

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - "CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN FAMILIES"**

May 13 & May 14, 2017



God has “called [us] out of darkness into His marvelous light”! As God’s “royal priesthood ... God’s own people,” we joyfully claim the identity God has bestowed on us. **Welcome!** (See 1 Peter 2:9). 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.

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<b>SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE: 5:30 PM</b> <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:15 &amp; 10:45 AM</b> <b>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 10:45 AM [1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS]</b> <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS: 9:30 AM</b>	

<b>WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS</b>			
	<b><u>SAT. 5:30</u></b>	<b><u>SUN. 8:15</u></b>	<b><u>SUN. 10:45</u></b>
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
<b>Liturgist</b>	Pastor Akers	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
<b>Organist</b>	Juanita Martin-Davis	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kelsey T	Karson L Kate H	Luke L Megan C
<b>Sanctuary Stewards</b>			Caroline Howard Kitty Davis

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

Saturday-5:30 PM - 104 / Sunday - 8:15 AM -102 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 183 = 375

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

This weekend's altar flowers are given by **Joyce Irish** in honor of daughter, **Katrina's** birthday and **Mother's Day**.

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).

### PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

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

### SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK - BILL SPOON

Bill Spoon is this week's honored shut-in.

### PRAYERS OF CHRISTIAN LOVE, SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT

Our prayers of Christian love, sympathy and support go to Peter & Melissa Adelsen at the death of their unborn son this past week. Also to Gary & Marietta Adelsen, the baby's grandparents.

### PASTORS OUT OF TOWN

Pastor Allison and Pastor Akers will be out of the office this Monday, attending a Pastor's Conference at the Oakwood Inn in Syracuse, IN.

### VOTERS' ASSEMBLY - THIS WEDNESDAY

Voters' Assembly meets this Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM in Mission Hall. All communicant members, are 18 and over are eligible and encouraged to attend Voters.



### 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](http://www.lcorkokomo.org) or scan here! (<https://tinyurl.com/n27fs3h>)



### SERVICE PROJECT FOR ALL AGES

Our first Service Sunday last Thanksgiving weekend was met with such rave reviews that we have decided to do it again! Come join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 28, at 9:30 am. Opportunities will abound for all ages...AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED, TOO! Our service will bring cheer to some, entertain others, and lighten the load for a future outreach activity. (Can you guess what we will be doing?) 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! \*\*\*Addition to last week's list: BAKED GOODS (ex. muffins, breads, cookies), Bring baked goods on May 28. 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!

### LUTHERAN WOMEN IN SERVICE

Lutheran Women in Service will gather in Mission Hall on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 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 call Caroline Howard or Jill Lowden.

→ → → → **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**.

→ → → → **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**.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

**Preschool - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Today in Sunday School, we study “Jesus Appears in Galilee.” We are all like Peter in our words and actions, denying our Lord and weeping bitterly over what we have done. We are in need of the same comfort that Peter received—the comfort of sins forgiven and the assurance that even though we are faithless, Jesus will remain faithful. You might discuss, “**How did Peter express his sorrow and repentance? What specific directions did Jesus give to Peter?**” (John 21:1-19)

Preschool and Kindergarten students meet in the RLS kindergarten classroom, and 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade students meet in the RLS 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.

**5<sup>th</sup> grade - 7<sup>th</sup> grade:** Today the students will be discussing **God, the Son - Our Savior** (John 1:1-14), using the curriculum, “God’s Big Story”. These students meet in the RLS 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.

**8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation:** Eighth graders are invited to join the high school class for Sunday School today.

**High School:** The students look at and discuss **James 5:7-12** today. High schoolers meet in the Youth Room.

**JOIN US!**

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES**

The **Tuesday Morning group** has moved its starting time to **7:30 am**. The group will be starting the Men's Network study on “**Martin Luther The Man - Part II: The Moment.**” This class meets in Mission Hall. All men are welcomed.

A new Bible Study will be starting on **Monday evenings at 7:00 pm** in the Church Library. The group will meet the **second and fourth Mondays of each month**. The first meeting will be **June 12<sup>th</sup>**. The subject will be “**The Journey: From Unbelief to Faith**” developed by the Men's Network. For additional information see **Wess Mechler**.

**SIMPLY GIVING - A WAY TO GIVE ELECTRONICALLY!**



Visit the church web site at [www.lcorkokomo.org](http://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.



## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

**1 Peter 2:9** “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” God has called us to be His own. He has chosen us out of love, out of mercy, out of sheer, divine joy. The Apostle says that God has done this that we may share in His glory and joy, that we may “proclaim the excellencies of Him” who has made us His own. And truly, this is our delight! His joy brings joy in our hearts as well.

## 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 brought in **\$2263** for our students’ class trip fund.

### GREAT NEWS:

For the remainder of the school year, and through the month of June, we will have scrip available in the school office every day! So if you suddenly realize during the week that you need some scrip, you can stop in the office and purchase it. We will still take orders on Monday mornings, and will still continue to sell Scrip on Sunday mornings. We just want to make it available as often as possible.

### VOTERS’ MEETING:

Our Voters’ Assembly voted to extend a call to **Julie Kowalke** to serve as our seventh/eighth grade teacher. She will take some time to deliberate and possibly visit, so it may well be a couple of weeks before we hear an answer from her. Please pray for her as she deliberates her call to Redeemer as well as her current call to the school where she is serving now.

# SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act 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 **Thursday, May 25th** 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.

## RLS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER AT CHIPOTLE - MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> [5 - 9 PM]

We hope you can join us **Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** 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!

### SCRIP

**HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!!** If you have not decided where you are taking mom for lunch, come visit Rhonda and Michelle in Extended Care from **9-10:30 am**. We have gift cards to various restaurants around Kokomo. Also, be sure to order your Chipotle cards for use on **May 25<sup>th</sup>**. Use these Chipotle SCRIP cards between **5-9 pm** at Kokomo Chipotle and be sure to let the cashier know that you are supporting RLS Athletic Program. The program will then receive 50% of the proceeds, that is a **WIN/WIN!!**

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## YOUTH CENTRAL

### PATHWAYS & GROUNDS- MS/HS YOUTH GROUPS

We do not meet today so that we can celebrate our mothers! Spend the day with your mom, do something nice for her - get her flowers, do your chores without being asked, cook her dinner (if that won't give her an ulcer thinking about you in the kitchen), or something else to show her how much you appreciate her! We love you moms!

### 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.

### **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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Mary Bastaich

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

**THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TITLE / EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Sat.	1:00 PM	Member Function	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	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	1:00 PM	Hands of Love	Turner's Home
	5:30 PM	Member Function	Church Library
	6:30 PM	Quilt Class	Mission Hall
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
Tues.	7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	1:00 PM	Lutheran Women in Service	Mission Hall
	6:00 PM	Cub - Boy Scouts	Sanctuary / Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Wed.	8:45 AM	RLS Chapel	Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Voters' Assembly	Mission Hall
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	9:30 AM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
	6:00 PM	Deaf Bible Study	Church Library
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
Fri.	6:00 PM	RLS Athletic Banquet	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	Duo Club	Mission Hall
Sat.	1:00 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary