



**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
February 27 & February 28, 2016**

O God, we seek You; indeed, we thirst for You as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So we will bless You and call on Your name (Psalm 63:1, 4, paraphrased). **Welcome to worship**, where God quenches our spiritual thirst. 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 worshippers, 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 705 SOUTHWAY BOULEVARD EAST, KOKOMO, INDIANA 46902	
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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 - MUSIC			
Preacher	SAT. 5:30	SUN. 8:15	SUN. 10:45
Liturgist	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
Organist	Pastor Akers	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
Acolytes	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller
Sanctuary	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Stewards			Patsy Kirkendall Kitty Davis

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE INFORMATION / MUSIC

Saturday-5:30 PM – 102 / Sunday-8:15 AM – 116 / Sunday-10:45 AM – 186 = 404 / Lent – 94 [12 only]
Jubilate Bells – “Pie Jesus from ‘The Requim’” – arr. Douglas Wagner / “How Great Thou Art” – arr. Joel Raney / **Offertory** – “Jesus Lead Thou On” – arr. Paul Manz / **Postlude** – “Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus” – arr. Paul Manz

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember Nancy Lloyd, Karen Harrison, Dick Dunkin, Darlene Foesch, Will Carson, Kori Wood, Heather Hartman, Faith [Spoon] Flowers, Jack Garner, Sandy Fisher, Leta Williams, Susan Hermes, Pam Richardson, and Marilou Reason.

ORDER YOUR EASTER LILIES NOW

There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center to order lilies for Easter weekend. Lilies are \$16.95 each this year. Please pick up an envelope next to the sign-up sheet and make your payment to the church with a memo saying “Easter Lilies”. Please place your payment into the white box at the Welcome Center. **The last day to order will be March 14.**

**MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES - “ANGELS WATCH IN SOLEMN WONDER.”
CONTINUES EACH WEEK AT 12:00 NOON AND 7:00 PM**

The theme for this year’s midweek Lenten services is “Angels Watch in Solemn Wonder.” Please 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. Remaining Lenten topics and texts are:

REMAINING WEEKLY THEMES / TEXTS

March 2	Lent 4	"The Christmas Angel"	Luke 2:8-11
March 9	Lent 5	"Fallen Angel"	Matthew 4:1
March 16	Lent 6	"Reapers at the Final Harvest"	Matthew 13:37-43

COME TO DINNER

Dinner will be served **this Wednesday**, from 5:45 – 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. **Breakfast casseroles, sausage links, seasoned potatoes, fruit and pastries** are on the menu. Please register for dinner by completing the lavender reservation insert in your bulletin and return it to an usher or the white box in the Narthex.

MARCH'S BOARDS / OFFICERS MEETING

Board of Deacons – Tuesday – March 1 – 5:30 PM – Mission Hall
Board of RLS – Wednesday – March 2 – 4:30 PM – School Conference Room
Board of Property – Monday – March 7 – 7:00 PM – Sitting Room
Church Council – Tuesday, March 8 – 6:00 PM – Church Library
Voters' Assembly – Monday – March 14 – 7:00 PM – Mission Hall

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

Pastor Allison's Tuesday evening Bible class **will not** meet this week, **March 1** due to the Board of Deacons meeting.

BUFFALO WILD WINGS!

Don't forget to head over to BW3's **tomorrow [Monday] ANY TIME** to support the youth going to the National Youth Gathering this summer! You'll need your coupon in hand!

HANDS OF LOVE

From now until the end of May, Hands of Love will meet at **Diane Turner's** house on Monday afternoons from **1:00 PM to 2:30 PM**. Please contact her if you have a problem.

FORT WAYNE SEMINARY NEEDS

Dear members, thank you for your continued support of our seminary students in Fort Wayne with food donations. Recently, two of our congregants made a delivery and asked about needs. The following items are rarely received and are in **very short supply**. **Aluminum foil, zip lock bags, feminine products**. Please consider purchasing some of these items in place of or in addition to your regular donation to the seminary food bank. There is a collection box in the Narthex by the east door credenza. Thank you!

RESCUE MISSION BIRTHDAY PARTY GIFTS

Redeemer will be providing gifts again this year for the Rescue Mission Birthday party that will be held in June 2016. This is something we have been doing every other year. We need to start collecting items for the gifts now. We have been requested to provide 100 gifts for women and 110 for men. This year, instead of collecting a different item each month, we are asking that you take a bag and fill it with the items to be included in each gift. Please see the display and instructions on the table in the Narthex or call Cindy Sewell if you have any questions. Our congregation has always been very generous, so "thank you" in advance.

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

2 ADULT CLASSES

In Fellowship Hall, **Pastor Akers** will lead the class, "**Jeremiah and Lamentations**". This morning the "**Living Beyond Yourself**" Ladies' Bible study will view week 4 – DVD – in Mission Hall.

CHILDREN - YOUTH - HIGH SCHOOL

GROWING IN CHRIST: INFANT - AGE 2

Join us in the Nursery for easy lessons exposing children to the 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. John Hubbert 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 as they lead a study of the Parables of Jesus and how their message applies to you and your interactions with family, friends, and classmates. Class meets in the youth room upstairs from 9:30-10:30.

SAVE THE DATE - FEBRUARY 28TH, 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 28th, 2016** to learn more.

YOUTH CENTRAL

GROUNDS - HS YOUTH GROUP

We're mixing it up this week! Meet at the **AMC Theater** here in Kokomo to see the movie "**Risen!**" We'll be going to the **3:15 pm** showing! Plan to arrive by 3:00 so that we can all sit together. After the movie, we'll head over to **Orange Leaf** for a treat as we talk about the film! We'll plan to **finish** around **6:30 pm**. Talk to **Jonathan Guse** if you have questions!

PATHWAYS - MS YOUTH GROUP

Our next meeting is this **Wednesday, March 2nd** after the Lenten Service! **Parents:** You are invited to join the students for a parents vs. kids game of dodgeball! If you have any questions, see **Jonathan Guse, Tami Brooks, or Kori Wood**.

☺ **When the congregation prays today**, take your child's hands in yours and hold them as we pray. Read the Prayer of the Day aloud or listen as the pastor prays the Prayer of the Church. Help your child end each prayer with AMEN. Those of us who do not have children with us will listen for the AMENs from our youngest worshippers and be encouraged.

REMAINING 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).

DATE

CO-CHAIRPERSON

DEACON AREAS

MENU

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.**

“EGG”CITING OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

The Board of Parish Life is in need of plastic Easter eggs pre-filled with candy and/or pieces of individually wrapped candy for the Easter egg hunt that will be held on **Sunday, March 20**, at **2:00 PM**. **PLEASE, NO EMPTY EGGS!!** Place your donations in the box in the narthex that is wrapped brightly for spring. Your help is greatly appreciated.

ADULT HELPERS NEEDED

The Board of Parish Life is seeking adult volunteers to assist with the Easter egg hunt that will be held on **Sunday, March 20**, at **2:00 PM**. Areas for assistance are Set-up, Welcome Staff, Parking Lot Monitors, Games and Snacks. If you are interested in helping, please contact **Beth Dinkel**. Your help is greatly appreciated.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday - March 19 - 5:30 PM / Sunday - March 20 - 8:15 & 10:45 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Thursday - March 24 - 12 Noon & 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY - NON TENEBRAE

Friday - March 25 - 12:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

Friday - March 25 - 7:00 PM

EASTER WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday - March 26 - 5:30 PM

Sunday - March 27 - 8:15 & 10:45 AM

Easter Breakfast - 9:15 to 10:30 AM

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Luke 13:3 “No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” The season of Lent is all about repentance: turning back to the Lord, away from our sins, in faith. We know that it is only in the Lord that we can find salvation. So we do well in this season of repentance to examine ourselves, asking questions like, “What is trying to keep me away from Jesus? What is

a temptation I face? What is a sin I need to repent of and leave behind?" Then we turn to the Lord for the strength to leave these sins behind, and for the courage to follow Him in faith and faithful living.

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

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.

SPELLING BEE:

Students competed in our school spelling bee last Friday. Our school winner is Abigail B. with our second place going to Karlie B. Abby will now go on to compete in the Howard County Spelling Bee in March. Congratulations, girls!

CANDIDATE UPDATE:

Redeemer Lutheran School is in the process of looking for three new teachers. We are in need of a teacher for preschool, third grade, and physical education and resource. We are looking at graduates from our Lutheran colleges. These graduates are termed “candidates.” The calling process for candidates is a bit different from what it once was. As a calling body, we interview candidates and then ask them to “designate” to our school. They deliberate and upon accepting designation, we continue the process by calling them. We have recently asked Mark Wilcox from Concordia University, to designate to Redeemer to serve as our P.E. teacher. We finished up interviews on Tuesday evening and will start further designation requests after that.

RLS SCRIP

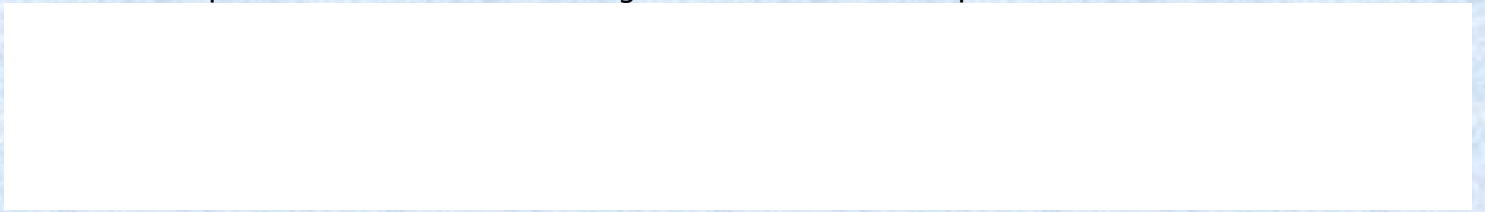
SCRIP would like to remind you that there will be a fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering on Monday, February 29th at Buffalo Wild Wings. You can support National Youth Gathering and RLS by using SCRIP cards to pay for your meal. Buffalo Wild Wings cards come in \$10 and \$25 (earning 8%). So for every \$25 in SCRIP that you purchase for Buffalo Wild Wings, you earn \$2 for RLS. If you forgot to order SCRIP cards last week, we do have a few extra in inventory. First come, first serve. Remember to take both your SCRIP card for payment and your "ticket" to support NYG when you visit BW3's on the 29th!!

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

...and women—to sing in the Adult Choir. We meet on **Tuesdays at 7:00 PM** and sing two or three times a month. If you have questions, contact **David Britton**. Or why not just show up next Tuesday and check us out? You don't have to be able to read music to join; all you need is a voice with which to praise your Lord!

KOKOMO HANDBELL FESTIVAL

The congregation is invited to the Kokomo Handbell Festival on **Saturday, March 5, 2016** at Bible Baptist Church, [corner of Dixon Rd. & Lincoln Rd.] Guest Director Michael Keller will be leading hand bell choirs from 6 churches, along with bell Ringers from Circle City of Indianapolis. Come hear the Bell Ringers at the **5:30 PM** Vesper Service.



THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TITLE / EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Sat.	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
	After Services	Sunday School / Youth Information Meeting	Adult Ed Room
	4:00 PM	Turners' Small Group Bible Study	Mission Hall
	3:00 PM	Grounds at "Risen" Movie	AMC Theater
Mon.	1:00 PM	Hands of Love	Turner's' Home
	6:30 PM	Quilt Class	Mission Hall
Tues.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Board of Deacons	Mission Hall
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Cub / Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Wed.	12:00 PM	Lenten Worship	Sanctuary
	4:30 PM	Board of RLS	School Conference Room
	5:45 PM	Lenten Dinner	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Lenten Worship	Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	Pathways	Youth Room
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	9:30 AM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
	6:00 PM	Deaf Bible Study	Church Library
	6:00 PM	Divorce-Care	Sitting Room
Sat.	2:00 PM	Member Function	Fellowship Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Wilbur Huffman - March 7

Becky Werich - March 7

Harold Hartman - March 8

Karen Harrison - March 11

THE HARTMAN FAMILY IS SPONSORING THE ARTHUR HARTMAN MEMORIAL EUCHRE AFTERNOON ON MARCH 19, 2016 AT OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE MISSION HALL.

The afternoon is not a competitive event and all ages and abilities are welcome. The focus is to provide a fun afternoon of card-playing, fellowship and yet raise money for Worship for Shut-Ins. Our dad enjoyed playing euchre as well as watching Worship for Shut-Ins and we thought this would be a great way to honor him. The entry fee is \$5.00 per person ages 13 and older. If you have any questions about signing up and joining us, please contact **Opal Hartman**. If you are not a card player but would like to visit with the family and honor our dad, there will also be a puzzle and Yahtzee table available for the afternoon. We hope to see you there.