

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 16 & December 17, 2017

As Mary and Elizabeth found strength in togetherness, may we nourish one another. Welcome to worship as Advent borders on Christmas. 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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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>
Liturgist	Pastor Allison	Pastors Allison / Akers	Pastors Allison / Akers
Organist	Juanita Martin-Davis	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller
Acolytes	Blake	Selia	Teagan
			Alayna
			Kitty Davis
Sanctuary Stewards			Caroline Howard

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - BUDGET INFORMATION - MUSIC

Saturday-5:30 PM - 59 / Sunday - 8:15 AM - 78 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 161 = 298 / Advent - 155

"NIGHT OF THE FATHER'S LOVE" - THIS WEEKEND!

"Night of the Father's Love", Christmas cantata will be presented **this 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Jay & Jennifer Vandenburg are placing flowers on the Lord's altar this weekend in honor of their 22nd wedding anniversary on December 30.

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK VIOLET KILE

Violet Kile is this week's honored shut-in.

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY, OVER \$3000.00 WAS COLLECTED TO MAKE CHRISTMAS BRIGHTER FOR RLS FAMILIES. 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.

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE – THIS WEDNESDAY – 7:00 PM

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

REMAINING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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.

MENTORING A RLS STUDENT

If you could change the life of a student by giving just 30 minutes of your time in a week, would you do it? That is just the opportunity given to you right now. We are beginning a mentoring program with RLS, starting in **February 2018**, where you can guide, enrich, and share God's love with a student chosen for you. You can share lunch, play a game, or just sit and talk to learn more about this student, at a 30 minute time convenient to you. Please don't let this chance pass by to share the love of our God with someone. There is a **sign-up sheet** at the **Welcome Center**, or see **Cindy Sewell** or **Steve Gaunt** for questions.

BUDDY BAG PACKING THIS MONDAY

*Redeemer volunteers will be packing Buddy Bags for Kokomo Urban Outreach for Pettit Park, Elwood Haynes, Darrough Chapel and Sycamore schools this **Monday, December 18th** at **5:30 PM**. The address of the warehouse is **720 N. Webster**. All are welcome! Contact **Cindy Sewell** for questions or directions.*

"NIGHT OF THE FATHER'S LOVE" PARTICIPANTS

Sopranos: Sue Allison, Susan Evans, Debbie Barton, Sharlene H, Erin Klepfer, Ruth Martin, Natalie S, Diane Turner, Gwenn Wasmuth, **Altos:** Judy Brown, Kristin Hartman, Barb Porter, Debbie Street, Elizabeth Wence, Renee Young, **Tenors:** Bill Allison, John Bagby, Pearl Miller, Daniel M, Josh Mugg, David Turner, **Basses:** Barry Akers, David Hawk, Matt Lacy, Gene Miller

Youth Singers: Kelsey, Faith, Joy, **Narrators:** Randy McPike, Kathy Tucker, Bill Tucker, Barry Akers, Bill Allison, Renee Young, **Additional Narrators:** Sue Allison, Natalie S, David Hawk, Gene Miller, David Turner, Joy, Faith, **Flute:** Stephanie Bolinger, **Oboe:** Rachele, **Horn & trumpet:** Mary Moeller,

Guitar: Steve Inman, **Bass:** Matt Bolinger, **Percussion:** John Wieske, **Organ:** Florence Moeller, **Director & keyboard:** David Britton, **Additional assistance:** Seth Wence, **PowerPoint:** Dan Dinkel, **PPT on Saturday:** Christian Miller; **PPT on Sunday:** Dan Dinkel; **Sound:** Jason B.

A LITTLE SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS YEAR

Join your fellow Redeemed for a relaxing 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! **TODAY! Sunday, December 17, 9:30 AM** Sunday School Hour in **Fellowship Hall**. Join us and Invite a friend!

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.

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY: 1 AND 2 THESSALONIANS

*Pastor Allison will begin a new class, "God's Word for Today: 1 & 2 Thessalonians" in Mission Hall on **January 7, 2018 at 9:30 AM**. God gave Paul a vision. In it, a man from Macedonia pleaded with Paul saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us" (Acts 16:9). Following the Lord's call, Paul and his entourage eventually reached Thessalonica. In his two letters addressed to the Thessalonian Christians, Paul expresses his deep care as a founding pastor concerned about his fledgling congregation. In addition to Christian persecution, the Lord's second coming, the Antichrist, and Christian discipline, in this book you will learn about, the power of the Word of God; the importance of living a God-pleasing life; the reason why we are faithful to the Bible's teachings.*

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.

"THE ARMOR OF GOD"

A new Ladies' Bible Study is starting Sunday, January 7th. "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. If you plan to attend this class, please pick up a book on the counter in the church office and sign the sheet you've taken a copy. Thank you.

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!

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!

	PATHWAYS	GROUNDS
Sunday, Dec. 17 th	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Christmas Break Dec. 24 th and Dec. 31 st !		

GROUNDS CHRISTMAS PARTY!

We'll have our Christmas party **today [Sunday]** during our regular meeting time! 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*.
HANDS OF LOVE!

Our annual Christmas luncheon will be held on **December 18th** at **noon** at Diane Turner's home. We are looking forward to good food and fellowship as we celebrate the reason for the season, our Savior's birth.

ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Come, join friends for the annual New Year's Eve get-together, **Sunday, December 31st** at **7:00 PM** in Mission Hall at Our Redeemer. Contact **Juanita Martin-Davis**.

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

SHHH...by RLS Principal Ruth Lavrenz
"Be still and know that I am God..." Psalm 46:10

THANK YOU:

- *We have exceeded both of our goals of Build-a-Bears. Our first goal was **50**, then **100**; we are currently at **124** with one more chapel offering to take.
- *You gave generously for our Thanksgiving baskets. We assisted **14** families with a full meal for Thanksgiving.
- *You went above and beyond in helping to support some of our school families this Christmas. With the door offering the past two weekends, **we exceeded \$3000**. We received gifts of **meat, blankets and additional gift cards to Kroger**. God *bless* you all for the *blessings* you are to our school and our school families!

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 4th-8th grade students for sharing their gift of music with us at this past week's Wednesday evening service. A special thanks to Mrs. Allison for directing our school choirs as well as all of our teachers who have apart in making the choir so successful.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

1 Thessalonians 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord, in acts of service to others, in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord's many gifts to us.

SIMPLY GIVING – A 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.	5:30 PM	"Night of the Father's Love" Cantata	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	"Night of the Father's Love" Cantata	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Christmas Social	Fellowship Hall
	10:45 AM	"Night of the Father's Love" Cantata	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
	12:00 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	Cub / Boy Scouts	Fellowship 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
Sat.	NO EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE		

***LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER
100 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
FEBRUARY 18, 2018***



***Please watch weekly bulletins and February's
"Redeemer Reporter" for more information.***



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!

Ben
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 Beach

Sarah Dunkin
 Lynda Batt

Michelle
 Wender

Erin Jorgensen

Melanie Waggoner

Dillon Waggoner
 Shelly Suckow

Fastw-Allie

Aue Allison
 Michelle Engelder

Kathy Suck

Ruth Lawrence

John Auser

Jerry Krause

Debbie Greco

Suzanne Dunkin
 Ponder

Maggie
 Combs

Aloren Moeller
 Juanita Martin Davis
 David Button

Becky Werrich

Peter Auser
 Rick Ponder
 Steve Haunt

Sally
 Miller

Kaila L. Claunchy
 Stephanie Gross
 Alicia Wierke