

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
***December 3 & December 4, 2016***

**Welcome!** As Mary did on learning she would bear God's Son, may we magnify the Lord and rejoice in God our Savior (Luke 1:46-47). 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.**

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<b>SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE: 5:30 PM</b> <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:15 &amp; 10:45 AM</b> <b>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 10:45 AM [1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS]</b> <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS: 9:30 AM</b>	

<b>WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS &amp; MUSIC</b>			
	<b><u>SAT. 5:30</u></b>	<b><u>SUN. 8:15</u></b>	<b><u>SUN. 10:45</u></b>
<b><i>Preacher</i></b>	<i>Pastor Allison</i>	<i>Pastor Allison</i>	<i>Pastor Allison</i>
<b><i>Liturgist</i></b>	<i>Pastor Allison</i>	<i>Pastor Akers</i>	<i>Pastor Akers</i>
<b><i>Organist</i></b>	<i>Beth Kuhlman</i>	<i>Florence Moeller</i>	
<b><i>Acolytes</i></b>	<i>Natalie</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Karson</i>
		<i>Abby</i>	
<b><i>Sanctuary Stewards</i></b>			<i>Patsy Kirkendall</i>
			<i>Debby Durr</i>

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

Thanksgiving Eve-126 Saturday-5:30 PM - 61 / Sunday-8:15 AM - 108 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 164 =333

We remember **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.**

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

*Jim & Marcia Hudson are placing flowers on the altar this weekend in celebration of their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary, in memory of the birthday of Marcia's mother, **Dorothy Hobson**, and in thankfulness for God's blessings.*

**"REDEEMER REPORTER" DEADLINE IS THIS THURSDAY!**

**HAITI OFFERING UPDATE - \$5,247.89**

*Thanks to your generosity and love of 3 weekends of a special door offering, a check for \$5,247.89 was sent to Haitian Lutheran Mission Project. Bless you all! ☺*

## **THANKS FOR YOUR LOVE FROM PAUL & MARY BASTAICH!**

"Come celebrate with us on our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. You did just that! Many thanks for your love and support, all who helped to make it happen. 129 cards sharing the love of Christ. May we continue to be Christ to others in our words and actions. God loves you, so do we, Paul & Mary."

## **SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK - VIOLET SLIFKA**

*Violet Slifka is our shut-in of the week.*

## **ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE - THIS WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM**

Please mark your calendars for **this Wednesday - December 7**, at 7:00 PM for our second Advent Service. The theme for this year's Advent series is, "Stop, Look and Listen". The Advent service offerings for 12-7 and 12-14 will go to Our Redeemer's general fund.

## **REMAINING 2016 HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE - THEME: "STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN"**

Wednesday - Dec. 14, 2016 - 7:00 PM

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Sunday - Dec. 18, 2016 - 9:30 AM

### **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, December 25, 2016 and Sunday, January 1, 2017.*

## **CHRISTMAS EVE MUSICIANS**

Those students / musicians in **grade school, high school and college** who would like to do a sacred seasonal solo or ensemble at the **4:00 PM Christmas Eve** service may sign up with **Beth Kuhlman** or **Florence Moeller**.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH CHOIR**

Those students in **grade school, high school and college** are invited to participate in the Youth Choir at the **4:00 PM Christmas Eve Service**. The choir will practice **Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, - 10:15 - 10:30 AM** [the last 15 minutes of Sunday School hour] in the Resource Room of RLS. **Beth Kuhlman** will direct the choir.

## **LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT GOOD SHEPHERD TUESDAY - DEC. 6**

Our sisters in Christ at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites the ladies from Our Redeemer and Zion to their annual Christmas luncheon, on **Tuesday, December 6, 2016**. The day starts at **11:30 AM** with social time followed by a carry-in lunch beginning at **12:00 noon**, and then a program. This year's entertainment will be Cathy (Trout) Musselman, who will present Christmas carols on her harp after giving the history of each one.

## **NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT**

*Come join the fun and great refreshments with friends on **Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**, Bradford Run Clubhouse. Bring a snack and a game. Time, following the New Year's Eve service. For more information, please contact **Juanita Martin-Davis**.*

## **SUNDAY - 9:30 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY / SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **A LONGER LOOK AT THE LESSONS - MISSION HALL**

*This morning in **Mission Hall**, Pastor Allison leads a class called, "A Longer Look At the Lessons". This week and next week, we will take a look at the 3 Scripture readings that are assigned for each Sunday.*

**Today's lesson** involved the story of "**David and Jonathan**". Just as David's and Jonathan's brotherly love for each other reflected the love of God within their hearts, so, too, our love for others is the reflection of God's love given to us through Christ. Parents, ask your students these questions, "How did David and Jonathan demonstrate their love and care for each other? How does God demonstrate His love and care for us? What are some ways you can show your love for your family and friends?"

**Preschool (age 3) - Kindergarten children** are invited to join Ashley Schneider in the Kindergarten classroom in the west hall. Next week, students will celebrate the "Birth of Jesus" as we prepare for Christmas.

**Children in 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grade** will meet in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom with Tracy Brandenburg. Next Sunday we prepare our heart for Christmas as we review the story of the "Birth of Jesus".

**Youth in Grades 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>** will meet in the 5/6 grade classroom with Hugh Hunkeler and continue their study of Life's Big Questions, God's Big Answers by Brad Alles.

**8<sup>th</sup> grade students** will meet for Confirmation class in the 7/8 grade classroom with Jonathan Guse.

**High School students** are encouraged to join Zack Conner in the Youth Room as they finish their study of the book of Luke by Joe Boyd.



***The Sunday school program is now recruiting teachers for the Winter quarter. We have young people looking for you to share your joy and love for the Lord with them. Age groups include Preschool (Age 3) - Kindergarten, 1st-4th grade, 5th-7th grade and High school (grades 9-12). Contact Debbie Street or Sheryl Hartman for more information....or we will come looking for you!***

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Inviting all children to share the JOY of Christmas!

Program is **Sunday, December 18 at 9:30 am** (during the Sunday School hour) in the sanctuary

This program is for **children ages 3 (preschool) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

Remaining rehearsals will be held on:

**Saturday, December 10, 2:30-4:30 pm / Saturday, December 17, 2:30-4:30 pm**

All rehearsals will be held in the church sanctuary. The children will benefit from attending as many of the rehearsals as possible. Please contact **Sheryl Hartman or Debbie Street** for more information.

### BREATHE by RLS Principal Ruth Lavrenz

***"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" Psalm 150:6***

The month of December is a busy, yet quick month here at RLS. Students will be assisting CAM again this year by bringing in unwrapped toys that CAM will then distribute at their Christmas party later this month. Choirs are busy preparing the music for this year's Advent services on **December 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>**. Boys and girls' basketball has also begun. School dismisses for Christmas break on **December 16**. We will be off until **January 3, 2017!**

***Matthew 3:1-2 "In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup> "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus' ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach "repentance and the forgiveness of sins." We never outgrow the need for repentance - for examining our lives, turning away from our pet sins, and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive His forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.***

### YOUTH CENTRAL

#### GROUNDS - HS YOUTH GROUP

Join us **this evening [Sunday]** as we finish the fleece-tie blankets we started last Sunday during morning Bible class! We meet from **6:30-8:30 pm!**

## PATHWAYS – MS YOUTH GROUP

Join us **this Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**, from **6:30-8:30 pm!** Come ready for some fun! Bring a friend!

## SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

All students currently **8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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

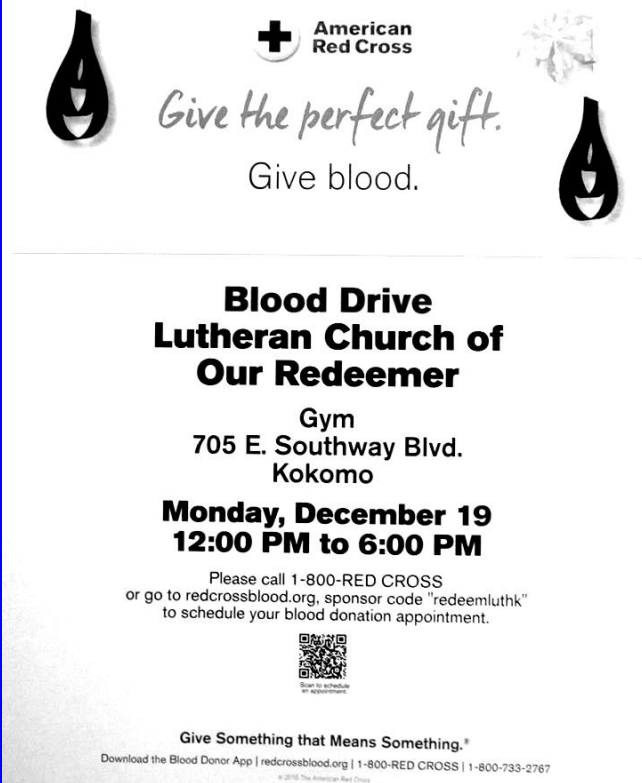
Any adults interested in being an adult counselor for either of our events for high school students are asked to fill out an application available at the bulletin board across from the Adult Education Room. Please fill them out and return by the deadline date on the application.

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

© *Why do we celebrate Advent? The word “Advent” means “coming.” During Advent we prepare for the coming of the One who was born that first Christmas in a stable. We prepare for the One who saved us from sin, death, and the power of the devil – our Lord Jesus Christ! What a wonderful and exciting time of preparation!*

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Let's roll up our sleeves and help save lives! We are partnering with the American Red Cross to hold a blood drive on **Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** from **12-6 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Each pint of blood we collect can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. This is a great way for our church to reach out to and give to the community in a truly life changing way during the Christmas season! We are very excited about the drive and hope you are too. If you are healthy and eligible, please come out to donate! To sign up, you can schedule an appointment yourself by going to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and entering the sponsor code “redeemluthk”. Or, contact **Sarah Frey** to make an appointment.



The poster features the American Red Cross logo at the top left. The central text reads: "Give the perfect gift. Give blood." flanked by two blood drop icons. Below this, it specifies the event: "Blood Drive Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer" at the "Gym, 705 E. Southway Blvd. Kokomo" on "Monday, December 19, 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM". It provides contact information: "Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or go to redcrossblood.org, sponsor code 'redeemluthk' to schedule your blood donation appointment." A QR code is included with the text "Scan to schedule an appointment." At the bottom, it says "Give Something that Means Something.\*" and provides the website and phone number: "Download the Blood Donor App | redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767".

## SIMPLY GIVING – A NEW WAY TO GIVE ELECTRONICALLY!

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.



**2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS ARE IN THE EASTWING HALLWAY.**

**THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>TITLE / EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Sat.	9:30 AM	Sunday School Christmas Program Practice	Sanctuary
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Bible Class / Sunday School	Mission Hall / Youth Room / RLS
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Grounds	Youth Room
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	1:00 PM	Hands of Love	Turner's Home
	1 & 6:30 PM	Diabetes Class	Church Library
	3:30 PM	RLS Girls' Basketball Practice	Fellowship Hall
	4:45 PM	RLS Boys' Basketball Practice	Fellowship Hall
	5:30 PM	Board of Deacons	Mission Hall
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Board of Property	Sitting Room
Tues.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	11:30 AM	Delco Brass Band	Choir Room
	12:00 PM	Ladies' Christmas Luncheon	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
	1 & 6:30 PM	Diabetes Class	Church Library
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Tuesday Evening Bible Class	Mission Hall
	6:00 PM	Cub / Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Wed.	8:45 AM	RLS Chapel	Sanctuary
	1 & 6:30 PM	Diabetes Class	Church Library
	3:45 PM	Girls' Basketball Practice	Fellowship Hall
	4:30 PM	Board of RLS	School Conference Room
	6:30 PM	Pathways	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Advent Worship Service	Sanctuary
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	3:30 PM	Boys' Basketball Practice	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Cardio-Drumming	Fellowship Hall
Fri.	3:30 PM	RLS Girls' Basketball Practice	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	Duo Club	Mission Hall
Sat.	2:30 PM	Sunday School Christmas Program Practice	Sanctuary
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

***Teresa Keller - Dec. 13***

***Lois Grotrian - Dec. 14***

***Clara Burnett - Dec. 16***

***Sharon Packard - Dec. 30***

*Kevin Dunbar*



*Becky Wink*  
*Bob Beahm*  
*Jerry Kraase*  
*Ruth Lauring*  
*Inna Taunt*  
*Bill*

*Melanie Waggoner*  
*Shelly Suckan*  
*John*  
*Alicia Wilkie*

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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*Pastor Beverly Akers*  
*Sandi Corradi*

*Stephan*  
*miss Lynda Batt*

Christmas greetings to our members and friends!

*Juanita Martin Davis*  
*Sarah Martin*  
*Suzanne Durkin*  
*Kathy Tucker*  
*Michelle Werich*  
*Florance Moeller*  
*Kaila Z. Clancherty*  
*Michelle Engelder*  
*Patty Stage*  
*Debbie Greco*  
*Sue Allison*  
*Erin Ponder*  
*David Britton*  
*Maggie Combs*  
*Rich Ponder*  
*Bill Allen*