

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 17 & December 18, 2016



In the words of the apostle Paul: "To all God's beloved ... who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 1:7, NRSV). 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.**

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			
	SAT. 5:30	SUN. 8:15	SUN. 10:45
Preacher	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
Liturgist	Pastor Allison	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
Organist	David Britton	Florence Moeller	
Acolytes	Cora D	Abby B	Carly W
Sanctuary Stewards			Jackson W Jane Sipe Marie Harvath

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE – MUSIC
 Advent 3 – 223 / Saturday–5:30 PM – 77 / Sunday–8:15 AM – 107 / Sunday–10:45 AM – 102 = 286
Prelude – "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" – arr. Jan Bender
In His Service – Medley: "Speak His Name" & "Emmanuel" / "He Will Come!"
Offertory – "Of the Father's Love Begotten" – arr. C. Callahan
Postlude – "From Heaven Above" – arr. G. Young

STEWARDSHIP 2016 YEAR to DATE FINANCIAL REPORT			
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Offering Information	Dec. 12, 2016	Dec. 14, 2015	Dec 15, 2014
Budgeted Offering Needed	963,259	974,379	959,909
Total Offering Received	927,779	955,322	966,164
Total Offering Over/(Under)	(35,480)	(19,057)	6,255

CHRISTIAN LOVE, SYMPATHY & PRAYER
 Our Christian love, sympathy and prayer goes to **Ruth L, Kyle & Debbie S, Dave & Evelyn B** and their families at the death of their loved one this past Saturday.

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS ARE IN THE EASTWING HALLWAY.

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK – BILL SPOON
 Bill Spoon is this week's honored shut-in.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember **Opal Hartman, Martha Leiter, 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.**

CHURCH OFFICE CHRISTMAS WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - 8 AM – 2 PM
Thursday – 8 AM – 12 PM Friday & Monday – Closed
This same schedule will apply for New Year's Week. ☺

ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend's altar flowers are given by **Kyle & Debbie Street** in celebration of **Heather's** birthday and in praise and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for His many blessings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – THIS MORNING!

Everyone is invited to join us **this morning [Sunday]** 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 you and to share with you some of the reasons for our Christmas decorations.

REMAINING 2016 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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, Dec. 25, 2016 and Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES & SUNDAY SCHOOL ON BREAK

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

THANK YOU!

The Staff and Faculty Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer and Redeemer Lutheran School thank everyone for your love and support at Christmas and always.

HANDS OF LOVE

Our annual Christmas Luncheon will be at **noon** on **December 19th** at **Diane Turner's**. Bring your appetite, your knitting or crocheting and plan to spend an afternoon of fellowship. Please let **Diane** know if you can't make it. Time is **12:00 noon to 2:30 – 3:00 PM**. We will not meet on **December 27th**, but will meet our regular time on **January 2nd**.

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**.*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Matthew 1:21 "She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." What our good works could never do, Jesus has done: He has saved us from our sins, paid our debt, set us free. How can we not give thanks to Him with lives of generosity and godliness? And so what God's Law could not do – truly motivate us to truly good works – Jesus' love has done!

OUR REDEEMER QUILTERS

*Over the past year, Our Redeemer Quilters have made and donated **160 quilts** to bring God's love and warmth to others. Thank you ladies!*

BREATHE by RLS Principal Ruth Lavrenz

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

THANK YOU:

There just aren't enough words to say thank you for the generosity of the people of this church and the help that we received for some of our school families. All in all, the total given to assist was over **\$3500**. I am reminded of what we hear in Matthew 25,

“Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me... Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.”

Thank you and God bless you for your giving hearts!

CHRISTMAS BREAK:

Redeemer Lutheran School is out for Christmas break. School will resume on **January 3, 2017**.

YOUTH CENTRAL

GROUNDS – HS YOUTH GROUP

Join us **tonight [Sunday]** from **6:30-8:30 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!).

GROUNDS NEXT MEETS ON JANUARY 8TH! SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!

PATHWAYS – MS YOUTH GROUP

Join us **this 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!

PATHWAYS NEXT MEETS ON JANUARY 11TH! SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!

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!

Epecially 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 6 pm** 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 Four Candles Are Lit! *When the four candles are lit on the Advent wreath it means that Christmas is almost here. Today is the last Sunday of preparation for the birth of Jesus. Tomorrow we will celebrate Christmas Day, the coming of Jesus. Be sure to bring your children to both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.*


THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

DATE	TIME	TITLE / EVENT	LOCATION
Sat.	9:00 AM	Sunday School Christmas Program Practice	Sanctuary
	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Sunday School Christmas Program	Sanctuary
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Communion	Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Grounds Christmas Party	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	12:00 PM	Hands of Love Christmas Luncheon	Turner's Home
	12 – 6 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive	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	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Wed.	6:30 PM	Pathways Christmas Party	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
Sat.	4 – 6 - 8 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Sanctuary
Sun.	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Communion Service	Sanctuary

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.





Give the perfect gift.

Give blood.





Blood Drive
Lutheran Church of
Our Redeemer

Gym
 705 E. Southway Blvd.
 Kokomo

Monday, December 19
12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS
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