

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 30 & December 31, 2017



As Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as the Messiah and rejoiced over Him, we also receive Him with joy. A warm, joyful **welcome** to you all! 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.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER / REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL 705 SOUTHWAY BOULEVARD EAST, KOKOMO, INDIANA 46902			
Church Phone: 453-0969 Church Fax Number: 864-6470 Rev. William Allison, Pastor Rev. Barry Akers, Associate Pastor Jonathan Guse, DCE Ruth Lavrenz, RLS Principal		School Phone: 864-6466 E-Mail: LCOR@Redeemerkokomo.org Home Phone: 457-0346 Home Phone: 457-5539 Church: http://lcorkokomo.org/ RLS: http://redeemerlutheranschoolkokomo.org/	
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			
Preacher Liturgist Organist Acolytes Sanctuary Stewards	<u>SAT. 5:30</u> Seminarian Ben Akers Pastor Akers David Britton Kelsey T	<u>SUN. 8:15</u> Seminarian Ben Akers Pastor Allison Florence Moeller Luke L	<u>SUN. 10:45</u> Seminarian Ben Akers Pastor Allison Kate H Anna Gaunt Jane Sipe

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE
Christmas Eve - 660 / Christmas Day - 117

UNITED IN MARRIAGE

Kaila Claucherty and Pastor Barry Akers will be married **this Sunday, December 31, 2017** at 2:00 PM at Our Redeemer. Following the ceremony, guests are invited to a light wedding reception in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Akers will be out of the office until **January 9, 2018.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

*This weekend's altar flowers are given by **Wayne & Jane Kincaid** in honor of their 33rd anniversary, in thankfulness for their **grandsons, family, church family** and for **God's many blessings** this past year.*

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

Marjorie Muhl is our honored shut-in this week.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THIS MONDAY, JANUARY 1 FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY.

HANDS OF LOVE WILL NOT MEET AGAIN UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember Pam Youngdale, Heather Portman, Marty Akers, Darlene Foesch, Opal Hartman, Sharon Lecher, Adalee Alexander, Violet Slifka, Ben Vandeburg, Dick Bryan, Cena Benziger, Doris Temme, Robert Molkentine, Jayne Frey, Nancy Jones, Heather Hartman, and Delia Overia.

JANUARY 2018 OFFICERS / BOARDS MEETING

Board of Deacons - Wednesday - January 3 - 5:30 PM - Mission Hall

Board of Property - Monday - January 8 - 7:00 PM - Sitting Room

Board of RLS - Wednesday - January 10 - 4:30 PM - School Conference Room

Church Council - Wednesday - January 10 - 6:00 PM - Church Library

Voters' Assembly - Wednesday - January 17 - 7:00 PM - Mission Hall

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY

All Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes are on break. Beginning January 7, 2018, at 9:30 AM, the following new and exciting classes will begin.

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 14, 2018 at 9:30 AM** in the Adult Education Room. [Please note the starting date has been changed from January 7.] 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**. Text **765-432-8760** or email Rayreeneeyoung@comcast.net. 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.

"20'S & 30 SOMETHINGS"

*A "20's and 30 somethings" class will also begin on **January 7, 2018**. This class will be led in a small group format with rotating leaders and will look at topics of your choice! We are still working out all of the details, but we would love to see you there! We are also hoping to provide childcare for those with littles under the age of 2 who don't have their own SS class just yet!*

Any questions about these may be directed toward the Pastors or Jonathan Guse.

RED COAT WITH WHITE SCARF

A red coat with a white scarf has been taken by mistake for another red coat with a white scarf. Please return it back to church. The other coat is still at church. Thank you.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET AGAIN UNTIL JANUARY 9TH, 2018. WISHING EVERYONE A JOY FILLED CHRISTMAS SEASON.

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

We're still on Christmas Break this weekend! Enjoy your time remaining and we'll see you next weekend!

	PATHWAYS	GROUNDS
Sunday, Jan. 7 th	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Sunday, Jan 14 th	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Sunday, Jan. 21 st	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Friday, Jan. 26 th	---	TBD - More info to come!
Sunday, Jan. 28 th	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm

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

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!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Luke 2:39 "And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord ..." The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins: but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. But the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live - as Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living, as the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy 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.



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.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

DATE	TIME	TITLE / EVENT	LOCATION
Sat.	1:00 PM	Claucherty - Akers Rehearsal	Sanctuary / Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
	2:00 PM	Claucherty - Akers Wedding	Sanctuary / Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	New Year's Eve Party	Mission Hall
Tues.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
Wed.	8:45 AM	RLS Chapel	Sanctuary
	5:30 PM	Board of Deacons	Mission Hall
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Deaf Bible Study	Church Library
Sat.	10 - 5	Member Function	Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

*Violet Kile - Jan. 4
Wess Mechler - Jan. 7
Pat Mundell - Jan. 9
Connie McIntosh - Jan. 10*

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



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

Thanks! 😊