

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 3 & February 4, 2018



Very early in the morning... Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Mark 1:35

The psalmist declares: "How good it is to sing praises to our God; for He is gracious" (Psalm 147:1, NRSV). So then, let us 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 that the deadline for bulletin announcements is Wednesdays by noon. Thank you.**

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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

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

	SAT. 5:30	SUN. 8:15	SUN. 10:45
Preacher	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
Liturgist	Pastor Akers	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
Organist	Juanita Martin-Davis	Florence Moeller	
Acolytes	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Sanctuary Stewards			Amy Shrack Ellen Benziger

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - INFORMATION - MUSIC

Saturday-5:30 PM - 89 / Sunday-8:15 AM - 89 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 161 = 339

Organ Music - Prelude - "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent" - arr. G. Young / Offertory - "Lord of Glory" - arr. C. Callahan / Postlude - "All Glory Be to God on High" - G. Tellman

ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend's altar flowers are given by **Pastor & Sue Allison** in celebration of Sue's Feb. 3 birthday and to thank God for His many blessings. Also by **Bev Behrs** in loving memory of her parents and brother, **Ted & Eileen Behrs** and **Larry Behrs Sr.**, and to thank God for her church family and friends.

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK - CLARA BURNETT

Clara Burnett is this week's honored shut-in.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember **Diane Turner, Bill Mishler, Michel Peterson, Carl Swift, Joan Swift, Richard Hixon, Pam Youngdale, Heather Portman, Darlene Foesch, Opal Hartman, Sharon Lecher, Adalee Alexander, Ben Vandeburg, Dick Bryan, Cena Benziger, Doris Temme, Robert Molkentine, Jayne Frey, Nancy Jones, Heather Hartman, and Delia Overia.**

"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY - THIS WEEKEND!

Freewill door collections will be held at all 3 church services **this weekend**. Proceeds will support the **Kokomo Rescue Mission's** meals for local residents in need. If writing a check, please make it out to **LCOR with KRM** in the memo line. Thank you.

SUB SANDWICH SALE SUPER BOWL THIS WEEKEND!

This 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!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER!

Mark your calendars for a celebration! We will be celebrating **100 years of blessings on February 18**. There will be **one service that weekend, Sunday 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 by February 8th**. Dinner reservation sheets are included in this week's bulletin. **Please note that you need only to register for the dinner once**. Thank you.

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

Pre-School, Pre-K, Kdg. - RLS Kindergarten Room - Ashley Schneider

1st – 2nd Grades - RLS 3rd Grade Room - Elaine Ponder / Kelly McPike

3rd – 4th Grades - RLS 4th Grade Room - Sharon Mugg

5th – 7th Grades - RLS 5th / 6th Grade Room - Jim & Gwenn Wasmuth

"Jesus Is Rejected at Nazareth" is the Sunday School lesson today. In Nazareth, throughout His ministry, and even today, Jesus is rejected by people who do not have faith in Him. God's Word clearly shows that Jesus is God's Son, and in faith, we believe. With your family, discuss, "How does sin blind our eyes to the Savior and cause us to suffer from sin's effects with sickness, trouble, and even physical death?"

8th Grade Confirmation - RLS Conference Room - Pastor Akers

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

This topic of study is the video series, "Shaken" with Tim Tebow.

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

This week's topic is "A God Pleasing Life".

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

This week the ladies are viewing "Shoes of Peace" 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. **"The Struggle Within"** from **Romans 7** is the topic and text.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

*In the times in which we live, have you ever felt nervous, anxious, or even afraid about going to church? We at Redeemer are concerned for your personal safety and are thus establishing a Security Committee. Several area congregations have formed such groups to address the sad reality of potential active shooter events. If you are interested in serving on our Security Committee, we are having a committee meeting on **Tuesday, February 6, 2018, in the Church Library, at 7:00 PM**. This meeting will be an Orientation and Organization for the Committee. If you have any questions call **Randy McPike** or **Ross Morkal**.*

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.

RENEW

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 10th, 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.

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 month of February, we will collect combs, Men's shaving cream, Men's shampoo and Women's shampoo and conditioner.** 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.

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

ENROLLMENT:

We have begun enrollment and re-enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year. If you know of anyone who might be searching for a new school, please direct them to our school website or have them give us a call at 765-864-6466.

SGO:

Believe it or not, there are still funds left in the SGO for 2017-2018 donations. If you would like to get your 2018 SGO donation taken care of already, go ahead and submit it to the Lutheran SGO of Indiana now. Once the funds for matching donations run out, you will need to wait until July 1, 2018 to submit your donation. If you have any questions about how the SGO works, contact Miss Lavrenz or Mrs. Tucker at school.

TALENT SHOW/LUTHERAN SCHOOL WEEK PICTURES:

We had a great week last week celebrating Lutheran Schools' Week. We ended the week with an amazing talent show. Check out our school Facebook page and our school website for pictures.

YOUTH CENTRAL

PATHWAYS AND GROUNDS- MS & HS YOUTH GROUPS

No Meetings tonight! Catch you next week!

	PATHWAYS	GROUNDS
Sunday, Feb. 4 th	<i>No Youth Group</i>	
Sunday, Feb. 11 th	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Sunday, Feb. 18 th	<i>No Youth Group</i>	
Sunday, Feb. 25 th	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 8th grade through high school are invited to sign up!

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

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. Thank you.

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 11:25

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).

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

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

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

DATE	TIME	TITLE / EVENT	LOCATION
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Sunday School / Bible Class / 8 th Grade Confirmation	Various Rooms
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	Board of Christian Outreach	Sitting Room
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	4:30 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
Tues.	7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	8:00 AM	Church Library Staff	Church Library
	4:45 PM	Board of Parish Life	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	Security Committee	Church Library
	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Wed.	8:45 AM	RLS Chapel	Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	Small Group Bible Study	Sitting Room
	4:30 PM	Board of RLS	School Conference Room
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
Sat.	12:00 PM	Renew	Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Diane Anderson – Feb. 10

Doris Temme – Feb. 11

Judy Wehmeyer – Feb. 14

Barb Gilliland – Feb. 20

Helen Gullion – Feb. 23

Sharon Redman – Feb. 26

Sally Schindel – Feb. 28

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.

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.

SIMPLY GIVING – A 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.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

1 Corinthians 9:25 – *“Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.” Self control is a fruit of the Spirit – for the desires of the flesh are at war with the desires of the Spirit. Having received the new life in Christ by His grace, He now calls us to follow Him deliberately, with self-control, with intention.*

“REDEEMER REPORTER” DEADLINE IS THIS THURSDAY! 😊

ALTAR FLOWER DATES AVAILABLE

There are still dates available for 2018 altar flower donations, one of which is **February 25th**.

ALTAR FLOWERS WEEK OF 2-4-18

Please leave both bouquets in the church office. Allison and Bev will each take 1.

Thank you!

Choir - "Jesus Calls Us Over the Tumult" & "The Baptism Carol" / Prelude - "Partita" - by Pachelbel / Offertory - "All Who Believe" - Drischner / Postlude - "Jesus, Lead Thou On" - Manz

February 11 (Transfiguration)

Mark 9:6 – "For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified." Soon enough, the disciples' terror turned into joy for when Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us and cares for us and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity – for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.

February 14 (Ash Wednesday)

Matthew 6:21 – "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." There's the ultimate word on stewardship: your heart goes where you put the treasure which God has given you to manage in this life.

February 18 (Lent 1)

Mark 1:13 – "And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him." God the Father cares for Jesus even in the midst of his temptation in the wilds. God cares for us in every situation as well. Jesus realized this and always acted from the basis of trust in God the Father's provision. This is likewise the basis for our life lived in Christ: God cares for us, so we need not act out of fear or greed.

February 25 (Lent 2)

Mark 8:32 – "And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him." Anytime we sin we are acting like Peter: thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent: let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.