



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 10 & December 11, 2016**

As Mary did on learning she would bear God's Son, may we magnify the Lord and rejoice in God our Savior (Luke 1:46-47). **Welcome!** 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 **Wednesday by noon.**

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| 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 | | | |
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| | <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 | David Britton | Florence Moeller | Florence Moeller |
| Acolytes | Kelsey T | Rylee K | Matt L Luke L |
| Sanctuary Stewards | | | Amy Shrack Anna Gaunt |

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE INFORMATION - MUSIC

Advent 1- 98 / Advent 2 - 214

Saturday-5:30 PM - 60/ Sunday-8:15 AM - 111 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 165 =336

Jubilate Bells Prelude & Anthem - "Awake, Awake" / "Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors"
Organ Offertory & Postlude - "Oh How Joyfully - [Sicilian Carol]" / "Savior of the Heathen Come"

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember **Opal Hartman, 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.**

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS ARE IN THE EASTWING HALLWAY.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS & TUESDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Pastor Allison **will not be** able to meet with the **Ladies Bible Class, or Tuesday Evening Bible Class** this week. Please note we will start again on **January 10, 2017** with both classes.

THANKS FOR YOUR LOVE FROM THE SEAMAN FAMILY

"As we celebrate our blessings this holiday season, we would like to thank our church family for the many prayers, cards, wonderful meals, and cute hats! Your love and support has meant so much to us! Merry Christmas! **Brent, Lori, Amanda and Jenna Seaman.**"

ALTAR FLOWERS

Two families are placing flowers on the Lord's altar this weekend. **Mark & Suzanne Dunkin** in honor of their wedding anniversary on **Dec. 11th**, and also for the blessings of family and friends. Also by **Richard & Norma Hiteshew** in honor of their **71st** wedding anniversary on **Dec. 11th**, and in thanksgiving for the blessing of their years together.

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE – THIS WEDNESDAY – 7:00 PM

Please mark your calendars for **this Wednesday – December 14**, at **7:00 PM** for our third Advent Service. The theme for this year's Advent series is, **“Stop, Look and Listen”**. The Advent service offerings for 12-14 will go to **Our Redeemer's general fund**.

REMAINING 2016 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.**

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. 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.

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**.

SUNDAY – 9:30 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY / SUNDAY SCHOOL

A LONGER LOOK AT THE LESSONS – MISSION HALL

This morning in **Mission Hall**, **Pastor Akers** leads a class called, **“A Longer Look At the Lessons”**.

Today we celebrate the “Birth of Jesus” in Sunday School. God chose to send His only Son, Jesus Christ, in the flesh to die for the sins of the world. As a family, discuss these questions: What do you consider the most amazing facts about this very familiar Bible account? How can you stay focused on the real reason for Christmas rather than the world's view?

Preschool (age 3) - Kindergarten children are invited to join **Ashley Schneider** in the Kindergarten classroom in the west hall.

Children in 1st - 4th grade will meet in the 4th grade classroom with Tracy Brandenburg.

Youth in Grades 5th -8th will meet in the 5/6 grade classroom with Hugh Hunker and continue their study of 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 today.

Everyone is invited to join us **next Sunday, December 18**, in the Sanctuary at **9:30 am** for the Sunday School Christmas program "**Symbols of Christmas**". The children are excited to share the joy of the season with us and to remind us of the reasons for our Christmas decorations.

All Sunday school classes will take a break thru the holidays. We will start classes again on January 8. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

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!

BREATHE by RLS Principal Ruth Lavrenz

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" Psalm 150:6

TEACHER LUNCHEON:

A huge thank you goes out to our PTO who took care of us this past Thursday with our Christmas teacher's luncheon. We want to thank our PTO for setting the luncheon up and for all of the volunteers who covered lunch and recess so our teachers could enjoy a nice, quiet lunch with each other.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to our 4-8 grade students who sang at this past week's Advent Service. **Next Wednesday**, our PS-grade 3 students will sing. Service begins at **7:00 PM**.

SCRIP

WE HAVE CARDS FOR McDONALD's!!!!!!!!!! (bonus 5%) \$5, \$10, \$20!! Come visit Rhonda and Michelle in Extended Care from **9-10:30 am on Sundays** to shop our expanded Christmas inventory. Orders for Christmas must be placed on **Sunday, December 11th** for pick up on **Sunday, December 18th**. Orders placed on **Sunday, December 18th** will require special arrangements for pick up. We will not be selling inventory or taking orders on **Sunday, December 25th**, Christmas Day.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Isaiah 35:4 "Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."" The return of our Lord at the Last Day is a cause of joy and anticipation for us believers. We know our Lord and His love, and we look forward to His Second Advent. Indeed, how we live our lives here and now flows from our certain hope of resurrection and eternal life.

YOUTH CENTRAL

GROUNDS - HS YOUTH GROUP

Join us **tonight [Sunday]** for a devotion and finishing off the fleece-tie blankets for CAM! We meet from **6:30-8:30 pm! Next week** will be our Christmas party! We'll have a White Elephant gift exchange (this is not required)! If you would like to participate, bring a wrapped gift costing no more than \$5 (even better if it's something you find at home to re-gift!).

PATHWAYS - MS YOUTH GROUP

Join us **next Wednesday, December 21st**, from **6:30-9:30 pm** for our Christmas party! Come ready for some fun! Bring a friend! We'll have a White Elephant gift exchange (this is not

required)! If you would like to participate, bring a wrapped gift costing no more than \$5 (even better if it's something you find at home to re-gift!). We'll also be having a Nerf battle, so bring your gun if you have one!

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.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT @ HALFMOON!

Especially for parents of 6th-12th grade students! Hopefully you received an invitation by mail last week sometime. If not, please consider yourself invited to join us at **Halfmoon on Friday, February 3rd at 6pm** for a night of chatting, laughing, and a touch of youth ministry! The best part is, we're paying (excluding alcohol)! If you plan to join us, please RSVP to Jonathan Guse by January 15th!

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

☺ **The Advent of Christ** – During the season of Advent we prepare for the “coming” of Jesus at Christmas. But that isn't the only coming that we celebrate. There are three parts to the Advent of Christ: 1) His Christmas coming to earth as a human being long ago; 2) He comes to his Church today through the Bible and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper; 3) Finally, He will come again in judgment on the Last Day.

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 at frey8@purdue.edu** to make an appointment.

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.



THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

| DATE | TIME | TITLE / EVENT | LOCATION |
|-------------|-------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Sat. | 2:30 PM | Sunday School Christmas Program Practice | Sanctuary |
| | 5:30 PM | Traditional Communion | Sanctuary |
| Sun. | 8:15 AM | Traditional Communion | Sanctuary |
| | 9:30 AM | Bible Class / Sunday School | Mission Hall / Youth Room / RLS |
| | 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 |
| | 6:30 PM | Cardio Drumming | Fellowship Hall |
| Tues. | 8:00 AM | Men's Bible Study | Mission Hall |
| | 5:45 PM | Bell Choir | Choir Room |
| | 6:00 PM | Cub / Boy Scouts Christmas Dinner | Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00 PM | Choir | Choir Room |
| Wed. | 8:45 AM | RLS Chapel | Sanctuary |
| | 7:00 PM | Advent Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| Thurs. | 9:30 AM | Quilting | Choir Room |
| | 4:45 PM | Boys' Basketball Practice | Fellowship Hall |
| | 5:00 PM | Member Function | Mission Hall |
| | 6:00 PM | Deaf Bible Study | Church Library |
| | 6:30 PM | Cardio-Drumming | Fellowship Hall |
| Fri. | 6:00 PM | Member Function | Fellowship Hall |
| Sat. | 2:30 PM | Sunday School Christmas Program Practice | Sanctuary |
| | 5:30 PM | Traditional Worship | Sanctuary |



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