



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - A CELEBRATION OF HOPE

November 26 & November 27, 2016

Welcome to worship as we start preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. 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.**

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER / REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL 705 SOUTHWAY BOULEVARD EAST, KOKOMO, INDIANA 46902	
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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 & MUSIC

	<u>SAT. 5:30</u>	<u>SUN. 8:15</u>	<u>SUN. 10:45</u>
Preacher	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
Liturgist	Pastor Akers	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
Organist	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller
Acolytes	Selia D	Tim R	Caleb B Jackson W
Sanctuary Stewards			Caroline Howard Kitty Davis

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Saturday-5:30 PM - 85 / Sunday-8:15 AM - 135 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 139 =359

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember **Ed Ponder, Barbara Moeller, Carolyn Seagrave, Bonnie Ryder, Nancy Philips, Kori Wood, Delia Overia, Robert Braswell, Suzanne Biddle, Kristen Cain, Heather Hartman** and **Pam Richardson.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend's altar flowers are given by **Greg & Beth Kuhlman** in celebration of **Grace's 15th** baptismal birthday and in thankfulness for the many blessings He has given to them.

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK - PAM RICHARDSON

Pam Richardson is our shut-in of the week.

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE - THIS WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM

Please mark your calendars for **this Wednesday - November 30, at 7:00 PM** for our first Advent Service. The theme for this year's Advent series is, "**Stop, Look and Listen**". Please note the offering for this service benefits **Bethesda Lutheran Communities.**

REMAINING 2016 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES - THEME: "STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN"

Wednesday - Dec. 7, 2016 - 7:00 PM / Wednesday - Dec. 14, 2016 - 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.

SUNDAY - 9:30 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDIES / SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you for joining together this morning to help serve our community. We enjoyed the time spent in fellowship as we tied blankets and stuffed stockings. **150 stockings** will be a treat for those served by Kokomo Rescue Mission and **28 blankets** were made for C.A.M. to distribute.

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES RESUME NEXT WEEKEND

Preschool (age 3) - Kindergarten children are invited to join Ashley Schneider in the Kindergarten classroom in the west hall. The lesson on Dec. 4 will tell the story of David and Jonathan.

Children in 1st - 4th grade will meet in the 4th grade classroom with Tracy Brandenburg. The lesson on Dec. 4 will tell the story of David and Jonathan and their brotherly love for each other.

Youth in grades 5th - 7th 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.

8th grade students will meet for **Confirmation class** in the 7/8 grade classroom with Jonathan Guse.

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**.

The Sunday school program is now recruiting teachers for the Winter quarter. We have young people looking for you to share your joy and love for the Lord with them. Age groups include Preschool (Age 3) - Kindergarten, 1st-4th grade, 5th-7th grade and High school (grades 9-12). Contact Debbie Street or Sheryl Hartman for more information....or we will come looking for you!

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 8th 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.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Pastor Allison's Ladies Bible Class will meet on **Tuesday, November 29** and **Tuesday, December 13 at 10:00 AM** in Mission Hall. Pastor Allison and the ladies will continue their study of "Acts".

HAITI RELIEF FUND UPDATE

Our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ will be shouting - **THANK YOU! THANK YOU** so loudly we may be able to hear them here in Kokomo. You have blessed them with a gift of \$4,827.00, which will build three secure food pantries and part of a fourth. And the fast maturing turnip seeds are on their way to Jeremie, Haiti too. Thank you all for both your gifts and prayerful thoughts. If anyone has missed their opportunity to contribute, we will wrap things up this weekend with a final door offering. Again, thank you.

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. 4th and 11th, - 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.

YOUTH CENTRAL

GROUNDNS - HS YOUTH GROUP

No Grounds this week! Enjoy your final day of Thanksgiving Break!

PATHWAYS - MS YOUTH GROUP

Join us in a couple of weeks on **Wednesday, December 7th**, from **6:30-8:30 pm!** Come ready for some fun! Bring a friend!

SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

All students currently **8th-12th 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 **6th-12th 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. 29th, Dec. 1st, Dec. 5th, Dec. 6th, or Dec. 8th**. 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.

☺ **What is Advent?** Advent marks the beginning of the church year. Advent is made up of the four Sundays that come before Christmas. The First Sunday in Advent is kind of like the "New Year's Say" of the church year calendar.

BUDDY BAG PACKING

Buddy Bag packing for Kokomo Urban Outreach is **this Monday, November 28**, at **5:30 pm**. We are usually done in under an hour. The location is **720 N. Webster St.** For more information contact **Cindy Sewell**. No Buddy Bag packing in December.

NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT

Come join the fun and great refreshments with friends on **Saturday, December 31st**, Bradford Run Clubhouse, 3604 Briarwick Dr., Kokomo, IN 46902. Bring a snack and a game. Time, following the New Year's Eve service. For more information, please contact **Juanita Martin-Davis**.

RLS SCRIP

Thanksgiving is over, so CHRISTMAS season is here!! Everyone will be busy getting ready to celebrate our Savior's Birthday with family and friends. Remember to purchase SCRIP cards for your groceries and gas during this season. We have expanded inventory for gift giving needs. There are current order forms at the Narthex Welcome Center. Rhonda and Michelle are in the Extended Care Room from 9-10:30 on Sunday mornings with inventory for purchase and to assist you with ordering. HAPPY SHOPPING!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Matthew 21:3 "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once.'" Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget: the blessing it is to us to be of service in the Lord's kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT GOOD SHEPHERD TUESDAY - DEC. 6

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 6, 2016**. 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's entertainment will be Cathy (Trout) Musselman, who will present Christmas carols on her harp after giving the history of each one.

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>



CHRISTMAS DECORATING

It is coming up on that time again to decorate the Sanctuary for the **Christmas** Season and we would love to have everyone come join us as we do the work on **Friday evening, December 2nd**. The fellowship we share while doing this with other church members brings us great joy. We start the evening at **5:30 PM** with the collection of our supplies and then we all join together for a Carry-In Dinner at **6:00 PM**. Then it is back to work. Please join us in the fellowship and work. Everyone is welcome! Any Questions can be directed to **Kitty Davis**.

SIMPLY GIVING - A NEW 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.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Let's roll up our sleeves and help save lives! We are partnering with the American Red Cross to hold a blood drive on **Monday, December 19th** from **12-6 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Each pint of blood we collect can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. This is a great way for our church to reach out to and give to the community in a truly life changing way during the Christmas season! We are very excited about the drive and hope you are too. If you are healthy and eligible, please come out to donate! To sign up, you can schedule an appointment yourself by going to redcrossblood.org and entering the sponsor code "redeemluthk". Or, contact **Sarah Frey** to make an appointment.

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS ARE IN THE EASTWING HALLWAY.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TITLE / EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Thanksgiving CAM / KRM Service Project	Fellowship Hall
	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
	5:00 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
	6:30 PM	Quilt Class	Mission Hall
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall

Tues.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	10:00 AM	Ladies' Bible Class	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	Sanctuary
	3:45 PM	Girls' Basketball Practice	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Pathways	Youth Room
	7:00 PM	Advent Worship Service	Sanctuary
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	3:30 PM	Boys' Basketball Practice	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Cardio-Drumming	Fellowship Hall
Fri.	3:30 PM	RLS Girls' Basketball Practice	Fellowship Hall
Sat.	9:30 AM	Sunday School Christmas Program Practice	Sanctuary
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Marilyn Marsh – Dec. 3

Wayne Kincaid – Dec. 6