

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 14 & May 15, 2016

Welcome to our celebration of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit breathed the church into being! May we continue to be moved by the Spirit to live as the body of 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. Please note the deadline for bulletin announcements is Wednesdays by noon.



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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 Allison	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
Liturgist	Pastor Allison	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
Organist	Juanita Martin-Davis	Florence Moeller	Volunteer Needed
Acolytes	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Caroline Howard
Sanctuary Stewards			Ellen Benziger

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 - MUSIC

Saturday-5:30 PM - 89 / Sunday-8:15 AM - 127 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 140 = 356

Prelude - "Assurance" - arr. John Ness Beck / **Choir** - "O Thou Sweetest Source of Gladness" - J.S. Bach & "Come Down Lord" - Stan Pethel / **Offertory** - "I Love To Tell The Story" - arr. C.W. Ore / **Postlude** - "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" - C.S. Long

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

Placing flowers on the Lord's altar this weekend are **David & Sheila Kirubakaran** in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary on **May 29**, and in thankfulness to God for all of His blessings.

THANK YOU FROM JONATHAN, BREANNA, TIMOTHY GUSE

"Thank you! - Many, many heartfelt thanks to our church family for your prayers, love, and support these past few weeks for all of us, especially Timothy. God's healing hand was felt and evident throughout the ordeal and your prayers were felt. We cannot begin to say thank you enough. Please do not be concerned if you do not see Timothy for a little while. The doctors said no large crowds for a while to ensure he stays healthy as he continues to recover. We are excited for you to meet him when the time comes! - **Jonathan and Breanna Guse**"



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!)

Thank you for your support!

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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**.

LWML WIDOW'S MITE 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION - MAY 28 & MAY 29

The **weekend of Saturday and Sunday, May 28 & May 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 new Mite Box in the Narthex.]

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK - MELBA BONNER

Melba Bonner is this week's honored shut-in.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY - THIS WEDNESDAY

Voters' Assembly meets **this Wednesday, May 18, 2016** at **7:00 PM** in Mission Hall. All communicant members, age 18 and over are eligible and encouraged to attend.

THANKS FOR YOUR LOVE FROM SHIRLEY HEINZMAN

"Thank You, God for my life of 80 years, and thanks to my beloved family and friends who made my birthday so "special". But most of all, thanks to You Father for giving me life and giving me Your Son to save me, and then sending Your Holy Spirit to help me live life with joy and peace. Your blessings are forever. Amen and Amen! Sincerely Your child, **Shirley Heinzman.**"

GUATEMALA TEAM MEETING

The ESL Guatemala Team is meeting **this Sunday, May 15th** following the late church service. We will meet in the Adult Education Room. A one to a one and a half hour meeting is anticipated. In addition to Lessons # 3 and # 4 in the Pre-Field Bible Study we will review a DRAFT Teaching Plan. Key objectives are to critique the proposed daily class schedule and decide on teaching assignments for each of the classroom subjects and activities.

RESCUE MISSION BIRTHDAY PARTY GIFTS

If you have taken a gift bag to fill please return it to church by **May 22** as the Birthday Party will be held on **June 8!!** There are also quite a few bags left to fill so if you can fill another and return it by **May 22**, that would be great! If you took a bag and cannot fill it, please return it as we need all of the bags. Thank you to all who

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS / TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS - THIS WEEK

Ladies Bible Class meets **this Tuesday, May 17 at 10:00 AM** in Mission Hall. Pastor Allison and the ladies are continuing their study on **The Book of Acts**. Pastor Allison's Tuesday evening Bible Class will also meet **this week at 6:00 PM**. The class is continuing their study on the **Gospel of Luke**.

HANDS OF LOVE

Our Hands of Love group will be going on the road on **Monday, May 16th**. We are going to **The Black Sheep Yarn Shop in Noblesville** for a day of knitting with lunch out at **Rosie's Deli**. We will be leaving at **9:30 AM** from Diane Turner's house. We should be returning between three and four in the afternoon. If you have any questions, please call **Diane**. Also, our **annual Spring Luncheon** will be held at **Diane Turner's** on **May 23rd at noon**. We will have lunch and then knit or crochet until 2:30 - 3:00 PM.

SPRING WORK DAY - RESCHEDULED DATE - MAY 21

Mark your calendar. Church Work Day is rescheduled for Saturday May 21st. The church property is due for its spring clean up 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.

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**.

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.

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.

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YOU ARE INVITED

Emily Baird, along with her family, invite the congregation to join in celebrating Emily's high school graduation and academic achievements at an Open House on **Saturday, June 11th** from **2 - 5 PM** at their home. "It takes a village...", and you have been our village with your support of Redeemer Lutheran School and Church. Thank you!"

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Acts 2:1 "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place." Notice that Pentecost is actually an Old Testament festival: it happens around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. In the New Testament this becomes a picture and foreshadowing of the great harvest of humankind that God means to bring in through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest - through the work of His Church.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES / SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - 9:30 AM

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS GOD-CONNECTS

This adult membership class features a video-based curriculum called God-Connects developed by Lutheran Hour Ministries. This class is 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 class is 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 on your own. This Bible study geared for the women of the church is led by Ginny Hingst, Renee Young, and Tracy Brandenburg. It meets in Mission Hall. This week the ladies are viewing Week 9 - DVD.

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. Curt Welke during the Bible Study hour in the youth room upstairs for a closer look at the teachings of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SUMMER

Planning on taking the summer off from Sunday School? Think again!! Your kids won't want to miss what we have planned this summer. Children and youth that attend Sunday School 7 times between June 5 and July 31 will be treated to an afternoon of fun. Watch for more details to come.

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.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TITLE / EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Worship	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	Contemporary Communion	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
	12:00 PM	Guatemala Mission Team Meeting	Adult Ed Room
	2:00 PM	Member Function	Fellowship Hall
	4:00 PM	Turners' Small Group	Sitting Room
	6:30 PM	Grounds	Youth Room
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	9:30 AM	Hands of Love	Turner's Home
	11:00 AM	RLS Finance Committee	Church Library
	7:00 PM	LWIS	Mission Hall
Tues.	7:00 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 Adult 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
	6:30 PM	Pathways	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
	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
Fri.	6:00 PM	Duo Club	Mission Hall
Sat.	12:00 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary

YOUTH CENTRAL

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!



GROUNDS - HS YOUTH GROUP

Join us for a little service project tonight that makes a HUGE difference! We'll be making witness bracelets! 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

Join us this **Wednesday, May 18th**, from **6:30-9:30 pm** for fun, games, and snacks! If you have any questions, see **Jonathan Guse, Tami Brooks, or Kori Wood**.

☺ **The word "Pentecost"** (pronounced PEN-tih-kost) comes from a Greek word meaning "fiftieth." Exactly fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples. Everyone there saw tiny flames of fire on the disciples' heads. At home read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2 to your children. Remind them that the Holy Spirit comes to us through the Word and Sacraments just as our Lord promised. Encourage them to thank God for the gift of his Holy Spirit in their lives.

THANK YOU TO THE SPECIAL LADIES WHO DELIVERED FOOD AND CLOTHES TO THE FT. WAYNE SEMINARY. THE CUPBOARDS ARE EMPTY HERE, SO WE NEED TO FILL THEM AGAIN. GO SHOPPING!

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

CLASS TRIP: 7-8 GRADE

Our seventh and eighth grade class, teachers and parents had a wonderful time in Cincinnati! We will post some pictures on Facebook and our website as soon as we can. Once again, we thank you, the members of LCOR, for your generous support for our students. This trip happened because of you and your generosity. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

NLSA:

This next school year Redeemer Lutheran School will be working through our National Lutheran School Accreditation. The Steering Committee has been formed and has their first meeting later this month. Once they meet, there are other committees that have to meet and go over areas of the school to see how we are doing. You might get a phone call from a member of the steering committee to serve on a committee. Please consider helping the school out by serving. This will give you a chance to learn more about our school and what truly happens here.

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.

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!

2016 GRADUATES - 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

PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED

Prayer partners are needed for the English Second Language MOST Ministries team serving in Guatemala, **July 2 - July 9**. Prayer partners provide 2 cards/notes to the team member they are assigned and pray for that person prior to and throughout the week. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center. Thank you. ☺