

TRANSFORMING CHURCHES NETWORK CATCHING VISION – FAITH AND VISION

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 18 & March 19, 2017

“O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!” (Psalm 95:1, NRSV). **Welcome to 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 the **deadline** for bulletin announcements is **Wednesday by noon.**

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			
Preacher Liturgist Organist Acolytes Sanctuary Stewards	SAT. 5:30 Pastor Akers Pastor Akers David Britton Caleb B	SUN. 8:15 Pastor Akers Pastor Allison Florence Moeller Matt L	SUN. 10:45 Pastor Akers Pastor Allison Lizzie T Blake S Susie Yeakley Teddi Heinzman

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Saturday-5:30 PM – 90 / Sunday-8:15 AM – 96 / Sunday-10:45 AM – 164 = 350 / Lent -152

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember **Norma Hiteshew, 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, and Pam Richardson.**

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Clara Burnett is our honored shut-in this week.

THANKS FOR YOUR LOVE!

Suzanne Biddle wishes to thank everyone for the **thoughts, prayers, meals, cards and hats!** “My treatment will be over in July, but as of now I am cancer free and feeling great!” **Sally Schindel** extends her appreciation for the many birthday cards she received.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Joyce Irish is giving altar flowers this weekend in memory of her **sister**, and in honor of the birthdays of her son, **John**, and granddaughter, **Gracie**.

PASTORS OUT OF TOWN

Pastor Allison and **Pastor Akers** will be out of the office **this Tuesday**, attending a Pastor's Conference in Anderson. **Please note that Pastor Allison's Tuesday evening Bible class, will meet as scheduled.**

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY - THIS MONDAY

Voters' Assembly meets **this Monday, March 20** at **7:00 PM** in Mission Hall. All communicant members, age 18 and over are eligible and encouraged to attend Voters'.

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

This Wednesday, March 22, we continue our series, "The Ten Commandments" with services at **12 noon** and **7:00 PM**. This week's theme and text are **"Commandment Six"** from **2Samuel 11:1-5**.

REMAINING WEEKLY THEMES AND TEXTS ARE:

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. **Breakfast casseroles, seasoned potato wedges, sausage links, fruit salad** 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. **[Please note the proceeds from this Lenten dinner will go to adopted missionary, Shauen Trump.]**

ORDER YOUR SPRING EASTER FLOWERS NOW

There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center to order spring flowers for Easter weekend. You may choose the type of flower you want, prices vary. Please pick up an envelope in the basket next to the sign-up sheet and make your payment to the church with a memo saying "Easter Flowers". Please place your payment into the white box at the Welcome Center. The last day to order will be **April 2nd**. If you have any questions, contact the **Church Office** at **453-0969**. Thank you.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN SERVICE

Our ladies group, "LWIS" will meet for a regular meeting **this 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**.

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.

Thank you from the youth attending summer events to all who came out in support of the “Kid’s Night Out” Fundraiser on Friday night! We had a great time with the kids and we hope the parents enjoyed their night out too!

ADULT BIBLE CLASS THIS SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM

In the Adult Education Room, **Jonathan Guse** will be teaching a class on “**Psalm 44: God’s People Cry Out!**”

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. The Sunday School lesson covers Matthew’s account of “**The Passion of Christ**” as He ventured to the cross for you and me. The Father, the perfect, righteous judge of the universe, forsook Jesus on the cross so that the perfect, righteous sacrifice, Jesus Christ, could be punished for the sins of the whole world. Discuss with your children, “**Why was it necessary for Jesus to die? What benefit do we gain from the death and resurrection of Jesus?**”

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 **2 Corinthians 5:17 – New Creation**, 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 2:14-26 today, in the Youth Room.
JOIN US!

NEXT WEEK (MARCH 26)

ALL STUDENTS (except Confirmation Class) will meet in the gym for “Path to the Garden”. Join us as we experience some of the things Jesus experienced the week before His suffering and death.

SPECIAL SPRING BREAK SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANS

Sunday School is NOT taking a Spring Break this year. INSTEAD, there are some special activities planned for the children in preschool through high school classes. (Eighth graders will still have Confirmation class.)

Sunday, March 26: “Path to the Garden” – The students will meet in the gym and experience some “hands-on” activities to remember Jesus’ life from Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday. High school students will be assisting with these “stations.”

Sunday, April 2: Easter Service Project – Preschool through high school students will meet in the gym and work together on a project for the community, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus’ Resurrection.

If your family will be in town, please make sure to bring your children for these special activities!
Bring a friend, too!

ARTHUR HARTMAN MEMORIAL EUCHRE PARTY - THIS SATURDAY

Please join us **this Saturday, March 25th at 2:00** for the euchre party in memory of **Arthur Hartman**. We will have a fun afternoon plus raise money for the television show **Worship for Shut-Ins**. You don't need to bring a partner with you for the event but just a willingness for Christian fellowship. We hope to see you in the Mission Hall at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on Saturday as no early registration is necessary. If you aren't able to join us for the card party but would like to donate, please make checks out to **Worship for Shut-Ins** and send them to **Opal Hartman**.

TRASH BAGS

Trash bag orders are here. If you have not picked yours up, they are at the Welcome Center with your name on them!

YOUTH CENTRAL

GROUND'S - HS YOUTH GROUP

Faithfulness is a word we toss around about God and Scripture pretty easily these days, but have you ever stopped to think about what that would have meant to the Israelites after the Exodus? **Tonight [Sunday]** we look at what it means to be chosen by God. Join us from **6:30-8:30 pm** as we take a deeper look! **No Grounds next weekend** for Spring Break! We'll pick back up **April 2nd**!

PATHWAYS - MS YOUTH GROUP

As we are in the midst of Lent, that means a slight change in schedule for Pathways due to Wednesday evening services! Here is our schedule for the next two months:

- **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.

☺ **What Happened to the "A" Word?** There's one word that we use often in church that isn't used during Lent. It is the word "Alleluia." "Alleluia" is a Hebrew word that means "Praise the Lord." Since we are focusing on the sufferings and death of Jesus during Lent, we stop using this joyful word until we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Easter morning you will hear: "Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

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**.



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 IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

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 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.



† 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 call **Ross Morkal**.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Exodus 17:3 — But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" Even the Israelites who saw miracles with their own eyes fall into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He will care for us.

BREATHE by RLS Principal Ruth Lavrenz

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" Psalm 150:6

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 RUMMAGE SALE/BAKE SALE EVENT - MAY 6, 2017 / 8 - 2

Are you ready to purchase a new "complete" set of china but do not know what to do with the old? Has your crafting "cupboard" become a crafting "room" of unfinished projects? Did you notice that you have 4 hammers, 3 pliers and 10 standard screw drivers stuffed into one drawer? Redeemer Lutheran School's 6 & 7 Grade Classes will rescue you. We will be hosting a Rummage Sale and Bake Sale in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 8 AM to 2 PM**. Donations of gently used and clean items will be accepted in the Fellowship Hall, beginning **April 9**.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

DATE	TIME	TITLE / EVENT	LOCATION
Sat.	11:00 AM	Member Function	Fellowship Hall
	1:00 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Bible Class / Sunday School / Confirmation	Various Rooms
	10:45 AM	Contemporary 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
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Voters Assembly	Mission Hall
Tues.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	1:00 PM	LWIS [fellowship at 12:30]	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
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
Sat.	9:00 AM	Scout Pinewood Derby	Fellowship Hall
	2 - 4 PM	Arthur Hartman Memorial Euchre Party	Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary