

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**December 9 & December 10, 2017**

**Welcome to worship,** Christian education and fellowship! Please greet one another in the name of the coming Prince of Peace. 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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<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>			
<b>WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS</b>			
	<b><u>SAT. 5:30</u></b>	<b><u>SUN. 8:15</u></b>	<b><u>SUN. 10:45</u></b>
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
<b>Liturgist</b>	Pastor Akers	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
<b>Organist</b>	Beth Kuhlman	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kelsey T	Megan C Conner G	Lizzie T Daniel M
<b>Sanctuary Stewards</b>			Ellen Benziger Teddi Heinzman

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - MUSIC**

Saturday-5:30 PM - 65 / Sunday - 8:15 AM - 103 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 187 = 355 / **Advent - 228**  
**Prelude & Anthem** - "Jubilate Bells" / **Offertory** - "On Jordan's Bank" - arr. M. Burkhardt  
**Postlude** - "Hark the Glad Sound" - arr. Paul Manz

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

This week's altar flowers are given by **Mark & Suzanne Dunkin** in honor of their 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on **December 11**, also for the **blessings of family and friends.**

**THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY THIS PAST SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS WILL BE BRIGHTER FOR RLS FAMILIES. DOOR OFFERINGS WILL BE TAKEN AGAIN THIS WEEKEND. BLESS YOU FOR SHARING THE CHRIST CHILD'S LOVE.**

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

We remember **Heather Portman, Marty Akers, Darlene Foesch, Opal Hartman, 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 CLARA BURNETT

Clara Burnett is this week's honored shut-in.

### **"NIGHT OF THE FATHER'S LOVE" – NEXT WEEKEND!**

"Night of the Father's Love", Christmas cantata will be presented **next weekend, December 16 & 17, during all 3 services.** All of the mystery, the awe, and the palpable excitement of that night are imaginatively captured in a Christmas mosaic that combines fragments of the familiar with Pepper Choplin's always-unique perspective in word and music. **"Night of the Father's Love"** skillfully guides the listener through the Christmas story, as though hearing it again for the first time.

Bless a Redeemer Lutheran School family in need this Christmas...



Redeemer Lutheran School serves a wide population of families, many of whom come from single-parent homes with multiple children. Christmas time can be an overwhelming burden for families with limited resources. Nearly 20 R.L.S. families are in greatest need of our support this year.

With your monetary donation, Ruth Lavrenz can purchase SCRIP gift cards for these families. There will be a "GIVING BASKET" after each worship service the weekends of December 3rd and 10th. If you need a contribution form for tax purposes, a giving envelope is available at the welcome center. Please include your name and address for a tax form to be mailed to you. Checks can be written to REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL (Memo: Christmas Blessing).

*Thank you for Supporting the RLS Christmas Blessing Collection  
-- Organized by the Lutheran Women in Service Ministry--*

If you have further questions, please contact  
Tracy Brandenburg at 210-4978 or Ruth Lavrenz at 864-6466

## ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE – THIS WEDNESDAY – 7:00 PM

Please mark your calendars for **this Wednesday – December 13, at 7:00 PM** for our second Advent Service. The theme for this year's Advent series is, "**Behold the Light**". Advent service offerings for 12-13 and 12-20 will go to **Our Redeemer's general fund.**

### **REMAINING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

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.**

## BOARD OF DEACONS

The Board of Deacons will be having an organizational meeting **this Monday, December 11, 2017 at 5:30 PM** in Mission Hall.

## A LITTLE SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS YEAR...

A little something different this year. Join your fellow Redeemed for an hour of sharing in the wonder and joy of the Christmas Story through acting, caroling, games, refreshments and fellowship. All ages...children and adults...are invited! **Sunday, December 17, 9:30 AM** Sunday School Hour, Fellowship Hall. Join us! Invite a friend!

## ADULT INFORMATION CLASS

We are forming a new adult membership class. It will start **Sunday, January 7, 2018** at **9:30 AM** in the Adult Education Room. Whether you have questions about Christ or want to deepen your faith in Him, this class will explore what the Bible says about our God, and how His love gives direction and meaning to your life today and forever. This class is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Christian faith. Attendance at the class may lead to membership in our church, but there are no obligations. Watch an introductory video at [www.lhm.org/GodConnects](http://www.lhm.org/GodConnects).

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

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TEACHER[S]</u>
<u>2's and under w/parents</u>	Church Nursery	Jonathan & Breanna Guse
<b>This class will discuss the current Adult Bible Study topic.</b>		
<u>Pre-School, Pre-K, Kdg.</u>	RLS Kindergarten Room	Ashley Schneider
<u>1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades</u>	RLS 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Room	Sheryl Hartman
<u>3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grades</u>	RLS 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Room	Sharon Mugg
<u>5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Grades</u>	RLS 5 <sup>th</sup> / 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Room	Stephanie Gross
<b>This week, Sunday School students study "Esther." In the actions of Esther, we see the pattern of deliverance that God sketches throughout the story of Israel, a pattern that finds its fulfillment in Jesus, our Savior. Consider discussing, "How did Esther preserve the Jewish people? Why is the story of Esther important?"</b>		
<u>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation</u>	RLS 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Room	Pastor Akers
<u>High School</u>	Youth Room (top of stairs)	Zack Conner
<b>The high school class will be wrapping up the study and discussion from the Bible Study, <u>Can I Ask That? 8 Hard Questions About God &amp; Faith</u></b>		
<u>Adult Bible Class</u>	Mission Hall	Pastor Allison
<b>Today, we'll be discussing lesson 4, "Discipling Grace-filled Givers." EVERYONE (CHILDREN AND ADULTS) ...</b>		
<b>Join us Sunday, December 17, in the Fellowship Hall for our first CHRISTMAS SOCIAL!</b>		

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## DO YOU...

**1. Love your Lord? 2. Want to share this love with others? 3. Have a special fondness for children? 4. 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!

**A new Ladies' Bible Study is starting Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. "The Armor of God" from LifeWay is based on Ephesians 6:10-19. The study includes video, discussion and homework components. "As we gird ourselves in the armor of God, we are going to close each week by giving you an opportunity to develop a prayer strategy to promptly put the enemy in his place", Priscilla Shirer. Facilitated by Renee Young.**

## **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**.

## **YOUTH CENTRAL**

### **PATHWAYS AND GROUNDS- MS & HS YOUTH GROUPS**

Join us **tonight [Sunday]** for Bible Study, hang out time, and games! Hope to see you there!

	<b>PATHWAYS</b>	<b>GROUNDS</b>
Sunday, Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Friday, Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30-9:30 pm	---
Sunday, Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Christmas Break Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> and Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup> !		

### **PATHWAYS FUN FRIDAY**

We'll have our Christmas party this week at our Fun Friday event! We'll have food, Christmas games, and a White Elephant gift exchange! The gift exchange is optional - if you would like to participate, please have a gift costing no more than \$5 and bring it wrapped!

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

### **SHHH...by RLS Principal Ruth Lavrenz**

**"Be still and know that I am God..." Psalm 46:10**

#### **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. \*We have exceeded our goal of Build-a-Bears. \*You gave generously for our Thanksgiving baskets. \*You are going above and beyond in helping to support some of our school families this Christmas. 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 PS-grade three students for sharing their gift of music with us at this past week's Wednesday evening service. Our fourth through eighth grade will be singing this next Wednesday, December 13.

#### **CAM GIFTS:**

Each year at Christmas time our students bring in an unwrapped gift to give to CAM for their Christmas party. This next Wednesday, December 13, we will be presenting those gifts to CAM.

#### **SCRIP by Michelle Engelder**

Giving gift cards this Christmas? Stop in the Extended Care room and Shop with SCRIP. I have over 100 gift cards to choose from. I have recently added many \$5 and \$10 gift cards. Give a SCRIP gift card and give back at the same time. If you have any questions please stop in and see me. Hope to see you soon.

#### **BUILD-A-BEAR BUDDIES UPDATE**

Erin Jorgensen is excited to report that we have collected enough money for **104 bears!** We will still be collecting until **Wednesday, December 20**. Thank you to all who have helped make this project a great success so far. Only 18 more to go! Bears cost \$12 to make. Donations of any size are GREATLY appreciated! Thank you!



We find so many ways to say it. But the old familiar words are somehow always best; the members of the church & school staff pray that you will have a blessed and Christ-centered 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!

*Bar Beach*  
*Michelle Wagner*  
*Melanie Waggoner*  
*Pastor Allin*  
*Bob Krumm*  
*Magpie Conner*  
*Sally Miller*  
*Sue Allison*  
*Jerry Krause*  
*Ruthie Grace*  
*Akroni Mueller*  
*Juanita Martin-Davis*  
*David Button*  
*Karla Clancherty*  
*Michelle Engelder*  
*Stephany Guse*  
*Alicia Wickie*  
*Lynola Batt*  
*Evan Ferguson*  
*Dillon Waggoner*  
*Shelly Decker*  
*Becky Warwick*  
*Anna Grant*  
*Patricia Abow*  
*Rick Porter*  
*Steve Grant*

**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 31<sup>st</sup>** at **7:00 PM** in Mission Hall at Our Redeemer. Contact **Juanita Martin-Davis**.

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

**1 Corinthians 1:9** "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us and will not

break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. So when it comes to following the Lord's commandments for our daily lives: we know His will is best for us because our God is faithful.

**2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE TO BE PICKED UP IN THE EASTWING HALLWAY. PLEASE NOTE THE ENVELOPES ARE RENUMBERED!**

**SIMPLY GIVING - A 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.



**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.**

**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	Adult Bible Class	Mission Hall
	9:30 AM	Sunday School / 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	Nursery / RLS / Youth Room
	10:45 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	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	Board of Deacons Organizational Meeting	Mission Hall
	7:00 PM	Adult Evening Bible Study	Sitting Room
Tues.	7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	12:00 PM	Ladies' Christmas Luncheon	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Cub / 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
	7:00 PM	Advent Service	Sanctuary
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	9:30 AM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
Fri.	6:30 PM	Pathways	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
Sat.	8 - 5	Member Function	Fellowship Hall
	5:30 PM	"Night of the Father's Love" Cantata	Sanctuary