



BUILDING BRIDGES - GOD SEARCHES - THE LOST COIN

THE 5th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 4 & February 5, 2017

Here we learn what is good and what the Lord requires of us: justice, mercy and walking humbly with God. Sisters and brothers in Christ, welcome to worship! May your time in the Lord be rich and blessed. 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 worshippers, 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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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			
Preacher Liturgist Organist Acolytes Sanctuary Stewards	<u>SAT. 5:30</u> Pastor Akers Pastor Akers Juanita Martin-Davis Selia Dunkin	<u>SUN. 8:15</u> Pastor Akers Pastor Allison Florence Moeller Natalie Schneider Daniel Martin	<u>SUN. 10:45</u> Pastor Akers Pastor Allison Abby Brooks Marie Harvath Marietta Adelsen

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - BUDGET INFORMATION - MUSIC

Saturday-5:30 PM - 89 / Sunday-8:15 AM - 89 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 159 = 337

Our Redeemer Bells - "Shout to the Lord" & "Providence"

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember Marilou Reason, Charles Hubbert, Imogene Canan, Ralph Grotrian, Heather Hartman, Barbara Moeller, Bonnie Ryder, Nancy Philips, Kori Wood, Delia Overia, Robert Braswell, Suzanne Biddle, Kristen Cain, and Pam Richardson.

THANKS FOR YOUR LOVE

Opal Hartman wishes to share these words with the congregation. "Thank you to my church family and the pastors for their prayers during my recent illness and hospital stay. Opal." Sharon Packard also sends her heartfelt appreciation to her church family for the love, prayers, cards and letters.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend's altar flowers are given in memory of Art Hartman's February birthday from his wife, Opal Hartman and daughters Marge Bunn and Linda Alley.

HOLY BAPTISM

During Sunday's 10:45 AM service, Oliver, son of Nick & Maggie C. will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY \$243.89 WAS COLLECTED FOR THE 5TH SUNDAY MITE COLLECTION FOR LWML LAST WEEKEND. BLESS YOU!

“SOUPER” BOWL COLLECTION – THIS WEEKEND

Freewill door collections will be held at church services this weekend, February 4th & 5th. Proceeds will support the Kokomo Rescue Mission's meals for local residents in need.

SUB SANDWICH SALE - THIS WEEKEND!

This weekend, the Youth participating in this summer's Mission Possible and CIY are once again selling sub sandwiches for Super Bowl Sunday. These sack lunches with a sub sandwich, chips, and dessert will be available after this weekend's Saturday's service, and both Sunday services. The suggested donation is \$6.

PASTOR SHAUEN TRUMP - COMING IN FEBRUARY

We are excited that Pastor Shauen Trump, our missionary in Kenya, Africa will be with us the weekend of February 18th and 19th. Pastor Trump will be preaching at all 3 worship services and leading Adult Bible Class.

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK - LOIS REAMS

This week we are honoring Lois Reams as our shut-in of the week. ,

SUNDAY SCHOOL - BIBLE CLASS THIS SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM

Two Adult Bible Classes continue this Sunday [today] at 9:30 AM.

In the Adult Education Room, Pastor Allison will be teaching a class on Psalm 51, “Before the Forgiving God”.

*In Mission Hall, Pastor Akers will lead a study from the Transforming Churches Network titled **Building Bridges - How God Sends the Church to Touch the World**. Weekly study topics are:*

February 5th - God Searches: The Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10)

February 12th - God Embraces: The Lost Son (Luke 15:11-24)

February 26th - God Challenges: The Older Son (Luke 15:25-32).

On Sunday, February 19th Pastor Shauen Trump, our missionary in Kenya, Africa will be leading a Bible class for adults and youth.

This Sunday, Pre-S and Kindergarten students will meet in the Kindergarten classroom with their new teacher, Ms. Sarah Frey. Today, they will learn about Jesus and Zacchaeus from Luke 19.

Grades 1-4 will learn more about Jesus and Zacchaeus from Luke 19:1-10 with Marta Laubenstein in the 4th grade classroom. Next week's study will be about Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem.

Parent Note: The children learned about "Jesus and Zacchaeus" in Luke 19:1-10. When Jesus went to Zacchaeus's house, He demonstrated that God blesses and fills our hungry souls with His gifts. Consider discussing, "How did Jesus show His care for Zacchaeus? How does He show His care for us?"

Grades 5-7 join Hugh Hunkeler in the 5/6 grade classroom to continue their study of Life's Big Questions, God's Big Answers by Brad Alles.

8 grade students continue their preparation for Confirmation in the 7/8 grade classroom with Jonathan Guse teaching this morning.

High School students are encouraged to meet for class upstairs in the Youth Room with Mark Laubenstein to begin a new study.

RIGHT NOW MEDIA

*We just want to remind you all that you have access to an incredible **Bible Study Library!** There are literally 1,000's of video-based studies at your fingertips! If you haven't been using it - give it a try! If you don't have login information, we'd love to get you set up! Please give us your name and email address on the form located at the Welcome Center! A login is needed, which is provided by an invitation that we need to send to your email.*

“REDEEMER REPORTER” DEADLINE IS THIS THURSDAY! ☺

COMING IN MARCH - HANDBELL FESTIVAL

All Our Redeemer Bell Choirs are preparing new music for the 2017 Handbell Festival, **Saturday, March 4, 2017**. There will be Bell Choirs from 10 churches participating in 2017 Festival event being held at **Bible Baptist Church**, corner of Lincoln & Dixon Rd. You are invited to hear the Bells that evening at **5:30 PM** at the church.

YOUTH CENTRAL

GROUNDS SUPER BOWL PARTY

Tonight [Sunday] is the big game! Who will you be cheering for? **Bring a friend and a snack to share!** We'll play some games, have some contests, and eat some food while we watch the game! Kickoff is at **6:30 pm**, so come early! *We'll be here 'til the game is over, but feel free to take off whenever you need to!* Talk to **Jonathan Guse** if you have questions!

PATHWAYS - MS YOUTH GROUP

Join us next **Wednesday, February 15th**, from **6:30-8:30 pm**. Hope to see you there!

GROUNDS LOCK-IN!

Join us for the lock-in on **February 10th/11th**! The team from Chicago will still be coming to lead the lock-in! Fun begins at **9 pm** and ends at **8 am!** **Bring a friend or two!**

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

☺ *We know that it is hard to bring a young child who has an endless supply of wiggles, squirms, and embarrassing noises to a reverent worship service. In order to help, we include ideas in the bulletin to assist families with young children. Look for this graphic to find the idea quickly.*

☺ *As you prepare for worship today, take your child's hands in yours and ask him or her to repeat this prayer phrase by phrase (or say it to them if they're an infant). Dear Jesus/ help me listen/ help me sing/ help me pray/ Amen. Do this with them each week and trust God to bless your efforts.*

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Melanie Waggoner, LERT Team Member shares this mission opportunity from Michael Bultermeir about an upcoming volunteer opportunity. *Michael was the person from the LERT [Lutheran Early Response Team] team that was here during the tornado clean-up.* He writes: "The Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders (FCDR) is set up in Denham Springs, LA which is located right next to Baton Rouge to the east. I was down there the first week of January and re-plumbed a double wide mobile home which is being/has been converted into a "bunkhouse" for volunteers. I have committed to going back and bringing volunteers during a two week period beginning March 5th thru March 18th. The cost is \$165 per volunteer per week and covers housing in the double wide and most of your meals for the week. Overflow housing is at South Walker Baptist Church which is where I stayed. The bunkhouse is located just north of I-12 at Exit 12." You may contact **Michael** or **Melanie**. Thank you.

MISSION POSSIBLE XII ... HOUSING / PRAYER PARTNERS

*We are looking for beds for the participants in Mission Possible XII this summer. Host families are responsible for breakfast, delivering participants to church and picking them up in the evening. If you are willing to house servants, please complete the form in this bulletin and give it to Joan Hoch or drop it in the white box at the Welcome Center. If you have questions, contact **Joan Hoch**.*

MISSION POSSIBLE XII PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED

Mission Possible XII is July 2 - 8. Prayer Partners are needed for all the MP XII participants. If you can write 3 notes and pray daily for someone, you can be a Prayer Partner. We are looking for young and old, male and female. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. You can also contact **Karen Jewell** with your questions and your interest.

BREATHE by RLS Principal Ruth Lavrenz

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

As we move into February, two main events will be coming up. We will have our school spelling bee on the 18th and we will begin round one of the state ISTEP testing at the end of the month. Other highlights during February will include Valentine’s Day parties and our teachers’ luncheon sponsored by our PTO.

We will begin selling trash bags at next weekend’s services. The cost will remain the same, \$10.00. Someone will be in the same room where Scrip is being sold, to take your order. These orders will be pre-paid orders. And while you are there getting those trash bags, look and see what Scrip has to offer. We have a great variety of cards ready for purchase, or you can place an order for a scrip card.

LENT BEGINS MARCH 1, 2017

CATECHETICAL SERMON SERIES: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

A LENTEN MIDWEEK SERIES FOR THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

On **Wednesday, March 1**, we begin the Season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday service. Two services will be held on **Ash Wednesday, 12 noon and 7:00 PM**. Both services will offer Holy Communion, and the imposition of ashes. The other remaining Lenten services will be held at **12 noon and 7:00 PM**. Our theme this year is **“The Ten Commandments”**.

THE WEEKLY THEMES AND TEXTS ARE:

Ash Wednesday, March 1	“Commandments Nine and Ten”	1Kings 21:1-16
Lent 2 - March 8	“Commandment Eight”	Matthew 26:59-61
Lent 3 - March 15	“Commandment Seven”	John 12:1-8
Lent 4 - March 22	“Commandment Six”	2Samuel 11:1-5
Lent 5 - March 29	“Commandment Five”	2Samuel 11:1-27
Lent 6 - April 5	“Commandment Four”	Luke 2:41-52
Maundy Thursday - April 13	“Commandment Three”	Mark 14:12-26 & 1Corinthians 10:16-17
Good Friday - April 14	“Commandment Two”	Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
<i>Non-Tenebrae - 12:00 PM</i>		
Good Friday - April 14 - 7:00 PM	Tenebrae Service	
Easter Sunday - April 15 & 16	“Commandment One”	Mark 16:1-8

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Matthew 5:17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” We cannot keep the Law of God perfectly. We are sinners. For us to be saved, Jesus had to fill up the Law in our place. Now the threat of the Law is abolished - and the Law itself is upheld. For in Christ now we do desire to fulfill the Law, to live out a godly Christian life - precisely because we are so full of thanksgiving toward God for His salvation in Christ.



500TH REFORMATION ANNIVERSARY MOMENT FOR FEBRUARY

You are saved by works. But not yours. Jesus did more than die for you. He lived for you. Salvation is not merely the forgiveness of sins. It is the gift of righteousness, received by faith. This Good News is the focus of the Scriptures. You do nothing. God works. And His works are very good. Your good works are done in response to salvation. Justification by grace through faith does not mean good works are bad, but puts them in their proper role. We live according to God’s will out of thankfulness to His love.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

DATE	TIME	TITLE / EVENT	LOCATION
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Bible Class / Sunday School / Confirmation	Various Classrooms
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	Board of Christian Outreach	Church Library
	12:00 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
	6:30 PM	Grounds	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	1 & 6:30 PM	Diabetes Class	Church Library
	6:00 PM	RLS Boys Basketball vs. Taylor	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Board of Property	Sitting Room
Tues.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	1 & 6:30 PM	Diabetes Class	Church Library
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Cub - Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	Tuesday Evening Bible Class	Mission Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Wed.	8:45 AM	RLS Chapel	Sanctuary
	1 & 6:30 PM	Diabetes Class	Church Library
	4:30 PM	Board of RLS	School Conference Room
	6:00 PM	RLS Boys Basketball vs. Northwestern	Fellowship Hall
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
Fri.	12:00 PM	Teacher Lunch-in	Mission Hall
	9 PM - 8 AM	Grounds Lock-in	Church Wide
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Diane Anderson - Feb. 10

Doris Temme - Feb. 11

Judy Wehmeyer - Feb. 14

Barb Gilliland - Feb. 20

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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.



MISSION POSSIBLE XII HOUSING

July 2 - 8, 2017

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Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Number of servants you are willing to take _____

Check one: Boys _____

Girls _____

Adults _____

No preference _____

Pets in home - please specify _____

If you would like to house servants but transportation is a problem let Joan know. We will try to work it out. _____

MISSION POSSIBLE XII

JULY 2 - 8, 2017

We are looking for willing servants for our Mission Possible XII Servant Event July 2 - 8, 2017. Please indicate below how you would be willing to serve. If you are able to help in more than one area, that would be great. Please return the form to the church office or put it in the white box at the Welcome Center.

_____ BAKE COOKIES

_____ BE A PRAYER PARTNER

_____ DELIVER SNACKS TO THE WORKSITE

_____ HELP IN SOME OTHER WAY:

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____