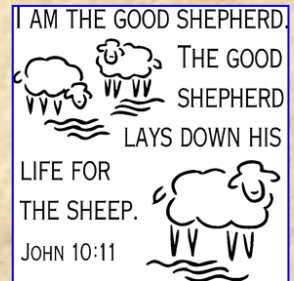




**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / 8TH GRADE
CONFIRMATION**

May 6 & May 7, 2017

Our Good Shepherd calls us into the safekeeping of this fold. May all gathered here feel the **welcome and love** of God in Christ. 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			
	<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	Caleb B	Daniel M Blake S	Lizzie T
Sanctuary Stewards			Teddi Heinzman Ellen Benziger

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE INFORMATION / MUSIC

Saturday-5:30 PM - 78 / Sunday - 8:15 AM -99 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 198 = 375

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are a gift from the **2017 8th Grade Confirmation Class**. The confirmands' floral offering is given to glorify God for sending the gift of His Spirit, and in gratitude to their Lord to Whom they pledge allegiance this day. Flowers are also given by **Jerry & Joanne Kraase** in celebration of their **55th** wedding anniversary on **May 5**.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember **Karen Harrison, Joan Peterson, Robert Molkentine, Ralph Grotrian, Jayne Frey, Ruth Luecke, Nancy Jones, Betty Pohlman, Heather Hartman, Nancy Philips, Kori Wood, Delia Overia, and Robert Braswell.**

**THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY - \$111.62 WAS RECEIVED DURING
LAST WEEKEND'S 5TH SUNDAY MITE COIN COLLECTION. BLESS YOU!**

→ → → → CALL MEETING - TUESDAY - MAY 9 - 7:00 PM - MISSION HALL ← ← ←

There will be a special Voter's meeting on **Tuesday, May 9** at **7:00 PM** in Mission Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to extend a call to a teacher for our seventh/eighth grade.

The call committee will be asking to congregation to extend a call to **Julie Kowalke**. Miss Kowalke is currently serving as a principal/teacher (5-8) at St. Peter-Immanuel in Decatur, IN. She graduated from Concordia, St. Paul, MN with a BA degree in 1989. She received her Master's in education and leadership in 2004 from University Center, MI.

HOLY BAPTISM

Following the late service this Sunday, **Quinlyn Grace Pence**, daughter of **Zack & Lindsey [Evans] Pence** will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Joining in **Quinlyn's** baptismal celebration are proud grandmother, **Susan Evans** and great-grandparents, **Ralph & Lois Grotrian**.

THANKS FOR YOUR LOVE!

Mark & Suzanne Dunkin and Family have this message to share with the congregation. "Our family would like to thank everyone for the kind words and cards during the passing of my father, **Dick Dunkin**. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family here at Our Redeemer."

✠ 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION 2017 ✠

During this Sunday's **10:45 AM** service, we welcome as communicant members by the Rite of Confirmation the following young souls: **Abigail Brandenburg, Abigail Brooks, Cora Dunkin, Matthew Laubenstein** and **Natalie Schneider**. **Timothy Renken** and **Jackson Wages** were confirmed during last week's Witness Night.

CONFIRMATION BOOKLET / GIFT

The congregation will present our confirmands with a wooden figurine of Jesus with their name and confirmation verse engraved on a golden plate. If you would like to learn more about the Rite of Confirmation, please pick up a booklet in the Narthex. These booklets will be especially meaningful to our confirmands, their families and sponsors.

THANK YOU!

Many people added their loving touch to confirmation this year. Thank you to all of the women in the church who served as "Secret Pals"; ladies who made the red stoles; those who planned, setup and served the confirmation banquet on Witness Night; and to **Roger Davis** for taking confirmation pictures. Well done good and faithful servants!

REMAINING MAY BOARD / OFFICER MEETINGS

Church Council - Tuesday - May 9 - 6:00 PM - Church Library
Special Voters' Assembly - Tuesday, May 9 - 7:00 PM - Mission Hall
Voters' Assembly - Wednesday - May 17 - 7:00 PM - Mission Hall

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN SERVICE

Lutheran Women in Service will gather in Mission Hall on **Tuesday, May 16th** at **1:00 PM** [note the time change], for our regular meeting. Goodies and fellowship are at **12:30 PM**. Come join us gals of Our Redeemer as we meet and plan for next year. Your input is important, as we seek to decide ways to serve the Lord. Please bring a donation for the Seminary Food Bank. Especially needed are **paper products** and **feminine hygiene articles**. For more information, please contact **Caroline Howard** or **Jill Lowden**.

LADIES OF OUR REDEEMER

You are cordially invited to **Good Shepherd's** annual **Ladies Fellowship/Salad Supper Wednesday, May 10, 2017**. **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 8**.

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.



SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES CONTINUING TODAY - APRIL 30TH (9:30 AM)

→ → → → ADULT INFORMATION CLASS/GODCONNECTS ← ← ← ←

Today, at **9:30 AM**, we are continuing an 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**.

→ → → → WORLD RELIGIONS - MISSION HALL ← ← ← ←

Continuing today at **9:30 AM**, **Jonathan Guse** and **Joshua Mugg** are teaching a class on world religions. They will discuss **Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Naturalism, Mormonism, and Jehovah's Witness**, focusing on how they answer the big questions of life (why are we here? what happens when we die? how should we act?). They will also discuss how to evangelize people of other faiths. This class meets in **Mission Hall**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Preschool - 4th Grade: Today in Sunday School, the children studied **“Jesus Appears to Thomas”** (John 20:19-31). We, like Thomas, doubt what we cannot see. Through His Spirit, God gives us eyes of faith that we might see Jesus in Word and Sacrament and believe in Him. Discuss with your family, **“When is it hard to trust and believe in the promises of God? Who is the source of our faith?”**

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 **God, the Father-Our Provider** (Exodus 16:1-23, using the curriculum, **“God’s Big Story”**). These students meet in the RLS 5th/6th grade classroom.

8th grade confirmation: Congratulations and God’s Blessings to you on this, your Confirmation Day!

High School: The students look at and discuss **James 5:1-6** today, in the Youth Room.

JOIN US!

SERVICE PROJECT FOR ALL AGES

Join hands with your fellow **REDEEMED** on **SUNDAY, MAY 28**, at **9:30 AM** during the **Sunday School hour**. Be a part of Service Sunday for all ages! We will meet in the gym and participate in several activities to help others and bring the love of Jesus to them. Watch for more details next week. **Looking for some supplies! *stickers (general, spiritual, cheerful), *yarn, *magazines (dated within the last 3-5 months)**. If you have any of the above items and would like to donate them for Service Sunday, please put them in the designated container in the narthex. Thanks! Questions? Talk to **Debbie Street** or **Sheryl Hartman**.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult classes continue **June 4** and **June 11**. The children will combine their classes on those two Sundays for some special lessons/activities about the early Christian church. From **June 18 through July 30**, all ages will meet together for some specially planned activities for Christian fellowship, growth and service. **JOIN US!**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT EMANUEL IN TIPTON

In search of a Director for our Childcare/Preschool. The position is a full-time position. Our daycare/preschool’s hours are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. We have 120 children enrolled in our childcare and this past year had 43 enrolled in our preschool. Our daily average attendance is 100, with 70 during the day and 30 more after school. We are located right next to Tipton Elementary and parents do bring their kids before school and we have staff that walks them over to the elementary and the staff will go pick them up after school and walk them back over to the daycare. We have 22 staff that work in the daycare/preschool. All interested and qualified candidates please send your resumes to **Emanuel Lutheran Church, PO Box F, Tipton, IN 46072** or you can email them to emanuel@tiptontel.com.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION!

Registration is open! All registrations will be online this year! If you need help, please contact Jonathan Guse! Visit the VBS Page at www.lcorkokomo.org or scan here! (<https://tinyurl.com/n27fs3h>)



YOUTH CENTRAL

GROUNDS- HS YOUTH GROUP

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

- 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 GROUPS

A change is HERE! 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 4-6 pm starting this weekend! Here's the schedule at a glance through May:

- 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!

CIY MEETING

All participants and parents are asked to attend a quick meeting, **TODAY (Sunday)**, after late service in Mission Hall to discuss some final details as we prepare for MOVE in June!

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

2017 COLLEGE GRADUATES

PURDUE UNIVERSITY - MAY 12, 2017

Marie Hunkeler - Apparel Design & Technology degree and a minor in Food & Agribusiness Management.
Molly Sewell - Bachelor of Science in Psychology / minors in Anthropology and Forensics

PURDUE UNIVERSITY WEST LAFAYETTE- MAY 14, 2017

Samson David - Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical & Astronautical Engineering

CONCORDIA SEMINARY - ST. LOUIS - MAY 19, 2017

Peter Adelsen - Masters of Divinity Degree

2017 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL - GRADUATION DATE - JUNE 4, 2017

Dylan Vandergriff

KOKOMO HIGH SCHOOL - GRADUATION DATE - JUNE 2, 2017

Keagan James

NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL - JUNE 3, 2017

Gabrielle Dunkin, Samuel Hartman, Sharlene Hartman, Audrey Plutat

TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL - JUNE 2, 2017

Jack Engelder, Elizabeth Foesch

TRI-CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL - MAY 27, 2017

Bailey Brooks

WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL - JUNE 2, 2017

Breanna Amsbury, Austin Anderson, Mitchell Grecu, Jenna Seaman

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
2017 FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

Friday, May 12th at Redeemer Lutheran School

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 FOR THE SILENT AUCTION!

Bid on student art work, experiences with your favorite teachers, and baked goods!

VISIT THE ART GALLERY!

We will be selling ice cream and popcorn to enjoy while you browse through artwork by all students!

PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM AT 7:00!

Join us in the sanctuary for singing, poetry and instrumental music!

LIVE AUCTION!

Come bid on front row seating to all RLS events, VIP parking, lunch with the principal, and much more!

BREATHE BY RLS PRINCIPAL RUTH LAVRENZ

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

RUMMAGE SALE:

Thank you to everyone who donated to the rummage sale this year. We will let you know in next week's bulletin how the sale went.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:

A huge thank you to our PTO, room mothers and all of the other volunteers who helped us celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. It was a great week. Part of the celebration included our award for buying so many books at the book sale in the fall. We were surprised by our librarians with a laser light show by Professor Steve. It was incredible. Thank you to our librarians as well!

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL/AUCTION:

You are invited to join us for a fun evening. We are planning an auction with baked goods, classroom artwork, special experiences with teachers and other activities. There will be student artwork displayed and while you are viewing those, you are welcome to purchase an ice cream cone or a bag of popcorn as you

wander around and peruse the art. This will all take place from **6:00 PM-7:00 PM** in the gym on **Friday, May 12**. At **7:00** we will head to the sanctuary where we will enjoy our fine art performances by our choirs, our bells, our recorders. It should be a great evening of fun!

SCRIP

Next Sunday, May 14th, is Mother's Day! Be sure to come shop SCRIP for your restaurant cards. Would mom rather shop for her own gift? We have (or can get) Kohls, TJ Maxx, Carsons, and JoAnn's cards, to name just a few. You can get your mom a wonderful gift while supporting the mission of RLS. Card orders placed **today, May 7th**, will be available for pick up in on **Sunday, May 14th**. Come see Rhonda and Michelle in the Extended Care from **9-10:30** on Sunday mornings.

RLS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER AT CHIPOTLE - MAY 25TH [5 - 9 PM]

We hope you can join us **Thursday, May 25th** between **5 and 9 PM** at Chipotle in Kokomo to help raise money for our Athletic Department here at Redeemer. Funds raised will help with the purchase of new equipment and jerseys. See flyer for more details. Be sure to stop by the SCRIP table and pick up a Chipotle gift card to pay for your meal. It's a win-win for our school!

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.

CARDIO DRUMMING- NEW SESSION BEGINS MONDAY!

This Monday, May 8, begins our new spring/summer session for Cardio Drumming. If you have not tried this out yet, there is no better time! Classes meet most **Mondays** and **Thursdays** from **6:30-7:30 PM**, and your first time trying it is free! EVERYONE is welcome. We also provide babysitting for \$1/child per class while you work out. If you'd like to give it a try, please contact **Erin Ponder** or check us out on Facebook under "Kokomo Cardio Drumming".

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER			
DATE	TIME	TITLE / EVENT	LOCATION
Sat.	8 AM -2 PM	RLS Rummage Sale	Fellowship Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Bible Classes / Sunday School	Various Rooms
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Worship & 8 th Grade Confirmation	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	CIY Meeting	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
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
Tues.	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	6:00 PM	Church Council	Church Library
	6:00 PM	Cub - Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Special Voters' Assembly	Mission 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
	6:00 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
Fri.	6:00 PM	RLS Fine Arts Festival	Fellowship Hall / Sanctuary
Sat.	1:00 PM	Member Function	Fellowship Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Shirley Heinzman - May 12
Carlyn Laubenstein - May 14
Ellen Benziger - May 16
Rosemary Griffis - May 17

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

1 Peter 2:21 "For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps." Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son, to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like - to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. "Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure."

Pastor Gerry Hartke is retiring, after 41 years of pastoral ministry in seven congregations. He has served Prince of Peace in Oregon, Ohio for nearly 14 years. In thankfulness for his ministry, a special celebration for his retirement is planned for the weekend of May 27-28th.

Pastor will be preaching his last sermon as our Lead Pastor at the three services that weekend. On Sunday (May 28) at noon, a catered meal will be served for members and guests. For our planning purposes, anyone planning to join us for that meal should contact us. (Contact information below)

If congregations or individuals would like to send cards or letters of appreciation for Pastor's ministry, please send them to our church. These will be assembled and given to Pastor on Sunday, May 28th.

Information for the weekend:

Our weekend worship:

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Contact for reservations to the noon meal and cards or letters:

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