



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 16 & April 17, 2016

Brothers and sisters in the risen Christ, grace and peace to you! Please greet one another as we prepare to worship God. 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.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER / REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL	
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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			
	<u>SAT. 5:30</u>	<u>SUN. 8:15</u>	<u>SUN. 10:45</u>
Preacher	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
Liturgist	Pastor Allison	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
Organist	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller	
Acolytes	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Sanctuary			Kitty Davis
Stewards			Amy Shrack

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - MUSIC

Saturday-5:30 PM - 63 / Sunday-8:15 AM - 110 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 148 = 321

Prelude - "Prelude in F Major" - J.S. Bach / **In His Service** - "A Faithful Shepherd is Our Lord" / **Offertory** - "Sheep May Safely Graze" - JS Bach / **Postlude** - "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" - arr. C.W. Ore

ALTAR FLOWERS

Steve & Vivian Heronemus are placing flowers on the altar in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary, and in thankfulness to God for His direction and guidance in their marriage and family.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember **Betty Cowgill, Mary Quinn, Rob Reason, Lori Seaman, Kristen Cain, Susan Hermes, Holly Lamb, Dick Dunkin, Darlene Foesch, Kori Wood, Heather Hartman, Jack Garner, Leta Williams, Pam Richardson, and Marilou Reason.**

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK - BILL SPOON

Bill Spoon is this week's honored shut-in. **Bill & Bev Spoon** would like to thank the congregation for the prayers on behalf of their daughter, **Faith [Spoon] Flowers**. Tests show there is no sign of cancer, but chemo treatments continue, please keep her in your prayers.

1ST QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO BE PICKED UP IN THE EAST ENTRANCE OF THE NARTHEX THIS WEEKEND.

HOLY BAPTISM

During **Saturday's 5:30 PM** service, **Greyson Karter Armstrong**, son of **Cierra Armstrong** will receive the blessing of Holy Baptism. Greyson's grandmother, **Aimee Loyd** and great-grandmother, **Connie McIntosh** join in the celebration of his baptism.

100TH BIRTHDAY

Former Our Redeemer member, **Laura Vogt** will celebrate her **100th** birthday on **April 26, 2016**. If you would like to help make Laura's milestone birthday a little brighter, cards may be sent to: **Laura Vogt, c/o The Carlisle, #D-220, 6955 Carlisle Ct., Naples, FL 34109.**

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION - YOU'RE INVITED

In honor of **John Wasmuth's** confirmation, please join **Pastor Wasmuth and Family** for an Open House celebration in Mission Hall on **Sunday, May 1st** from **2 - 4 PM**.

GITAR, ANYONE?

Occasionally the Music Team has need of a guitarist for the Saturday Service. If you play guitar and are interested, please contact **David Britton**.

GOLFERS

Local courses are starting to open for play. If you are interested in joining your Redeemer friends in a round of golf on **Tuesday mornings**, please sign the interest sheet at the Welcome Center, or phone **Dave Turner**.

ACOLYTES ARE NEEDED

Again we have a shortage of acolytes. We are suggesting that our young people be a part of our worship by serving as acolytes, at any of 3 services, on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Each of you can be a special servant for our Lord and our congregation. The lighting of the candles is a special part of each service. Please prayerfully consider this position. Any student, 4th - 8th grade may serve as an acolyte. Please sign up on the special white and yellow form at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. For more information, call **Rufus Howard** or **Jim Durr**. Thanks to all of our present acolytes.

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

→ → → → ADULT INFORMATION CLASS / GOD-CONNECTS ← ← ← ←

We have formed a new adult membership class featuring a new video-based curriculum called God-Connects 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, Pastor Akers, and Jonathan Guse. We will meet in the Resource Room of Redeemer Lutheran School.

NOT A FAN

Are you a fan or a follower? This class, based on Kyle Idleman's book with the same name, challenges you to consider what it really means to call yourself a Christian. Take an honest look at your relationship with Jesus. This new class will be team taught by Pastor Akers and Jonathan Guse. We will meet in Fellowship Hall.

LIVING BEYOND YOURSELF – EXPLORING THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

This Beth Moore study looks at the supernatural aspects of the fruit and that you cannot grow, learn, or produce the fruit on your own. Beth challenges you to develop the fruit by maintaining an intimate relationship with the Spirit of God. A Spirit-filled life truly results in living beyond yourself. This Bible study geared for the women of the church is led by Ginny Hingst, Renee Young, and Tracy Brandenburg. It continues to meet in Mission Hall. This week the ladies are viewing Week 7 – DVD.

FAITHWEAVER NOW: PRE-K & K

All Toddlers through Kindergarten-aged children are invited to join Mrs. Melanie Waggoner in the Preschool 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 prepare for Witness Night. Please note this class is mandatory!

STRONG TOWER: HIGH SCHOOL

Join Mr. Kyle Street and Mr. Brent Seaman during the Bible Study hour in the youth room upstairs for a closer look at the teachings of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

USHERS NEEDED!

We are in need of more ushers for all services. We are looking for men, women, families, young adults and youth! Our biggest need is for Saturday service and early Sunday, however, we will take more volunteers for late Sunday service as well. If you would like to serve the Lord and be a vital part of our weekly worship services, or, if you have questions, please contact **Kevin Klepfer at Church**. You could also speak to an usher or any Deacon.

SPRING WORK DAY – APRIL 30TH

Mark your calendar. Church Work Day is scheduled for Saturday April 30th. The church property is due for its spring clean up and beautification. The Board of Property is asking for as many volunteers as possible. This is a great way to serve the Lord, and see the results so close to home. It is always a very rewarding day and the fellowship is meaningful. We will be starting at **9 am** and finishing around **1 pm**. Lunch (usually pizza) will be provided.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

John 10:27 “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.” On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd’s voice – and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So no matter how difficult the path is that the Shepherd points out: let us follow Him!

LWML EVENTS COMING UP

LWML SPRING FELLOWSHIP – APRIL 24TH

There will be a LWML Spring Fellowship, Kokomo Zone gathering on **Sunday, April 24th** at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kokomo. All ladies are invited. Registration will be held from **1 – 2 PM**. Karen Kuehnert, speaker, will show pictures and talk about her MOST mission eyeglass trip last summer to El Salvador.

A LIVING SACRIFICE – APRIL 30TH

“A Living Sacrifice”, will be held on **April 30, 2016** at Christ Lutheran Church, Noblesville, IN. Registration begins 8:30 am – 9:00 am. Program concludes at 3 pm. Program cost: \$20, includes program materials, light breakfast and lunch. All registrations need to be received by April 20th. For more information, please contact Caroline Howard or Juanita Martin-Davis.

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: **bsbehrs@redeemerkokomo.org**, or the Rite of Fellowship pad in church pews. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIMETITLE / EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	
Sat.	10:00 AM	Guatemala Team Meeting	Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Adult Bible Classes	RLS Resource Room / Mission Hall / Fellowship Hall
	9:30 AM	Elementary / Jr. High – High Sunday School	RLS / Youth Rooms
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Communion	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	National Youth Gathering Meeting	Mission Hall
	4:00 PM	Turner Small Group	Mission Hall
	6:30 PM	Grounds	Youth Room
Mon.	8:30 AM	Room Occupied	Church Library
	1:00 PM	Hands of Love	Turner’s Home
Tues.	8:00 AM	Men’s Bible Study	Mission Hall
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Tuesday Evening Bible Class	Mission Hall
	6:00 PM	Cub / Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Wed.	8:45 AM	RLS Chapel	Sanctuary
	6:30 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
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

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.

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER COLLECTION

Redeemer's Lutheran Women in Service group is sponsoring a collection of baby items for the Pregnancy Resource Center. There will be a Pack n Play in the Narthex that we hope to fill with these items. Some suggested items are diapers (especially size newborn, 4, 5 and 6), new crib sheets, pacifiers, teething rings and baby blankets for girls. The collection will run through April 17. April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month so this is a good time to support an organization that supports families with infants. Mothers and fathers who take part in parenting classes can earn baby bucks to "purchase" items for their babies. Thank you for your help!

YOUTH CENTRAL

GROUNDS - HS YOUTH GROUP

Tonight [Sunday] we continue our study from prior to spring break on "Decisions." Tonight we discuss the topic "Deciding Holiness." Join us from **6:30-8:30 pm** in the youth room! If you have any questions, please see **Jonathan Guse**.

PATHWAYS - MS YOUTH GROUP

Are you fearless? Come find out... Join us this **Wednesday, April 20th** from **6:30-8:30pm**. If you have any questions, see **Jonathan Guse, Tami Brooks, or Kori Wood**.

NYG PARTICIPANT MEETING

Today (Sunday), April 17th, after late service (noonish) we will be having our next participant meeting in Mission Hall. Parents and students are invited to come and get updates on the latest information for our trip this summer!

☺ USE AN OFFERING TO HELP TEACH YOUR CHILD ABOUT TITHING.

Instead of looking in your wallet or purse before the offering is collected consider teaching your child to tithe. Allow your child to give a percentage of their allowance to the Lord. Even ten percent of a two-dollar allowance is important to the Lord when it is offered in faith and obedience.

Redeemer Lutheran School
705 Southway Boulevard East

**HUGE SEMI-ANNUAL
RUMMAGE & BAKE
SALE**

Saturday
May 7th, 2016
8:00-2:00 p.m.

Proceeds Benefit The
R.L.S. 7th & 8th Grade
Class Trip to Cincinnati!

Donated Items Being Accepted Now

Home baked goodies, clothes-all sizes, households, electronics, books, toys, furniture and more!!!

PLEASE JOIN US!

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

END OF YEAR COUNTDOWN:

It is hard to believe that we are on the final leg of this school year. We will end the school year on Thursday, May 26.

RUMMAGE SALE:

The rummage sale is coming up on Saturday, May 7. Don't forget to stop in and see what kinds of “treasures” you might find! All proceeds go to help our 7/8 grade pay for their class trip to Cincinnati.

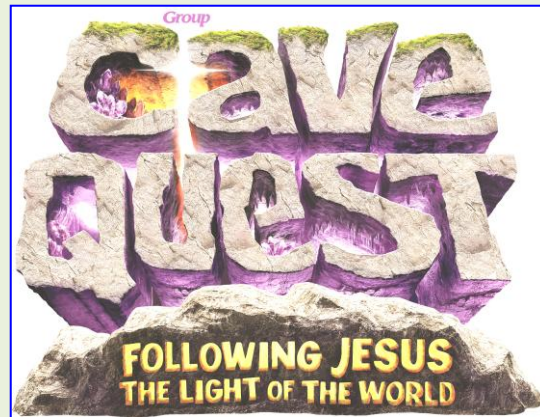
TESTING:

Our 3–8 grade students will begin round two of the state ISTEP tests this next week. These tests will run for three weeks because they are all done on-line. Our 1–2 grade students will be taking the Terra Nova tests the last week in April as well.

CLASS TRIP:

Our 7/8 grade students are looking forward to their class trip which is coming up quickly. We will be leaving on Wednesday, May 11, and returning on Saturday, May 14. Students, parents and teachers will be invading Cincinnati where we will visit the Creation Museum, the Underground Railroad, the aquarium, to name a few. We will also visit area restaurants, take in a Reds game, play at Game Works, and then follow up with a trip to King's Island on Saturday. Much of this class trip is possible because of your generosity and support. So we thank you very much

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT OUR REDEEMER
JUNE 12 - 16, 2016 / 6:00 - 8:30 PM



VBS is quickly approaching! Mark your calendars for June 12–16, 2016, from 6:00–8:30 p.m. Children aged 3–5th grade (as of this past school year) are welcome to attend as participants, while children who have finished 6th grade–adults are needed as station leaders, station helpers, and crew leaders. Registration forms are located at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. If you are willing to help with VBS in any capacity, you may also sign up at the Welcome Center. We hope to see you there! We are going to be offering VBS shirts this year for a suggested donation of \$5.00. Please indicate your child's size on his/her registration form. In order for your child to have a 2016 VBS shirt, we need to have his/her registration form and shirt size **no later than Wednesday, May 4th, 2016**, in order to have the shirts back in time for VBS. Questions? Contact Kaila Claucherty.