

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7 & May 8, 2016



We gather to worship the Lord Jesus: Alpha and Omega, first and last, beginning and end (Revelation 22:13). **Welcome, brothers and sisters!** 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 Wednesdays by noon.

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 & MUSIC

	SAT. 5:30	SUN. 8:15	SUN. 10:45
Preacher	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
Liturgist	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
Organist	Beth Kuhlman	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller
Acolytes	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Sanctuary Stewards			Marie Harvath Marietta Adelsen

SIMPLY GIVING – A NEW 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.



LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE / THIS WEEK'S MUSIC INFORMATION

Saturday–5:30 PM – 112 / Sunday–8:15 AM – 156 / Sunday–10:45 AM – 288 = 556

Budgeted Offering Needed: \$19613.00 / Received: \$20584.97

Prelude – "O Blest the House" – Pachelbel / **In His Service** – "What a Savior" / "We Trust in the Name of the Lord Our God" / **Offertory** – "Our Father, By Whose Name" – arr. Wilbur Held

Postlude – "Trumpet Tune" – Henry Purcell

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember **Marjorie Muhl, Timothy Guse, Mike & Tracy Spinner, John Goshinska, Betty Cowgill, Rob Reason, Lori Seaman, Kristen Cain, Susan Hermes, Holly Lamb, Dick Dunkin, Heather Hartman, Jack Garner, Pam Richardson, and Marilou Reason.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend's altar flowers are given by **Jerry & Joanne Kraase** in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary on **May 5th**, and in thanksgiving to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for His many blessings of family, church family and friends.

This Mother's Day we thank God for all the special women in our lives while remembering Jesus' declaration: "Anyone who does God's will is My brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35, NLT).

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK – CLARA BURNETT

Clara Burnett is this week's honored shut-in. Please direct cards and calls to Clara.

PASTOR ALLISON & PASTOR AKERS – OUT OF TOWN

Pastor Allison is at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Arcadia this Sunday morning, preaching and installing Rev. James Lewis as Pastor Emeritus. This Tuesday, Pastor Allison and Pastor Akers will both be out of the office, attending the Northern Pastors' Conference at the Oakwood Inn in Syracuse, IN. Please note that Pastor Allison's Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible Class and evening Adult Class will not be meeting this week, May 10th.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BYLAWS TO BE ADDRESSED AT MAY 2016 VOTER'S MEETING:

CURRENT VERSION:

1.4: A Church Council, composed of the Pastor(s), Family Life Director, Redeemer Lutheran School Principal, the Congregations' President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Chairperson from each of the administrative boards, or their representatives, shall serve as a Board of Directors on behalf of the congregation.

PROPOSED REVISED VERSION:

1.4: A Church Council, composed of the Pastor(s), called church worker(s) (with the exception of called Teachers), the Business Manager, Redeemer Lutheran School Principal, the Congregations' President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Chairperson from each of the administrative boards, or their representatives, shall serve as a Board of Directors on behalf of the congregation.

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LUTHERAN WOMEN IN SERVICE - MAY 16 – 7:00 PM

Ladies, we will meet for a regular meeting on **Monday evening, May 16th at 7:00 PM** in Mission Hall. Please join us, as many changes have taken place the past year. Our committees have been busy. We will share and welcome input and suggestions, as we move forward with the future. Thanks for all our committees and all of the ladies who have taken part in our organization. Let's all gather and serve the Lord. For more information, please contact **Caroline Howard** or **Pat Fischvogt**.

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.

REMAINING MAY BOARD / OFFICER MEETINGS

Church Council – Wednesday – May 11 - 6:00 PM – Church Library
Voters' Assembly – Wednesday – May 18 – 7:00 PM – Mission Hall

STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon, hosted by LWIS, is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 12:00 Noon in Mission Hall.

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 9 – Book “Gentle Giants”.

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!

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.

NEIGHBORHOOD FLOWER PLANTING SATURDAY, MAY 28, 10:00 AM - 12:00PM

*Groups of two or more will go door to door through the neighborhood around the church and inquire if a home owner would like flowers planted somewhere in their yard (around a mailbox post, in a flower box, ...). By seeing their flowers grow through the summer, pray that they might be reminded of God's splendor and give Him the glory. Meet here on **Saturday, May 28 at 10:00 AM**. We'll pray, divide into groups, distribute maps, and then go into the neighborhood and do some planting! Contact a Board of Christian Outreach member if you have any questions. Board of Christian Outreach members: **Amy Shrack, Rebecca Grawcock, Pastor Barry, Kyle Street, Pearl Gault, Ginny Hingst, Mary Bastaich, Cindy Sewell, and Diane Anderson.***

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***Acts 1:16** “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.” Judas sold out our Lord for 30 pieces of silver – that is, he sold out his friend, and Master, and teacher for the sake of greed. That is a sharp reminder for us to search our own hearts for greed and to pray that the Lord would help us to turn away from greed before it consumes us.*

RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE FOR SUE JOHNSON – MAY 29 / 2 – 4 PM

Come celebrate the teaching career of Mrs. Johnson! On Sunday, **May 29th, 2016** there will be an open house from **2:00-4:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall to honor her. There will be refreshments and her favorite food- desserts! ☺ All are welcome to come and enjoy!

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

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:

Our PTL has spoiled us this week during Teacher Appreciation Week! Check out our Facebook page to see some pictures of the week!

CALLS EXTENDED:

Last week, our Voters' extended calls to **Erin Ponder** and **Alicia Wilkie** to serve as teachers in our school. I am thrilled to report that Erin Ponder has accepted her call. She will become our new PE teacher and athletic director. She will also work with our resource students. We are still waiting to hear from Alicia Wilkie. Her father just passed away so she will need a little extra time to deliberate her call. I would ask that you keep her and her family in your prayers at this difficult time.

7-8 GRADE CLASS TRIP:

Our seventh and eighth grade leaves **this Wednesday** for Cincinnati. Fifteen students and thirteen adults will be invading Cincinnati and the area for their class trip. A huge thank you goes out to you for your incredible support these past two years as our students have fund-raised to earn money. We would NOT be able to go on this trip without your help and support! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

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** service. This year we will graduate ten students.

SCRIP

MAKE SURE TO GET YOUR HALF MOON GIFT CARDS FOR **MONDAY, MAY 16TH** HALF MOON GIVES BACK DAY TO SUPPORT NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING. We have stocked up on our Half Moon inventory, just for this special event. You may also order cards in advance (before Monday, May 9th) to make sure you get your SCRIP cards to use for this fundraiser. This will then support RLS AND NYG! Summer break for RLS is quickly approaching. The last Sunday to purchase SCRIP inventory will be June 26th. (The last Sunday to order SCRIP will be June 19th.) SCRIP will then take a break on Sunday inventory sales until August 14th. Make sure to stock up on SCRIP cards for your summer travels and projects. See **Rhonda K. or Michelle E.** with any questions.

YOUTH CENTRAL

GROUNDS

No Grounds today! It's Mother's Day! Celebrate **all** of the women in your life who have influenced you and make it an extra special day for all!

BUBBLE SOCCER!!!

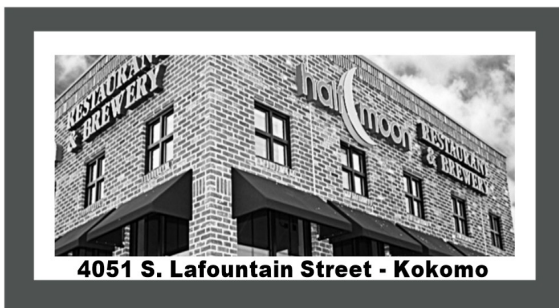
All **8th-12th grade students** are invited to join us on **June 26th** for Bubble Soccer at **Darrough Chapel Park!** This event will take place from **3-7 pm** and the cost is **\$10!** **You must sign up for this event!** When you sign up, there is a link to a waiver that must be turned in as well! 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!



☺ **Last Thursday was Ascension Day.** Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead, he ascended, or went up, into heaven. You might want to read about it in Acts 1. Jesus went to heaven in order to prepare a place for us, so that we might be with him forever. Remind your children that even though Jesus is in heaven, he comes to us today in His Word and Sacraments.

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	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
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.	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Cub / Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Wed.	8:45 AM	RLS Chapel	Sanctuary
	6:00 PM	Church Council	Church Library
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	9:30 AM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary



HALF MOON GIVE-BACK DAY

Monday, May 16, 2016

Benefits Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer's
National Youth Gathering Participants.

Half Moon will generously donate 10% of the
entire day's proceeds to support students
attending N.Y.G. in July.
(Includes gift card purchases!)

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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! Questions? Contact Kaila Claucherty at kaila.claucherty@yahoo.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Mary Bastaich – May 19

Betty Fahling – May 19

Bev Spoon – May 19

Pat Fischvogt – May 22

Phyllis Schumacher – May 22

Anna Mae Rutherford – May 24

Don Rodeman – May 26

Eleanor Strauch – May 26

Jeff Rupley – May 31

"REDEEMER REPORTER" DEADLINE IS THIS THURSDAY! ☺

2016 GRADUATES

COLLEGE GRADUATES

PURDUE UNIVERSITY – MAY 14

Jake Wiechmann – Degree in Agriculture Systems Management
Sarah Frey – Degree in Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences
Jenna Lubben – Degree in Tourism and Hospitality

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY – ST. LOUIS, MO - MAY 13

Mark Simon – Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology Minor in Forensic Science

HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY – LONG ISLAND, NY – MAY 15

Andrea Simon – Master of Arts in Forensic Linguistics

HIGH SCHOOL / 8TH GRADE GRADUATES

EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL – GRADUATION DATE – JUNE 5, 2016

Emily Baird
Emily Harvath

HAMILTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL – GRADUATION DATE – JUNE 4, 2016

Sarah Sipe

KOKOMO HIGH SCHOOL – GRADUATION DATE – JUNE 3, 2016

Kirsten Frey

NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL – JUNE 4, 2016

Michelle Hunkeler
Miranda Rood
Dillon Waggoner

TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL – JUNE 3, 2016

Jason Barton
Brandon Connerton

WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL – JUNE 3, 2016

Stephanie Benzgier
Sara Cleary
Avery Hill
Clairanne Lechner
Abby Renken
Paige Schneider
Stephen Schneider
Cali Shepherd

REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL – MAY 29, 2016

Karlie Burkhart
Abigail Carmen
Jacob Cunningham
Kendall Dunkin
Garrett Engelder
Grace Kuhlman
Ruth Martin
Dylan Maynard
David Price
John Wasmuth