

DISCIPLING GRACE – FILLED GIVERS
November 18 & November 19, 2017

Children of light, we live in trust and joy, for God has destined us not for wrath but for salvation.



Welcome! (Based on 1 Thessalonians 5:5, 9.) 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 Allison	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
Liturgist	Pastor Allison	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
Organist	Beth Kuhlman	Florence Moeller	
Acolytes	Blake S	Rylee K	Jacob T Jonoah T
Sanctuary Stewards			Jane Sipe Debby Durr

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE – MUSIC

Saturday-5:30 PM – 99 / Sunday – 8:15 AM – 100 / Sunday-10:45 AM – 172 = 371
 Sunday Adult Bible Class - 70

Prelude – “Amazing Grace” – Diane Bish / **Choir** – “Seek Ye First” & “Not to Us O Lord”
Offertory – “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” – arr. Kevin Sadowski
Postlude – “In Christ Alone” – Stewart Townsend

“DISCIPLES LIVING AS GRACE-FILLED STEWARDS”

This is the third and final week of our emphasis “Disciples Living as Grace-filled Stewards.” The focus for this week is **“Discipling Grace-filled Givers.”** In 1 Corinthians 16:2, the Apostle Paul wrote, “On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper...” Each week we have the opportunity to show our love and gratitude through our offering. God calls us to give in proportion to how we are blessed and to make our giving a priority. Through faith, we understand that God blesses us so we can be a blessing to others, and, through our generosity, we can help extend His kingdom. As we give, God wants us to trust Him and to give cheerfully. Our giving represents our gratitude for Who God is, what He has done, and what He continues to do for us. May we all grow in the grace of giving knowing that God will be faithful and bless us when we honor Him with our first and best.

**Lutheran Women In Service
LWIS**



Ladies of LCOR...

Please join us for our next LWIS Meeting

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 @

10:00 a.m. in Mission Hall

(Social time 30 minutes prior to meeting)

Please bring small-sized lotions (not travel-size) for our Rescue Mission project.

What Does This Women's Ministry Do?

- * Card Ministry
- * Shut-in Card Ministry
- * Funeral Committee
- * LWML Mite Boxes
- * Quilts
- * Hands of Love
- * College/Military Prayer Partners
- * Senior Citizen Luncheon
- * Confirmation Secret Pals
- * Confirmation Banquet
- * Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- * Lenten Dinners
- * Mini Kitchen Supplies
- * Adult S.S. Coffee Supplies
- * Seminary Food Collections
- * Homeless Kits/Rescue Mission Birthday Party
- * Redeemer Bakers



If you are unable to make it to our meeting, please contact any of the 2017-2018 officers to get involved:

Co-Presidents: Jill Lowden @ 432-1423
Tracy Brandenburg @ 210-4978
Secretary: Diane Turner @ 453-2810
Treasurer: Sarah Klepfer @ 628-2648

will be collected. Your response is most welcomed and encouraged as Disciples of Christ! Extra stewardship packets are available on the table in the Narthex. Thank you to those who have already returned stewardship information.

The Church Office and Redeemer Lutheran School will be closed this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP – THIS WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 22 - 7:00 PM

Please mark your calendar for Thanksgiving Eve Worship **this Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 PM.** The Thanksgiving offering benefits **Lutheran World Relief.** Thanks to everyone who brought in non-perishable food items during last weekend's collection. Several RLS families will be enjoying a brighter Thanksgiving.

EVERYONE ... JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL, FOR SERVICE SUNDAY! LOTS OF PROJECTS PLANNED TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. PLEASE COME AND HELP!

CLAUCHERTY – AKERS WEDDING

The honor of your presence is requested at the marriage ceremony of **Kaila Clauncherty and Pastor Barry Akers on Sunday, December 31st, at 2 PM.** See the pink bulletin insert for more details.

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. ☺

PASTORS OUT OF TOWN

Pastor Allison and Pastor Akers will be out of the office this Tuesday, attending a Pastor's Conference in Huntington. Please note that Pastor Allison's Tuesday Evening Bible Class is cancelled!

ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend's altar flowers are given by **John & Rita Bagby** in celebration of their anniversary, and in thanksgiving for the blessings of faith, family and friends.

**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, Doris Temme, Robert Molkentine, Jayne Frey, Nancy Jones, Heather Hartman, and Delia Overia.**

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK – BILL SPOON

Bill Spoon is this week's honored shut-in.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT WEEKEND

This weekend, is stewardship commitment weekend. During the offering at all three services, commitment and stewardship forms

100 YEARS!

It's time to celebrate a special birthday --- the birthday of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. The year 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of our church. If you like history or planning celebrations, your help is needed. A committee is being formed to plan congregational activities/events to commemorate this special occasion. Interested or need more information? - talk to one of the pastors, Mr. Guse, Dave Baird, Debbie Barton, Beth Dinkel or Sheryl Hartman.

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.

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

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN SERVICE [LWIS]

*Our LWIS [Lutheran Women in Service] will meet in Mission Hall, on **Tuesday, November 21st** at **10:00 AM**. Come join the ladies for fellowship at **9:30**, with the meeting to follow. We welcome all ladies of Our Redeemer, and we're a very busy group. Come see what we do and learn more about serving our Lord. This meeting's collection is body lotion for Homeless Kits.*

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Our Redeemer has a food pantry collection for the Fort Wayne Seminary. There is a plastic tub in the Narthex that needs more food and hygiene products. Where you shop, look for 2 for 1 items. Buy one for yourself and give the other one to the pantry. A lot of the seminary students are married and have children, so all kinds of household items are needed. Please help us fill the cupboard. For more information, please call **Caroline Howard [210-8636]**.

LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT GOOD SHEPHERD - TUESDAY - DEC. 12

*Our sisters in Christ at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites the ladies from Our Redeemer and Zion to their annual Christmas luncheon, on **Tuesday, December 12, 2017**. The day starts at **11:30 AM** with social time followed by a carry-in lunch beginning at **12:00 noon**, and then a program. This year the Southern Sounds - Band, Kokomo, IN will be the entertainment. They are a group of retired people who play/sing traditional country, gospel and more. Their program will include songs of the season, as well.*

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 **Debbie Street or Florence Moeller**.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN SERVICE - CARAMEL CORN BAKE - DECEMBER 9, 2017

*Join with other women of our congregation on **December 9, 2017** any time between **10:00 AM and 5:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall kitchen for fun, baking, crafts and fellowship. Come for a few hours or bring a sack lunch and stay all day. Please RSVP to **Jill Lowden at 765-432-1423** or sign up at the **LWIS bulletin board in the Narthex**.*

CALLING ALL BOOKS!!

Have you ever borrowed a book from the church library? Could you check your home up and down, far and wide, to see if you forgot to return them? Please place any "missing" books on the small table in the library. Thank you ☺ The Library Staff.

MORE BOOKS!

We are still finding more duplicate or outdated books. Please help yourself to the books on the table outside of the library. The Library Staff.

ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Come, join friends for the annual New Year's Eve get-together, **Sunday, December 31st** at **6:30 PM**. Location to be decided. Contact **Juanita Martin-Davis**.

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

CLASS	LOCATION	TEACHER[S]
2's and under w/parents	Church Nursery	Jonathan & Breanna Guse
<i>This class will discuss the current Adult Bible Study topic.</i>		
Pre-School, Pre-K, Kdg.	RLS Kindergarten Room	Ashley Schneider
1st – 4 th Grades	RLS 4 th Grade Room	Sharon Mugg
5 th – 7 th Grades	RLS 5 th / 6 th Grade Room	Stephanie Gross
<i>The Sunday School students study the account “Daniel in the Lions’ Den” today. Jesus, who saved Daniel, would Himself be given over to the satanic lion to save the world. Parents, ask your children, “Who did God use to keep Daniel safe? How does God keep us safely with Himself?”</i>		
8 th Grade Confirmation	RLS 7 th /8 th Grade Room	Pastor Akers
High School	Youth Room (top of stairs)	Zack Conner
<i>This week’s topic: “Does God Endorse Violence?” from the Bible Study, <u>Can I Ask That? 8 Hard Questions About God & Faith</u>”</i>		
Adult Bible Class	Mission Hall	Pastor Allison
<i>This Sunday’s topic is, “Discipling Grace-Filled Servants”. If time allows, our next discussion will be “Discipling Grace-filled Givers.”</i>		



In this season of thankfulness, gather with your fellow Redeemed of all ages to create various items of comfort and cheer for those in need in the Kokomo community. See you at **SERVICE SUNDAY**, November 26, during the Sunday School hour, in the fellowship hall!

Another way to help---Check out the supplies list at the Welcome Center. Sign up to donate a supply for Service Sunday. If you don't have time to shop, pick up a Scrip card for Jo-Ann's or Wal-Mart and donate it for supplies purchases. (You're helping Service Sunday and RLS!!) Questions? Talk to Debbie Street or Sheryl Hartman

Beginning with Service Sunday and throughout the Advent Season, the Redeemer Sunday School program will be collecting winter outerwear (new or gently used) to donate to those in need of extra warmth this winter season. Look for the collection area in the fellowship hall during SERVICE SUNDAY and in the narthex during Advent.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Matthew 25:30 “And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.” Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master – and so his actions did not demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

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.

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 LCOR for your wonderful support for our school families for Thanksgiving. With your generous donations of food, and the donations of our students, we will be providing a Thanksgiving meal for **15 families**. You are such a blessing.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

RLS will be closed **Wednesday through Friday** for Thanksgiving break.

ADVENT DINNER – DEC. 6TH

Please join us on **Wednesday, Dec. 6th** for our Advent dinner. The seventh and eighth graders are hosting a free-will offering dinner to earn money for their trip to Cincy this coming May. Dinner will be **chicken casserole, green beans, dinner roll, assorted salads, and cookies**. Mrs. Tucker will also be showing a video from her trip to China in October

BUILD-A-BEAR BUDDIES

For our 2nd 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. 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 @ (765) 860-7594** or **erin.b.jorgensen@gmail.com** with any questions you may have. Thank you for your support in this project!

**→→→ WE HAVE SURPASSED OUR FIRST GOAL OF 50 BEARS BY COLLECTING 63!
WITH 5 WEEKS OF COLLECTING LEFT, WE HAVE SET A NEW GOAL OF 100 BEARS! ←←←**

SCRIP by Michelle Engelder

“Thanksgiving is Thursday, are You ready? SCRIP can help. Stop in Extended Care and buy your Walmart/Sam's or Meijer card. Both of these cards can buy your groceries or gas for travelling. We also have Speedway cards and many Whites Meat Market cards. When you Shop with SCRIP you support RLS. Use our cards so your credit card stays safe. I will also be placing an order Monday morning. Get your gift cards to shop with on Black Friday. If you have any questions stop in and see me or call me, **Michelle.**”

DO YOU. . .

...love your Lord?

...want to share this love with others?

...have a special fondness for children?

...see the need to use your God-given abilities?

YES? Then maybe Sunday School teaching is in your future! Redeemer’s Sunday School program is looking for YOU! We are searching for individuals who see the need to be a part of building the faith foundations for our church’s children. We need men and women wishing to share their love for the Lord with the children participating in Redeemer’s Sunday School program.

If you feel the Spirit calling...or even nudging you, please do not hesitate to talk to Debbie Street, Sheryl Hartman, or Jonathan Guse. New semester of classes begins Sunday, January 7. We will be glad to tell you about our program and how you can serve! Looking forward to talking with you!

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.



THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

DATE	TIME	TITLE / EVENT	LOCATION
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Sunday School / 8 th Grade Confirmation	Nursery / RLS / Youth Room
	9:30 AM	Adult Bible Class	Mission Hall
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Communion	Sanctuary
	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
	5:30 PM	Member Function	Church Library
Tues.	7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	10:00 AM	LWIS [coffee at 9:30]	Mission Hall
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Cub / Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Wed.	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Service Sunday Setup	Fellowship Hall

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!

	PATHWAYS	GROUNDS
Sunday, Nov. 19 th	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Sunday, Nov. 26 th	No Meeting - Thanksgiving Weekend!	

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

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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.