

**CATCHING VISION – PRAYING THROUGH THE VISION
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
March 11 & March 12, 2017**



“I will bless you ... so that you will be a blessing,” said God to Abram (Genesis 12:2). May each of us gathered this morning [evening] be blessed so we may go out and bless others. **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. Please note the **deadline** for bulletin announcements is **Wednesday by noon.**

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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			
Preacher Liturgist Organist Acolytes Sanctuary Stewards	SAT. 5:30 Pastor Allison Pastor Allison Juanita Martin-Davis Abby B	SUN. 8:15 Pastor Allison Pastor Akers Florence Moeller Kate H Rylee K	SUN. 10:45 Pastor Allison Pastor Akers Florence Moeller Hunter R Daniel M Jane Sipe Marie Harvath

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE INFORMATION – SUNDAY'S MUSIC

Saturday-5:30 PM – 69 / Sunday-8:15 AM – 80 / Sunday-10:45 AM – 158 = 307 / Lent - 248
Redeemer Bells - “Be Thou My Vision” / “What Wondrous Love is This?”

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember Marla Gilbert, Ruth Luecke, Nancy Jones, Betty Pohlman, Marilou Reason, Imogene Canan, Heather Hartman, Barbara Moeller, Bonnie Ryder, Nancy Philips, Kori Wood, Delia Overia, Robert Braswell, Suzanne Biddle, and Pam Richardson.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend's altar flowers are given by **Opal Hartman** and **Tom & Patti Stout**, in thankfulness to God for His many blessings.

BABY GIRL

The Lord blessed **Matt & Annie Alexander** with the gift of a baby girl, **Adalee Jolene Alexander**, born on **February 27, 2017**. Proud grandparents are **Greg & Karen Alexander**, great-grandmother is **Kate Graft**.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Pastor Allison's **Ladies' Bible Class** meets **this Tuesday, March 14 at 10:00 AM** in Mission Hall. Pastor Allison and the ladies are studying the **"Book of Acts"**.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN SERVICE

Our ladies group, "LWIS" will meet for a regular meeting on **Tuesday, March 21st at 1:00 PM** in Mission Hall. Refreshments and fellowship are at **12:30 PM**. Come and join us and share the love of Jesus with the ladies of Our Redeemer. Please bring an article of food or hygiene product for our seminary students in Fort Wayne. For more information, please contact **Caroline Howard**. See you all on the **21st**.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

The Board of Parish Life would like to **thank everyone** who took a bag of eggs to fill with candy. Thanks to your willingness to help, there will be lots of smiling faces at the Easter egg hunt on **April 9**. We appreciate your help in making this event a success!

HELPERS NEEDED - EASTER EGG HUNT

The Board of Parish Life is seeking adult and high school age volunteers to assist with the Easter egg hunt that will be held on **Sunday, April 9, 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 sign-up on the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center or contact **Beth Dinkel**. Your help is greatly appreciated.

KID'S NIGHT OUT

Parents, put it on your calendars - we'll be hosting a Kid's Night Out event on **Friday, March 17th from 6-9 pm!** It's a great evening for the kids as well as mom and dad to be able to get a night away! Grab a registration form from the bulletin board across from the Adult Education Room! RSVP is **NOT** required, but this will speed along your child's drop-off on the 17th!

MARCH'S REMAINING BOARDS / OFFICERS MEETING

Church Council - Monday - March 13 - 6:00 PM - Church Library

Voters' Assembly - Monday - March 20 - 7:00 PM - Mission Hall

✠ LAWN CROSS PROGRAM ✠

Lent has begun and so has the Lawn Cross Program. Present planning is that a Deacon will occupy the Lawn Cross table in the Narthex at least 15 minutes before and after each worship service during Lent. We are asking for a donation of **\$10.00/Cross**. All proceeds minus material costs (ie. wood), will go to the RLS Scholarship Fund. At the present time we have about 80 crosses on hand, ready to go on somebody's lawn. If we run out of Crosses just leave your name with the Duty Deacon and we will make, paint, and deliver a Cross to you. If you have any questions check with the Duty Deacon and if that fails contact **Ross Morkal**.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

John 3:16 — "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." This is perhaps the most well-known and well-beloved verse in the New Testament - and for good reason. This simple Gospel message is the foundation for our whole life - our new life in Christ. This new life is characterized by thankfulness and devotion to our Father who has provided for us so lavishly in Christ.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES - "THE TEN COMMANDMENTS" CONTINUES THIS WEDNESDAY A LENTEN MIDWEEK SERIES FOR THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

This Wednesday, March 15, we continue our series, "The Ten Commandments" with services at **12 noon and 7:00 PM**. This week's theme and text are **"Commandment Seven"** from **John 12:1-8**.

REMAINING WEEKLY THEMES AND TEXTS ARE:

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
Non-Tenebrae - 12:00 PM		
Good Friday – April 14 – 7:00 PM	Tenebrae Service	
Easter Sunday – April 15 & 16	“Commandment One”	Mark 16:1-8

COME TO DINNER

Dinner will be served **this Wednesday**, from 5:45 – 6:15 PM in Fellowship Hall. **Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls and fruit cocktail** 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL / ADULT BIBLE CLASS THIS SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM

In the Adult Education Room, **Jonathan Guse** will be teaching a class on **“Psalm 118: Give Thanks to the Lord!”**

Catching Vision – Seeing a New Future for Your Church is the topic for the Bible study taking place in Mission Hall. Using the story of Nehemiah, we will discover how God gave incredible vision to an unremarkable man and used him to inspire a nation to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. This study will spark a remarkable vision for the future of our church and for each of us as disciples of Jesus. **Pastor Akers** is leading our study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Preschool – 4th Grade: This Sunday, the Sunday School lesson studies **“Peter Denies Jesus.”** Though we, like Peter, deny Jesus and His gifts, Jesus cannot deny us, because we are part of Him, baptized members of His Own Body. Instead, He forgives us and welcomes us back. Consider asking, “How does Peter’s denial affect him? In what ways does God forgive us and welcome us back?”

Preschool and Kindergarten students meet in the **RLS kindergarten classroom**, and **1st-4th grade students** meet in the **RLS 4th grade classroom**.

5th grade – 7th grade: Today the students will be discussing Romans 6:23 - Redemption, using the curriculum, **“God’s Big Story”**. These students meet in the **RLS 5th/6th grade classroom**.

8th grade confirmation: Eighth graders continue to prepare for **Confirmation**, meeting in the **7th/8th grade RLS classroom**.

High School: The students look at and discuss **James 2:1-13** today.

JOIN US!

2ND ANNUAL ARTHUR HARTMAN MEMORIAL EUCHRE PARTY – MARCH 25TH

The second annual **Arthur Hartman Memorial Euchre Party** will be on **March 25th** from **2:00 pm - 4:30 pm** in the Mission Hall. The entry fee is only **\$5.00** a person and requires no preregistration. Our goal is to raise money for the television show **Worship for Shut-Ins** and to have fun playing euchre. Join us for a fun afternoon on **March 25th**.

MISSION POSSIBLE XII ... HOUSING

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.

YOUTH CENTRAL

GROUNDNS – HS YOUTH GROUP

Over the last two weeks, we've discovered just how vital the various sacrifices as outlined in Leviticus were to the people of Israel. Not only vital, but very specific in how they should be carried out! **Tonight [Sunday]**, we discover another very specific outline for Israel: Rest. Specifically, we'll be discussing the idea of Sabbath rest and the implications it had on the rest of their day to day activities. Join us from **6:30-8:30 pm** as we take a deeper look!

PATHWAYS – MS YOUTH GROUP

With Lent in progress, that means a slight change in schedule for Pathways due to Wednesday evening services! Here is our schedule for the next two months:

- Thursday, March 16th – 6:30-8:30 pm – **THIS WEEK!**
- Friday, March 31st – 6:30-9:30 pm (Extended)
 - Thursday, April 6th – 6:30-8:30 pm
 - Wednesday, April 19th – 6:30-8:30 pm
- Friday, April 28th – 6:30-9:30 pm (Extended)

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

FAMILY FRIENDLY IDEA

© **Why do we celebrate Lent for six weeks?** Lent is celebrated for six weeks. Not counting Sundays, this adds us to forty days. These forty days remind us of Christ's temptation in the wilderness (Matt. 4:1-11). They remind us of the Israelites wandering in the wilderness for forty years (Num. 14:34). Finally, we can remember the story of Noah and his family. After forty days and forty nights in the ark, it finally stopped raining (Gen. 7:17). During these forty days of Lent, we remember the faithfulness of God to his people and how his faithfulness is now complete in Jesus, our Savior.

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday – April 8 - 5:30 PM / Sunday – April 9 – 8:15 & 10:45 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

THURSDAY – APRIL 13 - NOON & 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY – NON TENEBRAE

Friday – April 14 – 12:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

Friday – April 14 – 7:00 PM

EASTER WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday – April 15 – 5:30 PM / Sunday – April 16 – 8:15 & 10:45 AM

EASTER BREAKFAST - 9:15 TO 10:15 AM

REMAINING LENTEN DINNERS 2017

Lenten Dinners will be served each Wednesday during Lent, and Maundy Thursday, 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
March 22	WATCH Jill Lowden	#14 - Bob Hingst # 5 - Tom Manship	Breakfast Casseroles Seasoned Potato Wedges Sausage Links Fruit Salad Pastries
March 29	LWIS Jill Lowden Caroline Howard	#4 - Rufus Howard #2 - Larry Sullivan #16 - Roger Davis	Baked Potato Bar Chicken Salad Jello Ice Cream
April 5	RLS 7th & 8th Grade Kathy Tucker	#15 - Tim Brubaker #10 - Robert Martin	Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Rolls Cookies
Maundy Thursday April 13	RLS - PTL Janna Rogers	#8 - Tom Baird #13 - Bill Tucker	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.

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.



THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

DATE	TIME	TITLE / EVENT	LOCATION
Sat.	10:30 AM	Member Function	Fellowship Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Bible Class / Sunday School / Confirmation	Various Rooms
	10:45 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Grounds	Youth Room
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	1:00 PM	Hands of Love	Turner's Home
	6:00 PM	Church Council	Church Library
	6:30 PM	Quilt Class	Mission Hall
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
Tues.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	10:00 AM	Ladies' Bible Class	Mission Hall
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Adult Bible Class	Mission Hall
	6:00 PM	Cub - Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Wed.	12:00 PM	Lenten Worship	Sanctuary
	5:45 PM	Lenten Dinner	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Lenten Worship	Sanctuary
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	9:30 AM	Ladies Koinonia	Mission Hall
	6:00 PM	Deaf Bible Study	Church Library
	6:30 PM	Pathways	Youth Room
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
Fri.	6:00 PM	Kid's Night Out	Fellowship Hall / Youth Room
	7:00 pm	Duo Club	Mission Hall
Sat.	10:00 AM	Member Function	Fellowship Hall
	1 - 3 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

BREATHE by RLS Principal Ruth Lavrenz
“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!” Psalm 150:6

NLSA:

This is an accreditation year for us! We will be welcoming a **National Lutheran Schools Accreditation** team to Redeemer in early April. Please pray for our process and for the team that will be coming in to check us out.

QUARTER THREE:

The third quarter ended on **Friday, March 10**. We will hold parent-teacher conferences next week.

TESTING:

Our students have completed round one of ISTEP testing.
Our third graders will take the IREAD test next week.

THANK YOU:

I know Mrs. Tucker has thanked all the ladies who have brought her cookies to give to new families, but as principal, I want to say thank you as well. You ladies are so awesome! There is no way we could accomplish the things we do here at the school without you! And honestly, that goes for the entire congregation. We are so blessed at RLS to have a congregation who is so incredibly supportive of our school, our staff and our students and families.

SCRIP:

Are you looking to support a local mission? RLS is LCOR's local mission. We personally know a child who attended RLS for kindergarten through first grade. Her family no longer attends church. Her father is Muslim. These 2 years of RLS Christian education have stayed in this now 5th grader's heart. She has a love for Jesus that was instilled in those 2 short years that cannot be taken from her. SCRIP is a simple way to support the RLS mission. It is an easy fundraiser that does not sell stuff that you do not need. SCRIP sells you a gift card at face value. You use the card at local businesses and restaurants or even on-line. We have purchased these cards from GreatLakeSCRIP at a discounted price. That discount then stays to support the RLS mission. Come see **Michelle** and **Rhonda** in the Extended Care room from **9-10:30 on Sunday mornings** to shop, order, or ask questions.

RLS STUDENT COUNCIL- COMMUNITY SNACK BASKETS

By Cora Dunkin (8th Grade Representative)

It's that time of the year again- March Madness! Time to get fired up! During the week of March 13-17, Student Council will be collecting boxes of individually wrapped snacks. These snacks will be sorted and packed into "snack baskets" that will be delivered to places that make our community a better place to be. We have provided some snack ideas below, but anything that is individually wrapped will be a great addition. If you have a child/family member at the school, you can send the snacks with them. If not, you can drop them off to the school office or to Erin Ponder. Let's show our community how much Redeemer appreciates them and all that they do!

Peanut Butter Crackers, Popcorn, Trail Mix, Hostess Snacks, Little Debbie Snacks, Chips, Granola Bars, Oreos, Nutter Butters, Cheese Crackers, Cookies

MISSION POSSIBLE XII HOUSING

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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. _____

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:

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____