

**DISCIPLING GRACE-FILLED SERVANTS**

**November 11 & November 12, 2017**

Brothers and sisters, grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Welcome.** 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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<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 Allison	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
<b>Liturgist</b>	Pastor Allison	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
<b>Organist</b>	David Britton	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kelsey T	Lizzie T	Teagan B
<b>Sanctuary Stewards</b>		Daniel M	Alayna K
			Patti Stout
			Kitty Davis

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - MUSIC**

Saturday-5:30 PM - 104 / Sunday - 8:15 AM - 105 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 138 = 347

**Prelude** - “Praise the Almighty” - arr. Jan Bender / **In His Service** - “This Day” / “My Utmost for His Highest” / **Offertory** - “Sent Forth in God’s Blessing” - arr. Wilbur Held  
**Postlude** - “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken” - Josef Hayden

**“DISCIPLING GRACE-FILLED SERVANTS”**

Our theme for this week is “Discipling Grace-filled Servants. Jesus said that He came “not to be served but to serve” (Matthew 20:28). As a servant to others, Christ showed God’s goodness. Jesus did not take on merely the outward form of a servant; Jesus’ whole being was a servant. His purpose in coming to earth was to serve, the ultimate act of service being His work on the cross. In contrast, we by nature are self-focused and not inclined to see, much less seek, opportunities to serve others. Through the indwelling and transforming power of the Holy Spirit, we can become servants who are enabled to live lives of servanthood. May God continue to bless our efforts to serve Jesus by serving others.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

**Bud Everhart** and **Kristy Everhart** are placing flowers on the Lord’s altar this weekend in loving memory of their wife and mother, **Barbara Everhart.**

**COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE COME**  
**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 22 - 7:00 PM**

**THANKSGIVING COLLECTION**

This year, we'll be doing something a little different. We are asking that members bring a donation of non-perishable food items **THIS WEEKEND!** All food collected this year will be used to bless RLS families with a bountiful Thanksgiving! Our aim is to provide them with a nice Thanksgiving meal. If you have any questions, please see **Jonathan Guse** or **Erin Jorgensen**.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES**

**2018 offering envelopes** are available to be picked up this weekend in the east wing hallway. **Please note envelopes have been renumbered for 2018.** Thank you. ☺

**WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 18 & NOVEMBER 19**

Please be reminded that **November 18 & 19** is stewardship commitment weekend. During the offering at all three services, commitment and stewardship forms will be collected. Your response is most welcomed and encouraged as Disciples of Christ! Extra stewardship packets are available on the table in the Nathex for your convenience. Thank you to those who have already returned stewardship information.

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

We remember **Lois Grotrian, Sharon Lecher, Carl Swift, Adalee Alexander, Violet Slifka, Ben Vandeburg, Dick Bryan, Cena Benziger, Mike Bridegroom, Doris Temme, Robert Molkentine, Jayne Frey, Nancy Jones, Heather Hartman, and Delia Overia.**

**SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK - VIOLET SLIFKA**

**Violet Slifka** is this week's honored shut-in.

**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY**

Voters' Assembly meets **this Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Mission Hall. All communicant members, age 18 and over are eligible and encouraged to attend Voters'. The election of 2018 officers and board members, and budget are on the agenda.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

**This Sunday [today],** adults will meet with Pastor Allison, who will lead Bible study in Mission Hall at **9:30**. We will continue discussion on the theme, **"Discipling Grace-filled Ambassadors"**. If time allows, we will begin the next study, **"Discipling Grace-Filled Servants"**. Next weekend, we'll be discussing **"Discipling Grace-filled Givers."**

**BACK TO THE REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE! - 9:30 AM ON SUNDAY - WELCOME TO ALL!**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TEACHER[S]</b>
<u>2's and under w/parents</u>	Church Nursery	Jonathan & Breanna Guse
This class will discuss the current Adult Bible Study topic.		
<u>Pre-School, Pre-K, Kdg.</u>	RLS Kindergarten Room	Ashley Schneider
<u>1st - 4<sup>th</sup> Grades</u>	RLS 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Room	Sharon Mugg
<u>5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Grades</u>	RLS 5 <sup>th</sup> / 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Room	Stephanie Gross
The account of "The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace" serves as the focus of Sunday School today. Just as Jesus was with the three men in the fiery furnace and saved them, so our Savior is with us in His Word and Sacraments, sustaining us when we suffer for His name. Questions for your family discussion include, "Who appeared in the fiery furnace with the three men? How has God rescued us from the fires of hell?"		
<u>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation</u>	RLS 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Room	Pastor Akers
<u>High School</u>	Youth Room (top of stairs)	Zack Conner
This week's topic: "What Does the Bible Say About Being Gay?" from the Bible Study, <u>Can I Ask That? 8 Hard Questions About God &amp; Faith</u> "		
<u>Adult Bible Class</u>	Mission Hall	Pastor Allison

### WHO AM I? WHAT AM I DOING HERE? - NEW MONDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

WHO AM I? WHAT AM I DOING HERE? The universe, God's will, speaking the Christ story, true human fulfillment, God's Law, the point of it all-these are some of the ideas in Pastor Joel Biermann's explorative video Bible study. In six sessions, he takes us from the beginning to that place where, on the Last Day, we find our greatest realization as humans. The Monday Evening Bible Study group will look at these questions starting on **Monday, November 13 at 7:00 pm**. You are welcomed to join us in the Sitting Room.

### LADIES' BIBLE CLASS & TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

Pastor Allison's Ladies' Bible Class meets **this Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM** in Mission Hall. Coffee and fellowship begin at **9:30**. The topic of study is **God's Word for Today - Philippians: Joy in Christ**. Pastor Allison's adult Bible class on Tuesday evenings, **6 - 7 PM**, which meets in Mission Hall is starting a new study, **God's Word for Today, Romans: Alive in Christ**. Please bring your Bibles and grow in the faith.

### KOKOMO RESCUE MISSION

If you would like to volunteer to serve meals at the Kokomo Rescue Mission, please see the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. Thank you.

### 2018 FLOWER CHART

The **2018 Flower Chart** is now available in the Narthex. Please sign your name and include your phone number for the weekend you wish to place flowers on the altar. Each bouquet is **\$30.00** each, or **\$60.00** for the weekend. For any questions, please contact the Church Office at **453-0969**.

### HANDS OF LOVE

Hands of Love will meet from **1:00 - 2:30 PM**, on **November 13**, at Our Redeemer in the Sitting Room.

### MISSION QUILTS

THANKS to many people, **137** quilts were recently delivered to Valparaiso for distribution by Lutheran World Relief. In addition, **13** were given locally through Mission Possible, as well as **37** smaller ones for school children. We appreciate donations of fabric and used sheets, which are always needed. A special thanks to **Snyder Plumbing & Heating** for their monetary donation to be used for supplies. More hands are always welcome on **Thursday mornings** from **9:30 to 11:30 AM**. Again, our heartfelt thanks to all who have helped in any way. It is our prayer that the recipients of these quilts will feel the warmth of God's love.

A nice, antique upright piano is available for free! This was one of our church's 1<sup>st</sup> pianos and it still sounds great. Three kids and their piano lessons later, we would like to pass it on to someone who might love it too. Call and leave a message, or talk directly to **Bob** or **Linda Frey**.

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

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**.

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

**Matthew 25:4** "... but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed them. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of stewardship say about what you believe?

### JOIN US FOR SERVICE SUNDAY

Remember all the fun and fellowship that you enjoyed at our last Service Sunday in May? Or last November? Another opportunity to join the fun again is coming soon. Our next Service Sunday will be **November 26**. During the Bible Study hour, we will all gather in the Fellowship Hall to work together on a variety of projects to share with those in need in our community. Projects include tying fleece blankets for C.A.M., filling Christmas stockings, baking Christmas cookies and tying fleece scarves for Kokomo Rescue Mission, and decorating placemats for Meals on Wheels. We need your help in filling these needs. **Donations of the stocking stuffers and fleece material are needed. Stocking stuffers include hand sanitizer, Kleenex packets, small gum packs, bite-sized chocolates, green and red sprinkles, chapstick and nail clippers.** For more information and to sign up to donate, please visit the **Welcome Center** or talk to **Sheryl Hartman** or **Debbie Street**.

### SHHH...by RLS Principal Ruth Lavrenz

**“Be still and know that I am God...” Psalm 46:10**

#### THANK YOU:

A huge thank you goes out to the **staff of Redeemer Lutheran School** for all of their hard work in putting together this year’s musical, **“Echoes of the Hammer!”** Thank you also goes out to **Mr. Britton, Pastor Allison, Dillon Waggoner** and **John Wieske** for providing the wonderful musical accompaniment. Well done everyone!

#### BOX TOPS:

Redeemer Lutheran School participates in the Box Tops for Education program! Box Tops are found on many items throughout the grocery store! For each Box Tops coupon, we earn 10 cents for our school! Since both the Marsh Fresh Ideas for Education and the Campbell’s Labels for Education programs have been discontinued, the Box Tops program is more important than ever to help our school’s PTO! If you find these labels on items you purchase, please cut them out and send them into the school. We have two collection “boxes”- one in the school lobby and the other across the hall from the adult ed room. Contact **Lynn Cleaver** if you need any further information. Thank you for clipping Box Tops to help our school!

#### SCRIP:

Gift giving season is quickly approaching. Stop by the Extended Care room and pick up your gift card. Are you concerned about your credit card information being taken this holiday season? Use a gift card to pay and that will not be a problem. Traveling for Thanksgiving? Avoid the worry of skimmers on the gas pump by using a gas gift card. Will you be cooking? Come in and get your grocery card or order a Whites Meat market gift certificate. We have over 100 gift cards on hand to choose from. If we don’t have what you want we will be more than happy to order it for you. You can cash and carry your cards before church or you can place an order. You can order with an order form or by stopping in to see Michelle Engelder. Your order form and payment must be in the secure grey scrip mailbox by 8:30 Monday morning. These boxes are located either in the hall across from the Adult Ed room or in the School lobby. By using SCRIP cards this holiday season you will be supporting RLS. SCRIP is 2 gifts in 1.

#### BUILD-A-BEAR BUDDIES

For our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Chapel offerings, RLS students will be raising money to make “Build-A-Bear Buddies”! Each bear that we make will be donated to the local hospital and police department. These bears will go to a child who may need a little extra comfort in their life. Whether it be a sickness or an unexpected tragedy, our local responders will hand them out to children in these situations as they see fit. Bear donations can be any amount. One bear costs \$12 to make and we have a goal of 50 bears! For every \$12 that is donated, we will hang up a paper bear to display. If you donate enough for a bear, you may write a child’s name, family name, or even a name of remembrance on the line for who the donation is from or in memory of. Donations can be turned in to the school office, Erin Jorgensen, or the offering plate. If you put your donation in the offering plate, please write “Bear Project” on the memo line with the name you want on the paper copy we hang up. Contact **Erin Jorgensen** with any questions you may have. Thank you for your support in this project!

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

Looking forward to seeing everyone **tonight [Sunday]!** Both groups meet for Bible study, fellowship, and games!

	<b>PATHWAYS</b>	<b>GROUNDS</b>
Sunday, Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Friday, Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup>	---	9 pm-12 am
Sunday, Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup>	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Sunday, Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup>	No Meeting - Thanksgiving Weekend!	

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



**THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Thanksgiving Eve Service - Wednesday - November 22 - 7:00 PM

Advent Service Wednesday - December 6 - 7:00 PM

Advent Dinner - 5:45 to 6:15 PM in Fellowship Hall

Advent Worship Service Wednesday - December 13 - 7:00 PM

Advent Worship Service Wednesday - December 20 - 7:00 PM

Saturday, December 23, 5:30 PM service and Sunday, December 24, 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM services are being **replaced** with evening Christmas Eve Candlelight Services on Sunday, December 24 at 4 PM, 6 PM and 8 PM.

Christmas Day Communion Service - Monday - December 25, 10 AM

Saturday, December 30, 5:30 PM service and Sunday, December 31, 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM services will be held as scheduled.

Sunday, December 31, New Year's Eve evening service will not be held.

**THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>TITLE / EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Sat.	10:00 AM	Member Function	Fellowship Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Sunday School / 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	Nursery / RLS / Youth Room
	9:30 AM	Adult Bible Class	Mission Hall
	10:45 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	Transforming Churches Network Meeting	Church Library
	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	Sitting Room
	6:30 PM	Quilt Class	Mission Hall
	7:00 PM	Adult Monday Evening Bible Study	Sitting Room
Tues.	7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	8 - 4	Church Library Staff	Church Library
	10:00 AM	Ladies' Bible Class	Mission Hall
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Cub / Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	Tuesday Evening Bible Class	Mission Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Wed.	8:45 AM	RLS Chapel	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.	7:00 PM	Duo Club	Mission Hall
	9:00 PM	Grounds	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**  
**Caryl Lamb - Nov. 20**  
**Connie Howard - Nov. 20**  
**Caroline Howard - Nov. 23**  
**Judy Newbold - Nov. 25**

**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.

