

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 21st & April 22nd, 2018

Jesus says He is the vine and we are the branches. Sometimes branches grow neatly together; other times they get tangled up! However you feel about the “branches” next to you, greet one another in peace as we prepare to worship our True Vine. 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 **bulletins** 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 that the deadline for bulletin announcements is Wednesdays by noon. Thank you.

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			
	SAT. 5:30	SUN. 8:15	SUN. 10:45
Preacher	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
Liturgist	Pastor Akers	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
Organist	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller
Acolytes	Volunteer Needed	Conner G	Jacob T Jonoah T
Sanctuary Stewards			Caroline Howard Marietta Adelsen

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE INFORMATION / MUSIC

5:30 PM - 84 / 8:15 AM - 91 / 10:45 AM - 144 = 319

Prelude - “Sheep May Safely Graze” - J.S. Bach / Offertory - “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” - arr. C.W. Ore

Postlude - “Love Divine, All Love Excelling”

8:15 - In His Service - “A Faithful Shepherd is My Lord” and “What a Savior”

10:45 - RLS Choir - “Blessed Be, Resucitó, Resucitó”

ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend’s altar flowers are given by two families. **Henry & Amy Shrack** in loving memory of Amy’s sister, **Pat Waddle**, on her April 23 birthday, and to thank God for His many blessings. Also by **Bud Everhart** and **Kristy Everhart** in memory of their dear friend, **Doug Hayes**.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember **Steve Olson**, **Delia Overia**, **Jack Dean**, **Melissa McCarty**, **Bob Braswell**, **Al Sparling**, **Silas Matteson**, **Gary Stalter**, **Betty Pohlman**, **Mary Harper**, **Bill Mishler**, **Michel Peterson**, **Carl Swift**, **Joan Swift**, **Pam Youngdale**, **Heather Portman**, **Darlene Foesch**, **Sharon Lecher**, **Cena Benziger**, and **Doris Temme**.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE 10:45 AM SERVICE ON APRIL 29, 2018 WILL BE A CONTEMPORARY SERVICE.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS & PARENTS!

Please be reminded that **this Sunday, April 22, [today]**, during the Bible Class hour, **9:30 AM**, Pastor Allison will be questioning the confirmands privately. Then **after the 10:45 service**, the confirmands will meet their secret pals, receive their stoles, have rehearsal, pictures taken, and a light lunch with parents and families in Mission Hall served by Lutheran Women in Service. Confirmation is next **Sunday, April 29** at the **10:45 AM** service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE - 9:30 AM - SUNDAY - WELCOME TO ALL!

CLASS	LOCATION	TEACHER[S]
Pre-School, Pre-K, Kdg.	RLS Kindergarten Room	Ashley Schneider
1 st - 2 nd Grades	RLS 3 rd Grade Room	Elaine Ponder/Kelly McPike
3 rd - 4 th Grades	RLS 4 th Grade Room	Sharon Mugg
5 th - 7 th Grades	RLS 5 th / 6 th Grade Room	Jim & Gwenn Wasmuth
The story, "Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter" serves as the focus of Sunday School today. Just as Jesus, by word and touch, raised the dead girl to life, so by His Word and Sacraments, He kills and buries death and raises us to eternal life. Questions for discussion include, "How did Jesus heal this little girl? How does Jesus heal us from the sickness of sin?"		
8 th Grade Confirmation	School Conference Room Confirmation questioning.	Pastor Allison
High School	Youth Room	Steve Gaunt
Today begins a new study by D.A. Horton, "Control".		
Adult Bible Class	Mission Hall	Pastor Akers
Continued study of 1st & 2nd Thessalonians with lesson 8, "God's Judgement on Persecutors". Next Sunday's discussion is lesson 9, "The Antichrist - Part 1".		

PASTOR ALLISON'S CLASSES - THIS TUESDAY

Ladies' Bible Class meets **this Tuesday, April 24 at 10:00 AM** in Mission Hall. Pastor Allison and the ladies are discussing, lesson 11 of **"Closer Look at the Lessons, Fifth Sunday of Easter"**. Tuesday evening Bible class meets from **6 - 7 PM** in Mission Hall. This week the class will be discussing, **"Romans 14-16, "Living to the Lord."**

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY, \$1729 WAS COLLECTED FOR MISSIONARIES STEVEN & CYNTHIA SCHUMACHER OF GHANA DURING LAST WEEKEND'S DOOR OFFERING. BLESS YOU!

RESCUE MISSION BIRTHDAY PARTY

Every year in June, the Kokomo Rescue Mission throw's a birthday party for its dining room guests. Knowing some guests don't have the means to celebrate their birthdays each year, the annual event gives them a chance to celebrate all on one day for those who don't have family to spend it with or don't celebrate at all. Every other year LCOR provides the gifts and assists in hosting this party. This is our year and we need your help!! Our goal is to provide gifts for **100 women, 150 men** and at **least 30 children**. There will be a table in the Narthex with a list of items we need to collect and examples of the sizes needed (not jumbo, but not travel or sample sizes). We will focus on collecting different items each month. **For the month of April**, we will collect **washcloths and hand towels**. Collection items for **May** are **body lotion and pairs of socks**. Monetary donations would also be very much appreciated. **Make checks payable to the church with RM Party Gifts** in the memo please. (Each gift costs approximately \$20.) Thank you in advance for your generosity.

GOLFERS

Spring is here, at least part of the time, and Tuesday Morning Golf Outings at Wildcat Creek are scheduled to start **May 1st**. If you have not been contacted and would like to play with a Redeemer group and their friends, please contact **Dave Turner**.

SHHH... BY RLS PRINCIPAL RUTH LAVRENZ - "BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD..." PSALM 46:10

TEACHER NEEDED

Redeemer Lutheran School is currently searching for a preschool teacher for our 4 year old class. This will be a full time position with benefits. It will be for the 2018-2019 school year and possibly beyond. Any teaching candidate must have a valid teaching license in the state of Indiana and a current background check. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, please direct them to our school website, www.redeemerlutherschool.org. There is an employment application under the information tab on the home page.

2018 RLS DINNER AUCTION AND GIVING EXTRAVAGANZA

"What is this auction and giving thing all about?" We are glad you asked! It is a great dinner catered by Main Occasions, dancing, music by Ken Shutt from Musical Dreams, silent auction, live auction, and games with fabulous prizes! Items up for auction will include: Disney tickets, Indy 500 tickets, themed baskets, handmade items, artwork by Redeemer classes, unique experiences with the amazing teachers of Redeemer, VIP parking for the entire 2018-2019 school year! A chance to win a diamond ring when you play our "diamonds are forever" game! The date is **Saturday, May 5th** at the **UAW Hall, 929 E. Hoffer in Kokomo**. Social hour, dancing and silent auction begin at **5:00 PM**, dinner is at **6:30 PM**. Purchase tickets for **\$35** after each service, Redeemer Lutheran School, or from any RLS staff member. Proceeds to go toward securing and renovating our playground!

**ONE FOR
THE TEAM**



Show your team spirit by joining us for a fundraiser to support Redeemer Lutheran School. Come in to the Chipotle at 1201 South Reed Road Suite B in Kokomo on **Tuesday, April 24th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Redeemer Lutheran School.

Redeemer Lutheran School
705 Southway Boulevard East

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

Saturday, May 12th

8:00-2:00 p.m.

Proceeds Benefit The
R.L.S. 7th & 8th Grade
2018 Class Trip Participants!

Home-baked
Goodies
Clothing
Households
Electronics
Books
Toys
Furniture
and MORE!!

PLEASE
JOIN US!

SGO

If you are interested in giving to the SGO, we could use your help! To date, we have an account with very little sitting in it and 10 requests for funds. There are still some funds left for this year, so if you are so inclined to make a donation, the SGO is still taking applications. We would like to be able to offer scholarships to our new families that might not meet the criteria for a voucher, and especially our kindergarten families. The vouchers are not available for the kindergarten students. If you have any questions, contact the school office and ask to speak with **Mrs. Tucker** or **Miss Lavrenz**.

RLS RUMMAGE SALE - MAY 12!

The 7/8th grade class at RLS will be hosting a rummage sale on **Saturday May 12!** If you have started spring cleaning, we'd love to find homes for those used but useful items found in your cabinet, closet, basement or

attic! Donations are now being accepted. Bring your treasures to the school lobby and the students will take them from there! Contact **Lynn Cleaver** if you need any further information.

BUDDY BAG PACKING - THIS MONDAY - APRIL 23RD - 5:30 PM

Redeemer volunteers will be packing Buddy Bags for Kokomo Urban Outreach for Pettit Park, Elwood Haynes, Darrough Chapel and Sycamore schools, **this Monday, April 23**, at 5:30 PM. The address of the warehouse is **720 N. Webster**. **Please note this is the final Buddy Bag packing date until fall.** Thank you for serving others!

LWML WIDOW'S MITE 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION - WEEKEND OF APRIL 28 & 29!

Next weekend, **April 28 & 29** 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 Mite Box in the Narthex.]

GOOD SHEPHERD LADIES' FELLOWSHIP / SALAD SUPPER - MAY 9

Ladies of Our Redeemer. You are cordially invited to Good Shepherd's annual Ladies' Fellowship/Salad Supper **Wednesday, May 9, 2018**. **John Bahler**, solo guitarist, will entertain us with bluegrass, country and religious music/song. Please bring a salad (tableware and drinks provided), your appetite, and join your Good Shepherd sisters for the evening of fellowship and entertainment. The supper is scheduled for **6:00 pm** with entertainment to follow. Please **RSVP to the church (457-4968) by Monday, May 7**.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

John 10:14 - "I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me." What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him...and in knowing Him we learn to imitate Him. And that is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord's grace.

"SENDING A CROSS AND A PATH TO SALVATION TO EVERY HOME IN AMERICA"

Cross America has the goal of spreading the Gospel to every home in America. It is a great place to fellowship, volunteer, or meet new people. Grab a sandwich and cup of coffee at Doubting Thomas Coffee Shop, hold your small group in one of the board rooms, or volunteer to package crosses to be sent to households across America! **Cross America is located across from Menards in Kokomo at 840 Daniel Dr.** Hours are **Monday - Saturday, 6 AM - 9 PM**, closed on Sunday. For more information please see their website of <https://crossamerica.net>, or feel free to contact **Brent** or **Lori Seaman**.

FINAL CALL FOR GRADUATION INFORMATION

This weekend is the final call for anyone having high school or college graduation information to be included in May's newsletter and future bulletins. Please contact **Bev Behrs** at the Church Office, **453-0969**; Facebook, bsbehrs@redeemerkokomo.org, kokosmom5275@yahoo.com, or the Rite of Fellowship pad in church pews. Please give the graduate's name, high school or college, graduation date and degree if applicable. Thank you.

YOUTH CENTRAL

Both groups meet **today [Sunday]** for Bible study and games! **Pathways** meets **Friday, [April 27th]** at **6:00 PM** in the Youth Room for extended game time and Bible Study.

	PATHWAYS	GROUNDS
Sunday, April 22 nd	4:00 - 6:00 PM	6:30 - 8:30 PM
Friday, April 27 th	6:00 - 9:00 PM	No Meeting
Sunday, April 29 th	4:00 - 6:00 PM	6:30 - 8:30 PM
Sunday, May 6 th	4:00 - 6:00 PM	6:30 - 8:30 PM

CIY MOVE and MISSION POSSIBLE XIII

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board across from the Adult Education Room! All students currently in 8th grade through high school are invited to sign up!

If you have any questions about student ministry activities, please see Pastor Akers or Tami Brooks.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

DATE	TIME	TITLE / EVENT	LOCATION
Sat.	9 AM - 12 PM	Indoor Work Day	Sanctuary / Narthex / Fellowship Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Bible Class -Sunday School, 8 th Grade Confirmation	Mission Hall / RLS
	10:45 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	11:45 AM	8 th Grade Confirmation Activities	Sanctuary / Mission Hall
	4:00 PM	Pathways	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Grounds	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	1:00 PM	Hands of Love	Turner's Home
	5:30 PM	Buddy Bag Packing	720 N. Webster
	5:30 PM	Community Women's Guild	Church Library
	6:30 PM	Quilting Class	Mission Hall
Tues.	7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	8:00 AM	Church Library Staff	Church Library
	10:00 AM	Ladies' Bible Class	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
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	9:30 AM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
Fri.	6:00 PM	Pathways	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
Sat.	12:00 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

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.



We have a number of duplicate books and books that need to be retired. If you would like any of these for your own library, they are located on a table outside of the church library. Every week there are more books that are added to the collection. Thank you.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month Love With Words

The mission of Prevent Child Abuse Howard County is to prevent child neglect and abuse through education, increased awareness, and advocacy. Anything you can do to support children and parents can help reduce the stress that often leads to abuse and neglect. You can help by loving with words.

You are terrific!
You are special.
What do you think?
You brighten my day.
I love you.
You are outstanding.
You are beautiful.
You are unique.
You are a winner.
Tell me more.
Super!
You can do it.
Well done.
Let's talk about it.
I like how you share.
You make me happy.



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month What Can You Do?

You can reach out to parents and children. Anything you can do to support children and parents can help reduce the stress that often leads to abuse and neglect of children. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Be a friend to a parent you know. If a parent seems to be struggling, offer to baby-sit or run errands, or just lend a friendly ear.
2. Be a friend to a child or children you know. Remember their names; smile when you talk with them; ask about their day at school; send them a card in the mail.
3. Talk to your neighbors about looking out for one another's children. Encourage a supportive spirit among parents in your neighborhood.
4. Give your used clothing, furniture and toys to organizations that help families.
5. Give your time and money for activities that support and serve the needs of children and families in your community.
6. Encourage adults who are struggling to seek assistance.



A program of Family Service Association

