

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 8 & December 9, 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! We're one week closer! As we prepare our worship space and our homes for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, let us also prepare our hearts. 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 [1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS] SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS: 9:30 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

	<u>SAT. 5:30</u>	<u>SUN. 8:15</u>	<u>SUN. 10:45</u>
Preacher	Pastor Akers	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
Liturgist	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
Organist	Beth Kuhlman	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller
Acolytes	Jacob Trueblood	Volunteer Needed	Logan Creason
Sanctuary Stewards	Jonoah Trueblood		Anna Gaunt
Nursery			Jane Sipe
			Cora Dunkin

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - MUSIC

5:30 PM - 59 / 8:15 AM - 105 / 10:45 AM - 147 = 311 / Advent - 234

Jubilate Bells - "The Rejoicing" & "Alleluia He Comes to Us" / **Offertory** - "On Jordan's Bank" - arr. M. Burkhardt / **Postlude** - "Hark the Glad Sound" - arr. Paul Manz

ALTAR FLOWERS

Joyce Irish is placing flowers on the altar this weekend in honor of her grandson, **Nick**, and her **parents' birthdays**, and in **thankfulness for all God's blessings**. "Everyone have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember **Sarah Klepfer, Imogene Canan, Jim Glover, 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.**

"REDEEMER REPORTER" DEADLINE IS THIS THURSDAY!

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK – DORIS TEMME

Doris Temme is this week's honored shut-in.

MARRIAGE BLESSINGS

Congratulations and blessings to **Lainey Sewell** and **Kenton Schroer**, who were married on **Saturday, December 1, 2018** at Crossroads Community Church.

“AN ADVENT PRAYER” / WEDNESDAYS – DEC. 12, 19 – 6 PM

Remaining Advent worship services are **December 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 2 – DEC. 12: “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**.

Special thank you to the **Conner Family** for sharing their talents as they do the skits each week for Advent.

ADVENT OFFERINGS

Please note Advent service offerings for 12-12 and 12-19 will go to **Our Redeemer's general fund**.

ADVENT DINNER PLANNED FOR WEDNESDAY – DEC. 12 – 5:00 PM

An Advent Dinner is planned for **this Wednesday, December 12 at 5:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall, prior to the service at **6:00 PM**. **Chicken – rice casserole, green beans, dinner rolls 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 the RLS class trip.

DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR TODAY – 9:30 AM

Preschool thru 7th grade students and the high school students will meet in the Fellowship Hall today. They will be celebrating the birth of Jesus with a “**Happy Birthday, Jesus**” Party.

8th grade Confirmation class will meet in the RLS 7th/8th grade classroom with Pastor Akers. This week is **lessons 25 & 26, The Forgiveness of Sins, The Resurrection of the Body, The Life Everlasting**.

Adult Bible Class meets in Mission Hall with Pastor Allison for “**A Longer Look at the Lessons, Second Sunday in Advent**”.

ALL-CONGREGATION CHRISTMAS SOCIAL GATHERING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 --- DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR – 9:30 AM

Join us for an hour of fellowship in Fellowship Hall, celebrating our Savior's birth! If you'd like, bring **1-2 dozen** of your favorite **Christmas treat** to share with the coffee, tea, hot chocolate and milk that will be provided.

No Sunday School on December 23 and December 30.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY MEETS THIS WEEK ON WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 12
AT 7:30 AM, RATHER THAN TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11. THIS WEEK ONLY.**

DUO CLUB CHRISTMAS POTLUCK - DEC. 14 - 6 PM

Duo Club will have their annual Christmas Potluck on **Friday, December 14** at **6:00 PM** in Mission Hall.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT - FRIDAY - DEC. 15!

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!

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** at 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.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

Pastor Allison's Tuesday Evening Bible Class meets this week, **Dec. 11** from **6 - 7 PM** in Mission Hall. "**God's Word for Today - Job**", 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 31st**, from **7:00 PM - 12:15 AM** in Mission Hall at Our Redeemer. Please bring a snack and a game. Contact **Juanita Martin-Davis**.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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.

LWML WIDOW'S MITE 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 29 & 30!

The weekend of December 29 & 30 is our next 5th Sunday loose change collection. All loose change in the offering plates will be donated to the LWML as mites to fund current missions. So, check your pockets and purses and add those coins to the offering plate. [This does not take the place of the ongoing contributions placed in the new Mite Box in the Narthex.]

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

We wish **Suzanne Dunkin**, our 5-6 teacher, a very happy “belated” 25th anniversary in the teaching ministry! Happy Anniversary, Suzanne! You are a blessing to our school and church family! God's continued blessings to you as you serve Him here at LCOR and RLS!

THANK YOU:

There are really no words to express our gratitude to LCOR for all of the ways you support our school and our school families. *You are mentoring our students. *You work with students doing tile math. *You bake cookies for our new families. *You support our school by attending our programs and games. *You pray for our families, our staff, our school. Thank you so much. What a blessing it is to be partnered with you in this incredible ministry that God has placed before us here at Redeemer!

ADVENT:

Thank you to our **1-8th grade students** for sharing their gift of music with us at this past week's Wednesday evening service. Our **PS-K** will be singing **next Wednesday, December 12.**

CAM GIFTS:

Each year at Christmas time our students bring in an unwrapped gift to give to CAM for their Christmas party. **This next Monday, December 10**, we will be presenting those gifts to CAM.

YOUTH NEWS/EVENTS

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.

HIGH SCHOOL NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Luke 3:4 – “As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’ ” God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than 700 years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do. That’s yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives. He knows what’s coming, and we don’t.

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 email **Randy McPike** to volunteer or for more information.

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	RLS / Mission Hall / Fellowship Hall
	10:45 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	1:00 PM	Hands of Love	Turner’s Home
	7:00 PM	Board of Property	Church Library
Tues.	9 – 12 PM	Church Library Staff	Church Library
	12:00 PM	Ladies’ Luncheon at Good Shepherd	Good Shepherd
	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.	7:30 AM	Men’s Bible Study	Mission Hall
	8:45 AM	RLS Chapel	Sanctuary
	5:00 PM	Advent Dinner	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	Advent Worship	Sanctuary
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	9:30 AM	Ladies’ Koinonia	Mission Hall
Fri.	6:00 PM	Duo Club Christmas Pot-luck	Mission Hall
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	6:00 PM	Parent’s Night Out	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall

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.





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 to say it. But
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 are somehow always best;
 the members of the church &
 school staff pray that you will
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 Christmas and for God's richest and
 choicest blessings for you and yours both
 now, as we pause with the world to remember
 the birth of our Lord, and throughout every day in

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Christmas greetings to our members and friends!

Lynda Bott

Joan Hoch

June Wagner

Melanie Waggoner ☺

Agnes Amundson

Stephanie Gross

Pastor Barry Akers

Karla Akers

Florena Moeller

Fathy Under

Erin Jorgensen

Suzanne Dunkin

Becky Werich
Heather Amos

Jerry Kraase

Arth Amundson

Debbie Greco

Kapri Brown

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Alicia Wilkie

Anna Asunt

David Britton

Bill All

Shelly Siskin

Elaine Ponder

Michelle Werich

Sallie Miller