

**WHEN OPPOSITION COMES – 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

**April 1 & April 2, 2017**

**Welcome** to worship, brothers and sisters in Christ! May our various voices joined in praise bless the name of the Lord. Please introduce yourself to **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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**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE: 5:30 PM  
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:15 & 10:45 AM  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 10:45 AM [1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS]  
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS: 9:30 AM**

	<b>SAT. 5:30</b>	<b>SUN. 8:15</b>	<b>SUN. 10:45</b>
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
<b>Liturgist</b>	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
<b>Organist</b>	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kelsey	Abby Blake	Matt
<b>Sanctuary Stewards</b>			Ellen Benziger Patsy Kirkendall

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

Saturday–5:30 PM – **63** / Sunday–8:15 AM – **86** / Sunday–10:45 AM – **128** = **277** / Lent - **145**

**Prelude** – "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" / **In His Service** – "Behold the Lamb" & "We Believe"

**Offertory** – "We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit" / **Postlude** – "Abide O Dearest Jesus"

**SERMON TITLE & TEXT FOR THIS WEEKEND'S SERVICES**  
**"When Opposition Comes" – Nehemiah 4:1-12**

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

We remember **Jayne Frey, Donald Kesler, Norma Hiteshew, Ruth Luecke, Nancy Jones, Betty Pohlman, Marilou Reason, Imogene Canan, Heather Hartman, Nancy Philips, Kori Wood, Delia Overia, Robert Braswell, and Pam Richardson.**

**SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK – MARTHA LEITER**

**Martha Leiter** is our honored shut-in this week.

**PASTOR & SUE ALLISON ARE RETURNING HOME FROM GULF SHORES, ALABAMA THIS WEEKEND.**

## **A BABY BOY**

The Lord blessed **Jason & Sarina Gaunt** with the gift of a baby boy **Elijah Dale** on **Monday, March 27, 2017**. Proud grandparents are **Steve & Anna Gaunt**.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

This weekend's altar flowers are given by **Marion & Kathy Apple**, "We give thanks for our many blessings."

### **SPRING EASTER FLOWERS – UPDATE**

**Please note our florist, Jefferson House of Flowers needed our Easter order earlier than the April 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline as originally stated. Therefore, signup for spring flowers for this year is over. We apologize for any inconvenience. For those who did place flower orders and need to pay, envelopes are still at the Welcome Center. Thank you. ☺**

## **FIRST FRIDAY – APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer will once again have a booth at this week's First Friday celebration in downtown Kokomo, **April 7<sup>th</sup>**. Four to eight Volunteers are needed to help make and pass out popcorn, lead a simple game, passing out prizes, and talk to people. Set up is at **5:00 pm** and we will clean up at **8:30 pm**. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or talk to **Pastor Akers** or **Jonathan Guse** if you would like to help.

## **APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

*Due to Easter being on the third Sunday of the month, the Board of Deacons have decided to have a contemporary service on the **fifth Sunday** of this month, **April 30<sup>th</sup>**, at the **10:45 am** service.*

### **MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES – "THE TEN COMMANDMENTS" CONTINUES THIS WEDNESDAY**

#### ***A LENTEN MIDWEEK SERIES FOR THE 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION***

**This Wednesday, April 5**, we continue our series, "The Ten Commandments" with services at **12 noon** and **7:00 PM**. This week's theme and text are "**Commandment Four**" from Luke 2:41-52.

#### **REMAINING WEEKLY THEMES AND TEXTS ARE:**

<i>Maunder Thursday – April 13</i>	<i>"Commandment Three"</i>	<i>Mark 14:12-26 &amp; 1Corinthians 10:16-17</i>
<i>Good Friday – April 14</i>	<i>"Commandment Two"</i>	<i>Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9</i>
<i>Non-Tenebrae - 12:00 PM</i>		
<i>Good Friday – April 14 – 7:00 PM</i>	<i>Tenebrae Service</i>	
<i>Easter Sunday – April 15 &amp; 16</i>	<i>"Commandment One"</i>	<i>Mark 16:1-8</i>

## **COME TO DINNER**

Dinner will be served **this Wednesday**, from **5:45 – 6:15 PM** in Fellowship Hall. **Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls** and **cookies** 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.

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

#### **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 IN FELLOWSHIP HALL***

**THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY, \$302.00 WAS COLLECTED FOR MISSIONARY SHAUEN TRUMP AT THE MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> LENTEN DINNER, HOSTED BY WATCH.**

***ADULT 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. 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 136: His Love Endures Forever.**"*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:**  
**SPECIAL SPRING BREAK SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANS**

Sunday School is **NOT** taking a Spring Break this year. **INSTEAD**, there are some special activities planned for the children in preschool through high school classes. (***Eighth graders will still have Confirmation class.***)

**Sunday, April 2: Easter Service Project** – Preschool through high school students will meet in the gym and work together on a project for the community, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection. If your family will be in town, please make sure to bring your children for these special activities! Bring a friend, too!

**HELP WANTED! TREATS NEEDED FOR THE "CAKE WALK" AT THE EASTER EGG HUNT**

*Here's another way you can help with our Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday, April 9**. We need **baked goods (cookies, cupcakes, mini bread loaves, etc.), treats and snacks (homemade or store-bought)** that will be given as prizes for the "Cake Walk." If you'd like to help, sign up at the big Easter basket in the narthex or call/text/email **Sheryl Hartman**. Donations can be dropped off at the Easter Basket in the narthex **Wednesday, April 5** or **Sunday, April 9**. Thanks for your help with this community outreach event.*

**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.

**✠ 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**.*

**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 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.*

## YOUTH CENTRAL

### GROUNDS – HS YOUTH GROUP

Join us **tonight [Sunday]** for a time of study, fellowship, and prayer! We meet from **6:30-8:30 pm** in the Youth Room! Hope to see you there!

### PATHWAYS – MS YOUTH GROUP

*As we are in the midst of Lent, that means a slight change in schedule for Pathways due to Wednesday evening services! Here is our schedule for the next two months:*

- **Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – 6:30-8:30 pm – THIS WEEK!**
- **Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – 6:30-8:30 pm**
- **Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – 6:30-9:30pm (Extended)**

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

☺ ***Children learn through participation, practice and patience.*** *This is true of baseball, ballet and worship. Unlike baseball or ballet, worship is best taught by parents, not professionals. Children learn prayer is important when they see their parents make it a priority. When worship is an obvious joy to parents, children will expect to experience the same.*

### **BREATHE by RLS Principal Ruth Lavrenz**

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

#### **NLSA:**

This is an accreditation year for us! We will be welcoming a **National Lutheran Schools Accreditation** team to Redeemer, **April 5-7**. The team will join us for our Lenten dinner on the **5<sup>th</sup>** and then attend church that evening as well. On Thursday, the team will visit the school, interview the pastors, teachers and some parents. They will join the board and steering committee for a cook out that evening. Friday, the team will continue their visit by meeting and writing their report. On Friday, around 3:30 PM, the team will give us an exit report and let us know their recommendation for accreditation. Anyone who wishes to join us that afternoon for the report is welcome. So if you want to see just a little bit, into what goes into an accreditation, please join us for that exit report. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

### **RLS RUMMAGE SALE/BAKE SALE EVENT - MAY 6, 2017 / 8 - 2**

*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 6 & 7 Grade Classes will rescue you. We will be hosting a Rummage Sale and Bake Sale in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 8 AM to 2 PM**. Donations of gently used and clean items will be accepted in the Fellowship Hall, beginning **April 9**.*

### **REMAINING LENTEN DINNER 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).

<b>DATE</b>	<b>CO-CHAIRPERSON</b>	<b>DEACON AREAS</b>	<b>MENU</b>
Maundy	<b>RLS – PTL</b>	#8 – Tom Baird	Chili
Thursday	Janna Rogers	#13 – Bill Tucker	PB & J Sandwiches
April 13			Fruit Tray
			Cookies

***Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will be available at all of the dinners.***

***Vivian Heronemus [432-0424] Lenten Dinner Chairperson.***

<b>THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>TITLE / EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Sat.	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
	1 & 6:30 PM	Diabetes Class	Church Library
	1:00 PM	Hands of Love	Turner's Home
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Board of Property	Sitting Room
	Tues.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	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
	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
	9:30 AM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
	6:00 PM	Deaf Bible Study	Church Library
	6:30 PM	Pathways	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
	Fri.	5 – 8:30 PM	First Friday
Sat.	10:00 AM	RLS Track	Fellowship Hall
	5:30 PM	Palm Sunday Communion Service	Sanctuary

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:***  
***Don Stockberger – April 13***  
***Marla Gilbert – April 15***  
***Susan Ardrey – April 17***  
***Diane Braswell – April 17***

**SIMPLY GIVING – A 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.



**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

***Romans 8:1*** "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." This is the joy of the Gospel! There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God, because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and coheirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will!

**REDEEMER GOLFERS**

It's spring. The grass is starting to grow. Are you itching to be swinging your golf clubs again on a regular basis? If you played in Redeemer's Tuesday morning Men's Golf Group last year you have, or will soon receive an e-mail checking to see if you would like to be a part of the group again for the 2017 season. If you were not involved last year but would like to join the group, or have any questions, please contact **Dave Turner**. Thanks.

## **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](mailto:jhoch@iuk.edu).*

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.

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## **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:

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_