

**26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**November 12 & November 13, 2016**



**Welcome** to worship at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. We're blessed by the presence of each person 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 the **deadline** for bulletin announcements is **Wednesdays by noon.**

<b>LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER / REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL</b> <b>705 SOUTHWAY BOULEVARD EAST, KOKOMO, INDIANA 46902</b>	
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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>	

**WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS & MUSIC**

	<b>SAT. 5:30</b>	<b>SUN. 8:15</b>	<b>SUN. 10:45</b>
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
<b>Liturgist</b>	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
<b>Organist</b>	David Britton	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller
<b>Acolytes</b>	Matthew L	Megan C Natalie S	Rylee K
<b>Sanctuary Stewards</b>			Marie Harvath Ellen Benziger

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE – BUDGET INFORMATION - MUSIC**

Saturday–5:30 PM – **221**/ Sunday–8:15 AM – **121** / Sunday–10:45 AM – **175 =517**

Budgeted Offering Needed: **\$19613.00** / Received: **\$19454.08**

**Prelude** – “Trumpet Voluntary” – Henry Neron / **Choir** – “He that Shall Endure to the End” “Not to Us, O Lord” /

**Offertory** – “How Great Thou Art” – arr. Albert Zabel / **Postlude** – “Now Thank We All Our God” – arr. M. Burkhardt

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

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

**VOTERS ASSEMBLY – THIS WEDNESDAY**

Voters' Assembly meets **this Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in Mission Hall. Two important items on the agenda are the 2017 Budget and election of officers and board members. All communicant members, age 18 and over are eligible and encouraged to attend Voters'.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

This weekend's altar flowers are given by **Bud Everhart and Kristy Everhart** in loving memory of their wife and mother, **Barbara Everhart.**

## **HAITIAN NEWS REPORT AND PLANNED DOOR COLLECTIONS:**

**The Good News** - You may recall that several years ago four Haitian men visited Redeemer while studying at the Fort Wayne Seminary. They came to Redeemer one Sunday morning to thank the congregation for collecting and providing basic apartment furniture and kitchen supplies while they were in residence. Their thanks far outweighed our gifts.

In the passing years they have completed their studies, graduated, returned to Haiti and accomplished much. They have founded congregations, churches, schools, orphanages, and recruited and trained local prospects to become clergy and church starters. Thanks be to God.

**The Bad News** - As you probably saw on TV, Haiti was struck with devastating winds when the recent hurricane passed directly over the country. Like the repeat at Kokomo, only three years ago Haiti also suffered severe damage. In their case it was first from a major earthquake and now from Hurricane Matthew. Unfortunately, Haiti is the least developed country in all of the Western Hemisphere. As such, its building construction standards are minimal and structures readily fall victim to natural disasters.

An area hit particularly hard by Hurricane Matthew is the city of Jeremie and surrounding towns in the far southwest portion of the country. Pastor Isaac Jacquet, the Lutheran District Leader, reports that: "*Of twenty-three (23) Lutheran church, school and orphanage buildings, twenty (20) were totally destroyed and three (3) severely damaged.*" Many of these sites were also used as daily food distribution centers for school children.

Money for water, food, medical supplies and their safe storage is the most pressing need; building reconstruction will follow when such funds are available.

He also estimates that 50 % of local housing has been severely impacted.

**Some More Good News** – The people of Haiti have not been forgotten. Channels of aid exist. Lutheran Church Charities is actively involved and has provided needed rice. Trinity Hope which provides food for children is functioning as best as possible. Orphan Grain Train is reported to have sent initial container shipments of material goods. A group named Hope Seeds is supplying garden seed packets. Financial help is being organized by Christ Lutheran Church in Orland Park, IL. It has a long history of mission support to Haiti and the ability to wire funds.

**How can we help?** Redeemer's Board of Christian Outreach has approved and scheduled special door collections for the weeks of **November 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>** and the **27<sup>th</sup>**. Please pray about the needs of our Christian Brothers and Sisters in Haiti and share your blessings as you are able. Funds received will be expedited to Haiti.

**Please stop by the Bulletin Board in the Narthex for a glimpse of the damage incurred at just five of the Haitian Church-School sites.**

### **SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK – MARJORIE MUHL**

**Marjorie Muhl** is our shut-in of the week.

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

*The Lutheran Women in Service [LWIS] will gather on **Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** for a regular meeting, **9:30 AM** fellowship and meeting at **10:00 AM** in Mission Hall. Come join us as we serve the Lord in many ways. All ladies of LCOR are invited.*

### **FT. WAYNE SEMINARY**

The food pantry cupboards are almost full, so a trip to the Fort Wayne Seminary will be done soon. If you have clothing to send, call **Caroline Howard**, and we will take those also. Thank you for your donations.

### **2017 FLOWER CHART**

The **2017 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 **\$15.00** each, or **\$30.00** for weekend. For any questions, please contact the Church Office at **453-0969**.

## **STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT – NEXT WEEKEND**

At the **beginning of each worship service next weekend**, Commitment forms will be collected. Extra commitment forms and privacy envelopes are at the Welcome Center.

## **THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP - WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23 - 7:00 PM**

*This Thanksgiving the Sanctuary Stewards want us to all share our blessings with others in need. We are asking for you to bring the traditional decorations we use such as **pumpkins, gourds, potatoes, apples, oranges** and **other non-perishable items**. There is a collection box in the Narthex for these items. In addition, on **Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>** at **all services**, we will take up a can collection at the altar. We ask everyone worshiping from the youngest to the oldest to bring a single can of food so every member can share what the Lord has provided us with this year. What a great gift we will share with the Rescue Mission. Our Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be on **Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 PM**.*

## **SUNDAY – 9:30 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDIES / SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **MOTIVATION FOR MISSION – THE SEARCH**

*Sunday – November 13, 2016 – 9:30 AM – Mission Hall – led by Pastor Allison*

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

*Sunday – November 13, 2016 – 9:30 AM – Adult Education Room – Led by Jonathan Guse.*

*In today's Sunday school lesson, students learned about Saul becoming king. They also learned that though God lets us have our own way at times, His is the way of forgiving and saving, which He did for his people of old and for us today. Consider asking, "How did God care for the children of Israel even though their desires were sinful? How does God show His care for us even though we are sinful?"*

*Preschool (age 3) - Kindergarten children are invited to join Ashley Schneider in the Kindergarten classroom in the west hall. Next week's lesson will be about David and Goliath.*

*Children in 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom with Evelyn Baird. Next week's lesson will be about David and Goliath. Just as David slew Goliath, so Jesus slew the giants of sin, Satan, and death.*

*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 with Ruth Lavrenz.*

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

## **STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

**Luke 21:6** "As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." Everything in this world is headed for the graveyard – but some things are also destined to rise from the grave. On that Day of Resurrection as we look back on our earthly life, what will we see? What will have really mattered? This is a good question to ask ourselves in this season of the Church Year that focuses on the Last Things.

☺ **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. 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.

# Transforming Churches Network “Hinges Survey”

As our congregation works through Season One of Transforming Churches Network’s *Seasons of Discovery*, we have been assigned to have the congregation complete a survey regarding “8 Hinge Factors.” These factors are broken down into two categories and are:

<u>Pastor Factors</u>	<u>Church Factors</u>
<i>Empowering God’s People</i>	<i>Inspiring Worship</i>
<i>Personal Leadership</i>	<i>Focused Prayer</i>
<i>Visionary Leadership</i>	<i>Functional Board</i>
<i>Bridge-Building Leadership</i>	<i>Community Outreach</i>

We are looking for **50 people** to complete this survey! Please use the web address below or the QR code to find the survey. This survey should take approximately *10-15 minutes* to complete. Please be thoughtful and honest in your responses. Part of our goal is to learn not only what we are doing well, but what we can do better!

If you have any questions, please see *Pastor Allison, Pastor Akers, or Jonathan Guse.*

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OurRedeemer>



## YOUTH CENTRAL

### GROUNDS – HS YOUTH GROUP

Join us **tonight (Sunday)** from **6:30-8:30 pm** for Bible Study, fellowship and games!

### PATHWAYS – MS YOUTH GROUP

Join us this **Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**, for our next *Pathways FUN FRIDAY!* This will be our only other meeting this month! Come ready for some fun! Bring a friend!

### SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

All students currently **8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade** are invited to sign-up for **Mission Possible** and/or **CIY: MOVE!** For more information on these events, please see our website or the bulletin board across from the Adult Education Room. Sign-up sheets are at the same bulletin board.

### SUMMER ADULT COUNSELORS

Any adults interested in being an adult counselor for either of our events for high school students are asked to fill out an application available at the bulletin board across from the Adult Education Room. Please fill them out and return by the deadline date on the application.

### RESCUE MISSION – GIFT WRAPPING

All **6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade** students who are interested in wrapping gifts that will be used to provide Christmas to the needy in our community are asked to sign up on the bulletin board. We will need to pick a day that works best, so please indicate which of these dates works best for you: Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, or Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. The time for all is from **6-8 pm**. You may indicate all of them, but only one date will be selected to attend as a group.

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

### CHRISTMAS EVE MUSICIANS

Those students / musicians in **grade school, high school and college** who would like to do a sacred seasonal solo or ensemble at the **4:00 PM Christmas Eve** service may sign up with **Beth Kuhlman** or **Florence Moeller**.

### CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH CHOIR

Those students in **grade school, high school and college** are invited to participate in the Youth Choir at the **4:00 PM Christmas Eve Service**. The choir will practice **Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, - 10:15 – 10:30 AM** [the last 15 minutes of Sunday School hour] in the Resource Room of RLS. **Beth Kuhlman** will direct the choir.

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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Inviting all children to share the JOY of Christmas!

Program is **Sunday, December 18 at 9:30 am** (during the Sunday School hour) in the sanctuary

This program is for **children ages 3 (preschool) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

Rehearsals will be held: **Saturday, December 3, 9:30-11:30 am**

**Saturday, December 10, 2:30-4:30 pm**

**Saturday, December 17, 2:30-4:30 pm**

All rehearsals will be held in the church sanctuary.

The children will benefit from attending as many of the rehearsals as possible. Please contact **Sheryl Hartman or Debbie Street** for more information.

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

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

#### **VETERANS DAY:**

Thank you so much to all of our Veterans who served so faithfully and well. We have hung a flag in the narthex with names of our church family veterans, and the names of school families and their veterans. We are so grateful to each of you!

#### **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:**

Would like to thank everyone who designates their Thrivent dollars to Redeemer Lutheran School. We get an email letting us know when money has been deposited into our account. To date, from **February 2016-August 2016**, we have received **\$1480.00** in choice donations. Those designations are deposited right into the school check book and used for those non-budgeted items and expenses. We have been able to purchase books, educational games and software, along with helping students who have not been able to afford supplies, just to name a few. Thank you so much for choosing Redeemer Lutheran School as your designation! We appreciate it!

#### **BASKETBALL:**

This year our boys and girls teams will be playing during the same season. Games will be starting soon. The coaches for the girls' team are **Miss Gross** and **Mrs. Lang**. The coach for the boys' teams is **Mr. Buckmaster**. The boys will have two teams this year. The girls will have one. Looking forward to a great season!

#### **BIBLE QUIZ:**

Our Bible Quiz team of **Cora, Selia, Reagan, Natalie, Conner, Matthew and Luke** placed fourth in the Bible Quiz at Lutheran High on Tuesday, November 1. Thank you to **Miss Claucherty** and **Mr. Guse** for coaching them. We are proud of all of you!

#### **SCRIP:**

It is holiday time!!!! For your travels, meals, and gift giving, SCRIP has various cards to meet your needs. We have additional inventory for the holiday season. \$10 gift cards make great stocking stuffers. New order forms are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Rhonda and Michelle will be in the Extended Care room on **Sundays from 9-10:30 am.**

### **SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRISTMAS!**

Redeemer's Sunday School students will be sharing their Christmas joy with others. On **Sunday, November 27** (Thanksgiving Weekend), students from **preschool thru adults** will meet in the fellowship hall at **9:30 am** to make blankets and treat-filled stockings for CAM and Rescue Mission.

**Moms and Dads/Grandmas and Grandpas**, bring your kids to help with this project. Let's kick off the season of JOY by serving others!

#### **SUPPLIES NEEDED, TOO!**

If you have any of the following items that you would like to donate for this service of love, please leave them in the labeled box in the narthex. If you have any questions, please phone/text **Debbie Street** or **Sheryl Hartman**.

#### **ITEMS NEEDED:**

Christmas material or felt – at least 9" squares (needed by 11/13) / Other items needed by 11/20:  
Fleece – in 2 yard pieces, candy canes, hand warmers, chap stick, small sanitizer, small chocolates  
individually-wrapped snack items

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**THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>TITLE / EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Sunday School / Bible Class	Mission Hall / RLS / Youth Room
	9:30 AM	Adult Information Class	Adult Ed. Room
	10:45 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Grounds	Youth Room
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	1:00 PM	Hands of Love	Turner's Home
	3:30 PM	RLS Girls' Basketball Practice	Fellowship Hall
	4:45 PM	RLS Boys' Basketball Practice	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Quilting Class	Mission Hall
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
Tues.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	9:30 AM	Lutheran Women in Service	Mission Hall
	11:30 AM	Delco Brass Band	Choir Room
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Tuesday Evening Bible Class	Mission Hall
	6:00 PM	Cub / Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Wed.	8:45 AM	RLS Chapel	Fellowship Hall
	3:30 PM	RLS Girls' Basketball Practice	Fellowship Hall
	4:45 PM	RLS Boys' Basketball Practice	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
	6:00 PM	Deaf Bible Study	Church Library
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
Fri.	3:30 PM	RLS Girls' Basketball Practice	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Pathways	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Duo Club	Mission Hall
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

**2016 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Thanksgiving Eve**

Wednesday – Nov. 23, 2016 – 7:00 PM

**Advent Worship Services**

Wednesday – Nov. 30, – 7:00 PM / Wednesday – Dec. 7– 7:00 PM / Wednesday – Dec. 14 – 7:00 PM

**Sunday School Christmas Program**

Sunday – Dec. 18, 2016 – 9:30 AM

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Saturday – Dec. 24, 2016 / 4 – 6 – 8 PM

**Christmas Day Communion Service**

Sunday – Dec. 25, 2016 – 10 AM

**New Year's Eve Communion Service**

Saturday – Dec. 31, 2016 / 7 PM

**New Year's Day Service**

Sunday – Jan. 1, 2017 – 10 AM

Please note we will be having 1 service on Sunday, December 25, 2016 and Sunday, January 1, 2017.

**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.

