

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**March 5 & March 6, 2016**



**Welcome** to worship, Christian education and fellowship in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. 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.

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| <b>LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER / REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL</b><br><b>705 SOUTHWAY BOULEVARD EAST, KOKOMO, INDIANA 46902</b>  |   |
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| <b>SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE: 5:30 PM</b><br><b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:15 &amp; 10:45 AM</b><br><b>CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 10:45 AM [1<sup>ST</sup> &amp; 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS]</b><br><b>SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS: 9:30 AM</b> |   |

| <b>WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS - MUSIC</b> |                         |                         |                          |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | <b><u>SAT. 5:30</u></b> | <b><u>SUN. 8:15</u></b> | <b><u>SUN. 10:45</u></b> |
| <b>Preacher</b>                             | Pastor Allison          | Pastor Allison          | Pastor Allison           |
| <b>Liturgist</b>                            | Pastor Allison          | Pastor Akers            | Pastor Akers             |
| <b>Organist</b>                             | David Britton           | Florence Moeller        |                          |
| <b>Acolytes</b>                             | Volunteer Needed        | Volunteer Needed        |                          |
| <b>Sanctuary</b>                            |                         |                         | Blake                    |
| <b>Stewards</b>                             |                         |                         | Amy Shrack<br>Debby Durr |

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

Saturday-5:30 PM - 77 / Sunday-8:15 AM - 92 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 180 = 349 / Lent - 199

**Prelude** - "My Jesus, I Love Thee" - arr. Diane Bish

**In His Service** - "How Great the Love" & "Lamb of God"

**Offertory** - "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" - arr. G. Young

**Postlude** - "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" - M. Drischner

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

*This weekend's altar flowers are given by **Gretchen Laudenschlager** in honor of her daughter, **Betsy** and granddaughter, **Courtland's** March birthdays. Also in thankfulness for God's many blessings.*

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT**

We remember **Ed & Helen Gullion, Holly Lamb, Nancy Lloyd, Karen Harrison, Dick Dunkin, Darlene Foesch, Will Carson, Kori Wood, Heather Hartman, Faith [Spoon] Flowers, Jack Garner, Leta Williams, Pam Richardson, and Marilou Reason.**

**HOLY BAPTISM**

*During **Saturday's 5:30 PM** service, **Griffin Harlan**, son of **Cole & Cara [Pearson] Eveland**, will receive the **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**. Proud grandparents, **Mark & Nadine Pearson** join in the celebration of **Griffin's** baptism.*

**SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK - MELBA BONNER**

**Melba Bonner** is this week's honored shut-in.

**MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES - "ANGELS WATCH IN SOLEMN WONDER."**

**CONTINUES EACH WEEK AT 12:00 NOON AND 7:00 PM**

The theme for this year's midweek Lenten services is "Angels Watch in Solemn Wonder." Please set aside time for worship **each Wednesday** during Lent at either **noon or 7:00 PM**. Through the use of meaningful dramas, we will explore how God's plan of salvation unfolded through the eyes of His angels. These Lenten weeks provide us with insight as we reflect upon our need for a Savior using key biblical events involving God's angels. Remaining Lenten topics and texts are:

**REMAINING WEEKLY THEMES / TEXTS**

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|          |        |                                |                  |
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| March 9  | Lent 5 | "Fallen Angel"                 | Matthew 4:1      |
| March 16 | Lent 6 | "Reapers at the Final Harvest" | Matthew 13:37-43 |

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**COME TO DINNER**

Dinner will be served **this Wednesday**, from 5:45 - 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. **Spaghetti bake, breadsticks, salad and cake** 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.

**REMAINING MARCH'S BOARDS / OFFICERS MEETING**

**Board of Property - Monday - March 7 - 7:00 PM - Sitting Room**  
**Church Council - Tuesday, March 8 - 6:00 PM - Church Library**  
**Voters' Assembly - Monday - March 14 - 7:00 PM - Mission Hall**

**LADIES' BIBLE CLASS - THIS TUESDAY**

Ladies' Bible Class meets **this Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 AM in Mission Hall. Pastor Allison and the ladies are continuing their study on **The Book of Acts**.

**ORDER YOUR EASTER LILIES NOW**

There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center to order **lilies** for Easter weekend. Lilies are **\$16.95** each this year. Please pick up an envelope next to the sign-up sheet and make your payment to the church with a memo saying "Easter Lilies". Please place your payment into the white box at the Welcome Center. **The last day to order will be March 14.**

**TEXAS ROADHOUSE ROLLS**

Get 'em before you can't! This is the **final weekend** to purchase your rolls and cinnamon butter from Texas Roadhouse! Funds will be used to offset the cost the National Youth Gathering for our students attending! You can place your order after each service this weekend!

**EASTER EGGS NEEDED**

Can you provide pre-filled plastic Easter eggs and/or pieces of individually wrapped candy? These will be used by the Board of Parish Life to help with the Easter egg hunt that will be held on **Sunday, March 20, at 2:00 PM**. Please place your candy or pre-filled eggs in the box in the narthex that is wrapped brightly for spring. PLEASE, NO EMPTY EGGS!! Your help is greatly appreciated.



The poster features a central illustration of a pig. Text on the pig includes "Carry Out Available" on the left, "Locally Grown Pork" on the right, and "Come Pig Out after Church" written across its body. The main title "Redeemer Youth Hog Roast" is at the top, and the event details "Come out and support the Youth Sunday, March 13, 2016 after Sunday School & Sunday Late Service 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer 705 Southway Blvd. E. - Kokomo, IN" are at the bottom. The poster is decorated with diamond-shaped patterns at the top and bottom.

**ADULT HELPERS NEEDED**

The Board of Parish Life is seeking adult volunteers to assist with the Easter egg hunt that will be held on **Sunday, March 20, 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 contact **Beth Dinkel**. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES / SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - 9:30 AM

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### 2 ADULT CLASSES

In Fellowship Hall, **Jonathan Guse** will lead the class, "**Jeremiah and Lamentations**". This morning the "**Living Beyond Yourself**" Ladies' Bible study will discuss week 5 - book - "**Peace Be With You**" in Mission Hall.

### CHILDREN - YOUTH - HIGH SCHOOL

#### GROWING IN CHRIST: INFANT - AGE 2

Join us in the Nursery for easy lessons exposing children to the basic principles of the Bible, as well as some music and playtime.

#### FAITHWEAVER NOW: PRE-K & K

Ages 3 through Kindergarten-aged children are invited to join Mrs. Melanie Waggoner in the Pre-school room across from the Nursery.

#### FAITHWEAVER NOW: ELEMENTARY

Students in grades 1-4 are welcome to join Mrs. Ashley Schneider in the 3rd/4th grade classroom to experience the Word of God.

#### FIRM FOUNDATION: MIDDLE SCHOOL

All 5th-7th grade students are invited to join Mr. John Hubbert in the 7th /8th grade classroom as we continue to look at the Bible as one big narrative(story). The Bible is the greatest story ever told and you are invited to take part in it! For all students looking toward 8th grade Confirmation, this is the place to start!

#### 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

All 8th grade students are encouraged to attend class in the 5th/6th grade classroom as we Explore Luther's Small Catechism in preparation for Witness Night and Confirmation. We will continue our study of the six chief parts of the Catechism and apply them to our daily walk with the Lord.

#### STRONG TOWER: HIGH SCHOOL

Join Mr. Kyle Street and Mr. Brent Seaman as they lead a study of the Parables of Jesus and how their message applies to you and your interactions with family, friends, and classmates. Class meets in the youth room upstairs from 9:30-10:30.

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### REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S RUMMAGE SALE/BAKE SALE EVENT!!

*Are you ready to purchase a new "complete" set of china but do not know what to do with the old? Has your crafting "cupboard" become a crafting "room" of unfinished projects? Did you notice that you have 4 hammers, 3 pliers and 10 standard screw drivers stuffed into one drawer? Redeemer Lutheran School's 7 & 8 Grade Classes will rescue you. We will be hosting a Rummage Sale and Bake Sale in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 8 AM to 2 PM**. Donations of gently used and clean items **are now being accepted** in the Fellowship Hall. Items may also be dropped off in the front hallway of the school and will be moved by the students. Thank you for your support.*

### RESCUE MISSION BIRTHDAY PARTY GIFTS

Redeemer will be providing gifts again this year for the Rescue Mission Birthday party that will be held in June 2016. This is something we have been doing every other year. We need to start collecting items for the gifts now. We have been requested to provide 100 gifts for women and 110 for men. This year, instead of collecting a different item each month, we are asking that you take a bag and fill it with the items to be included in each gift. Please see the display and instructions on the table in the Narthex or call Cindy Sewell if you have any questions. Our congregation has always been very generous, so "thank you" in advance.

### DID YOU KNOW?

*Did you know—that anyone from the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up can be in our Adult Choir? Did you know—that anyone who can read can be in our Saturday Choir? We are always hoping to find new people to add to our worship experience. Questions?—contact **David Britton**.*

## GUATEMALA ESL 2016 MISSION TEAM "SENDERS"

This week your church bulletin contains a flyer seeking recruits to be "Senders" for our Guatemala ESL Mission Team. We will be serving 284 students in Guatemala and the team goal is to have 284 "Senders," one for each child that we will be serving. Your "Goers" have prepared a list of prayer requests for our current phase of Organizing and Team Building. A copy is on the Narthex Board. "Senders" that fill out the flyer will receive a copy of this listing via e-mail. If you prefer a hard copy, rather than an e-mail, copies will be provided at the Welcome Center. Later, as the team moves into Lesson Planning and Training and ultimately, Going into the Field, a list of prayer needs for each of these phases will also be prepared and provided to our "Senders." Join us now by filling out the recruitment flyer and offering your prayer support to make the Mission successful and God pleasing. Thank You.

### REMAINING LENTEN DINNERS 2016

Lenten Dinners will be served each Wednesday during Lent, and Maundy Thursday, from 5:45-6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. The cost of the meals is \$3.00 (age 13 - adults), Free (age 12 - under).

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>CO-CHAIRPERSON</u>       | <u>DEACON AREAS</u>                                   | <u>MENU</u>  |
|-------------|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Mar. 16     | Jonathan Guse<br>NYG        | #3 Terry Gotshall<br>#9 Ross Morkal<br>#14 Bob Hingst | Meatloaf<br>Green beans<br>Fruit cocktail<br>Rolls<br>Cookies/Brownies |
| Mar. 24     | Carrie Summerton<br>RLS-PTL | PTL Members   | Chili<br>PB & J Sandwiches<br>Vegetable Tray<br>Fruit Tray<br>Cookies  |

**Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will be available at all of the dinners.  
Debbie Street (461-6165) Lenten Dinner Chairperson.**



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### PALM SUNDAY

Saturday - March 19 - 5:30 PM / Sunday - March 20 - 8:15 & 10:45 AM

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Thursday - March 24 - 12 Noon & 7:00 PM

#### GOOD FRIDAY - NON TENEBRAE

Friday - March 25 - 12:00 PM

#### GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

Friday - March 25 - 7:00 PM

#### EASTER WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday - March 26 - 5:30 PM

Sunday - March 27 - 8:15 & 10:45 AM

Easter Breakfast - 9:15 to 10:30 AM

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

**Luke 15:12** "And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them." This prodigal son only sees the father as a source of wealth: give me my inheritance now! Which is to say: you are better off dead in my eyes. This is the sin at the heart of all greed: valuing things over people. This parable calls us to "come to our senses" as well: to see God as the loving Giver of all good, the true Father to be valued above and beyond all the things of this world.

## YOUTH CENTRAL

### GROUND - HS YOUTH GROUP

It's time to *Sign Up*. We sign up for things all the time! At school in classes and clubs, at church for events, maybe even at home, we have to sign up for things. God wants you to sign up. Join us from **6:30-8:30 pm, Sunday evenings**. Talk to **Jonathan Guse** if you have questions!

### PATHWAYS - MS YOUTH GROUP

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> after** the Lenten Service! If you have any questions, see **Jonathan Guse, Tami Brooks, or Kori Wood**.

☺ **Why do we celebrate Lent for six weeks?** *Lent is celebrated for six weeks. Not counting Sundays, this adds us to forty days. These forty days remind us of Christ's temptation in the wilderness (Matt. 4:1-11). They remind us of the Israelites wandering in the wilderness for forty years (Num. 14:34). Finally, we can remember the story of Noah and his family. After forty days and forty nights in the ark, it finally stopped raining (Gen. 7:17). During these forty days of Lent, we remember the faithfulness of God to his people and how his faithfulness is now complete in Jesus, our Savior.*

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### BRAVE BY RLS PRINCIPAL RUTH LAVRENZ

***"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*** Joshua 1:9

### CANDIDATE UPDATE:

Redeemer Lutheran School is in the process of looking for three new teachers. We are in need of a teacher for preschool, third grade, and physical education and resource. We are looking at graduates from our Lutheran colleges. These graduates are termed "candidates." The calling process for candidates is a bit different from what it once was. As a calling body, we interview candidates and then ask them to "designate" to our school. They deliberate and upon accepting designation, we continue the process by calling them. We have recently asked **Mark Wilcox** from Concordia University, Seward, to designate to Redeemer to serve as our P.E. teacher. He visited Redeemer this past week. Hopefully we will hear soon from him regarding his acceptance of our designation. We have also asked Stephanie Gross, a Concordia, Seward graduate to designate to teach our preschool, and Kelli Ryddner, a Concordia, Seward graduate, to designate to teach our third grade. Stephanie will be here to visit next weekend. Kelli is in the middle of student teaching so may not be able to visit. We will show her around via Face Time. Please keep these *soon-to-be* graduates in your prayers as they seek the Lord's guidance and will for their ministries.

### ISTEP TESTS:

Our 3-8 grade students will be finishing up their ISTEP tests this week. This is round one of testing for our students. March 14-18, our third grade students will be taking the I-READ tests, and right after spring break, our students will be taking round two of the ISTEP tests.

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### THE HARTMAN FAMILY IS SPONSORING THE ARTHUR HARTMAN MEMORIAL EUCHRE AFTERNOON ON MARCH 19, 2016 AT OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE MISSION HALL.

The Hartman family is sponsoring the Arthur Hartman memorial euchre event on **March 19<sup>th</sup>** from **1:30 - 3:30** at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in the Mission Hall. The focus is to provide a fun afternoon of card-playing, fellowship and yet raise money for **Worship for Shut-Ins**. The entry fee is **\$5.00 per person**. You may contact **Opal Hartman** with any questions. If you are not a card player but would like to visit with the family and honor our dad, there will also be tables for puzzles, yahtzee and coloring. We hope to see you at **1:30 on March 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER**

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>TIME</b> | <b>TITLE / EVENT</b>                       | <b>LOCATION</b>                |
|-------------|-------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Sat.        | 2:00 PM     | Member Function                            | Fellowship Hall                |
|             | 5:30 PM     | Traditional Communion                      | Sanctuary                      |
| Sun.        | 8:15 AM     | Traditional Communion                      | Sanctuary                      |
|             | 9:30 AM     | Adult Bible Class                          | Mission Hall / Fellowship Hall |
|             | 9:30 AM     | Elementary / Jr. High - High Sunday School | RLS / Youth Rooms              |
|             | 10:45 AM    | Contemporary Worship                       | Sanctuary                      |
|             | 6:30 PM     | Grounds                                    | Youth Room                     |
| Mon.        | 1:00 PM     | Hands of Love                              | Turner's' Home                 |
|             | 1 & 6:30 PM | Diabetes Class                             | Church Library                 |
|             | 7:00 PM     | Board of Property                          | Sitting Room                   |
| Tues.       | 8:00 AM     | Men's Bible Study                          | Mission Hall                   |
|             | 10:00 AM    | Ladies' Bible Study                        | Mission Hall                   |
|             | 1 & 6:30 PM | Diabetes Class                             | Church Library / Sitting Room  |
|             | 5:45 PM     | Bell Choir                                 | Choir Room                     |
|             | 6:00 PM     | Tuesday Evening Bible Class                | Mission Hall                   |
|             | 6:00 PM     | Cub / Boy Scouts                           | Fellowship Hall                |
|             | 6:00 PM     | Church Council                             | Church Library                 |
|             | 7:00 PM     | Choir                                      | Choir Room                     |
| Wed.        | 12:00 PM    | Lenten Worship                             | Sanctuary                      |
|             | 1 & 6:30 PM | Diabetes Class                             | Church Library                 |
|             | 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                   |
|             | 6:00 PM     | Divorce-Care                               | Sitting Room                   |
|             | 7:00 PM     | Member Function                            | Fellowship Hall                |
| Sat.        | 12:00 PM    | Member Function                            | Fellowship Hall                |
|             | 5:30 PM     | Traditional Communion                      | Sanctuary                      |

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

***Valerie Stockberger - March 15***

***Barbara Porter - March 19***

***Rita Bagby - March 22***

***Bud Everhart - March 23***

**Easter  
EGGventure!**

Easter Egg Hunt, Activities, Candy, Food & More. Ages: Toddler thru Sixth Grade

**Sunday, March 20**

2:00 PM  
Rain or Shine

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer  
705 Southway Blvd. East

Family Fun! Children must be accompanied by an adult.





**SUNDAY - MARCH 13, 2016**

**“REDEEMER REPORTER” DEADLINE IS THIS THURSDAY! ☺**