

**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**December 1 & December 2, 2018**

*Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer exists to: **Welcome** people to faith in Jesus Christ; **Equip** His followers with a maturing faith through Word and Sacrament; and **Serve** in the world as Jesus served us.*

**Welcome.** A blessed Advent to you! Today as we worship, we begin the season of anticipation, hope and preparation for the coming Messiah. 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 **bulletins** are available from the ushers. 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 [1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS]**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS: 9:30 AM**

**WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

	<u><b>SAT. 5:30</b></u>	<u><b>SUN. 8:15</b></u>	<u><b>SUN. 10:45</b></u>
<b>Preacher</b>	<i>Pastor Allison</i>	<i>Pastor Allison</i>	<i>Pastor Allison</i>
<b>Liturgist</b>	<i>Pastor Allison</i>	<i>Pastor Akers</i>	<i>Pastor Akers</i>
<b>Organist</b>	<i>Beth Kuhlman</i>	<i>Florence Moeller</i>	
<b>Acolytes</b>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
<b>Sanctuary</b>			<i>Kitty Davis</i>
<b>Stewards</b>			<i>Cindy Sewell</i>
<b>Nursery</b>			<i>Mindy Conner</i>

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE – MUSIC**

5:30 PM – **70** / 8:15 AM – **90** / 10:45 AM – **136 = 296**

**Redeemer Bell Choir** – "A Carol Festival" & "Someone Special" / **Offertory** – "The King Shall Come" – arr. Charles Callahan / **Postlude** – "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" – arr. Paul Manz

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

*Bev Behrs is giving altar flowers this weekend in loving memory of her parents, **Ted & Eileen Behrs** and brother **Larry Behrs, Sr.** In thanksgiving to God for His many blessings, and to honor all those who serve and protect, past, present and future.*

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

We remember **Samantha Creason, Tai Duong, Connie Howard, Janet Matyas, Jean Moon, Sharon & David McPike, Steve Olson, Delia Overia, Bob Braswell, Al Sparling, Betty Pohlman, Mary Harper, Michel Peterson, Carl & Joan Swift, Heather Portman, and Sharon Lecher.**

**SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK – BILL SPOON**

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

**4 YEAR OLD BIRTHDAY PARTY**

**Jerry & Julie Satterfield** invite the congregation to their daughter, **Hope's 4<sup>th</sup>** birthday party. The date is **Sunday, [today], Dec. 2** from **1 – 3 PM** in Mission Hall. Please RSVP Julie.

**"AN ADVENT PRAYER" / WEDNESDAYS – DEC. 5, 12, 19 – 6 PM**

Advent worship services will be held **December 5, 12 and 19 at 6:00 PM**. The theme is "**An Advent Prayer**". We Lutherans have a prayer we call the **Common Table Prayer**. We say it before our meals, to give thanks for our food. But what if we use it instead as our Advent Prayer? Do we have any idea what a punch this little prayer packs? Wooden **Christmas ornaments** of "**Hope**", "**Faith**" and "**Love**" will be given out each week to tie in with the theme.

**WEEK 1: "COME, LORD JESUS!" ORNAMENT IS HOPE**

**Come, Lord Jesus**, we cry with the church, longing (hoping) for our Lord to come as a baby, to be our Messiah, our Savior. But even more, we also long (hope) for our Lord to return in glory and set us and this sinful world right. This is **HOPE**.

**WEEK 2: "BE OUR GUEST!" ORNAMENT IS FAITH**

**Be our guest**, we ask Him, in faith, not only to join us at our table, but to be in our lives and our homes, believing (faith) that He is with us, guiding and protecting us, and granting us His salvation. This is **FAITH**.

**WEEK 3: "LET THESE GIFTS..." ORNAMENT IS LOVE**

**Let these gifts**, (love) to us be blessed, we pray, trusting that the food on our tables, His guiding word, His grace and love and mercy, (love) will nourish and strengthen us to do the work that He has given us in this world. This is **LOVE**.

Our Advent Prayer is such a simple prayer, and yet it gives voice to so many longings that our faith produces in us. We long (**HOPE**) for Jesus to come, we long for the salvation He brings (**FAITH**) and we long to be nourished and strengthened through the gifts He brings (**LOVE**) to do the work He gives us to do. What better way to end this prayer, than with Amen! (Let it be so.) The ornaments were made by **Dexter Hoyer of Fort Wayne, IN**.

**ADVENT OFFERINGS**

Please note the offering on **December 5** will go to **Bethesda Lutheran Communities**. Advent service offerings for **12-12 and 12-19** will go to **Our Redeemer's general fund**.

**ADVENT DINNER PLANNED FOR WEDNESDAY – DEC. 6 – 5:00 PM**

An Advent Dinner is planned for **this Wednesday, December 5** at **5:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall, prior to the service at **6:00 PM**. **BBQ pork sandwiches, chips, fresh vegetables and cookies** are on the menu. To aid in meal planning, please complete the inserted Advent Dinner Reservation Sheet and return it to an usher or white box in the Narthex. A free-will offering will be taken at the door to support **Youth** going to the National Youth Gathering.

**DEACON PLANNING MEETING – THIS MONDAY!**

A deacon planning meeting is scheduled for **this Monday, December 3, 2018 at 5:30 PM** in Mission Hall.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS TO SHUT-INS**

If you would like to send Christmas cards to Our Redeemer's shut-ins, lists are available at the Welcome Center.

**2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE TO BE PICKED UP THIS WEEKEND IN THE EAST WING HALLWAY. PLEASE NOTE ENVELOPES HAVE BEEN RENUMBERED FOR 2019. THANK YOU. ☺**

**FT. WAYNE SEMINARY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

LWIS is still collecting items for the Fort Wayne Seminary Food Pantry. Products needed include, **canned fruits, vegetables, personal hygiene products, paper products, etc. Nice clothing** may also be taken to the Food Pantry. Please note, clothing cannot be stored in the church, so please contact **Caroline Howard** to arrange pickup. Non-clothing items may be placed in the bins in the Narthex. An estimated delivery date to Fort Wayne is the week of **December 9**. Please contact **Caroline Howard** for more information. Thank you for supporting our seminary families.

**DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR TODAY AT 9:30 AM...**

**Preschool thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade students** will begin in the RLS kindergarten room (preschool-kindergarten Sunday School room) today. They will focus on the Advent Season and the Bible story of the birth and work of John the Baptist.

**The 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class** with Steve & Cindy Sewell are wrapping up the Cold-Case Christianity for kids with "Belief THAT or Belief IN" in their usual classroom.

**The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation class** will meet in the RLS 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom, as usual with Pastor Akers. This week are lessons 23 & 24, "The Work of the Holy Spirit [II], The Church, the Communion of Saints."

**The high school students** are wrapping up Tim Tebow's Bible Study, "This is the Day – Make It Count" in the Youth Room.

**Adult Bible Class** 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy and Titus concludes the series with Lesson 13, "A Summary of the Christian Faith" with Pastor Allison in Mission Hall.

**NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9**

**Next Sunday, December 9**, ALL students (preschool – high school) will meet in the gym for a Christmas Lesson/Birthday Party for Jesus!

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 - ALL-CONGREGATION CHRISTMAS SOCIAL GATHERING**

**Sunday, December 16.** Join us for fellowship and Christmas celebrating! Bring 1-2 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookie/treat to share! More details next week!

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING – DEC. 7<sup>TH</sup>**

*It is time 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 7<sup>th</sup>**. 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**.*

**TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS**

Pastor Allison's Tuesday Evening Bible Class meets this week, **Dec. 4** from **6 – 7 PM** in Mission Hall. "**God's Word for Today – Job**", class concludes, "**Suffering and Prayer**", and begin Lesson 5, "**Christ to the Rescue**".

**MENTORS NEEDED: HELPING HEARTS MENTORING**

*We have an immediate need for mentors! There are currently **4** students requesting a mentor that we do not have mentors for. Do **YOU** have **30 minutes a week** to share Christ's love with an RLS student? Contact **Cindy Sewell** or **Steve Gaunt**.*

**KOKOMO RESCUE MISSION MEAL SIGN-UP SHEET**

**Kokomo Rescue Mission** meal service sign-up sheet for **January through June, 2019** is at the Welcome Center.

**LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT GOOD SHEPHERD - TUESDAY – DEC. 11**

*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 11, 2018**. 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 program is a sing-a-long, led by David Britton and Good Shepherd member, Bob Sesko.*

**ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S PARTY**

Come, join friends for the annual New Year's Eve get-together, **Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**, from **7:00 PM – 12:15 AM** in Mission Hall at Our Redeemer. Please bring a snack and a game. Contact **Juanita Martin-Davis**.

**USHERS**

*There is a need for new ushers. Our greatest needs are for Saturday evening and early Sunday services next year. Ladies of the congregation are encouraged to consider ushering as well. Perhaps the ice could be broken by starting with wives of existing ushers? Please contact **Randy McPike** to volunteer or for more information.*

## **HIGH SCHOOL NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Nursery is in need of High School age volunteers. Please contact **Julie Satterfield**.



### **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

*Advent Service **Wednesday – December 5 – 6:00 PM***

*Advent Dinner served from 5:00 – 5:45 PM in Fellowship Hall*

*Advent Worship Service **Wednesday – December 12 – 6:00 PM***

*Advent Dinner served from 5:00 – 5:45 PM in Fellowship Hall*

*Advent Worship Service **Wednesday – December 19 – 6:00 PM***

*Advent Dinner served from 5:00 – 5:45 PM in Fellowship Hall*

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Services – **Monday, December 24 at 4 PM & 6 PM.***

*Christmas Day Communion Service - **Tuesday – December 25 – 10 AM.***

***Please note there is not an 8 PM Christmas Eve service, or New Year's Eve service. Thank you.***

### **SPEAK UP! By RLS Principal Ruth Lavrenz**

***“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. ALWAYS be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you for the reason for the hope that you have...” 1 Peter 3:15***

### **DECEMBER ACTIVITIES:**

Coming up on **December 14**, we will have our first Christmas craft day. Each student will have the opportunity to make some Christmas crafts to take home. There will be decorations for their tree, for their shelf, for their doors. This is sponsored by our Student Council under the leadership of Mrs. Jorgensen. Our **1-8 grade choir** will be singing at the **December 5 Advent service** and our **PS-K choir** will sing for the **December 12** Advent service. School will dismiss for Christmas break on **Wednesday, December 19**.

### **PARENTS NIGHT OUT!**

*Attention moms, dads, aunts, uncles, grandmas & grandpas! LCOR youth and parents will be providing an evening of babysitting on **Saturday, December 15**. Children ages 3 & up (potty-trained please!) are invited to join us for a fun evening of games, music, snacks and friends! From **6 PM - 11 PM**, parents can enjoy an evening out – dinner and movie, Christmas shopping, or maybe just some quiet time at home! This will be a free-will offering event, and all money raised will help the youth fund their trip to the National Youth Gathering next summer. Sign-up sheets will be at the Welcome Center. Contact **Erin Jorgensen** or **Stephanie Gross** for more details!*

### **YOUTH NEWS/EVENTS**

#### **NYG PARENT MEETING – DECEMBER 2**

We would like to touch base with you about the upcoming fundraisers/information about NYG. Please plan on meeting in the Youth Room after **late service** on **Sunday, December 2**.

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 - PATHWAYS & GROUNDS**

*We will be going to the NEW ice skating rink located here in Kokomo! The cost is **\$10**, but will only be **\$5** with the coupon on their website. Liability waivers will have to be filled out at the rink (located at the Jackrabbit stadium). Parents can drop off/pick-up from there. We plan on skating from **4:30-6 PM**. Friends are always welcome! Sign-up on the youth board or let **Erin Jorgensen** or **Stephanie Gross** know that you will be coming.*

## 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	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School	Mission Hall / RLS / Youth Room
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	National Youth Gathering Meeting	Youth Room
	1:00 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	1:00 PM	Hands of Love Turner's Home	
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Deacon Planning Meeting</b>	<b>Mission Hall</b>
	7:00 PM	Member Function	Church Library
Tues.	7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	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	Sanctuary
	12:30 PM	V.H. Small Group Bible Study	Mission Hall
	4:30 PM	Board of RLS	School Conference Room
	5:00 PM	Advent Dinner Fellowship Hall	
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Advent Worship</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	9:30 AM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
Fri.	5:30 PM	Christmas Decorating	Sanctuary / Narthex / Mission Hall
	5 PM – 8 AM	Boy Scout Lock-in	Fellowship Hall
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary

### ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:***

***Teresa Keller – Dec. 13***

***Bill Barton – Dec. 14***

***Lois Grotrian – Dec. 14***

***Clara Burnett – Dec. 16***

***Joelene Boyles – Dec. 30***

### **LUTHERAN WOMEN IN SERVICE - 2018 BIRTHDAY PARTY AT KOKOMO RESCUE MISSION**

Please pray for these people during their birthday month of December:

**Robert, Barbara, Anthony 5<sup>th</sup>, Cheryl 6<sup>th</sup>, Chuck 9<sup>th</sup>, David 14<sup>th</sup>, Tim 16<sup>th</sup>, John 22<sup>nd</sup>, Joseph 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### **OUR REDEEMER'S CHURCH LIBRARY FEATURED BOOKS FOR DECEMBER!**

**100 Days with Jesus** by Diann Cotton. In 100 days Diann Cotton will take you on a walk through the 250 names that describe Jesus. Each day you'll look at Jesus through the lens of descriptive names and words. The verse where the name is found along with a simple dictionary definition will set up the prayer of response. Each day ends with a reflective question to ask yourself as you worship Jesus for who He is.

***Swimming in the Deep End*** by Christina Suzann Nelson. *In this moving, masterful saga from best-selling novelist Christina Suzann Nelson, four women's lives collide. Their tangled courses and attempts to find grace in the midst of crisis combine in one heartfelt story showing the many faces of motherly love.*

**THE SANCTUARY STEWARDS ARE IN NEED OF LARGE JUICE CANS TO PUT WEEKEND ALTAR FLOWERS IN TO BE TAKEN HOME OR DELIVERED. PLEASE LEAVE THEM AT THE WELCOME CENTER OR IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. THANK YOU.**

### **STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

Luke 19:31 – **“If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’”** Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, “The Lord has need of it,” and he willingly gave. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life – in our homes, in the Church, and in our communities. In each calling we have good work to do, and that comes from the Lord's hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

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.

