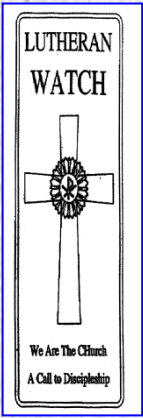
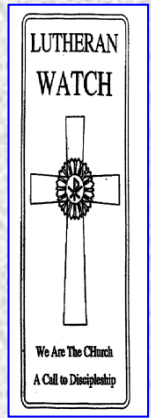


FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23 & April 24, 2016



Welcome. We worship in the name of our creative God, our all-loving Savior and the rejuvenating Spirit. Amen. 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 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	Juanita Martin-Davis	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller
Acolytes	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Rylee K
Sanctuary			Debby Durr
Stewards			Jane Sipe

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE INFORMATION / MUSIC

Saturday-5:30 PM - **106** / Sunday-8:15 AM - **96** / Sunday-10:45 AM - **188** = **390**

Our Redeemer Bells - “Holy Manna, A Merry Mallet Melody” - arr. Susan Gescke & “Praise Unfolding” - Sandra Eithun / **Offertory** - “My Song is Love Divine” - arr. M. Burkhardt
Postlude - “Lift High the Cross” - arr. C. Callahan

ALTAR FLOWERS

Two families are placing flowers on the Lord’s altar this weekend. **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 **Roland & Betty Pohlman** in honor of their **40th** wedding anniversary on May 1st.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember **John Goshinska, 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.**

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

WITNESS NIGHT

The entire congregation is invited to hear our 13, 8th graders give witness to their Christian faith **today (Sunday)**, beginning at **4:00 PM** in Mission Hall. Following the questioning the confirmands will have rehearsal and pictures in the Sanctuary. This will be followed by a dinner served by the Lutheran Women's Missionary Service Guild. This meal is being served for the eighth grade confirmands along with their families in the Fellowship Hall beginning around **6:00 PM**.

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS - THIS TUESDAY

Ladies Bible Class meets **this Tuesday, April 26 at 10:00 AM** in Mission Hall. Pastor Allison and the ladies are continuing their study on **The Book of Acts**.

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 discussing Week 8 - Book - "Keep Believ'n".

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.

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**.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

DATE	TIME	TITLE / EVENT	LOCATION
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Communion	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	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	4:00 PM	8 th Grade Confirmation Witness Night	Mission Hall / Sanctuary / Fellowship Hall
	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	Quilt 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
	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	RLS Fine Arts Festival	Mission Hall
	6:30 PM	Pathways	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
Sat.	9:00 AM	Spring Landscape Day	Outside
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Ron Newbold - May 3

Clarence Larson - May

Tom Shutt - May 4

Sharon Morkal - May 8

YOUTH CENTRAL

GROUNDS – HS YOUTH GROUP

Tonight [Sunday] we conclude our study on “Decisions.” Tonight we discuss the topic “The Others.” 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

FUN FRIDAY! Join us this **Friday, April 29th**, from **6:30-9:30 pm** for fun, games, and snacks! If you have any questions, see **Jonathan Guse, Tami Brooks, or Kori Wood**.

BUBBLE SOCCER!!!

All **8th-12th grade students** are invited to join us on **June 26th** for Bubble Soccer at **Darrough Chapel Park!** This event will take place from **3-7 pm** and the cost is **\$10!** **You must sign up for this event!** When you sign up, there is a link to a waiver that must be turned in as well! Please turn that into **Jonathan Guse!** Parents are welcome to come as well! There will be a cookout while everyone is playing! If you have any questions, please see **Jonathan Guse**. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/zfhm2lu> to sign-up today or follow this QR code!



☺ **Sunday morning worship starts Saturday night.** Children need to hear their parents say to friends or baby sitters, “No, we won’t be too late; we have church tomorrow.” Try waking up your children next Sunday by playing Jesus music. It’s a little harder to get short-tempered when “Sing Alleluia” lingers in the air.

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

RUMMAGE SALE:

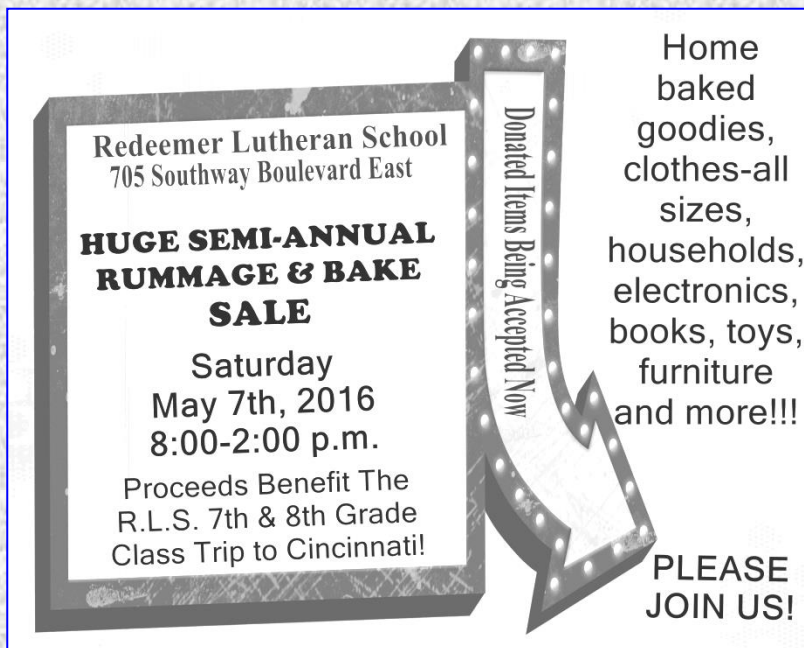
The rummage sale is coming up on **Saturday, May 7**. Don’t forget to stop in and see what kinds of “treasures” you might find! All proceeds go to help our 7/8 grade pay for their class trip to Cincinnati.

TESTING:

Our 3-8 grade students are in the middle of ISTEP testing. Our first and second grade students will begin their Terra Nova standardized test this next week.

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**. On **Sunday, May 29**, we will have 8th grade graduation at the **8:15 AM**



The sign is for a rummage sale at Redeemer Lutheran School. It features a large arrow pointing downwards with the text "Donated Items Being Accepted Now" written vertically inside it. The main text on the sign reads: "Redeemer Lutheran School 705 Southway Boulevard East", "HUGE SEMI-ANNUAL RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE", "Saturday May 7th, 2016 8:00-2:00 p.m.", and "Proceeds Benefit The R.L.S. 7th & 8th Grade Class Trip to Cincinnati!". To the right of the sign, there is additional text: "Home baked goodies, clothes-all sizes, households, electronics, books, toys, furniture and more!!!". Below the sign, it says "PLEASE JOIN US!".

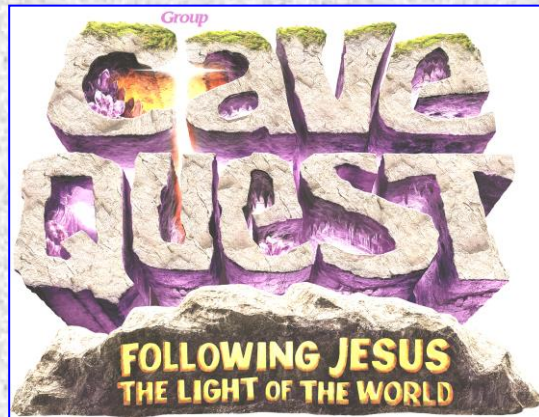
service. This year we will graduate ten students.

THANK YOU:

We say thank you to our Walk-a-thon committee and all of their hard work. We hosted our fundraiser this past Friday. We will let you know if we were able to get that dunk tank for reaching our goal!

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 pm**. 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.

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 cleanup 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

Rev. 21:1 "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more." The things of this world are passing away. We are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth that has been promised to us in Christ. This knowledge is foundational for our stewardship of what God has put into our hands. What is truly important? What is worthy of our support? How has God called us to use "unrighteous mammon" for the good of our neighbor and His kingdom?

LIGHTS, CAMERA, SOUND? (OR) AUDIO-VISUAL MINISTRY

We're looking for people (teens and older) who are willing to work with sound or video equipment for special church services. If you have an interest in this part of our ministry, please contact **David Britton**.

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.