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**THE 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**September 17 & September 18, 2016**

I come today with much on my mind, Lord. Gently ease it from my hands, heart and thoughts so I can focus on You and Your goodness. 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 [1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS]**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS: 9:30 AM**

**WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS & MUSIC**

	<b>SAT. 5:30</b>	<b>SUN. 8:15</b>	<b>SUN. 10:45</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	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Caleb B	Kelsey T	Rylee K Kate H Jane Sipe Marie Harvath
<b>Sanctuary Stewards</b>			

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE – MUSIC**

Saturday–5:30 PM – **103** / Sunday–8:15 AM – **135** / Sunday–10:45 AM – **151 = 389**  
**Celebration Bells** – "As the Deer" – Martin Nupstrom / "Simple Gifts" – Shaker Melody  
**Offertory** – "Here I Am, Lord" – Daniel Schutte / **Postlude** – "The Son of God Goes Forth" – G. Young

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

This weekend's altar flowers are given by **Juanita Martin-Davis** with praise and thanksgiving to Jesus Christ for His blessings and love.

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

We remember **Sharon Redman, Robert Braswell, Diane Braswell, Chris Wagner, Delia Overia, Paul Strauch, Joshua Burnett, Lois Reams, Suzanne Biddle, Marjorie Muhl, Kristen Cain, Heather Hartman, Jack Garner, and Pam Richardson.**

**SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK – PAM RICHARDSON**

This weekend we are honoring **Pam Richardson** as shut-in of the week.

**PASTORS OUT OF TOWN**

**Pastor Allison** and **Pastor Akers** will be out of the office **this Tuesday**, attending a Pastors' Conference in Rochester. Please note **Pastor Allison's Tuesday class will be meeting.**

## **ADULT INFORMATION CLASS**

We are continuing a new adult membership class, **this morning [Sunday] at 9:30 AM** in the Adult Education Room. Whether you have questions about Christ or want to deepen your faith in Him, this class will explore what the Bible says about our God, and how His love gives direction and meaning to your life today and forever. This class is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Christian faith. Attendance at the class may lead to membership in our church, but there are no obligations. Watch an introductory video at [www.lhm.org/GodConnects](http://www.lhm.org/GodConnects).

## **ADULT BIBLE STUDIES / SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### ***A NEW SEASON – HOW THE CHURCH OPENS DOORS TO THE COMMUNITY***

*Sunday – September 18, 2016 – 9:30 AM – Mission Hall. This morning Pastor Allison is discussing Lesson 2 – We Need Local Missionaries.*

### ***GOD CONNECTS – A COURSE IN CHRISTIANITY***

*Sunday – September 18, 2016 – 9:30 AM – Adult Education Room – Led by Pastor Akers.*

**Preschool (age 3) - Kindergarten** children are invited to join Ashley Schneider in the Kindergarten classroom in the west hall. **This week's lesson: Entering the Promised Land from Joshua 3:1-5:12**

**Children in 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade** will meet in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom with Tracy Brandenburg. This week's lesson: **Entering the Promised Land from Joshua 3:1-5:12**

**Youth in grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>** will meet in the 5/6 grade classroom with Hugh Hunkeler and are studying **Life's Big Questions, God's Big Answers** by Brad Alles.

**8<sup>th</sup> grade students** will meet for **Confirmation class** in the 7/8 grade classroom.

High School students are encouraged to join Zack Conner in the Youth Room to continue a new study that takes an in-depth look at **Moses**.

## **VOTERS' ASSEMBLY – THIS WEDNESDAY – 7:00 PM**

*Voters' Assembly meets **this Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in Mission Hall. All communicant members, age 18 and over are eligible and encouraged to attend.*

## **LUTHERAN WOMEN IN SERVICE – THIS MONDAY**

Our Lutheran Women in Service [LWIS] will meet on **Monday evening, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** in Mission Hall. A program about mentoring will be given. All ladies are invited to join us, and share what we can do with God's help. Refreshments and fellowship are at **6:30 PM**. See you all there!

## **WATCH - SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 2**

*Many people wonder why they need to attend a whole weekend away from regular daily life. "Why can't we just listen and participate weekly, like Sunday School or a Bible Class?" By covering each topic step-by-step, you will find a blending of your learning. It will help you examine your own heart, faith, and life. It will also help you get to know other Christians at your table during discussion time. These discussions mold new friendships, present views and situations to build your faith and knowledge. Since you also sleep at "The Ark" you will also have the opportunity to get to know other people not at your table. God calls His Children to "**Keep Watch!**" Satan's job is to separate YOU from the Church of Christ. You need the strength of the Holy Spirit and also the Church to Keep you on the narrow road. Applications are at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, see **Vivian Heronemus** or **Gene Miller**. You do not have to be a Lutheran to attend -- attend with a friend or neighbor -- share your faith. -- **Only 2 weeks left till WATCH!***

## **BREATHE by RLS Principal Ruth Lavrenz**

**Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6**

### **HOG ROAST:**

Our annual Hog Roast is set for **September 23**. Mark your calendars for that date! Serving will begin at **5:45 PM**. This will be a free will offering which will go to the school scholarship fund. (***We will need people to help pull the hog that afternoon.***)

### **BOOK FAIR:**

Our annual book fair will run **September 19-23**. Hours are posted around the church and school. On **Friday evening, the 23<sup>rd</sup>**, the book fair will be open from **5:30-8:30** in conjunction with the hog roast. The book fair is a great time to purchase books for your child, for a specific child's classroom, or for Christmas presents. **All sales fund our volunteer school library.**

### **CHAPEL OFFERINGS:**

This quarter our chapel offerings are going to help **Jamielynn Tinkey**. Jamielynn is a missionary called to serve the Lord in the Dominican Republic. Jamielynn visited our school this past Wednesday and shared with the students and staff what she will be doing in her missionary role. Currently she is traveling around trying to raise money to help fund her trip. If you would have a desire to assist the school in helping her reach her goal, you can donate to the school office or send a check directly to *The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, PO Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166*. Please join us in praying for Jamielynn as she serves as a nurse in the Dominican Republic.

### **RLS RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU!**

Thanks to everyone who donated items and helped with the fall RLS Rummage Sale. Your help was greatly appreciated.

### **LHM GOLF OUTING**

*The annual golf outing of the Lutheran Hour Ministries Valiant Zone was held this year in Marion on the last Saturday of June. This is an annual LHM project to benefit the 12 congregations in the Valiant Zone. The profits are divided up among the churches on a pro-rata, based on the number of participants from each congregation. The funds are to be used for local economic or disaster relief. There were 60 golfers participating and the net profit from the event was **\$1,630.00**. There were 23 golfers from our congregation and our share of the profits was **\$624.91**. We have received a check for that amount and it is designated for the "Mission Possible" fund. Ralph Grotrian, LHM Ambassador.*

### **COLLEGE STUDENTS AND MILITARY MEMBERS**

A member of LCOR would like to be a prayer warrior for you during the year. We understand that life is a challenge at this stage and we would like to be there for you. Your prayer partner will be available by your agreed upon method of communication for prayer requests and encouragement. If you would like to be paired with one of our warriors, please sign up at the Welcome Center or in the Young Adult Bible Study taking place during Sunday School hours in the church library. If you have questions, please contact **Evelyn Baird**.

### **STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

**Luke 16:8** *"For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light." The sons of this world know that they should use their wealth wisely to provide for their future. Shouldn't we "sons of light" know that the wealth God has allowed us to manage should be managed for God's purposes in roles He has given us to play in Church, home, and society?*

### **SIMPLY GIVING – A NEW 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.



**THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>TITLE / EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Sunday School	Mission Hall / RLS / Youth Room
	9:30 AM	Adult Information Class	Adult Education Room
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Communion	Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	YES WE CAN!	Narthex
	6:30 PM	Grounds	Youth Room
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	1:00 PM	Hands of Love	Sitting Room
	5:30 PM	Member Function	Church Library
	6:30 PM	Cardio-Drumming	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	LWIS	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
	6:00 PM	Adult Bible Class	Mission Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Wed.	8:45 AM	RLS Chapel	Fellowship Hall
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Voters’ Assembly</b>	<b>Mission Hall</b>
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	9:30 AM	Ladies’ Koinonia	Mission Hall
Fri.	5:45 PM	RLS Hog Roast	Fellowship Hall
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary

**YOUTH CENTRAL**

**GROUNDS – HS YOUTH GROUP**

**Tonight**, we close our study on what it means to “Be Near.” Being near to God and to people is no accident and can happen quickly or over time. Whatever the case may be, there is always sacrifice. What are you being called to sacrifice? Are you willing to do it? Join us for study and fellowship **tonight [Sunday]**, from **6:30-8:30 pm**, in the youth room! If you have any questions, see **Jonathan Guse**.

**PATHWAYS – MS YOUTH GROUP**

*It’s time for another FUN FRIDAY! Join us **Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:30 pm (Extended Time!)** If you have any questions, see Jonathan Guse.*

**INDIANA DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING**

All high school students are invited to attend the District Youth Gathering taking place the weekend of **November 11<sup>th</sup>**. This year, we have two options: Friday/Saturday or Friday-Sunday. Event registration is **\$50** regardless of our choice, plus our hotel stay. The theme this year is “**ONE: Lord, Faith, Baptism.**” Please sign-up on the bulletin board and list your preference. If you have any questions, please see **Jonathan Guse**.

**YES WE CAN!**

**TODAY IS THE DAY!** *If you didn’t sign up, check with Jonathan Guse to see if there is room! Parents are always welcome to attend and drive! If you have questions, please see Jonathan Guse.*

**© Bring some things to occupy the younger children during the sermon - Some very young children will sit more quietly if they have a book, crayon and paper, or small toy, to occupy them. Quiet bags are available in the narthex. However, if these things become a distraction to you, don’t use them. With perseverance and consistency, young children can be trained to sit quietly through an entire service.**