

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 13 & January 14, 2018

Welcome to worship, fellowship and Christian education. May the Holy Spirit touch your life during your time here today. 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 that the deadline for bulletin announcements is Wednesdays by noon.**

Thank you.

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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

	SAT. 5:30	SUN. 8:15	SUN. 10:45
Preacher	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
Liturgist	Pastor Akers	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
Organist	Juanita Martin-Davis	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller
Acolytes	Kelsey	Conner Luke	Teagan Kate
Sanctuary Steward			Marie Harvath Patti Stout

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - BUDGET INFORMATION - MUSIC

Saturday-5:30 PM - 73 / Sunday-8:15 AM - 118 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 164 = 355

Choir - "Jesus Calls Us Over the Tumult" & "The Baptism Carol" / Prelude - "Partita" - by Pachelbel / Offertory - "All Who Believe" - Drischner / Postlude - "Jesus, Lead Thou On" - Manz

ALTAR FLOWERS

Kevin & Sarah Klepfer are placing flowers on the Lord's altar this weekend in thankfulness to God for His many blessings.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember **Brad Hanke, Bob Grunow, Richard Hixon, Pam Youngdale, Heather Portman, Marty Akers, Darlene Foesch, Opal Hartman, Sharon Lecher, Adalee Alexander, Violet Slifka, Ben Vandenburg, Dick Bryan, Cena Benziger, Doris Temme, Robert Molkentine, Jayne Frey, Nancy Jones, Heather Hartman, and Delia Overia.**

PASTORS OUT OF THE OFFICE

Pastor Allison and Pastor Akers will be out of the office this Tuesday attending a Pastor's Conference in Wabash.

2017 YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE EAST ENTRANCE OF THE NARTHEX THIS WEEKEND. 2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE STILL IN THE EAST WING HALLWAY. IF YOU HAVEN'T PICKED UP YOUR BOX, PLEASE DO SO TODAY BEFORE LEAVING CHURCH. THANK YOU! ☺

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK – BILL SPOON

Bill Spoon is our honored shut-in this week.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY – THIS WEDNESDAY

Voters' Assembly meets this Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 7:00 PM in Mission Hall. All communicant members, age 18 and over are eligible and encouraged to attend Voters.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE - 9:30 AM ON SUNDAY - WELCOME TO ALL!

CLASS	LOCATION	TEACHER[S]
Pre-School, Pre-K, Kdg.	RLS Kindergarten Room	Ashley Schneider
1 st – 2 nd Grades	RLS 3 rd Grade Room	Elaine Ponder
3 rd – 4 th Grades	RLS 4 th Grade Room	Sharon Mugg
5 th – 7 th Grades	RLS 5 th / 6 th Grade Room	Jim & Gwenn Wasmuth

Students in Sunday School today explore the story "Jesus Clears the Temple." Jesus' cleansing of the temple carries a twofold message for the Jews and for us: first, that the true Lord of the temple was here in the flesh and second and more important, that Jesus is the true temple, who houses and perfects us, raising our bodies to be like His. Parents could ask, "Why did Jesus clear the temple? How is Jesus our temple?"

8th Grade Confirmation RLS Conference Room Jonathan Guse
High School Youth Room (top of stairs) Steve Gaunt

The high school class is discussing, "Can I be a Christian and believe in Evolution?"

Adult Bible Class 1 Mission Hall Pastor Allison

"God's Word for Today: 1 & 2 Thessalonians"

Adult Bible Class 2 RLS 7th / 8th Grade Classroom Renee Young

Ladies' class - "The Armor of God"

Adult Bible Class 3

Adult Information Class [begins today] Adult Ed. Room Pastor Akers

Adult Bible Class 4

"20's & 30 Somethings" Fellowship Hall

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS

*We are forming a new adult membership class. It will start **Sunday, January 14, 2018 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.*

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY: 1 AND 2 THESSALONIANS

Pastor Allison continues **"God's Word for Today: 1 & 2 Thessalonians"** in Mission Hall **this Sunday [today] at 9:30 AM**. God gave Paul a vision. In it, a man from Macedonia pleaded with Paul saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us" (Acts 16:9). Following the Lord's call, Paul and his entourage eventually reached Thessalonica. In his two letters addressed to the Thessalonian Christians, Paul expresses his deep care as a founding pastor concerned about his fledgling congregation. In addition to Christian persecution, the Lord's second coming, the Antichrist, and Christian discipline, in this book you will learn about, the power of the Word of God; the importance of living a God-pleasing life; the reason why we are faithful to the Bible's teachings.

"THE ARMOR OF GOD"

Ladies' Bible Study will meet in the RLS 7th / 8th grade classroom. We will be using "The Armor of God" by Priscilla Shirer. This week, the DVD, "The Belt of Truth" will be viewed.

"20'S & 30 SOMETHINGS"

A "20's and 30 somethings" class continues in Fellowship Hall. This class will be led in a small group format with rotating leaders and will look at topics of your choice! We are still working out all of the details, but we would love to see you there! We are also hoping to provide childcare for those with littles under the age of 2 who don't have their own SS class just yet!

Any questions about these may be directed toward the Pastors or Jonathan Guse.

2018 OFFICERS / BOARD MEMBERS

During this Sunday's, January 14, 2018, 8:15 & 10:45 AM services, newly elected / appointed officers and board members will be installed. Serving the congregation in 2018 are: Steve Gaunt - President / David Baird - Vice President / Joelene Boyles - Secretary / Debbie Barton - Treasurer / Gordon Claucherty - Assistant Treasurer / Henry Shrack - Financial Secretary / Board of Deacons - Mark Dunkin, Larry Sullivan, Terry Gotshall, Bob Hingst, Tom Manship, Mark Pearson, Chris James, Tom Baird, Bob Hoch, Robert Martin, Randy McPike, Bob Frey, Bill Tucker, Gene Miller, Tim Brubaker, John Hubbert / Board of Parish Life - Sheryl Hartman, Kitty Davis, Kaila Akers / Board of RLS - Joan Hoch, Karen Harrison, Lynn Folkers, Marilyn Marsh, Josh Mugg, Robyn Dill / Board of Stewardship - Phil Wehmeyer, Susan Ardrey, Wess Mechler / Board of Property - Ned Trout, Larry Wiechmann, Todd Brandenburg, Melanie Waggoner / Board of Christian Outreach - Amy Shrack, Breanna Guse, Dillon Waggoner.

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO ARE RETIRING FROM OFFICE:

Karen Jewell, Rufus Howard, Steve Sewell, Ross Morkal, Jim Durr, Roger Davis, Beth Dinkel, Marta Laubenstein, Lynn Folkers, Dick Harrison, Skip Youngdale, Bill Barton, Becky Grawcock.

WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS!

BUILD-A-BEARS

We want to thank everyone who has been involved in making our Build-A-Bear project a great success! Our official bear count is 158! These bears will soon be delivered to local hospitals, fire stations, and the police station. They will be given out to kids in our community who may be facing a difficult time. Please keep all of these bears and children in your prayers. Thank you again for your support.

ATTENTION RESCUE MISSION SERVERS

*Diane Anderson has this message to share with the congregation. "I misplaced the sign-up sheet for February - June 2018. If you have the dates in your calendar, please write them on the replacement sheet at the Welcome Center. Thank you. **Diane Anderson.**"*

BE A PRAYER WARRIOR

Be a Prayer Warrior for your children and grandchildren. Join our **Lutheran Women in Service** January 16th at 1 PM for a study on praying for your children and grandchildren. We also need your ideas and views on upcoming service and worship opportunities.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN SERVICE

*Lutheran Women in Service is having their next meeting **this Tuesday, January 16th**, at 1:00 PM in Mission Hall. Social time starts at 12:30. Hope to see you there!*

100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING

Plans are underway for a special celebration of our church's 100th anniversary. If you would still like to be a part of the planning process, you are welcome to attend the next meeting **Wednesday, January 17th** at 5:30 in the church library (before the Voters meeting). Watch for sign-up sheets for volunteering for set-up, serving the dinner, and clean-up. Questions: Call **Dave Baird, Deb Street or Sheryl Hartman.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER!

*Mark your calendars for a celebration! We will be celebrating 100 years of blessings on **February 18.** There will be one Sunday celebration worship service at 10:30 AM with dinner and a program following. Next week watch for more details about the dinner and reservations!*

ELECTRIC DOOR OPENER

The east Narthex door is now equipped with an electric opener. The exterior button to open the door is located on the brick column. The interior button is on the wall, just around the corner from the doors. Please note, the openers are only operational when the doors are unlocked for weekend services or other special occasions.

RED COAT WITH WHITE SCARF

A red coat with a white scarf has been taken by mistake for another red coat with a white scarf. Please return it back to church. The other coat is still at church. Thank you.

GREETERS

*It is the responsibility of the Board of Deacons to provide Greeters for our **Saturday 5:30 pm, Sunday 8:15 am and the 10:45 am** services. The primary duty of a Greeter is to make all members and visitors feel welcome at Our Redeemer. Being a Greeter provides you an excellent opportunity to meet and greet the various members of Our Redeemer. If you are interested in serving as a Greeter, please contact **Bob Hoch**. If you are a current Greeter and do not want to serve in 2018 or would prefer a different month or time, please contact Bob so he can make a change to the Greeter's schedule.*

RESCUE MISSION BIRTHDAY PARTY GIFTS

Every year in June, the Kokomo Rescue Mission throw's a birthday party for its dining room guests. Knowing some guests don't have the means to celebrate their birthdays each year, the annual event gives them a chance to celebrate all on one day for those who don't have family to spend it with or don't celebrate at all. Every other year LCOR provides the gifts and assists in hosting this party. This is our year and we need your help!! Our goal is to provide gifts for **100 women, 150 men and at least 30 children**. There will be a table in the Narthex with a list of items we need to collect and examples of the sizes needed (not jumbo, but not travel or sample sizes). We will focus on collecting different items each month. **For the remainder of January, we will collect bar soap, tissue packets and razors.** Monetary donations would also be very much appreciated. Make checks payable to the church with **RM Party Gifts in the memo please. (Each gift costs approximately \$20.)** Thank you in advance for your generosity.

MENTORING A RLS STUDENT

*If you could change the life of a student by giving just 30 minutes of your time in a week, would you do it? That is just the opportunity given to you right now. We are beginning a mentoring program with RLS, starting in **February 2018**, where you can guide, enrich, and share God's love with a student chosen for you. You can share lunch, play a game, or just sit and talk to learn more about this student, at a 30 minute time convenient to you. Please don't let this chance pass by to share the love of our God with someone. There is a **sign-up sheet** at the **Welcome Center**, or see **Cindy Sewell** or **Steve Gaunt** for questions.*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - "You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." God owns everything, including our very selves. We were made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the Kingdom of the Father - and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty, and faith.

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.



Volunteers are needed to staff the nursery for the 10:45 am worship service. If you are interested, please sign-up at the Welcome Center! Questions, see Jonathan Guse.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER			
DATE	TIME	TITLE / EVENT	LOCATION
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Sunday School / Bible Class / 8 th Grade Confirmation	Various Rooms
	10:45 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	Strategic Planning Meeting	Church Library
	4:00 PM	Turner Small Group	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
Tues.	7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	1:00 PM	Lutheran Women in Service	Mission Hall
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Tuesday Evening Bible Study	Mission Hall
	6:00 PM	Cub - Boy Scouts	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	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Deaf Bible Study	Church Library
Fri.	7:00 PM	Duo Club	Mission Hall
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

**YOUTH CENTRAL
PATHWAYS AND GROUNDS- MS & HS YOUTH GROUPS**

We meet **today [Sunday]** for Bible study, games, and time for fellowship! See you all tonight!

	Pathways	Grounds
Sunday, Jan 14 th	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Sunday, Jan. 21 st	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Friday, Jan. 26 th	---	TBD - More info to come!
Sunday, Jan. 28 th	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm

SUMMER EVENT MEETING

Next *Sunday, January 21st*, join us *after late service* in the *youth room* to officially sign up for summer events including CIY and Mission Possible! We need to get fundraising underway, so bring your calendar and be ready to jump in!

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

SHHH...by RLS Principal Ruth Lavrenz
"Be still and know that I am God..." Psalm 46:10

BEARS:

You will notice a whole bunch of bears in the front of the church! These are the **158 Build-a-Bear** chapel project bears. Our student council went to *Build-a-Bear* this past week and stuffed these bears. In the next week or so, they will be delivered to the hospitals and police stations, and maybe even fire stations so that service personnel can give one to a child who may need some extra love and comfort. The folks at *Build-a-Bear* were amazed and overwhelmed at the generosity and love our church and school have for the children of God. Thank you again for your support of this project.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS' WEEK:

We will be celebrating Lutheran Schools' Week with hundreds of other Lutheran Schools across the country the week of January 21. Be sure, during that week, to check our website for pictures of our special activities and dress up days.

NEW STUDENTS:

We welcome two new students, Velez and Micaela in seventh and eighth grade.