



**CATCHING VISION:
VISION CHANGES EVERYTHING
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**



Welcome to worship. Though we're in the midst of Lent, Sundays don't count as days of that season because they're always celebrations of the resurrection. Thanks be to God! 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			
Preacher Liturgist Organist Acolytes Sanctuary Stewards	SAT. 5:30 Pastor Akers Pastor Akers David Britton Rylee	SUN. 8:15 Pastor Akers Pastor Allison Florence Moeller Abby Caleb	SUN. 10:45 Pastor Akers Pastor Allison Selia Amy Shrack Anna Gaunt

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - BUDGET INFORMATION - MUSIC

Saturday-5:30 PM - 66 / Sunday-8:15 AM - 75 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 173 = 314

Prelude- "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" - arr. G. Young / **Choir** - "When O'er My Sins I Sorrow" - J.S. Bach / "Since By Man Came Death" - G.F. Handel / **Offertory** - "Be Thou My Vision" - arr. Paul Manz / **Postlude** - "O God Our Help in Ages Past" - C.S. Lang

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember **Ruth Luecke, Nancy Jones, Betty Pohlman, Marilou Reason, Imogene Canan, Heather Hartman, Barbara Moeller, Bonnie Ryder, Nancy Philips, Kori Wood, Delia Overia, Robert Braswell, Suzanne Biddle, and Pam Richardson.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend's altar flowers are given by **Kristin Hartman** to thank the Lord for His bounteous blessings and in honor of the March birthdays in the Hartman Family: **Harold, Kyle and Sharlene.**

"REDEEMER REPORTER" DEADLINE IS THIS THURSDAY!

CHRISTIAN LOVE, PRAYERS, SYMPATHY & SUPPORT

Our Christian love, prayers, sympathy and support go to the Family of Sharon Packard, who passed away on February 27, 2017.

SHUT-INS OF THE WEEK –PAUL & ELEANOR STRAUCH

This week we are honoring **Paul & Eleanor Strauch**.

THANKS FOR YOUR LOVE!

Betty Pohlman sends her heartfelt thanks to the congregation for the prayers, cards, visits and other acts of Christian love she received during her recent surgery and recovery.

BABY GIRL

The Lord blessed **Zac & Libbi Canady** with the gift of a baby girl, **Iris Naomi**, born on **February 27, 2017**. Proud grandmother is **Marjorie Bunn**, great-grandmother is **Opal Hartman**.

‡ LAWN CROSS PROGRAM ‡

*Lent has begun and so has the Lawn Cross Program. Present planning is that a Deacon will occupy the Lawn Cross table in the Narthex at least 15 minutes before and after each worship service during Lent. We are asking for a donation of \$10.00/Cross. All proceeds minus material costs (ie. wood), will go to the RLS Scholarship Fund. At the present time we have about 80 crosses on hand, ready to go on somebody's lawn. If we run out of Crosses just leave your name with the Duty Deacon and we will make, paint, and deliver a Cross to you. If you have any questions check with the Duty Deacon and if that fails call **Ross Morkal**.*

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES – “THE TEN COMMANDMENTS” CONTINUES THIS WEDNESDAY

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

This Wednesday, March 8, we continue our series, “The Ten Commandments” with services at **12 noon** and **7:00 PM**. This week’s theme and text are “Commandment Eight” from Matthew 26:59-61.

REMAINING WEEKLY THEMES AND TEXTS ARE:

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

COME TO DINNER

*Dinner will be served **this Wednesday**, from **5:45 – 6:15 PM** in Fellowship Hall. **Spaghetti casserole, salad, breadsticks and dessert** are on the menu. Please register for dinner by completing the lavender reservation insert in your bulletin and return it to an usher or the white box in the Narthex.*

MARCH’S BOARDS / OFFICERS MEETING

Board of Deacons – Monday – March 6 - 5:30 PM – Mission Hall

Board of Property – Monday – March 6 – 7:00 PM – Sitting Room

Board of RLS – Wednesday – March 8 – 4:30 PM – School Conference Room

Church Council – Monday – March 13 – 6:00 PM – Church Library

Voters’ Assembly – Monday – March 20 – 7:00 PM – Mission Hall

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

Catching Vision – Seeing a New Future for Your Church is the topic for the Bible study taking place in Mission Hall Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. Using the story of Nehemiah, we will discover how God gave incredible vision to an unremarkable man and used him to inspire a nation to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. This study will spark a remarkable vision for the future of our church and for each of us as disciples of Jesus. **Pastor Akers** is leading our study. In the Adult Education Room,

Jonathan Guse will be teaching a class on “**Psalm 103: Praise the Lord**”.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Preschool – 4th Grade: Today these children are taking a little break from their regular curriculum to learn about the church season of Lent. They will be introduced to the various symbols used during this season of repentance. **They will look at the week of Jesus’ life before His crucifixion.** **Preschool and Kindergarten students meet in the RLS kindergarten classroom, and 1st-4th grade students meet in the RLS 4th grade classroom.**

5th grade – 7th grade: We welcome **Mr. Gene Miller** as teacher for these students. Today the students will be discussing **Genesis 3 – The Fall**, using the curriculum, “**God’s Big Story**”. These students meet in the RLS 5th/6th grade classroom.

8th grade confirmation: Eighth graders continue to prepare for Confirmation, meeting in the 7th/8th grade RLS classroom. **Pastor Allison** is leading today’s class.

High School: The students look at and discuss **James 1:19-27** today.

EASTER EGG FILLERS NEEDED

Can you help fill plastic Easter eggs? Pick up a bag or two of plastic eggs from the table in the narthex and fill each egg with one piece of pre-packaged, individually wrapped candy (please no peanut butter or peanut products.) Return your bag(s) of filled eggs to the Easter basket that will be located in the narthex. These will be used by the Board of Parish Life to help with the Easter egg hunt that will be held on **Sunday, April 9, at 2:00 PM**. Your help is greatly appreciated.

HELPERS NEEDED – EASTER EGG HUNT

The Board of Parish Life is seeking adult and high school age volunteers to assist with the Easter egg hunt that will be held on **Sunday, April 9, at 2:00 PM**. Areas for assistance are Set-up, Welcome Staff, Parking Lot Monitors, Games and Snacks. If you are interested in helping, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center or contact **Beth Dinkel**. Your help is greatly appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Matthew 4:7 — Jesus said to him, "Again it is written. . ." Jesus defeats Satan in our place – not by using His power as God, but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone.

MISSION POSSIBLE XII ... HOUSING

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 Hoc**.

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

OPEN HOUSE:

We have a **new family open house** scheduled for **Thursday, March 9**. The open house will run from **5:00 PM-7:00 PM**. If you know of someone who might be interested in Redeemer, please send them our way that evening. Let them know we will have tours, and we will have a light meal for them.

NLSA:

This is an accreditation year for us! We will be welcoming a National Lutheran Schools accreditation team to Redeemer in early April. Please pray for our process and for the team that will be coming in to check us out.

QUARTER THREE:

The third quarter ends on **Friday, March 10**. It's hard to believe that we are in our final quarter of school for the 2016-217 school year.

CALL COMMITTEE:

Sarah Martin has resigned as our seventh and eighth grade teacher. We want to thank her for her service and wish her God's blessings. The school board has accepted her resignation and has put together a call committee to search for a seventh and eighth grade teacher.

RLS STUDENT COUNCIL- COMMUNITY SNACK BASKETS

By Cora Dunkin (8th Grade Representative)

It's that time of the year again- March Madness! Time to get fired up! During the week of March 13-17, Student Council will be collecting boxes of individually wrapped snacks. These snacks will be sorted and packed into "snack baskets" that will be delivered to places that make our community a better place to be. We have provided some snack ideas below, but anything that is individually wrapped will be a great addition. If you have a child/family member at the school, you can send the snacks with them. If not, you can drop them off to the school office or to Erin Ponder. Let's show our community how much Redeemer appreciates them and all that they do!

Peanut Butter Crackers, Popcorn, Trail Mix, Hostess Snacks, Little Debbie Snacks, Chips, Granola Bars, Oreos, Nutter Butters, Cheese Crackers, Cookies

YOUTH CENTRAL

GROUND'S - HS YOUTH GROUP

Over the last two weeks, we've discovered just how vital the various sacrifices as outlined in Leviticus were to the people of Israel. Not only vital, but very specific in how they should be carried out! Tonight, we discover another very specific outline for Israel: Rest. Specifically, we'll be discussing the idea of Sabbath rest and the implications it had on the rest of their day to day activities. Join us **Sundays** from **6:30-8:30 pm** as we take a deeper look!

PATHWAYS - MS YOUTH GROUP

With Lent starting this week, that means a slight change in schedule for Pathways due to Wednesday evening services! Here is our schedule for the next two months:

- **Thursday, March 16th - 6:30-8:30 pm**
- **Friday, March 31st - 6:30-9:30 pm (Extended)**
- **Thursday, April 6th - 6:30-8:30 pm**
- **Wednesday, April 19th - 6:30-8:30 pm**
- **Friday, April 28th - 6:30-9:30 pm (Extended)**

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

© **How can I remember to think about Jesus during Lent?** You can try giving up something during Lent. You might see an adult give us their coffee in the morning. Maybe your brother or sister has decided not to eat candy during Lent. Every time you think about doing what you gave up for Lent, it will remind you of what Jesus gave up for you - His life!

REMAINING LENTEN DINNERS 2017

Lenten Dinners will be served each Wednesday during Lent, and Maundy Thursday, from 5:45-6:15 PM in Fellowship Hall. The cost of the meals is \$3.00 (age 13 - adults), Free (age 12 - under).

DATE	CO-CHAIRPERSON	DEACON AREAS	MENU
March 15	LWIS Diane Anderson Mary Bastaich	#3 - Terry Gotshall #6 - Steve Sewell #12 - Jim Durr	Meat Loaf Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans Rolls Fruit Cocktail
March 22	WATCH Jill Lowden	#14 - Bob Hingst # 5 - Tom Manship	Breakfast Casseroles Seasoned Potato Wedges Sausage Links Fruit Salad Pastries
March 29	LWIS Jill Lowden Caroline Howard	#4 - Rufus Howard #2 - Larry Sullivan #16 - Roger Davis	Baked Potato Bar Chicken Salad Jello Ice Cream
April 5	RLS 7th & 8th Grade Kathy Tucker	#15 - Tim Brubaker #10 - Robert Martin	Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Rolls Cookies
Maundy Thursday April 13	RLS - PTL Janna Rogers	#8 - Tom Baird #13 - Bill Tucker	Chili PB & J Sandwiches Fruit Tray Cookies

*Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will be available at all of the dinners.
Vivian Heronemus, Lenten Dinner Chairperson.*

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday - April 8 - 5:30 PM / Sunday - April 9 - 8:15 & 10:45 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

THURSDAY - APRIL 13 - NOON & 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY - NON TENEBRAE

Friday - April 14 - 12:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

Friday - April 14 - 7:00 PM

EASTER WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday - April 15 - 5:30 PM / Sunday - April 16 - 8:15 & 10:45 AM

EASTER BREAKFAST - 9:15 TO 10:15 AM

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

DATE	TIME	TITLE / EVENT	LOCATION
Sat.	11 - 2	Member Function	Fellowship Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Bible Class / Sunday School / Confirmation	Various Rooms
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Grounds	Youth Room
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	1 & 6:30 PM	Diabetes Class	Church Library
	1:00 PM	Hands of Love	Turner's Home
	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
	1 & 6:30 PM	Diabetes Class	Church Library
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Cub - Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Wed.	12:00 PM	Lenten Worship	Sanctuary
	1 & 6:30 PM	Diabetes Class	Church Library
	4:30 PM	Board of RLS	School Conference Room
	5:45 PM	Lenten Dinner	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Lenten Worship	Sanctuary
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	9:30 AM	Ladies Koinonia	Mission Hall
	5:00 PM	RLS Open House	RLS / Fellowship Hall
Sat.	10:30 AM	Member Function	Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Karen Harrison - March 11
Valerie Stockberger - March 15
Barbara Porter - March 19
Rita Bagby - March 22
Bud Everhart - March 23

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.



"THE HARTMAN FAMILY IS SPONSORING THE SECOND ANNUAL ARTHUR HARMAN MEMORIAL EUCHRE PARTY ON March 25, 2017 from 2 - 4:30 PM

The goal is to provide a fun afternoon of card playing, fellowship, and also raise money for the Lutheran television show "Worship for Shut-ins". Dad enjoyed playing euchre as well as watching Worship For Shut-ins, so this party is a great way to honor him. The entry fee is only \$5.00 per person, age 13 and older. No early registration is necessary to join the fun. Save March 25 at 2 PM for an exciting afternoon in the Mission Hall at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church."

KID'S NIGHT OUT

Parents, put it on your calendars - we'll be hosting a Kid's Night Out event on **Friday, March 17th** from **6-9 pm!** It's a great evening for the kids as well as mom and dad to be able to get a night away! Grab a registration form from the bulletin board across from the Adult Education Room! **RSVP is NOT required**, but this will speed along your child's drop-off on the 17th!

MISSION POSSIBLE XII HOUSING

July 2 - 8, 2017

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 below and give it to Joan Hoch or drop it in the white box at the Welcome Center. If you have questions, contact Joan Hoch at 452-9379 or jhoch@iuk.edu.

Name_____

Email_____Phone
e_____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:_____

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORS

Pastor Akers and I have always found Lent to be an excellent time to remember, repent and renew, the three "R's" of Lent. As pastors, we remember the various facets of the Lenten account and together repent of those sins that daily mark all of our lives; consequently, we are renewed by God in our commitment to Him who redeemed us and saved us as His own. In this connection, we would like to invite you to join us this Lenten season in reading through the entire New Testament Scriptures beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through the Festival of Pentecost.

March 1	Matthew 1-2	April 3	Luke 23-24	May 5	Ephesians 1-3
March 2	Matthew 3-4	April 4	John 1-3	May 6	Ephesians 4-6
March 3	Matthew 5-6	April 5	John 4-6	May 7	Philippians 1-4
March 4	Matthew 7-8	April 6	John 7-9	May 8	Colossians 1-4
March 5	Matthew 9-10	April 7	John 10-12	May 9	1 Thessalonians 1-2
March 6	Matthew 11-12	April 8	John 13-15	May 10	1 Thessalonians 3-5
March 7	Matthew 13-14	April 9	John 16-18	May 11	2 Thessalonians
March 8	Matthew 15-16	April 10	John 19-21	May 12	1 Timothy 1-3
March 9	Matthew 17-18	April 11	Acts 1-3	May 13	1 Timothy 4-6
March 10	Matthew 19-20	April 12	Acts 4-7	May 14	2 Timothy 1-4
March 11	Matthew 21-22	April 13	Acts 8-10	May 15	Titus- Philemon
March 12	Matthew 23-24	April 14	Acts 11-13	May 16	Hebrews 1-2
March 13	Matthew 25-26	April 15	Acts 14-17	May 17	Hebrews 3-5
March 14	Matthew 27-28	April 16	Acts 18-20	May 18	Hebrews 6-8
March 15	Mark 1-2	April 17	Acts 21-23	May 19	Hebrews 9-11
March 16	Mark 3-4	April 18	Acts 24-26	May 20	Hebrews 12-13
March 17	Mark 5-6	April 19	Acts 27-28	May 21	James 1-3
March 18	Mark 7-8	April 20	Romans 1-3	May 22	James 4-5
March 19	Mark 9-10	April 21	Romans 4-7	May 23	1 Peter
March 20	Mark 11-12	April 22	Romans 8-10	May 24	2 Peter
March 21	Mark 13-14	April 23	Romans 11-13	May 25	1 John
March 22	Mark 15-16	April 24	Romans 14-16	May 26	2 John, 3 John, Jude
March 23	Luke 1-2	April 25	1 Corinthians 1-3	May 27	Revelation 1-2
March 24	Luke 3-4	April 26	1 Corinthians 4-6	May 28	Revelation 3-4
March 25	Luke 5-6	April 27	1 Corinthians 7-9	May 29	Revelation 5-6
March 26	Luke 7-8	April 28	1 Corinthians 10-12	May 30	Revelation 7-8
March 27	Luke 9-10	April 29	1 Corinthians 13-16	May 31	Revelation 9-10
March 28	Luke 11-12	April 30	2 Corinthians 1-5	June 1	Revelation 11-13
March 29	Luke 13-14	May 1	2 Corinthians 6-9	June 2	Revelation 14-16
March 30	Luke 15-16	May 2	2 Corinthians 10-13	June 3	Revelation 17-19
March 31	Luke 17-18	May 3	Galatians 1-3	June 4	Revelation 20-22
April 1	Luke 19-20	May 4	Galatians 4-6		
April 2	Luke 21-22				