

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 22 & December 23, 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.

It's almost time! Kids are wound up, and adults are stressed. We invite everyone to take a deep breath and find peace as we worship the coming Christ. 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 [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>
Preacher	Pastor Allison	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
Liturgist	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
Organist	David Britton	Florence Moeller	
Acolytes	Jacob T	Volunteer Needed	Rylee & RJ K
Sanctuary Stewards			Teddi Heinzman
Nursery			Patti Stout Julie Satterfield

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE INFORMATION - MUSIC

5:30 PM - 63 / 8:15 AM - 86 / 10:45 AM - 152 = 301

Prelude - "The King Shall Come" - arr. C.W. Ore / **Offertory** - "From Heaven Above" - arr. Paul Manz

Postlude - "O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee" - arr. G. Young

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services - Monday, December 24 at 4 PM & 6 PM.

Christmas Day Communion Service - Tuesday - December 25 - 10 AM.

CHURCH OFFICE CHRISTMAS WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday and Tuesday - closed.

Wednesday & Thursday, 8 AM - 2 PM / Friday 8 AM - 12 PM

This same schedule will apply for New Year's Week. ☺

ALTAR FLOWERS

Jay & Jennifer Vandeburg are placing flowers on the Lord's altar in honor of their 23rd wedding anniversary on **December 30.**

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.

THANK YOU!

A big **THANK YOU** for all the donations of food items, personal hygiene products, and clothing. We took a very **full** load to the Ft. Wayne Seminary last week. We know they really appreciate all of us. Thanks to all Redeemer family. God's blessings.

100TH ANNIVERSARY ORNAMENTS

100th Anniversary Ornaments are in and available to be picked up **this weekend after each service** in the Narthex. Final cost per ornament is **\$28.00**. Ornaments need to be paid for in order to be picked up. Please bring cash or a check made out to LCOR. Thank you!

HANDS OF LOVE

We will **not** meet **Monday, December 24th**, but will meet at the regular time, **1:00 PM on December 31st**.

LWML WIDOW'S MITE 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 29 & 30!

The weekend of **December 29 & 30** is our next 5th 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.]

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

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!

CHRISTMAS BREAK:

RLS will be on Christmas break from Wednesday, December 19 at 2:00 until we return to school on Thursday, January 3, 2019. All of us at RLS would like to wish each of you and your families, a very

Merry Christmas! God bless you!

SCRIP

Are you in need of a "last minute" gift card for Christmas? Be sure to come visit Michelle and Rhonda in Extended Care room from **9 AM-10:30 AM** on **Sunday** morning to shop SCRIP TO GO. We should have some remaining inventory for stocking stuffers or for groceries/gas for your holiday gathering needs. **MERRY CHRISTMAS** from SCRIP!

2019 CALENDARS AND OFFERING ENVELOPES MAY BE PICKED UP IN THE EAST WING HALLWAY. 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.

ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Come, join friends for the annual New Year's Eve get-together, **Sunday, December 31st**, from **7:00 PM - 12:15 AM** in Mission Hall at Our Redeemer. Please bring a snack and a game. Contact **Juanita Martin-Davis** for information.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

DATE	TIME	TITLE / EVENT	LOCATION
Sat.	12:00 – 9:00 PM 5:30 PM	Member Function Traditional Communion	Mission Hall Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	10:45 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
Mon.	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Sanctuary
	6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Sanctuary
Tues.	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Communion Service	Sanctuary
Wed.	9:00 AM	Rooms Occupied	Mission Hall / Church Library
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Luke 1:45 - **“And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”** The Lord always fulfills what He promises. We can be certain of that, and He has proven it over and over again. This faith in the Lord’s own faithfulness is what gives us the courage to follow the Lord’s commands in the face of the world’s anger and resistance. The same faithfulness in God gave Mary the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.

HIGH SCHOOL NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

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.





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!

Lynnda Batt

Joan Hoch

Gayle Amundson

Karla Akers

Suzanne Dunkin

Sally Dunkin

Juanita Martin Davis

Melanie Waggoner ☺

Stephanie Gross

Florena Moeller

Becky Werick

Heather Amos

Kapri Briones

Pell All

Michelle Werick

June Wagner

Pastor Barry Akers

Fathy Under

Erin Jorgensen

Rich Ponder

Jerry Kraase

Bew Beatus ☺

Alicia Wilkie

Shelly Siskin

Sally Miller

Arth Johnson

Debbie Greca

Anna Launt

David Britton

Elaine Ponder