

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**December 15 & December 16, 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** to worship this third week of Advent. May the Holy Spirit bless and strengthen you today. 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**

	<b>SAT. 5:30</b>	<b>SUN. 8:15</b>	<b>SUN. 10:45</b>
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
<b>Liturgist</b>	Pastor Akers	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
<b>Organist</b>	David Britton	Florence Moeller	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jacob	Volunteer Needed	
<b>Sanctuary</b>	Jonoah		Marie Harvath
<b>Stewards</b>			Susie Yeakley
<b>Nursery</b>			Tiffany Creason

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - BUDGET INFORMATION - MUSIC**

5:30 PM - 61 / 8:15 AM - 108 / 10:45 AM - 170 = 339 / Advent - 191

**Prelude** - "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" / **In His Service** - "Lift Up Your Voice" & "He Will Come!"

**Offertory** - "Sicilian Folksong" / **Postlude** - "Ode to Joy"

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

*Mark & Suzanne Dunkin are placing flowers on the altar this weekend in celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 11. Also for the blessings of their family and friends.*

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

We remember **Mary Rusch, Mike Bridegroom, Sarah Klepfer, Imogene Canan, Jim Glover, Samantha Creason, Tai Duong, 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 - BETTY VANOGDEN**

*Betty VanOgden is this week's honored shut-in.*

## **THANKS FOR YOUR LOVE!**

**Connie Howard** has this message to share with the congregation. "Thank you everyone for the prayers, and cards during my illness and birthday. God has blessed me with a wonderful church family. God is good! **Connie Howard.**"

## **A BIG THANK YOU!**

*The youth group would like to thank the congregation for the generous support they showed us at the Advent dinner on **December 5<sup>th</sup>**. Your generosity is what makes it possible for the youth to attend the National Youth Gathering. Thank you again for all you do for our youth!*

### **"AN ADVENT PRAYER" / WEDNESDAY - DEC. 19 - 6 PM**

"An Advent Prayer" series concludes **this Wednesday, December 19 at 6:00 PM.**

### **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.**

*Extra "Hope" and "Faith" ornaments from the last 2 week's Advent services are at the Welcome Center. Special thank you to the **Conner Family** for sharing their talents as they do the skits each week for Advent.*

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

## **ADVENT DINNER PLANNED FOR WEDNESDAY - DEC. 19 - 5:00 PM**

An Advent Dinner is planned for **this Wednesday, December 19 at 5:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall, prior to the service at **6:00 PM**. **Spaghetti with marinara or meat sauce, salad, rolls and brownies** 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 National Youth Gathering Youth.

### **ALL-CONGREGATION CHRISTMAS SOCIAL GATHERING**

### **TODAY --- DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR**

*Join us **today [Sunday] at 9:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall to celebrate our Savior's birth!*

***No Sunday School or Bible Class on December 23 and December 30.***

## **TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS**

Pastor Allison's Tuesday Evening Bible Class meets this week, **Dec. 18 from 6 - 7 PM** in Mission Hall. "**God's Word for Today - Job**", Lesson 5, "**Christ to the Rescue**".

## **HANDS OF LOVE**

*Our annual Christmas Luncheon will be on **Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 12:30 PM** at **Diane Turner's home in Water's Edge**. We will **not meet Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**, but will meet at the regular time, **1:00 PM on December 31<sup>st</sup>**.*

## **LWML WIDOW'S MITE 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY COLLECTION WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 29 & 30!**

The weekend of **December 29 & 30** is our next 5<sup>th</sup> 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.]

## **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 CALENDARS AND OFFERING ENVELOPES MAY BE  
PICKED UP IN THE EAST WING HALLWAY. THANK YOU. ☺**

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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.**

## 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.

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Morning Edition

Kokomo Rescue Mission  News and Opportunities December 2018

Serving Six Counties

**RED RIBBON CHRISTMAS OUTREACH**

Drivers are needed for our In-Town and Out-of-Town Deliveries. Drivers will need a Van, SUV or a Truck, at least one other person to help load and unload boxes, and a tarp if wet to cover boxes.

Saturday, December 15th is the Out-Of-Town delivery date for Clinton, Cass and Miami County. Miami County delivery begins at 7:00 am, Cass County will be at 7:30 am, Clinton County will be at 8:00 am.

Thursday, December 20th will be the In-Town delivery date for Howard County. Drivers register at 7:30 am with a meeting following at 8:00 am at the TTC Building.

For more information, and to fill out the driver form, go to our website: [kokomorescuemission.org](http://kokomorescuemission.org) look under Events: In-Town and Out-Of-Town Delivery.

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**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**

**ADVENT:**  
Thank you to our **PS-K grade** students for sharing their gift of music with us this past week's Wednesday evening service. Thanks as well to their teachers for directing them. We also thank our **6,7<sup>th</sup> grade students** for serving a great dinner prior to the service. This meal helps to cover costs for their class trip next year.

**SUBSTITUTES NEEDED:**  
*RLS is looking for substitutes to help in the lunchroom or custodial areas. If you might be interested in picking up a few hours here and there, or know of someone who is looking to do so, please contact the school office. Thank you!*

**SCRIP:**  
RLS Christmas Break begins next week! Do you have our SCRIP cards for the holiday season? Orders must be placed before **8:30 AM on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** to ensure that cards will be sent home with your student (or available in the office for pick up) on **Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**. SCRIP TO GO is available anytime the school office is open. There are some low denomination cards that make great stocking stuffers, such as \$5 McDonald's and \$10 Amazon. Order forms are located just outside the school office door in the file folders. Over 750 card types are available on-line at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). All orders must be accompanied by cash or check payment. **THIS WILL BE THE LAST ORDER PLACED BEFORE CHRISTMAS!** You may contact **Michelle Engeler** or **Rhonda Katter** with any questions. or come visit them in Extended Care from 9 am until 10:30 am on Sunday morning. **HAPPY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!!**

**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**.*

**THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>TITLE / EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Sat.	8 AM – 3 PM	RLS Special Meeting & Luncheon	Mission Hall
	3:00 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	6:00 PM	Parents' Night Out	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	All Congregation Christmas Social	Fellowship Hall
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Communion	Sanctuary
	4:30 PM	Grounds – Pathways Skating	Jack Rabbits Stadium
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	12:30 PM	Hands of Love Christmas Luncheon	Turner's Home
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
	5:00 PM	Advent Dinner	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	Advent Worship	Sanctuary
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
Sat.	12 – 9 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary

**HIGH SCHOOL NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

Phil. 4:5b-6 – **“The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”** Wouldn't you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.

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.

