

PALM SUNDAY

April 8 & April 9, 2017



“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!” (Matthew 21:9). **Welcome** to worship as we celebrate Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, even as this path leads to the cross. 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 David Britton Natalie S	SUN. 8:15 Pastor Allison Pastor Akers Florence Moeller Lizzie T Rylee K	SUN. 10:45 Pastor Allison Pastor Akers Florence Moeller Abby B Cora D Kitty Davis Amy Shrack

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE INFORMATION - MUSIC

Saturday-5:30 PM – 72 / Sunday-8:15 AM – 97 / Sunday-10:45 AM – 327 = 327 / Lent - 232
Prelude – “Tocatta” /- Choir - “A King in His Glory” & “Hosanna” / Offertory – “Hosanna”

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember **Ralph Grotrian, Jayne Frey, Norma Hiteshew, Ruth Luecke, Nancy Jones, Betty Pohlman, Imogene Canan, Heather Hartman, Nancy Philips, Kori Wood, Delia Overia, and Robert Braswell.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Two families are placing flowers on the Lord’s altar this Palm Sunday weekend. **Don & Ellen Benziger** in memory of Ellen’s father and mother, **Henry & Emily Schmidt**, and in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings. Also by **Steve & Vivian Heronemus** in celebration of their daughter, **Lisa**, and her marriage to **John Hess**. “We pray that God will be with them in their marriage.”

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THIS FRIDAY FOR GOOD FRIDAY.
“REDEEMER REPORTER” DEADLINE IS THIS THURSDAY!

FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO BE PICKED UP IN THE EAST ENTRANCE OF THE NARTHEX THIS WEEKEND

THANKS FOR YOUR LOVE FROM THE RUSCH FAMILY!

"Thanks to everyone who prayed for our miracle **twin baby girls**. They are growing, and are truly blessed. **The Rusch Family.**"

HOLY WEEK / REMAINING "TEN COMMANDMENTS" THEMES AND TEXTS:

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION – APRIL 13 -12 & 7 PM

"Commandment Three" - Mark 14:12-26 & 1Corinthians 10:16-17

GOOD FRIDAY – NON TENEBRAE - APRIL 14 – 12:00 PM

"Commandment Two" - Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE – APRIL 14 – 7:00 PM

EASTER WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

SATURDAY – APRIL 15 – 5:30 PM / SUNDAY – APRIL 16 – 8:15 & 10:45 AM

"Commandment One" - Mark 16:1-8

EASTER BREAKFAST - 9:15 TO 10:15 AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

COME TO DINNER

Dinner will be served **this Thursday**, from 5:45 – 6:15 PM in Fellowship Hall. **Chili, PB & J sandwiches, fruit tray and cookies** 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.

EASTER BREAKFAST

The youth of Our Redeemer would like to invite you to an Easter breakfast **next Sunday, April 16th** in Fellowship Hall, from 9:15 until 10:15 AM. We are serving **scrambled eggs [or egg beaters], sausage links, seasoned potato cubes, fruit cocktail, cereal, assorted pastries, and beverages**. A free will offering will be received to support youth going to this summer's events. **Please register for Easter Breakfast by completing the backside of the lavender insert in your bulletin. Maundy Thursday's meal reservation is on the front.** Please return the sheet to an usher or place it in the white box at the Welcome Center.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Easter and Sunday School classes **will not be** meeting on that day so families may enjoy breakfast together.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS/GODCONNECTS – BEGINS SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD – 9:30 AM

Beginning **Sunday, April 23rd**, at 9:30 AM, we are forming a new adult membership class featuring a new video-based curriculum called GodConnects developed by Lutheran Hour Ministries. This course will teach the foundations of the Christian faith for the person who has never heard it, or for anyone who wants to review it. Attendance at the class may lead to membership in our church, but there are no obligations. If you know someone who may be interested in attending, please consider inviting him or her. This new class will be team taught by **Pastor Allison** and **Pastor Akers**. We will meet in the **Adult Education Room**.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS & TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

Pastor Allison's **Ladies' Bible Class** meets **this Tuesday, April 11** at 10:00 AM in Mission Hall. Pastor Allison and the ladies are studying the "**Book of Acts**". The Tuesday Evening Bible Class will also meet from 6 – 7 PM in Mission Hall.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS THIS SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM

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.

In the Adult Education Room, **Jonathan Guse** will be teaching a class on “**Psalm 72: Long Live the King**”.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Preschool – 4th Grade: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Today in Sunday School, your children are joining in the celebration of “The Resurrection of Jesus” as they study Matthew’s account of Easter morning (Matthew 28:1–10). Consider asking, “**Why is the bodily resurrection of Jesus important? How is each Sunday a celebration of Easter?**”

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 Colossians 3:17 – “Who I Am”, 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 3:1-12 today.

JOIN US!

NEXT WEEK:

All Sunday School students and their families are invited to the EASTER BREAKFAST in the gym.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

The Board of Christian Outreach meets **this Sunday [today]** at **noon** in the sitting room. The meeting will be brief because of the Easter Eggventure.

EASTER DECORATING

Sanctuary Stewards will be meeting **this Saturday, April 15th** at **9:00 AM** to decorate the church for Easter.

**REMINDER EASTER EGGVENTURE TODAY [SUNDAY] AT 2:00 PM
TODDLER TO GRADE 6 ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!**

LENTEN / MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNERS - THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way at this year’s Lenten and Maundy Thursday Dinners. The meals and fellowship were enjoyed and greatly appreciated. Well done good and faithful servants!

LWML WIDOW'S MITE 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION – WEEKEND OF APRIL 29 & 30!

The weekend of April 29 & 30 is our **next 5th 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.]

✠ 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**.

APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Due to Easter being on the third Sunday of the month, the Board of Deacons have decided to have a contemporary service on the **fifth Sunday** of this month, **April 30th**, at the **10:45 am** service.

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

NLSA:

We welcomed the NLSA accreditation team this past week. There were a total of seven standards that the team looked at. The standards included the school’s purpose, relationships, leadership, professional personnel, teaching and learning, student services, and facilities. We then had to come up with an action plan for school improvement. Our action plan includes some technology professional development, continuing to improve the playground, finding alternate transportation of students for service projects and field trips, and a guidebook for new teachers. At this writing, the team had not arrived. We will share their findings in a future bulletin.

ISTEPS:

ISTEP tests begin April 18 and run through May 5. These tests involve our 3-8 students and are taken online.

ENROLLMENT:

We have currently registered 54 students for next year. As we continue with enrollment, if you know of anyone who might be interested in Redeemer, please get encourage them to contact us either via email or by phone.

EASTER BREAK:

Redeemer Lutheran School will be closed Friday, April 14 and Monday, April 17 for Easter break.

RUMMAGE SALE:

Coming up on May 6 is our annual rummage sale. Feel free to bring items in now if you wish to donate anything. We will have students available to help you unload your items.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Matthew 21:3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Did Jesus really need the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! Likewise with us – the Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.

You may notice the blue pinwheels around town and around the Howard County Courthouse, these pinwheels represent community support for children, and a safe and happy childhood. The Church committee of our local Prevent Child Abuse Council has put together a 30-day Devotional titled “Pinwheels and Prayers: Words to Strengthen Families”. It is filled with reflections and scripture on assets which contribute to a child's growth and development. The devotions are written by members of our community, and our own **Jonathan Guse** is one of the contributors! There are a few copies at the Welcome Center. Please let **Cindy Sewell** know if additional copies are needed. Prevent Child Abuse Howard County is a community-based council founded in the belief that no child should be abused or neglected. The council is a program of Family Service Association and organized by a network of volunteers in Howard County who offer education, training, and support to families and those who work with them. The messages in the Devotional are meant to inspire and encourage you to help a child, reach out to a young parent, offer resources, or use them yourself. One of the greatest things we can do is to help support parents and caregivers BEFORE there is a crisis. Child abuse prevention creates a compassionate society and puts a high value on child welfare. Everyone benefits from a caring community where children are valued and protected. May God bless our children and those who care for them.

YOUTH CENTRAL

GROUPS – HS YOUTH GROUP

Join us **tonight [Sunday]** for a time of study, fellowship, and prayer! We meet from **6:30-8:30 pm!** Hope to see you there! Here's our schedule through May!

- Sunday, April 23rd – 6:30-8:30 pm
- Sunday, April 30th – 6:30-8:30 pm
- Sunday, May 7th – 6:30-8:30 pm
- Sunday, May 14th – No Pathways – Happy Mother's Day!
- Sunday, May 21st – 6:30-8:30 pm – **8th Graders Welcome!**
- Sunday, May 28th – No Pathways – Happy Memorial Day!

PATHWAYS – MS YOUTH GROUP – A CHANGE IS COMING!

We've been talking about it for a while, but we're going to give it a try – Pathways will now meet **WEEKLY on Sundays** from **4-6pm** starting on **April 23rd!** Here's the schedule at a glance through May:

- Sunday, April 23rd – 4:00-6:00 pm
- Friday, April 28th – 6:30-9:30 pm – Fun Friday!
- Sunday, April 30th – 4:00-6:00 pm
- Sunday, May 7th – 4:00-6:00 pm
- Sunday, May 14th – No Pathways – Happy Mother's Day!
- Sunday, May 21st – 4:00-6:00 pm – **5th Graders Welcome!**
- Friday, May 26th – 6:30-9:30 pm – Fun Friday!
- Sunday, May 28th – No Pathways – Happy Memorial Day!

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

☺ **What Is Palm Sunday?** The Sunday before Jesus was crucified the people honored and adored him as their Lord and King with palm branches. Today we remember this as the beginning of Christ's final, bitter walk to the cross. They people thought Jesus came to be a powerful political leader, but he is the kind of King who died for the sins of his people. Parents, point out to your children the different symbols that reflect Christ's death.

REDEEMER GOLFERS

It's spring. The grass is starting to grow. Are you itching to be swinging your golf clubs again on a regular basis? If you played in Redeemer's Tuesday morning Men's Golf Group last year you have, or will soon receive an e-mail checking to see if you would like to be a part of the group again for the 2017 season. If you were not involved last year but would like to join the group, or have any questions, please contact **Dave Turner**.

Anyone having high school or college graduation information is asked to please contact **Bev Behrs**. Please give the graduate's name, high school or college, graduation date and degree if applicable. Contact **Bev** at the Church Office, **453-0969**; facebook, email: **bsbeahrs@redeemerkokomo.org**, or the Rite of Fellowship pad in church pews. Thank you.

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.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

DATE	TIME	TITLE / EVENT	LOCATION	
Sat.	10 - 12	RLS Track	Fellowship Hall	
	5:30 PM	Palm Sunday Communion	Sanctuary	
Sun.	8:15 AM	Palm Sunday Communion	Sanctuary	
	9:30 AM	Bible Class / Sunday School / Confirmation	Various Rooms	
	10:45 AM	Palm Sunday Communion	Sanctuary	
	12:00 PM	Board of Christian Outreach	Sitting Room	
	2:00 PM	Easter Egg Hunt	Fellowship Hall	
	6:30 PM	Grounds	Youth Room	
	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall	
Mon.	1:00 PM	Hands of Love	Turner's Home	
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall	
	6:30 PM	Quilting Class	Mission 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	Tuesday Evening Bible Class	Mission Hall
Thurs.	6:00 PM	Cub - Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall	
	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room	
	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room	
	12:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Communion Service	Sanctuary	
	5:45 PM	Maundy Thursday Dinner	Fellowship Hall	
	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Communion Service	Sanctuary	
	Fri.	12:00 PM	Good Friday Non-Tenebrae Service	Sanctuary
7:00 PM		Good Friday Tenebrae Service	Sanctuary	
Sat.	AM - PM	Member Function	Mission Hall	
	9:00 AM	Sanctuary Stewards Easter Decorating	Sanctuary	
	5:30 PM	Easter Communion Service	Sanctuary	

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
Susan DeLong - April 22
Dick Batt - April 25
Ralph Grotrian - April 26**

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.

