the celebration of the Lord's Supper and the 7:00 pm worship service on Good Friday will be our traditional Tenebrae Service of darkness.

### LENTEN DINNERS 2016

Lenten Dinners will be served each Wednesday during Lent, and Maundy Thursday, from 5:45-6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. The cost of the meals is \$3.00 (age 13 - adults), Free (age 12 - under).

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CO-CHAIRPERSON</u>	<u>DEACON AREAS</u>	<u>MENU</u>
Feb. 10	Sarah Martin RLS Grades 7 & 8	#1 Keith Hill #6 Steve Sewell #8 Tom Baird	Chicken and Noodles Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Rolls Desserts
Feb. 17	Jonathan Guse NYG	#2 Larry Sullivan #7 John Hubbert #12 Jim Durr	BBQ Pork Sandwiches Veggie Tray Applesauce Cake
Feb. 24	Vivian Heronemus Jill Lowden LWIS	#10 Steve Gaunt #15 Gene Miller #16 Curt Welke	Baked Potato Bar Chicken Salad Fruit Ice cream
Mar. 2	Jill Lowden Debbie Street Watch Community	#4 Rufus Howard #11 Alan Harvath	Breakfast Casseroles Sausage Links Seasoned potatoes Fruit Pastries
Mar. 9	Sue Allison Sarah Klepfer Guatemala Mission Team	#5 Kevin Klepfer #13 Zack Conner	Spaghetti Bake Breadsticks Salad Cake
Mar. 16	Jonathan Guse NYG	#3 Terry Gotshall #9 Ross Morkal #14 Bob Hingst	Meatloaf Green beans Fruit cocktail Rolls Cookies/Brownies
Mar. 24	Carrie Summerton RLS-PTL	PTL Members	Chili PB & J Sandwiches Vegetable Tray Fruit Tray Cookies

**Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will be available at all of the dinners.  
Debbie Street - Lenten Dinner Chairperson.**

### "SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY - WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup>

Freewill door collections will be held at church services the **weekend of February 7<sup>th</sup>**. Proceeds will support the **Kokomo Rescue Mission's** meals for local residents in need.

### 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 this week for Hands of Love. If you have questions, please contact **Vivian**.

### **SAVE THE DATE - FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

Are you interested in sharing God's Word with the youth of our church? If you have a love for kids and a passion to see them grow in Christ, this is the opportunity for you. Stop by the **Adult Ed Room** after either **Sunday service on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016** to learn more.

### **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:**

We had an awesome time celebrating Lutheran Schools' Week. Check out the pictures on our website and on our Facebook page. On Monday, we wore our favorite Bible character, on Tuesday, we dressed as colors of the rainbow, on Wednesday, every one dressed up in their nicest clothes. Thursday we had a special "beach" day with Friday being a pajama day with a movie for the whole school. We have our annual Bible Trivia contest, the students made birthday cards for the Rescue Mission to hand out and for our special service project we brought in toys and toiletries for the Rescue Mission. We are so proud of our school, our students and staff and all the amazing ways that God is working at Redeemer. We are BLESSED!

#### **CHAPEL OFFERINGS:**

This quarter our chapel offerings are going to Lutheran Heritage Foundation. The program we are supporting is called, "Mon Ami, Jesus." For every five dollars we raise, LHF will be able to give a catechism or Bible story book to a French speaking child in West Africa or Haiti.

#### **BAGS FOR BUCKS:**

Trash bags are back! We will begin selling them this weekend. Someone will be in the Extended Care room after each service so you can order your bags. The cost is \$10.00 per roll. This is not a fund raiser; it is just an opportunity for you to restock. We will have samples there when you order. Payment must accompany order. Be sure when you fill out your order that you include a name and phone number so we can let you know when they have come in.

#### **CALL EXTENDED:**

We are thrilled to announce that at our Voter's meeting January 20, the Voter's elected to extend a call to Kaila Claucherty. She is currently under contract with us and this changes her status from contract to a Called worker. She is now considered a Lutheran trained teacher and is eligible for the roster of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Kaila just finished her colloquy training, which is an intense study of Lutheran Theology and doctrine, and is now considered synodically trained. Congratulations, Miss Claucherty!

#### **SCRIP**

Let's HEAT THINGS UP FOR FEBRUARY!! For each card purchased, reloaded, or scripnow placed in February, we will enter your name in drawing for a \$10 Bob Evans, Panera, or Starbucks card. There will be 3 winners which will be announced the first of March. This is a great time to get started or restart using SCRIP. SCRIP benefits you and RLS!!

As always you may contact Rhonda or Michelle with any questions. Come see us in Extended Care Room from 9-10:30 on Sunday mornings.

**THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>TITLE / EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Worship	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 Worship	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	National Youth Gathering Meeting	Mission Hall
	6:30 PM	Grounds	Youth Room
Mon.	1:00 PM	Hands of Love	Sitting Room
	1:00 & 6:30 PM	Diabetes Class	Church Library
	7:00 PM	Board of Property	Sitting Room
Tues.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	1:00 & 6:30 PM	Diabetes Class	Church Library
	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
	1:00 & 6:30 PM	Diabetes Class	Church Library
	6:00 PM	Board of RLS	School Conference Room
	6:30 PM	Pathways	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
Thurs.	9:00 AM	Health Care Committee	Church Library
	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	9:30 AM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
	6:00 PM	Divorce-Care	Sitting Room
Fri.	12:00 PM	Teacher Lunch-In	Mission Hall
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**

**Diane Anderson - Feb. 10**

**Doris Temme - Feb. 11**

**Judy Wehmeyer - Feb. 14**

## **YOUTH CENTRAL**

### **GROUNDNS**

As Lutherans, we talk about Baptism A LOT! What does it mean? Why do we do it the way that we do? What's to be gained? Why do other churches do it differently? Join us from **6:30-8:30 pm** in the youth room as we talk through these questions together! Talk to **Jonathan Guse** if you have questions!

### **GROUNDNS SUPER BOWL PARTY**

Next Sunday is the big game! Who will you be cheering for? **Bring a friend and a snack to share!** We'll play some games, have some contests, and eat some food while we watch the game! Kickoff is at **6:30 pm**, so come early! We'll be here 'til the game is over, but feel free to take off whenever you need to! Talk to **Jonathan Guse** if you have questions!

### **PATHWAYS**

Our next meeting is this **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 **TODAY, Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** after **late service**. We will be discussing fundraising and you will receive any new details about the event.

### **STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

**1 Corinthians 13:4-5** "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful." Love is the greatest of the three "theological virtues" because God is Love. That is why love is the fulfillment of the Law, because the Law is the reflection of God's being and God is love. St. Paul urges the Corinthians to grow in love, to grow up into the image of Christ who demonstrates what love looks like with His sacrifice on the cross. For love always seeks the good of the other, always seeks to serve, to give, to bless.